

News Brief

Bengal coal smuggling case: Prime accused Anup Majhi surrenders in special CBI court

Kolkata, May 14 (IANS) Anup Majhi a.k.a. Lala, one of the prime accused in the coal smuggling case in West Bengal, on Tuesday surrendered in a special court of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) at Asansol in West Burdwan district. Lala had escaped arrest by the CBI sleuths because of a "protection against arrest" provided to him by the Supreme Court. However, at the same time the special court at Asansol, where the coal smuggling case is being heard, directed the CBI to file the charge sheet in the case.

UP: Six killed in road accident on Lucknow-Delhi highway

Hapur, May 14 (IANS) Six people were killed and one sustained serious injuries in a collision between two vehicles on the Delhi-Lucknow Highway in Uttar Pradesh's Hapur district on Tuesday.

According to reports, the accident took place in Garh Kotwali area when the driver of the car lost control and hit the truck, police said.

Superintendent of Police Abhishek Verma said the identity of the victims was being ascertained.

Sujeet from CHC Garhmukteshwar said that all six bodies have been handed over to the police. "Six bodies were brought to the hospital. Police officials were present. We have handed over the bodies. The total number of deceased persons is 6," he added.

One polling party member killed in bus-truck collision in MP's Mandasaur

Bhopal, May 14 (IANS) One member of a polling party was killed and nine others injured when the bus they were travelling in met with an accident in Madhya Pradesh.

The incident occurred on Tuesday morning when the polling party was returning from the polling booth to Mandasaur district headquarters. Mandasaur was among the eight Lok Sabha seats where the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections was held on Monday.

Assam's Class 10 compartment exams to begin on May 28

Guwahati, May 14 (IANS) Assam's Secondary Board of Education has announced the date sheet for compartment examinations for those candidates who failed to pass in one or more subjects in the recently declared Class 10 board examination results, officials said.

According to an official notification, the examination will start on May 28 and will be conducted in two shifts -- morning and afternoon.

The morning shift exams will begin at 9 a.m. while the evening shift will start at 1:30 p.m.

The compartment examinations will conclude on June 3.

SC dismisses plea seeking six-year ban on PM from elections

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to entertain a plea seeking directions to the Election Commission of India (ECI) to disqualify Prime Minister Narendra Modi from elections for six years for "seeking votes in the name of religious deities and places of worship".

A bench presided over by Justice Vikram Nath told the petitioner's counsel that such a plea filed directly before the apex court under Article 32 of the Constitution could not be entertained and relevant authorities should be approached first.

The Bench, also comprising Justice S.C. Sharma, remarked that it could

allow the withdrawal of the plea. At this, the petitioner's counsel sought liberty to approach the ECI with the grievance raised in the plea.

Without granting any liberty, the apex court dismissed the petition as withdrawn.

The petitioner, Fatima, a Delhi-based resident, submitted that since the

ECI failed to take any action against the Prime Minister, she is approaching the apex court in a great hurry.

The plea alleged that PM Modi "not only sought votes in the name of Hindu and Sikh deities and their places of worship but also made comments against opposite political parties as favouring Muslims."

Earlier in April, the Delhi High Court had dismissed a petition seeking the disqualification of PM Modi for allegedly soliciting votes for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) by invoking Hindu and Sikh deities and places of worship.

--IANS



VARANASI, Prime Minister Narendra Modi files his nomination papers for Lok Sabha elections, in Varanasi on Tuesday. UNI

Misleading ads by Patanjali: SC reserves order in contempt proceedings against Baba, Balkrishna

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict in the contempt notice issued to Baba Ramdev and Patanjali Ayurved's Managing Director Acharya Balkrishna over the continued publication of misleading advertisement by the ayurvedic company.

Dispensing Ramdev and Balkrishna's personal appearance in further proceedings, a bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Anand Kumar allowed three-week time to Patanjali to file an affidavit regarding the withdrawal of the sale of banned products and their advertisements.

It took note of the entire

page of newspapers containing the public apology published by Patanjali has been placed on record.

Patanjali had earlier assured the Supreme Court that it would not make any casual statements claiming the medic-



inal efficacy of its products or advertise or brand them in violation of law and would not release any statement against any system of medicine to the media in any form.

The Indian Medical

Association has sought action against Patanjali for violation of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 - which prohibits the advertisement of certain products for the treatment of specified diseases and disorders, including diabetes, heart diseases, high or low blood pressure and obesity.

Meanwhile, the Uttarakhnad government, in an affidavit, apprised the apex court that its State Licencing Authority has granted permission to file a complaint against Divya Pharmacy and Patanjali Ayurved Ltd. for repeated violations of the drug advertisements law and suspended manufacturing licenses for 14 of their products. --IANS

Pace of development in Kashi will get faster, promises PM Modi after filing nomination

Varanasi, May 14 (IANS) Seeking a third consecutive term from Varanasi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday promised that the pace of work "will get even faster in the times to come" in the holy city.

He also expressed full confidence that the BJP, along with its allies in NDA, will work together for the progress of India in the years to come.

"Filed my nomination papers as a candidate for the Varanasi Lok Sabha seat. It is an honour to serve the people of this historic seat. With the blessings of the people, there have been remark-

able achievements over the last decade. This pace of work will get even faster in the times to come," PM Modi posted on X after filing his nomination from the seat.

Having said earlier that Banaras has transformed him into a Banarasi over the last 10 years since he first got elected from the city, Prime Minister Modi has been leading the campaign to create a 'New Kashi' with development projects worth thousands

of crores. Earlier this year, as he gave a 'Modi guarantee' to make Eastern India the growth engine of 'Viksit Bharat', PM Modi also stated that Kashi will be a hub of employment and skills in the next five years.

On Tuesday, ahead of filing his nomination, the Prime Minister said that his relationship with Kashi is "amazing, inseparable, and incomparable" and that which "cannot be expressed in words".

Besides Union ministers and Chief Ministers from various states, representatives from several NDA allies were also present when the PM filed his nomination. "I am honoured by the presence of our valued NDA allies in Kashi today. Our alliance represents a commitment to national progress and fulfilling regional aspirations. We will work together for the progress of India in the years to come," said the PM.

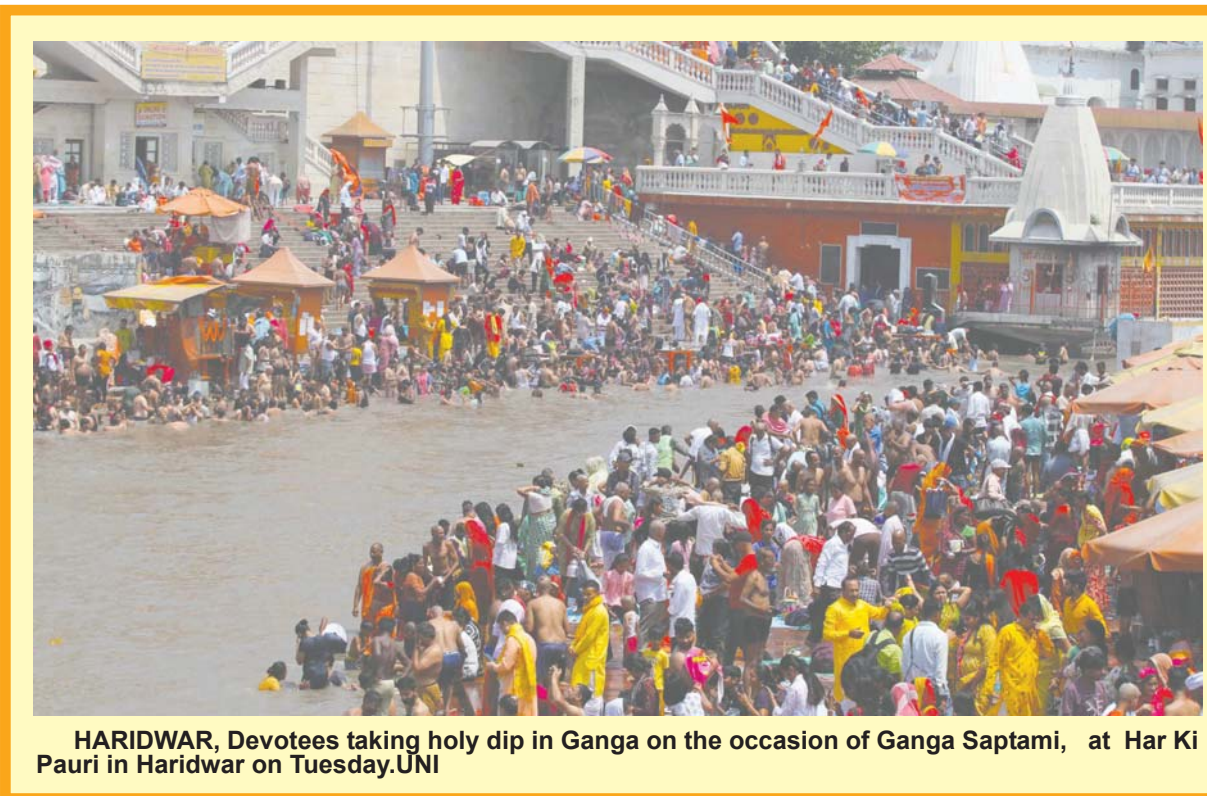
Another cooperative bank scam surfaces in Kerala, CPI(M) leader on the run

Thiruvananthapuram, May 14 (IANS) Even as the Enforcement Directorate is probing two left-controlled cooperative banks, a fraud to the tune of Rs 4.76 crore has been detected by the bank itself at the Karadka Agricuturist Cooperative Society in Kerala's Kasargod. This bank is under the control of the CPI(M), which is a big force in Kasargod, the northernmost district of the state.

On Tuesday, following a complaint from the president of the society, the local police swung into action and registered a case against the secretary - K. Ratheesan, a top CPI(M) leader in the locality. Ratheesan has been suspended and is presently on the run. The police have named Ratheesan as the sole accused. He is alleged to have given gold loans on fictitious names and ex-

tended loans to some without taking gold as collateral security.

Meanwhile, reports have surfaced that Ratheesan is understood to have told a few people that the entire loan that he has given will be closed in a few days. Local CPI(M) legislator C.H. Kunhambu took part in talks at the party level and said the wrongdoers in the case would be brought before the law.



HARIDWAR, Devotees taking holy dip in Ganga on the occasion of Ganga Saptami, at Har Ki Pauri in Haridwar on Tuesday. UNI

Kolkata Police submit report on another 'outrage of modesty' complaint

Kolkata, May 14 (IANS) Kolkata Police, on Tuesday, submitted to state secretariat Nabanna a confidential report on another complaint of "outrage of modesty" against West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose filed by an Odissi dancer last year.

Although the state secretariat sources confirmed the submission of the report by Kolkata Police in a sealed envelope, they refused to divulge the content. However, they confirmed that the complaint was filed last year and the city police had been conducting an informal probe into the matter during the interim period.

Till the report was filed there was no reaction from Raj Bhavan in the matter.

To recall, on May 2, the political circles in West Bengal were rocked following a police complaint by a woman temporary staff of Raj Bhavan in Kolkata accusing the Governor of outrage of modesty.

However, the Governor vehemently denied those allegations and said that the entire event was plotted with the sinister motive to malign him in the political interest of a politi-

HC judge recuses from hearing petition of Gangopadhyay

Kolkata, May 14 (IANS) Justice Jay Sengupta of Calcutta High Court, on Tuesday, recused from hearing the petition filed by a former judge of the same court and BJP candidate from Tamluk Lok Sabha constituency Abhijit Gangopadhyay challenging an

FIR filed against him earlier this month. Gangopadhyay had on Monday filed the petition at Justice Sengupta's bench making a plea for cancelling the FIR as it might create obstacles for his campaign process. However on Tuesday, when the matter came up for hearing Justice Sengupta from hearing the matter on personal grounds. The matter has been referred back to the bench of Calcutta High Court Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam, who will decide on which bench to be allotted to hear the matter.

The FIR was filed at Tamluk Police station on May 5 under various non-bailable sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Arms Act, on a complaint filed by a section of the 25,753 teaching and non-teaching staff, who lost their jobs following a high court order and are reportedly close to the ruling Trinamool Congress. The root of the complaint was a procession by BJP supporters at Tamluk while Gangopadhyay was going to file his nomination as a candidate on May 4. Tension started as the procession passed through the area where some dismissed school staff were protesting against the Calcutta High Court order.

7,000 more cops required for effective policing in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram, May 14 (IANS) There is a shortage of nearly 7,000 police professionals in Kerala, according to the Administrative Reforms Commission report. At present, Kerala's police force has a strength of 53,222, which means one policeman for 656 people.

Even though this report came out a few years back, fresh recruitment based on the report is yet to be taken up. Incidentally, the National Crime Records Bureau report has pointed out that in 2022 in Kerala, there were 2,5,858 criminal cases registered and one reason why the probe into cases gets delayed is because of the lack of the desired number of police officials.

However, over the years, the standard reply given by the authorities with regard to the cases getting registered is that unlike many other states, in Kerala, due to the increased social awareness, the tendency to register cases is high.

Very recently, those whose names appeared in the selection list prepared by the Kerala State Public Service Commission to the Kerala Police had staged a protest before the state Secretariat demanding the Pinarayi Vijayan government to either start recruiting from the list of qualified candidates or extend the date of the list, but it failed to happen.

Punjab Police arrest three SFJ operatives for writing pro-Khalistan slogans

Chandigarh, May 14 (IANS) Three operatives of the banned outfit Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) have been arrested for writing pro-Khalistan slogans at various public places, including Bathinda, Punjab and Delhi, Punjab Police said on Tuesday.

The arrest was made by the Counter-Intelligence wing of Bathinda, said Punjab Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav.

"In a major breakthrough, Counter-Intelligence, Bathinda & Bathinda Police have arrested three SFJ operatives for writing Pro-Khalistan slogans at various public places, including Bathinda, Punjab and Delhi, backed by NewYork-based mastermind Gurpatwant Pannun of Sikhs for Justice (SFJ)," said Yadav in a post on X. --IANS

HD Revanna walks out of jail; police lathicharge to disperse celebrating JD(S) workers

Bengaluru, May 14 (IANS) Soon after Jailed JD(S) MLA H. D. Revanna on Tuesday walked out from the Bengaluru Central Jail, police resorted to lathi-charge the party workers who were celebrating the release of their leader on bail, in order to disperse them.

H.D. Revanna was arrested on May 4 by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the sex video scandal involving his son, JD(S) MP and Lok Sabha candidate Prajwal Revanna.

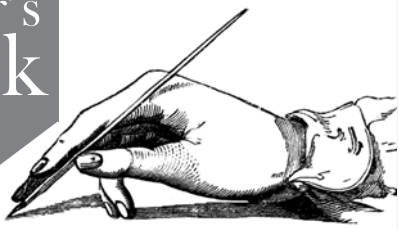
The JD(S) leaders escorted H. D. Revanna from jail premises to the residence of his father and former Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda.

After reaching his father's house, H. D. Revanna sought blessings of Deve Gowda. On May 3, the Karnataka Police registered an FIR against H. D. Revanna in connection with the kidnapping of the woman, believed to be one of the victims of the sex video scandal involving his son Prajwal. The victim's son had registered a missing complaint naming H. D. Revanna as the prime accused in the case. The victim's son alleged that his mother went missing after the surfacing of a purported sex video in which Prajwal Revanna could be seen sexually assaulting her. The victim's son alleged that his mother was locked up in an undisclosed location, as he pleaded with the police to initiate legal action against H.D. Revanna and Satish Babu, a relative of H. D. Revanna's wife. The victim was rescued from the farmhouse of H.D. Revanna's PA by the SIT sleuths. --IANS



MANDI, BJP candidate from Mandi constituency Kangana Ranaut files her nomination papers for Lok Sabha elections, in the presence of party leader Jairam Thakur, in Mandi on Tuesday. UNI

From Editor's Desk



Long disconnected from earthly concerns, haute cuisine will now go to space

For half a million dollars a plate, six diners will go 100,000 feet above sea level. It's the logical next step for fine dining which is less about food and more about extravagance

What would a meal for the one per cent look like? If it's taking place aboard Spaceship Neptune, it might include, as Danish chef Rasmus Munk has proposed, "an edible piece of space junk from a satellite." Munk, who has collaborated with a Florida-based space startup to launch six diners at a time to 1,00,000 feet above sea level, promises an out-of-the-world experience for \$4,95,000 per ticket. Even by the standards of fine dining, the price is stratospheric.

This latest attempt, which is set to take off in late 2025, is very much in keeping with the ever more extravagant turns that fine dining has been taking, with the actual food on the plate starting to seem besides the point. From the eerie, flesh-coloured "ear" made of jello served to those celebrating their birthday at the Michelin-starred Mugaritz in Spain to the 10-seat Sukiyabashi Jiro in Tokyo which expects diners to follow strict rules while eating sushi (including how to hold chopsticks and how much soy sauce to use), haute cuisine is not just about pushing the boundaries of what people eat, but how many hoops they will jump through in order to do so — and how much they are willing to pay for it. The logical next step for this pursuit of more and more rarefied experiences could only be space.

While the less fortunate 99 per cent might wonder if paying half a million dollars, even for a meal in space, is worth it, the brain behind the operation has a loftier-than-10,000 ft goal in mind. "I want to highlight food as a common thread in our human existence, and it will be truly meaningful to serve it while gazing down at the Earth's curvature," Munk said in a recent interview. From an earthbound perspective, that image is its own caricature.



New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) Many people who are living with obesity, suffer from dysmorphic disorder - a condition in which a person has a distorted image of their body — and conceal their body in their WhatsApp profile pictures, according to a study on Tuesday. People with body dysmorphic disorder feel dissatisfied with their physical appearance and may experience shame or anxiety about their bodies. Those obese and with the disorder believe they are heavier than they actually are. "This study suggests that some-

Obese people with dysmorphia hide body behind WhatsApp profile pictures: Study

thing as simple as a WhatsApp profile picture could give doctors a valuable insight into whether someone living with obesity has body dysmorphia," said lead Antonella Franceschelli, of Unicamillus International Medical University, in Italy.

In a study, involving 59 obese patients (49 females, 10 males, mean age 53 years, mean BMI 32 kg/m2), the team provided clear evidence of body dysmorphia, with 90 per cent of the men and 86 per cent of the women using profile pictures that didn't represent their physical reality.

"Profile pictures of pets, family members, landscapes, flowers and cartoon characters may indicate the

individual has body dysmorphic disorder," Franceschelli said. The research also found that social media exacerbates the excessive concern about physical appearance, where unrealistic standards of beauty and physical shape are often shared.

"People with body dysmorphic disorder can be particularly sensitive to these influences, constantly comparing themselves to idealised images and feeling inadequate in comparison," Franceschelli said.

For the study, the team involved 59 obese patients (49 females, 10 males, mean age 53 years, mean BMI 32 kg/m2), and conducted a qualitative study of their WhatsApp

profile images. The results showed that the patients' profile pictures had their faces but not their bodies or used any other image like pets, family members, landscapes, cartoon characters, or objects such as flowers. Importantly, the team found that the likelihood of using a profile picture that didn't represent physical reality increased with the degree or severity of obesity. Franceschelli called for checking for body dysmorphia as a part of obesity treatment. The research was presented at the European Congress on Obesity (ECO) in Venice, Italy (May 12-15).

BJP's Sushil Modi loses battle to cancer, leaders from PM Modi to Mamata Banerjee condole demise

New Delhi/Patna, May 14 (IANS) A little over a month after he revealed he had cancer, veteran BJP leader and former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi passed away at the AIIMS in Delhi on Monday. He was 72.

The longest-serving Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar (2005-2013 and 2017-20), Sushil Modi also held the Finance portfolio, which made a key figure in the rollout and implementation of the Goods and Service Tax as a leading member of the GST Council.

A Rajya Sabha member since 2020, he had declined to contest the ongoing Lok Sabha elections on account of his health after he revealed the deadly disease he was suffering from in a post on X on April 3.

"I have been suffering from cancer for the past 6 months and the time has come to make it public. I won't be able to do anything for my party in the Lok Sabha election. I have already informed PM Narendra Modi about my disease. I am thankful and dedicated to my country, Bihar and my party," he said in the post.

PM Modi led the country in paying condolences to the departed leader.

In an emotive post on X in Hindi, he wrote that he was "deeply saddened at the untimely death" of Sushil Modi, whom he termed "an invaluable colleague and a close friend for decades".

"He had an invaluable contribution to the rise and successes of the BJP in Bihar. His steadfast opposition to the Emergency led him to create a unique identity as he rose from student politics. He was known as a hard-working and approachable lawmaker. He had a deep knowledge of political issues. He had a creditable tenure as an administrator. His constructive role in the rollout of GST will always be remembered.

In this hour of grief, I extend my condolences to his family and friends. Om Shanti!" the PM wrote.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has expressed his deep condolences on the demise of Sushil Modi, terming it a big loss for Bihar.

"Very sad news was received about the demise of our friend Bhai

well-wishers in this hour of grief. Om Shanti Om," said Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, Tejashwi Yadav, who was the Deputy Chief Minister between Sushil Modi's two tenures.

"Sorry to hear about the sad demise of Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family & friends. May the departed soul rest in peace," West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on X.



Sushil Modi. He was my friend for the last 51-52 years. He was a dedicated social and political person. May God grant eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to the family to bear the loss," he said.

"I am deeply saddened to hear the news of the untimely demise of respected Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, our guardian, struggling and hardworking leader. May God grant peace to the departed soul at his feet and strength to his family and

har Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, Bihar's Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, and RJD leader Tej Pratap Yadav, who met Sushil Modi after his illness, also expressed their shock at his passing away. Born in Patna on January 5, 1952, Sushil Modi was a student of BSc at the prestigious B.N. College but he left his studies midway and jumped into the Sampoorna Kranti movement of Jai Prakash Narayan, starting his political career.

Joining active politics in 1990, he was elected to the Assembly from the Patna Central constituency (now Kumhrar) and re-elected in 1995 and 2000. He was elected to the Lok Sabha from Bhagalpur in 2004.

One of the prominent leaders of the BJP in Bihar, he had been its most vocal leader, serving as Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly during the tenure of Chief Ministers Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi. He also shared a special rapport with CM Nitish Kumar.

In 2005, the NDA came to power in Bihar and Sushil Modi resigned from the Lok Sabha and became the Deputy Chief Minister in the Nitish Kumar government. He also became a member of the Legislative Council. After the NDA returned to power in the 2010 Assembly election, he retained the post till 2013 when Nitish Kumar parted ways with the NDA. When Nitish Kumar again joined hands with the NDA in 2017, he resumed the post, which he held till the 2020 Assembly polls.

--IANS

Man who used to commit thefts by assuming dead brother's identity arrested

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) A man at the Indira Gandhi airport in the national capital was arrested for using his deceased brother's identity to steal the belongings of passengers, including elderly persons, an official said on Monday.

The accused has been identified as Sharad Jain, 46, a resident of Delhi's Karol Bagh, who came under scrutiny following a zero FIR filed in Hyderabad.

The complainant, Sudharani Pathuri, alleged that on April 11, she travelled from Hyderabad to Delhi's IGI Airport on an Air India flight en route to the US.

During the journey, her jewellery worth Rs 7 lakh, kept in a handbag, was stolen.

To crack down on the case, a team was formed and footage of CCTV cameras of the IGI Airport, Amritsar Airport and Hyderabad Airport were thoroughly analysed with the help of Air India officials.

"After scrutinising video footage from numerous cameras and examining flight manifests, a suspect was identified. He was observed on flights where thefts occurred," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (IGI airport), Usha Rangani.

The phone number of the suspected passenger was obtained

from the airlines concerned, however, he used to provide a fake number at the time of booking to deceive the airlines, and the said number was registered in the name of someone else.

"After technical analysis and based on his Call Detail Records



(CDR), it was found that the suspect lives in the Paharganj area, however, he keeps his phone switched on for a minimal time," the DCP added.

The suspect was found living on the top floor of a guesthouse in Delhi's Paharganj.

"Based on technical intelligence, a photograph of the suspected person from the social media platforms was obtained and shown in and around the areas of Paharganj. Af-

ter several hours of efforts, the team zeroed in on the suspect at a guest house by the name of Ricky Deluxe in Paharganj," she said.

"The suspect was living on the top floor of the said guesthouse, and it was further revealed that he owned it. The suspect was thereby apprehended, whose real identity was established as Rajesh Kapoor," she added.

"To further conceal his identity, he booked tickets under his deceased brother's name, Rishi Kapoor, evading detection by airlines and police," the DCP said. During questioning, Kapoor confessed not only to the reported theft but also to several others "He admitted to targeting elderly female passengers carrying handbags on flights, often exchanging seats to be closer to his victims. A significant quantity of stolen jewellery was recovered from his residence. Kapoor also revealed that he had sold stolen items to a jeweller named Sharad Jain, leading to Jain's arrest," the DCP added.

Further investigation connected Kapoor to additional cases, including 11 prior offences involving theft, gambling, and breach of trust.

Subsequently, Sharad Jain admitted to receiving stolen jewellery from Kapoor over the past year, melting it down for resale.

In addition to his airline thefts, Kapoor confessed to stealing from unsuspecting female passengers travelling to and from various Indian airports.

"Police teams have been notified, and Kapoor's travel history is under scrutiny to uncover any further involvement," she said.

The DCP also added that Kapoor, drawing from his experience, targeted vulnerable passengers, particularly elderly women travelling internationally.

"Recognising their tendency to carry valuables in handbags, Kapoor strategically chose premium domestic flights, such as those operated by Air India and Vistara, heading to destinations like Delhi, Chandigarh, and Hyderabad. Exploiting the chaos of boarding, he discreetly rifled through overhead cabins, stealing valuables from unsuspecting victims' handbags while passengers settled into their seats," said the DCP.

Kapoor's method, carefully timed to coincide with the distractions of the boarding process, enabled him to operate unnoticed.--IANS

BSP's winning strategy for LS polls: Field turncoats, candidates with criminal cases

Lucknow, May 14 (IANS) The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in its strategy to bolster its electoral prospects in Uttar Pradesh and emerge as a key challenger to the BJP made the winnability factor its sole consideration to put up candidates for the Lok Sabha elections.

It did not hesitate to give tickets to candidates with a criminal background and also turncoats in these elections. The winnability factor was above all other considerations, including public perception.

BSP president Mayawati had announced in 2021 that her party would not field any criminal in elections.

However, a look at the BSP's list of candidates shows that the party has gone back on its promise.

The BSP candidate in Bijhor, Vijendra Singh, has nine criminal cases against him, including the infamous bike bot scam.

Chaudhary Basheer, the BSP candidate from Firozabad, is known for his six marriages. He went to jail when his fourth wife complained that he had given her triple talaq.

The BSP candidate in Sitapur, Mahendra Yadav, was in BJP but

left after his objectionable video went viral and the party denied him a ticket.

Shahjahanpur BSP candidate Majid Ali also has six cases registered against him.

The party has also welcomed turncoats with open arms.

Its candidate in Mainpuri, Shiv Prasad Yadav, came in from the BJP while in Farrukhabad, the BSP made Kranti Pandey its candidate. Pandey comes from a Congress background.

In Bareilly, the BSP opted for Chhotelal of the Congress but his nomination got cancelled due to technical reasons at the last moment.

The BSP candidate in Basti, initially, was Daya Shankar Pandey who was a former BJP office-bearer. The party later replaced him with Lavkush Patel.

In Faizabad too, the BSP candidate is Sachidanand Pandey who came in from BJP.

In the past too, the BSP has served as a haven for the mafia.

D.P. Yadav, Mukhtar Ansari, Dhananjay Singh, Sonu Singh, Rizwan Zaheer, Vikas Dubey, Haji Yakub Qureshi, Haji Iqbal and Sanjeev Dwivedi -- all well-known criminals -- have been with the BSP at one time or another.

64.93 pc polling in Telangana's 17 Lok Sabha constituencies

Hyderabad, May 14 (IANS) A voter turnout of 64.93 per cent was recorded in Telangana, where polling was held May 13 for all 17 Lok Sabha seats.

Past midnight, the Election Commission put the estimated turnout at 64.93 per cent. The final figure is likely to be announced later in the day.

The polling percentage was 61.16 per cent till 5 p.m. and though the polling came to an end at 6 p.m., those standing in queues were allowed to cast their votes.

According to Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Vikas Raj, the polling process continued even after 6 p.m. at 1,300 to 1,400 polling stations.

Telangana had recorded a turnout of 71.34 per cent during the Assembly elections held in November 2023. The turnout was 62.11 per cent in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

A little over 3.17 crore voters, half of them women, were eligible to cast their votes across the state on Monday.

Bhongir Lok Sabha constituency recorded the highest turnout of

76.47 per cent. Hyderabad saw the lowest polling of 46.08 per cent.

Urban constituencies saw lower polling than rural areas. In Secunderabad, the turnout was 48.11 per cent. Malkajgiri and Chevella recorded 50.12 per cent and 55.45 per cent polling respectively.

The CEO said there were no problems on the law-and-order side too. He said 38 First Information Reports (FIRs) were registered on Monday for various reasons and against different political parties.

In 13 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected segments under five Lok Sabha constituencies the polling ended at 4 p.m. In the remaining 106 segments it continued till 6 p.m.

The political future of 525 candidates in 17 Lok Sabha constituencies has been sealed in Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). They will have to wait till June 4 to know the outcome.

Votes were also polled for by-election to the Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly seat, a part of the Malkajgiri Lok Sabha constituency.

International Day of Families highlights the genetic link between Gastrointestinal problems and Heredity

Ahmedabad, As the world celebrates International Day of Families on May 15th, it's an opportune moment to identity not just our individual but family health issues also. There are many health problems that points out a deep link between genetics and digestive health. Extensive research has revealed a profound influence of heredity on gastrointestinal diseases, particularly Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD), marking a significant advancement in our understanding of Gastrology.

Speaking on this, Dr. Yogesh Harwani, Gastroenterologist, Noble Institute of Gastroenterology said "There are many digestive and gastrointestinal problems that are hereditary means you have such problems because either your parents carry them or they have such genes that they had been passed to you. Our genes serve as a blueprint for our bodies, including the complex digestive system. Genetic differences inherited from our parents can significantly impact our digestion, influencing everything from anatom-

Knowing family health history can guide you to take preventive measures for your coming generations, says Gastro. Dr. Yogesh Harwani

ical structures to the propensity for specific digestive problems."

A significant number of digestive disorders, including Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), and Crohn's Disease, show familial clustering, pointing out a strong genetic component. If you are aware of your family medical history, it can help you to take preventive and treatment measures.

The advent of genetic testing has revolutionized our ability to evaluate individual risk factors for digestive problems. Healthcare providers can now detect specific genetic variants linked to gut health and disease, allowing for personalized risk assessments, early diagnosis, and tailored treatment regimens.

Precision medicine has emerged as a game-changer in the field of

gastroenterology. By incorporating genetic information into diagnostic and treatment decisions, medical professionals can provide focused interventions that target the underlying causes of digestive issues. From precision nutrition plans to pharmacogenomics-guided medication selection, precision medicine holds the promise of optimizing digestive health outcomes.

"As our understanding of the genetic foundations of gastrology grows, so does our ability to unveil the mysteries of digestive health. Heredity is a crucial component of the intricate web of gastrointestinal health, and by embracing the concepts of precision medicine, personalized healthcare, and genetic testing, we can transform the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of digestive problems for future generations", added Dr. Harwani.

On this International Day of Families, let us recognize the importance of genetic inheritance in shaping our digestive health and commit to leveraging this knowledge for the betterment of families worldwide.

CSIR-NIIST joins hands with NIT-Calicut to promote research in cutting-edge domains

Thiruvananthapuram, May 14 (IANS) The CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST) has inked an MoU with the (NIT-C) to collaborate in research and education through the exchange of students and faculty in interdisciplinary areas of science and technology. The MoU was signed on the sidelines of the National Technology Day celebrations held at the CSIR-NIIST here by C. Anandharamakrishnan, Director, CSIR-NIIST, and Prasad Krishna, Director, NIT-C. Anandharamakrishnan said the tie-up will open up big opportunities for NIT students to explore research stints in frontier areas of materials science and engineering, food technology, biotechnology, chemical sciences, and environmental technology in addition to the fast-emerging fields of artificial intelligence and machine learning. Krishna said the MoU with CSIR-NIIST will facilitate joint efforts in providing unique opportunities for graduate and post-graduate engineering students with a flair for applied R&D.

CONFIRMED! COLORS' 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 14' unveils its fearless lineup

Mumbai, India's first stunt-based reality show 'Khatron Ke Khiladi' is all set to make a comeback with its 14th edition. It promises nail-biting stunts, thrilling tasks, and moments of sheer bravery that will keep viewers at the edge of their seats, taking the action quotient to an entirely new level. After announcing Krishna Shroff and Asim Riaz as contestants, India's favourite stunt-based show finally reveals its confirmed roster of daredevils. Get ready to be blown away as Aditi Sharma, Karan Veer Mehra, Niyati Fatnani, Samarth Jurel, and Abhishek Kumar join the troop, ready to face their ultimate test.

As the curtains are set to rise on this adrenaline-

fueled spectacle, the daring contenders shared their thoughts on being part of this extraordinary journey: Aditi Sharma says, "Being an actor has been about pushing the boundaries and testing my limits I get to do exactly that at an entirely new level with Khatron Ke Khiladi. For years, I've poured my heart and soul into bringing characters to life on the screen. But now, as I step aboard Khatron Ke Khiladi, the audience will witness a side of me that has remained largely unexplored—the raw, unfiltered version of who I truly am. On this journey, there will be no scripts and no rehearsals. Karan Veer Mehra says, "As someone whose

life revolves around the pursuit of fitness and adventure, I am super excited to be part of the adrenaline-packed ride that is Khatron Ke Khiladi 14. This opportunity is a dream come true, a chance to push the boundaries of my physical and mental limits in a way that few experiences can rival. Niyati Fatnani shares, "The new season of Khatron Ke Khiladi will mark my debut in the realm of reality shows, and I couldn't be more thrilled. I am confident that this show will give me that perfect opportunity to overcome my fears, push my limits, and learn new skills. With a background in dance, I've gained flexibility, which I intend to leverage to the fullest during the show.

Virat, Anushka thank shutterbugs for respecting privacy of their kids Vamika and Akaay

Mumbai, May 14 (IANS) Star cricketer Virat Kohli and actress Anushka Sharma have thanked the paparazzi for their thoughtfulness towards protecting the privacy of



their children, Vamika and Akaay. The power couple sent out gift hampers to the shutterbugs along with a note expressing gratitude

for respecting the privacy of their children.

In a heartfelt note, the couple wrote: "Thank you for respecting the privacy of our kids and for always being cooperative! With love, Anushka and Virat"

Fondly referred to as Virushka, Anushka and Virat got married in December 2017 in an intimate ceremony in Italy. The two welcomed their first child, a daughter, whom they have named Vamika.

Their son Akaay was born on February 15 of this year. The couple kept the news of the second pregnancy under wraps, sparking intense speculation.

'Jawan' action director Sunil Rodrigues joins crew of Anupam Kher's 'Tanvi the Great'

Mumbai, May 14 (IANS) Veteran actor-filmmaker Anupam Kher on Tuesday announced that Sunil Rodrigues, renowned for his work as an action director in films like 'Jawan', 'Pathaan', and 'Sooryavanshi', among others, has come on board for the film 'Tanvi the Great'.



On Tuesday morning, Anupam took to Instagram and shared a reel featuring himself and Sunil Rodrigues.

"ANNOUNCEMENT: Delighted and Proud to introduce the #ActionDirector of my directorial film #TanviTheGreat #SunilRodrigues. Rod, as he is popularly known is one of the most dynamic, scientific and charismatic action men in our industry," he wrote in the caption.

Anupam described Rodrigues as the "gentlest person" on set.

"He may look tough and overpowering but he is the gentlest person on the set. He also is a great storyteller! Thank you dearest #Rod for your love, brilliance and craftsmanship! Jai Ho! #Singham #Jawan #Pathaan #Mukkebaaz #Tiger3 #Simmba #Suryavanshi

#TanviTheGreat," he said.

On his 69th birthday in March, Anupam announced his next directorial, 'Tanvi the Great'.

Back then, without divulging much, Anupam shared that it is a musical story of passion, courage, and innocence.

Details about the cast are still under wraps.



Kiara to represent India at 77th Cannes Film Festival

Mumbai, May 14 (IANS) Actress Kiara Advani is set to represent the country at the Red Sea Film Foundation Women in Cinema gala dinner at the 77th edition of the Cannes Film Festival, to

achievements, both in front of and behind the camera. Kiara made her debut with 'Fugly' in 2014, she was then seen playing myriad characters, from the independent Naina in 'Jugjugg Jeeyo' to the complex Nanki in 'Guilty' and Preeti, a vulnerable woman caught in a passionate but troubled relationship in 'Kabir Singh'. Kiara has then worked in movies such as 'Shershaah' and 'Satyaprem Ki Katha', where she showcased her acting prowess. Looking forward, Kiara is now gearing up for the release of the political thriller 'Game Changer', directed by S. Shankar and co-starring Ram Charan. She also has 'Don 3' and 'War 2' in the pipeline.--IANS



Shruti Haasan 'needs to be on a movie set' as she 'over acts under the lights'

Mumbai, May 14 (IANS) Actress Shruti Haasan said that she needs to be on a movie set as soon as possible.

The actress took to the Instagram stories and shared a picture of herself with a towel wrapped around her head. The actress shared the picture with the caption: "Overacting under the lights for no reason - I need to be on a movie set ASAP, are all the retrogrades over?"

be held in the French Riviera from Tuesday.

Hosted by Vanity Fair, the gala will bring together six women from across the globe to honour their

lease of the political thriller 'Game Changer', directed by S. Shankar and co-starring Ram Charan. She also has 'Don 3' and 'War 2' in the pipeline.--IANS

Shamita Shetty has endometriosis, to undergo surgery: 'Listen to your body', she says

Mumbai, May 14 (IANS) Actress Shamita Shetty was admitted to the hospital after being diagnosed with endometriosis



and will be undergoing surgery, going by her video on social media.

Shamita took to Instagram, where she was seen talking about endometriosis, a disease in which tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows outside the uterus.

The video, captured by her sister Shilpa Shetty, features Shamita in a hospital bed, with Shilpa commenting, "What a view... know?," to which Shamita replies, "Because you probably have it and you don't even know you have it and it is painful. It's uncomfortable."

Shilpa then asks her sister if she has "any last words before the surgery."

Shamita shared that the pain in the body is for a reason and "listen to your body" and then Shilpa concluded the video by saying, "swasth raho mast raho."

For the caption, Shamita wrote: "Did you know that almost 40 per cent of women suffer from endometriosis.. and most of us are unaware of this disease!!!" She added: "I want to thank both my doctors, my gynac Dr Neeta Warty and my Gp Dr Sunita Banerjee for not stopping till they found out the root cause of my pain!--IANS

Shamita Shetty has endometriosis, to undergo surgery: 'Listen to your body', she says

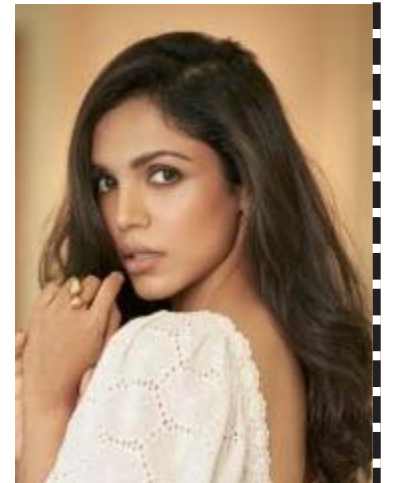
Shriya Pilgaonkar flaunts perfectly toned body, says 'no maida May has helped'

Mumbai, May 14 (IANS) Actress Shriya Pilgaonkar strongly believes that "no maida, May has helped" her as she flaunted her toned body.

Shriya took to Instagram and shared a mirror selfie from the gym dressed in a lavender-hued athleisure.

The actress shared the picture with the caption: "No maida May has helped (laughing emoji)." Shriya is currently seen in the second season of the newsroom drama 'The Broken News'.

The show, which first dropped in 2022, also stars Jaideep Ahlawat and Sonali Bendre, among others. It is a remake of the British series 'Press'. She will next be seen in 'Taaza Khabar 2' and 'Abhi Toh Party Shuru Hui Hai' --IANS



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Shivangi Pati of Aakash Edu Class X from Gujarat becomes the Top Scorer in CBSE 2024 Examination

Ahmedabad: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, is delighted to announce the remarkable academic achievement of Shivangi Pati, a student of Class X from Gujarat, who has emerged as the top scorer in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Examination 2024.



Shivangi has achieved a commendable feat by securing a perfect 100 in Mathematics, Science and Sanskrit.

Expressing gratitude towards Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), Shivangi acknowledged the invaluable mentorship and guidance received from her teachers. She credited the institute for providing comprehensive study materials and rigorous coaching, enabling her to comprehend complex concepts efficiently within a short span of time.

Amit Singh Rathore, Chief Academic & Business Head of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), congratulated the students on their outstanding achievement and stated, "We take immense pride in our students' accomplishments. Their remarkable success is a testament to the dedication of our institute, the efficacy of our curriculum, and our commitment to each student's journey towards excellence."

Advocates cannot be sued under Consumer Protection Act for professional negligence: SC

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that advocates cannot be held liable under the Consumer Protection Act for deficiency of services.

A bench presided over by Justice Bela M Trivedi said that the very purpose and object of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 was to provide protection to consumers from unfair practices and unethical business practices only, adding that the legislature never intended to include professions or professionals under the statute.

"We have distinguished 'profession' from 'business' and 'trade'. We have said that a profession would require advance education and training in some branch of learning or science. The nature of work is of skilled and specialised one, substantial part of which would be rather mental than manual.... a professional cannot be treated equally or at par with a businessman or a trader or a service provider of products or goods as contemplated in the Consumer Protection Act" said the bench, also comprising Justice Pankaj Mishra.

However, the Apex Court clarified that an advocate could be sued for professional negligence in an ordinary course of law.

Will consider only if Salman Khan tenders personal apology in blackbuck case: Bishnoi head

Jaipur, May 14 (IANS) After former Bollywood star and Salman Khan's ex-girlfriend Somy Ali recently apologised to the Bishnoi community and urged it to forgive the star actor in the 1998 blackbuck poaching case, the President of the All India Bishnoi Society, Devendra Budiya, said on Monday that the community will consider the matter if Salman Khan tenders a personal apology.

Salman Khan is accused of hunting down blackbucks at Bawad in Mathania near Jodhpur in September 1998 during the shooting of Sooraj Barjatya's film 'Hum Saath Saath Hain'.

Two days back, Somy Ali appealed to the Bishnoi community to forgive Salman Khan, saying, "I apologise on his behalf if he has made a mistake; please forgive him. Taking someone's life is not acceptable, be it Salman or an average common man." Reacting to Somy Ali's statement, Devendra Budiya (Bishnoi) said: "If Salman himself apologises, the Bishnoi society will consider the apology. The mistake was not made by Somy Ali, but it was committed by Salman. Therefore, he should propose to the Bishnoi society that he wants to apologise."

Instagram 'brothers' dupe woman of Rs 2 L in UP

Lucknow, May 14 (IANS) A woman was allegedly duped of Rs 2 lakh by three 'brothers' on Instagram after the latter befriended her, the police said. In the first such case, cyber fraudsters promised the woman wedding gifts from "brothers" and trapped her in a fraudulent scheme.

The victim, Salma (name changed) of Indiranaagar, told the police that on April 22, she came across three men on Instagram named Ravi Kumar, Rana Pratap Singh, and Manoj. The men gained her trust and convinced her to consider them as her brothers. "After days of communication, one of them Ravi Kumar contacted me via phone and assured me that they would provide expensive wedding items for me. For this, they requested my Aadhar card, photos, and other documents for shipping purposes," the victim told the police.

Mumbai hoarding crash toll mounts to 14

Mumbai, May 14 (IANS) The overnight death in the Mumbai hoarding crash climbed to 14, with four more persons succumbing to their injuries in hospital, the BMC Disaster Control said here on Tuesday. Besides, another 43 were injured, including some who were critical, while more than 30 injured victims were discharged after treatment.

After a sudden duststorm accompanied by strong winds and followed by rains wreaked havoc in the city on Monday noon.

A gigantic advertising hoarding erected by a private party was uprooted and collapsed onto several homes, and a petrol pump in Pant Magar around 4:15 p.m., injuring and trapping scores. Till late Monday night, the Mumbai Fire Brigade, MDRF, and MMRDA teams managed to rescue more than 60 people trapped under the debris of the crashed hoarding.

Search operation in Kathua after villagers spot six suspicious men

Jammu, May 14 (IANS) The J&K Police on Tuesday launched a search operation in the border area of Kathua district after villagers claimed that they saw six suspicious men moving around in the area. The villagers of Jathana border village in the district informed police that they had seen six people moving suspiciously in the area.

"Since the village is close to the international border, police started a search operation in the area... So far, nobody has been detained during these searches. The operation is still going on," officials said.

Nikol PI ccused of harassment by colleagues

Ahmedabad: Two sub inspectors and a woman assistant suninspector have alleged harassment by their inspector by Nikol police, according to a letter written to the city police commissioner G S Malik on Saturday, which went viral on Sunday.

Senior police officers confirmed the development that police sub-inspector Jaynto /shiyal wrote to the city police commissioner G S Malik, offering his resignation over alleged harassment

by inspector K D Jat. In the letter a copy of which is possessed by TOI, Shiyal stated that he had joined the city police department in 2019 as a constable and later passed an exam to become a sub-inspector in 2022. Since then, he has been serving at the Nikol police station in the eastern part of the city, where Jat has been serving the PI for around two years.

Shiyal, in charge of the investigation squad of Nikol police, alleged in the letter that, despite having

detected several offences, Jat has been humillatinf and insulting him without any reason.

He alleged that not just he but also a woman ASI has sought her transfer before the joint commissioner of police. Sector-2, after being harassed by Jat.

Aprt from shiyal, another PSI, R S Yadav, called up the city police control room and expressed his grievance against the police inspector. Sources said that an ACP level inquire has been ordered in the case.

Rain, thundershowers forecast for Gujarat till May 16

Gandhinagar, May 14 (IANS) The India Meteorological Department has forecast rain and thundershowers across Gujarat till Thursday (May 16).

Areas predicted to experience weather disturbances include Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Mehsana, Gandhinagar, Aravalli, Kheda, Ahmedabad, Anand, Panchmahal, Dahod, Narmada, Bharuch, and Mahisagar.

Notably, Aravalli, Kheda, Ahmedabad, Anand, and Panchmahal may also witness thundershowers on May 15, followed by further rain in districts such

as Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Dahod, Gir Somnath, Amreli, and Bhavnagar on May 16.

Two people died in rain-related incidents on Monday.

Unseasonal rainfall accompanied by severe winds disrupted power supply in 249 villages, uprooted trees and damaged crops.

The Narmada region's Garudeshwar received the heaviest rainfall. In Junagadh, the strong winds uprooted trees and led to power outages.

The state's disaster management teams have

been mobilised in response to the crisis. The administration has directed Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Ltd (PGVCL), Roads and Building Department, Police and the Forest Department to remain active.

After damage in various districts, on Monday evening, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel convened an emergency meeting.

Officials shared that Relief Commissioner Alok Pandey provided an overview of the conditions, citing rainfall measurements ranging from 2 to 38 milli-

Sandstorms and rain sweep through Gujarat, impacting power; farming

Ahmedabad, May 14 (IANS) Strong winds, sandstorms and rain struck Gujarat on Monday, disrupting daily life and agriculture across the state.

On Monday evening, winds moving with a speed of nearly 40 km/hr swept through Ahmedabad, reducing visibility and creating hazardous conditions leading to traffic congestion and rains.

In Chhotaudepur district, the unseasonal rain complete with hail, posed a threat to farmers' livelihoods, with Kawant taluka

recording 6mm of rainfall between 4 and 6 p.m.

The unexpected rain, while cooling the heat, has put nearly 8,000 hectares of summer crops at risk, although District Agriculture Officer D.S. Panchal noted that no immediate damage has been reported.

However, Panchal cautioned that continuous heavy rainfall could potentially harm the crops, which include maize and fodder.

The sudden weather shift was accompanied by rainfall in several districts,

including Botad, Navsari, Bhavnagar, Sabarkantha and Dangs, with Botad receiving the heaviest downpour of up to 20mm.

The villages in several districts also reported power cuts due to these weather conditions.

The India Meteorological Department has issued a forecast predicting light thundershowers and moderate rains in the next few days, which are likely to affect isolated places in districts such as Banaskantha, Patan, and Mehsana, among others, over the next three hours.

Two Rajasthan men cheat wedding decorator of 88L

Ahmedabad: A 49-year-old man from Bopal, who runs a wedding decoration business on Shilah-Rnchara road, on Saturday filed a complaint with police alleging that two men from Rajasthan, who worked with him allegedly fled with articles worth Rs 85 lakh and a car worth Rs 3 lakh.

Bharat Patel, who runs the dcoration business, said in his FIR with Bopal police that he had hired a man named Vinod Taviyad from Banskwada in Rajasthan to provide casual labourers for his business.

Patel said that Taviyad used to ferry different articles used on wedding decoration and labourers. Patel came toknow

that Taviyad was secretly sending some materials to Banskwada in Dec last year.

In Jan this year, one of the labourers again told Patel that Taviyad and his aide named Ashok Govind, who is also from Banskwada, were sending decoration materials to Rajasthan.

When Patel checked the stock, he found that various articles made of iron, carpets, cloth and chairs worth Rs 85 lakh were missing. Bopal police have registered a case of breach of trust, act done by several persons in furtherance of common intention and criminal conspiracu under sections of the IPC and begun an investigation.

After schools, city airport gets bomb threat

Ahmedabad: Within a week of at least 50 city schools receiving emails threatening bomb blasts, the Sardar Vllabhbhi Patel International airport, too on /sunday received a similar threat, which police said turned out to be a hoax.

City Police commissioner G S Malik confirmed that an email was received by police about the vomb threat, which was found to be non specific.

Asource in the bomb detection and disposable squad (BDDS) said the email ws received on Sunday afternoon after which the entire airport was sanitized. The sender threatened tht the nblast will take place in the wee hoysr when the airport sees major international flight movements.

"We checked wach and wvwyr corner of the

airport for two hours and found that the email was a hoax," said a BDDS officer. City cybercrime police have begun a probe, said a police officer.

Aa team of CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) personnel also cked the SVPI airport. A source at the SVPI sirport said, "Following the threat, vigil and screening have been increased at the airport and ecurity beefed up."

ACP V N Yadav G Division city police said that several aieports in the countru received the threat after which the city airport was also checked to rule out any probability.

Om May 6, just a day before polling in Gujarat, at least 50 schools in Ahmedabad received emails threatening bomb blast. It ws found that the man based in Pakistan has sent the mail.

Two more persons arrested in Veda speaker blat case

Ahmedabad: Two more persons have been arrested by Banakantha LCB in the Veda parcel blast case in which a man and his daughter were killed and two others were injured.

The min accused, Jyanti Vanzara was arrested soon after the incident, while his cousin Ajay and Jitendra Vanzara, fro, who, he had sourced the felatin sticks were nabbed n Friday, LCB PI AV Rathod said.

"Thirty-four-year-old Jaranti, an electrician, Photographer and a farm labourer from Karunda vilage in Sabakanth's Khedbrajma taluka, was arrested as the main accused the same day," said Rathod.

During questioning he revealed having bought the gelatin sticks from cousin Ajay and Jitendra, who work as weldiggers.

Closure notice to dyes unit discharging effluent using 1.3km, illegal pipeline

Ahmedabad: Amid tks of environmental conservation, a unit from Vatva was caught discharging acid illegally by laying down an approximately 1.3km long illegal pipeline. The illegal discharge was discovered when anAMC contractor found an acidic line in Vinzol and infomed. The Green Environment Services Co-Op So Ltd (GESCL) aabout the acidic discharge.

The Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB), GESCL, AMC, and Ahmedabad Mega Clean Association (AMCA) carried out an operation for around seven dys to find the origin of the pieline. They found that Dye-o-Print(Guj) Pvt Ltd, based in Vatva GIDC Phase-2 had laid down the pipeline using a pushing technique. According to

sources, GPCB has issued an immediate closure to the unit and also asked it to pay Rs 25 lkh s interim Wnvironment Samage Compensation (EDC).

Dipak Savfa, CEO of GESCL, said, "AMC is doing infra work in the Vinzol area, and the contractor found a pipeline containing acidic mterial. The contractor contacted us, and we visited the site, took a sample, and after testing, found that ot was highly acidic water with hifhly acidic water with above 27,000COD."

AMC then started the exavation work. "Initially, we thought it would be a small pipeline, but as the pipeline was ling, we informed AMC, GPCB, and Megaline, "Davda said, adding that a line detevtor was used to gind the origin of the pipeline.

"We tracked it proprtry

and confirmed that it was going to Vatva. We vided several companies to find which ones have similar acidsm but there was no clue. We hen used Google Warth but could not get clarity. We brought in a water het mechine, which pushes water with high pressure, and grom that, water came out from Dye-O-Print," saod the CEO. The company had disconnected the pipeline because it was aware that the operation to find the origin of the pipeline was going on.

"However, there was evidence o fresh civil work. It was found that the unit was manufacturing a non-condented product that generates acid. and as it did not consent, it sued to discharge acid illegallu," he added.

Cryogenic tank design suit junked

Vadodara: A court has dismissed six-years-old suit over copyright infringement filed by Inox India Pvt Ltd, which accused two vompnies of opuing the design of its cryogenic storage tank, observing that Design Act grants higher protection to pure original artistic works and lesser to those commercial in nature.

Inox had sued Cryogas Equipment Pvt Ltd (CEPL) and (LEIOL) in 2018 under the copyright Act, 1957 alleging that they developed the deign of a cryogenic storage tank and distribution system for which the company had dine re-

search and development. Inox said in the complaint that it was the creator of the drawings of cryogenic storage tanks and distribution system and that it is te sole and exclusive copyright owner of the proprietary engineering drawings. The commercial court observed that the Designs Act intends to grant higher protection to pure orifinal artistic works such as paintings and sculptures and less to deaged through their investment. The other defendant, LEIPL contended that the suit of industrial drawingd falls under the De-

sign Act and not under the Section 14 copyright Act. "I cited section 15 (2) of the Copyright Act which says that copyright in any design, which can be registered under the Design Act 2000, but hasn't been registered shall ease as soon the article to which the design has been applied has been produced more than 50 times by the owner," said advocate Avadhoot Sumant, who represented CEIPL.

"The plaintiff hasn't registered their design under the Design Act and they have sold more than 50 semi trailer trucks," Sumant added.

The drawings were different, distinct and specially created through their investment. The other defendant, LEIPL contended that the suit of industrial drawingd falls under the Classification of the De-

Teacher, suspended BJP worker nabbed

Vadodara: Thid Panchmahal police on Sunday arrested two key accused involved in the NEET racket that surfaced last week. Tushar Batt, a teacher and Aarif Vahora, a BJP worker, who has been suspended from the partu, were nabbed from Rajasthan after the police received information about their whereabouts.

While Bhatt is a resident of vadodara, Vahor stays in Godhra town. The police had been searching for them after their names surfaced in the NEET scam in the NEET scam

three days ago. The Panchmahal collectr had received infomation thar Bhatt was planning to help certain students during the NEET exam that was held on May 5. Bhatt who was the deputy superintendent at the exam center, was phone was checked by the phomed ad cops. One of the ponos from Parshuram Roy who runs a visa and foreign-education consultancy firm in Vadodara. Roy had sent a list of 16 students with roll numbers and examination centres to Bhatt. Roy has already ben arrested.

Three of A'bad family crushed to death on Del-Mum expressway

Three of a family from Ahmedabad were crushed to death by a truck as they wixted their car tht had rammed a dvider while trying to didge a stray bull. The accident occurred on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressay in Dausa on Sunday. The victims have been identified as Hasmukh Patel, 32, his wife seema, 30 and uncle Mihanlal, 55.

Hasmukh was on his way to Haridwar with eight members of his mother who passed away on May 6.

Te injured have been identified as Hasmukh's Sister Neeta, 32, Neelam, 26, driver Dinesh, 30, Neeta's daughter Sadiya, 3, Hsmukh's son Nival, 2, and Kirat, Hasmukh's uncle. The injryed have been admitted to Dausa District Hospital, Police said.

Kirat said his sister Savitām who had travelled to Haridwar on May 6, ased away in the remle

town on Saturday. The family was going to Haridwar for her last rites when the accident occurred, he said. It once agin throws the spotlight on the safety concerns on the National Highway.

Rahul Sini, a lical resident, said, "When the wpressway was inaugurated, assurances were given that there would be no accidents involving stray animals. he NHAI had said that stray animals ould not access the elevated expressway that also had large railings on both sides. Then how did a bull manage to enter the expressway? Today's accident has exposed the fall claims mde by NHAL."

Approximately 244km of the 1,350km-long Delu Mumbai expressway reaverses through Rajasthan.

Sources said that since Jaamury, over 50 fatalities have been recorded on

this expressway. On January 30, former, MP Manvendra Singh's car was also involved in an accident resulting in his wife's demise. Following the accident, team from IPT Madras had identified several deficiencies, yet the extent of ction taken based on their report remains unconfirmed.

Truck, bus catch fire near Kheda

Ahmedabad: In Kheda district, two incidents of vehicles ctching fire were reported on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

A truck on the Ahmedabad Indore highway near Kathlal and mini-bus on the Vadodara-Ahmedabad Expressway near Nadiad were involved in the two incidents.

On Saturday night, a truck on the Ahmedabad-Indore highway vaught

Navsari: 4 members of family drown in sea, bodies recovered

By Staff Reporter

Ahmedabad, The bodies of a woman, her two children and her niece who had drowned in the sea while picnicking on Dandi beach were found on Monday.

Seven people, including the four deceased,

were swept away by high tides on the beach — known to be the safest in the Navsari district — on Sunday. The deceased have been identified as Sushila Gopalsinh Rajput (42), her sons Yuvraj (19) and Deshraj (17), and her sister's daughter Durga Roshan Rajput (17).

Truck, bus catch fire near Kheda

response in evacuating he 15 passnegers prevented any injury. The Nadiad fire brigade team responded to he incident, dousing he flames with water. The mini-bus was en route to an event in Ahmedabad when smoke was detected. The driver safely parked the vehicle nd wvacuated the passengers. The vehical was completely burnt, amd a sort-circuit is suspected as the cause.

"One body was found in the northern side of the beach, while three others were found in the southern apt. All bodies were found in different locations. We suspect that it was like a swell from the ocean that resulted in the accident," said Navsari district Superintendent of Police Sushil Agrawal. Three others — Vipul, Rakesh and Atish — who were also swept away were rescued by the home guards. They were admitted in a nearby hospital where their condition is stable, said police.

Later, Gopal, a Rajasthan native and Navsari resident, complained to the home guard team about his missing wife and children. "After being alerted by Home Guards deployed on the beach, district authorities, Fire Brigade and local police launched a search and rescue operation.

UN staffer killed, another injured in Rafah

Gaza, May 14 (IANS) Israel army's gunfire killed a UN staffer and injured another UN employee in the city of Rafah, southern Gaza, the Hamas-run media office said.

In a statement, the media office said on Monday that the UN staffers were travelling in a vehicle belonging to the UN and bearing UN flags and markings when they were hit, Xinhua news agency reported.

The death of the UN staffer was confirmed by the United Nations.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Monday in a statement that he was "deeply saddened to learn of the death of a United Nations Department of Safety and Security (DSS) staff member and injury to another DSS staffer when their UN vehicle was struck as they travelled to the European Hospital in Rafah this morning".

Sending his condolences to the family of the fallen UN staffer, he condemned all attacks on UN personnel and called for a

full investigation.

Meanwhile, Israeli public radio reported that the Israeli army is investigating the shooting incident at a United Nations vehicle, indicating that the source of the fire is unknown.

The Israeli army said in a statement that its forces continue their operations in three towns in the strip, including Rafah, Jabalia and Zeitoun, to stop Hamas from "reorganising its ranks".

The health authorities in Gaza reported 57 deaths and 82 injuries in the besieged enclave on Monday, bringing the total death toll and injuries since the break of the on-going Israel-Palestine conflict, respectively, to 35,901 and 78,827.

Israel has been launching a large-scale offensive against Hamas in the Gaza Strip to retaliate against a Hamas rampage through the southern Israeli border on October 7, 2023, during which about 1,200 people were killed and more than 200 were taken hostage.



ATHENS, Students take part in a protest against the war in Gaza Strip, in Athens, Greece, on May 13, 2024. Greek university students are staging an overnight protest here Monday to show their solidarity with Palestinian people. UNI

US govt defends Israel over Gaza 'genocide' accusations

Washington, May 14 (IANS/DPA) The US government has defended the Israeli leadership against accusations that it is committing genocide against Palestinians in the fight against the militant organisation Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

"We do not believe what is happening in Gaza is a genocide. We have been firmly on record rejecting that proposition," US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said in Washington on Monday. Sullivan added that the US had also presented its position on this issue in writing and detail before the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

"We believe Israel can and must do more to ensure the protection and well-being of innocent civilians," he said.

The Gaza war was triggered by the unprecedented attacks in which militants from the Palestinian Hamas movement and other Islamist groups killed

more than 1,200 people in Israel on October 7. Given the high number of civilian casualties and the catastrophic situation in the Gaza Strip, Israel has come in for increasing criticism internationally.

At the end of December, South Africa took Israel to the ICJ for alleged violations of the Genocide Convention during the Gaza war. In an interim ruling,

the UN court ordered Israel to take protective measures to prevent genocide. Israel has repeatedly rejected accusations of genocide and argues it invoked the right to self-defence after the October 7 attacks.

Nearly 35,000 Palestinians have been killed in the war so far, according to Gaza's Health authority.

The US government -- and US President Joe Biden in particular -- is also currently facing numerous accusations of aiding and abetting genocide through its military support for Israel.

Protesters have been interrupting public appearances by the President with corresponding slogans. Others complain that Biden is letting his important ally down by adopting an increasingly harsh tone towards Israel.



Nordic states to jointly boost competitiveness, security

Stockholm, May 14 (IANS) A joint declaration on the future of competitiveness, security, and growth in the Nordic region was signed by heads of the five states in connection with a Nordic summit held in Sweden.

Due to the security situation in Europe, the economies in the Nordic region have to become more resilient and competitive, the Prime Ministers of Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, and Iceland said on Monday in a joint statement as quoted by Xinhua news agency report.

Their aim is also to make the Nordic region the most sustainable and integrated region in the world by 2030, the Prime Ministers added.

"Making it easier for

companies and people to operate across national borders is crucial to boosting Nordic competitiveness and growth," Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said in a press statement.

Four key development areas have been identified, according to the statement.

Firstly, critical and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, 5G/6G mobile communications, and quantum technology must be harnessed, as they have "the potential to significantly boost productivity, transform industries and contribute to the green transition and our economic security," the statement said. European capital markets must also grow, the signatories said.



A rollercoaster that had been billed as the tallest and fastest in the world was abruptly shut down just a week after it opened at an Ohio theme park. The ride must undergo a 'mechanical modification.' Before its closure, its top speed was 120 mph.

Peace in sight for PoK after days of violence and unrest?

Muzaffarabad, May 14 (IANS) Jammu Kashmir People Action Committee (JAAC) is expected to call off its protest on Tuesday afternoon after holding funeral prayers for one of its workers who was killed in clashes with the security forces in Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Tuesday marks the fourth day of the anti-inflation protest and the shutter-down wheel-jam strike across PoK, especially in Muzaffarabad.

Thousands of protesters from all over the region

have entered Muzaffarabad chanting anti-government, anti-inflation and pro-freedom slogans.

JAAC leader Shaukat Nawaz Mir, who led the long march, called on all the protestors to station themselves in the Eid Gah ground for the night, announcing that the protest will not transform into a sit-in until the demands were met by the Pakistani government.

"There has been a complete shutdown of internet across Muzaffarabad for two days now. Whatever the government

decided and announced as a subsidy and new package with reduced prices of electricity and flour, it was not accepted because the third demand of cutting perks and privileges of government officials and bureaucrats has still been left out," said Mir.

It is expected that the protest will be called off after the funeral prayers are held.

The wheel-jam protest has already been called off while the shutter-down strike is continuing while schools and government offices are closed.

Lightning strike hits airport runway in Texas

Houston, May 14 (IANS) Amid severe weather across the US South, a lightning strike hit a runway of William P. Hobby Airport, one of the two major airports in the fourth largest US city of Houston, Texas, according to the Houston Airport System.

Airport authorities shut down the runway immediately for repairs, local media outlet ABC 13 reported on Monday.

No details of the damage were available so far, Xinhua news agency reported. Before the lightning strike, both the Bush

Intercontinental Airport and Houston William P. Hobby Airport had already issued ground stops due to severe thunderstorms in the Houston area.

Ground stops were extended until 7 p.m. local time at Hobby and at least 5:30 p.m. at Bush, said the report. The current severe weather brought dangerous thunderstorms, soft-ball-sized hail, destructive wind gusts, and possible tornadoes, as well as flooding threats to the US South on Monday, putting more than 46 million people from Texas to Florida on alert.

Controlled demolition conducted to break down collapsed Baltimore bridge

Washington, May 14 (IANS) A controlled precision-cut demolition was conducted to break down a large steel section of a collapsed bridge in Baltimore, US state of Maryland, aiming to free the cargo ship Dali that hit and destroyed the bridge in March from the fallen structure.

Brandon M. Scott, Mayor of Baltimore, thanked the demolition crew in a post on X on Monday, for their "flawless, safe execution of these precision cuts" as quoted by Xinhua news agency report.

"This is an important

milestone in our effort to clear the channel. We're going to get it done the right way -- together," he noted.

The demolition has been postponed twice to Monday evening due to the weather.

"The safest and swiftest method to remove the bridge piece from on top of the M/V Dali is by precision cuts made with small charges," said the Key Bridge Response Unified Command, which coordinates response operations to the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, in a statement last week, adding that "This is an industry-

standard tool in controlled demolition that will break the span into smaller pieces, which will allow the work of refloating the vessel and removing it from the federal channel".

The 2.6-km-long Francis Scott Key Bridge, a major bridge that held Interstate 695, collapsed on March 26 after being hit by a large container ship, which experienced a power failure before the collision. Eight people initially went into the water after the incident occurred and two of them were rescued from the Patapsco river, with one in critical condition.

Investigating UN aid worker's death in Gaza, says IDF

Chennai, May 14 (IANS) The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has said that it is probing the death of a UN aid worker and injury to another in the Rafah region of southern Gaza.

The Israeli Army said that it received information that a UN worker was killed and another injured on Monday.

IDF in a statement on Monday late night said that the attack occurred in an active combat zone and generally the UN aid agencies inform it on the movement of their workers in a war zone.

However, IDF said that

it was investigating the attack that led to the death of the UN aid worker and injuries to the other worker.

The spokesman of the United Nations has said that aid workers were driving to the European hospital in southern Gaza when one of its aid workers was killed.

The IDF said that it was reviewing the matter and added that the incident occurred in a combat zone but did not admit that its attack killed the UN aid worker.

The IDF is conducting a ground invasion in the

Rafah region amid international pressure on the Israeli government against such a move.

However, the Israel side has said that it would continue the attack in Rafah as it has received several intelligence inputs that the Hamas military leader, Yahya Sinwar was in the tunnel network of the militant organisation between Khan Younis and Rafah region.

Ukraine welcomes extension of preferential trade with EU

Kiev, May 14 (IANS) Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal has welcomed the extension of the preferential trade with the European Union (EU), which was due to expire on June 5, for another year.

The suspension of import duties and quotas on Ukrainian exports to the EU will provide important support for Ukrainian producers, exports, and the economy, Shmyhal wrote on Monday on Telegram.

Ukraine continues its

integration into the EU at an accelerated pace, the Prime Minister said as quoted by Xinhua news agency report.

Earlier on Monday, the Council of the EU approved the suspension of the import duties on Ukrainian exports for another year.

The Ukraine-EU preferential trade measures, abolishing tariffs and quotas on Ukrainian industrial goods and foods, came into effect in June 2022.

Antony Blinken makes unannounced visit to Ukraine

Kyiv, May 14 (IANS/DPA) US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived unannounced for a visit to the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, on Tuesday.

"Blinken arrived in Ukraine today to meet with senior Ukrainian officials and highlight the United States' enduring support for Ukraine," US Department of State spokesman Matthew Miller said.

While in Ukraine, Blinken will meet with President Volodymyr Zelensky, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal and Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba to

"discuss battlefield updates, the impact of new US security and economic assistance, long-term security and other commitments, and ongoing work to bolster Ukraine's economic recovery," Miller continued. eighty, territorial integrity, and democracy in the face of Russia's ongoing aggression," Miller added.

This is Blinken's fourth visit to Kyiv since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, as Kyiv is currently facing a new offensive in the northeast of the country.

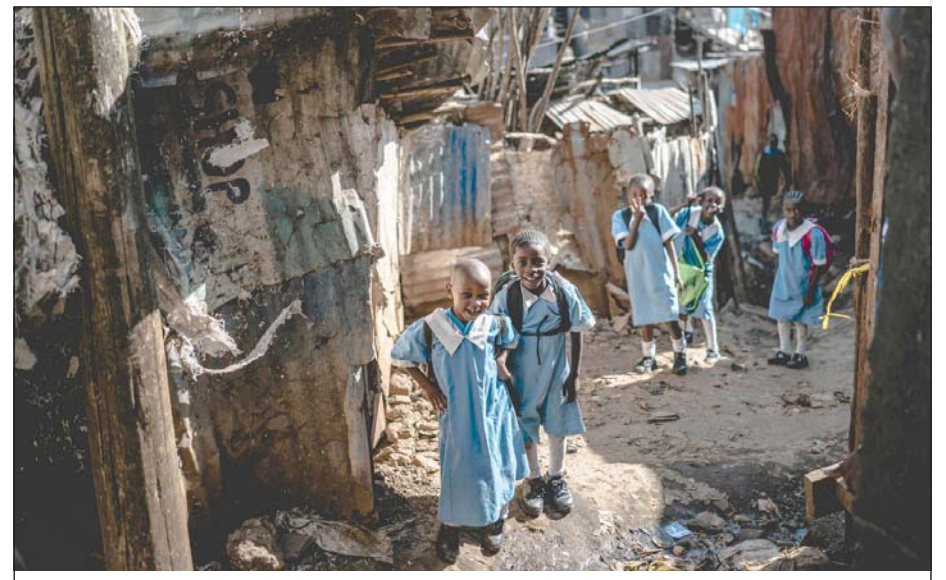
UN chief condoles death of security staffer in Gaza

United Nations, May 14 (IANS) UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condoled the death of a UN Department of Safety and Security (DSS) staff member and injury to another DSS staffer in an attack in Gaza, said his Deputy Spokesman.

The incident occurred on Monday morning when their UN-marked vehicle was struck as they were on their way to the European Hospital in Rafah, said Farhan Haq, the Dep-

uty Spokesman. "The Secretary-General condemns all attacks on UN personnel and calls for a full investigation. He sends his condolences to the family of the fallen staff member," he added as quoted by Xinhua news agency report. With the conflict in Gaza continuing to take a heavy toll -- not only on civilians but also on humanitarian workers -- the Secretary-General reiterates his urgent appeal for an immediate hu-

manitarian cease-fire and the release of all hostages, said Haq. The DSS staffer became the first international staff member of the United Nations killed in Gaza since October 7, 2023. The names and nationalities of the DSS staffers killed and injured were being withheld as the United Nations was in the process of informing the relevant governments and the relevant family members, the Deputy Spokesman added.



NAIROBI, Students are pictured after school in the Mathare slums in Nairobi, Kenya, on May 13, 2024. The death toll from devastating floods and landslides in Kenya, triggered by heavy rains, has risen to 277, according to a government announcement. The update came as schools across the nation cautiously resumed classes for the second term, following a two-week delay due to the adverse weather conditions. UNI

Cricket Australia to set up India Fan Zones at all venues for Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2024-25

Melbourne, May 14 (IANS) Cricket Australia have announced that there will be dedicated seating areas for Indian fans across all five venues for the highly anticipated Border-Gavaskar Trophy, which include the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG).

"Aligned with Cricket Australia's Multicultural Action Plan, the fan zones will foster an inclusive environment for Indian cricket fans and create an electrifying atmosphere," Cricket Australia release read.

Further details on the India Fan Zones will be shared shortly, it said. The men's Test series between India and Australia will kick off on November 22 in Perth, followed by a thrilling Day-Night Test in Adelaide on December 6. Both teams will then battle it out for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy at the Gabba on December 14, followed by the Boxing Day Test at the MCG, and then finishing up with the Pink Test at the SCG on January 3.

Barcelona beat Real Sociedad to return to second in LaLiga

Madrid, May 14 (IANS) FC Barcelona returned to second place in LaLiga after a 2-0 home win over Real Sociedad on Monday night.

This win helped Barcelona rebound from their 4-2 defeat to Girona last week, moving them above their Catalan neighbors with three games remaining in the season.

Real Sociedad dropped to seventh place, behind Real Betis in their efforts to qualify for next season's Europa League.

Lamine Yamal opened the scoring in the 40th minute, finishing off a counter-attack with a classy shot across Real Sociedad goalkeeper Alex Remiro, reports Xinhua.

The goal came two minutes after Raphinha had hit the post for Barca after being set up by Pedri, who was back in Barcelona's starting 11 along with Inigo Martinez, who was facing one of his former clubs. The second goal came in the closing moments after the VAR penalized Alvaro Odriozola for handball. Raphinha scored from the spot to seal the win.

Manika Batra attains career best world no. 24 ranking after impressive Saudi Smash run

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) Indian table tennis star Manika Batra achieved a new career high ranking of World No. 24 in the latest ITTF Rankings released on Tuesday.

Manika jumped 15 places from no. 39 to become world number 24. Moreover, she reclaimed her India number one place from Sreeja Akula.

Manika's ranking jump came on the back of her quarterfinal finish in the Saudi Smash event last week, where she registered an upset win over top Chinese player and Olympic medalist World No. 2, Wang Manyu in the round of 32. She then defeated world No 14 Nina Mittelham of Germany to make it to the quarterfinal, where Manika eventually lost to World No.5 Hina Hayata of Japan.



CARRA SNUBS HAALAND

Gary Neville and Jamie Carragher have revealed their respective Premier League teams of the year, with Arsenal and Man City players dominating both squads on Sky's Monday Night Football. Former Man United star, Neville, and Liverpool legend, Carragher, put together two teams that bring together their opinion on the best players throughout the year, with no United stars included in either squad.

Mbappe, PSG prez Al-Khelaifi embroiled in 'verbal altercation' before game against Toulouse: Reports

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) Kylian Mbappe's farewell game at the Parc Des Princes was overshadowed by a verbal altercation between Paris Saint-Germain president Nasser Al-Khelaifi and the club's all-time top scorer, say reports.

There was a heated confrontation between Mbappe and Paris Saint-Germain president Nasser Al-Khelaifi ahead of the team's final home game against Toulouse on Sunday.

Mbappe, who had recently announced his departure from the club, was confronted by Al-Khelaifi regarding the 25-year-old's farewell video, according to a French media outlet Le Parisien's report.

Al-Khelaifi was furious with Kylian as he did not mention the Qatari international while speaking about his time at the club. Mbappe thanked a majority of the staff, the players, the fans and even all the managers who were at the helm during his time with the club but did not do the same for the president. The two got into an argu-



ment and the duo were heard screaming at each other, the report read.

It was Nasser's repeated efforts that not only brought the 2022 World Cup top scorer to the club in 2017 but it was him, who did his absolute best to keep the services of one of the most exciting players in the world despite Real Madrid lurking to secure his services.

Real Madrid are said to have already agreed the terms of Mbappe's arrival with the player's camp with an announcement already in the works.

The Los Blancos will be playing in their 18th Champions League finals against Borussia Dortmund on June 2 and are

said to be set to announce one of the biggest signings in footballing history post the final.--IANS

IPL 2024: Ravi Shastri believes 'Impact Player rule' contributed in thrilling finishes

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) As the IPL's Impact Player rule drew some criticism from experts, former Indian cricketer and ex-head coach Ravi Shastri favoured the rule saying it has contributed to a number of thrilling finishes in the tournament. BCCI introduced the Impact Player rule in the 2023 edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). "The Impact Player rule is good. You have to evolve with the

'From now every event will be like an Olympics for me', says golfer Diksha on Paris 2024 preparation

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) Diksha Dagar, who last week became the first Indian golfer to tee off in a 100 Ladies European Tour events, will be on a packed European sojourn ahead of the Paris Olympics 2024 in July-August.

The 23-year-old made her Summer Olympics debut at Tokyo 2020 alongside Aditi Ashok.

Starting this week at the Amundi German Masters in Berlin, 'centurion' Diksha will participate in at

least nine events, almost all in Europe, to prepare for the Summer Games. "All events from here on will be like an Olympics for me," Diksha said in a Fit India Champions Podcast.



Diksha is a special golfer. She is left-handed and is the only one to have played an Olympics for the able-bodied and two Deaflympics (for the hearing impaired). Managed by her father, Colonel Narinder Dagar, Diksha is a two-time Deaflympics medalist. The Rohtak girl won a silver in 2017 in Turkey and a gold in 2022 in Brazil. She turned professional in 2019.

"Focusing on my discipline and process in all the tournaments that I am going to play will be impor-

tant," said the Novak Djokovic fan. Interestingly, Diksha was a last-minute entry at Tokyo 2020 after South African golfer Paula Reto withdrew. She has three professional titles in her career.

Diksha, 37th in the Olympic rankings, is part of Sports Authority of India's Target Olympics Podium Scheme (TOPS). She is Aditi

Ashok are the only two golfers funded by TOPS. The 23-year-old will receive a financial assistance of Rs 35.48 lakhs to participate in tournaments and prepare for Paris 2024 starting this week.

Between Tokyo and Paris, Diksha says she has matured and learnt a lot as a golfer. "I have expectations, training, fitness, travel and preparation. In a way, I have kind of done my graduation and doing Masters' degree in nuances of professional golf."



Business & Technology



Dhanuka introduces state-of-the-art herbicide 'Purge' for effective weed control

Ahmedabad, Dhanuka Agritech Limited, a leading agrochemical company, in a strategic collaboration with Nissan Chemical Corporation, Japan today introduced a high-tech herbicide 'Purge' in the state of Gujarat.

Purge is highly effective in controlling both narrow and broad leaf weeds and may play a pivotal role in enhancing crop yield, thus, benefitting farmers a great deal. Soybeans and peanuts are two crops that can particularly benefit from the use of Purge. The company also launched insecticide 'LaNevo' and bio-fertilizer MYCORE Super in the state.

The introduction of Purge, LaNevo and MYCORE Super has further bolstered Dhanuka's overall product offering including its insecticide portfolio.

Present on the occasion of the launch of 'Purge', Mr. M K Dhanuka, Vice-Chairman and Man-

aging Director, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd reiterated the company's commitment towards innovation and targeted upon company's continued focus on quality products.

"With India Meteorological Department predicting a robust monsoon, we at Dhanuka are looking to introduce 6-8 state-of-the-art products this year," Mr. Dhanuka added. Also present on the occasion, Mr Y Fukagawa San, General Manager and Head of International Sales Nissan Chemical Japan said, "Purge is a very effective spray for broad-spectrum control with faster results while being safe for the crops. During our research, Purge has demonstrated remarkable success in controlling all types of weed. We are confident Indian farmers will benefit immensely from it and its timely spray will result in better crop yields."

Explaining the specifications of 'LaNevo', Dr. R.K. Yadav, Managing Director, Nissan Agro Tech India Pvt. Ltd., "LaNevo's launch is yet another reflection of Dhanuka's continued focus on offering innovative solutions for sustainable agriculture. It controls a wide range of pests, and is specifically designed for vegetable crops."

Highlighting the effectiveness of bio-fertilizer 'MYCORE Super', Mr. Manoj Varshney, National Marketing Head of Dhanuka Agritech, said, "By leveraging natural processes, our product provides farmers with a cutting-edge solution to maximize yields while minimizing environmental impact."

Dhanuka Agritech remains committed to driving innovation in agriculture, ensuring farmers have access to cutting-edge solutions that optimize productivity and sustainability.

Hospitality, Oil & Gas, FMCG lead the charge in April 2024: Naukri JobSpeak

Mumbai, Naukri Job-Speak Index, the premier job index for white-collar hiring in India, stood at 2643 in April 2024, staying flat as compared to previous month (March 2024) and a 3% dip vs April last year. However, the overall job market sentiment showcased a few positives, with sectors like Hospitality, Oil & Gas, and FMCG demonstrating growth in hiring. Non-metro cities continued their strong performance, outpacing metros; while senior professionals remained in high demand, driving a healthy year-on-year growth in roles for experienced candidates.

Dr. Pawan Goyal, Chief Business Officer of Naukri.com, said, "While the overall Index is flat, the new financial year is off to a positive start with remarkable hiring growth recorded in Hospitality, Oil & Gas

and FMCG. Non-metros continue to outshine the bigger cities and this bodes well for the Indian hiring market in the months to come"

The Hospitality and Travel sector witnessed a remarkable 16% surge in hiring activity compared to April 2023, driven by the growth in travel and tourism. Positions like Front Office Managers, Housekeeping Supervisors, and F&B Service Professionals were in high demand across major urban hubs like Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru. The Oil & Gas industry recorded a 15% year-on-year increase in new job creation in April 2024. Roles like Petroleum Engineers, Drilling Engineers, and Production Operators were sought after, particularly in locations like Ahmedabad, Vadodara, and Jaipur.

Hiring in the FMCG

sector witnessed an 11% upswing this month compared to April 2023, fueled by rising demand in rural areas. Sales Managers, Supply Chain Executives, and Brand Managers were among the most sought-after profiles, with cities like Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai driving this growth.

While the IT sector saw a modest 2% year-on-year growth in April 2024, roles related to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning maintained their momentum, registering a 19% increase in hiring compared to the previous year. Mini-metros shine, and metros hold steady. Non-metro cities like Ahmedabad (+10% year-on-year) and Vadodara (+8%) emerged as hiring hotspots, while metro cities like Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, and Pune witnessed stable hiring trends.

StepTrade Share Services launches PMS vertical, unveils the Strategies

Ahmedabad, StepTrade Share Services, a leading investment management company, launched its SME focussed Portfolio Management Services (PMS), marking a major milestone in its journey, in Ahmedabad on Saturday.

The launch of PMS services comes just over two months after StepTrade Share Services received the PMS license from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

Commenting on the landmark, Kresha Gupta, Director, StepTrade Share Services, and one of the youngest fund managers in India, said, "We are thrilled to introduce Portfolio Management Services as a new vertical of StepTrade Share Services. The launch of PMS reflects our commitment to excellence in financial services and allowing additional investment avenues for our clients."

StepTrade Share Services marked the milestone occasion with the launch of StepTrade PMS by unveiling StepTrade SME Fund strategy, which eyes alpha returns in companies listed on SME exchanges, and the StepTrade Rising Star Fund, focusing on small & micro-cap companies.

Yash Bhanushali, Fund Manager, PMS, StepTrade Share Services, said, "We are excited to introduce our Portfolio Management Services, a culmination of extensive research and expertise in the financial markets. With a clear focus on transparency, innovation, and client-centric approach, we are committed to redefining the investment experience for clients." The StepTrade SME Fund strategy targets high-growth, undervalued listed SME companies with market capitalisations ranging from Rs. 200 crore to Rs. 2000 crore.

realme GT 6T revealed as the Top Performer

New Delhi, realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider, has announced that its upcoming device, the all-new GT 6T is set to launch in India on May 22nd. As a Top Performer in its segment, the realme GT 6T is poised to revolutionize the user experience by offering unmatched performance, and is the perfect choice for consumers who seek flagship-level performance in a mid-high-end smartphone.

The GT Series has long been the epitome of realme's technological excellence, with "GT" synonymous with powerful performance, superior design, and an uncompromising premium experience. With the GT 6T, realme is poised to showcase its ability to deliver cutting-edge devices that exceed customer expectations.

Ranjit Babu, Director, Wireless and Home Entertainment, Amazon India, said, "At Amazon.in, we are always looking for new ways to delight our customers with the latest and greatest products. The launch of the realme GT 6T is a testament to our continued efforts to bring our customers access to innovative and high-quality smartphones."

Through our vast selection and seamless shopping experience, we're confident that this latest offering from realme will resonate strongly with Indian consumers in the mid-high end segment. We congratulate the entire team at realme for the new launch and for choosing Amazon.in as a partner of choice to make the GT 6T available to shoppers across the country."

LANXESS expects earnings growth of 10 to 20 percent for the full year 2024

Mumbai, Specialty chemicals company LANXESS expects earnings for the current fiscal year to increase between 10 and 20 percent – even though the results for the first quarter were still impacted by the weak global economic environment in the chemical industry.

In the first quarter, sales fell by 15.4 percent and reached EUR 1.607 billion compared to EUR 97 million in the fourth quarter of 2023. The Advanced Intermediates (+54%) and Specialty Additives (+17%) segments recorded particularly strong growth in EBITDA pre exceptional. "It seems that we have touched the economic bottom in the chemical industry. At the same time, our FORWARD! action plan is having a positive impact with initial structur-

However, compared to the fourth quarter of 2023, there are signs of a slight upward trend – mainly due to an increase in volumes sold.

Compared to the previous quarter, sales rose by 11.9 percent from EUR 1.436 billion to EUR 1.607 billion, while EBITDA pre exceptional increased by 4.1 percent to EUR 101 million compared to EUR 97 million in the fourth quarter of 2023. The Advanced Intermediates (+54%) and Specialty Additives (+17%) segments recorded particularly strong growth in EBITDA pre exceptional.

"It seems that we have touched the economic bottom in the chemical industry. At the same time, our FORWARD! action plan is having a positive impact with initial structur-

al savings," said Matthias Zacherl, CEO of LANXESS AG. "We expect the positive trend to continue in the second quarter and that we will achieve better results for the year as a whole than in 2023. However, it is clearly too early to sound the all-clear. Global demand has not yet returned to normal levels and therefore 2024 will certainly remain a tense year for the chemical industry."

Despite an economic environment that continues to be characterized by many uncertainties, LANXESS anticipates a slight upturn in demand over the remainder of the year. The Group also expects higher capacity utilization and an improved cost base as a result of the structural measures in its FORWARD! action plan.

URICM's PGDM-ABM Batch Scores 100 Percent Placements Again

Gandhinagar, Udaybhansinhji Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (URICM) continued its excellent track record on placements with all students of the 2022-24 batch of the Post Graduate Diploma in Management in Agri-Business Management (PGDM-ABM) program being absorbed by reputed institutions.

URICM, Gandhinagar is one of the 19 institutes of the National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT), an autonomous society promoted by the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India.

URICM had bid farewell to the successful batch of 39 students – 33 Male – 7 Female -- of PGDM-ABM on April 30. The students of the 15th Batch PGDM-ABM

2022-24 have got placements in finance, commodity, seed and fertilizers sectors besides agri startups. Some of the prominent companies include NCDXE, Annpurna Finance, Crystal, Ujjivan Small Finance, ESAF Small Finance Bank, Ujjivan Small Finance, Syngenta Biologicals, HDFC, Reliance Retail, Seeds fincap, and NAFED.

The students had done their summer internship at Amul, IFFCO KISAN, Banas Dairy, Bayer, Syngenta, SL Veggies, Sumitomo Chemicals, VNR, Dehaat, Grainpro, Kalash Seeds, RMPCL, Annpurna Finance, and Ankur Seeds.

Addressing the students at the Valediction Ceremony, Mr. Mohan Kumar Mishra, Secretary, NCCT, New Delhi emphasized the significance of the PGDM-ABM program in nurturing leaders equipped to address the challenges and opportunities in the agri-business sector.

Director of URICM Dr. Y S Patil commended the graduating students for their hard work, dedication, and passion throughout their academic journey. Patil encouraged them to continue making meaningful contributions to the agricultural industry.

During the course of studies, the students had successfully conducted an International Conference on Infusing Technology in MSME Sector organized by EDI, and another conference on 'Entrepreneurship through Cooperative Movement Programme' as a part of All India cooperative week celebration organized by EDI.

Alembic Pharmaceuticals Receives 5 USFDA Product Approvals in Q1FY25

Mumbai: Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited (Alembic) announced today that it has received US Food & Drug Administration (USFDA) approvals on five of its products. The company has received five product approvals - three final and two tentative - from 1st April 2024 till 8th May 2024. This includes Diazepam Injection USP, 10 mg/2 mL (5 mg/mL), Single-Dose Prefilled Syringe, Selexipag Tablets 1,000 mcg and 1,200 mcg, Binimetinib, Tretinoin Cream USP, 0.1%, and Clindamycin Phosphate Topical Gel USP 1%.

Hoffmann LA Roche Inc with brand name, Valium® (Diazepam) Injection, is indicated for the management of anxiety disorders or for the short-term relief of the symptoms of anxiety. Selexipag Tablets 1,000 mcg and 1,200 mcg, tentative approval, of Actelion Pharmaceuticals Inc. with brand name, Uptravi, is indicated for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH, WHO Group I) to delay disease progression and reduce the risk of hospitalisation for PAH. Binimetinib, tentative approval, of Array Biopharm with brand name, Mektovi, is a kinase inhibitor indicated, in combination with encorafenib, for

the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600E or V600K mutation. Tretinoin Cream USP, 0.1%, final approval, of Bausch Health US, LLC., USA with brand name, Retin-A, is indicated for topical application in the treatment of acne vulgaris. Clindamycin Phosphate Topical Gel USP 1%, final approval, of Pharmacia & Upjohn with brand name, Cleocin T, is indicated in the treatment of acne vulgaris. Alembic has a cumulative total of 201 ANDA approvals (173 final approvals and 28 tentative approvals) from USFDA.

SBI becomes the first Bank as Trading cum Clearing Member of IIBX

Mumbai: The country's largest commercial bank, State Bank of India (SBI) has announced that it has secured the distinction of being the first bank to become a Trading cum Clearing (TCM) Member at India International Bullion Exchange. India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) is a visionary initiative aimed at establishing a world-class platform for trading in precious metals. By becoming the first Trading cum Clearing Member of IIBX, SBI reinforces its position as a key player in shaping GIFT City as the future of India's financial markets.

platform and settle them on behalf of its clients. These developments happened against the backdrop of RBI guidelines, which permitted branches of an Indian Bank in GIFT City as a TCM is poised to boost trading volumes at IIBX.



On this development, Mr Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI, expressed his unwavering commitment to developing IFSC Gift City as a world class financial centre and said that "As the leading financial institution in India, SBI has consistently been on the forefront in revolutionizing the banking landscape. This step marks a change in India's Bullion Market, ushering transparency, efficiency, and accessibility in the bullion trading market and this significant milestone solidifies SBI's commitment to innovation and excellence in the financial sector."

These developments happened against the backdrop of RBI guidelines, which permitted branches of an Indian Bank in GIFT City as a TCM is poised to boost trading volumes at IIBX.

Waaree Energies Limited Appoints Carat India as Its Media Partner

Mumbai, Carat India, a media agency under dentsu India, has been awarded the television media mandate for Waaree Energies Limited, India's largest manufacturer of solar PV modules with the largest aggregate installed capacity of 12 GW, as of June 30, 2023 (Source: CRISIL Report), with the aim to amplify its brand presence. As per the mandate, Carat - the media agency from dentsu India, will oversee the brand's television media across India exclusively. They will also support in strategizing and planning other traditional media and buying for print, radio, and digital. Furthermore, OOH (Out-

of-home) will be executed by Posterscope, the OOH specialist agency from dentsu India. Carat aims to enhance the brand's visibility across diverse media channels through its data-driven capabilities. We believe the agency is poised to develop innovative campaigns that resonate with the target audience, and aims to solidify Waaree Energies Limited's position as a renewable energy brand in the market. The collaboration between Waaree Energies Limited and Carat exemplifies dentsu's dedication to advancing sustainability. We believe that this collaboration will underscore the network's commitment to fostering environmen-

tally conscious solutions and driving positive change toward a more sustainable future. According to Nilesh Malani, Chief Marketing Officer, Waaree Energies Limited, "Selection of Carat as our media partner is a choice intended to amplify our brand's impact and to contribute towards promotion of sustainable advancements in India. We have confidence in Carat India's ability to create imaginative and visually appealing campaigns that will help us connect with our target audience, thereby reinforcing our commitment to expediting the clean energy transition in India and facilitating positive transformations for a more environmentally friendly future."

Nothing to integrate ChatGPT into all of its audio products

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) London-based consumer tech brand, Nothing, on Tuesday announced that it will be integrating OpenAI's Artificial Intelligence (AI) chatbot ChatGPT into all of its audio products. The company initially announced the integration of ChatGPT into its newly-launched Nothing Ear and Ear (a), which it unveiled last month. Now, the consumer tech brand will be integrating ChatGPT into all of its other audio products, which include -- Ear (1), Ear (stick), Ear (2), CMF Buds, CMF Neckband Pro, and CMF Buds Pro.

Uber to acquire Delivery Hero's foodpanda business in Taiwan for \$950 mn

San Francisco, May 14 (IANS) Uber Technologies will acquire Delivery Hero's owned foodpanda business in Taiwan for \$950 million in cash, as the online food ordering company focuses on other markets. The acquisition is subject to regulatory approval and other customary closing conditions and is targeted to close in the first half of 2025, the companies said in a joint statement on Tuesday.

Separately, both firms have also entered into an agreement for Uber to buy \$300 million in newly issued ordinary shares of Delivery Hero. "In order to build a world-leading service, we have come to the conclu-

sion that we need to focus our resources on other parts of our global footprint, where we feel we can have the largest impact for customers, vendors and riders," Niklas Ostberg, CEO and Co-Founder of Delivery Hero, said in a statement. Until closing, Delivery Hero will continue to operate foodpanda Taiwan like before.

In the period following closing, the company's local consumers, merchants, and delivery partners will be moved to Uber Eats. "Bringing together our distinct customer bases, merchant selections, and geographic footprints will allow us to deliver more choices and the best prices for consumers, stronger demand for restaurants, and more earnings opportunities for delivery partners," said Pierre-Dimitri Gore-Coty, Senior VP of Delivery at Uber.



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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 31.03.2024

| Sr. No. | Particulars | For the Quarter ended 31/03/2024 | For the Quarter ended 31/12/2023 | For the Quarter ended 31/03/2023 | For the Quarter ended 31/03/2024 | For the Quarter ended 31/03/2023 |
|---------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | (Audited) | (Unaudited) | (Audited) | (Audited) | (Audited) |
| 1 | Total Income from Operations | 882.74 | 756.13 | 683.69 | 3512.97 | 2925.57 |
| 2 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | -208.82 | -235.05 | -289.19 | -384.12 | -830.36 |
| 3 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | -208.82 | -235.05 | -289.19 | -384.12 | -830.36 |
| 4 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | -164.53 | -176.15 | -215.79 | -311.14 | -621.28 |
| 5 | Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] | -166.54 | -176.19 | -221.07 | -313.26 | -626.17 |
| 6 | Equity Share Capital | 494.16 | 494.16 | 494.16 | 494.16 | 494.16 |
| 7 | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 1/- each (for continuing and discontinued operations) - 1. Basic; 2. Diluted: | -0.33 | -0.36 | -0.44 | -0.63 | -1.26 |

NOTES :

- The above Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended on 31st March 2024 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee, and have been considered and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 14th May, 2024. The Financial Results for the year ended on 31st March, 2024 were audited by the Statutory Auditor. While placing this financial results before the Board, the Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer Who has issued certificate as required under Regulation 33(2)(a) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.
- The financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (IND AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.
- Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped wherever considered necessary.
- The company is engaged in single segment of business i.e. Textiles and hence only one reportable operating segment as per Ind As 108 - Operating segments.
- Figures for the quarter ended 31st March, 2024 and 31st March, 2023 as reported in this financial results are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect to the full financial year and the published unaudited figures up to the end of the third quarter of the current financial year. Also the figures upto the end of the third quarter has only been reviewed and not subject to audit.
- The company has incurred cash losses in current year and preceding financial year. During the Financial year 2021-22 the company has executed debt restructuring scheme and restructured its overall borrowings. This will result into substantial reduction in the interest outflow for future period and has extended the repayment plan in relation to restructured borrowings. Further, the Company expects to generate operational cash-inflows in near future, which will support the Company to meet its near future cash obligations. Taking these factors into consideration, the Company believes financial information is fairly presented on going concern basis.
- The bank has debited an amount of Rs. 82.29 lacs to the company's term loan account during the moratorium period in previous years. The company has debited its profit and loss account for such interest expense. During the current period, the bank has reversed the said interest expense relating to moratorium period, amounting to Rs. 82.29 lakhs and credited the said amount to the loan account of the company. Accordingly, the company has shown the same under the head "Other Income" during the period.
- The Company is not a Large Corporate as per the applicability criteria given under the SEBI circular SEBI/HO/DDHS/CIR/P/2018/144 dated November 26, 2018.

For and on behalf of the Board
MINAXI TEXTILES LIMITED
Dineshkumar P Patel
(Managing Director)
DIN : 02268757
Place : Chhatral
Date : 14/05/2024

Business Brief III

Kia unveils revamped EV6 electric vehicle

Seoul, May 14 (IANS) Kia, South Korea's second-largest automaker, on Tuesday announced the release of a redesigned and upgraded version of its EV6 electric vehicle, which was first introduced in 2021. The revamped crossover SUV features a fresh design and is equipped with a fourth-generation 84 kWh battery and an advanced infotainment system based on Hyundai Motor Group's software defined vehicle (SDV) technology. Kia said it accentuated the dynamism of the new EV6 under the company's design philosophy named "Modern Contrast." The company's Star Map lighting design is applied on the front and rear lamps, along with the addition of newly designed wing-shaped bumpers, reports Yonhap news agency. Internally, the face-lifted EV6 features a larger panoramic curved display and ambient lighting with dynamic graphics. The new EV6 is equipped with a fourth-generation battery, with its capacity boosted from the previous 77.4 kWh to 84 kWh. Under a single charge, the EV6's long-range two-wheel drive variant can travel up to 494 kms, compared with the 475-kms range for the previous model.

OpenAI's new demo made me cringe: Elon Musk

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, on Tuesday, took potshots at Sam Altman-run OpenAI, saying their latest event to announce new AI models made him "cringe." Author Ashley St Clair posted on X that with OpenAI, humans can now let AI perceive reality in real time for them and "we may have just replaced the post-truth era with something much worse." Musk, a staunch critic of OpenAI, replied that the company's "demo made me cringe." "Can't wait for the Grok (xAI) version of this demo," an X user commented. In March, the tech billionaire sued OpenAI and its CEO Altman, alleging that they breached their original contractual agreements around AI. OpenAI also hit back at the lawsuit, saying that in order to further the mission, "Musk wanted us to merge with Tesla or he wanted full control." Musk had left OpenAI, thinking the company would fail, according to Altman.

GENERAL NOTICE
Fedbank Financial Services Limited, Retail Loan Division - Rajkot Branch, hereby informs to its esteemed customer(s) that the company is shifting the present office from RS No. 88-1, Plot no. 37/B, Ofce (Front Side), 2nd Floor, Parth Plaza, Jalaram - 2, Near Indira Circle, University Road, Rajkot Gujarat 360007 to the new office at Shop No. 308 & 309, 3rd Floor, RK World Tower, Nr. Shital Park Circle, 150 Feet Ring Road, Rajkot-360006 for better service and operations. Company will be operating from the current office till August 14, 2024 only and with effect from August 16, 2024 the company will operate from new office.
For and behalf of S/d
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Date : 9th May 2024
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WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION SUPPLY OF RUBBLE / STONE Boulders & QUARRY DUST
Sealed Tenders for and on behalf of the President of India are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C) Western Railway for the following works. E-Tender Notice No. DRM BRC 039 OF 2024-25 Tender No : DRM_BRC_039_OF_2024-25 Name of Work : Vadodara Division - Supply of Rubble / Stone boulders and quarry dust in stacks in Vadodara Division. Approximate cost of the work : ₹ 42,77,169.49/- Bid Security to be deposited : ₹85,000,00/- Date & Time for submission of Tender & Opening of tender :- Tender is to be submitted on 30-05-2024 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 the tender can be purchased : Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C) Western Railway Pratapgagar, Vadodara - 390004. Web site : www.treps.gov.in/mrcad Like us on: facebook.com/WesternRly

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PUBLIC NOTICE
All that pieces and parcel of immovable Property bearing Bungalow No. 35 (Adm. 165 Sq. Yards. land area and as per City Survey record Adm. 133.68 Sq. Mtrs. land area and Construction thereon Adm. 114.17 Sq. Mtrs. as per Municipal Tax Bill & As Per regularization Certificate Admeasuring about 163.64 Sq. Mtrs. BUA), in the scheme known as "SHUKAN BUNGALOWS", Shukan Owners Association, situated on City Survey No. 0010061, Old Revenue Survey No. 805/1 and 805/2 of Mouje: Naroda of Taluka: Asarva of District: Ahmedabad - 6 (Naroda) was owned by Arvindbhai Shivabhai Galjar. After that, Arvindbhai Shivabhai Galjar agreed to sale the said property to Archit Nareshbhai Malviya. (hereinafter referred to as the said Mortgagees/Borrowers) wanted to purchase said property by availing loan from IDFC First Bank Ltd. by creating valid mortgage over the said property in favor of said Bank. That, said owner have confirmed that they have not placed said property or any of its original Title Document to any Bank, Financial Institution or any individual etc. to create third party lien, charge or hypothecation on the property mentioned above by way of Sale, Agreement, Mortgage, Hypothecation etc. Hence this notice is published to invite any Claim, Share, Rights etc. of any Bank, Financial Company or any other individual etc. (if any) to raise their claim objection etc. In writing along with necessary proof thereof within Ten (10) days of publication of this notice & on event of non-receipt of any valid claim / objection we will issue No Claim Certificate which may please be noted & post that, no claim will be entertained.
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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER / YEAR ENDED ON 31 ST MARCH, 2024

| PARTICULARS | Quarter ended on 31-03-2024 | Year ended on 31-03-2024 | Quarter ended on 31-03-2023 |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | (Audited) | (Audited) | (Audited) |
| Total income from operations (Net) | 107.57 | 177.92 | 145.12 |
| Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or extraordinary items) | 89.80 | 92.92 | 121.72 |
| Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary items) | 89.80 | 92.92 | 121.72 |
| Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary items) | 86.95 | 90.07 | 118.47 |
| Total Comprehensive Income for the period | 86.95 | 90.07 | 118.47 |
| Equity Share Capital | 651.18 | 651.18 | 651.18 |
| Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserves) | - | (846.50) | - |
| Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (Face value of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) | | | |
| Basic & Diluted: | 1.34 | 1.38 | 1.82 |

NOTES:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Reg., 2015.
- The full format of Annual Financial Results are available on the website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and also on the website of the Company

For PROMACT IMPEX LIMITED
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EXTRACT OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

| Sl. No. | Particulars | Quarter Ended | | Year Ended | |
|---------|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | 31.03.2024 (Audited) | 31.12.2023 (Unaudited) | 31.03.2023 (Audited) | 31.03.2024 (Audited) |
| 1 | Total Income from Operation | 4,302.97 | 3,984.11 | 2,954.74 | 17,418.76 |
| 2 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax and Exceptional items | 2,094.87 | 1,769.28 | 1,553.10 | 7,933.43 |
| 3 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax | 2,094.87 | 1,769.28 | 1,553.10 | 7,933.43 |
| 4 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax | 1,588.56 | 1,301.26 | 1,169.21 | 5,916.32 |
| 5 | Total Comprehensive Income for the period | 1,582.37 | 1,302.75 | 1,181.18 | 5,913.12 |
| 6 | Equity Share Capital | 726.44 | 726.44 | 726.44 | 726.44 |
| 7 | Other equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve) | | | | 19,411.17 |
| 8 | Earnings Per Share | | | | |
| | 1. Basic | 2.19 | 1.79 | 1.61 | 8.14 |
| | 2. Diluted | 2.19 | 1.79 | 1.61 | 8.14 |

Notes.
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website viz. www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website: www.gtbl.in.
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News

in a Nutshell

HM Amit Shah to address rally in Gurugram on May 16

Gurugram, May 14 (IANS) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday (May 16) will address a public meeting here -- just nine days ahead of the polling in the Gurgaon Lok Sabha seat scheduled on May 25. A single phase polling will be held in all 10 Parliamentary constituencies in Haryana including the Gurgaon seat in the sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections on May 25.

A Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader said that HM Shah will hold the May 16 roadshow to garner support for the party's nominee -- Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh -- who is also the sitting Gurgaon MP.

SIA raids multiple locations in Kashmir in terror-related cases

Srinagar, May 14 (IANS) The State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Tuesday carried out raids at multiple places in J&K's south Kashmir districts.

Officials said that SIA sleuths started early morning raids in the Shopian, Anantnag and Kulgam districts. "These raids are part of anti-terrorism operations carried out by SIA. The raids are being carried out in connection with the murder of a non-local by terrorists," officials said.

SIA officials said that they have many leads that would help identify, trace and bring the involved terrorists to justice.

It must be recalled that SIA is an anti-terrorism wing of the J&K Police that works under the overall control of the union territory's intelligence departments to fight militancy, narco-terrorism and drug smuggling in J&K.

PM performs Ganga Pujan, visits Kaal Bhairav temple in Varanasi

Varanasi, May 14 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday, performed 'Ganga Pujan' at Dashashwamedh Ghat in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi on the occasion of Ganga Saptami. He then proceeded towards NaMo ghat on the cruise to offer prayers at the Kaal Bhairav temple and seek permission from the deity, also known as 'Kashi Ke Kotwal', to file his nomination papers for a third term. It is believed that anyone who comes to Kashi needs to seek permission from Kaal Bhairav for his visit. While talking to reporters on the cruise, the Prime Minister said that he had first come to Varanasi in 2014 when Maa Ganga called him.

"Now that my mother is no more, I feel Maa Ganga has filled that vacuum and I feel the same emotion for her," he said on an emotional note. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will file his nomination around 11.30 a.m. Twelve Chief Ministers from BJP-ruled states are expected to be present when PM Modi files his nomination for a third consecutive term from the Varanasi Lok Sabha seat.



JAMMU, BRO officers along with other officials at the Sungal Tunnel on Akhnoor-Poonch National Highway in Jammu on Tuesday. UNI

Constituency Watch: Mumbai South a fight between two Shiv Sainiks with an eye on Marathi Manos

Mumbai, May 14 (IANS) Shiv Sena (UBT) nominee and sitting MP Arvind Sawant and Shiv Sena candidate Yamini Jadhav are locked in a direct contest in Mumbai South.

The Mumbai South constituency is an important segment of the country's financial capital with a mixed population of the elite, middle class, government employees, slum dwellers, multilingual and religious people.

Interestingly, both Sawant and Jadhav hope to win the elections by playing the Marathi Manos card which has traditionally been the Shiv Sena's USP.

However, they are paying equal attention to the Muslim community whose votes are likely to play a decisive role in this election.

Even though the BJP had staked its claim on South Mumbai by shortlisting its nominees including the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker

Rahul Narvekar and Cabinet Minister Mangal Prabhakar Lodha, it opted out after Eknath Shinde made it a prestige issue.

The time taken by the BJP and Shiv Sena in arriving at a consensus helped Sawant to complete the first round and start another round of campaigning.

However, Jadhav, who is a Legislator from Byculla, is now striving to complete her outreach programme in a limited span of time as polling is slated for May 20.

Sawant, who was elected in 2014 and 2019 banking on the Shiv Sena's (united) alliance with the BJP and riding on a 'Modi wave', hopes to score a hat-trick despite a vertical split in the party after Eknath Shinde's rebellion in June 2022.

Sawant, who remained loyal to Uddhav Thackeray, is running his campaign arguing that the only visible difference in this election is change in the allies including the Con-

gress, NCP, Communists and other like-minded parties.

In addition, Sawant is cashing in on his followers from the MTNL Union and Sthaniya Lokadhikar Samiti which is Shiv Sena's cultural organisation working to safeguard Maharashtra's interests.

On top of it, Sawant is riding on sympathy to his boss and Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray especially from Muslims and other minority communities, and Dalits apart from the Marathi Manos which he claims is hurt after the manner in which 40 Legislators led by Eknath Shinde walked out of the party and joined hands with the BJP.

On her part, Jadhav is cashing in on the BJP's poll machinery, the well-oiled network of the RSS Parivar, support from various organisations representing traders, apart from the Shiv Sena's Shakha-level organisational strength. Her poll campaign is revolving around

'Modi's guarantee' and making him the prime minister for the third time and also on the importance of a double engine government to push undeterred by the limited time at her disposal, Jadhav has stepped up her efforts to mingle with cross-sections of society, explaining that her party is the real Shiv Sena which is taking forward the thoughts and ideals of the party founder late Balasaheb Thackeray.

She is making it a point to mention how Shinde, a true Shiv Sainik and the people's chief minister, is well positioned to protect the interests of the Marathi Manos and boost the development of India's financial and commercial capital. However, Jadhav has put up a brave front saying that nothing has been proved so far and they are taking legal recourse. Sawant and Jadhav are faced with a volley of questions over their plans to address a number of issues from the constituency.

PM Modi files nomination from Varanasi

Varanasi, May 14 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi filed his nomination on Tuesday from Varanasi Lok Sabha seat, aiming for a larger victory margin compared to his previous two wins in 2014 and then in 2019.

The Prime Minister got down from his car at the gates of the district collectorate and walked to the office where he filed his nomination papers.

The four proposers of his nomination were Pandit Gyaneshwar Shastri, who has played a key role in the consecration ceremony of Ram temple, Baijnath Patel, Lalchand Kushwaha and Sanjay Sonkar.

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also accompanied the Prime Minister when he filed the nomination papers.

Ahead of filing his nomination, PM Modi had

posted on X about his relationship with Kashi. "My relationship with my Kashi is amazing, inseparable, and incomparable... all I can say is that it cannot be expressed in words."

PM Modi followed a similar schedule of holding a massive roadshow in Varanasi the day before filing his nomination papers in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister did 'Ganga Pujan' at Dashashwamedh Ghat and then boarded the cruise ship to NaMo Ghat. He visited the Kaal Bhairav temple and then went to file his nomination papers.

On Monday, PM Modi also held an extravagant roadshow in Varanasi on a five-kilometre stretch, surrounded by what can be described as a "sea" of over 100,000 saffron supporters.

Punjab ex-CM's assertion on terror attack is violation of MCC, says CEO

Chandigarh, May 14 (IANS) Saying that Congress leader and former Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi's comment on the recent terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch District was a violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Sibin C, on Tuesday said he has written to the Election Commission of India (ECI) on the issue.

Ex-CM Channi had alleged that the attack was "pre-planned" while campaigning in Jalandhar from where he is in the fray for the parliamentary polls.

"According to a report of the Jalandhar District Election Officer, Channi's remark is in violation of the Model Code of Conduct," Sibin C told the media.

Corporal Vikky Pahade of the Indian Air Force was killed and four other soldiers were injured in the terrorist attack on two IAF vehicles in the Bakrabal Mohalla (Sanai) area of Surankote Tehsil of

Poonch on May 4.

"These are all stunts and not terrorist attacks. There is no truth in it. The BJP is playing with the lives of people," Channi was quoted as saying while campaigning in Jalandhar.

"These attacks are not really happening but are just meant to benefit the Bharatiya Janata Party... Whenever elections take place, such stunts are played like it happened last time," he had added while pointing towards the 2019 Pulwama attack in which 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were martyred.

After facing criticism for his remarks, Channi said he only criticised the BJP for trying to exploit such attacks for political gains.

He wrote on X, "Recently, my statement regarding this incident was published in newspapers, where I emphasised that whenever such incidents occur, the government often tries to exploit them for political gains."



VARANASI, Prime Minister Narendra Modi performing puja at Shree Kaal Bhairav Temple prior to file his nomination papers for Lok Sabha elections, in Varanasi on Tuesday. UNI

HM Amit Shah's doctored video: Delhi court grants bail to Arun Bereddy

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) A court here on Monday granted bail to Arun Bereddy, an accused in the Union Home Minister Amit Shah's doctored video case. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Nabeela Wali of Patiala House Courts granted bail to Bereddy noting that the prime allegation against him was just him being the 'Admin' of the WhatsApp group on which the alleged fake video was first posted for circulation.

"However, there are no allegations of the applicant/ accused having posted/ circulated the said video on any forum," the court noted. Bereddy was

granted bail on furnishing of bail bonds in the sum of Rs 50,000 with one surety in the like amount.

Delhi Police had arrested Bereddy, who manages the Telangana Congress' X account -- 'Spirit of Congress' on May 3.

The accused had moved an application under Section 437 CrPC seeking bail in the case.

In connection with the case, Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police arrested five persons, identified as Pendyala Vamshi Krishna, Satish Manne, Pettam Naveen, Asma Tasleem and Koya Geetha -- all residents of Hyderabad, who were circulating the doc-

tored video of the Home Minister.

According to police, Home Minister Shah delivered a speech during a public meeting in Telangana's Medak on April 23.

"Pendyala Vamshi Krishna received a morphed video of the speech on WhatsApp. He then uploaded the morphed video on the 'INC Telangana' (X) handle and shared it in various WhatsApp groups," said the Hyderabad Police in a statement on May 3.

Delhi Police registered an FIR after receiving complaints from the BJP and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Liquor sales in Kerala for FY 23-24 cross Rs 19,088 crore

Thiruvananthapuram, May 14 (IANS) Sales of liquor and beer in Kerala during FY 2023-24 have touched Rs 19,088.68 crore, up from Rs 18,510.98 crore in FY 2022-23.

The state-run Kerala State Beverages Corporation is the sole wholesaler of liquor and beer in Kerala.

The state exchequer received, by way of taxes and levies from liquor, a staggering Rs 16,609.63 crore, up from Rs 16,189.55 crore in 2022-23.

While 80 per cent of the liquor sold in the

state arrives from other states, only 20 per cent is manufactured in Kerala. Liquor is sold through 277 retail outlets owned by the Corporation, while the state-backed cooperative organisation Consumerfed also has 39 retail outlets.

The profile of liquor users in Kerala reveals that 32.9 lakh people out of the 3.34 crore in the state consume liquor, which includes 29.8 lakh men and 3.1 lakh women. Around five lakh people consume liquor daily. Out of this, 83,851 people (including 1,043 women) are addicted to alcohol.

Now a political party in UP that speaks for men's rights

Lucknow, May 14 (IANS) While the country speaks of women's rights, there is a political party that claims to fight for men's rights.

The party is called Mera Adhikar Rashtriya Dal (MARD) and was formed in 2009 by a group of men facing legal issues related to the Dowry Prohibition Act and the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act.

Since its inception, the party has contested seven elections, including the 2019 Lok Sabha polls from Varanasi and Lucknow, a by-election in Bangarmau

in 2020, and Assembly election from Bareilly, Lucknow North, Bakshi Ka Talab (Lucknow), and Chauri Chaura in 2022.

However, their candidates performed poorly each time, forfeiting their deposit.

Despite these setbacks, MARD is ready for the 2024 general elections, with candidates vying for the Lok Sabha seats in Lucknow, Gorakhpur, and Ranchi.

One of their founders and party president Kapil Mohan Choudhary, who is contesting polls from the Lucknow Lok Sabha seat,

is facing a dowry case since 1999 that remains unresolved after 25 years.

"I have two kids from my first marriage, both taken away by my ex-wife. Later, I was falsely accused in dowry and domestic violence cases. While fighting these cases in Lucknow, I met many others facing similar charges in similar situations," says 52-year-old Kapil.

"I got divorced, but the dowry case is still ongoing. To highlight men's rights, we formed a political party," says Kapil, who remarried in 2011.

CAPF deployment to rise by 32 pc in fifth phase of Lok Sabha polls in Bengal

Kolkata, May 14 (IANS) Keeping in mind reports of tension surfacing from different pockets of West Bengal in the fourth phase of Lok Sabha polls on Monday, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to increase the deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) personnel by around 32 per cent in the fifth phase of polls on May 20. Sources in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal said that on Monday 578 companies of the CAPF were deployed in West Bengal and the number will be increased to 762 in the fifth phase, a 31.83 per cent

rise. Sources said that this increase in CAPF deployment would be despite the fact that the number of constituencies going for polls in the fifth phase in the state is slightly lesser than what it was in the fourth phase. While eight constituencies went for polls in the fourth phase, the number is seven for the fifth phase. These seven constituencies are Serampore, H Hooghly District, Barrackpore and Bangaon in North 24 Parganas District and Howrah and Uluberia in Howrah District.

Of these seven constituencies Barrackpore and Bangaon will be under the special scanner of the ECI for different reasons.

NCW vows to ensure justice for Swati Maliwal over 'assault' at Delhi CM's residence

New Delhi, May 14 (IANS) Former chairperson of Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) and AAP Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal was allegedly assaulted at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's official residence on Monday by a close aide of the CM. While she alerted the cops about the incident, Maliwal did not file an official complaint with the police.

Now the National Commission for Women (NCW) has intervened in the alleged incident and pledged to take action

against the accused individual.

"Reportedly, Member of Rajya Sabha, Swati Maliwal, was assaulted at the residence of Delhi Chief Minister. The National Commission for Women is committed to ensuring justice (for Maliwal)... Urging the Delhi Police for an inquiry team," the NCW said in a post on X.

The NCW also announced that it would formally seek an action taken report from the Delhi Police within three days. Earlier, DCP (North)

Manoj Kumar Meena said that a PCR call was received at 9:34 a.m. on Monday at the Civil Lines police station from a woman claiming to have been assaulted at the Chief Minister's residence.

"After some time, MP Madam (Maliwal) came to the Civil Lines police station. However, she left after stating she would file a complaint later," the DCP said. In the PCR call, the woman claimed she was at the CM's house where she had been assaulted by the CM's PA, Bibhav Kumar, the police said.

Both YSRCP, NDA exude confidence after heavy voter turnout in Andhra Pradesh

Amaravati, May 14 (IANS) After heavy voter turnout in Andhra Pradesh, both the ruling YSR Congress and the opposition TDP-JSP-BJP alliance claimed that the trend indicates their victory.

While YSR Congress remains confident of retaining power, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) claimed that the huge turnout, which is likely to cross 80 per cent, reflects people's aspiration for a change.

TDP leaders interpret voter enthusiasm as their anger towards the "destructive" rule of YSR Congress and their wish to see TDP back in power.

TDP supremo and former chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu believes that there is no doubt that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will come to power in the state. He said that despite the YSRCP resorting to violence at many places to scare voters, they voted in large num-

bers to bring TDP and NDA to power.

The TDP leaders said that the YSRCP's "misrule" angered people so much that more than six lakh voters who reside in other parts of the country came to the state to cast their votes for NDA.

The TDP camp is confident of storming to power with 130-140 seats in the 175-member Assembly. It also expects 23 out of 25 Lok Sabha seats.

In 2019, the YSRCP had come to power with a

landslide majority of 151 seats. It also bagged 22 seats.

The TDP, which had contested alone, secured only 23 Assembly and three Lok Sabha seats. Jana Sena Party (JSP) of actor Pawan Kalyan, which had an alliance with Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Left parties, could win one Assembly seat. The BJP drew a blank.

This time the three parties joined hands to take on YSRCP. TDP contest-

ed 144 Assembly and 17 Lok Sabha seats. JSP fielded candidates in 21 Assembly and two Lok Sabha constituencies while BJP contested 10 Assembly and six Lok Sabha seats. The JSP also exuded confidence that it will win 18 Assembly seats. Its leaders say there was a tight fight in the remaining three constituencies. Pawan Kalyan, who had lost from both the Assembly seats he contested in 2019, is confident of a win from Pithapuram.



GUWAHATI, Poppy Sharma, General Manager, Central Bank of India addressing a press conference during the 1st time woman branch opening, in Guwahati on Tuesday. UNI