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26,068.15 ▼	85,231.92 ▼	7,423,858.67 ▼	27,566.15 ▼	58,867.70 ▼	₹89.65 ▼	₹103.07 ▼	₹123,721.00 ▲	₹152,750.00 ▼	₹94.77	₹87.67	₹853.00
-124.00 (-0.47%)	-400.76 (-0.47%)	-250,590.18 (-0.09%)	-295.20 (-1.06%)	-480.00 (-0.81%)	+0.96 (+1.09%)	+0.77 (+0.75%)	+994.00 (+0.81%)	-1401.00 (-0.91%)			

New Low Pressure Area forms over Bay, Cauvery delta, south coastal dists of TN to get heavy rains

Chennai, Nov 22 (Agency)



A fresh Low Pressure area has formed over Strait of Malacca and adjoining South Andaman Sea today under the influence of yesterday's upper air cyclonic circulation over central parts of Strait of Malacca, which would bring heavy rains in Cauvery delta and south coastal districts of Tamil Nadu till November 25, following an yellow alert was issued. Met office today said it is very likely to move west-northwestwards and concentrate into a Depression over Southeast Bay of Bengal around November 24. It would continue to move west-northwestwards and is very likely to intensify further over southwest Bay of Bengal during the subsequent 48 hours. An upper air cyclonic circulation lies over Comorin area and adjoining Indian Equatorial Ocean and extends upto 1.5 km above mean sea level, while yesterday's cyclonic circulation over Southeast Arabian Sea extending upto 3.1 km above mean sea level persists. Met office said light to moderate rain is likely to occur at a few places over Tamil Nadu, and over Puducherry and Karaikal area with thunderstorm and lightning at one or two places. It has forecast heavy rain in 15 districts of the State. Heavy rain is likely to occur at isolated places over Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Thoothukudi, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Madurai, Sivaganga, Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Cuddalore, Ariyalur, Kallakurichi districts and Puducherry ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**

New UP BJP president soon, Yogi ministry expansion too on cards

Lucknow, Nov 22 (FN Bureau)

Following the resounding victory of NDA in the Bihar assembly elections, buzz has once again intensified within the Uttar Pradesh Bharatiya Janata Party regarding a new state president and a possible ministry expansion of the Yogi Adityanath government. According to BJP sources told UNI here on Saturday that the central leadership is expected to announce the name of the state president soon, following the party's impressive success in the Bihar Assembly elections. Sources said that following the formation of the BJP-led NDA government in Bihar with a landslide majority, a phase of major organizational changes will now begin in Uttar Pradesh. The BJP high command is expected to appoint a new state president by December, along with the second expansion of the Yogi 2.0 cabinet. Another senior BJP official says that the BJP has been awaiting a new state president in Uttar Pradesh for the past 11 months. The appointment has been stalled due to by-elections in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, and the recent Bihar elections. He explained that the central leadership had postponed the decision to make changes in Uttar Pradesh until after the Bihar election results. Now, the high command will make the necessary changes to the government and organization by December without further delay. Sources indicate that among the names being considered for the new state president, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, Cabinet Minister and former state president Swatantrdev Singh, and Dharampal Singh are being considered. Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak is also in the running as a Brahmin candidate. However, given the upcoming elections, the organization is more likely ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**



TN, UK govt sign Lol, jointly launch Heat Resilience Centre

Chennai, Nov 22 (Representative)

Tamil Nadu and UK governments on Saturday jointly launched a Heat Resilience Centre, marking a major step in strengthening the state's capacity to tackle rising extreme heat. A Letter of Intent (LoI) was signed between Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company and the UK government on Friday evening. The LoI was exchanged between Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Climate Change, and Forests Department, and Seema Malhotra MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, UK government, according to official sources. The initiative is supported through the UK's flagship Climate Action for a Resilient Asia (CARA) programme and implemented in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Resources Institute (WRI). The programme will run until September 2026. The Heat Resilience Centre will serve as Tamil Nadu's nodal institution for coordinating heat-risk management across sectors. It will establish a scientific and institutional governance framework, build technical capacity across departments and generate climate data and policy-relevant tools. It will also support city and district-level heat action planning, and develop bankable projects for funding from development banks, philanthropies, and climate finance institutions. With this initiative, Tamil Nadu becomes one of India's first states to create ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**



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Delhi CM lays foundation stone of first Atal Canteen, to serve nutritious meals at Rs 5

New Delhi, Nov 22 (Reporter)

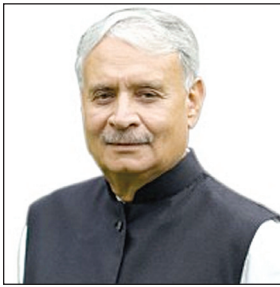
Laying the foundation stone of the first 'Atal Canteen' at Sanjay Basti JJ cluster in North Delhi's Timarpur, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said that this promise made in her party's manifesto is taking an important step towards fulfillment. According to the CM, it is Delhi government's resolve that no citizen in Delhi should go to bed hungry, and with this aim, 100 canteens will be opened in Delhi where the needy will be provided with nutritious meals at Rs 5. "It is the Delhi Government's firm resolve that no citizen should go to bed hungry," said CM. Gupta has said that on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, December 25, Delhi government is working in mission mode with the goal of starting 100 Atal Canteens. CM said that every Atal Canteen will have a clean serving area, digital token system, real-time CCTV monitoring, and drinking water facility so that every person can eat food with dignity, in a safe and an organized manner. Referring to the decades-long neglect of the capital's slum clusters, Gupta alleged that ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**



Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh briefs VP Radhakrishnan on NITI Aayog plans and Viksit Bharat 2047 roadmap

New Delhi, Nov 22 (FN Bureau)

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and Planning, Rao Inderjit Singh, briefed Vice-President C P Radhakrishnan on the functioning, key initiatives, and future plans of NITI Aayog, along with an overview of the vision and strategic roadmap for Viksit Bharat 2047. During the meeting at Parliament House, the Vice-President lauded NITI Aayog's proactive engagement with Central Ministries and State Governments in strengthening policy frameworks, programme design, and on-ground implementation across sectors. He specifically commended the institution's flagship initiatives, including the Aspirational Districts Programme. The Vice-President was further briefed by Inderjit Singh, who is also the Minister of State for Culture, on the structure and functioning of the National Statistical System of MoSPI, including key aspects of data collection, compilation, and the release of vital national indicators such as GDP aggregates, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). Appreciating ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**



HM urges citizens to cooperate with SIR, says essential to stop infiltrators for protecting democratic system

New Delhi, Nov 22 (FN Representative)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday asserted that preventing infiltration into the country is very important, not only from the security point of view, but for protecting democracy, and added that no infiltrator has the right to influence the democratic system. Shah was speaking at Border Security Force's diamond jubilee celebrations in Bhuj, Gujarat, and made it clear that only Indian citizens will decide who the Chief Minister of any state becomes, or who becomes the Prime Minister of the nation. He said that the BSF remains fully engaged in preventing infiltration along the borders, adding that preventing infiltration is essential for protecting the democratic system from being polluted. He declared with firm resolve that every infiltrator will be identified and be deported one-by-one. The HM said that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is also an important step to help protect the democracy from infiltrators and to make it even stronger. Shah expressed that it was unfortunate that some political parties are trying to weaken the efforts to drive out infiltrators. Shah has appealed to the people of the country to extend their support to the process, and added that the mandate given by the people in the Bihar polls is a clear message that the citizens of the country will not accept infiltrators at any cost. Shah said that during the past few years, border fencing has been strengthened rapidly, and has been made impenetrable. According to the HM, most of the trials related to fencing have now been completed, and in the coming days a new concept of 'e-Border Security' will be introduced. Shah shared that the BSF has the biggest role in ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**



■ UNI Analysis G20 Without the US: Will It create A Vacuum Or An Opportunity?

Johannesburg, Nov 22(Agency) The empty American chair at the G20 summit has become the proverbial elephant which may well dominate proceedings at the Johannesburg summit of the world's twenty largest economies. With the United States opting not to send senior officials, Washington has signalled a rare withdrawal from a forum it once dominated, unsettling allies, emboldening rivals, and quietly opening the door for new powers ranging from China to Russia to even India to step forward. The absence of either US President Donald Trump, who has refused the invitation citing unproven claims that South Africa's white minority have been facing large-scale killings and land grabs, or any other ranking US official, is being seen as both a political rebuke to South Africa and a broader retreat from multilateral ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**

■ New deep-sea 'Octopus Squid' discovered in Arabian Sea

Kochi, Nov 22 (Agency) Scientists at the ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) have identified a new species of deep-sea squid from the Arabian Sea—only the second confirmed species belonging to the globally rare genus Taningia. The newly discovered species has been named Taningia silasii (Indian octopus squid) and formally described in the international journal Marine Biodiversity. Collected from a depth of nearly 390 metres off the Kollam coast, the specimen measures 45 cm in dorsal mantle length. It belongs to the family Octopoteuthidae, a group of deep-sea squids notable for lacking the characteristic long tentacles present in most other squid species. The discovery was made by a CMFRI team led by Principal Scientist Dr. Geetha Sasikumar and Technical Officer ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**

■ Stalin writes to PM on rejection of Coimbatore, Madurai Rail projects, says ready to meet him on this issue

Chennai, Nov 22 (Agency) Expressing deepa anguish and disappointment over the Centre rejecting the Coimbatore and Madurai Metro Rail projects, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK President M K Stalin today wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his personal intervention and also said he was ready to meet him in person in New Delhi and explain the issues in detail. Mr Stalin also said he has advised the Department of Special Initiatives to submit detailed justifications on the issues raised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and urge Mr Modi to instruct the MoHUA to review the decision of returning the proposals as the two projects involved the aspirations of the industrial and cultural hubs of Tamil Nadu, In a Demi-Official letter to Mr Modi, he conveyed the state's disappointment and anguish over the rejection of the ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**

■ BlueBird 6, heaviest satellite for LEO, to be launched aboard LVM3 on Dec 15

Chennai, Nov 22 (Agency) Nasdaq-listed cellular broadband company AST SpaceMobile Inc. today announced that its BlueBird 6 satellite will lift off on December 15, 2025, from India aboard the ISRO's heavy-lift LVM3 rocket. At 6,500 kg, BlueBird 6 will be the heaviest satellite ever placed into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) by the LVM3, which currently boasts a 100% launch success rate. BlueBird 6 marks the debut of AST SpaceMobile's next-generation satellite fleet. Once deployed, it will feature the largest commercial phased array in LEO, spanning nearly 2,400 sq ft—a 3.5× increase over its predecessors, BlueBirds 1–5—and delivering 10× more data capacity, the company said. AST SpaceMobile is developing what it calls the world's first and only space-based cellular broadband network designed to connect directly to everyday ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**

■ Coal India inks MoU with Hyderabad-based Rainbow Children Hospital

Hyderabad, Nov 22 (UNI) City-based Rainbow Children Hospital has joined hands with Coal India Limited (CIL) to treat underprivileged children suffering from thalassemia under the 'Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana' CSR initiative of the central public sector enterprise. An MoU was formalised at the Rainbow Children Hospital here on Saturday in the presence of union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy. Coal India launched the 'Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana' in 2017 to support the treatment of underprivileged children affected by thalassemia. In 2020, aplastic anaemia was added to the programme. Under the MoU, Coal India will provide financial assistance of up to Rs 10 lakh to eligible patients for bone marrow transplants and the treatment can be done at Fortis Memorial Research Institute. Speaking on the occasion, Kishan Reddy said the scheme, which supports free bone marrow transplants for children ▶ **Cont. to Page-7**

Indian Railways crosses 1 billion tonne freight loading in FY26



New Delhi (Agency): Indian Railways' freight performance continues to strengthen India's economic backbone, with cumulative loading this year crossing the 1-billion-tonne mark -- reaching 1020 million tonnes (MT), the Ministry of Railways said on Saturday. This milestone reflects broad-based support from key sectors. Coal remained the largest contributor at 505 MT, followed by iron ore (115 MT), cement (92 MT), container traffic (59 MT), pig iron & finished steel (47 MT), fertilisers (42 MT), mineral oil (32 MT), foodgrains (30 MT), raw materials for steel plants (approx. 20 MT), and balance-other-goods (74 MT), as of November 19. Daily loading continues to hold strong at around 4.4 MT, higher than 4.2 MT last year, demonstrating improved operational efficiency and sustained demand, the ministry informed. Freight loading between April to October further underscores this positive trajectory, touching 935.1 MT in 2025, compared to 906.9 MT during the same period last year, marking a healthy year-on-year growth. "This sustained momentum, combined with improved daily loading rates, demonstrates Railways' capacity to support India's industrial expansion and infrastructure development," the ministry said in a statement. Recognising the critical role of cement in India's infrastructure growth, Railways has taken significant steps to optimise this segment's logistics capabilities. The recent rollout of comprehensive reforms, including the Policy for Bulk Cement Terminals and rationalised rates for bulk cement movement in containers, represents a strategic initiative to modernise cement transportation. According to the statement, these measures aim to increase bulk handling capacity, reduce transit time, and lower logistics costs, directly benefiting both industry players and end consumers while driving greater efficiency across the supply chain. Such targeted interventions catalyse sectoral transformation. Shifting bulk goods movement to rail yields multiple benefits that extend beyond mere commercial metrics. It reduces carbon footprints, decongest highways, and provides industries, including MSMEs, access to greener logistics solutions. These developments reinforce India's commitment to sustainable growth, aligning freight operations with the nation's journey towards Net Zero Carbon Emission targets and positioning Railways as a catalyst for both economic and environmental progress, the Ministry noted.

India's trade momentum robust, FY26 CAD to touch nearly 1 pc of GDP: SBI Research



New Delhi (Agency): India's trade momentum remains firm despite global volatility, and the current account is expected to slip into a modest deficit before turning into positive territory, a report said on Saturday. The report from SBI Research forecasts that the current account deficit (CAD) will be about 1.8 per cent and 2.8 per cent of GDP in Q2

and Q3 FY26, respectively, before it will turn into the positive territory in Q4 FY26. It projects a full fiscal year deficit of roughly 1 - 1.3 per cent and a marginal overall balance of payments deficit of up to USD 10 billion for FY26. "Even though balance of payments (BOP) will turn negative in FY26, the alarm bells that are being sounded regarding its impact on rupee movements seems to be a little overblown at this point," the report said. India's total merchandise exports in April to September of FY26 inched up 2.9 per cent to USD 220 billion, with shipments to the US growing 13 per cent to USD 45 billion despite front-loading effects and a decline in the US share of exports since July 2025. SBI Research stated that marine products and RMG cotton witnessed positive growth during April-September period.

RSS launches massive house-to-house campaign in Ayodhya

Ayodhya, Nov 22 (Agency) The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has launched a massive house-to-house campaign in the Ayodhya district to commemorate its centenary year. This campaign, initiated after the darshan of Lord Ram, has been described by the RSS as the world's largest house-to-house campaign. Its primary objective is to spread the Sangh's message to every section of society and strengthen public

participation for social upliftment. According to District Karyavah Ved Prakash here on Saturday, this program is being conducted as part of the third phase of the centenary year. In the campaign, Sangh volunteers are reaching out in groups to various neighborhoods, villages, and towns across the district, establishing direct communication with the people. The target is to reach millions of households

in the district, for which special teams have been formed in all blocks. Block Karyavah Akash in Milkipur explained that this campaign is not limited to distributing literature, but is an initiative to further strengthen the bonds of intimacy, trust, and communication with society. Volunteers are going door-to-door, distributing images of Bharat Mata, literature related to the Sangh's ideology, history, and service work.

New labour codes to boost formalisation, gender parity of India's workforce: Industry leaders

New Delhi (Agency): India's top industry bodies and staffing leaders on Saturday labelled the implementation of the Four Labour Codes a landmark step toward formalising the workforce, expanding social security, and aligning India's labour framework with global standards. The India Electronics & Semiconductor Association (IESA) said the reforms would significantly benefit the high-technology sectors by enhancing workforce stability, improving safety standards, and enabling labour flexibility with social protection. "Mandatory appointment letters, universal minimum wages, and pan-India social security coverage (including ESIC expansion) ensure greater formalisation. This strengthens worker confidence -- critical for skill-intensive manufacturing such as fabs, ATMP, component manufacturing and design centres," said Ashok Chandak, President, IESA and SEMI India. Provisions for fixed-term employment, faster dispute resolution, single licensing, and



simplified compliance directly support the scaling of high-tech manufacturing clusters, the statement said. Meanwhile, parity of benefits for Fixed-Term Employees (FTE) and expanded social security protections ensure a balanced, worker-centric ecosystem, he added. Sachin Alug, CEO of NLB Services, a technology and digital talent provider, said the reforms were long

overdue for India's gig economy and will offer protection to a fast-growing but previously unorganised workforce. The new laws are also expected to promote gender parity in the workforce by opening doors to wider opportunities across diverse sectors. Additionally, other groups such as He also pointed out that new laws will promote gender parity and contract workers, youth

workers, and fixed-term employees will benefit from clearer working-hour norms, expanded social security, minimum wage protections, and health benefits. "By simplifying compliance and unifying the regulatory framework, the codes can significantly expand formal employment, bringing millions of workers, especially in industries that rely on contract, temporary, and project-based roles, into the fold of structured, protected work," said Balasubramanian A, Senior Vice President, TeamLease Services. "National floor minimum wage creates a consistent benchmark across states and is an important step in India's evolution from a minimum-wage economy to a living-wage economy," he noted. Suchita Dutta, Executive Director of Indian Staffing Federation (ISF), said the codes simplify compliance for employers, reduce regulatory burdens, and foster a more flexible hiring environment -- crucial for the staffing industry, which has long advocated for such changes to unlock formal job creation.

US court orders Byju Raveendran to pay over USD 1 billion, firm to appeal



New Delhi (Agency): A US bankruptcy court has ordered Byju's founder Byju Raveendran to pay over USD 1.07 billion, holding him personally liable for the movement and concealment of funds from Byju's Alpha, the company's US-based financing arm. The default judgment, issued by Judge Brendan

Shannon of the Delaware Bankruptcy Court, follows Raveendran's repeated failure to comply with directions to appear before the court and provide documents, according to multiple media reports. A default judgment is a ruling issued when a party does not participate in the litigation or ignores court orders, allowing the court to decide the case without a trial. Meanwhile, Byju Raveendran denied all allegations and informed that he will appeal the US court judgment. Raveendra said that the US Court default judgement was issued on an expedited basis and precluded him from presenting a defence. "The Court, in our view, ignored relevant facts.

Bitcoin heads for worst monthly slump since 2022 as crypto rout deepens

New Delhi (Agency): Bitcoin is sliding toward its steepest monthly decline since the 2022 crypto meltdown, with a sharp downturn in market sentiment, large-scale liquidations and institutional selling dragging the broader digital asset ecosystem lower. According to CoinGecko, at around 11:30 am (Indian time), Bitcoin was trading at USD 84,226.98, down 2.1 per cent in the past 24 hours. The world's largest cryptocurrency has lost more than 12 per cent over the past week and plunged over 22 per cent in the last 30 days. The latest slide extends a selloff that has wiped out almost a quarter



of Bitcoin's value so far in November, its worst monthly drop since June 2022. On Friday, Bitcoin tumbled as much as 7.6 per cent to USD 80,553 before recovering some lost ground. Ether also witnessed heavy selling, falling as much as 8.9 per cent and slipping below USD

2,700, while several smaller altcoins mirrored the overall decline. The broader crypto market has not been spared either. The total market capitalisation of all digital assets fell below the USD 3 trillion mark, hitting its lowest level since April, according to CoinGecko data.

Gujarat's Dholera emerges as next major industrial and semiconductor hub



New Delhi (Agency): With rapid infrastructure development, a strong pipeline of global investors and India's most comprehensive semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem, Dholera in Gujarat is emerging as a major driver of India's industrial transformation and a preferred hub for next-generation industries, according to the Commerce Ministry. Dholera Industrial City has emerged as a key destination for strategic

international engagements exploring opportunities in advanced manufacturing, semiconductors and smart industrial ecosystems. According to the ministry, Japanese companies continue to expand their presence across NICDC industrial cities, reflecting strong confidence in India's manufacturing ecosystem. Nobumitsu Hayashi, Governor of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), led a delegation to the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) flagship industrial park, Dholera Special Investment Region (Dholera SIR) to review the progress of India's first and emerging Semicon City and assess the fast-advancing greenfield and 'Plug-and-Play' industrial infrastructure ecosystem.

Nifty, Sensex continue rally for second week despite FII outflows



Mumbai (Agency): Indian equity benchmarks made marginal gains for the second week, supported by stronger second quarter (Q2) earnings, easing inflation and optimism around the India-US trade negotiations. Benchmark indices Nifty and Sensex edged higher 0.68 and 0.50 per cent during the week to close at 26,068 and 85,231, respectively. Analysts said that a moderation in FII selling due to expectations of earnings upgrades in H2 FY26 also supported the rally. However, markets turned volatile on Friday amid weak global cues.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE				
Invitation of Tenders through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)				
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-				
S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1.	77259042 RGC	HVN LINER RDSO DRG. NO. T-3707-3708	300000 PAIR	19.12.2025
2.	07250085C	WATER TANK ASSEMBLY (R.H.) (390 LITERS)	194 NOS	02.02.2026
Note:-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No manual offer will be entertained. Tender Notice No. 63/2025-2026 Date:- 21/11/2025				
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By Virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Executive magistrate -Cuttack Sadar, Dt- 21.11.2025, I Sunita Saha 36 years of Age, W/O- Pravhat Chandra Gupta, D/o- Omprakash Saha, Address- Plot No-119/A, At- Jhola Sahi , PO- Buxi Bazar, PS- Purighat, Cuttack-753001-Odisha, declare that I have changed my Surname from Saha to Gupta. Henceforth, I shall be known as Sunita Gupta Instead of Sunita Saha for all my future purposes.
Sunita Gupta Deponent

HP intensifies action against illicit liquor, 54,945 ltrs seized since April



Shimla, Nov 22 (Bureau)
The Excise department has intensified its crackdown on illicit liquor across the state. Special teams are conducting raids and have registered 523 cases so far during this financial year. The department has seized 21,637.166 liters of illicit liquor and 33,308.900 liters of 'lahan' (raw material or wash used to produce illicit liquor) from various locations across the state. Last month alone, 309.340 liters of illicit liquor and 12 liters of 'lahan' were seized in the southern region of Shimla, 2,678.225 liters of illicit liquor and 14 liters of 'lahan' in the central region of Mandi and 529.150 liters of liquor and 4,870 liters of 'lahan' in the northern region of Palampur.

Additionally, 286.09 liters of illicit liquor were seized in police district Baddi, 2090.625 liters in Kullu, 528.350 liters in Mandi and 286.045 liters in Una. The government has directed district officials to take legal action against those involved in this trade. In October, the department seized large quantities of illicit liquor and several operational distilleries in villages Milwan, Thakurdwara, Barota, Bela Ludacha and Ulehriyan in the Damtal area of Police District Nurpur which was destroyed on the spot after taking appropriate legal action. In accordance with the directives of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the excise department has formed special departmental teams at the district level to curb the smuggling of illicit liquor. Through these teams, an intensive campaign is being carried out in the state against illegal liquor activities. The department has constituted 35 special teams to stop illegal liquor activities out of which four teams each have been deployed in Kullu and Chamba districts, three each in Shimla, Solan, Bilaspur, Mandi and Una districts and Nurpur police district, two teams each in Kangra, Sirmaur and Hamirpur districts and BBN police district and one team in Kinnaur district. Excise Commissioner Yunus said the state government was keeping a close vigil on the illegal activities and taking strict action as per the rules so that the government revenue was not affected by the illegal liquor trade.

'As long as men like this exist': Ghai's film salutes Rezang La's bravest

Goa, Nov 22 (Representative)

Nearly a decade after director Razneesh Ghai first heard the haunting tale of courage displayed by Indian soldiers at Rezang La, the story has finally found its voice on the big screen. "120 Bahadur", a visceral retelling of the iconic battle fought by 120 soldiers of the 13 Kumaon Regiment in the unforgiving terrain of Chushul, Ladakh, at an altitude of over 16,000 feet, premiered at the ongoing International Film Festival of India (IFFI). The film carries with it years of inspiration, grit, and an unwavering tribute to valor. In an exclusive with UNI, Ghai revealed that ever since he first heard the story from his brother, Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy) Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, the former Director General of Military Operations, he felt compelled to bring it to life. "I started working on the film five years ago," he said. Ghai described the film as layered with themes of camaraderie, courage, and the indomitable spirit of Indian soldiers. Reflecting

IIMT Bhubaneswar Students Excel at DHRM-2025 International Conference, NEHU Shillong

Bhubaneswar , Nov 22 (Representative)

The academic excellence and innovative spirit of the students of Interscience Institute of Management and Technology (IIMT), Bhubaneswar received distinguished recognition at the 2 Days International Conference on Disruptive Human Resource Management: Integrating Artificial Intelligence (DHRM-2025) held at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong during 20th-21st November, 2025. Two students Mr. Lambodar Jena (MCA) and Ms. Kiran Mohanty (MBA) presented a well-researched article titled "ZOHO Workplace Suite: Disruptive Human Resource Management." Their paper



highlighted the transformative role of the Zoho Workplace Suite, developed by the renowned Indian technology leader Sridhar Vembu, Co-founder and Chief Scientist of Zoho Corporation, in reshaping modern HR management practices. Their analytical insights and detailed presentation were highly appreciated by eminent academic personalities including Prof. B. P. Sahu, Dean, School of Education, NEHU; Dr. Wanda Myllemngap, Head, DACE, NEHU; and other

distinguished speakers and delegates of the international conference. The reviewers lauded the students for their clarity of thought, depth of analysis, and their ability to connect artificial intelligence with emerging HR disruptions. NEHU Shillong also extended special appreciation to Prof. (Dr.) Jayadev Kar, Director, IIMT, Prof. (Dr.) Srikanta Patnaik, Chairman, IIMT, and Prof. Bibhu Prasad Routray, Professor of Practice, Department of Civil Engineering, for nurturing young talent and providing them with opportunities to participate and excel in global academic forums. The recognition at DHRM-2025 stands as a proud moment for IIMT Bhubaneswar, reinforcing its commitment to promoting research, innovation, and emerging technology-driven learning among its students.

Annual music festival 'Ragotsab-2025' to be held in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22 (FN Bureau)

The annual music festival 'Ragotsab-2025' organized by the bhubaneswar Music Circle, aleading Organization Promoting indian Classical Music, will be held on 26, 27 and 28th of this month at the local Rabindra Mandap. The program will begin at 6.30pm each day. The highlight of the program is the Tejinder Singh Lifetime Achievement Award which will be presented to the eminent artist of the odissi classical music, Padma shri Dr. shyamamani Devi on 26th. The program will feature two presentations each evening by artists from different cities of india.



lifetime members, Bhubaneswar Music Circle Organizes various events every month, including the three day annual music festival ragotsav, usually held in the month of November. it presents indian classical music Programs of Hindustani, Karnatic, and Odissi geners. in a Press Conference, General Secretary Khirod Patanaik, Vice President Rajendra Singh, Treasure GP Panigrahi expressed their views about the event.

G20 Summit: PM Modi calls for new growth model, citing environmental and social costs

New Delhi, Nov 22 (Bureau)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for a fundamental re-evaluation of the global economic growth model, saying existing parameters have failed vast populations and damaged the planet. Addressing the 1st session of the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg titled 'Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth - Leaving No One Behind', PM Modi highlighted the disproportionate impact of current development models on the developing world, particularly Africa. "The growth we've seen so far has left a large population resource-deprived and led to nature's over-exploitation. Africa has suffered the most," PM Modi stated. He proposed adopting India's civilizational value of Integral Humanism, which views



humans, society, and nature as an integrated whole. The Prime Minister suggested establishing a Global Traditional Knowledge Repository to preserve traditional and eco-balanced lifestyles. He also proposed the G20-Africa Skills Multiplier initiative to train one million certified trainers in Africa over the next decade. He stressed the need for collective responsibility in tackling global security and health crises, proposing a G20 Global Healthcare Response team. He also highlighted the threat of global drug trafficking, proposing a G20 Initiative on Countering the Drug-Terror Nexus to disrupt illicit funds and dismantle criminal organizations. PM Modi reaffirmed India's solidarity with Africa, emphasizing the importance of amplifying the Global South's voice in multilateral institutions. "We must work together to make the voices of the Global South louder in all global institutions," he said.

NCR State Governments/GNCTD to take decision on allowing public, municipal and private offices to work at 50 percent strength



New Delhi, Nov 22 (Agency)
The following measures for the 'Poor', 'Very Poor' and 'Severe' AQI categories, currently under GRAP Stage IV to be taken under GRAP Stage III, including the following. 1. NCR State Governments/GNCTD to take a decision on allowing public, municipal and private offices to work at 50 percent strength and the rest to work from home. 2. The Central Government may take an appropriate decision on permitting work from home for employees in central government offices.

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[Appendix IV (see rule 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (for movable/Immovable properties)]
Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 27.08.2025 calling upon the Borrowers **M/s Aasha Dreamestate LLP and Sh. Nitin Sharma (Director-Guarantor) S/o Sh. Om Prakash Sharma, Sh. Aashish Sharma (Director-Guarantor) S/o Sh. Om Prakash Sharma and Smt. Vinita Mehta (Guarantor) W/o Dr Keshav Dev Mehta** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **CC A/C -41682256789 , CAR LOAN A/C-42430793086, LRD A/C-43583501627 and CAR LOAN A/C-43643790906 Total Amount of Rs. 5,30,51,234.58/-** (Rupees Five Crore Thirty Lacs Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Rupees and Fifty Eight Paise only) as on 26.08.2025 including interest and further interest, other expenses within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of act read with rule 8 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **19 day of Nov. of the Year 2025**.
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **CC A/C -41682256789, CAR LOAN A/C-42430793086, LRD A/C-43583501627 and CAR LOAN A/C-43643790906 Total Amount of Rs. 5,24,41,144.00** (Rupees Five Crore Twenty Four Lacs Forty One Thousand One Hundred Forty Four Only) as on 17.11.2025 including interest and further interest, other expenses and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Movable Securities
1. Hypothecation Of TATA Harrier CAR Reg No.-RJ45CZ4599, ENGINE NO.-463544514276419 CHASIS NO-MAT631707PWK3840
2. Hypothecation Of SKODA VIRTUS GT PLUS CAR Reg No.-RJ60CD4599, ENGINE NO.-DUMA75357 CHASIS NO-MEXJ24D2XRT073638

Description of the Immovable Securities
1. Commercial KISOK Unit no GK-22, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 73.29 Sq. Ft.
2. Commercial KISOK Unit no GK-26, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 83.02 Sq. Ft.
3. Commercial KISOK Unit no GK-31, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 83.02 Sq. Ft.
4. Commercial KISOK Unit no GK-33, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 80.22 Sq. Ft.
5. Commercial SHOP Unit no M-1, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 135.58 Sq. Ft.
6. Commercial SHOP Unit no M-5, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 136.43 Sq. Ft.
7. Commercial SHOP Unit no M-6, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 198.45 Sq. Ft.
8. Commercial SHOP Unit no M-7, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 174.58 Sq. Ft.
9. Commercial SHOP Unit no M-8, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 242.66 Sq. Ft.
10. Commercial SHOP Unit no M-8A, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 242.66 Sq. Ft.
11. Commercial SHOP Unit no M-16, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 189.00 Sq. Ft.
12. Commercial OFFICE Unit no F-104, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 298.59 Sq. Ft.
13. Commercial OFFICE Unit no F-117, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 394.55 Sq. Ft.
14. Commercial OFFICE Unit no F-120, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 412.85 Sq. Ft.
15. Commercial OFFICE Unit no F-121, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 400.62 Sq. Ft.
16. Commercial OFFICE Unit no F-122, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 536.16 Sq. Ft.
17. Commercial KISOK Unit no FK-101, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 73.65 Sq. Ft.
18. Commercial KISOK Unit no FK-102, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 71.18 Sq. Ft.
19. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-201, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 710.70 Sq. Ft.
20. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-202, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 382.20 Sq. Ft.
21. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-203, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 330.50 Sq. Ft.
22. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-204, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 298.59 Sq. Ft.
23. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-205, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 418.03 Sq. Ft.
24. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-206, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 588.15 Sq. Ft.
25. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-207, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 336.59 Sq. Ft.
26. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-208, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 361.54 Sq. Ft.
27. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-209, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 360.21 Sq. Ft.
28. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-210, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 344.11 Sq. Ft.
29. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-211, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 349.31 Sq. Ft.
30. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-212, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 292.74 Sq. Ft.
31. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-214, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 426.45 Sq. Ft.
32. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-215, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 344.82 Sq. Ft.
33. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-216, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 372.26 Sq. Ft.
34. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-217, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 394.55 Sq. Ft.
35. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-218, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 424.93 Sq. Ft.
36. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-219, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 433.01 Sq. Ft.
37. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-220, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 412.85 Sq. Ft.
38. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-221, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 400.62 Sq. Ft.
39. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-222, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 536.16 Sq. Ft.
40. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-223, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 258.73 Sq. Ft.
41. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-224, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 219.31 Sq. Ft.
42. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-225, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 242.83 Sq. Ft.
43. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-226, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 192.61 Sq. Ft.
44. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-227, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 192.61 Sq. Ft.
45. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-228, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 233.28 Sq. Ft.
46. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-229, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 224.06 Sq. Ft.
47. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-230, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 243.88 Sq. Ft.
48. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-231, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 253.89 Sq. Ft.
49. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-232, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 233.28 Sq. Ft.
50. Commercial OFFICE Unit no S-233, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 242.83 Sq. Ft.
51. Commercial KISOK Unit no S-K201, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 73.65 Sq. Ft.
52. Commercial KISOK Unit no S-K202, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 71.18 Sq. Ft.
53. Commercial KISOK Unit no S-K203, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 82.00 Sq. Ft.
54. Commercial KISOK Unit no S-K204, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 82.00 Sq. Ft.
55. Residential cum Commercial FLAT no 6F-608, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 708.28 Sq. Ft.
56. Residential cum Commercial FLAT no 8F-804, Signature Rajvilas, Plot No-8, Near Bhawani Top Circle, Gandhi Nagar, Scheme No 08, Alwar(Raj.) in The Name of Vinita Mehta & Aasha Dreamestate LLP, Admeasuring Super Buildup Area 708.10 Sq. Ft.

Date: 19.11.2025 Place: Alwar (Raj.) Authorized Officer (State Bank of India)

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APPENDIX IV [See Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Mentor Home Loans India Ltd. (Formerly known as Mentor India Limited) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) Read With Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (S) Issued by the Authorised Officer of the Company to the Borrower(S) / Co-Borrower(S) / Guarantor(S) mentioned herein below to repay amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice as per the details given in below table: The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(S) / Co-Borrower(S) / Guarantor(S) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Sub- Section (4) of the section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower (S) / Co-Applicant (S)/ Guarantor(S) & (Loan Account Number)	Date & Amount of Notice u/s 13(2)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Date of Physical Possession
1.	Mukesh Baiwra , Nangi, Guarantor- Radheshyam Baiwra LAN No. - MVHL04096	23-Oct-18 Rs.362753/- Due as on 19-Oct-2018	Plot No. 60, Pink City Nagar-B, Barkheda, Shiydashpura, Dist. Jaipur, Rajasthan. Total Admeasuring Area 50 Sq. Yds.	20/11/2025
2.	Ram Kunwar Saini , Prem Devi, Guarantor- Vimlesh Kumar Khatri LAN No. - MHL06196	7-Jul-18 Rs.218190/- Due as on 01-July-2018	Plot No. 14 (Area 111.11 Sq. Yds.) & 15 (Area 111.11 Sq. Yds.), Mohini Nagar-9th, Guwardi, Renwal Road, Near Kaladera, Dist. Jaipur. Rajasthan.	20/11/2025
3.	Rajendra Tak , Rekha, Guarantor- Gepar Ram LAN No. - MHL08881	11-Nov-21 Rs.1246425/- Due as on 09-Nov-2021	Patta No. 60, Gram Panchayat Mathaniya, Panchayat Samiti Oshiya, Dist. Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Total Area 2400 Sq. Ft.	20/11/2025

The borrower(S) / Co borrower(S) / Guarantor(S) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Mentor Home Loans India Ltd. (Formerly known as Mentor India Limited) for an amount, amount mentioned here under with interest thereon.
Date: 23.11.2025 Place: Jaipur & Jodhpur

Authorised officer, Mentor Home Loans India Ltd. (Formerly Known as Mentor India Limited)

EDITORIAL

Generative AI at three
Promise, profit, or bubble

We are approaching the third anniversary of ChatGPT's release. When OpenAI launched it, the world was stunned. For the first time, the wider public directly experienced the power of Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen AI): large language models (LLMs) could generate coherent, context-aware paragraphs from just a few words of instruction.

Three years later, we stand at a crossroads, not only for the global economy but for human civilisation itself. It is now evident that Gen AI is a transformative technology that is reshaping nearly every aspect of our lives, from education to business and beyond.

Gen AI differs from every previous wave of disruptive innovation in several fundamental ways. Its adoption has been astonishingly rapid and global, both in the number of users and in its spread across borders. Nearly 70 per cent of new API users of OpenAI's platforms now come from outside the United States. In the last five decades of American technological dominance, no other innovation has seen such swift and widespread international uptake.

Moreover, with reinforcement learning and continuous model upgrades, LLMs are becoming increasingly adaptive, forming a self-improving loop that enhances their performance over time. While the industrial revolution automated muscle power, Gen AI automates cognition and decision-making. That marks a profound shift, as these were tasks once considered uniquely human. As Prof Diganta Mukherjee of ISI Kolkata observes, "AI is the next big thing after computerisation. The way we replaced repetitive processes at the lower end of the value chain in the early 1990s is now being replicated at a higher level, with AI taking over more complex yet still repetitive tasks such as decision-making."

While no other technology has achieved such widespread adoption, the challenge with AI today lies in the scale of investment it has attracted. The top five AI-focused companies - Apple, Nvidia, Microsoft, Alphabet, and Amazon - now account for nearly one-third of the S&P 500 index. Overall, AI-focused companies have driven roughly 80 per cent of the S&P 500's gains in 2025. Yet, the incremental improvements in successive AI models, particularly LLMs, are becoming less visible to the public. The current challenges facing the AI ecosystem can be broadly grouped into three categories.

One: LLMs have already trained on nearly all publicly available human content, leaving little new data to improve them. Adding AI-generated material offers minimal gains. This saturation exposes ethical issues, especially around fair compensation for creators. In 2023, artists Sarah Andersen, Kelly McKernan, and Karla Ortiz sued AI image companies, claiming their works were used in training without consent or payment. They argue this violates copyright law through unauthorised copying and imitation of their styles, creating "21st-century collage tools". AI firms counter that using public images qualifies as fair use for transformative purposes. The case, still unresolved, will likely set a precedent for how copyright law, written long before AI, applies to systems that learn from creative works at scale. Its outcome could redefine how AI companies source data and how artists protect their work.

Two: ways to effectively monetise Generative AI in real businesses remain uncertain.

The Rise Of 'Educated' Terrorists: Decoding The New Jihadi Architecture

Nishtha Gautam

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Doctors turning into terrorists is neither new nor surprising. The phenomenon of educated jihadis is now a global pattern. Multiple studies show that nearly 70 per cent of major terror attacks worldwide were planned and executed by technically trained individuals, particularly engineering graduates. Among doctors, the most notorious example is Zakir Naik, who used respectable platforms like television to radicalise Muslims across the sub-continent. Naik obtained his MBBS from Topiwala National Medical College, Mumbai. Ayman al-Zawahiri, the former Al-Qaeda chief, held a master's degree in surgery from Cairo University.

Mahathir Mohamad, who reshaped Malaysia's Islamic identity, studied at King Edward VII College of Medicine, Singapore. Mahathir has openly articulated his belief in political Islam and consistently returned to rigid interpretations of Islamic scripture. He declared Malaysia an "Islamic state", emphasising Islamic solutions to global issues. Zakir Naik has been a permanent resident of Malaysia since 2016. India revoked his passport in 2017 on charges of money laundering and hate speech. While analysing terrorism, we must recognise that every human has both an Intelligence Quotient (IQ) and an Ideological Quotient (IdQ). Among Muslims, Christians, and Communists, the ideological quotient tends to overshadow individual reasoning because each is rooted in a single-book belief system that often subsumes critical thought. The persistence of groups like the Flat Earth Society, whose members interpret biblical verses as scientific proof that the Earth is flat, illustrates how ideology overrides intellect. Some commercial pilots are members of this society,



showing that professional training does not immunise one against ideological rigidity. At the Middle East Forum, Pakistan's disgraced nuclear scientist Pervez Hoodbhoy was asked why the Islamic world, despite possessing vast resources and a population of over a billion, remains disengaged from scientific progress. He replied, "Seven centuries ago, Islam and science parted ways. The biggest problem is Islamism. Wherever religious fundamentalism dominates, blind faith clouds rational thinking." When asked why so many doctors, engineers, and technologists are drawn to Islamism, and sometimes terrorism, Hoodbhoy stated, "We must separate scientists from technologists. First-rate scientists do not become Islamists. But second- and third-rate technologists are far more susceptible." Thus,

many Muslim technologists are wired one way intellectually but hardwired another way ideologically. Their brains follow technology; their hearts follow the call of jihad. The calling of jihad originates at home, in madrassas, online groups, peer circles, and minority institutions that the Indian Constitution permits, many of which are exploited to create anti-national currents. The doctor module, Muzammil, Ali Ahmad, Umar, and Irfan Waqih, were first ideologically shaped as stone-pelting children in the Kashmir Valley. They later evolved into "doctor-terrorists" during their years at medical college in Srinagar, where the overwhelming Muslim student population creates a closed ideological ecosystem. What distinguishes a radicalised Muslim from a non-radical one is the degree of influence of the Indian/Sanatani civilisational environment. Those who sever their connection with Sanatan roots drift towards radicalisation and eventually jihadism. Islam is an organised, congregational faith designed to forge ideological unity. This organisational rigidity leaves little room for spiritualism.

Highly organised ideological faiths seldom allow genuine spiritualism. Spirituality is linked to nature, its beauty, mystery, and manifestations. In nature there is proof of the divine. One-book faiths negate the idea of heaven on Earth and instead promise a commodified paradise, complete with 72 virgins, a concept that objectifies women and incentivises suicide missions. This leads to a foundational question: If suicide bombing is martyrdom, against whom is this martyrdom directed? Red Fort suicide bomber Umar-ul-Nabi called suicide bombing "martyrdom in Islam" and justified killing 30 innocent people near the Red Fort as "justice for Kashmir". Why such grievance when the Kashmir Valley is already Islamicised, transformed from Dar-ul-Harb (land of non-believers) into Dar-ul-Islam? What about the injustice suffered by Kashmiri Hindus, driven out in 1990 and still living in exile? Suicide bomber Umar-ul-Nabi was deeply involved in religious conversion at Al-Falah University, where he used his authority as assistant professor to pressure students and staff to convert.

Ayodhya, A City Unlocked, As The Flag Of
Dharma Is Set To Fly Atop Ram Mandir

Abhijit Majumder

A city with no locks. That is how poet Tulsidas described Shri Ram's Ayodhya in his Ramayana.

Today's Ayodhya has certainly not reached the kind of prosperity and integrity famously attributed to Ram Rajya. But the sheer scale of change that the city has been undergoing since Yogi Adityanath took over as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh in 2017, coupled with the Narendra Modi government's developmental push from the Centre, is staggering. It is befitting then that on November 25, PM Modi will hoist the sacred flag atop the 191-foot-high spire of the Ram Temple - rebuilt nearly 500 years after it was destroyed by Mughal emperor Babur's commander Mir Baqi - while Yogi oversees preparations for the magnificent event.

Ayodhya is now not just the heart of India's spirituality; it is slowly transforming into an economic and tourism powerhouse. A simple comparison tells us about the scale of the tourism explosion in Ayodhya after the Ram temple was inaugurated in 2024. Last year, Ayodhya's footfall was 16.44 crore compared with Mecca's 1.4 crore (to be fair, Saudi limits the annual number of pilgrims



to the nerve centre of Islam). During Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav's tenure, Ayodhya received merely two to three lakh visitors a year. This spectacular burst of tourism has, of course, brought with it immense challenges. The city is struggling to accommodate the influx, leading to bottlenecks in transport, accommodation, and utilities. The Maharishi Valmiki International Airport's Phase 1 runway can handle only about a million passengers annually, causing flight backlogs during Ram Navami or Diwali. Daily waste generation has risen to 500-600 metric tons from 100 metric tons before 2024. Only 70 per cent of this is processed by new plants, leading to dumping near the riverfront during

peak season. Water supply shortages hit 40-50 per cent of households and guesthouses. But a deep state-Centre coordination, a grand and forward-looking blueprint, and CM Yogi's special attention on Ayodhya make the challenges look surmountable. Right from entering office, Yogi put the file on Ayodhya's development at the top of the pile. He kicked it off with a stunningly picturesque and well-organised deepotsav. The blueprint for the city's development was drawn up, which included the historic Ram Mandir construction. This master plan envisages heritage-steeped Ayodhya to be a hi-tech city by 2031, besides becoming a global spiritual centre by 2047.

A costly reversal on
green governance

Gourab Mukherjee

The Supreme Court's recall of its judgement on retrospective environmental clearances is a setback to environmentally informed governance. On May 16, the Court held that ex post facto clearances by the government to building projects were a "gross illegality". A 2:1 majority ruling by Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice Vinod Chandran has now reversed the earlier ruling - the Vanashakti judgement - and held that if allowed to operate, the verdict would have a "devastating effect" and "thousands of crores of rupees would go to waste". Dissenting Justice Ujjal Bhuyan endorsed the earlier ruling and described the review judgement an "innocent expression of opinion" which overlooked the "very fundamentals of environmental jurisprudence". The view held by Justice Bhuyan, who was part of the original verdict, presents a strong counterpoint to the majority ruling. It has been claimed that the recall is on technical grounds and merely addresses errors in the previous judgement. This is no validation for a post facto clearance regime, and the review judgement, it is argued, only lifts the stay on government notifications and procedures, thus avoiding wastage of investment of around Rs 20,000 crore.

There are 24 central projects worth Rs 8,293 crore and 29 state projects worth Rs 11,168 crore pending because of the earlier ruling. But when violations are validated in the form of post facto regularisation, the integrity of environmental governance comes under question. There are many precedents of courts, including the Supreme Court, ordering demolition of structures constructed in violation of environmental and civic regulations. An illegality should be treated as an illegality. Justice Bhuyan has adhered to the Court's consistent position on environmental issues.

Stop rewriting history Rammohan Roy was a revolutionary, not a British agent

Hasnain Naqvi

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When Madhya Pradesh higher education minister Inder Singh Parmar branded Raja Rammohan Roy a "British agent", he was not mistaken - he was intentional. This was not an amateurish slip, nor a provincial misunderstanding of history. It was a deliberate act of historical vandalism.

Such claims are not merely inaccurate; they reveal the deeper anxiety of a politics that cannot digest a Hindu reformer who combined reason, moral courage, and pluralism. As Ramachandra Guha notes in Rammohan Roy: The First Liberal of India, Roy embodied an Enlightenment spirit shaped indigenously, even as he engaged the world intellectually. To attack him today is to attack that liberal foundation. Rammohan Roy's real "crime" in today's ideological climate is straightforward: he represents a Hinduism of introspection, critique, and ethical universalism - qualities antithetical to the homogenising, militarised version of Hindu identity that Hindutva seeks to impose. Roy fought



against Sati, child marriage, polygamy, caste dogma, and religious superstition. He defended women's rights and championed modern education. His reformist thought, as

O.P. Dwivedi documents, was not derivative of British ideas but anchored in indigenous moral traditions that he reinterpreted with intellectual courage. He built a Hindu

reform movement grounded in Vedantic ethics, not sectarian rage. This is precisely what today's ideologues cannot accommodate.

To call such a man a "British agent" is an act of moral and intellectual self-incrimination. The historical record flatly contradicts Parmar's caricature. Dipesh Chakrabarty, writing on Roy's role in the emergence of nationalist journalism, reminds us that Roy spearheaded India's first organised protest against colonial authority: the 1823 agitation against press restrictions.

If he were serving the British, why did they suppress Mirat-ul-Akhbar, the Persian newspaper he used to challenge their policies? Why did

they fear his critiques of revenue extraction, missionary aggression, and administrative despotism? Why did he demand Indian participation in governance decades before the first stirrings of formal nationalism? Agents do not launch the subcontinent's first free-press movement against their supposed masters. One of the laziest distortions is that Roy merely echoed colonial thinking on Sati.

The historical truth, buttressed by Dwivedi's meticulous research, is that Roy spent years campaigning, writing, petitioning, and mobilising public opinion against the practice. The British outlawed Sati in 1829 because Roy forced the question, not out of sudden moral enlightenment.

Tharoor cites Trump-Mamdani interaction to underline need for political cooperation

Thiruvananthapuram (Agency): Sharing visuals of the interaction between United States President Donald Trump and New York Mayor-designate Zohran Mamdani, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has once again stirred debate within political circles, subtly urging India to embrace post-election collaboration among political rivals.

Taking to his social media handle, Tharoor wrote: "This is how democracy should work. Fight passionately for your point of view in elections, with no rhetorical holds barred. But once it's over, and the people have spoken, learn to cooperate with each other in the common interests of the nation you are both pledged to serve. I would love to see more of this in India -- and am trying to do my part." Tharoor's remarks are seen as a continuation of his previous controversial statement in



which he praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech, despite the PM having sharply criticized the Congress at the time. Back then, Tharoor had argued that respecting the office of the Prime Minister and acknowledging the positives, even in opposition, was part of a "mature democratic approach". While his stance had triggered discomfort within sections of the

Congress, it also earned appreciation from some for promoting political civility. Tharoor's latest intervention follows a widely circulated video showing Donald Trump and Zohran Mamdani -- an Indian-origin mayor-designate of New York -- sharing a cordial exchange at the White House. After the meeting, Trump praised Mamdani, saying he believed Mamdani would make "a very

good mayor of New York", and added that he would be happy to live in the city during Mamdani's tenure. He noted that many who voted for him had also supported Mamdani, and that "Mamdani could surprise critics". Mamdani, in turn, said he was committed to working with the White House to improve the quality of life in New York and address key urban challenges. Tharoor used the interaction to reinforce his appeal for political cooperation, saying that democracy grows stronger when adversaries can work together on matters of public importance. His remarks have once again sparked discussion on the scope of bipartisanship in India's increasingly polarized political landscape. Meanwhile, veteran Congress legislator and CWC member Ramesh Chennithala declined to comment on Tharoor's statement.

Defence Secy hails NCC for preparing youth for national service

New Delhi (Agency) : On the eve of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) 78th Raising Day on Sunday, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh lauded the youth organisation's contributions in multiple spheres, including the drone and Apda Mitra disaster-response training and national service. Addressing a gathering, the Defence Secretary highlighted the NCC's flagship initiatives to train the youth in national service and undertaking the Mt. Everest expedition and inclusion of drone and cyber training in the curriculum. Earlier Singh and Director General NCC Lt Gen Virendra Vats joined a solemn wreath-laying ceremony at the National War Memorial, an official said. The observance set the tone for a nationwide



celebration that highlighted the NCC's steadfast role in nation building and youth development. Three NCC girl cadets from the Tri-Services also laid a wreath and paid homage to the fallen heroes, joining the senior leadership in honouring the nation's bravehearts. After the ceremony, the Defence Secretary, DG NCC and the gathering witnessed a band performance by NCC cadets drawn from various Delhi schools, adding a ceremonial touch to the commemoration. From its establishment in 1948 with just 20,000 cadets, the NCC has

grown into the world's largest uniformed youth organisation with 20 lakh cadets, including an increase of 6 lakh cadets between 2014 and 2025. Today, its footprint extends to 713 out of India's 780 districts, making it one of the most widely represented youth institutions in the country. Across states and Union Territories, cadets commemorated the day through a series of public-service initiatives like blood donation drives, tree plantation activities, 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' campaigns and anti-drug awareness programmes under Nasha Mukti Abhiyaan.

Drugs valued over Rs 4.79 crore seized in Mizoram; four arrested



Aizawl (Agency): The Border Security Force (BSF), in a joint operation with the Excise and Narcotics Department of Mizoram, has seized highly addictive methamphetamine tablets and heroin, worth over Rs 4.79 crore and arrested four drug peddlers, including two Myanmar nationals, on Saturday, officials said. A BSF spokesman said that the troops of the border guarding force of the Mizoram and Cachar frontier, acting on secret information, identified a house at Chandmari West in Aizawl. In the presence of two independent civil witnesses, a thorough search of the premises was conducted. Two suspected drug peddlers were found inside the house. On questioning, they voluntarily handed over two bags containing suspected narcotics. Subsequent examination revealed the bags contained six packages (5.89 kg) of Methamphetamine tablets and three soap cases (41 gm) of heroin, valued over Rs 4.79 crore. The consignment was seized by the Excise and Narcotics Department, Mizoram, and all four drug peddlers, including two Myanmar nationals, were apprehended. A BSF statement said that this successful operation stands as a testimony to the high degree of coordination, real-time information sharing, and seamless synergy between BSF Aizawl and the Excise and Narcotics Department, Mizoram.

Four drug peddlers arrested in Jammu

Jammu (Agency): Four drug peddlers were arrested in the rural area of Jammu, and a heroin-like substance, a car, a motorcycle and an electronic weighing scale were seized from their possession, police said on Saturday. A police statement said, "In a major success against drug trafficking, Jammu (Rural) Police achieved a significant breakthrough with the arrest of four drug peddlers and the recovery of heroin-like substance, one car, one motorcycle, and an electronic weighing scale". The operation was conducted under the overall supervision of SP Rural, SDPO Nagrota, and SHO Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. During routine patrolling, a team from Police Post Manwal, led by its in-charge PSI Bhawani Singh and assisted by other officials, received credible information



that four individuals were roaming in the area with the intent to sell contraband. Acting swiftly, the team established a naka near Jindrah Road, Saloon. The team intercepted a car and a motorcycle, and during the search, approximately 8 grams of a heroin-like substance were recovered from the possession of the accused. Around 2.11 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered from Rohit Jamwal, 1.55 grams from Abhishek Jamwal, 2.23 grams from Arvind Singh, and 2.23 grams from Aditya Singh, all

residents of Jindrah, the police said. Accordingly, an FIR under relevant sections of the NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli for further investigation. Jammu Police reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to eliminating the menace of drugs from society and appealed to the public to share any information regarding drug-related activities with the nearest police station. The identity of the informants shall be kept confidential, the statement added. Security forces are carrying out aggressive operations against drug smugglers, drug peddlers and those involved in hawala money rackets. It is believed that the funds generated by these unlawful activities are finally used to sustain terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Centre raises person-days to 150 under MGNREGA for J&K; LG Sinha thanks PM

Jammu (Agency): As recommended by the UT government, the Centre has increased the number of person-days under the MGNREGA to 150 in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha thanked Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and the Union Rural Development Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan for the decision. The LG said: "I'm grateful to Hon'ble PM Sh. Narendra Modi Ji and Hon'ble Union Minister of Rural Development Sh. Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji for increasing number of person-days provided under MGNREGA to 150 days for J&K to enhance livelihood security in rural



areas affected by natural calamities. "1,962 Panchayats of J&K UT were declared 'flood affected' and it had caused adverse impact on livelihood. Special relief was sought from GoI and the decision will ensure stable income to vulnerable rural households, relieve the families from economic distress and create durable assets," he said. Earlier, the Department of

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) had recommended extending the benefit of additional employment of 50 days over and above 100 days per household under MGNREGA in the 'flood/cloud burst/landslide' (natural calamity) affected areas of UT of J&K for FY 2025-26. In view of the likelihood of increased demand for employment on public works due to the natural calamity, it has been decided, under Section 3(4) of MGNREG Act, to provide up to 50 days of additional employment over and above 100 days per household in the affected rural areas of UT of J&K for the Financial Year 2025-26.

Namo Bharat trains now available for birthday celebrations, pre-wedding shoots

New Delhi (Agency): The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has opened its Nammo Bharat trains and stations to celebrate personal milestones, offering options for birthday events, pre-wedding shoots and other private occasions, an official statement said on Saturday. Under the new policy, individuals, event organisers and photography or media companies can book static or running Nammo Bharat coaches, the statement said. A mock-up coach at the Duhai Depot is also available for static shoots. Bookings start at Rs 5,000 per hour, with 30 minutes each allotted for setting up and removing decorations or equipment, it stated.



a distinctive experience, with Nammo Bharat's modern, internationally designed coaches providing a visually appealing setting for photographs and small gatherings.

Vijay to resume political outreach with public meeting at Kanchipuram today

Chennai (Agency): Tamizhaga Vetttri Kazhagam (TVK) leader Vijay will address a specially arranged indoor public meeting at Sunguvarchathram in Kanchipuram district on November 23, marking his return to political activities. The programme, restricted to around 2,000 invited participants, comes in the backdrop of the Police Department denying permission for his proposed December 4 rally in Salem. Vijay had been conducting intensive campaign events every Saturday ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections. However, his statewide tour came to an abrupt halt after the tragic stampede-like incident at Velusamipuram in Karur on September 27, where 41 people lost their lives during a public rally. The unprecedented tragedy shocked the nation and prompted Vijay to suspend all political engagements. As the election season draws closer, the TVK leader plans to restart his political outreach with a major rally in Salem on December 4. His party formally submitted a petition seeking police permission for the event.

Navy Day 2025 to feature grand operational display of maritime power on Dec 3

New Delhi (Agency): The Indian Navy announced on Saturday that Navy Day 2025 will be marked with a spectacular Operational Demonstration on December 3 at Shangumugham beach in Thiruvananthapuram, presenting a vivid display of precision, professionalism, and the force's expanding maritime power. The celebration, earlier scheduled for December 4, has been advanced by a day. The event continues the Navy's initiative to host Navy Day celebrations away from major naval bases. In previous years, the Operational Demonstration was staged in Puri, Odisha and Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. According to the Navy, "This mega event will provide a unique opportunity to the



citizens to witness various facets of Indian Navy's multi-domain operations. The Operational Demonstration will showcase the Indian Navy's state-of-the-art operational platforms and its resolve as the 'Preferred Security Partner' in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) guided by the broader vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions).

Pakistan: Death toll in Faisalabad factory blast rises to 20



Faisalabad (Agency): A powerful explosion at a chemical factory in Faisalabad's Malikpur area set off a massive fire and caused the collapse of ten nearby houses, killing at least 20 people and injuring seven others, local media reported on Saturday, quoting the rescue officials.

The blast erupted at a factory producing adhesives near Shahab Town's Kabaddi Stadium Ground and was powerful enough to be heard

across the city. Within moments, flames engulfed the building and spread to adjacent homes, bringing down roofs and walls and trapping entire families beneath the debris, reports leading Pakistani daily, The Express Tribune. The dead include women, children, elderly residents and factory labourers. Rescue 1122 teams, backed by heavy machinery and 150 personnel, worked for ten hours to retrieve bodies and survivors under the supervision

of District Emergency Officer Engineer Ehtisham Wahla. According to local media reports, a total of 31 rescue vehicles were deployed to the scene. Traffic police ensured a clear route to Allied Hospital as the injured and deceased were transported, while the district administration declared an emergency at both Allied hospitals and called in senior doctors. Deputy Commissioner Faisalabad Captain (r) Nadeem Nisar, SSP Operations Nasser Mahmood Bajwa, the chief traffic officer and SP Madina Town monitored the rescue efforts on-site. Residents of Malikpur also joined emergency workers in removing rubble and helping victims. Additionally, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq expressed deep grief over the tragedy and sought a detailed report from Faisalabad Commissioner Raja Jahangir Anwar.

Bangladesh earthquake death toll climbs to 10

Dhaka (Agency): At least 10 people have died and more than 200 others were injured across Bangladesh after the 5.7-magnitude earthquake struck the South Asian nation, causing widespread panic and structural damage, local media reported on Saturday. Four of the victims died in Dhaka, five in Narsingdi, and one in Narayanganj. In Dhaka, the fatalities occurred in Armanitola after the railing of a building's roof collapsed, killing three people and injuring several others, reports leading Bangladeshi newspaper, The Dhaka Tribune. In Narsingdi, five deaths were reported as the impact of the tremor rippled through the district.

The quake, which struck at 10:38 a.m. on Friday, measured 5.7 on the Richter scale according to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, which identified its epicentre in Madhabdi, Narsingdi and described it as a moderate earthquake. More than 200 people sustained injuries in Dhaka, Narsingdi and Gazipur. The Directorate General of Health Services confirmed that 10 injured people were admitted to DMCH and 10 others to Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad



Medical College Hospital. Several Dhaka University students were seriously hurt after leaping from buildings in panic, with at least 10 students injured, some requiring hospitalisation. In Narsingdi, 45 people received treatment at the district hospital, with three transferred to DMCH in critical condition, while another 10 were treated at the Narsingdi 100-bed Hospital. In Gazipur's Sreepur area, more than 150 workers were injured in a stampede as they rushed out of

the multi-storey Denimex garment factory when the quake struck.

Reports from Dhaka indicated that minor cracks appeared in buildings across the capital, according to the local media. Residents described the experience as unlike any tremor they had felt before, with many taking to social media to share photos and videos showing cracked walls, damaged floors and furniture scattered throughout their homes.

Normalcy returns to Nepal's Bara after violent Gen-Z protests, security concerns remain



Bara (Agency): After two days of violent protest, Simara city in the Bara district of Nepal is returning to normalcy, with security seen as the major concern for locals ahead of the upcoming election. Tension started to flare up in Simara Chowk of Bara district after CPN-UML cadres charged at the Gen-Z protestors who were staging a peaceful protest on Wednesday. Tension continued for the second day, with Gen-Z protestors alleging that police had let those inciting violence go free. "On Wednesday and Thursday, the situation was quite tense here. The Gen-Z were on the street in large numbers and protesting. (District) Leaders of the CPN-UML had attacked the Gen-Z (District Coordinator) Samrat (Upadhyay), which flared up the tension, but since yesterday, the condition is returning to normalcy," Gopal Rijal, an auto rickshaw driver in Simara, told ANI. The situation continued to simmer after the police arrested three individuals, who included two elected ward chairs from the CPN-UML -- Dhan Bahadur Shrestha and Kaimuddin Ansari. Shrestha is the chair of Ward 2, while Ansari is of Ward 6. Another accused, Arvind Sah, named as the main perpetrator and planner of the attack on the Gen-Z group, was arrested in Hetauda on Thursday night. "The situation around here had started to fall back to normal since yesterday morning. There hasn't been any violence or clashes since yesterday. The Gen-Z groups had gone for talks with the authorities in Pathlaiya. The situation has continued to remain normal; there isn't an environment of fear till now," said Lokendra Prasad Baral, another resident of Simara, to ANI as he continued his business on Saturday morning.

Bhutanese PM Tshering Tobgay arrives in Dhaka for two-day visit

Dhaka (Agency): Bangladesh on Saturday rolled out a red carpet for Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, who arrived in Dhaka this morning for a two-day state visit. Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus received him after a Drukair flight carrying the Bhutanese leader landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) around 8:15 am (Local time). The two leaders held a brief meeting at the airport's VIP lounge, where Prime Minister Tobgay inquired about the damage and loss of lives caused by Friday's earthquake and expressed his condolences to the families of the victims. Following the meeting, Tobgay was escorted to a makeshift saluting dais, where he was accorded a 19-gun salute and a guard of honour. After the airport ceremony, the Bhutanese Prime Minister departed for the National Martyrs'



Memorial in Savar to pay homage to the martyrs of Bangladesh's Liberation War. He will lay a wreath at the memorial's altar and sign the visitors' book. Bangladesh's foreign adviser and commerce adviser are expected to meet the Bhutanese leader in the afternoon before he holds a tete-a-tete with Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus at his office in the Tejgaon area around 3:00 pm. Prime Minister Tobgay will also attend an official banquet in his honour in the evening.

Trump's long-time ally Marjorie Greene says she will resign after losing his support

Washington (Agency): Marjorie Taylor Greene, one of President Donald Trump's closest political allies, has announced that she will resign from the US Congress. Her decision comes just a week after Trump publicly withdrew his endorsement for her re-election bid. Greene made the announcement late on Friday through a detailed statement posted on X. She said she had grown increasingly frustrated with the political atmosphere in Washington and accused both major parties of operating what she called a "Political Industrial Complex." "Americans are used by the Political Industrial Complex of both political parties, election cycle after election cycle, in order to elect whichever side



can convince Americans to hate the other side more," she wrote. "And the results are always the same, nothing ever gets better for the common American man or woman." Saying she had "never fit in" in Washington, Greene added that the political system was designed to divide Americans rather than solve problems. She said she intends to "fight for the people of this country in a different way." Greene confirmed

that her last day in office will be January 5, 2026. A strong MAGA supporter for years, Greene has been one of the most outspoken Republican lawmakers. Her resignation comes as her relationship with Trump has sharply deteriorated, especially after he withdrew support for her political future. Earlier this month, Greene expressed deep frustration and shock over Trump's public comments, saying his attacks had intensified threats to her safety and forced her to seek private security. "I am now being contacted by private security firms with warnings for my safety as a hot bed of threats against me are being fueled and egged on by the most powerful man in the world.

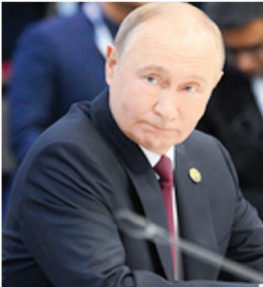
South Korea: Police request arrest warrants for two sailors over ferry grounding accident

Seoul (Agency): South Korean Police investigating the grounding accident of a ferry off the southwestern coast earlier this week on Friday requested arrest warrants for the ship's first mate and helmsman on charges of causing injury by gross negligence. The first mate, in his 40s, and the helmsman, an Indonesian national in his 40s, were apprehended Thursday after the 26,546-ton Queen Jenuvia II carrying 246 passengers and 21 crew members ran aground at an uninhabited islet off the coast of Sinan, 366 kilometers south of Seoul, the previous night, Yonhap news agency reported. The two are accused of causing the grounding accident by not properly steering the ferry while doing something else outside of work, according to the Mokpo Coast Guard in charge of the probe. The first mate, suspected of looking at his phone at the time of the accident, was supposed



to change course about 1,600 meters away from the accident site but failed to do so, the Coast Guard said. The helmsman tasked with directly operating the key or manually changing the automatic navigation device, reportedly stated he was looking at the gyrocompass inside the wheelhouse. The Coast Guard said it will also book the ship's captain, in his 60s, who is accused of staying outside the wheelhouse at the time of the accident, on charges of violating the Seafarers Act.

Russia ready to discuss new Ukraine peace plan in detail: Putin



Moscow (Agency): Russia is ready for a substantive discussion of the details of a new US-proposed 28-point peace plan on Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin said. Putin said Russia has received the plan through existing channels of communication with the US administration. It could form the basis of a final peace settlement, but the text has not been discussed with Russia in detail, he added. Putin noted that Moscow is ready for "peace talks and peaceful resolution of problems," as well as "a substantive discussion of all the details of the proposed plan," Xinhua news agency reported. Russia-Ukraine talks have stalled since the meeting between Putin and US President Donald Trump in August in the US state of Alaska. Earlier Zelensky told Ukrainians that the country was facing some of the most difficult choices in its history.

Ukraine facing 'one of the most difficult moments' amid US peace push: Zelensky



Kyiv (Agency): Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said that his country is facing "one of the most difficult moments" in its history as it considers the US-proposed 28-point peace plan. "We are now in one

of the most difficult moments in our history. The pressure on Ukraine is at its heaviest. Ukraine could now face a very difficult choice: either the loss of dignity, or the risk of losing a key partner. Either the difficult 28 points, or an extremely difficult winter," Zelensky said in his address to the nation. The next week will be very challenging and full of events, Zelensky said, noting that he plans to propose alternatives to amend the US plan and that Ukraine's interests must be taken into account in the document, Xinhua news agency reported. Zelensky stressed that he will present arguments, persuade, and offer alternatives but will not give the enemy any reason to claim that Ukraine does not want peace.

China takes Japan's Taiwan remarks to UN as tensions rise

Beijing (Agency): Tension between China and Japan has sharply escalated after Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi made strong remarks in parliament early this month about a possible security threat from China over Taiwan. Beijing has now taken the matter to the United Nations, accusing Japan of making "erroneous" statements, Global Times reported. China's Permanent Representative to the UN, Fu Cong, on Friday wrote a formal letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, outlining Beijing's position on the "erroneous words and



deeds" of Japanese Prime Minister Takaichi concerning Taiwan. The letter responds to Takaichi's comments on November 7, where she said

that any "use of force on Taiwan" by China could become a "survival-threatening situation" for Japan. Following these comments, China reimposed its recently lifted ban on Japanese seafood imports and issued a travel alert for Chinese citizens visiting Japan. Fu said in his letter that Takaichi's comments were unprecedented since Japan's surrender in 1945. According to him, this is the first time a Japanese leader has linked Taiwan to Japan's collective self-defence rights and suggested armed involvement. He described her remarks as "extremely

erroneous, highly dangerous, and extremely malicious." He added that Japan had ignored China's repeated protests and continued defending its position. Calling the remarks a violation of international law and a challenge to the post-war order, Fu said the statements were offensive to "more than 1.4 billion Chinese people" as well as Asian nations that suffered under Japanese aggression during World War II, Global Times reported. "The letter will be issued as an official document of the UN General Assembly and distributed to all member states," as per Global Times.

BirlaNu announces new fibre cement plant in AP

Vijayawada, Nov 22 (Agency)

BirlaNu, a part of the multi-billion-dollar CKA Birla Group and a leading brand in roofs, walls, pipes, construction chemicals, putty and flooring solutions on Saturday announced the establishment of a new Fibre Cement Board Plant in the Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. The greenfield project is a key milestone in BirlaNu's long-term expansion strategy and reflects the company's confidence in Andhra Pradesh's strong industrial ecosystem and infrastructure-led growth outlook. Designed as a state-of-the-art facility built on advanced manufacturing technologies and sustainable production practices, the unit will play a pivotal role in accelerating regional economic development. Akshat Seth, Managing Director and CEO, BirlaNu, said: "Our new Fibre Cement Board Plant in Nellore marks an important milestone in BirlaNu's expansion journey. Andhra Pradesh offers a compelling environment for industrial growth, supported by robust infrastructure and a progressive development approach. This facility will enhance our manufacturing footprint; address rising domestic and global



demand for high-quality building materials and create meaningful employment opportunities. It underscores our commitment to responsible, innovation-driven growth." In Phase 1, BirlaNu will invest approximately Rs 127 crore to set up a large-scale Fibre Cement Board unit, the first of its kind in Andhra Pradesh, creating nearly 600 direct and indirect employment opportunities for skilled and semi-skilled talent in the region. The plant will meet increasing demand within the state and serve as a strategic base for regional and export markets. The facility will incorporate fly ash, a by-product from coal-based thermal power plants, as a key raw material reducing industrial waste, lowering landfill needs, and advancing circular-economy practices. The project is also expected to spur the growth of ancillary and support industries, further strengthening the industrial ecosystem in Nellore and its surrounding districts. In Phase 2, BirlaNu plans to expand the site with additional units for PVC Pipes & Fittings and Construction Chemicals, deepening the company's integrated manufacturing capabilities in Andhra Pradesh.

Trade momentum remains firm despite rupee volatility and tariffs: Report

New Delhi, Nov 22 (Representative)

India's total merchandise exports during FY26, Apr-Sep 25 inched up 2.9pc to USD 220 billion (USD 214 billion in H1 FY25), said a State Bank of India (SBI) report on Saturday. The State Bank of India, a premier multinational private sector bank, said that cumulative exports to the USA also registered a growth of 13pc to USD 45 billion in FY26 Apr-September from USD 40 billion in FY 25 from April-September, though there could be more frontloading effects to the aftermath, with

September figures registering negative YoY growth of 12pc. "Furthermore, if we look at the share of USA in our exports, it has been declining since July 2025, moving down to 15pc in Sep 25, with marine products (15pc in Sep 25 from 20pc in FY25), precious, semi-precious stones, RMG cotton and cotton fabrics and made up articles exports leading the pack even though Marine products and RMG cotton witnessed positive growth during April-Sept 25," the report said. Also, the share of India's merchandise exports to other countries during this period has increased

significantly, indicating the diversification of our export basket, including the UAE, China, Vietnam, Japan and Hong Kong. Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nigeria are among



the top destinations (over FY2025) across different product categories. SBI noted that the buoyancy in trade talks reaffirms India's desire to come out of the highest (among Asian

Peers) tariff structure while enhancing capability building across several loops with recently concluded LPG deals and strategic defence deals last month. Pointing towards the sectoral impacts of US-imposed tariffs, the report said it has impacted India's labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, jewellery and seafood. To support these sectors, the Government has approved Rs 45, 060 crore which included Rs 20,000 crore in credit guarantees on bank loans. The policy incentives aim to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian exporters and

support diversification into new and emerging markets. So, by enabling collateral-free credit access under the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), govt. focused on strengthening liquidity and improving business operations since the tariffs have led to a steep drop in container volume of shipments to the United States. On the Balance of Payments (BoP) basis, India's current account deficit placed at 0.2pc of GDP in Q1 FY26, as against 0.1pc in Q1FY25. This improvement was mainly due to robust services exports and a strong flow of remittances.

Afghan commerce minister calls for bolstering trade and sectoral cooperation with India

New Delhi, Nov 22 (FN Bureau)

Afghan Commerce Minister Alhaj Noorudin Azizi on Friday extended an open invitation to Indian businesses to participate in sectors such as mining, agriculture, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, IT, energy and textiles. Azizi also expressed his heartfelt appreciation for India's longstanding support of Afghanistan, especially in challenging times. He

also announced several new initiatives, including a 1 per cent tariff on raw materials and machinery, free land allocations, a reliable power supply, and five-year tax exemptions for new industries, particularly those established by Afghan refugees. While addressing a joint session at PHDCCI here, the commerce minister also urged greater engagement from the Afghan Sikh and Hindu communities. He reaffirmed Afghanistan's commitment to ensuring a peaceful, inclusive, and

business-friendly environment for all partners. Also, M. Anand Prakash, Joint Secretary (PAI) of the Ministry of External Affairs, highlighted recent developments that will boost trade, including the activation of air freight corridors between Kabul and major Indian cities, which are poised to begin cargo operations soon. He also underscored the deep civilisational ties between the two nations and announced the reactivation of the Joint Working Group on

Trade, Commerce, and Investment. Representing the business community, Vardaan Aggarwal, vice president of Dynasty Oil, acknowledged the strong momentum in bilateral trade, which touched approximately USD 1 billion in 2024-25, with India importing USD 689 million from Afghanistan and exporting USD 318 million. He emphasised the shared ambition to scale trade to USD 2 billion by 2030, driven by enhanced B2B engagements, joint ventures and improved connectivity.

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and Karaikal area, tomorrow. The next day, heavy rain is likely to occur at isolated places over Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Thoothukudi, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai districts and Karaikal area, while heavy rain is likely to occur at isolated places over Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Ramanathapuram districts on November 25. On November 26, 27 and 28, light to moderate rain is likely to occur at isolated places over Tamil Nadu and over Puducherry and Karaikal area. Thunderstorm and lightning is also likely to occur at one or two places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal area till November 25. Squally weather with wind speed reaching 35 kmph to 45 kmph and gusting up to 55 kmph is likely to prevail along and off South Tamil Nadu coast, over Gulf of Mannar and Comorin area till November 24. On November 25 and 26, squally weather with wind speed reaching 40 kmph to 50 kmph and gusting up to 60 kmph is likely to prevail along and off Tamil Nadu coast, over Gulf of Mannar and Comorin area. Fishermen are advised not to venture into the above sea areas during the above mentioned period and fishermen out at deep sea are advised to return to coast before November 24. The forecast for Chennai city and its neighbourhood is the sky conditions would be partly cloudy with one or two spells of light to moderate rain accompanied by thunderstorm and lightning. Meanwhile, several southern district continued to receive heavy rain with Oothu in Tirunelveli district recording a maximum of 12 cm of rainfall during the last 24 hrs ending at 0830 hrs this morning. It was followedby Nalumukku (Tirunelveli) 11, Kakkachi and Manjolai (Tirunelveli) 9 each, Mylaudy (Kanyakumari) 7 and Chittar-I (Kanyakumari), Sivaganga and Kanniyakumari 6 each.

New UP BJP president soon, Yogi...

to focus on OBCs. Therefore, the party may consider Swatantradev Singh or Keshav Maurya. In the recently concluded Bihar elections, the BJP high command first appointed Keshav Prasad Maurya as co-in-charge and then as a central observer. This move by the BJP has sparked speculation in Uttar Pradesh political circles that Maurya could be given a major responsibility in the state. Besides the state president, speculation is also rife about a ministry expansion in Uttar Pradesh. According to sources, the organization first wants to appoint a new state president, for which the organizational election process will be finalized. This will be followed by cabinet expansion. BJP sources believe that the cabinet expansion of the BJP government is scheduled before next year's Panchayat elections and the subsequent assembly elections in 2027. Currently, six more ministers can be appointed in Uttar Pradesh as per the rules. The central leadership is busy preparing to balance the forward, backward, and Dalit castes. Cabinet minister positions are vacant due to former Panchayati Raj Minister Bhupendra Chaudhary becoming the state president and former PWD Minister Jitin Prasada becoming a minister in the central government. Currently, there are 54 ministers, including the Chief Minister and two Deputy Chief Ministers, while the maximum number of ministers can be appointed is 60. This means that six ministry positions are vacant. Speculation is rife that the cabinet expansion will take place after the announcement of the new state president. A senior political analyst says, "The BJP's landslide victory in the Bihar elections will have repercussions in Uttar Pradesh as well. The way the high command is prioritizing Keshav Prasad Maurya suggests he has an edge over other rivals. With an upper-caste CM, the party will likely bet on an OBC candidate. As for Brajesh Pathak's candidacy, there's considerable doubt about his name."

TN, UK govt sign LoI, jointly launch...

a dedicated institutional mechanism to address extreme heat. Speaking at the launch, UK Minister for the Indo-Pacific Seema Malhotra said, "Extreme heat is one of the most urgent climate challenges we face. Without targeted action, the impacts of heat stress will continue to grow, affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions of people across the region." She noted that Tamil Nadu has already demonstrated visionary leadership as the first Indian state to establish a Green Climate Fund and recognise heatwaves as a state-specific disaster. "Today's launch marks an important milestone," said Malhotra. Reiterating the urgency of addressing extreme heat, Supriya Sahu said, "Tamil Nadu is taking a science-first approach to identify heat-risk zones in every city, so that planners, health systems, and local bodies know exactly wherevulnerabilities lie." Officials said with high-resolution satellite data and ground sensors, we should be able to map heat the way we map floods or air pollution. This will enable us to redesign neighbourhoods, strengthen ventilation corridors, and create pockets of thermal safety. The launch was also attended by Dr Pisupathi Balakrishna, UNEP India Head, who said, "Tamil Nadu's leadership role in dealing with climate change,

including on extreme heat, is laudable. Under the leadership of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests, the UNEP is pleased to collaborate with the department on climate adaptation and mitigation, as well as a number of issues related to environmental management." Tamil Nadu recently joined the global Beat the Heat Implementation Drive, launched at COP30 in Belém, Brazil, by the Brazil COP30 Presidency and the UNEP-led Cool Coalition. The campaign aims to accelerate sustainable cooling and heat-resilience solutions in cities worldwide. More than 185 cities and 83 partner organisations have joined, alongside 72 Global Cooling Pledge signatories. By joining Beat the Heat, cities gain access to global resources and technical assistance to plan for extreme heat, expand passive cooling and nature-based solutions, accelerate adoption of energy-efficient, climate-friendly cooling, and integrate cooling resilience into urban development plans. Under the UNEP Be Cool Project, funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Tamil Nadu is implementing the Green Schools Initiative across 197 government schools, targeting heat resilience through passive cooling and nature-based solutions. The state is also set to become the first in India to mandate minimum passive cooling standards in all new buildings. District cooling is being embedded into city- and state-level plans, promoting energy-efficient, climate-resilient cooling infrastructures. Tamil Nadu's pioneering work on extreme heat and sustainable cooling, covering schools, affordable housing, and urban areas, has been highlighted in the newly released UNEP Global Cooling Watch 2025 report at COP30.

Delhi CM lays foundation stone of...

governments had failed to address their basic needs, and in contrast, her government has, for the first time, made a special provision of Rs 700 crore for the development of the slum areas. She claimed that roads, drains, toilets, parks, community health centres and community facilities in these settlements are being rapidly upgraded. The CM made it clear that the government is not here to demolish slums, but committed to ensuring dignity and access to essential amenities for every family living in such areas. She added that, in line with the central government's vision, the Delhi government is working to provide every poor family with a house with toilet, kitchen, bathroom and gas connection. Speaking on the occasion, Delhi's Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood said that the foundation stone of the Atal Canteen is dedicated to the principle of 'Antyodaya,' which is uplifting the last person in society, which had been propounded by Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. Sood further said that the objective is to ensure that the benefits of development reach the most deprived sections, emphasizing that that Atal Canteen initiative is an important step towards advancing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Viksit Delhi.' He further stated that, in honour of former PM Vajpayee's 100th birth anniversary, 100 Atal Canteens will be operationalised with a budgetary allocation of Rs 100 crore. He added that the labourers, mothers, sisters and senior citizens who built this city with their hard work deserve a dignified life, and it is the government's responsibility to ensure this. According to Sood, the scheme will employ women from self-help groups, local women and gig workers, while also ensuring clean and nutritious food for delivery personnel. He recalled PM Modi's message that the country must move from "food security to nutritional security".

Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh...

MoSPI's commitment to maintaining robust standards and best practices in official statistics, the Vice-President emphasized the vital role of high-quality, credible, and timely data as the foundation for effective policy formulation, administrative efficiency, and the nation's overall development. He reiterated the significance of strategic planning and data-driven decision-making in realizing the national aspiration of achieving a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

HM urges citizens to cooperate with...

implementing this concept on the ground, and the initial initiative has also been taken by the force. Every possible effort will be made to fully roll it out on the ground within the next one year, Shah said, expressing confidence that within the next five years, the entire land border of the country will be securely covered under this e-security shield. Shah also informed that in a historic step towards making India's maritime borders impregnable, the country's first National Academy for Coastal Policing (NACP) has been established at Okha in Gujarat, and its responsibility for operations and management is with the BSF. He added that in the times to come, this academy will provide world-class training to our Marine Police Force and further strengthen the nation's coastal security apparatus.

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engagement. Unsettled diplomats say the US absence or rather the presence of middle and junior US diplomats based in South

Africa, will create a major hurdle in crafting a joint communique. Organisers have already scaled back the ambition of the final outcome, aware that Washington will not be present to underwrite major initiatives. For South Africa, hosting Africa's first G20 summit, the snub has immediate reputational and financial implications. Pretoria risks losing momentum at a moment when it seeks to project its leadership of Africa and the wider Global South. The vacuum created can easily be turned into an opening for China, the world's second largest economy and for Russia which would like to be perceived as the world power it was during the Soviet era. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's full-throated participation, in sharp contrast to Washington's disengagement, could also elevate New Delhi's standing as one of the few major powers consistently invested in the G20's future. "Probably it's a good time for other powers ranging from China to Europe to even us, to try take decisions which will help the global economies and to the global south," said former Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty. However, it's to be seen how the G20 will navigate through the thorny topics of climate change mitigation, reworking critical mineral supply chains so that one single country is unable to dominate commerce in the raw materials needed to shape a greener earth or for that matter in the global desire to police and control the new frontier of artificial intelligence. In some ways, diplomats say issues at the heart of the Global South, debt restructuring, equitable climate finance, digital public goods, and early steps toward AI governance, now face fewer obstacles without a dominant US voice steering priorities elsewhere. However, without US acceptance of decisions taken at Johannesburg, it is to be seen whether those very decisions can or will be implemented or for that matter accepted by the larger comity of nations. Diplomats tracking the summit say the shift could accelerate a broader tilt toward a more multipolar order, or worse, toward fragmented parallel institutions such as BRICS, which India, China, Russia and South Africa have long championed but which have yet to take the heft of structured and accepted institutions such as the G7 or G20.

New deep-sea 'Octopus Squid'...

Dr. Sajikumar K. K. "We have been studying cephalopods in the Arabian Sea for more than a decade, and this 'octopus squid' was something we had never encountered," said Dr. Sasikumar. Until now, Tanningia danae, found in Atlantic waters, was the only recognized species in this genus. "DNA barcoding showed more than 11 percent genetic divergence from the Atlantic species, confirming it as a distinct species," she added. Explaining the unusual traits of the genus, Dr. Sajikumar noted: "Though called the 'octopus squid', it is actually a squid with only eight arms and no tentacles. Members of this family can grow very large, with the Atlantic species reaching up to 2.3 metres in length and weighing around 61.4 kg." The new species has been named in honour of eminent marine biologist Dr. E. G. Silas, former CMFRI Director and former Vice Chancellor of Kerala Agricultural University, and a pioneer of cephalopod research in India. Research scholars Dr. Shijin Ameri and Toji Thomas also contributed to the finding. Nearly 400 squid species have been documented worldwide, inhabiting environments ranging from shallow coasts to deep-sea trenches.

Stalin writes to PM on rejection of...

proposals for Metro Rail systems in Coimbatore and Madurai and urge him to instruct the MoHUA to reconsider the decision. He said Tamil Nadu, being the most urbanised State in the country with a high per-capita private vehicle ownership, needs high-capacity public transport alternatives in all its large growth engine cities. "Towards this, we had prepared the DPRs for Coimbatore and Madurai Metro Rails and forwarded the same to MoHUA for approval", he said. "Considering the high priority accorded to these two projects, we were continuously following up with the relevant Ministry", the Chief Minister said recalled his earlier meeting with Mr Modi on May 24 and July 26 and submitted a memorandum on our priority requests. Mr Stalin said "in this backdrop, the rejection of this request has taken us by complete surprise and has created deep resentment amongst the people of the two cities that their deserving needs have been rejected, as compared to similar projects sanctioned in other States." Observing that the purported reasons quoted in the communication from MoHUA are not appropriate, he said the criterion of 2 million population, as in the Metro Rail Policy 2017, has been quoted as one of the main reasons for rejection. Highlighting that the population of Coimbatore LPA area had exceeded two million way back in 2011 itself and in the case of Madurai too, the expected population is likely to exceed it now, Mr Stalin said it was pertinent to point out at this juncture that if this two million criteria had been applied uniformly, many Metros in Tier-II cities like Agra, Indore and Patna might not have materialised. "The selective application of this criterion to our proposal has created an impression of discrimination against our cities and union Government needs to dispel it by treating our cities on par with the cities mentioned above", he added. The Chief Minister said in addition, the adequacy of ridership for the

project in Coimbatore city has been arrived at by comparing with the ridership of Chennai. This is not appropriate since ridership depends upon multiple factors. Pointing out that both these cities have commuting patterns different from Chennai, Mr Stalin said the Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) for Coimbatore prepared by RITES after detailed traffic studies had clearly projected the need for MRTS in the proposed sectors. For Madurai also, the CMP of 2011 had proposed BRT but since most of the route length would have to be elevated, it had clearly mentioned that the rail-based system can also be considered, he said. Further, the DPR studies have made subsequent independent assessments of traffic projections, which justified the need for Metro Rail corridors, the Chief Minister said, adding, these factors have not been adequately taken into consideration. He said with reference to the availability of right of way, it is well known that Metro Rail projects have necessitated acquisition of private lands in most cities in India. "We are fully conscious of the need for balancing social costs due to land acquisition with the long term socio-economic benefits from Metro Rail projects. We have been offering compensation which meets the expectations of the land owners in our current project and we will ensure that the availability of land will not be a hindrance for the proposed projects at Coimbatore and Madurai cities", the Chief Minister assured. "In this scenario, I have advised the Department of Special Initiatives to submit detailed justifications on the issues raised by MoHUA. I urge you to instruct MoHUA to review the decision of returning the proposals in light of the above points", Mr Stalin said, dding, "If necessary, I am ready to meet you at New Delhi with my team to explain the issues in detail." "Since these two projects involve the aspirations of the industrial and cultural hubs of Tamil Nadu, I look forward to your personal intervention in this issue", he added.

BlueBird 6, heaviest satellite for LEO...

smartphones for commercial and government users. "Our next-generation satellites will soon enable ubiquitous cellular broadband coverage direct to everyday smartphones from space," Abel Avellan, Founder, Chairman and CEO of AST SpaceMobile said. "As an American company, we are proud to demonstrate US leadership in space innovation while pioneering the next era of global connectivity," Avellan said. The company is accelerating production, with hardware equivalent to 40 satellites expected to be completed by early 2026. It anticipates five orbital launches by the end of Q1 2026, with launches spaced one to two months apart, aiming for 45–60 satellites in orbit by the end of 2026 to enable continuous coverage across the US and select markets. AST SpaceMobile's rapid expansion is supported by nearly 500,000 sq ft of manufacturing and operations facilities worldwide—about 400,000 sqft of which are in the U.S.—and a global workforce of nearly 1,800 employees, most based in the United States. The BlueBird 6 launch contract was arranged through NewSpace India Ltd, the commercial arm of India's Department of Space. AST SpaceMobile will become the second satellite broadband customer to fly on LVM3, after Eutelsat OneWeb, which had launched 72 satellites using two LVM3 missions in 2022 and 2023. India's LVM3 is a three-stage heavy-lift vehicle weighing about 642 tons and standing 43.5 meters tall. It can carry approximately 4 tons to Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) and 10 tons to LEO, with ISRO actively working to raise its GTO capacity to 5 tons.

Coal India inks MoU with Hyderabad...

suffering from thalassemia and aplastic anemia, has emerged as a life-transforming initiative for hundreds of families across the country. With this MoU, the Hyderabad-based hospital would be the 18th hospital to support treatment, Reddy said. Coal India has already signed MoUs with 17 hospital across the country to support free bone marrow transplants for the children suffering from thalassemia, he said. Describing it as a beacon of hope for countless families across the nation, he commended Coal India Limited for not only fulfilling its corporate social responsibility with dedication but also for demonstrating a compassionate approach towards addressing a critical public health challenge. So far, over 800 children have received life-saving transplants under TBSY and most of these children are now leading healthy and normal lives, he said. The scheme has also relieved families of substantial medical expenses, he said stated that an online portal developed by CIL ensures real-time application and monitoring, while awareness campaigns, including pamphlets, posters, and short films, have extended the reach of the scheme to rural areas. He highlighted the scheme's growth and scalability, which began with four hospitals and now includes 18 empanelled premier healthcare institutions. Reddy urged all the stakeholders, including healthcare institutions, policymakers, and civil society, to adopt a patient-centric approach in the ongoing fight against thalassemia. Emphasizing that prevention is as vital as cure, he called for increased awareness, early screening, and genetic counseling to reduce the incidence of thalassemia in future generations. He reiterated the government's commitment to making India thalassemia-free, and expressed confidence that with collaborative efforts, this goal will be achieved.

Crawley joins unwanted list after pair of ducks in Perth Ashes Test

Perth (Agency): Zak Crawley joined the unwanted company of English openers to bag a pair of ducks in an Ashes Test following another dismissal to pacer Mitchell Starc during the first Ashes Test at Perth's Optus Stadium on Saturday. Tasked with providing England with an explosive start to expand their 40-run lead further, Crawley once again fell to Starc in the first over, thanks to an excellent one-handed grab from the veteran Aussie left-armer. Previously, in the first innings, he had nicked the delivery at slips to Usman Khawaja. Now, he has joined Trevor Bailey (Melbourne in 1959), Dennis Amiss (Adelaide in 1975), and Michael Atherton (Melbourne in 1998) as the fourth English opener to bag a pair of ducks in an Ashes Test. This is also the first instance of a wicket falling before a run was scored in each of the first three innings of a Test, with Crawley and Jake Weatherald falling for ducks in previous innings without a run added to the scorecard for their teams. This year in seven Tests, Crawley has made 414 runs in 12 innings at an average of 34.50, with a strike rate of over 63, including a century, three fifties and a best score of



124. After Australia was bundled out for 132 in response to England's first innings total of 172, a half-century stand between Ollie Pope and Ben Duckett put England in front with a 99-run lead at the end of the first session on day two. At the end of the session's play, England was 59/1, with Duckett (28*) and Pope (24*) unbeaten. Earlier, Australia started the day two at 123/9, with Brendan Doggett

and Nathan Lyon on the crease, unbeaten at 3* and 0* respectively. Lyon and Doggett rotated strike to eat further into the deficit, but a fine catch from Ben Duckett at gully ended Australia's inning at 132 in 45.2 overs, and they trailed by 40 runs. Skipper Ben Stokes (5/23) was the leading wicket-taker for England, getting crucial wickets of Travis Head (21 in 35 balls, with a four) and Cameron Green (24 in 50 balls, with two fours), who were putting a partnership after the Aussies were restricted to 31/4. However, it was a pace and bounce exhibition from Brydon Carse (3/45) and Jofra Archer (2/11), which gave early jitters to Australians, as they lost debutant opener Jake Weatherald (0), Marnus Labuschagne (9), Steve Smith (17) and Usman Khawaja (2) quickly. Leading by 40 runs, England were at an advantage. It was upto openers Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett to stretch that advantage as far as possible in terms of runs. But a brilliant one-handed grab from Mitchell Starc gave England another first-over jolt and Crawley a pair of ducks. England was 0/1 in 0.5 overs. The pair of Ollie Pope and Ben Duckett stabilised the innings yet again.

Abu Dhabi T10: Moeen Ali's late assault powers Ajman Titans to six-wicket win over Northern Warriors

Abu Dhabi (Agency): The Ajman Titans snapped their two-match losing streak with a six-wicket victory over the Northern Warriors at the ongoing 2025 Abu Dhabi T10, thanks to a stunning late onslaught from captain Moeen Ali. On Friday, chasing 119, the Titans looked under pressure at 82/4 before Moeen produced an explosive over, flipping the match and sealing the result with two overs to spare at the Zayed Cricket Stadium, as per a press release. The Warriors earlier posted 118/7, with Johnson Charles (60 off 23) delivering a blistering knock that dominated the powerplay. Colin Munro's early dismissal brought Charles into action quickly, and he launched seven fours and four sixes to lift the Warriors to 31/1 inside three overs. But the innings stalled repeatedly as Shimron Hetmyer and Thisara Perera fell in successive overs, and Zaman Khan's incisive spell of 4/19 dismantled the middle and lower order. The Warriors closed at 118/7, a total that felt competitive but short of the explosive start they had enjoyed. Ajman's reply mirrored the Warriors' bright beginning. Aneurin Donald (31 off 12) led the surge with four fours and two sixes, followed by cameos from Alex Hales (15 off 11) and Rilee



Rossouw (19 off 10) to take the Titans to 76/3. But Taskin Ahmed and Omarzai briefly pulled the Warriors back into control, dismissing Will Smeed and Rossouw within eight balls. Then came the decisive shift. Moeen Ali (33* off 8) exploded against Tabraiz Shamsi, unloading three sixes in a row, followed by a four and another six to cap a 30-run over that blew the chase wide open, catapulting the Titans to 119/4 at the end of eight overs. Dan Lawrence held firm at the other end as the Titans crossed the target, completing a much-needed turnaround after back-to-back defeats to begin their campaign.

Australian Open: Lakshya Sen overpowers Chou Tien Chen to reach final



Sydney (Agency): India's ace shuttler Lakshya Sen overpowered Chinese-Taipei's Chou Tien Chen in the thrilling semifinal to reach the summit clash of the Australian Open Super 500 at Sydney Olympic Park on Saturday. In a remarkable fightback, Sen came from a game down to defeat second seed Chen 17-21, 24-22, 21-16 in one one-hour and 26-minute encounter. Sen, who is

still chasing his first title of the season, started the match under pressure as Chen took an early lead of 4-0 and entered the break with a score of 11-6. The Indian tried to reduce the deficit but Chen clinched the game 21-17. The second game saw a fierce battle between the two players to take advantage from the beginning. The lead was briefly swapped by them before Sen showed his prowess in the tense situation to take two consecutive points at 22-22 to seal the game. In the final game, Sen quickly seized control, heading into the mid-game break with an 11-6 advantage.

Norris takes Las Vegas GP pole ahead of Verstappen and Sainz in rain-hit session



Las Vegas (Agency): Lando Norris claimed pole position for the Las Vegas Grand Prix, the McLaren driver and Drivers' Championship leader mastering wet conditions to finish ahead of Max Verstappen and Carlos Sainz while title rival Oscar Piastri settled for fifth. It marks three consecutive pole positions for Norris, whose 1m 47.934s was nearly three-tenths

faster than Verstappen during a Qualifying session which remained wet throughout. Williams' Sainz put in another strong Qualifying performance and finished ahead of George Russell, the Mercedes driver having topped both Q1 and Q2 sessions in the worst of the conditions. Piastri was left in fifth having gone into the run-off area at Turn 12 on his final effort after going wheel-to-wheel with Isack Hadjar's Racing Bulls. The second Racing Bulls machine of Liam Lawson finished P6, as the top-10 was completed by Fernando Alonso's Aston Martin, Hadjar, Charles Leclerc's Ferrari, which also ran deep at Turn 12 on his final effort, and Pierre Gasly's Alpine.

Indian Skipper Named in Mumbai's Squad For Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

New Delhi (Agency): India's T20I skipper Suryakumar Yadav has been named in the 17-man squad for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) representing Mumbai, as the premier domestic T20 tournament gets underway on November 26.



The squad will be captained by all-rounder Shardul Thakur, and features seasoned IPL batters such as Ajinkya Rahane and Sarfaraz Khan, along with big-hitting all-rounder Shivam Dube. Suryakumar's inclusion comes at a critical juncture. Despite an explosive IPL campaign in which he amassed 717 runs at a strike-rate of 167.91, his T20I output this year has

been modest, with just 184 runs in 15 innings at an average of 15.33 and a strike-rate of 127.77. With India set to host a five-match T20I series against South Africa beginning December 9, Suryakumar's participation in SMAT is viewed as an opportunity to sharpen his skills and regain momentum ahead of the white-ball international calendar.

Bavuma's quiet captaincy, no superstars: Jonty Rhodes on SA's resurgence



New Delhi (Agency): South Africa's rise in Test cricket has been anything but ordinary. When conversations turn to dominance in the longest format, the spotlight usually falls on India or Australia-teams with established legacies, depth, and consistency. Yet, over the past few years, South Africa has quietly constructed a compelling case for itself, emerging not with loud declarations but with steady, resolute performances across formats. Their resurgence wasn't a sudden burst but a slow build rooted in resilience. Final appearances in the 2024 T20 World Cup and the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup, along with a semifinal run in the 2023 ODI World Cup, had already shown signs of a shift. For decades, the "chokers" tag shadowed South African cricket, but the Temba Bavuma-led side decisively buried that narrative by winning their first-ever World Test Championship title for the 2023-2025 cycle-beating Australia, no less, in a performance etched in history. Crucially, that landmark achievement did not mark the end of their upward trajectory. South Africa carried their momentum into unfamiliar and challenging conditions. After falling 1-0 behind in Pakistan, they levelled the series with conviction in Rawalpindi. From there, they travelled to India - the toughest away examination in modern Test cricket - and stunned the hosts with an emphatic win in the first Test in Kolkata. Now, in Guwahati, they arrive not as underdogs but as genuine contenders. The belief underpinning this side mirrors the transformation former Indian captain Virat Kohli once envisioned for his own team: a unit capable of competing anywhere in the world.

USA cricketer charged for ICC anti-corruption code breach

Abu Dhabi (Agency): USA cricketer Akhilesh Reddy, who played for the UP Nawabs in the ongoing Abu Dhabi T10 2025 tournament, has been provisionally suspended after being charged by the International Cricket Council (ICC) with three breaches of the Anti-Corruption Code. The charges were announced on November 21, and Reddy has been given 14 days from that date to respond to the allegations. The ICC confirmed that it is acting on behalf of the Emirates Cricket Board during the proceedings. The 25-year-old cricketer faces allegations that include attempting to fix or improperly influence a match, soliciting or encouraging another person to engage in fixing, and obstructing or delaying an investigation by deleting data or messages from a mobile device. The



provisional suspension takes effect immediately and prevents Reddy from participating in any cricket-related activities until the process is complete. Reddy, who debuted for the USA earlier this year and played four matches in the North America T20 Cup, has seen his career interrupted as the ICC pursues its investigation.

Satwik-Chirag suffer shock exit from Australian Open; Lakshya Sen keeps India's hopes alive

Sydney (Agency): India's men's doubles pair, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, faced a surprising exit from the Australian Open 2025 after losing to Indonesia's Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Fajar Alfian on Friday. The top-seeded Indian duo, ranked third in men's doubles, fell 21-19, 21-15 to the 13th-ranked Indonesian pair in a 50-minute clash, as per Olympics.com. With Satwik-Chirag out, Lakshya Sen remains the sole Indian



contender in the BWF Super 500 event, having defeated fellow Indian Ayush Shetty in Sydney's Olympic Boulevard to reach the

semifinals. Despite being a relatively new pairing, Alfian--who has twice won bronze at the World Championships with Muhammad Rian Ardianto--and Fikri have quickly risen in prominence since joining forces at the Japan Open in July. The duo has already won the China Open Super 1000 and finished runners-up at the Denmark, Korea and French Opens in a short span. In the match, Satwik-Chirag started strongly, racing to a 7-2 lead in the first game.

R Ashwin on India A's dramatic Super Over exit after Jitesh Sharma's gamble backfires

New Delhi (Agency): India A's journey in the Rising Stars Asia Cup 2025 came to a dramatic and heartbreaking end in Doha, where their semi-final clash against Bangladesh A turned into an instant classic. The match stretched all the way to a Super Over, only for Jitesh Sharma's side to bow out without scoring a single run in the tie-breaker. Bangladesh A sealed their place in the final after Suyash Sharma bowled a wide delivery, completing

a stunning finish to a contest that saw emotions and momentum swing throughout the night. The result left young sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi visibly devastated, with many questioning the team management's tactical calls, especially the move to leave the in-form batter out of the Super Over. The thriller even caught the attention of Ravichandran Ashwin, who urged fans not to miss the replay. "In case you have missed out on the India A v



Ban A game from yesterday evening, please don't miss out. It will stand the test of time," Ashwin wrote on X. Before the Super Over drama unfolded, India A

had nearly pulled off a spectacular chase of 195. Suryavanshi was the spark once again, blasting India to 50 runs in just 19 balls. His dismissal, however, shifted the balance of the match, and despite needing four off the final delivery, India could only manage three runs, pushing the match into a Super Over. After the defeat, Jitesh Sharma addressed the criticism head-on. The captain clarified that it was his personal call to choose

himself, Ashutosh Sharma, and Ramandeep Singh for the Super Over, explaining that he backed their experience in high-pressure, death-overs situations. Suryavanshi's performances through the tournament were nothing short of electric. The teenager signed off with 239 runs in four matches, including a breathtaking 144 off 42 balls against the UAE, underlining why fans were left stunned at his absence in the Super Over.