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Narcotics seized, one arrested in Assam's Karbi **Anglong**

Guwahati, May 18 (IANS) Assam Police have seized narcotic substances in Karbi Anglong district and arrested one person on the charges of drug ped-dling, officials said on Saturday.

According to a senior official, the arrested person is a habitual drug peddler. He is identified as 27-year-old Yunus Ali.

Based on input, a Special Task Force (STF) team conducted an operation at the Balijan area in Khan Basti under the Khatkhati PS Jurisdiction of Karbi Anglong district on Fridav.

The STF team seized at least 72.5 grams of suspected heroin kept at 11 tobacco boxes. Further, a mobile phone and cash were also recov-

J&K: Retired SP arrested under **Official Secrets Act**

Jammu, May 18 (IANS) A retired Superintendent of Police (SP) was arrested under thé Official Secrets Act (OSA) here on Friday night.

Officials said that Sheikh Mohammad Aslam, a retired SP, was arrested for publishing "some FIRs and sensitive information" in a

Aslam retired a few years ago. He was appointed as an Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police (ASI) in 1986 and he got out-of-turn promotions to become SP.Originally from Udhampur district, he currently resides in the Gandhi Nagar area of Jammu city.

Over 65,000 pilgrims register for Amarnath Yatra 2024

Srinagar, May 18 (IANS) Over 65,000 pilgrims have so far registered for this year's annual Amarnath Yatra.

Officials said that over 65,000 pilgrims have registered so far at different registration centres for this year's Amarnath Yatra.

This year's Amarnath Yatra will start on June 19 and conclude on August 19.

The Amarnath Cave shrine houses an ice stalagmite that wanes and waxes with the phases of the moon.Devotees believe that the ice stalagmite symbolises the powers of Shiva.The cave shrine is situated 3,888 metres above sea level in Kash-

Light intensity earthquake occurs in J&K

Srinagar, May 18 (IANS) Light intensity earthquake measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale occurred in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday.

A statement by the local MET office said that an earthquake measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale occurred at 8.35

a.m. today.

"The coordinates of the earthquake are latitude?3.26 degrees porth tude 33.36 degrees north and longitude 76.65 degrees east.

"The earthquake occurred 10 kms inside the earth's crust and its epicentre was in J&K region," the statement said.It must be recalled that earthquakes have wreaked havoc in Kashmir in the past.

India has bright future under PM Modi's leadership: DM

(UNI) Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said that the entire world is saying that India has a bright future under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing the election rally in favour of BJP can-didate and sitting MP Harish Dwivedi in the premises of Composite School of Harraiya Assembly constituency, Rajnath said that everyone gave big speeches to alleviate poverty from independent India but till date no one has geared up

to eradicate poverty.

He said that since
Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, 25 crore people of the country have come out of pov-"This is not the report of BJP, this is the report of

ership of Narendra Modi, India, which was once called poor and backward, has become very strong, which is being praised by the whole world," Singh said.
The DM said that the entire world looks at India

and says that India is in the 21st century and the future of India is very bright un-der the leadership of Modi. He said that India wants to become the most powerful country in the world so that if anyone dares to challenge India, he can get an immediate reply. Rajnath said that India does not want to occupy any country. "India gives the message of peace to the whole world. Congress people do not trust their army and keep asking for proof on

what has happened to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. He says strange things for the country and keeps doubting the army," he said. The DM said that there was a time when former PM Rajiv Gandhi used to say that whatever money we send to the beneficiaries from the central government, only 15 per-

cent of it reaches them. Singh said that Narendra Modi lives for the country and always does something new to develop the country. "If anyone has started the construction of wide roads in the country, it was Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Whenever BJP got the opportunity to lead the country or state, the country has moved forward towards development," he said.



BELAGAVI, Bharatiya Janata Party staged a protest against the recent Hubballi girl Murder case and urged stringent action against the culprits, in Belagavi on Saturday. UNI

Amit Shah offers prayers in MP's Shaktipeeth

Bhopal, May 18 (IANS) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday visited Madhya Pradesh's famous pilgrimage site (Shaktipeeth) - Ma Pitambara Peeth to offer prayers.

Upon reaching Datia in Madhya Pradesh, the Home Minister was received by senior BJP leader and former state Home Minister Narottam Mishra, who belongs to

Home Minister Amit Shah had to address an election public rally in Uttar Pradesh's Lalitpur, which falls under Jhansi, located around 25 km from Datia. "Home Minister Amit Shah offered prayers at Ma

Pitambara Peeth and then left for Lalitpur," Brijesh Dwivedi, media in-charge of BJP leader Narottam Mishra told IANS. Notably, Datia's Shaktipeeth has always been a

favourite place for politicians across the country. Shaktipeeth is commonly known as 'Satta Ki Devi' Established in 1935, Ma Pitambara Peeth is a spe-

cial place and it is believed that the goddess appears in three different forms thrice in a single day.

Gurugram, May 18 (IANS) Gurugram district administration has recovered 20,104 litres of illicit

liquor worth Rs 61.16 lakh while 381 FIRs have also been registered after the Model Čode of Conduct was implemented.

Deputy Excise and Taxation Commissioners (Excise) Amit Bhatia said that till May 16, police re-covered 17,174 litres of illicit liquor worth Rs 53. 43 lakh and also filed 370 FIRs while 2,930 litres of illicit liquor was seized by the enforcement team during the same period.

He said that the value of liquor seized by the enforcement team is estimated to be around Rs 7.73

lakh while 11 FIRs have been lodged against the concerned persons.

"During elections, it is common to lure voters with liquor. This seized liquor was brought and transported illegally from other states," Bhatia said. He said that on the in-

structions of the senior officers, Nodal Officers have been appointed at all the warehouses of L-1 and L-13 located in the district, who are keeping an eye on the activities at warehouses

An official said that in each assembly segment, five Flying Squad Teams (FST) along with the polìce have been carrying out checking operations

Over 20k litres of illicit liquor seized, 381 FIRs registered in Gurugram regularly. District Election Officer and Deputy Commis-

sioner Gurugram Nishant Kumar Yadav said that, during the Model Code of Conduct, action will be taken against those carrying more than Rs 50,000 in

He said that if anyone has to carry cash of more than 50,000 one must carry the transaction slip from the bank.

"Various FST teams and police are checking suspicious vehicles by set-

ting up checkpoints on the roads going out of the city and district so that cash, illegal liquor and other goods can be recovered, Yadav said. The sixth phase of the Lok Sabha elections will be held on May 25 in Haryana.

BJP delegation meets DGP, raises concern over Hindus being treated as 'second-class' citizens in K'taka the winter assembly ses-

Bengaluru, May 18 (IANS) A BJP delegation led by former Chief Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda met Karnataka Director General of Police Alok Mohan at his office in Bengaluru on Saturday to express concern over Hindus being treated as 'second-class' citizens in the

The delegation urged the DGP to address the collapse of law and order, the rising crime rate, and to initiate immediate action by convening a meeting of senior officials and giving them proper direction. They submitted a twopage memorandum to the

Former CM Sadananda Gowda stated, "We strongly condemn the Congress government's approach of treating Hindus as second-class citizens. The Congress government hesitates when a crime involves accused individuals from minority religions. A couple had to bear the brunt of moral policing by a gang of Mus-lims. When they approached the government for protection, it tried to hush up the case. Miscreants attacked a shopkeeper in Nagarathpet in Ben-

gress defended this. Gowda charged that the state has deteriorated to such an extent that a

galuru for playing the Ha-numan Chalisa. The Con-

man wielding a gun in full public view is allowed to garland the CM. The people of the state are living in fear. One section of the population receives preferential treatment, while another is jailed and attacked. People are living with a sense of insecurity following incidents of communal and political violence. The Congress government is harbouring a grudge against BJP party

BJP Vice President Malavika Avinash stated, 'Time and again it is proven that there is no safety for women during the regime of the Congress govcident where a 42-year-old woman was paraded nude was inhuman. The police department totally failed to handle the case, even as

sion was being held in Belagavi."
The state has wit-

nessed many murders, including the cases of college student Neha Hiremath and a young woman Ambika Ambigara. Atrocities against women are on the rise, and the police department has not taken unbiased action in this regard, Malavika stated. "The state is turning

into the crime capital of the country. The state, once known for its law and order, is now witnessing a collapse in this area. There has been a sudden surge in crimes against tion, and atrocities against the poor and oppressed classes. The state has now earned the title of 'crime capital," she noted.

IT raids Gujarat-based real estate group

Ahmedabad, May 18 (IANS) The Income Tax Department on Saturday launched a raid on the Madhav Group of Industries in Ahmedabad and Vadodara.

The group, known for its real estate and government infrastructure projects, faced raids at 27 locations across the two cities.

The search operation that began on Saturday mornng is still going on.

Authorities are scrutinising their transactions to determine whether any can be classified as benami. Over 50 Income Tax Department officials are conducting the raid. Sources shared that the raids on the group's premises included their office in Subhanpura, Vadodara. Madhav Group, which has a presence in Karnataka, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Maharashtra, has been under scrutiny since its establishment in 2010. The group operates in diverse sectors, including energy, real estate, highways, and urban infrastructure.



RAEBARELI, Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi performing puja at Mata Man-sa Devi temple in Raebareli on Saturday.UNI

Price rise & unemployment should be election issues, not 'insignificant' Pakistan: Azad Srinagar, May 18 employment, over exter-(IANS) Former Chief Min- nal distractions," Azad

ister of Jammu and Kashmir Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday said that the ongoing Lok Sabha elections should be fought over the issues of price rise and unemployment and not on the issue of "insignificant"

"A new trend has emerged to bring Pakistan into the elections, both at the national and local levels. Pakistan is at its weakest, in the last 75 years. An insignificant issué like Pakistan is being made into a significant one. India has bigger issues, such as price rise and unemployment," Azad said.

The former Chief Minister expressed dismay over bringing Pakistan as

an issue in the elections. There is a need to prioritise internal matters, such as inflation and un-

said.

He said that the Lok Sabha elections this time are completely different compared to previous 'There is a lot of mudslinging happening. Every

political party is trying to score brownie points which is not good for politics," Azad said. He said that when the political parties vie for supremacy then the essence

of healthy political dis-course is compromised by "excessive point-scoring". Emphasising the need for constructive engagement, he stressed that political adversaries are not

enemies but rather competitors in the democratic arena. He also attacked the regional political parties over the revocation of Article 370.

Residents protest against high electricity bills from new meters Vadodara, May 18 app issues frequent re"We paid Rs 2,000, and

PATNA, Union Minister of Parliamentary

Affairs, Coal and Mines, Pralhad Joshi ad-

dressing a press conference, in Patna on Sat-

(IANS) The ongoing controversy on Saturday surrounding Madhya Gujarat Vij Corporation Limited's (MGVCL) installation of smart eléctricity meters has ignited fresh protests in Vadodara. The installation of 25,000 smart meters has led to widespread dissatisfaction among consumers, who claim that their prepaid Rs 2,000 is being consumed within a week of installation.

Consumers have reported that the smart meter minders to recharge their accounts, cutting off power when the balance falls below minus Rs 300. The new meters charge Rs 4.29 per unit, compared to the previous Rs 2.79 per unit, exacerbating the fi-nancial burden on consumconstant recharges."
Another protestor highers. The women of L.K. Nagar staged a protest on Ale-

One protestor ex-

and demanding the removal of the new meters. pressed frustration, saying,

mbic Road on Saturday,

voicing their grievances

50 killed due to rainstorms, floods in Afghanistan

Firoz Koh (Afghanistan), May 18 (IANS) At least 50 people have been killed, with 10 others missing, in the past 24 hours in west Afghanistan's Ghor province, a local official said on Saturday. Floods engulfed the province's Shahrak, Dulina, Laal, and Sarjangal districts, with 2,000 residential houses and 2,500 shops destroyed, Abdulrahman Badres, the provincial police spokesman, said. Another seven people were killed in Ghor during the flash floods that lashed the province and other regions in Afghanistan on May 10, spokesman of Ghor's governor Abdul Wahid Hamas said as quoted by Xinhua news agency report.

within four days, only Rs 700 was left. If we cannot cover our expenses, we will return the new meters and reinstall the old ones. We don't want a smart city if it means higher bills and

lighted their challenges: "Our bills used to be Rs 1,700 for two months, but now we can't recharge our meters. We are threatened with fines and police action if we don't comply. We don't need these smart Reacting to people's

protests, Sayajiganj MLA Keyur Rokadia addressed the issue, acknowledging the numerous complaints from residents, saying: "The smart meters are part of a government scheme, but we have received widespread complaints. I have raised the issue with the Chief Minister's Office and the Managing Director of Vij Company. Until the grievances are resolved, no new meters should be installed in the Sayajiganj Assembly.

5 months after hit-and-run, Police trace vehicle & driver in Telangana

Thiruvananthapuram, May 18 (IANS) The Kerala Police team at Mundakayam police station in Kottayam district has won accolades for its perseverance in solving a hit-and-run case which happened on December 15, by tracing the vehicle to Telangana.
Pradeep Chandran, SHO at Mundakayam

police station who was part of the probe team, told IANS that they registered the case after an 88-year-old lady Thankamma was knocked down and killed by a vehicle at Korathodu, falling under his station limit.

The accident occurred during the Sabarimala temple season and the only clue which they had to begin the probe with was a witness to the incident who mentioned the colour of the vehicle which knocked the lady,' said Chandran.

Chandran said that the team then began inspecting all CCTV's from there to Munnar (at a distance of 120 kms).

We would have looked at hundreds of CCTV's and finally we identified a car which matched what the witness said. We found that it was a vehicle with a Telangana number plate. Soon we reached that state and located the owner," added Chandran. "The owner said that he gives his vehicle for rent and after checking the papers, the driver was one Dinesh Reddy from Karimnagar. We reached there and located him. When we asked about this, he instantly confessed to the accident. We brought him here on Friday and a case under Section 304 A (causing death by negligence) has been registered," said Chandran.



After seven years, **WHO updates** antibiotic-resistant bacteria list

The new "list is key to guiding investment and grappling with the antibiotics pipeline and access crisis,"

Geneva, May 17 (IANS) After a gap of seven years, the World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday released its updated list of antibiotic-resistance and the control of the c tant bacteria, which also provides guidance on the development of new and necessary treatments to curb the rising spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). During AMR infections, driven majorly by the misuse and overuse of antimicrobials, bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites no longer respond to medicines. It majorly affects the treat-ment of high-burden infections, such as tuberculosis, leading to severe illness and increased mortality rates. The Bacterial Priority Pathogens List (BPPL) 2024 features 15 families of antibiotic-resistant bacteria that are grouped into critical, high, and medium categories for prioritisation.

The new "list is key to guiding investment and grappling with the antibiotics pipeling and access."

grappling with the antibiotics pipeline and access crisis," said Dr. Yukiko Nakatani, WHO's Assistant Director-General for Antimicrobial Resistance ad interim. "The threat of antimicrobial resistance has intensified, eroding the efficacy of numerous antibiotics and putting many of the gains of mod-ern medicine at risk," since the first list was released in 2017, Dr Yukiko added. In the BPPL 2024, the WHO removed five

pathogen-antibiotic combinations that were included in 2017 and added four new combinations. The third-generation cephalosporin-resistant Entero-bacterales are now listed as a standalone item within the critical priority category, while Carbap-enem-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa (CRPA) infection moved from critical to high priority in BPPL 2024. Further, the critical priority pathogens, such as gram-negative bacteria resistant to lastresort antibiotics, and Mycobacterium tuberculosis resistant to the antibiotic rifampicin, continue to present major global threats due to their high burden, and ability to resist treatment and spread resistance to other bacteria, the WHO said.

The BPPL 2024 also emphasises the need for a comprehensive public health approach to addressing AMR, including universal access to quality and affordable measures for prevention, diagnosis, and appropriate treatment of infections.



New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) Boeing Starliner's historic crewed manned mission has been delayed yet

again over a helium leak detected in one of the capsule's thrusters, said NASA on Saturday.

The spacecraft, aiming to carry NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Indian-Origin Sunita Williams to

the space station, is expected to fly on May 25.
"NASA, @BoeingSpace, and @ulalaunch are now

targeting no earlier than 3:09 pm ET May 25 for the launch of the agency's Boeing Crew Flight Test mission," NASA said in a post on X.com "Teams will use the additional time to finalise next steps that address a steple helium loak on the

dress a stable helium leak on the #Starliner service module," it added. After facing several delays over the years, Starliner's first crewed mission was planned on May 7.

However, it was scrubbed two hours before launch, due to a valve issue on the upper stage of the United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket.

The mission then slipped to May

10, and later May 21, due to a helium leak.NASA officials performed a pressure testing on May 15 on the Starliner's helium system, which showed that "the leak in the flange is stable and would not pose a risk at that level during the flight".

Boeing Starliner's manned mission delayed

again, likely to fly on May 25: NASA

"The testing also indicated the rest of the thruster system is sealed effectively across the entire service module," NASA said.

Boeing said its "teams are working to develop operational procedures to ensure the system retains sufficient performance capability and appropriate redundancy during the flight". Meanwhile, the ULA Atlas V rocket and Boeing's Starliner that was rolled back from the launch pad, remain in the Vertical Integration Facility at Space Launch Complex-41 on Cape Capaveral Space Force Station Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.

The astronauts Wilmore and Williams will remain quarantined in Houston as pre-launch operations progress.

The Starliner mission aims to carry astronauts and cargo for future NASA missions to low Earth orbit, and beyond.--IANS

How AI is boosting cancer treatment

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) Treatment of cancers is no longer just limited to traditional approaches like chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery. Artificial intelligence (AI) is making significant trides in construction to idial both documents. cant strides in cancer treatment aiding both doctors as well as patients to boost better outcomes, according to health experts on Saturday.

Health experts noted that AI is playing an important role from developing new drugs to predicting the outcome of a treatment, and prognosis. It can also boost the growth of personalised

However, concerns remain over data privacy, safety, and ethical use of patient data.

"As a surgical oncologist, I can confidently state that AI is no longer limited to surgery, chemotherapy, targeted therapy, or radiation. It has profound implications in radio diagnostics and biomedical cancer research as well. Al applications in biomedical cancer research are aiding in creating new medications and treatments. It facilitates early cancer detection through im-

cancer detection through image analysis, a critical application we use for the early detection of oral cancers," Raj Nagarkar, Managing Director & Director & Surgical Oncology & Director & Cervices of HCG Manavata Cancer Centre (HCGMCC) & Director & Dir

plored in radio-imaging modalities for early detection of disease and cancer risk prediction. Point-of-care diagnostics startups are using AI algorithms for early detection with promising results. Early detection of disease has a significant impact on outcomes and by employing AI, we can certainly improve cancer care delivery," added Roheet Rao, AVP, IT & Dr. Oncology at Apollo Hospitals.Raj said that Alenabled screening for breast cancer is also assisting in designing and personalising treatments.

When it comes to radio diagnostics, machine-learning techniques in CT scans and MRIs improve imaging accuracy. Al-driven aids, particularly in CT scans, MRIs, and mammography, can enhance segmentation and improve the diagnosis of several cancers.

In surgery, Al analyses of com-



puter-assisted surgery or robotic-assisted surgery are making procedures safer, more specific, and more comfortable for pa-

Further, AI in chemotherapy refines and customises treatment options, analysing datasets to tailor treatment plans based on genetic and molecular characteristics. Predictive models can be designed to estimate patient responses to specific regimens, said Dr Raj.

Al is also boosting cancer treat-

ment options like immunother-apy, and CAR T-cell therapy. "Deep learning models for cancer stem cell detection aid in early diagnosis and customising treatment plans, making Al a reality across all facets of oncology, from diagnosis and research to treatment," Raj

said.
There are, however, risks involved in using AI for healthcare that need to be ad-

dressed before we can see a wider adoption of Al

in care delivery.
"One of the key issues is data privacy, safety, and ethical use of patient data," Roheet said.

He also pointed out the bias in Al models, which is based on the training data used to generate these models.

Unless there is validation of AI models across different types and cohorts of data, oncolo-gists need to be mindful

of such biases," the doctor told IANS.

"The accuracy and reliability of the models need to be tested thoroughly both prior and then within clinical settings to ensure patient safety. Clinicians will always have the final say on clinical care irrespective of the AI models being used as the only way to ensure oversight when using Al is to have a human-in-theloop," he noted.--IANS



Orange alert in **Gujarat till May** 21 amid soaring temperature

Gandhinagar, May 18 (IANS) The summer heat has intensified in Gujarat, prompting the state weath-er department to issue an orange alert till May 21.

Temperature is expected to range between 43 and 45 degrees Celsius across the state. The alert covers major cities, including Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Bhuj, Amreli, and Rajkot. An orange alert for heat is a weather warning issued by meteorological agencies to indi-cate extreme heat conditions that pose a significant risk to public health. It is the second-highest warning level, typically indicating more severe conditions than a yellow alert but not as critical as a red alert.Himmatnagar recorded 45 degrees C temperature followed by Surendranagar (44.7 degrees C), Deesa (44.4 degrees C), Ahmedabad (44.2 degrees C), Gandhinagar (4 C), Rajkot (43.7 degrees C), (4 C), Rajkot (43.7 degrees C), Amreli (43.2 degrees C), Vadodara (42.2 degrees C), Chotaudepur (41.4 degrees C), Dang (41.1 degrees C), Bhavnagar (39.7 degrees C), Valsad (39.2 degrees C), Dahod (38.9 degrees C), Jamnagar (38.3 degrees C), Ankleswar etables, avoiding spicy and stale foods, and limiting tea, coffee, and soda intake are also recommended.

Sex scandal: No objection to action against Prajwal; people know how HD Revanna's case is being dealt, says former PM Deve Gowda

Bengaluru, May 18 (IANS) In his first statement on the sex video scandal involving his grandson Pranyal Revenue former Primar National May 18 (IANS) In his first statement on the sex video an attempt to corner the Deve Gowday Revenue former Primar National May 18 (IANS) In his first statement on the sex video an attempt to corner the Deve Gowday III is a family to confide the confidence of the confidence jwal Revanna, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda stated on Saturday that there was no objection to initiating action against the fugitive JD(S) MP who is the prime accused in the case.

The release of the video clips allegedly showing the Hassan sitting MP Prajwal Revanna sexually abusing women has taken the political circles and civil society by storm in Karnataka.

Speaking to the media after visiting the Lakshmi Venkateshwara Temple in JP Nagar, Bengaluru, and offering special prayers on his birthday, Deve Gowda said, "The people of the state know how the case ple of the state know how the case against JD(S) MLA, HD Revanna, my son, is being dealt with. In one case, three bails have been granted. The judgment is reserved for Monday on another bail petition. I don't want to analyse how the de-

an attempt to corner the Deve Gow-da family, he replied, "It is true. As the arrested BJP leader G Devaraje Gowda claimed, there are many



people involved.
"I don't want to take their names. Action has to be taken against all of them. The women who are in danger must be protected and compen-

"I will speak to the media after June 4 regarding the matter. Until then, I won't speak," he underlined. "The trial of cases against Pra-

jwal Revanna and HD Revanna is being conducted in court. I don't want to say much about it. Former CM HD Kumaraswamy, (his other son), has stated that action has to be initiated legally. Many are involved in the case, and Kumaraswamy has demanded that ac-

tion must be taken against all of them," he said.

Kumaraswamy will speak on the issue representing our family. He has also clearly stated that it is the

government's responsibility to initiate action within the legal framework. I will also reiterate those " Deve Gowda stat

When asked about BJP leader G Devaraje Gowda's allegation that Deputy CM DK Shivakumar made an offer of Rs 100 crore to malign his family, Deve Gowda maintained that Kumaraswamy was responding to developments and he did not want

to make any comments.
"Kumaraswamy will speak about all matters. I have completed 91 years. I went to the temple and offered prayers. I have requested my fans not to celebrate my birthday this year. My fans and supporters have conducted worship in temples. I wish all my supporters good luck on this occasion," Deve Gowda stated.

Deve Gowda appeared cleanshaven and looked confident.

Sources said that after the sex video scandal came to light, he was distraught and had grown a beard.

Nine devotees burnt to death as Survivors said they smelled smoke at the back of the bus at and more than 24 were injured when a moving bus caught fire on the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal Express-

way near Tauru in Haryana's Nuh district in the wee hours on Saturday, police said.

The devotees, who were returning from a pilgrimage to Mathura and Vrindavan in Uttar Pradesh, were proceeding towards Chandigarh when the fire broke out near

The bus was carrying over 60 people of a family, including women and children, all of whom were residents of Punjab's Hoshiyarpur. In the incident, six females and

three males sustained serious burn injuries and were declared dead at the hospital. All six women were identified as residents of Punjab.

The injured were admitted to Nalhar Médical College, Shaheed Hasan Khan Medical College in Nuh for treatment and were out of danger, the police added.

are also recommended.

followed it. He finally caught up the bus and warned the driver who stopped the bus.

After the bus stopped, locals informed the police and tried to douse the flame and rescue people. After the fire brigade reached the spot, the blaze was doused and the injured were rushed to nearby hospitals."Nine people -- six women and three men -- were killed in the accident. Twenty-four people were injured and have been hospitalised. All injured are stable. A forensic team will investigate the matter and a Sub-Divisional Magistrate has been appointed as a nodal officer," Nuh deputy commissioner Dhirendra Khadgata told IANS.

The Nuh district administration has also issued a helpline number for the victim's family for any inquiries, he said.

US negotiator for defence costsharing talks arrives in Seoul

Seoul, May 18 (IANS) The US negotiator for defence cost-sharing talks with South Korea arrived here on Saturday, ahead of a new round of negotiations set for next week.

The arrival of the delegation, led by Linda Specht, lead negotiator for security agreements at the US State Department, came as the allies are set to hold their second round of talks on determining how much Seoul should shoulder for the up-keep of the 28,500-strong US Forc-es Korea (USFK), Yonhap news agency reported.

"This is really about the importance of our alliance, our relationships as two countries and the support we give one another," Specht told reporters upon arriving at Incheon International Airport, west of

"I'm looking forward to a good set of talks," she said.

The talks will take place in Seoul from Tuesday through Thursday, between Specht and her South Korean counterpart, Lee Tae-woo, the chief negotiator from Seoul's Foreign Ministry.

Seoul and Washington launched the negotiations in Hawaii last month, at an earlier time than planned, amid a view that South Korea seeks to strike a new deal sooner to avoid the risk of facing tough bargaining from the US for a big increase in its share if former President Donald Trump is re-elect-

ed in November.
The two sides had gruelling ne-

gotiations for the latest deal, known as the Special Measures Agreement (SMA), as Washington under Trump's presidency had demanded more than a fivefold increase in Seoul's payment to \$5 billion.

The negotiations had hit a deadlock, placing South Koreans working for the US military here under a temporary furlough amid the absence of an agreement.

The current 11th SMA was signed soon after the launch of the oe Biden administration.

Under the six-year deal, due to expire at the end of 2025, South Korea agreed to raise the payment by 13.9 per cent from 2019 to \$1.03

Seoul has called for a new deal to come at a "reasonable level" to ensure the conditions for the "stable stationing of the USFK and to strengthen the allies' combined defence posture".

Washington has said it seeks to

pursue "a fair and equitable" outcome in the talks, as most of Seoul's contributions to the SMA are expended in South Korea's domestic economy, representing a "powerful vestment" in the bilateral alliance.

Since 1991, Seoul has partially shouldered costs under the SMA for Korean USFK workers; the construction of military installations, such as barracks, and training, educational, operational and communications facilities; and other logistical support.

the small intes-tine), ulcerative colitis (affecting the large intestine), indeterminate colitis, and microscopic colitis (diagnosed

susceptibility from their parents. The gut environment, particularly the balance of bacteria, plays a crucial role; a healthy gut typically contains 60-70 per cent good bacteria and 30-

What is Inflammatory bowel disease? Why is it rising in India? iunk food and preservatives, can trigger inflammation. The immune

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), which arises from a combination of genetic factors, gut environment, and immune responses, is seeing a significant rise in India, said health experts on Saturday.

The IBD Day is observed every year on May 19. The theme this year is 'IBD Has No Bor-

ders'.

The condition is categorised mainly into Crohn's disease (affecting via biopsy).

"Genetically predisposed individuals inherit 40 per cent bad bacteria," Mahesh Kumar Gupta, Senior Consultant --Gastroenterology, Marengo Asia Hospital, Gurugram, told IANS.

Disruption in this balance, often due to poor dietary habits, lack of sleep, or excessive consumption of system's interaction with genetic and bacterial factors further contributes to intestinal ulcerations seen in IBD," he said. Common symptoms of IBD include bloody diarrhoea,

Ulcerative



weight loss, fever, fatigue, abdominal pain, anaemia, joint pain, and skin problems, among others.

A 2023 study published in the journal Lancet showed that the ris-

ing urbanisation which comes with increased intake of ultra-processed foods is leading to a surge in IBD among young adults and even adolescents in India. The study by AIG Hospitals in Hyderabad showed that about 15 lakh people in India suffer from IBD, but the true picture is not clear due to a lack of proper data.

Anukalp Prakash, Lead Consultant -- Gastroenterology, CK Birla Hospital, Gurugram, told IANS that there is also an increase in paediatric cases of IBD.

While the exact cause is not known, genetics may be at play, she

"The cause of inflammatory bowel disease is not known but genetics as an immunity. Alteration in immunity plays a very important role in the occurrence of inflammatory bowel disease. People who have a family history of inflammatory bowel disease are vulnerable to developing inflammatory bowel disease because this is a genetic disease and autoimmune disease," Anukalp added.

The Lancet study also blamed C-section deliveries that devoid the child of the essential gut microflora. Further, lack of breast feeding and excessive use of antibiotics also increase the risk of IBD. The health experts called for maintaining a healthy diet rich in fibre, staying hydrated, and avoiding preservatives.

Indian embassy in **Kyrgyzstan urges** students to stay indoors amid mob attacks

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) The Indian Embassy in Kyrgyzstan, on Saturday, urged İnian students to remain indoors following a series of mob attacks on foreign students. This advisory came in the

wake of several attacks on students from India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh, sparked by videos of a fight between Kyrgyz and Egyptian students that surfaced online on May 13.The Embassy shared a message on its of-ficial X handle: "We are in touch with our students. The situation is presently calm, but students are advised to stay indoors for the moment and get in touch with the Embassy in case of any issues. Our 24×7 contact number is 0555710041."Following the advisory, Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar retweeted the message, saying:
"Monitoring the welfare of Indian students in Bishkek. Situa Strongly advise students to stay in regular touch with the Embassy."The Embassy and the Ministry of External Affairs are closely monitoring the situation to ensure the safety and security of Indian students in Kyrgyzstan.--IANS

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Kartik off to hometown Gwalior with Kabir Khan for 'Chandu Champion' trailer launch

Mumbai, May 18 (IANS) Actor Kartik Aary-an was seen at the Mumbai airport on Saturday morning, leaving for his hometown, Gwalior.

The actor is flying to his native town for the trailer launch of his upcoming film, 'Chandu Champion'."

Kartik was seen along with director Kabir Khan. who has directed 'Chandu Champion'.

Kabir took to the Stories section of his Instagram and shared a picture with Kartik from the tar-

'Chandu Champion' is based on India's first Para-

Sunanda Sharma

Cannes a victory

for entire Punjabi

Mumbai, May

(IANS) Punjabi singer Su-

nanda Sharma promoted

Punjabi culture at the on-

going prestigious 77th Cannes Film Festival

Dressed in exquisite traditional Punjabi attire,

she showcased the rich

ivory-coloured salwar ka-

meez. She completed her

look with a nose ring and

incredible honour to rep-

resent my culture and

roots at the Cannes Film

Festival. Being here is not

just a personal achieve-

ment, but a victory for the

entire Punjabi community.

The singer wore an

Sunanda said: "It is an

heritage of Punjab.

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calls her

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Divya Khossla was captivated

by resilience of 'Savi',

intensity of her journey

lympic gold medalist, Murlikant Petkar. The film was shot across India and the

The film marks the first collaboration between Kartik and Kabir, who is

Mumbai, May 17 (IANS) Actress-filmmak-

èr Divya Khossla is all

geared up for her up-

coming film 'Savi'. She

said that it was the depth of her character's resil-

ience and the intensity of

her journey that captivat-

ed her.Talking to IANS

about her character in

the upcoming film, she

said: "My role in 'Savi' is

unlike anything I've done

before. Essaying this

character was both chal-

lenging and intriguing

acter is very layered,

and because the char-

known for '83', 'Ek Tha Tiand 'Bajrangi

Jointly produced by Sajid Nadiadwala and Kabir Khan, the film is set to release on June 14.

you will see different ■

shades and sides of

the film was unveiled on

frames. In the centre

was Harshvardhan Rane

trapped in a jail, while on one side Divya is

bubbly and cheerful, on the

other, she has a

She added:

'The depth of

her resilience

and the intensity of her journey

truly captivated

me. And can't

wait for you all to see the trailer.

It's a high-octane

thriller and I'm so happy

with the response we re-

ceived on the teaser. I'm

confident that the film will

The film also stars **I**

keep everyone on the

Anil Kapoor. Its teaser is all set to drop on May 21

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Pop star King walks Cannes red carpet, says it felt like a turning point in his life senting all the talented In-

Mumbai, May 18 (IANS) Singer-songwriter and rapper King made history on the fourth day of the 77th Cannes Film Festival, becoming the firstever Indian pop artist to walk the prestigious red

Talking about the ex-



perience, King, who is known for his popular tracks like 'Maan Meri Jaan', 'Tu Aake Dekhle', and 'Oops', said: "Cannes. Wow. It wasn't just about me, it was about repredian musicians out there. Cannes felt like a turning point, a chance to show the world what Indian music can do." Clad in a stunning silk

blazer by designer Anami-ka Khanna, King exuded charisma and confidence as he sashayed

> carpet.
> "I wanted to wear an Indian designer and bring a part of my country along with me. The fabric and the work

down the red

on my outfit gives you a proud touch of our talented handloom industry," added King.

King settled into a plush seat for the evening's main event, 'Kinds of Kindness'.

Amid dating rumours, Kushal Tandon posts birthday note for 'gorgeous girl' Shivangi Joshi

Mumbai, May 18 (IANS) Amid dating rumours, actor Kushal Tandon on Saturday penned an adorable birthday note for his rumoured ladylove Shivangi Joshi, saying he is grateful to have her in

Taking to Instagram, Kushal shared a photo with his 'Barsatein -Mausam Pyaar Ka' costar, where both can be seen twinning in black T-

shirts and joggers.

They are posing against a car with a lush green backdrop.

The actor shared the post with the caption: "@shivangijoshi18 Happy Birthday my gorgeous. Today, I celebrate you and the incredible person you are. You are so kind, you are so gentle, you are so caring, you are so funny, you are everything a girl

needs to be, and I'm so man can write a sweet grateful to have you in my life. Cheers to many more birthdays together, creat-

ing beautiful memories." Shivangi, who turned 26, responded in the comments section with red heart, sparkle, and butterfly emojis.

A fan commented: Kush just made my day by announcing his girl of-ficially." Another user wrote: "Man in love, birth-day wish for his girl."

A user said: "Only a

birthday wish like this for

his girl." A few days ago, the duo refuted engagement rumours that were doing the rounds on the internet. However, some leaked photos of the actors from their recent Thailand vacation went viral on social

Meanwhile, Shivangi is known for her participation in 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 12', and 'Beintehaa', among others.

Sanjay Suri explains why 'Avni Ki Kismat' screening at Cannes is important for indie films

Mumbai, May 18 (IANS) Debutant filmmak-er Shonet Anthony Barretto's real-life events-in-spired film 'Avni Ki Kismat' starring Sanjay Suri and Ashlesha Thakur in lead roles, is all set to be showcased at the 77th Cannes Film Festival 2024.

Speaking about the premiere of the movie, Saniav shared: "I am happy that our film 'Avni Ki Kismat' directed by Shonet is being screened at the Marche Du Film Cannes 2024."

"It's important to have market screenings for independent films and ex-

dependent films and explore markets beyond the traditional ones. 'Avni ki Kismat', is a beautiful film with its heart in the right place, and I am sure whenever it's released in India, it will connect with our audiences," added Sanjay, who was last seen in the web series 'Avrodh:



The Siege Within Season

Shonet said: "As a filmmaker, it is both an honour and a privilege to have 'Avni Ki Kismat' showcased at the esteemed Cannes Film Festival

"This film is not just a cinematic endeavour; it is a heartfelt portrayal of the complexities surrounding human-wildlife interaction and the urgent need for conservation efforts. I am really excited to share this story with a global audience at Cannes," he added.The film offers a

captivating narrative that delves into the complexities of human-wildlife inter-

It is a poignant tale in-spired by real-life events, depicting the struggles of villagers living near a forest in Maharashtra who perceive tigress Avni as responsible for human fatalities. However, the arrival of a conservationist from the city and village leaders heralds a new perspective, advocating for the protection of wildlife and fostering coexistence between humans and ani-

Bodhi Tree Multimedia Signs Deal with Disney-Star for New Show Delhi, Bodhi Tree Multimedia Ltd. (BTML), a lead-

ing content production company in India, announced significant developments today. The company has entered into an agreement with Disney-Star for a new show to be streamed on the Disney-Hotstar platform. The show, currently under production, is an adaptation of the popular Turkish series, Ezel. Known for its gripping

storyline and compelling characters, Ezel has garnered interna-tional acclaim and achieved high viewership in all countries where it

has been adapted.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Disney-Star on this new show, which promises to be a thrilling and engaging adaptation of a beloved international format," saidMautikTolia, Founder Director & CEO of Bodhi Tree Multimedia. "This deal is a testament to our team's ability to create high-quality content that resonates with audiences across platforms..

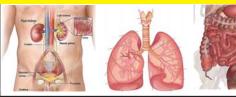
Founded in 2013, BTML specializes in content production for television, films, and digital platforms. The company has produced over 35 shows in multiple languages across various genres, garnering significant viewership and critical acclaim. BTML is committed to creating engaging and innovative content that reflects the diversity of India's cultural landscape.

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Efforts on to bring Prajwal Revanna back to India, says K'taka Home Minister

Bengaluru, May 18 (IANS) Karnataka Home Minister G. Parameshwara said on Friday that the attempts and procedures to bring Prajwal Revanna back to India are going on. Prajwal Revanna, the JD(S) Lok Sabha MP and

candidate from the Hassan seat is an accused in the sex video case and is out of the country cur-"This process will continue until he is secured and legal action is initiated against him," Parameshwara said.

Speaking to reporters at his residence in Bengaluru on Friday, the minister said, "We will not slow down or stop the process...The BJP and JD(S) will claim that the Congress government has helped Prajwal Revanna escape for their own sake. However, we have a responsibility. The government has a responsibility. We will carry out the

Reacting to the criticism from former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy that reports of the scandal are being leaked, the minister said, "I want to convey to him that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) is discharging its duties efficiently. They will have to brief me and the CM, and they are going to do that. There should be no doubts about it.

Delhi: Wanted gangster killed in

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) A notorious gangster, also a member of the Himanshu Bhau gang, was killed following an encounter with Delhi period control of the lice's Special Cell in the national capital, an official said on Friday.

The accused was identified as Ajay Singroha a.k.a Goli, a resident of Ritoli village, Rohtak dis-

According to police, on Thursday, the Special Cell received information that a shooter from the Himanshu Bhau Gang, Ajay -- who was wanted in a sensational attempted murder case in Tilak Nagar, Delhi on May 6 and in the murder of a person named Sundar at Gulshan Dhaba in Murthal on March 10 -- would be coming to the village of Kheda Khurd in Outer Delhi.

"A trap was laid and around 11:30 pm. Ajay was spotted in a Honda City car. The police party asked him to stop and surrender. In response, the accused started firing indiscriminately at the police party, resulting in an encounter between the police and the accused," said a senior police official. The official said that the accused, Ajay, was hit by police bullets and was injured. "He was promptly taken to the hospital by a PCR vehicle, where the doctor declared him dead. Two pistols and cartridges were recovered from the criminal, said the official. In the brutal incident at Murthal Dhaba, the criminal Ajay was captured on CCTV dragging the victim Sundar out of a vehicle and then chasing and shooting him multiple times.In the Tilak Nagar incident, the criminal's indiscriminate firing outside a showroom in a posh area of the national capital, amidst a crowded area, for extortion, created an atmosphere of fear in the

Friend taken into custody after Kerala bridegroom accused of domestic violence flies out

Kozhikode, May 18 (IANS) The Kerala police on Friday took into custody the friend of a bridegroom accused of domestic violence after the intervention of Governor Arif Mohammed Khan.

Rajesh was taken into custody by the newly appointed police probe team as he knew the whereabouts of the accused bridegroom, Rahul, who has left the country and reached Germany.

The case of Rahul beating up his wife surfaced on Tuesday and since then the media has been gunning for the police for allegedly allowing Rahul to escape

It was revealed only a few days back that Rahul was holding a German passport. On Friday with Rajesh in custody, it was confirmed that the two travelled to Bengaluru and from there Rahul flew out of the country on Wednesday.

The woman and Rahul, 29, an aeronautical engineer hailing from Kozhikode and working in Germany, got married on May 5. His wife alleged that she faced a harrowing time at his hands at his house on May 11 night. When her family came to her in-laws house on May 12, her travails surfaced and she told her mother how she was beaten and strangulated with a mobile charger by

Will resolve OCI card issue soon:

Panaji, May 18(IANS) After drawing flak over the Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) card issue, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Friday said that it is under consideration of the Home Ministry and it will give a final decision to consider

the revocation certificate.

The OCI card issue is under consideration of the Union Home Ministry. It has not rejected the suggestion to consider the revocation certificate. Nobody should feel that we have cheated them, the Chief Minister said. He added that the Home Ministry is doing its process and the state government is also following up. "The Home Ministry will give the final decision to consider the revocation certificate as soon as possible," the Chief Minister said. Last week, Goa opposition parties criticised the Central and the state governments after the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that acceptance of a 'revocation certificate' is 'under consideration' to register an Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) card. The MEA in its April 4 memorandum, had said that it had decided to accept a 'revocation certificate' instead of a 'surrender certificate' as an alternative document. However, its corrigendum published on April 30 said this is only "under consideration" by the MHA.

IAF begins probe in 'brawl' at **Kerala restaurant involving Southern Air Command personnel**

Thiruvananthapuram, May 18 (IANS) Following reports about an altercation involving the personnel attached to the Southern Air Command and the staff of a restaurant here, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has begun its probe into the matter.

A statement issued here on Friday by the IAF said that news has been circulating in the media about an altercation on May 15 involving Indian Air Force personnel.

'The headquarters Southern Air Command has taken serious cognizance of the incident and the same is being enquired thoroughly to ascertain the facts, in accordance with Indian Air Force policy of zero-tolerance to cases of misdemeanour,

especially in public places," the statement read.

The probe comes a day after the Kerala Police registered a case against four Southern Air Command officials based on a complaint given by a

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preme Court of India said in his speech that Since Forensic science plays a pivotal role in the justice delivery system, this development of Forensic Infrastructure and training of professionals has to be done on a war footing. Governments alone cannot undertake the herculean task of establishing the entire Forensic In-

nal laws. Thus, there is a need to establish a Central Forensic Science Regulatory Authority and outsource some Forensic sciences activities to the private sector, which are accredited and certified by the Central Authority, to increase the efficiency of the criminal justice system. In order to ensure better coordination and synergy among the state FSLs, Honble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal, Judge, Supreme Court of India proposed the creation of an All-India Forensic Service in the same lines as the All-India Judicial Service as per the provisions of Article 312 of the Constitution which deals with the

frastructure to efficiently implement the new crimiservice common to the Union and the States. He also stressed on the need for a deeper examination of the necessity and expediency of an exclusive all-India forensic service in the light of issues of reliability of private forensic labs. Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, IAS, Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Africa Court of India said fairs, Govt. of India said discussed the steps taken by the Government of India for effective implementation of new criminal laws enacted by the parliament which will take effect from 1st July, 2024. He further said in his special address that technology and forensics are the mainstay of the successful implementation of new

merated the steps undertaken to further integrate the pillars of the criminal justice system. To efficiently meet the demand, the government has established more laboratories & amp; forensic units including 700+ mobile forensic units, nearly one per district across the country. The other component of forensic capability that needs to be focused on is a skilled Around

workforce. 30,000 forensic experts are to be trained annually to meet the increased demand, continuous professionál development through regular training programs for existing experts, law enforcement, udiciary etc.

In Mumbai, INDIA bloc leaders target PM Modi: 'He speaks to polarise'

Gandhinagar ón 18th May,

2024. During the function, Honble Mr. Justice Vikram

Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Honble Mr.

Justice Rajesh Bindal, Judge, Supreme Court of

India; Honble Justice Arun Kumar Mishra, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), In-dia; Shri R. Venkatara-

mani, Attorney General for India; Shri Tushar Me-

hta, Solicitor General of

India; Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, IAS, Home Secre-tary, Ministry of Home Af-

INDIA bloc leaders, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, NCP-SP chief Sharad Pawar and Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray, on Saturday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of inciting people and creating divisions in society through his speeches and said that the Opposition alligner would win the maximum and the control of the control o liance would win the maximum Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra."No Prime Minister before Modi has ever indulged in inciting people like he has. He speaks about democracy repeatedly but does not adhere to the tenets of democracy. Wherever PM Modi goes, he speaks to polarise. This is a battle to save democracy and the people will win this battle," Kharge said in Alymbai Ha conference in Mumbai. He also said that the current situation in Maharashtra was such that the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) would win 46 out of

the 48 seats in the state.

By Staff Reporter,

Home Minister Amit Shah

Friday addressed a rally in

Rae Bareli for the second

time in less than a week

as he formally welcomed

rebel Samajwadi Party

(SP) MLA Manoj Pandey

to the BJP fold — an at-

tempt to give a last-minute

leg-up to the party's cam-

paigning in the Congress

bastion as well as the ad-

Ahmedabad, Union

Shah in Rae Bareli for 2nd time

in week, welcomes SP rebel

Organized seminars

for members of ICSI

Hub, an initiative of Government of Gujarat, organized a full day seminar for the Members of the ICSI. The theme

for the Program was on the crucial and pivotal role to be

played by the Company Secretaries for MSMEs and Start

Up Ecosystem. There were approximately 200 registration from the Professional fraternity and the Program was

hosted at the i-Hub Auditorium, Gujarat University. The

following dignitaries graced the Occasion; 1. Shri Mukesh

Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Ed-

ucation, Department of Education, Government of Gu-

jarat. 2. CS B. Narasimhan, President, The ICSI. 3. Shri

M. Nagarajan, IAS, Collector, Mehsana. 4. Shri. R. D.

Barhatt, Joint Commisioner of Industries in the Govern-

Today the ICSI Ahmedabad Chapter jointly with i-

Buried Article 370 in 'kabristan', no power in world can restore it: Modi

Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that Article 370, which was a contentious issue for several decades, was duly buried in 'kabristan' under his leadership and no power in the world can revoke it. "I ensured the barrier that came between Article 370 was buried in 'kehristen'" buried in 'kabristan,' Modi said, adding "nobody had ever imagined abrogation of Article 370 was possible". Stating

that the INDIA bloc's promise to revoke the abrogation of Article 370 has been made keeping 'vote jihad' in sight, the PM said that bloc which has come out with a false narrative of threat to the Indian Constitution to mislead the people. "But if anybody has ever accorded the Constitution its rightful place and protection, it was done by the Modi government," the PM asserted.

Recall of Indian spices abroad: Ethylene Oxide not pesticide, says spice federation

By Staff Reporter,

Ahmedabad, Following reports on recall of Indian spices from Singapore and Hong Kong and India mandating testing and sampling of spices exported to these countries for Ethylene Oxide (EtO) residue, the Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders (FISS) on Friday assured that EtO was "not a pesticide"Speaking to me-diapersons, FISS Chairman Ashwin Nayak said, "This is to dispel miscon-

ception that the use of Eth-ylene Oxide for sterilization of spices to reduce microbial contamination is harmful to consumer... Ethylene Oxide is not a pesticide, there are specialised plants and computerised systems for this treatment." Recently, the Ministry of Commerce, while reiterating guidelines for EtO treatment to exporters, had said in a statement, "The Spice Board India has taken steps to ensure the safety and quality of Indian spice

exports to Singapore and Hong Kong. The Board organised a stakeholder consultation involving over 130 exports and associations such as All India Spices Exporters Forum and Indian Spice and Association."FISS Secretary Tejus Gandhi said, The issue regarding the level of Ethylene Oxide is being used as a ploy to bring down our trade. If quick action isn't taken, approximately 40 per characteristics. of India's export volume could fall.

Non-teaching staff of 3 govt varsities in Punjab continue to get benefit of secretariat pay: HC

By Staff Reporter,

der that would affect thouthe secretariat pay granted to the employees of

joining Amethi seat.

The rally in the three-

time legislator's Assembly

segment of Unchahar

came on a day the INDIA

bloc intensified its can-vassing in Amethi and Rae

Bareli, deploying senior leaders Sonia Gandhi,

Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka

Gandhi Vadra and Akhilesh Yadav. Both

seats vote on Monday and

campaigning ends on Sat-

urday evening.

Ahmedabad, In an or-

sands of non-teaching employees in three government universities in Punjab, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has set aside the 2019 orders by the Punjab Government and the Department of Finance, withdrawing

these universities.

The Bench of Justice Namit Kumar held, "The State Government has no jurisdiction to interfere in the day-to-day working of the university once the syndicate has taken the decision to grant parity to its employees with that of employees of the Punjab Civil Secretariat."

"The petitioners shall continue to get the benefit of Secretariat pay," ordered Justice Kumar, hearing petitions filed by Guru Nanak Dev University (Non-Teaching) Emsity (Non-Teaching) Employee Association, Amritsar; Panjab University Staff Non-Teaching Association; Category 'A' Class Officers (Non-Teaching) Association, Punjabi University and others, against the State of Punjab and the three Universities, Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar;

Panjab University, Chandigarh; and Punjabi University, Patiala. One of the petitioners Balvir Singh Garcha, through counsel DS Rawat, had sought directions to the state not to withdraw the secretariat pay and continue granting the same as per the decision taken by the syndicate on the recommendations of the Finance Committee of the University.

The High Court was informed that in 1979 and 2006, the GNDU syndicate had decided to provide its employees pay scales/grade pay/allowances on par with the employees of the Punjab Civil Secretariat and for granting the same benefit, the GNDU never claimed any extra budget from the state government and made the payment from its monthly budget.

Greater Noida: Entire 'chowki' staff suspended after youth dies in police custody

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) The Gautam Buddh Nagar Police have suspended all police personnel stationed at the Chipiyana 'chowki' in Greater Noida West over the death of a youth under mysterious circumstances while

being in police custody. The youth reportedly hanged him inside the chowki, however, his family and relatives have accused the policemen of pressurizing him to take

the extreme step. Sensing the gravity of the situation, Additional CP (Law and Order) and DCP Central rushed to the Chipiyana chowki in the Bisrakh police station

regarding "deteriorating"

law and order in the state, Parameshwara said: "If

the statistics during Shet-

tar's rule are analyzed, he

would see how many mur-

ders, rapes, and crimes had occurred. I do not

need a certificate from

The 16-year-old victim was hacked to death by

the accused on May 9 fol-lowing the cancellation of

The accused had be-

headed the victim with a

machete and escaped

with her severed head to

the forest. Police found the

severed head on a tree on

May 11. After being caught, the accused told

police that he was dis-

traught after the cancella-

tion of the engagement. He had confessed that he

committed the crime after

a heated argument with

her Class 10th board

exam and was celebrating

just before being killed.

The girl had passed

the girl in the forest.

their engagement.

Shettar."

After the officials got a first-hand account of the suspicious death, Police Commissioner Laxmi Singh announced the suspension of the entire staff of the police chowki. Further, a complaint is also lodged, taking into account the series of events lead-

On Thursday morning at around 10 a.m., he reportedly committed suicide by hanging himself inside the police barrack. Though the exact reason for the suicide is yet to be ascertained, Kumar's family have levelled serious allegations against the policemen.

ing to the youth's death.

Kejriwal lost his mind in jail, says Adityanath after AAP chief's claim gayein ki jail mein jaakar

By Staff Reporter,

Ahmedabad, Hours after AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday reiterated his charge that the BJP leadership would remove Yogi Adityanath within two months of coming to power at the Centre, the Uttar Pradesh chief minister hit back saying that Kejriwal has become delusional after spending

time in jail.
Addressing a BJP rally
in Hamirpur, Adityanath
said: "Jab koi vyakti jail mein jaata hai nam, uski buddhi bhi palat jaati hai... aur aise hi AAP ke adyaksh Arvind Kejriwal ki buddhi bhi brahm mein par gayi hai... Wo jail kya

ke unko ye lagta hai ki ab jail ke bahaar kabhi nahi aana hai. mukhyamatri pad ka itna lalach ho gaya hai ki wo apni baat ko mere saath jodne ka prayas kar raha hai. Ye jail jaane ka ek re-action hai (When someone goes to jail, the person loses his mind. The same has happened with AAP convener Arvind Keriwal who has become delusional... After his jail stint, he feels he won't be able to come out. He has become so greedy about the CM post that he now tries to link his own situation with that of mine. This is the reaction of going to

for assaulting neighbour

Hyderabad, May 18 (IANS) Hyderabad Police have arrested five persons on charges of attempt to murder after they attacked a neighbour, his wife and their pet dog after an alter-

Police said that the accused attacked N. Srinath and his wife and their pet dog on the evening of May 14 in the Rahmath Nagar area under Madhura Nagar Police Station limits.

Srinath and his wife suffered grievous injuries along with their dog. The CCTV footage of the incident went viral on social media. The accused and injured persons are neighbours and have been involved in altercations for the last few days over certain petty matters which have manifested into the planned assault on the injured persons and their dog, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (West Zone) Vijay Kumar.

The Madhura Nagar police registered a case under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 147 (punishment for rioting), 148 (rioting, armed with a deadly weapon), and 307 (attempt to murder) r/w 149 (unlawful assembly) and Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. The accused, all relatives of each other, were produced before a court, which sent them to judicial custody for 15 days. The investigation is under progress and the investigation officer will file a chargesheet with appropriate evidence after completion of the investigation, the DCP said.

ment of Gujarat. 5. Shri Hiranmay Mahanta, CEO, i-Hub. K'taka HM says special court to be set up for trial in minor girl beheading case

Bengaluru, May 18 (IANS) Karnataka Home Minister G. Parameshwara met the parents of the minor girl who was recently beheaded by a man in Kodagu district and said that steps will be taken to set up a special court for the trial in the case to provide justice to the victim's family.

Home Minister Parameshwara made the remarks on Thursday while speaking to media persons after visiting the scene of the crime in Kumabaragadige village near Somwarpet town in Kodagu and meeting the victim's family.

As soon as officials learnt about it, they halted the engagement. Subse-

quently, the accused went

to the girl's house, quar-

relled, and pressured her

He said that the investigation has revealed that the accused, identified as Prakash (32), was forcibly trying to get engaged with parents to get their daughter married to him. He then attacked her mother, dragged the victim, and committed the crime, the Home Minister said. This is unacceptable

by any standard. The accused has already been arrested, and the police are working to get him punished in accordance with the law. While the girl cannot be brought back, the government will strive to deliver justice to the family. A special prosecutor will be appointed, and a special court will be set up for the trial of the case,' he added.

The Home Minister further said that he is deeply pained by the incident, however, due to the model code of conduct, he is unable to announce compensation for the family. "The government will take action after the model code of conduct is lifted,' he said.

About former CM Jagadish Shettar's statement

Mosquito-borne diseases: Notice issued to 264 households in **Gurugram**

Gurugram, May 18 (IANS) To prevent mosquito-borne diseases, the District Health Department in collaboration with Gurugram district administration has so far examined more than 17.748 thousand households in the district. Out of these, notices have been issued to 264 households where mosquito larvae have been found. Civil Surgeon Gurugram, Dr Virender Yadav said that so far 178 samples of dengue have been sent for testing in the district. However, no dengue cases have been reg-

Yadav said that a team from the Health Department is also running a cation of mosquito-borne diseases."The team is carrying out anti-larva activities under which Temephos medicine is being sprayed at mosquitoprone areas.

istered in the city so far.

Ahmedabad Airport Boosts Capacity with New Stands and Upgrades



Ahmedabad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport has seen significant improvements in recent months. The latest development is the addition of five new parking stands at Terminal 2, increasing flight operations and aircraft parking capacity. This expansion caters to the growing demand for air travel in Ahmedabad. The airport now boasts 18 parking stands, up from 13, accommodating commonly used aircraft by domestic and some international airlines.

The new stands provide opportunities for airlines to add more connec-

tions to Ahmedabad. Additionally, Terminal 2 is undergoing rapid expansion with four new aerobridges, bringing the total to eight. The airport has also implemented the Multiple Aircraft Ramp System (MARS) on four existing aerobridges, optimizing stand usage. The increased capacity not only enhances passenger traffic but also improves operational efficiency for accommodating larger air-craft in the future. This opens doors for international carriers to consider Ahmedabad for frequent technical halts alongside regular passenger flights.

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Israel prefers to avoid tough war with Hezbollah: Defence Minister

Minister Yoav Gallant has said that his country prefers to avoid a difficult war with the Lebanese armed group Hezbollah.

Speaking with fighter soldiers near Israel's northern border with Lebanon on Friday, Gallant noted that Israel will eventually return the northern region residents to their homes safely, and wants to exhaust every chance to do so by agreement, "because we know that war has prices for everyone", Xinhua news agency reported.

"A long round of hard war would be a catastrophe for Lebanon and Hezbollah, but there would also be a price for us and we prefer to avoid that," he added

Gallant noted, howev-

Jerusalem, May 18 er, that "anything can hap-(IANS) Israeli Defence pen, and we must prepare for it. If we conclude that we need to act, we will do so simply because we have to take care of our citizens.'

Earlier on Friday, the Israeli military said in state-ments that it attacked Hezbollah's air defence infrastructure, launchers, and structures in southern Lebanon. At the same time, Hezbollah's attacks continued on Friday, with dozens of rockets and drones launched into northern Israel. The exchanges of fire between Hezbollah and the Israeli military have ramped up in recent days. Hezbollah has deployed new types of rockets against Israel and recently launched a drone attack the furthest into Israeli territory since Octo-



Air Peace CEO Dr. Allen Onyema was a key member of the welcoming committee for Harry and Meghan when they touched down in Nigeria last week. DailyMail.com has exclusively learned that the 59-year-old businessman is wanted in the United States for a bank fraud scheme. Onyema is accused of using his status as a prominent business leader to launder more than \$20million from Nigeria through US bank accounts.

nounced its plans to build

a temporary floating dock

on the coast of the Gaza

Strip to facilitate humani-

tarian aid delivery to the

Gaza Strip,
which suffers from severe shortages of food,
medicine and other life

necessities, according to local and international

large-scale offensive

against Hamas in Gaza 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.

majority of the coastal

strip's residents suffer

from shortages of food,

medicine, and basic hu-

manitarian needs, prompt-

ing UN agencies to warn

of dire consequences that

could occur in the area,

such as famine, epidem-

ics and diseases among

local residents.

Due to the conflict, the

Israel launched a

health sources.

Hamas confirms no alternative to opening land crossings for aid delivery

Gaza, May 18 (IANS) Hamas said that there is no alternative to opening land crossings under Palestinian supervision for delivering humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip, including the newly-an-chored floating aid pier.

The confirmation comes following the start of operations by the US-built aid pier off the coast of Gaza City, according to local Palestinian sources, reports Xinhua news agency.

Any means of aid delivery, including the aid pier, is not a substitute for opening all land crossings under Palestinian supervision, Hamas said in statement.

It emphasised the right of the Palestinian people to receive all necessary aid amid the humanitarian catastrophe caused by the occupation of the Gaza

It also reiterated the rejection by Hamas and all Palestinian factions of any military presence of any force on Palestinian terri-

Earlier, local Palestinian sources told Xinhua that a ship carrying hu-manitarian aid had reached the shores of the Gaza Strip while smaller boats began unloading

their cargo and delivering it to the aid pier west of the

Dozens of trucks were reported waiting on the coastal strip to be loaded with aid and transported to warehouses belonging to the United Nations (UN) in the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, the sources noted that another group of ships are on the way to the shores of Gaza, with expectations to unload their cargo soon.

Palestinian sources said that international relief organisations, led by the World Food Program (WFP) operating in the Gaza Strip, would be re-

sponsible for receiving and distributing the aid to local residents.

The US announced earlier Friday that trucks carrying hu-manitarian

aid had reached the coast of the Gaza Strip through the floating maritime port it had constructed.

American media quoted US sources as saying that what is currently being implemented is part of a multinational effort to deliver humanitarian aid to Palestinian civilians in Gaza.In April, the US De-

Scholz to visit flood area in Germany, storm warnings lifted

Berlin, May 18 (IANS/ DPA) After heavy rainfall that caused flooding and landslides in the western German state of Saarland, Chancellor Olaf Scholz and state Premier Anke Rehlinger will visit the region on Saturday to assess the situation.

The situation had eased somewhat by early Saturday morning, according to the police.

The water levels of the Saar and other bodies of water are peaking or beginning to fall," said a spokesman for the district's technical operations

However, the rescue services were still on a large-scale operation. The exact extent of the damage must still be properly assessed, he said.

The flood is a type that occurs every 20 to 50 years, according to the State Office for Environmental Protestion and Occurs and Occu mental Protection and Occupational Safety.
The German Weather

Service (DWD) measured more than 100 litres of rain per square metre in less than 24 hours. By comparison, 74 litres of rain per square metre were measured in Saarland for all of

As of now, no lives are known to have been lost. The police in Saarland

recorded around 1,000 deployments by early Saturday morning, in addition to thousands of deployments by fire brigades and other aid organisations.

Numerous roads in

Saarland are still closed and rail traffic is also restricted, according to railway operator Deutsche Bahn (DB). It initially advised against non-essential travel to the Saarland.

Officials said that 220 people were accommodated in a gymnasium in Saarburg-Beurig. A retirement home was also evacuated in Saarburg and a hotel in Trittenheim on the Middle Moselle. Around 50 people were taken to temporary accommodation in a gymnasium.

Scholz cancelled an election campaign appearance planned for Saturday to visit the affected region.

7 soldiers injured after blast in St. Petersburg military academy

St. Petersburg, May 18 (IANS) Seven soldiers were injured after a World War II-era munition exploded in the Military Academy of the Signal Corps in St. Petersburg, Russia's Leningrad Military District acid itary District said.

The explosion occurred on Friday during the cleaning of one of the basement premises when people unloaded garbage into a container, the district's press office was quoted as saying by Xinhua news agency. A 76-millimeter World War Il-era munition "arbitrarily detonated", the press office said. The wounded have been taken to the Defense Ministry's health facility, according to the press office.Governor of St. Petersburg Alexander Beglov has denied that the incident was

Hamas official killed in Israeli strike' in Lebanon

Beirut, May 18 (IANS) A Hamas member was reportedly killed and two other people injured in what appeared to be a targeted Israeli airstrike in southern Lebanon on Friday.

Israeli drone followed a four-wheel drive vehicle that was driving in the town of Rashaya, fired two air-to-surface missiles at it, burning the car and killing its driver, Sharhabil al-Sayed, and seriously wounding his companion and a civilian who happened to be at the scene, Lebanese military sources told Xinhua news agency.

Israeli forces uncover bodies of 3 hostages in Gaza

Jerusalem, May 18 (IANS) The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and the Israeli Security Agency (ISA) have recovered in a joint night operation the bodies of three Israeli hostages in the Gaza Strip, as announced by IDF Spokesman Daniel

The three Israelis, Shani Louk, Amit Buskila, and Itzik Gelenter, were kidnapped and brutally murdered on October 7 last year during a Hamas attack in southern Israel while trying to escape from the Nova music festival, and their bodies were taken into the Gaza Strip, Xinhua news agency reported, citing Hagari. The IDF stated on Friday that the operation was based on information obtained through investigations of Hamas militants arrested in the Gaza Strip and intelligence guidance provided by the Military Intelligence Directorate.

Biden's security adviser to visit Saudi Arabia, Israel for talks

Washington, May 18 (IANS/DPA) US President Joe Biden's security adviser Jake Sullivan is to travel to Saudi Arabia and Israel this weekend. National Security Council Communications Director John Kirby announced in Washington on Friday that Sullivan is scheduled to meet Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince and de facto ruler, Mohammed bin Salman, on Saturday. At the meeting, Sullivan is expected to discuss ongoing efforts to achieve a lasting peace and security in the region. According to Kirby, the talks will focus on the war in the Gaza Strip, the humanitarian situation there and negotiations on an agreement to release all hostages.



dren - Jacob, eight, and Oliver, seven - to Universal Studios and Disneyland in Florida. But when the couple, from Clowne, Derbyshire, compared the price of going in September during termtime to the October half term they were astonished to see a £5,000 price difference The parents decided to instead go during the school term but are now 'struggling to cope' as they are facing huge fines from their local authority. Derbyshire County Council issued a fixed penalty notice to both parents - ordering Rebekah to pay £924 and Dale £1,044.

Climate activists in Germany temporarily block Munich Airport

Munich, May 18 (IANS/ Munich Airport. DPA) Members of the German climate activist group Last Generation caused considerable disruption at Munich Airport on Saturday at the start of a holiday weekend by entering restricted areas, officials said.

The airport was initially closed for security reasons, airport officials and the federal police said. After about two hours,

one of the two runways was reopened, followed by the second runway around an hour later. The Last Generation

reported on the social media platform X that six people sat down in groups of two at different locations at

Numerous police officers and firefighters were on site to remove the activists. The spokesman for the federal police said that eight people initially tried to enter the site at four different points at the same time by cutting through the airport's security fence.

The airport spokesperson said it could take a while for air traffic to normalise on Saturday.

Due to the tight synchronisation of flights, delays can still occur for a while. Passengers who have flights booked on Saturday should contact their airline as a precaution.--IANS/DPA

Air raid alert in **Russia's** Belgorod, explosion heard: Report

Moscow, May 18 IANS/DPA) There has been an explosion in the Russian border region of Belgorod following a missile alert, the media reported early Saturday.
The Governor of the

region, Vyacheslav Gladkov, had called on residents to take shelter via his Telegram channel. deaths that Russia has caused in Ukraine.

Ukraine has been defending itself against a Russian invasion with massive Western support for more than two years.

Zelensky signs legislation to allow some convicts to join armed forces

Kiev, May 18 (IANS) Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has signed legislation allowing certain convicts to join the country's armed forces, the parliament press service has reported.

The legislation, signed on Friday, enables certain categories of convicts to be enlisted for military service under a contract during martial law, Xinhua news agency reported. The legislation was adopted by the parliament on May 8.

In exchange, the convicts will be granted the possibility to get parole from serving

sentences.The new law will not apply to prisoners who were convicted for crimes against Ukraine's national security, intentional murder of two or more persons, and other serious

Last week, Justice Minister Denys Maliuska said that Ukraine has the potential to conscript between 10,000 and 20,000 convicts, according to media reports.

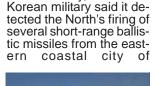
On Saturday, a law to tighten military mobilization rules, which aims to recruit more troops for the country's armed forces, will take effect in Ukraine.-

Seoul, May 18 (IANS) On Friday, the South Forum, said the latest

North Korea said it has test-fired a tactical ballistic missile equipped with a new "autonomous" navigation system in a bid to advance its weapons capabilities The North's leader,

Kim Jong-un, oversaw the weapons test on Friday, according to the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). The report did not reveal further details, such as how many missiles were fired, Yonhap news agency reporteed.

The accuracy and reliability of the autonomous navigation system were verified through the test fire," the report said.



North Korea says it test-fired tactical ballistic missile with new guidance technology

> Wonsan. According to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the missiles flew about 300 kilometres and landed in the East Sea.

Shin Jong-woo, a senior researcher at the Korea Defense and Security

crease in range for the North's tactical guided weapons, which previously nad been known to nav a range of 100 to 110 kilometres.Considering the flight distance of some 300 kilometres, the North may have tested the missile with major military facilities in South Korea in mind.The direct distance between Pyongyang and the South's Gyeryongdae military headquarters in Gyeryong is measured at around 330 kilometres, while that between the North's capital and the US 8th Fighter Wing in Gun-

san is about 350 km.

launch would mark an in-

Germany's Saarland sees flooding after heavy rain

Berlin, May 18 (IANS/ DPA) Heavy rainfall caused flooding and landslides in the western German state of Saarland.

Buildings in the state capital of Saarbrucken and other municipalities had to be evacuated due to rising water levels.

The state Interior Ministry spoke of a "widespread flooding situation", with a focus on the southeastern part of the state. People in the city of Saarbrücken have been

advised to avoid basements, bodies of water, and flooded areas due to persistent heavy rain. "Flood waves can come suddenly, banks can

collapse," the city an-

nounced on Friday

evening.
"Crossing flooded streets should be avoided at all costs -- both on foot

and by car."
Therefore, citizens



were warned to stay away from the affected areas and, if necessary, spend the night elsewhere. A Ministry Spokesper-

son said that the districts of Neunkirchen, Saarpfalz, and Saarbrucken regional associations were particularly affected. There was initially no news of any

casualties.

Apart from Saarbrucken and Neunkirchen, the situation was tense in Eppelborn, St. Wendel, Saarlouis, and Merzig. In some places, residents had to be evacuated from their flats in isolated streets. Some retirement homes were also affected.

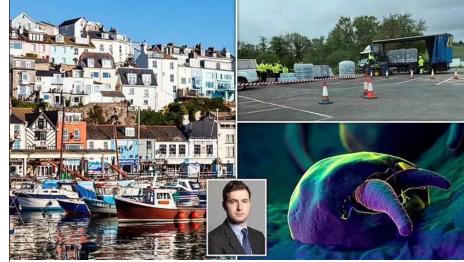
US warns of possible terror threat to LGBTQI+ community citizens overseas to exer-

Washington, May 18 (IANS/DPA) The US government is calling on its citizens to be vigilant due to possible terrorist attacks against the LGBT-QI+ community worldwide.

"Due to the potential for terrorist attacks, demonstrations, or violent actions against US citizens and interests, the Department of State advises US

cise increased caution," the US Department of State wrote in a global security advisory on Friday. It said it was aware of the increased potential for violence against the LG-BTQI+ community in-

spired by foreign terrorist organisations. US citizens should be vigilant at Pride events, the advisory recommended



South West Water (SWW) has urged people to boil their tap water after hundreds were struck down with diarrhoea, vomiting and stomach pains linked to cryptosporidium, a parasitic bug that causes severe stomach issues. Residents across Brixham, Boohay, Kingswear, Roseland and north-east Paignton in Devon are all being told to boil water as a precaution, including when drinking it or using it to cook with and brush teeth. The water board initially claimed that its treatment works were not to blame but has since backtracked. blame but has since backtracked - prompting fury from local Tory MP Anthony Mangnall, who said its initial failure to act had been 'enormously frustrating'.

Situation under control in Kyrgyz capital after clashes between Pakistani students and locals began from a hostel on Maxillofacial Surgery of

Bishkek, May 18 (IANS) Kyrgyzstan's Foreign Ministry said on Saturday that the situation was "completely under the control of law enforcement agencies" after the incident of mob violence in capital Bishkek involving foreign students and locals left many injured, including a Pakistani citizen with a

fractured jawbone. The clashes, which

Monday and majorly involved students from Pakistan, took an ugly turn on Friday night as local protesters also raised the issue of illegal migration.

"From the moment information about the incident was received, law enforcement agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic took prompt measures to detain persons involved in the event, both foreign citizens and citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic," Kyrgyzstan's Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Saturday.
In a separate state-

Kyrgyzstan's Health Ministry said that 12 victims were admitted to the National Hospital with various injuries. Minister of Health of

the Kyrgyz Republic, Alymkadyr Beishenaliev, visited the Department of

the National Hospital and got acquainted with the health condition of a Pakistani citizen who was admitted with a diagnosis of a fractured jaw bone. The country's govern-

ment also urged foreign diplomatic missions not to disseminate "unreliable and unverified information" as the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Almaz Imangaziev met with Pakistani Ambassador Hassan Ali Zaigam at the Ministry on Saturday. 'The minister also

asked the Pakistani side to conduct explanatory work among representa-tives of the Pakistani mass media on the nondissemination of inaccurate information on the incident," said the Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry.

Ethiopian para runner Tesfaw sets new women's 1,500m T11 world record

Kobe (Japan), May 18 (IANS) Ethiopian para athlete Yayesh Gate Tesfaw triumphed in the Women's 1,500m T11 Final with a new world record at the Para Athletics World Championships here on Saturday. The visually impaired runner clocked 4 minutes 31.77 seconds at the Universiade Memorial Stadium in the central Japanese port city of Kobe, shaving nearly six seconds off the previous record, reported Xinseconds. seconds off the previous record, reported Xinhua. China's He Shanshan got the silver with a new Asian record of 4:34.12. Louzanne Coetzee of South Africa took the bronze.

Held in East Asia for the first time and a crucial qualifier for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, the Kobe 2024 Para Athletics World Championships attracted over 1,000 athletes from 100 countries and regions to compete in 168 events. The championships, the 11th edition of its kind, will run until May 25.

IPL 2024: Hardik Pandya penalised for maintaining slow over rate against LSG

Mumbai, May 18 (IANS) Hardik Pandya, the Mumbai Indians (MI) captain, was penalised Rs. 30 lakh after his tealing Davided a slow overrate during their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 match against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday night. "As it was his team's third offence of the

season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over rate offences, Pandya was fined Rs. 30 lakh and banned from playing the team's next match," the IPL statement read.

The rest of the members of the playing XI including the Impact Player, were each individually fined either Rs.12 lakh or 50 percent of their respective match fees, whichever is lesser."Nicholas Pooran struck a sensational 28ball 75 to help Lucknow Super Giants reach a challenging total before they came back after a 45-minute rain break to quell Mumbai Indians by 18 runs despite blazing half-centuries by Rohit Sharma and Naman Dhir.

IPL 2024: RCB v CSK overall head-tohead, when and where to watch

Bengaluru, May 18 (IANS) Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) will host Chennai Super Kings (CSK) In Match 68 of the IPL, here at M. Chinnàswamy Stadium on Saturday.

RCB are on a five-match winning streak after outclassing Delhi Capitals by 47 runs in their previous game. Despite the forgettable start, the Bengaluru-based franchise gained momentum in the middle of the season to stay alive in the title race. With 12 points in 13 matches, RCB are placed sixth in the standings.

RCB must win the match against CSK to bolster their hopes of a title finish. It is not just a win but by a certain margin to better their net run-rate than the defending champions.

On the other hand, Ruturaj Ġaikwad-led Chennai hold 14 points in 13 games and currently occupying fourth spot in the points table. A win against RCB will make them the final team to progress to playoffs.



RIO DE JANEIRO, Players of Brazil pose for photos after winning the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Volleyball Nations League Women's Pool 2 match between Brazil and the United States in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 17, 2024. UNI

IPL 2024: Rohit, Naman fifties in vain as Mumbai Juve part ways Indians end campaign with 18-run loss to LSG

Mumbai, May 18 (IANS) India skipper Rohit Sharma, blasted a halfcentury in his final knock before the T20 World Cup and Naman Dhir blazed to a 28-ball unbeaten 62 but their efforts went in vain as Mumbai Indians went down to Lucknow Super Giants by 18 runs in Match 67 of Indian Premier League 2024 at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday. Rohit, coming in as an Impact Substitute, struck 10 boundaries and three sixes in a 38-ball 68 while Naman Dhir hammered a 28-ball unbeaten 62 as 28-ball unbeaten 62 as Mumbai Indians ended with 196/6 in 20 overs chasing a challenging total of 214/6 posted by Lucknow Super Giants thanks to a sensational 29-ball 75 by Nicholas Pooran and a patient 55 by skipper K.L Rahul after Hardik Pandya won the toss and elected won the toss and elected to bowl first. The match was halted for 45 minutes due to rain early in the MI

Batting on a pitch on which the ball was gripping a bit, Mumbai Indians lost their way from 88 for no



loss to lose five quick wickets for 30-odd runs and it was only an audacious late pyrotechnics by Naman Dhir that gave their score some respectability. Dhir blasted four sixes as he made a futile attempt to reach 62 off the last 28

Mumbai Indians thus finished with eight points from 14 matches, ending last in the standings, the second time in three years for them. LSG ended with 14 points but will be ruing their performance in a couple of matches which could have put them in the playoff.Chasing a stiff tar-

start scoring 53 runs in the Power-play as Rohit Sharma and his new opening partner Dewald Brevis raced to fifty runs in the sixth over. In his final outing before he leads India in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, Rohit Sharma came up with a superb effort, scoring a fine half-century off 28 balls, hitting seven fours and three sixes as he started in the fourth gear. After a cautious first over, Sharma blasted Matt Henry for back-to-back sixes -- the second one a sensational shot hit by exposing all his stumps and freeing his get of 215, Mumbai Indians got off to a superb stump length over long-off.

with head coach Allegri

Rome, May 18 (IANS) Serie A powerhouse Juventus had relieved Massimiliano Allegri of his position as head coach on Friday, days after the Tuscan led the Bianconeri to win the Coppa Italia title.

'The exoneration follows certain behaviors during and after the Coppa Italia final that the club deemed incompatible with the values of Juventus and the behavior that those

who represent it should have," read a statement.
The 56-year-old lost his temper in the dying minute of the Coppa Italia final between Juve and Atalanta that saw him sent off by the referee.

Allegri started his second spell in Juve in 2021. In his first stint, he won five consecutive Serie A titles from 2014-15 to 2018-19 and steered the team to the Champions League final twice.

Coincidentally, Juve and Allegri also terminated their first period of collaboration on May 17,

Valverde extends stay with Bilbao, Garica signs new Álaves deal

Madrid, May 18 (IANS) Athletic Club Bilbao an-nounced on Friday that coach Ernesto Valverde has extended his contract with the club for another year until the end of June 2025. The announcement sees Valverde continue with his habit of extending his relationship with the Basque club, where he also spent six seasons as a player, on a year-by-year basis and means that if he sees out the remainder of his contract, he will have spent nine years coaching the club in three different

spells, reported Xinhua.

This season Valverde reached hero status after leading Athletic to their first Copa del Rey title in 40 years, and the club is currently fifth in the league table with a place in next season's Europa League (which has the final in Ath-letic's San Mames Stadium) already assured.

He has also overseen the development of various footballers from the club's youth system, with players such as Nico Williams and Dani Vivian now members of the Spanish members of the Spanish national team."It's a new hope, a new challenge

and let's see if we can conand let's see if we can continue working to make this club a little bit bigger," said Valverde, who added that it was a "great responsibility to pay back all of the confidence that I have been shown."

Valverde wasn't the only coach in La Liga to extend their contract on

extend their contract on Friday, with Deportivo Alaves announcing that coach Luis Garcia Plaza has signed a new two-year contract with the club from the city of Vitoria.

Garcia Plaza joined Alaves two years ago after they were relegated to the second division and led them to promotion in his first season in charge. his first season in charge, following a dramatic penalty scored in the last minute of the play-off final.

This season Alaves are currently 11th in La Ligawith 42 points from 36 games and confirmed their place in the top-flight for next season with several games left to play.

One man who won't be with Alaves next season is right back Andoni Gorosabal, with the club confirming his departure when his contract expires at the end of June.

NBA Playoffs 2024: Pacers dominate Knicks, force Game 7 in Eastern Conference semis

Indianapolis, May 18 (IANS) The Indiana Pacers took control early and never looked back, defeating the New York Knicks 116-103 in a decisive Game 6 on Friday cisive Game 6 on Friday night. The win evens the Eastern Conference semifinals series at 3-3, forcing a thrilling Game 7. Pascal Siakam led the Pacers with a dominant performance, scoring 25 points, grabbing 7 rebounds, and dishing our 5 assists. Tyrese Haliburton chipped in with a well-rounded 15 points, 9 assists, and 6 rebounds assists, and 6 rebounds. Indiana's dominance was evident in both shooting efficiency, hit-ting a scorching 53.8%

from the field, and paint dominance, outscoring the Knicks 62-38 in the paint.

It was once again Jalen Brunson who led the scoring for the New York based team as the former Dallas point guard scored 31 points on the night despite ending on the losing side.

This series has become a battle of homecourt advantage, with all games being won by the home side. With both teams desperate to reach the Conference Finals, the Knicks for the first time since 2000 and the Pacers since 2014 stakes are certainly high for Game 7.



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P&G India's 5thAnnual WeSeeEqual Equality OELLT Strengthens University & Inclusion Summit concludes in Mumbai

Ahmedabad, Procter & Gamble India (P&G India) makers of brands like Whisper, Ariel, Gillette, Pampers etc. today concluded its 5th annual #We-SeeEqual Equality and Inclusion Summit 2024. The event convened distinguished advocates and personalities to spark impactful conversations with employees on varied topics including evolving con-cept of family, mental wellbeing, true equality, and intersectionality of various inclusion aspects. These conversations were aimed at inspiring employees and driving collective meaningful action to fuel a positive change.

The event was simul-casted across P&G locations, and employees from the P&G India manufacturing facility in Ahmedabad, turned up in big numbers to partake in the dialogues.

this #WeSeeEqual summit was anchored on the underpinning thought that the differences in the lived experiences of people make up their unique identities, and when many such unique voices comé together, it leads to better outcomes for everyone. Therefore, when uniqueness and diversity is truly embraced in all its forms, and people unite to create an inclusive environment, the workplace is better positioned to drive innovation, collaboration, and excellence. Speaking on the occasion, Mrinalini Srinivasan, Senior Director - Finance and Sponsor Equality & Inclusion,
 P&G India said, "In India,
 2 out of 3 Households use P&G products. That is a diverse consumer set encompassing young and old, men and women,

Built on the theme straight and queer, urban UNIQUE and UNITED, and rural, abled and disabled, neurotypical or neurodivergent and many more. Therefore, it is imperative for us to respect and reflect the diversity of our consumers in everything we do. Through our brands sparking pertinent conversations to connect with consumers on shared values and beliefs, as well as through policies and programs that create an equal and inclusive environment and enable our people to be their authentic selves, we have remained committed to ensure that #WeSeeEqual. As we celebrate the 5th edition of our #WeSee-Equal Summit, we are inspired to hear from the leading voices and engage in meaningful dialogue that can help us all see through and tackle our conscious and unconscious bias.

Partnership; Onboards 30+ Universities From Across the Globe Mumbai, Oxford English Language Level Tests

(OELLT) a leading English language testing provider, part of the Oxford International Education Group today announced the addition of 30+ University partners from across the globe. The expanded network now includes esteemed institutions such as the University of Edinburgh, UK, a prominent member of the Russell Group, and top-ranking universities like Washington State University, these esteemed universities, including the University of Edinburgh in the UK and Washington State University in the USA, are highly sought after by Indian students for their academic excellence and impactful research programs. The hassle-free process and fast turnaround time allows Indian students to pursue their educational dreams abroad effortlessly.

Commenting on the occasion, Amit Upadhyay, Regional Director - South Asia, Oxford International Education Group said "We are happy to onboard over 30+ universities to our partner network. We are dedicated to empowering students and universities globally and our commitment to excellence is evident in the development of our products, which are recognised by topranking universities, offer accurate and accelerated results, and are accessible to all. We continually expand our network of partner universities to provide diverse options to students worldwide.

Recognised and embraced by 135+ universities across the UK, US, Canada, and Australia, Oxford ELLT brings language testing into a digital world, with the fully online Oxford ELLT Digital, and the test centrebased Oxford ELLT Global.

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be amazed becauseTEC-NO, the global smart-phone, just dropped the smartphone photography revolution: CAMON 30 Series! This highly anticipated lineup features a premium yet classic design and epic camera technology. This beauty is built to up users' photography game with fea-tures likeIndia's first100MP OIS Mode with 50MP AF Front Camera, Super Night Mode, and Al magic. With the CAMON 30 Series, TEC NO challenges users to "See what's never been seen", and flex their creativity to snap pro-level photos and videos effortlessly. Landing in India on May 23rd, setting new standards for mobile photography and proving that TĔCNO is all about capturing life in style!

sents a pro-photography experience in style. Featuring the revolutionary 100MP OIS Mode, partnering with Sony for IMX 890, and collaborating with Dolby for an immersive sound experience, and many more experience-centric features, we await users' feedback. At the same time, we challenge and encourage our users to experience the beauty of photography and see what's never been seen.'

Powered by the legendary SONY IMX 890, the CAMON 30 Series is the go-to for capturing life's vibrant moments in stunning detail and colors

sign, the CAMON 30 series boasts a triple-camera setup that captures the essence of a classic camera. And that's not all it comes with upto24GB RAM and up to 512GB ROM, ensuring smooth performance and ample storage catering to all needs with ease.

TECNO also unveiled its latest campaign for the CAMON series, featuring none other than Bollywood's favourite superstar, Deepika Padukone. This fun TVC shows the sensation in an unseen playful avatar, bringing the colours back to the world, with the CAMON 30 series!

How your nail colour can signal cancer risk

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) A coloured band (usually white or red) along the length of the nail may indicate the risk of developing cancerous tumours of the skin, eyes, and kidneys, finds a study.

Scientists at the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) discovered the presencé of a benign nail abnormality known as an onychopapilloma. Besides the coloured band, it also comes with thickening of the nail underlying the colour change, and thickening at the end of the

This may lead to the diagnosis of a rare inherited disorder, known as BAP1 tumour predisposition syndrome, that increases the risk of developing cancerous tumours. they noted.
Mutations in the BAP1

gene drive the syndrome,

"which normally acts as a tumour suppressor, among other functions," revealed the findings published in JAMA Dermatology_journal.

The condition typically only affects one nail. However, in the study of 47 in-dividuals with BAP1 syndrome from 35 families, about 88 per cent presented onychopapilloma tumours in multiple nails.

"This finding is rarely seen in the general population, and we believe the presence of nail changes that suggest onychopapillomas on multiple nails should prompt consideration of a diagnosis of BAP1 tumour predisposition syndrome," said Edward Cowen, head of Dermatology Consultation Services at NIH's National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS).

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship lays out framework for holistic development of trainers New Delhi, As 'Viksit tent into classroom learn-portunities, and low-pay. firmly believe efforts such

Bharat 2047' envisions a ing using digital tools and resources.

completely developed nation by the 100th year of India's independence, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneur-ship (MSDE) aims to foster a dynamic workforce in an ever-evolving economy. To cater to this, the Ministry has laid out a roadmap where trainers from short-term and longterm skilling ecosystems will be equipped with the right skills and technology to help learners participate in the future market.

The MSDE's partner, Future Right Skills Network (FRSN) has drafted the "Trainer Development Strategy for the Skilling Ecosystem" which lays out a framework and guidelines for the development of the 21st centueducator. It recommends that trainers integrate digital blended con-

The drafting of the trainer development strategy has been facilitated by Quest Alliance and supported by FRSN, a collaboration between Ac-

centure, Cisco, J.P. Morgan, and SAP. The initiative aims to enhance the quality and effectiveness of nationwide trainers across sectors for longterm skilling. Additionally, the mentioned strategies will address the gaps in staffing and training capacity; shortage of qualified trainers in the Technical and Vocational Education and Training cation and (TVET) sector which impacts the quality and effectiveness of skill development programs; and reduce attrition of qualified trainers due to irregular employment, limited career advancement op-

Moreover, the document also gives strategies to improve the efficiency of existing trainers through recognition, performance evaluation, motivation, and up-skilling.

Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entre-preneurs Payalon The Trainer Development Strategy for the Skilling Ecosystem - framework and guidelines - is a testament of the collaborative efforts of the Government, Industry and Academia which will pave the way for stronger skilling ecosystem with a holistic approach to trainer development. With the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in its tenth year, it is important to focus on the potential areas of development as much as it is important to relive the achievements. I

firmly believe efforts such on the good work that the Ministry is doing and will strengthen the ecosystem further."

The recommendations will be validated in different Indian states to gather the responses of trainers, learners, and other stakeholders of the skilling ecosystem before its largescale implementation.

Adding to that, Aakash Sethi, CEO, Quest Alliance said that by integrating digital content and resources into classroom learning, we are ensuring that India's workforce is equipped with the skills required to thrive in the 21st-century economy. "We believe that this initiative will not only address the current gaps in the TVET sector but also pave the way for a more dynamic and efficient skilling ecosystem in India.

Neuralink chip can help restore full body control in people sufferingfrom paralysis: Musk

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk on Saturday said his brain-computer interface company, Neuralink, can help restore full body control in people suffering from paralysis in the near future.

Neuralink achieved a successful brain-chip implant with the first human -- Noland Ar-

magh -- in the US. The company is now accepting applications for the second participant for

a chip implant. 'Long-term, I think we can bridge severed nerve signals to a second Neuralink in the spine, restoring full body control," the tech billionaire posted on

form. Arbaugh, the world's first recipient of a Neuralink, has enabled "telepathic control of a computer or phone just by thinking," Musk added. When Neuralink se-

lects the second chip participant, Arbaugh would tell him or her about his lifechanging experiences after the implant.

The company has received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for human

According to the company, the PRIME (Precise Robotically Implanted Brain-Computer Interface) trials aim to evaluate thé safety of its implant (N1) and surgical robot (R1).

These trials aim to assess the initial functionality of the wireless braincomputer interface for enthe X social media platabling people with paralysis to control external devices with their thoughts.-

Business

Hari Om Rai resigns from board, doesn't hold MD role anymore: Lava International

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) Hari Om Rai, Managing Director of homegrown electronics manufacturer Lava International, has resigned from the board and does not hold any directorial position anymore, the company in-

formed on Saturday. In a statement to IANS, the company said that Rai resigned from Lava board in the last financial year (FY24).
"Currently, he is not the

Managing Director of the company and does not hold any directorial position in the company," a

Lava spokesperson said. "We kindly request you to avoid associating his name with our company in any capacity," the company spokesperson added. Rai was arrested in October last year in a

money laundering case against the Chinese smartphone-maker Vivo, along with others. He was granted three months interim bail on

February 16 which expired on May 15. On Thursday, Rai was sent to judicial custody after Delhi High Court re-

fused to extend his medi-

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cal bail.The Enforcement Directorate (ED) told the court that Rai allegedly sent a 'dummy patient' to AIIMS to generate a fake medical report for himself, showing he had cardiac issues.

The ED had arrested Rai along with three others, Chinese national Guangwen alias Andrew Kuang, Chartered Accountants Nitin Garg and Rajan Malik, on October 10, 2023.

In December, the ED had arrested three more people, who were the top executives of Vivo India.

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Oyo to refile its IPO papers post-refinancing existing loan

(IANS) Hospitality major Oyo will refile its initial public offering (IPO) papers with markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) after refinancing its existing \$450 million Term Loan B (TLB) at a lower interest

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(Rs 2,908.5 crore-Rs 3,739.5 crore) through a bond issuance, at an estimated interest rate of 9-10 per cent per annum, sources told IANS on Sat-

This bond issuance would significantly lower the current effective interest rate of 14 per cent on its existing \$450 million Term Loan B (TLB) facility with a repayment period of seven yėaŕs.

'The refinancing is expected to result in annual interest savings of \$8-10 million (Rs 66.4-Rs 83.0 crore) in the first year, after accounting for the costs associated with the bond issuance," according to sources.

Oyo anticipates annual savings of \$15-17 million (Rs 124.5 crore-Rs 141.1 crore) thereafter, almost all of which would get added to its net profits, sources added.

The refinancing will result in material changes to Oyo's financial state-

As per existing SEBI regulations, the company will need to revise its filings with the regulator.

JPMorgan is the lead banker for this refinancing. According to the company, since the decision for refinancing is at an advanced stage, it doesn't

make sense to continue pursuing IPO approval with the current financials. According to sources, the time frame for the whole refinancing exercise to extend the repayment timeline to five years from

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India needs to forge global partnerships in shaping telecom

ships and align with international best practices in telecommunications standards, industry stakeholders have said, as India prepares to host World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly in Octo-ber. The industry leaders deliberated on global standards and intellectual prop-erty dynamics at a work-

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH, 2024						
			(Rs. In Lacs)			
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)	5.97	24.52	6.05			
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax,						
Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(0.85)	0.49	(0.26)			
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax						
(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(0.85)	0.49	(0.26)			
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax						
(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(0.63)	0.38	(0.19)			
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(49.90)	52.67	(33.34)			
Equity Share Capital	300.06	300.06	300.06			
Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserves)	-	-	664.63			
Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items)						
(Face value of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing						
and discontinued operations)						
Basic & Diluted:	(0.02)	0.01	(0.01)			

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 Company & on the website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com.

For TYPHOON FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

ASHOK CHHAJER Date: 18st May, 2024 MANGING DIRECTOR Place: Ahmedabad (DIN: 00280185)

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Extract of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended March 31, 2024.

		·		(Rs. In Lacs)
Sr No.	PARTICULARS	Current Quarter ending 31-Mar-24	Year to date Figures 31-Mar-24	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year 31-Mar-23
1	Total Income from Operations	349.36	1789.46	741.78
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	26.45	-160.37	7.42
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items and/or Extraordinary items)	26.45	-160.37	7.42
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	26.45	-160.37	7.42
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	26.45	-160.37	7.42
6	Equity Share Capital	34374000	34374000	34374000
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year		1524.30	
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
	1) Basic:	0.77	-4.67	0.22

2) Diluted: Note:

Date: May 19, 2024

Place: Surat

- a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity. (URL of the filinas)
- b) The impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.
- # Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind-AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is applicable.

For, Surbhi Industries Limited Ravjibhai P. Patel **Managing Director** DIN: 00023332

Business Brief |||

Al-driven sustainable development needs tech deployment across economic, social sectors: DoT

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) Sustainable development, driven by Artificial Intelligence (AI) will require technology deployment across economic and social sectors, Dr Neeraj Mittal, Telecommunications Secretary, has said. Highlighting that sustainable development will

require the deployment of technology across sup-ply chains, economies and social sectors, he said

that telecom is an integral part of it.

The digital economy is expected to contribute more than 20 per cent to India's GDP by 2026.

According to the government, the digital economy progressed from 4-4.5 per cent of the total GDP in 2014 to more than 11 per cent last year. "I cannot think that it can happen in any other way except when we have a very robust telecom network system," he said during a round-table discussion organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) here. Schemes such as Digital Communication Innovation Square (DCIS) and Telecom Technology Development Fùnd (TTDF) have supported many entrepreneurs who are now using technologies to solve small or bigger problems individually in their spheres.

Stock market special session today, Sensex jumps 120 points

Mumbai, May 18 (IANS) Indian equity indices opened in green on Saturday, following positive

At 9:50 a.m., Sensex was up by 120 points or 0.15 per cent at 74,037 points, and Nifty was up 36 points or 0.16 per cent at 22,503 points. The market is open in two sessions today due

to the disaster recovery site test. The first session will be from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and the second session will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A disaster recovery site has been created by

the exchanges so that in case of any emergency, trading can be shifted to this site.

The Nifty midcap 100 index was up by 298 points or 0.56 per cent at 51,893 points and the Nifty smallcap 100 index was up 142 points or 0.84 per cent at 17,013 points. In Sensex, 26 out of 30 shares were in the green. Power Grid, Nestle, Asian Paints, IndusInd Bank, and TCS were the top gainers. JSW Steel, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank and ITC were the top losers. As per market experts, "Dow Jones closing in record territory above 40,000 will continue to provide global support for equity markets. However, in India, the electionrelated jitters might continue to cause high volatility." A significant trend now is the FIIs turning buyers yesterday, and this takes away the pressure on the markets," they added.

Sensex jumps 253 points after robust Q4 earnings

Mumbai, May 17 (IANS) India stock indices were up on Friday following robust Q4 earnings from consumer and auto companies.

At closing, Sensex was up 253 points or 0.34 per cent, at 73,917 points and Nifty was up 62 points or 28 per cent at 22,466 points. The broader market indices had outperformed

benchmarks. The Nifty midcap 100 index was up 451 points or 0.88 per cent, at 51,604 points and the Nifty smallcap 100 index was up 274 points or 1.65 per cent, at 16,870 points. The India volatility index, India VIX was down

1.05 per cent at 19.79 points.
Also, 19 out of 30 Sensex stocks were in the red. Mahindra & Dennett, Mahindra Bank, Maruti Suzuki, and NTPC were the top gainers. Whereas TCL, HCL Tech, Wipro, HUL and Nestle were the top losers. Market experts said: "Despite mixed global signals and uncertainties surrounding the US Fed, the Indian market experienced a robust recovery, largely fuelled by the outperformance of the broader market and positive Q4 earnings."They added that some index heavyweight earnings surpassed expectations, and midcap and small-cap stocks continued to exhibit buying interest during dips. "Auto and consumer durables particularly stood out with strong earnings momentum," they said.

Govt-run ONDC facilitates 7.22 mn transactions in April, onboards over 5 lakh sellers

New Delhi, May 17 (IANS) The government-run Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) facilitated 7.22 million transactions in April and onboarded over 5 lakh sellers, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said on Friday.

Among the 5 lakh sellers, more than 70 per cent are small or medium-sized sellers.

At least 12 unicorns and over 125 startups have committed to onboarding ONDC to date, it was announced at the 'ONDC Startup Mahotsav' here."The ONDC network has rapidly grown and matured over the past one and a half years, and today's session reflects both the DPIIT's and industry's commitment to democratising digital commerce in India," said Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, DPIIT. The event saw participation of around 5,000 startups in hybrid mode. Over 125 stakeholders including startups, unicorns and high-growth businesses such as EaseMyTrip, OfBusiness, Winzo, Livspace, GlobalBees, Pristyn Care, Cars24, Physics Wallah, PolicyBazaar, and Zerodha, signed Letter of Intent (LoI) during the

Google Cloud launches Al-driven security operations region to India

Mumbai, May 17 (IANS) Aligning with India's data localisation norms, Google Cloud on Friday announced to bring its Al-powered security operations (SecOps) region to India.\

The enterprises in the country can now store their Google security operations customer data in the Mumbai region.

Today's complex threat landscape, combined with talent shortages, requires immediate and innovative solutions. Gemini in Google Security Operations is a catalyst to supercharge our customers' security operations, a game changer to drive operational excellence with Google's Al at scale," said Jyothi Prakash, India Head of Google Cloud Security.

With the new SecOps region in the country, Google Cloud can help more organisations, in both the private and public sectors, reap the benefits of secure cloud infrastructure, said the company.

Google Cloud's security operations platform is designed to give security operations centre (SOC) teams a boost across their detection and response

To reduce toil and manual processes across security teams, Google Cloud has announced updates to Gemini in its security operations.

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Independent candidate takes donkey ride to campaign in Bihar's Gopalgani

Patna, May 18 (IANS) In elections, candidates try different campaign methods to lure voters and even sometimes they opt for unusual ways to attract public attention. One such bizarre election campaign was seen in Bihar's Gopalganj, where a candidate goes out for campaigning on a don-

key.
Satyendra Baitha, contesting from the Gopalganj Lok Sabha seat as an Independent candidate, campaigns door-to-door riding a donkey. He is a native of Gopalganj Shyampur village.

When asked about his unusual campaign style, Baitha says: "As the prices of petrol and diesel are high and it is not affordable for many people like me, I have decided to campaign by riding the donkey. I even rode a donkey to reach the collectorate for filing my nomination papers." Many people come out of their houses to take a glimpse when Baitha reaches there riding a donkey.

Jagan Mohan Reddy leaves for foreign tour

Vijayawada, May 18 (IANS) Four days after simultaneous elections to the Andhra Pradesh Assembly and Lok Sabha, Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy along with his family left for a foreign tour on Friday night.

He was seen off at the Gannavaram airport by Ministers Jogi Ramesh and Kottu Satyanarayana, MP Nandigama Suresh, Government Whips Ch. Bhaskar Reddy, S. Udayabhanu, MLCs T. Raghuram, M. Arun Kumar and MLA M. Vishnu.

The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) chief was on Tuesday granted permission to visit the UK from May 17 to June 1 with his family members by a special court for CBI cases following his petition.

He would return to Andhra Pradesh on June 1 three days before the counting of votes on June

CM Vijayan returns to India after cutting short three-nation private trip with family

Thiruvananthapuram, May 18 (IANS) Amid the controversy surrounding his private three-nation trip, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his family returned to Kerala in the wee hours of Saturday, cutting the tour short. The furore over the trip began as there was no official intimation about his visit that commenced on May 6. Even Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan waded into the controversy by stating that he wished to thank the media for informing him that CM Vijayan was on an overseas tour. Though there was initial news that he would arrive at Kochi airport, he landed at the Thiruvananthapuram airport and as always, walked away without giving the waiting media any chance to speak to him.



GIRIDIH, Kalpana Soren Murmu, JMM candidate for Gandey Assembly Constituency seat By-Poll at an election campaign rally, in Giridih district, Jharkhand on Saturday. UNI

Bengal: 57 pc of booths in 5th phase sensitive, CAPF deployment increased

(IANS) Ensuring peaceful polls in the fifth phase of elections for the seven Lok Sabha constituencies in West Bengal on May 20 will be yet another challenging task for the Election Commission (EC) as over 57 per cent of the booths in this phase have been identified as sensitive in nature.

As per records of the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal, the exact percentage of the identified sensitive booth in this phase is 57.19 per cent, which is substantially higher than the figure of 23.5 per cent in the fourth phase on May

The seven Lok Sabha constituencies in West Bengal that are going to polls on May 20 include Hooghly, Arambagh and Serampore in Hooghly district, Barrackpore and Bangaon in North 24 Parganas district and Howrah

and Uluberia in Howrah district.Out of these seven Lok Sabha constituencies. as per CEO office figures, four have over 50 per cent of sensitive booths while two of them have over 80

In the fifth phase, Hooghly has the highest number of sensitive booths at 87 per cent followed by Arambagh at 85 per cent. Barrackpore has the third highest number of sensitive booths -- 67 per cent, followed by Sereampore -- 60 per cent.

Precisely keeping that in mind, the commission has decided to increase the central armed police forces (CAPF) deployment in the fifth phase by around

Ex-PM Deve Gowda turns 92; PM Modi

was in the fourth phase.
Insiders from the
CEO's office pointed out that this increase in CAPF deployment will be despite the fact that the number of

32 per cent from what it

Lok Sabha constituencies going to polls in the fifth phase is slightly lesser than what it was in the fourth phase.

Bengaluru, May 18 (IANS) Former Prime Minister H. D. Deve the alleged sex video scandal involving its members surfaced.Prime Min-Gowda on Saturday ister Modi posted on his X turned 92 and was wished by Prime Minishandle, "Best wishes to H.D. Deve Gowda Ji on his ter Narendra Modi on the occasion. The debirthday. He is respected across the political specvelopment assumes trum for his service to the significance as rumours nation. His passion for agwere spread that the riculture and rural devel-BJP national leadership opment is remarkable. is maintaining distance from Gowda family after Praying for his long and healthy life."Deve Gowda

conveys wishes, remembers his service offered special prayers at Lakshmi Venkatéshwara Temple in J.P. Nagar locality of Bengaluru in the morning.In a statement addressed to his fans and party workers, Deve Gow various reasons, I am not celebrating my birthday. Against this backdrop, I urge all of you to convey your wishes from wherever you are.

TN health department goes on Dengue prevention drive as cases surge

Health Department has commenced measures on a war footing to prevent the surge in Dengue cas-

es in the state.
The health department is worried as more than 4,000 cases of Dengue fever have been reported even before the onset of monsoon.

The number of Dengue cases is increasing in the Theni, Namakkal, Tiruvannamalai, Ariyalur, Dindigul, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Coimbatore, and Thanjavur districts.

As per statistics, Dengue cases come down in the peak summer months of May and June while they go up in August and September when the rainy season sets in.

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has issued Dengue control and prevention guidelines and directed

Chennai, May 18 the district health officials (IANS) The Tamil Nadu to conduct an Aedes larval survey and also moni-

tor vector density. Surveys will be done at village panchayat, town panchayat, municipality, and corporation ward lev-

els to prevent the outbreak of the disease. The health department is also conducting mass cleaning and chlorination drives to check the breeding of the Aedes mosqui-

According to the health department, the state reported 136 cases of Dengue till May 16 this year. In January 2024 there was a huge spike in Dengue cases with the state reporting more than 1,200

However, compared to 2023, the mortality rate is low this year. Tamil Nadureported 8,953 Dengue cases in 2023 with 10 people losing their lives to the

80 candidates in fray for five Lok Sabha seats in Bihar in fifth phase

Patna, May 18 (IANS) Campaigning for the fifth phase of the Lok Sabha elections will stop at 5 PM on Saturday as polling for five seats is scheduled for

May 20.
The five Lok Sabha constituencies with 80 candidates in the fray are Saran, Hajipur, Sitamarhi, Madhubani and Muzaffar-

Among them, 35 candidates are contesting as Independents.

The voters of these five constituencies will decide the fate of prominent can-didates like Chirag Paswan who is contesting from the Hajipur seat against Shivchandra Ram of the RJD.

The other prominent candidates are Rohini Acharya of the RJD who is contesting against BJP's Rajiv Pratap Rudy in Saran Lok Sabha constituency and Devesh Chandra Thakur of the JD(U) who is contesting against Arjun Rai of the RJD in Sitamarhi.Then there is Ali Ashraf Fatmi of the RJD who is contesting against Ashok Kumar Yadav of the BJP in Madhubani.

In Muzaffarpur, Ajay Nishad of the Congress is contesting against Raj Bhushan Nishad of the As per the data of the

Election Commission of India, Rohini Acharya is the richest candidate in these five seats with assets to the tune of Rs 36

Congress candidate Ajay Nishad is the secondrichest contestant in the fray this time.

Ajay Nishad's assets are over Rs 16.6 crore while BSP candidate Vikas Kumar who is contesting from Madhubani has declared assets worth Rs 11.7 crore in the nomination papers and affidavits.

Sitamarhi MP Devesh Chandra Thakur's assets are also worth around Rs 8 crore and Saran BJP candidate Rajiv Pratap Rudy has almost the same



GUWAHATI, CPI-M activists staging a demonstration in protest against the uncontrolled price hike of food items, medicines, fuel and other consumer goods, in Guwahati on Saturday. UNI

Maliwal assault case: Kejriwal's PA Bibhav **Kumar arrested from CM residence**

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) Acting swiftly on former DCW chief Swati Maliwal's FIR over assault in 'Sheeshmahal', the Delhi Police on Saturday arrested Arvind Kejriwal's personal secretary Bibhav Kumar from the Delhi Chief Minister's residence.

Bibhav Kumar was accused of abusing and beating up Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Swati Maliwal in the drawing room of Delhi CM's residence. Maliwal in her FIR said that while she waited to meet the Chief Minister on May 13, he barged into the room, pounced on her and thrashed her black abuse

and blue.Bibhav Kumar, a long-time aide of Arvind Kejriwal, has been taken into custody and is set to be interrogated for the alleged and misbehaviour.Meanwhile, Bibhav has also lodged a complaint with the Civil Lines police station and added that he was ready for the probe into the incident.While the Maliwal episode mounts the problems of already beleaguered AAP leadership, the emergence of new CCTV footage has added a fresh twist to the case.

Delhi Police is also likely to scan the CCTV cameras at CM residence. On Friday, the crime scene was also re-created at CM's residence after the former DCW chief lodged the FIR.Meanwhile, the BJP has gone all guns blazing at Arvind Kejriwal and is lambasting the AAP leadership for attacking the woman MP inside CM house, while describing the episode as 'cheerha-

Former CM Gehlot deputes 'army' of Rajasthan Congress leaders on Amethi seat Jaipur, May 18 (IANS) Rajasthan Tourism Devel-

asthan have been deputed in Amethi on different roles under the directions of former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who is an observer on this seat which is one of the most talked about Lok Sabha seats. About 33 senior leaders including three MLAs and nine former MLAs from Rajasthan have been called in Amethi. Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief Govind Singh Dotásra is also among them.Former

Veteran leaders from Raj- opment Corporation Chairman Dharmendra Rathore has been made the election coordinator in Amethi and he has been deciding who needs to be called on which day and how many trips he needs to make, said party sourcesVeteran leader K. L. Sharma, who is close to the Gandhi family, has been fielded from Amethi against BJP's Smriti Irani.

Gehlot was appointed as observer soon after announcing Sharma's candi-

Mumbai, May 18 tention from the real prob- INDIA bloc government (IANS) Exuding supreme confidence, the national opposition INDIA bloc partners asserted that 'achhe din' promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will finally dawn on June 4, on the vote-counting day,

(BJP) will be voted out and the Opposition government shall take office, here on Saturday. The alliance leaders

when the Bharatiya Jana-

ta Party

also claimed that they would bag at least 46 of the 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra, and accused the PM of resorting to blatant lies to divert at-

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INDIA bloc claims 'acche din' to start from

June 4, will win 46 of 48 LS seats in Maha

Mallikariun Kharge, Shiv Sena (UBT) President Uddhav Thackeray and Nationalist Congress Party (SP) President Sharad Pawar fielded a wide variety of questions from the media ahead of the fifth and final phase of polling for 13 Lok Sabha seats scheduled in the state on

May 20 (Monday). "In 2014, the PM had promised 'achhe din'. On June 4 (the election results), the 'achche din' will actually begin when the

will come to office. All these years the BJP defamed and looted the like Congress President state, shifted businesses from Maharashtra-Mum bai to Gujarat," said Thackeray.

He termed it as 'unprecedented' anywhere in the world that the PM himself campaigned for an extra-constitutional government on which the court verdict is pending.

Kharge said that the mood in the state is very favourable for the Opposition and ground reports indicate that the INDIA-MVA would bag at least 46 of the 48 seats here.

Assault case: CCTV footage shows Swati Maliwal exiting CM Kejriwal's house ically attacking her. "He slapped me at least 7-8 times while I continued

New Delhi, May 18 (IANS) A new video showing Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal leaving the residence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has surfaced on Saturday.

The CCTV footage of May 13, taken from two cameras, shows a female security personnel escorting Maliwal out of the Delhi CM's residence. Maliwal can be seen pushing the security personnel to free herself from her 'grip'.
Maliwal, in her FIR,

had claimed that she was in deep distress and a "traumatised state" after being beaten by CM Kerjiwal's associate, Bibhav Kumar, and she was forced out of the house. The footage has given

a fresh twist to the 'assaultgate' at Delhi CM's residence and has evoked many responses on social media after the video went Notably, AAP leader

Atishi has claimed that Maliwal was a "pawn" of the BJP and was sent to Kejriwal's residence for political motives. However, Maliwal has claimed that the CCTV

footage was being tam-pered with to show her in a bad light. In her FIR, Maliwal

stated that Bibhav verbally abused her before phys-

'Outrage of modesty' complaint against Bengal Governor: Three Rai Bhavan staffers booked

were booked on Saturday in connection with the 'outrage of modesty' com-plaint against West Bengal Governor C. V. Ananda

The FIR has been registered against the three accused after the complainant woman, a temporary employee at the Governor's house, gave an incamera statement to a ju-

Kolkata, May 18 dicial magistrate claiming (IANS) Three employees that she was illegally deof Raj Bhavan in Kolkata tained by them on the day that she was illegally de-tained by them on the day she filed the complaint.

On May 2, the said woman had filed a police complaint at Hare Street Police Station.Of the three Raj Bhavan employees who have been booked, one is a woman, city police sources said.

The cops are investigating whether the complainant was forcibly detained or not



LUCKNOW, Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh addressing a press conference at UPCC headquarters, in Lucknow Saturday.UNI



PATNA, Congress leader Salman Khurshid addressing a press conference at party office, in Patna on Saturday. UNI

Kannur CPI(M) builds memorial for 2 party workers who died while making bombs Thiruvananthapuram, Soon after the blast they are not party work- Incidentally, it was in the memorial coming up,

Thiruvananthapuram, May 18 (IANS) In a shocking development that came to light on Saturday, Kerala CPI(M) Secretary MV Govindan plans to inaugurate on May 22 a memorial that has been built to honour two party workers who lost their lives while making bombs in June 2015.

Party workers Shaiju and Subish died when the blast took place and four others were seriously injured at Panoor in Kannur.

took place, BJP activists accused the CPI(M) of harbouring bomb-makers. On Saturday morning

TV channels here aired the response of the then CPI(M) state Secretary Kodiyéri Balakrishnan, which came soon after the 2015 incident.

"How come the BJP was quick to say that those killed were CPI(M) party workers. Those whó were killed had nothing to do with the CPI(M) and ers," Balakrishnan had said then. However, despite Bal-

akrishnan's denial, then Kannur district CPI(M) Secretary P Jayarajań was in the forefront during the funeral. Now, the memorial is

coming up at the land owned by the party and it has been built through crowd funding and will be inaugurated after a party rally and meeting led by Govindan on Wednesday.

the same area last month during campaigning season at Panoor that a person engaged in bombmaking died. Govindan came out

with a quick denial that the person, identified as Sherin, had anything to do with the CPI(M). However, local CPI(M)

leaders visited Sherin's house and this had come under fire from the Congress-led Opposition. Reacting to the news of

veteran Congress Legislator and former Kerala Home Minister Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan said the CPI(M) is known for its hypocrisy as it says one thing and does the oppo-"First they deny any

connection and then they turn them into martyrs of the party. The party does this to send the message to all that it will always back whatever its workers