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Arunachal cook lynched in Kerala, 10 arrested

Kerala police have arrested 10 people for allegedly lynching a 32-year-old cook from Arunachal who was visiting a woman ex-colleague in Valakom in Ernakulam Thursday. Asok Das broke a windowpane and left the house with injuries, police said. They suspect an argument broke out over the injuries and a crowd beat Das to a pulp and thrashed him. P 20

3 babies rescued from traffickers

CBI busted a major child trafficking network in Delhi Saturday and arrested seven suspects. Three newborns were rescued. Raids are being conducted in UP and Punjab as well. P 22

3 Maoists shot dead in Bijapur joint op

Three Maoists were killed in the forests of Bijapur district (Chhattisgarh) Saturday. This was the first Greyhounds-Telangana police joint op since Dec. P 9

China may use AI to impact polls: MS

China is likely to use AI to amplify content during Lok Sabha polls with a view to influencing the election, Microsoft Threat Analysis Centre said in a report. P 13

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Over 98% Vistara's pilots have signed a new pay agreement, CEO Vinod Kannan said Saturday even as discontent simmered over reduced remuneration. P 9

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Intends To Tear India Apart, Says Modi in Raj, UP

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PM Modi with Yogi Adityanath (L) at a roadshow in Ghaziabad | P 6

back the country by a century,"

Modi said at a rally in Pushkar.

Earlier, in UP's Saharanpur, he said, "The Congress of Mahatma Gandhi and others, which fought for freedom, was finished decades ago. Today's Congress neither has policy nor vision for nation building."

► Manifesto cut off... P 20

Modi stripping dignity of country, democracy: Sonia

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Jaipur: In her first campaign rally in Jaipur, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi made a frontal attack on PM Modi, accusing him of considering himself above the country, conspiring to change the Constitution and destroying democracy.

In her 7-minute speech, she said Modi "desh aur loktantra ka cheerharan kar rahe hain (stripping the country and democracy of dignity)". He was using all tactics to intimidate opposition leaders joining BJP, she said. Mallikarjun Kharge and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, too, slammed Modi and the Centre, with the Congress chief calling the PM "jhoothon ka sardar (leader of liars)".

► A time of gloom', P 20

Yogi cites UK report, asserts BJP has 'zero tolerance for terror'

Krishna Chaudhary | TNN

Saharanpur: UP CM Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said a "reputed newspaper in Britain mentioned how India had identified terrorists in Pakistan and killed them from 2020 to 2022".

He said, "Two days ago, the Guardian in an article claimed how terrorists were killed. The source of this information can only be shared by the Guardian. BJP's intention is also clear.

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We won't tolerate corruption and terrorism and will continue with a zero-tolerance policy. Even the world has now accepted that terrorism is a huge challenge that will be dealt with, and India will lead the world in its effort."

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Kejriwal will continue as CM, run govt from jail: Singh

Ruling out any leadership change in Delhi govt, senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh said Saturday that Arvind Kejriwal will continue as CM of Delhi and run govt from jail. Singh told TOI BJP will "crush" AAP and Delhi govt if Kejriwal resigned.

"Constitution doesn't prohibit a sitting CM from remaining in office while in jail," said Singh.

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who was arrested by ED in Oct in an excise policy-linked money laundering case and released on bail last week. Singh said Sahara Group chief Subrata Roy was given facilities to run his office from jail. Singh alleged that BJP was toppling elected govt and was the biggest threat to democracy.

Sisodia delaying trial, claims ED; custody extended

Claiming that 31 people accused in Delhi excise policy case have moved 95 applications — some with "same prayers, some piecemeal" — ED told a special judge on Saturday that the accused, and not prosecution, were making deliberate attempts to delay trial. (Manish Sisodia) has filed six applications. All these frivolous applications... play a crucial role in time being consumed," ED said during hearing of the ex-deputy CM's bail plea. The court extended his judicial custody till April 18. P 4

After ED, now NIA team attacked in Bengal, officer hurt

Mob Tries To Stop Arrest Of 2 In '22 Blast Case

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Villagers confront security forces in East Medinipur

NIA assaulted villagers: Mamata

Mamata Banerjee claimed that women of Bhupatinagar did not attack anyone, adding "instead, it was NIA that attacked villagers". P 20

scent of a similar attack on an ED team at Sandeshkhali in the state's North 24 Parganas district on Jan 5.

► NIA files complaint, P 20

IN THE COURTS

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What's stirring in Shaheen Bagh now? Haleem, nihari & more

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OLD DELHI VIBE: Shaheen Bagh has emerged as a food hub

The area has transformed with new restaurants competing with established 'Purani Dilli' brands that have opened outlets at Shaheen Bagh.

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3 Newborns Saved As CBI Busts Child Trafficking Ring

Two Kingpins Among Seven People Arrested; Raids Still On

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New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation busted a major child trafficking network in Delhi and other parts of the country on Saturday and arrested seven suspects following raids across the city.

The sleuths also saved the lives of three newborns and rescued them during the raids. One of the three was rescued in a real-time operation on Friday night. Two of the rescued infants are just 1.5 days and 15 days old, respectively, and a female baby is of 4 weeks.

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The operations

- CBI is tipped off about a nexus of hospital staffers, women and middlemen engaged in child trafficking
- Raids at seven locations lead to arrests of seven suspects
- 3 newborns rescued; 2 male infants are just 1.5 days and 15 days old, respectively, and a female baby is of 4 weeks
- ₹5.5 lakh in cash and incriminating documents recovered
- An FIR under IPC and Juvenile Justice Act registered against 10 accused



What probe has revealed

- It was a network involved in buying and selling of infants across India
- Gang bought babies from parents as well as surrogate mothers
- Children were sold for adoption and trafficked for other reasons
- They were sold for Rs 4-6 lakh each

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How the gang operated
Advertised on social media platforms, used Facebook and WhatsApp groups to connect with childless couples

Lured them on pretext of facilitating adoption process legally

Created fake documents for adoption

children. The agency eventually received a tip-off about a racket involved in buying and selling infants across India.

After initial leads generated through technical surveillance, CBI caught two suspects selling a child to a couple who wished to adopt the kid. The newborn had been trafficked from Jaipur, said a source. Rs 5.5 lakh was recovered from the accused and raids were subsequently conducted at several locations on the basis of information collected during interrogation.

CBI sleuths then raided a rented accommodation in northwest Delhi's Keshavpura and rescued two children from the custody of Kavita and Kashyap. Videos showed the CBI personnel, feeding bottles in their hands, emerging from the house with the newborns, sparking an outcry.

All the arrested were presented in court on Saturday and remanded to four days in CBI custody.

CBI had activated its information network after chief Praveen Sood directed a crackdown on trafficking of

rage against the traffickers.

CBI's probe has revealed that the accused advertised on social media platforms and used Facebook pages and WhatsApp groups to connect with childless couples who wished to adopt babies. "They allegedly purchased babies from parents and from surrogate mothers and sold the infants for Rs 4-Rs 6 lakh per child," the CBI spokesperson said. The accused were also duping childless couples of lakhs of rupees by creating fake documents related to adoption in order to give validity to their illegal business.

The agency is recording the statements of the duped parents and suitable legal action will be taken as per the evidence that emerges during the probe, CBI insiders said. The parents of the trafficked kids have been traced

and the children will soon be reunited with them after verification, another officer said.

In a statement issued on Saturday, CBI said that it conducted raids at seven locations in Delhi and Haryana while busting the racket. "CBI has registered a criminal case under various penal provisions of the Indian Penal Code besides invoking the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act against 10 people accused of being involved in a network of infant children traffickers buying and selling infants across India for the purpose of adoption as well as for other illegal purposes," the spokesperson said.

CBI is expected to file a chargesheet soon against the accused in the case. More arrests are also likely in the coming days, sources said.

Cyber scamster accused of defrauding people of ₹20 lakh held

New Delhi: Delhi Police on Saturday arrested a 25-year-old cyber scamster accused of duping unsuspecting people of Rs 20 lakh on the pretext of selling them machine tools and spare parts at dirt-cheap prices.

Raushan Kumar allegedly pretended to be a wholesale de-

aler of machine tools and created a Facebook page in the year 2023. Through lucrative online ads, he lured in targets and used fake invoices to show that the transactions were legitimate, police said.

The complainant, who was looking for tools online, came

across an advertisement for a tool manufacturing company. He was swayed by attractive prices and paid Rs 5.7 lakh for packaging and transportation. Soon, the accused ceased all communications.

Police raided multiple locations in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, and nabbed Kumar after a three-day chase.

DCP (Northeast) Joy Tirkey said that the accused had opened several bank accounts by using documents from other people. "He also used multiple SIM cards and phones to evade police," he said. TNN



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If Kejriwal Quits, BJP Will Crush AAP And Its Govt: Sanjay Singh

You have been released at a very critical time when campaigning for parliamentary polls is gathering pace. What is your prime responsibility now?

■ My priority will be to ensure victory of our candidates on the 23 seats where AAP is contesting. In Punjab, we are going solo, while in Delhi, we are contesting in alliance with Congress. In states where AAP is not contesting, we will help Congress and other alliance partners. We have a strong organisational presence in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa and Uttar Pradesh and our workers will campaign for the alliance candidates in these states.

Our objective is very clear: The Govt which could not check inflation or provide employment and worked to help a few billionaires has to go. BJP is the biggest threat to democracy. It is busy toppling elected govt and arresting opposition leaders. It is giving shelter to corrupt leaders. We are going to take these issues to the electorate.

Some MLAs of your party have alleged that BJP offered them money and positions to cross over but could not give any proof of this. Do you think people will believe this?

■ Pratyaksh ko pramaan ki zaroorat nahi hai (What is apparent needs no evidence). Which party has toppled elected govt in Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Goa? It was BJP. We don't have to prove they are poaching our MLAs. People know this and believe us. BJP is asking for CM Arvind Kejriwal's resignation. Once he resigns, BJP will crush our party and govt. That is why our party has decided that Kejriwal will remain CM. These are tough times and we have to be prepared to fight in all circumstances. BJP will keep trying to poach our leaders or arrest them. We have to stand united and strengthen the party.

TOI INTERVIEW



Photos: Anindya Chattopadhyay

Your top party leaders - Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain - have been in jail for more than a year now. ED has now arrested Arvind Kejriwal. Who's going to lead the party and run the govt in Delhi?

■ I believe Arvind ji, Manish ji, and Satyendar Jain ji will soon get bail. Supreme Court has recently ordered an investigation of all statements of witnesses that were recorded under Section 50 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The statements of witnesses which said there was no scam in the liquor policy or refused to say it had anything to do with Arvind Kejriwal were concealed from the courts. Of 456 witness of ED and CBI in the liquor policy case,

only four took Kejriwal's name. Raghava Reddy, son of Magunta Reddy, MP, who was arrested in the case, gave seven statements. He did not name Kejriwal in six. In the seventh one, he named him and got bail within two days. Sarathchandra Reddy of Aurobindo Pharma also gave 12 statements and did not name Kejriwal in 10. When he named him, he was granted bail. He also gave Rs 55 crore through electoral bonds between his arrest and his bail. ED concealed those statements from courts in which they did not name Kejriwal. Now, when the truth comes out, our leaders will get bail. The court has also said that undertrials can't be kept in jail forever if there is a delay in trial. In the liquor policy case, the trial has not even started.

Congress has yet to declare its candidates while AAP did that a month ago. Is it going to affect the campaign? Are you going to plan a common election campaign with Congress in Delhi?

■ We will soon have a common election campaign. Every party has its own strategy. It would have been better had the Congress announced its candidates early. It would have given us more time to plan our joint campaign and have better coordination.

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LG approves action against prof in Delhi govt hospital

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New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Saturday approved the proposal to suspend an assistant professor of Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital in the case of alleged sexual harassment of two female students.

Though not competent to initiate disciplinary proceedings in such cases, Saxena, in view of the "intimidating atmosphere" for the female students and "unprecedented circumstances" where chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, who chairs the National Capital Civil Service Authority (NCCSA), is in judicial custody, has also approved suspension of the accused assistant professor, Dr Salim Sheikh.

Officials said that the initiation of disciplinary proceedings in such cases can only be done by the NCCSA. They added that Saxena mentioned on file that the initiation and decision on disciplinary pro-



ceedings should be taken up by the NCCSA. The health and family welfare department should re-submit the proposal with the NCCSA's recommendation in due course, Saxena noted.

Dr Sheikh was accused of molesting two MBBS students during their viva examination on Jan 31. A case under relevant sections of the IPC was registered at the Rohini North police station on Feb 22. An inquiry under the POSH Act has also been initiated against the accused by the internal complaints committee.

Following the case, the de-

partment has ordered an audit of all CCTV cameras installed in all medical colleges and hospitals in the capital to ensure they are functioning.

Delhi govt in a statement claimed the complainants were being forced to take back the case and despite health minister Saurabh Bhadrawah's regular follow-up it took more than two months for LG to take action. "Earlier, the LG as well as the chief secretary tried to give an excuse that NCCSA will take the action against the accused," the statement read.

It added that the internal complaints committee too gave a clean chit to the accused and the chief secretary defended the actions of the panel and the health secretary.

"It is distressing to see as a citizen of Delhi that LG Saab did not initiate any enquiry against secretary (health) and the chief secretary for delaying the process and defending the acts of hospital administration," read the statement.

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a status quo be maintained unless they are heard on the application. The counsel for Kavitha requested the court to grant an interim relief of putting the execution of the order passed on Friday in abeyance.

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The Bharat Rashtra Samiti leader, in her application, has sought to keep the order in abeyance until a copy of the application moved by CBI is provided to her and she has been given an opportunity to file a reply. Kavitha stated that the application was filed by CBI without her being informed and that the agency may not have divulged the facts.

"It may have concealed, as well as, misrepresented certain facts that may have gone into the mind-making of the court," she alleged in her application.

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Rai: People all over country, abroad to fast for Kejriwal

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New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party has claimed that a large number of people will observe fast on Sunday against the arrest of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal in not just Delhi but also in various states of the country and even abroad.

Addressing a press conference, AAP's state convener Gopal Rai said supporters in 25 Indian states and international cities such as New York, Boston, Toronto, Washington DC, Melbourne and London would sit on community fasting. Gopal also released a WhatsApp number and asked people to share the snapshots of their solidarity fasts on it.

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Bad air forces 33% of NCR residents to spend on medical bills, says study

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The study, which was based on a survey conducted among 500 residents of Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Gurgaon between Dec 2023 to March 2024, reveals that almost 60% of the respondents were unaware of air pollution terms like AQI and PM2.5

and former director, AIIMS, confirmed that 33% of the people in the region experience the ill effects of air pollution. "While it is a positive trend that people are able to connect air pollution with their health, we need a wider awareness about this. The medical community must engage with the public on air pollution

more actively. Doctors should take the lead in raising awareness about the health impacts of air pollution," said Guleria.

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Meth Labs, Mexican Cooks Show City In Grip Of Drugs

Blast, Multiple Arrests, Rampant Seizures Clear The Picture

WHY IT'S POPULAR? TRIP CHEAPER, LASTS LONGER

SURGE IN METH SEIZURE

Jan 2024: Meth lab busted in Dwarka, 4 held. Cartel chemists cooked in a Greater Noida lab, used sophisticated tools



- Feb:** Three Mexican chemical experts aka cooks arrested by NCB's Delhi zone, 15kg meth seized and a clandestine meth lab was dismantled
- An explosion reported at a meth lab in north Delhi, two Nigerian 'cooks' dead
- March:** Cops arrest an African and seized 129 gram meth and 17kg raw material
- Cops seize meth worth ₹5 crore, was stored in tea bags with Chinese markings

METH LABS

- The labs busted by police had full-fledged setup and equipment
- Had different types of beakers, measuring funnels, tubes, pipes and gas masks, suggesting large-scale production
- City peddlers sold it in place of heroin and cocaine


What is this drug?

A powerful synthetic powdery substance, which is transparent when pure, and pink, blue or green/purple when spiked with speed and other drugs. It's sold in party circuits as ice

How is it used?

- Snorted/inhaled, some even swallow it after mixing crystals in water or any other solvent
- Users heat it on aluminium foil and inhale it. It's called chasing ice
- Smoked as a joint or injected for a rapid onset of effects

FAQ
What happens

- 'Trip' is similar to that of cocaine – hallucination, energy, pleasant feeling, attraction to people around
- One sees flowers, gardens, fairies and feels like he is floating
- Creates false sense of happiness, confidence and well-being

Why is it preferred over cocaine?

- It is cheaper
- Trip is more intense and lasts longer
- Effects last from six to eight hours, but can be felt up to 24 hours
- Short-term effects: Increase in heart rate, itching, sleeping problems, loss of appetite, tremors
- Long-term effects: Behavioural problems – meth users often act erratically and violently; memory loss, high paranoia, depression, hallucination without drug use



Police link Elvish to snake venom supply for psychotropic use

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Noida: Police on Friday filed their charge sheet against YouTuber Elvish Yadav and seven others, accusing them of smuggling snakes, supplying snake venom at parties for psychotropic use and organising rave parties.

The 1,200-page charge sheet, submitted at Surajpur district court, relies heavily on the toxicology report from the Forensic Science Laboratory that established a vial seized at a party in Noida Sector 51 from Elvish's associates contained cobra and krait venom.

DCP (Noida) Vidyasagar Mishra said comments of toxicology experts have been included in the charge sheet to show the psychotropic usage of snake venom.

It also mentions 24 witnesses and several physical and electronic evidence gathered during the investigation.

Six persons, including Elvish, were booked under the Wildlife (Protection) Act and Section 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code on Nov 3 last year for allegedly supplying snake venom to parties, allegedly for recreational use. Police arrested the other five — Rahul (32), Teetunath (45), Jaikaran (50), Narayan (50) and Ravinath (45), all residents of Delhi — in the case, who were released on bail on Nov 22.

Elvish was arrested on March 17 by a team of Noida police and sent to 14-day judicial custody. He was, however, out on bail within five days. His two associates, Ishwar and Vinay Yadav, who were arrested on March 20, also got bail within three days.

A senior officer, part of the investigation in the snake venom case, told TOI that when the first arrest five arrests were made a diary was recovered from Rahul, one of the snake handlers.

"Several entries and contacts were recovered from this diary. These 'contacts' became witnesses and shared crucial evidence linking Elvish to the snake handlers. We also have recovered multiple videos of Elvish with snakes, which were not part of his video shoots. These clips were recovered from his phone and mostly shot at different banquet halls of Gurgaon," the officer said.

Maximum temp at normal level, AQI moderate

New Delhi: The national capital on Saturday recorded a maximum temperature of 35.1 degrees Celsius, normal during the season, according to the India Meteorological Department.

The city recorded a minimum temperature of 20.2 degrees Celsius, normal during the season, it said.

The weathermen have predicted strong surface winds during the daytime. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to settle around 36 and 19 degrees Celsius, it said.

Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded in the "moderate" category with a reading of 166, according to the Central Pollution Control Board at 9 am. An AQI between zero and 50 is considered "good", 51 and 100 "satisfactory", 101 and 200 "moderate", 201 and 300 "poor", 301 and 400 "very poor", and 401 and 500 "severe".

Last week's operation by police showed the influx of 'meth in tea bags' which established that cartels based in China and Myanmar had jumped into the fray and were actively pushing their trademark which has become a challenge for the law enforcement agencies across the globe, particularly in the Asian region.

The sequence of events that has rapidly unfolded indicates the need for an organised, coordinated action against the meth cartels before it engulfs the city, according to investigators.

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TOI event focuses on digital healthcare, holistic wellness

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New Delhi: "Wellness is not just mental, spiritual, and physical health but also emotional, intellectual, occupational, and environmental well-being of an individual. It's a path, it's a journey...it's an activity. It's something you continue day after day," said Dr Ashok Seth, chairman, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, while speaking at the Times of India's flagship property event, Right To Excellence, on Friday.

Ahead of World Health Day, doctors and healthcare experts discussed critical issues related to healthcare, including mental health awareness, modern-day parenting and digital healthcare.

In his opening address, the co-founder of The Wellness Co, Rohan Jain, said, "Together, we have the power to inspire positive transformation and create a healthier, happier future for generations to come. Let us seize the opportunity to collaborate, innovate, and drive meaningful change in the realm of wellness."

Leading wellness brand The Wellness Co and Parenting app Mylo were the sponsors of the summit.

Talking about improving wellness and lifestyle, Dr Arvinder Soin, chairman and chief surgeon, Medanta Liver Transplant Institute, said, "Healthcare institutions should not only focus on treatment but also on promoting wellness and positive health." He



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added that cancer, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and neurodegenerative disorders can be detected early and prevented in 30% of the people.

The session on new-age parenting shined a light on how it's important to provide a strong support system for women right from pregnancy to postpartum. Dr Garima Gaur, biohacking expert, said, "There is a need to have a very comprehensive approach for a woman who either wants to conceive, is pregnant, or is in the postpartum phase. The transition can be very overwhelming for a new mother; so ensure that her emotional, hormonal, and physical health are all taken care of."

The panel discussion on digital healthcare highlighted the problem of unverified health information that is widely spread on social media. Rohan Jain, co-founder of The Wellness Co, said, "Currently, there is so much content out there, so it's very important for people to do their own research and also look at the science behind the protocols and technologies that are available out there."

Traffic curbs in parts of Lutyens' for Sunday run

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New Delhi: In the wake of 'Tarey 2024 Run', which is scheduled to take place at Tyagraj Stadium in the city on Sunday, Delhi Traffic Police on Saturday advised the commuters that vehicular movement will be regulated for two hours in the morning in Lodhi Colony and Tyagraj Nagar areas.

Traffic regulation will be in place from 6am to 8am for smooth conduction of the run, according to traffic police advisory. Approximately 1,000 participants from various parts of the city are expected to take part in the event.

Traffic adjustments will also be in place at Shri Jagannath Marg, Jor Bagh Road between 3rd and 4th Avenue Road, 4th Avenue Road, Naif Khan Road, all the connecting roads between 3rd and 4th Avenue Roads, Ch. Chandu Lal Balmiki Marg, Gujjar Chowk, 3rd Avenue Road, Sewa Nagar Signal and the Railway Underpass near 3rd Avenue Road, the advisory read.

Traffic movement will be diverted or regulated to ensure the safety of the participants and to facilitate smooth conduct of the event. The commuters have been urged to make note of the diversions and plan their commutes, added the advisory.

Elaborating on the importance of a healthy lifestyle, Brig Dr Arvind Lal, executive chairman, Dr Lal PathLabs, said, "Whether it's fasting or eating, both should be done moderately. You must get 6-8 hours of sleep at night."

'Modi Ka Parivar' Cries, Vedic Chants Greet PM At Roadshow

Overwhelmed By Affection, Want To Do More, Modi Tweets



Photos: Umesh Kumar



A sizable crowd had built up on the 1km route from Maliwara Chowk to Choudhary Mod in Ghaziabad; apart from artistes dressed as characters from Ramayana, a replica of the Ram temple in Ayodhya was also placed

Much before Modi's arrival at 5.40pm, students from Dushsheshwar Ved Vidyalya chanted Vedic hymns and 'Ram' songs blared on loudspeakers, setting the mood for the eagerly anticipated event, from which BJP sees a major campaign boost in NCR. A BJP functionary who grabbed a mic and shouted, 'Modiji ko Jai Shri Ram, abhi bar 400 paar', set off a crescendo among the crowd that roared in agreement.

At 5.28pm, the crowd also began shouting "Yogi ji ko Jai Shri Ram" after the CM was spotted by a section of people. It wasn't until the arrival of Modi's cavalcade, which set off rose petal showers from the crowd and people assembled on terraces, that Yogi's presence became evident to all.

Modi smiled and waved as his cavalcade took around 14 minutes to cover the 1km distance from Maliwara Chowk

to Choudhary Mod. Later, he posted on X, "Thank you Ghaziabad! Overwhelmed by the affection I have received here during the roadshow. It was particularly gladdening to see Yuva Shakti and Nari Shakti take part in the roadshow in large numbers. This shows the unwavering faith people have in our governance track record."

"In the coming years, we want to do even more for Ghaziabad. Our focus will be on how to further improve quality of life, enhance facilities for healthcare, education, transportation and more. We want youngsters from Ghaziabad to shine in diverse areas and enrich India's growth trajectory" he added.

Speaking to TOI after the

roadshow, an elated Garg said the roadshow illustrated how the PM had earned the love and respect of people. "For me, the high point of the roadshow was women's participation. They came in large numbers and that too with young children just to catch a glimpse of Modi ji. This shows his emotional connection with people," Garg said.

Bike rallies, QR code launch mark BJP's foundation day

New Delhi: The youth wing of Delhi BJP released a QR code for the digital dissemination of Modi govt's achievements and organised bike rallies in all 70 assembly constituencies on the occasion of the party's foundation day.

The QR code was launched by Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva. He said that clicking on the QR code would open a webpage containing complete information about the achievements, guarantees and schemes of Modi govt. Sachdeva further said the BJP's journey, which began with just two seats in the Lok Sabha, crossed 300 in the last elections and was moving forward with a resolve for 400.

Delhi Lok Sabha election-in-charge, Om Prakash Dhankar, addressed two public meetings in the West Delhi constituency where Kamaljeet Sehrawat is the candidate. TNN

HC junks rape case, clarifies consent in physical relations

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has observed that whenever a woman makes a reasoned choice to establish physical relations, the consent cannot be said to be based on misconception of fact unless there is clear evidence that a false promise was given.

Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta said that the promise must be of immediate relevance and bear a direct nexus to a decision by the woman to engage in a sexual act.

"It is pertinent to observe that whenever a woman makes a reasoned choice to establish physical relations after fully understanding the consequences of such action, the 'consent' cannot be said to be based on misconception of fact until and unless there is a clear evidence that a false promise with no intention of upholding the same was given by the maker at the time of making the promise," the single judge bench said.

The observations came while quashing a rape case filed by a woman alleging that the accused repeatedly established physical relations with her on the pretext of marriage and later expressed his inability to do so.

The complainant told court that she had been living happily with the man and did not wish to proceed with the FIR which was registered under misconception since there was reluctance on the accused's part for marriage due to resistance from his family.

"In the facts and circumstances, it cannot be construed that the promise made by the petitioner initially was with an intention to not fulfil the same. It cannot be ignored that quashing of proceedings shall result in better harmony in the matrimonial relationship between the parties, rather than continuing with the proceedings under Section 376 IPC. Also, the chances of any conviction in proceedings/trial are remote and bleak in view of settlement between the parties," the court ordered.

It noted that within a short period during the process of investigation itself, the accused voluntarily married the complainant.

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'Having low self-esteem can worsen pain of breakup. Prioritise yourself'

To help readers cope with their anxieties in these stressful times, TOI has launched *Talk it Out*, a series in which expert counsellors answer your mental health queries.

This week's advice is from counselling psychologist Harshita Kaushal

I'm 24 years old and have low self-esteem. I want to be financially independent, but I often think of myself as a weak student who can't do anything. I've been in a long-distance relationship for three years. In the beginning, everything was good but, day by day, things started getting worse. My partner started treating me like I'm not that important to him and he doesn't love me anymore. Now, he is always trying to avoid me. I often have suicidal thoughts because of the things I've done for him. I don't know how to deal with it. My parents are also forcing me to get married but I want to be independent first. Please help me.

— Anonymous

It sounds like you've been struggling with low self-esteem that's been getting in the way of your perception, acting as a self-fulfilling prophecy keeping you stuck in unfavourable situations. You've been watering the soil of your relationship without fruit — what have those efforts been getting in the way of? What would it mean to invest your internal and exter-

nal resources in other places? It doesn't sound like you feel valued/cared for in your relationship, which are the core tenets of a healthy partnership. You mention independence twice — how can we give this value more room without pressure? Could you identify some people in your life who could support you? Suicidal thoughts occur when we feel frustrated, unheard, and the pain overwhelms our problem-solving capacities.

A first step could be a helpline where you could use a professional's presence to carve out the next steps. You could identify a few 'doable' goals every day to prioritise your well-being — ensuring hydration, going for a short walk, connecting with emotionally safe people. Could you make a list of your emotional 'debts' and 'credits' — the things/people that drain your resources and what fills your tank back up? Reward your efforts with acknowledgement.

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— Anonymous

What's standing out to me is "without reason" — often when the mind goes around in circles, asking unanswerable questions which cause us to think end-

lessly and feel a lot of distress, we call it *ruminations*. Rumination can be a sign of a mental health difficulty, broadly between the anxiety and depressive spectrum.

You cannot "think" your way out of rumination as it relies on the endless loop of anxiety-induced existential questions which have no definitive answers. This is separate from being interested in existentialism or philosophy. Try to reach out to a professional for an assessment for other psychological challenges.

In the meantime, trying mindfulness for rumination (*Calm* app, *OCD* and *Anxiety* channel on YouTube), using exercise to stimulate other sensory systems to reduce the impact of thought could be helpful avenues. Set a timer and write down as many 'worry thoughts' that come to you, and take a step back to do another activity after that. You can't ban thoughts from appearing, so managing them is key.

The Punjab Pollution Control Board filed a report dated March 19 with details of paddy straw utilisation in 2023 and its targets for 2024.

The NGT was informed that Punjab govt was further strengthening activities among the farming community to make behavioural changes so that stubble burning incidents can be totally eradicated.

"When the tribunal put questions with respect to the details of process, know-how for in-situ management, as to the extent of availability and number of the mulching machines used for in-situ management, and other full particulars relating to utilisation of straw in-situ management, and complete particulars of different heads of ex-situ management of straw, the counsel for Punjab sought adjournment submitting that a detailed comprehensive report will be filed before the tribunal," observed the bench headed by Justice Prakash Shrivastava.

The NGT was informed that the report will include details on the mode and manner of removal of paddy straw from fields, its transportation to different units, and the capacity of such units. The report will also disclose how the projected figures for 2024 will be achieved. The next hearing is on July 15.

Stubble fight: Punjab told to file a report

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal — which had taken suo moto cognizance of a media report on stubble burning in Punjab, which aggravates pollution in the NCR — has asked Punjab govt to file a report with details on how it plans to manage paddy straws in situ (in the original place) and ex situ (off-site).

"The status report dated April 1 does not disclose any substantial effective steps by the DDA for removing the encroachment from the area in question. Learned Counsel for the DDA during the course of argument has referred to the interim order dated March 12 passed by the

Free up floodplain at Majnu ka Tilla: NGT

New Delhi: National Green Tribunal has ordered Delhi Development Authority and all concerned authorities to take effective steps for removal of encroachments from the floodplains of Yamuna at Majnu Ka Tilla.

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Applications are invited from bright and motivated Indian nationals for admission to the Integrated Bachelor's and Master's Program in Science-2024 likely to begin from August 8, 2024. The applicants who are due to complete their 10+2 level Board Examinations are eligible to appear in a UG Pre-Interview Screening Test (UPST). UPST-2024 will be conducted in a fully computer-based test mode tentatively on 16th June 2024 between 14.00 hrs - 17.00 hrs in various cities across India.

For the UPST, candidates need to attempt 20 questions (2 marks each) from the three compulsory subject (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) and another 20 questions (2 marks each) from either Biology or Computer Science. There will be 1 (one) negative mark for 3 (three) wrong answers.

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Applications are invited from highly motivated Indian nationals for admission to the Master's/Integrated Master's-Ph.D. Program in the Schools of Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Materials Sciences, Mathematical & Computational Sciences, Applied & Interdisciplinary Sciences for the session likely to begin from August 8, 2024. Candidates who have completed or are due to complete their Bachelor's level University Examinations are eligible to apply but their final selection will be subject to securing 60% marks (reservation criteria will apply as per rules) in the qualifying examination. Candidates having Engineering background and opting for School of Mathematical & Computational Sciences should have adequate training in Mathematics and Computer Science. Eligible applicants will be required to appear for a Master's Pre-Interview Screening Test (MPST). MPST-2024 will be conducted in a fully computer-based test mode on 16th June 2024, between 14.00 hrs - 17.00 hrs in various cities across India on multiple choice questions on the subject depending upon the choice of School. Candidates shortlisted on the basis of the written test will be called for interview, out of which a maximum of twenty (20) candidates will be selected for admission in each of the Schools. Actual intake in a particular school will depend on the performance of the candidates in MPST and interview. Final merit list will be prepared considering appropriate weightage of both the written test score as well as the score in the interview. IACS reserves the right to fix the cut-off marks in the MPST for interview and also the relative weightage of the interview and the written test.

Admitted students may be eligible to receive a stipend of Rs. 12,000/- p.m. (fixed) for the first two years, provided that they fulfill the prescribed CGPA and other criteria in the final examination of their first semester. On successful completion of the Master's course, the students satisfying criteria to be prescribed by the Institute will be considered for admission to the Ph.D. program as Integrated Master's-Ph.D. students, to whom Junior Research Fellowship will be awarded as per the prevailing norms, provided they meet the criteria of national eligibility and other requirements as decided by IACS. Admission under the reserved categories, including EWS will be as per rule.

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Class VIII Boy At East Delhi School Assaulted

14-Yr-Old Student Undergoes Surgery, Juvenile Held

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New Delhi: A Class VIII student of a school in east Delhi was recently thrashed and a wooden stick inserted into his private part allegedly by his schoolmates. The 14-year-old boy had to undergo a surgery and is recuperating in a hospital. Police have apprehended a juvenile in connection with the case.

The incident came to light on April 2 when the student informed his mother about the ordeal. In his complaint, the boy stated that he was beaten by one of his seniors following an altercation with his class monitor.

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was also threatened not to disclose the incident to anyone.

"Out of fear of retaliation, the victim did not share the details of the incident with his family. However, he was experiencing severe stomach pain and consequently had to be admitted to a hospital in Noida on March 28. Doctors performed an emergency laparotomy surgery on March 29 due to the nature of the internal injury. When the boy regained consciousness on April 2, he revealed the truth to his mother. On March 18, after his exam was completed, the boy was taken to a secluded area in the school and beaten up and sexually assaulted by a group of senior students. He

exam, claiming that the sports teacher wanted to meet him. He was led to a secluded spot near the school's middle wing. That's when a group of boys pulled him to the ground, beat him with sticks, tore apart his shirt, pulled down his pants, and made him kneel on all fours before inserting a stick into him."

She further claimed, "They twisted the stick inside, which damaged his intestines. After committing the crime, they threatened my brother, saying that if he told anyone about this, they would do the same to my younger sister as well."

A group of people staged a protest in the school against the incident. DCP (East) Apoorva Gupta stated that the accused has been apprehended and sent to the Juvenile Justice Board. The school's principal did not respond to TOI's queries.

The victim's sister told TOI, "On March 18, a masked boy summoned him after his

process, an official said, "We arrange several activities and events to help students make informed career choices, including but not limited to avenues for alumni interactions, career fair and connecting them with business leaders and industry hiring teams."

The student described the 2024 placement as "lacklustre" and said, "Despite better outcomes for undergraduate placements compared with postgraduate and PhD placements, we are feeling ourselves under undue pressure".

IIT-D placements occur in three phases with the first and second phases in Dec and Feb and the final one in May. Many students who weren't placed have been left applying for positions on LinkedIn, asking batchmates and seniors for referrals or contemplating additional qualifications and pre-

paring for the CAT exam for higher degrees.

IIT Kanpur alumnus

Dheeraj Singh, founder of

the Global IIT Alumni Sup-

port Group, said, "Off-cam-

pus placement is extremely

challenging and many on-

campus placed students are

not happy with the pay pack-

ages offered. The situation is

appalling."

Students do prepare well for the placement process, which spans around 15 days. "We are mentally prepared for a set pattern of placement interview questions, but this time the companies were more demanding, seeking fewer candidates with specialised skills in artificial intelligence and machine learning for annual packages ranging from Rs 10-50 lakh," the student said, adding that he lacked the skills required by the hirers because his interest lay in software development and very scared," admitted another student. "So, after companies like Amazon and Goldman Sachs did not arrive for mass hi-

ring. If they don't come, what can we do?"

A woman MTech student said, "The overhiring that occurred during the Covid pandemic could be the reason why companies aren't recruiting in large numbers. Although women students were prioritised this year, maybe because the companies have to fulfil diversity norms and Microsoft hired nine girls out of the 12 they selected, the competition is incredibly stressful. Clearly, we have to take up other courses to make ourselfs marketable."

An electrical engineering student with an interest in software development also expressed disappointment with

IIT-D's Office of Career Services, alleging biased student representation that resulted in diminished chances for some students. A chemical engineering student said that after several rejections, he has decided to try new things and decide what works for him if he ends up without a job.

"I faced extreme self-doubt and took counselling on the campus," the student said, mortified since his family believes grabbing a placement is the endgame of an IIT education. "But," he added, "some of my friends accepted the placement only because they didn't get the jobs of their choice. They hope to switch to their favourite profile after a year or two."

Rohit Shaw, a textile engineering student who was placed with a startup, noted the weakening market demand, both domestic and international, due to recession. "Surprisingly, popular consulting firms such as Bain and Co and Boston Consulting Group were not interested this year," said Shaw.

Kejriwal can't remain CM: Ex-AAP MLA

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Former Aam Aadmi Party MLA Sandeep Kumar has moved Delhi High Court seeking to "dislodge" Arvind Kejriwal from the office of chief minister.

The plea states that Kejriwal has "incurred incapacity" to carry out his functions as Delhi chief minister under the Constitution of India and, therefore, he cannot continue to hold the post. CM is in judicial custody in an ED case related to the Delhi excise policy.

This is the fourth plea with such a prayer. Previous pleas have been rejected by Delhi High Court.

The petition claims a writ of quo warranto against Kejriwal alleging that he can't hold the post after his arrest by ED. Quo warranto is a writ petition requiring a person to whom it is directed to explain with proof under what authority he/she can exercise some right or power in the office they claim to hold.

"Issue a writ of quo warranto against Arvind Kejriwal, incumbent chief minister of Delhi by calling upon him to show by what authority, qualification and title, he holds the office... under Article 239AA of the Constitution, and after an inquiry, dislodge him," the petition has demanded.

DJB asked to submit 5-year plan for better water supply

DJB OFFICIAL SAYS

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New Delhi: A Delhi court on Saturday reserved its order on an application filed by ED against AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan for evading summons in a money laundering case related to alleged irregularities in appointments made by Delhi Waqf Board.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Divya Malhotra will decide on April 9 on whether to summon Khan to respond to ED's plea.

The central probe agency alleged that Khan has aggravated his role from a witness to an accused in the case by filing an anticipatory bail plea and running away from probe, PTI

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"Through this system, it is possible to know the quality of water provided and even the health of the tubewell. This system provides real-time data at a command control centre. Currently, it is in function at some water treatment plants, but for tubewells, the pilot project is yet to start," added the DJB official.

Kumar's fresh directive came on April 5, after water

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Naresh Kumar, S/o Bhola Ram, R/o Hasanpur Kurar, Ibrahim Pur, Sonipat, Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. 1089/17, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Kokulpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Naresh Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Naresh Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Naresh Kumar accused of CC No. 1089/17, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Kokulpuri, Delhi required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 07.05.2024.

By Order
Sh. Pankaj Rai
Metropolitan Magistrate-01
Room No. 73, North-East District
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/3995/NE/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified Person (depicted in the photo) name: Gagan S/o Unknown, residence and family is Unknown, 40 years of age was found dead at C-9/510, Dakhkhan Wali Gali, Sultanpur, Delhi on dated 14.03.2024 at 13:56 Hrs. In this regard a DD No. 82-A, Dated 14.03.2024 has been lodged at PS Sultanpur, Outer Distt., Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in the mortuary SGM Hospital, Mangolpuri, Delhi for 72 hours for identification. His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, Age: About 40 years, Height: 5' 3" ft., Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Wide Skinny, Built: Thin & Feeble, Wearing: Light grey colour Troushers.

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SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo), Name: Anshul Thakaria S/o Bodhraj R/o H. No. 6/12, 1st Floor, Old Double Story, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi, Aged: 31 years, has been missing from P.S. Amar Colony. In this regard a GD NO.71-A Dated 09.02.2024, has been lodged at P.S. Amar Colony, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:

Height: 5'10", Feet, Complexion: Wheatish, Hair Black, Built: Medium , Face: Round, Wearing: Cloth T-Shirt Grey and Blue Colour and lower blue colour

Any person having any information/clue about missing boy may inform to the following at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641

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The details of above tenders are also available on Indian Railway website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

By Order
Sh. Pankaj Rai
Metropolitan Magistrate-01
Room No. 73, North-East District
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DP/3995/NE/2024

Centre for Railway Information Systems CRIS Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110024 Tel: 24160717, 24160523

Corrigendum

1. Tender No. 01235356 for "Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Crew voice & Video Recording System (CVVRS) integrated with Railway Driver Assistance System (RDAS) in Locomotives with 03 years warranty followed by 05 years CAMC".
Tender Closing Date/Time stands revised/extended upto 10.05.2024 (15:30 hrs.) Corrigendum issued for other aspects also.

2. Tender No. 01235357 for "Supply, Installation & Commissioning of IP based Closed Circuit Television Surveillance System (CCTVSS) in Coaches With 03 years warranty followed by 05 years CAMS."
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3. Tender No. 01245066 for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of IP based Closed Circuit Television Surveillance System (CCTVSS) in EMU/MEMU Coaches And crew voices & Video Recording System (CVVRS) integrated with/without Railway Driver Assistance System (RDAS) in Driver Cabs of Driving Motor Coaches with 03 years warranty followed by 05 years CAMC". Total number of EMU/MEMU Coaches is 8563. Tender Closing Date/Time stands revised/extended upto 10.05.2024 (15:30 hrs.) Corrigendum issued for other aspects also.

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Jobs missing, IIT grads feel 'undue pressure'

A STUDENT SAYS

We are mentally prepared for a set pattern of placement interview questions, but this time the companies were more demanding, seeking fewer candidates with specialised skills in artificial intelligence and machine learning for annual packages ranging from Rs 10-50 lakh

paring for the CAT exam for higher degrees.

IIT Kanpur alumnus Dheeraj Singh, founder of the Global IIT Alumni Support Group, said, "Off-campus placement is extremely challenging and many on-campus placed students are not happy with the pay packages offered. The situation is appalling."

The student described the 2024 placement as "lacklustre" and said,

"Despite better outcomes for undergraduate placements compared with postgraduate and PhD placements, we are feeling ourselves under undue pressure".

IIT-D placements occur in three phases with the first and second phases in Dec and Feb and the final one in May. Many students who weren't placed have been left applying for positions on LinkedIn, asking batchmates and seniors for referrals or contemplating additional qualifications and pre-

cessing, an official said, "We arrange several activities and events to help students make informed career choices, including but not limited to avenues for alumni interactions, career fair and connecting them with business leaders and industry hiring teams."

It wasn't actually surprising that the placement season proved dissatisfying for so many. "We were informed that tech companies would come in fewer numbers due to the recession. We were, therefore, mentally prepared and very scared," admitted another student. "So, after companies like Amazon and Goldman Sachs did not arrive for mass hi-

ring. If they don't come, what can we do?"

A woman MTech student said,

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Delaporte quits as Wipro CEO, Srinivas Pallia is new chief

New Delhi: Indian IT major Wipro Saturday announced the resignation of **Thierry Delaporte** as CEO and named **Srinivas Pallia** as the new Chief Executive Officer of the company, effective immediately.

The announcement comes days before Wipro is scheduled to announce its Q4 and full-year earnings for 2023-24 on April 19. Wipro has been trailing its peers on the performance front with subdued report card and weak guidance and saw a spate of senior-level departures, including CFO **Jatin Dalal** and chief growth officer **Stephanie Trautman**, last year.

According to a Wipro release, Pallia brings to the CEO role extensive institutional and industry knowledge, as well as a strong track record of leadership through some of the most significant technological shifts the industry has seen.

In a BSE filing Saturday, Wipro said its board noted the resignation of Delaporte with effect from April 6, 2024, and went on to add that he will be relieved from employment of the firm with effect from the close of business hours on May 31, 2024.

"Pursuant to recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the board approved appointment of **Srinivas Pallia** as CEO & MD of the company," Wipro stated in an exchange filing. **PTI**

Wangchuk cancels LAC rally to avoid 'confrontation'

Leh: Accusing govt of turning Leh into a "war zone" ahead of its march to China border on April 7, Leh Apex Body Saturday said it is withdrawing the proposed event to "avoid any sort of confrontation with the law-enforcement agencies".

LAB leader & climate activist Sonam Wangchuk said they have achieved their objective of creating awareness about the plight of farmers, who are allegedly losing prime pastures to industrial plants in the south and to "Chinese encroachments" in the north. **PTI**

Maldives thanks India for goods, EAM says 'neighbourhood first'

Govt Nod To Export Of Essential Items Comes Amid Strained Ties

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



India's renewal of export quota is truly a gesture which signifies longstanding ties, Maldives foreign minister Moosa Zameer said

New Delhi: In a rare show of bonhomie, after India allowed export of limited quantities of essential items to the Maldives for the 2024-25 financial year, Male thanked India, saying the gesture signified the longstanding friendship between the two countries. Foreign minister S Jaishankar responded by saying India stands firmly committed to its 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

"I sincerely thank EAM @DrJaishankar and the govt of India for the renewal of the quota to enable Maldives to import essential commodities from India during the years 2024 & 2025. This is truly a gesture which signifies the longstanding friendship, and the strong commitment to further expand bilateral trade and commerce between our two countries (sic)," said Maldives

foreign minister Moosa Zameer in a post on X. "You are welcome, FM @MoosaZameer. India stands firmly committed to its Neighbourhood First and SAGAR policies," responded his counterpart.

Centre Friday allowed limited export of eggs, potatoes, onions, rice, wheat flour, sugar, pulses, stone aggregate and river sand to Maldives for the current financial year under the bilateral trade agreement, SAGAR, between the two countries. SAGAR or 'Security and Growth for All in the Region' is India's vision for maritime cooperation with other countries in the Indian Ocean Region.

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NIA raids UP, Bihar sites to foil Maoists' north India revival plan

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Three Maoists killed in C'garh in inter-state op

Three Maoists were killed in an inter-state operation in forests of Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh Saturday, reports **Rashmi Drolia**. This was the first joint operation with the elite Greyhounds force of Telangana Police since Chhattisgarh security forces went on the offensive last Dec. The encounter broke out on the border of the two states and was on till evening. Forces recovered a light machine gun — second in three days — and an AK-47.

This is the third back-to-back encounter in the region, beginning with the biggest anti-Maoist operation in years in which 13 insurgents were gunned down in Gangaloor.

The operation that led to Saturday's encounter was based on intelligence about the movement of Maoists in the forest range next to Telangana. While a joint force from Chhattisgarh went after the Maoists, the Greyhounds moved in from the other side, trapping the insurgents between an anvil and hammer. The dead Maoists are yet to be identified, but police believe they have neutralised a senior commander.

Kaimur district of Bihar: Several digital devices including mobile phones, SIM cards and memory cards, along with incriminating documents like pamphlets of the proscribed Naxal outfit were seized during the searches.

Police subsequently took over investigation of the case, in which five persons had been arrested following the recovery of arms and ammunition, incriminating documents, literature and books of CPI (Maoist) in Ballia, UP, on Nov 10, 2023.

NIA filed a chargesheet in the case on Feb 9, 2024, which had named four accused.

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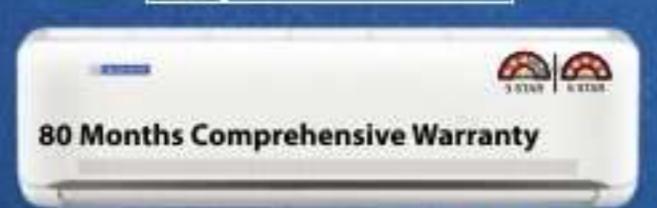
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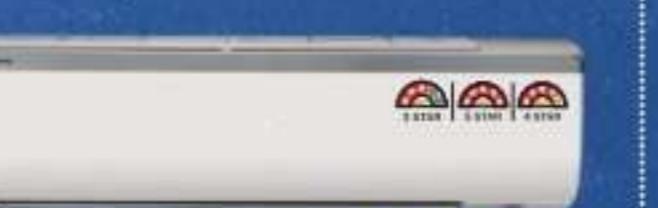
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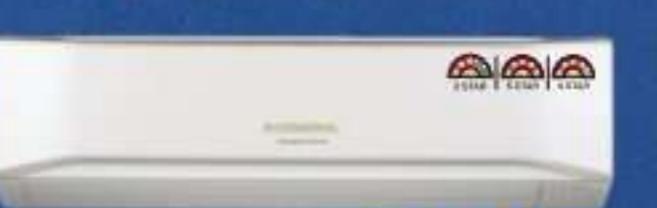
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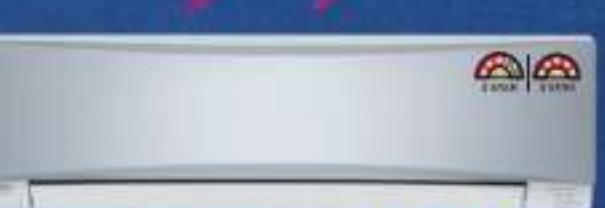
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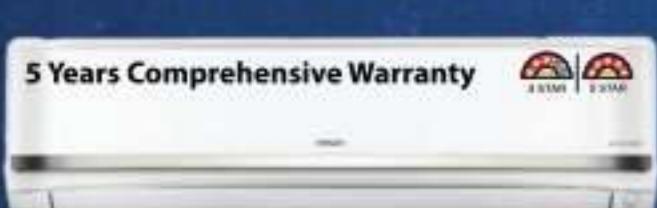
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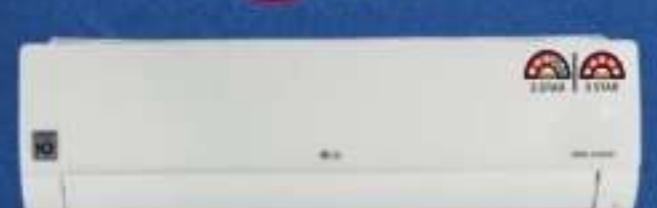
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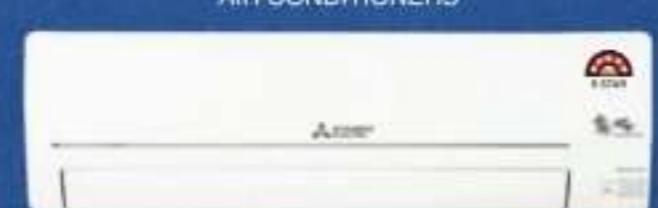
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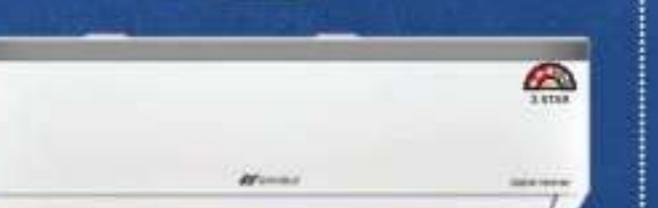
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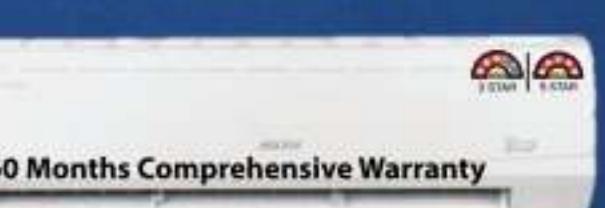
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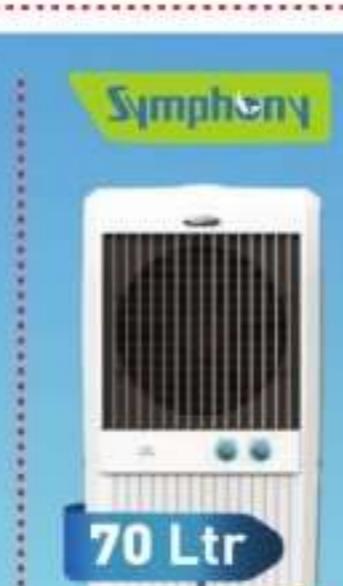
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India to give befitting reply if anyone tries to stoke terror: Rajnath

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bhopal: Defence minister Rajnath Singh Saturday doubled down on his comment that India would not hesitate to pursue terrorists into Pakistan if they sought refuge there — “ghar mein ghuske marenge” even as

Pakistan's foreign ministry reacted strongly to his statement, calling it “provocative and myopic”.

Addressing poll rallies at Singrauli and Sidhi in MP, Rajnath said: “India is no longer a weak country. If provoked, we can even go across the border to take action. The country has already demonstrated this in PM Modi's rule in the last 10 years.”

While reassuring people that India's borders were secure, Singh asserted: “We want to maintain good relations with neighbouring countries. Atal Bihari Vajpeyi used to say that one can change one's friends but not one's neighbours. We follow this (friendly approach). But, if anyone tries to promote terrorism in our country, we will give a befitting reply.”

He also stressed that the ‘One Nation, One Election’ proposal would streamline the electoral process, strengthen democracy and conserve the country’s resources. “This is also a way to stop horse trading,” he claimed.

On Ram mandir, Rajnath said people used to question BJP’s commitment to building the temple. “Now, they

Will safeguard our sovereignty: Pak on Rajnath remarks

Pakistan on Saturday said it stands resolute in its intent and ability to safeguard its sovereignty, a day after defence minister Rajnath Singh made it clear that India will enter Pakistan if terrorists run away to the neighbouring nation after carrying out terror strikes in the country.

A statement by foreign office in Islamabad said that Pakistan has always demonstrated its commitment to peace in the region but its desire for peace should not be misconstrued. “History attests to Pakistan's firm resolve and ability to protect and defend itself,” the foreign office said in a statement while criticising India's govt dispensation for resorting to hateful rhetoric for electoral gains.

“It is imperative for the international community to hold India accountable for its heinous and illegal actions,” the statement said, adding that such “irresponsible behaviour not only undermines regional peace but also impedes the prospects of constructive engagement in the long term.” PTI

have witnessed Lord Ram's presence in Ayodhya. The Lord has been placed in his abode, and Ram Rajya will commence in India,” he said.

BJP had also fulfilled its vow to revoke Article 370. The promise to enact a citizenship law had been accomplished, too, Singh said.

Tender Notice No. EL-C-PRYJ-01-24-25 Dt. 05.04.2024
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China may use AI to influence LS polls for own benefit: Microsoft

Impact Of Such Efforts Likely To Be Minimal: Report

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A Microsoft report suggests that China may utilise AI-generated content in its attempt to influence the Lok Sabha elections to be held in seven phases between April 19 and June 1, with the results scheduled for June 4. However, the report says the potential impact of such efforts is expected to be minimal.

An unclassified summary by Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) alleging the interference was tased as part of federal commission of inquiry examining possible meddling by China, India, Russia and others in the 2019 and 2021 elections. The ministry of external affairs, however, has maintained that the allegations are baseless.

Responding to the claims of interference in Feb, spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal had said it was Canada which had been interfering in India's internal affairs.

According to the document, attempts were made by India and Pakistan to interfere in Canada's elections.

The report highlights North Korea's increased involvement in cryptocurrency heists and supply chain attacks to finance its military

India, Pak tried to ‘interfere’ in Canada polls: Spy agency

New Delhi: India and Pakistan tried to “interfere” in Canadian elections held in 2019 and 2021, the country's spy agency has alleged, according to a media report on Friday. India has “strongly” rejected the allegation.

An unclassified summary by Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) alleging the interference was tased as part of federal commission of inquiry examining possible meddling by China, India, Russia and others in the 2019 and 2021 elections. The ministry of external affairs, however, has maintained that the allegations are baseless.

The spy agency alleges that in 2021, Indian govt had “intended to interfere and likely conducted clandestine activities”, including using an Indian govt proxy agent in Canada, the CSIS alleged in the documents. In 2019, “Govt of Pakistan officials in Canada attempted to clandestinely influence Canadian federal politics with the aim of furthering govt of Pakistan's interests in Canada,” the report said.

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objectives and intelligence activities. North Korea has begun employing AI to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of its operations.

Month after namaz row, Guj university asks 7 Afghan students to leave hostel

Ahmedabad: Gujarat University (GU) has asked seven students from Afghanistan to vacate their hostel rooms. The move comes in the wake of a brawl last month involving some foreign students, including one from Afghanistan, and a local group over offering namaz in the open within the hostel complex.

Five of the Afghan students have already left, VC Niraj Gupta said. “These students either have completed their courses or have formalities, such as obtaining transcripts or certificates, pending that do not require their presence on campus,” a senior GU official said.

Following the namaz row, a delegation from the Afghan consulate visited GU after the ministry of external affairs (MEA) took up the issue. “We have notified the Afghan consulate regarding this matter (notice to vacate),” VC Gupta said. TN

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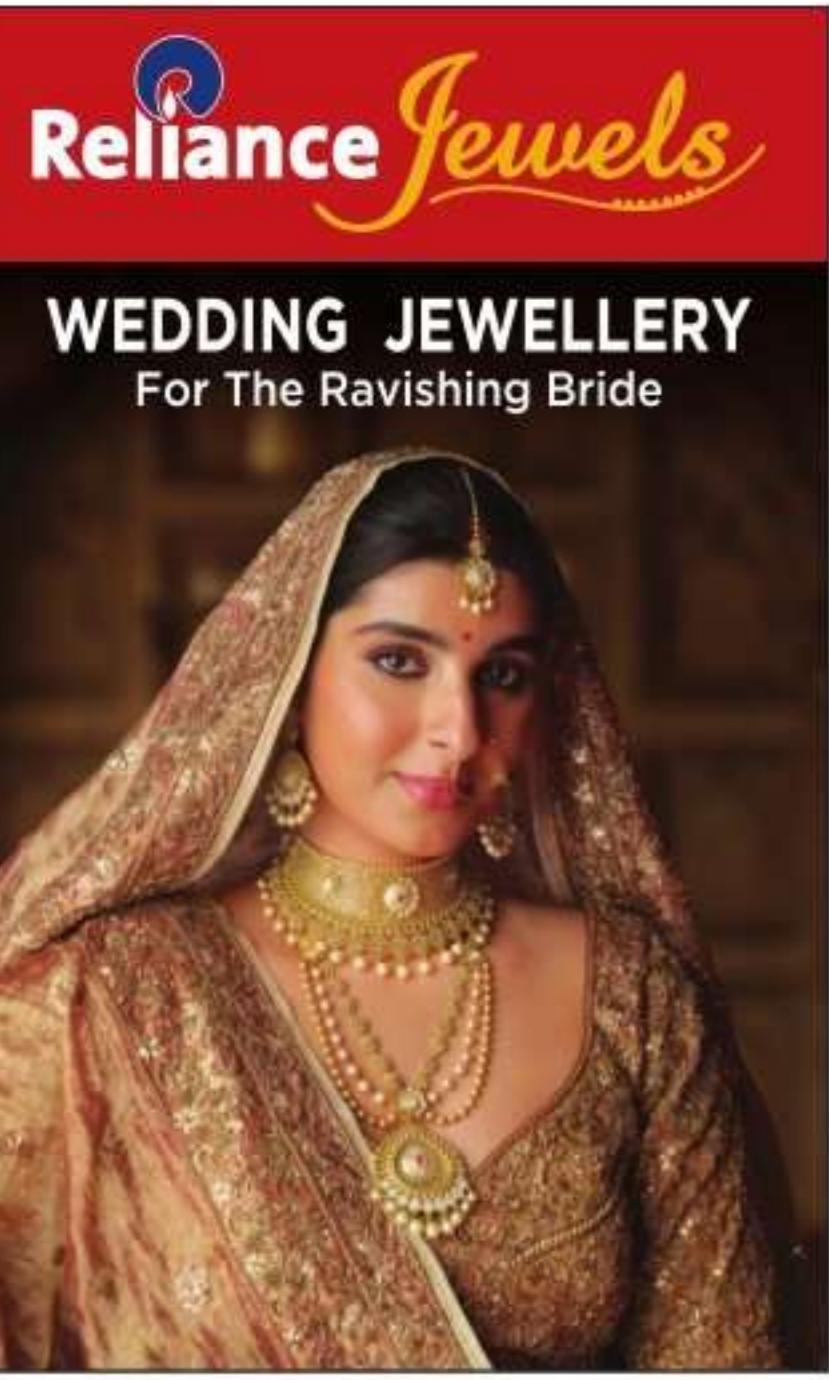
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Brace for even bigger action on graft in first 100 days of third term: Modi

PM Says Cong Is In Panic As He Shut Its Shop Of Loot

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Pushkar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed confidence on Saturday that BJP would win a third term and assured he was ready to make major decisions to tackle corruption in the first 100 days of his third term.

Addressing a rally in Pushkar (Ajmer), he said, "Modi's fight against corruption will continue. And the third term of my govt is not far away. In the first 100 days, the BJP govt is gearing up to take even bigger decisions against corruption. Preparation for this has also begun. That's why I say what you saw in the last 10 years was just a trailer. There is much more to come."

Modi said, "Ek toh karela, duja meen chadha (bitter gourd, with neem on top), it is a party of dynasties and equally one of corruption... Modi has pulled down the shutters of their shop of loot. That is why they are in a panic."

The PM accused Congress of "outsourcing" its entire existence. "The party seems to have delegated all its responsibilities under contract. With such a state, can Congress effectively serve the nation's interests," he asked.

He claimed that in the past 10 years, over Rs 30 lakh crore had been spent on various development policies, with beneficiaries receiving money directly into their accounts. "A



A child with PM Modi's poster during an election rally ahead of Lok Sabha elections, in Pushkar on Saturday

Rahul vows financial survey for redistribution of country's wealth

Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said Congress, if voted into office in Lok Sabha elections, would conduct a financial and institutional survey to ascertain who is in possession of the wealth of country, and would then undertake an exercise to redistribute the same, reports Roushan Ali. He also promised representation of each community in every sector.

Releasing the party's poll manifesto at a public meeting in Tukkuguda near Hyderabad, he stressed on "jitti aabadi, utna haq" principle. "First, we will conduct a caste census...to know the exact population of backward castes, SCs, STs, minorities and other castes. After that, the financial and institutional survey will begin. Subsequently, we will take up the historic assignment to distribute the wealth of India, jobs and other welfare schemes to these sections based on their population," he said.

Congress PM once claimed that if one rupee was sent from Delhi, only 15 paise would reach its destination. Imagine the consequences if they had control over Rs 30 lakh crore. It was discovered that Congress had created lakhs of fake beneficiaries who never existed. Schemes were initiated in their names, diverting rightful funds directly into hands of Congress middlemen," the PM alleged.

On BJP birthday, PM says it's now 'India's preferred party'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on BJP's 44th foundation day on Saturday, asserted that the party-led alliance NDA "manifests a perfect harmony between national progress and regional aspirations" and is set to win Lok Sabha polls comprehensively as he reiterated that the next term will be used to build on work done by govt in the past one decade.

"NDA is a vibrant alliance, encapsulating India's diversity. We cherish this partnership and I am sure it will get even stronger in the times to come," the PM said in a series of posts on X on BJP's Foundation Day. Home minister Amit Shah said under the leadership of PM Modi, BJP is helping in building a developed India by becoming synonymous with welfare of the poor, reconstruction of cultural heritage and respect for women.

BJP formerly Jan Sangh, was founded on April 6, 1980.

"Today on the Sthapana Divas of @BJPofIndia, I extend my greetings to all fellow party karyakartas from across the length and breadth

of India. I also recall with great reverence the hard-work, struggles and sacrifices of all those great women and men who built our party over the years. I can say with great confidence that we are India's preferred party, which has always served with the motto of 'Nation First,' the PM said.

The Prime Minister said that he is in the Centre or the states, BJP has redefined good governance.

"Our schemes and policies have given strength to the poor and downtrodden. Those who were left on the margins for decades found a voice and hope in our party. We have worked towards providing all-round development, which has boosted 'ease of living' for every Indian," PM Modi said.

He said BJP has also freed India from the culture of corruption, cronyism, casteism, communalism and vote bank politics, which was the hallmark of those who ruled the nation for the longest time. "In today's India, emphasis is on clean and transparent governance, which ensures the fruits of development reach the poor without any discrimination," the PM said.

Kharge's J&K remark bares Cong's 'Italian culture': Shah

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah on Saturday attacked Mallikarjun Kharge's "Kashmir se kya waasta hai" remark in reference to BJP raising the issue of removal of Article 370 of the Constitution in Rajasthan, saying it was shameful that the Congress president is asking such a question, which reflected his party's "Italian culture" due to which it is the very idea of India.

"I would like to remind the Congress party that J&K is an integral part of India, and every state and citizen has the right over J&K, just as the people of J&K have the right over the rest of India," Shah said, taking to X to respond to Kharge's remark.

Shah said, "The Prime Minister said that he is in the Centre or the states, BJP has redefined good governance.

"Shah and other BJP leaders, including party president J P Nadda, shared a clip of Kharge's speech on X, in which he is heard targeting BJP for talking about removal of Article 370 in Rajasthan. 'Are bhai, yahan ke logon se kya waasta hai (what has got to do with the people here)?' Kharge is heard asking in reply to Congress."

Shah further said, "And for the kind information of Congress, it was not Article 370, but Article 370, that was abrogated by the Modi govt. However, it is only expected of Congress to make such horrendous mistakes. Such blunders made by it have haunted our nation for decades now."

Nadda slammed Kharge's remarks, saying, "Another day another gem from Congress! Kharge Ji displays the typical Congress mindset which wanted Jammu and Kashmir to remain disconnected from the rest of India. He doesn't even know that that Article in question is Article 370 and not 371!"



A BJP campaign hoarding in Varanasi on Saturday

Kshatriya outfits plot 'Op Rupala', to field 400 against BJP neta

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Rajkot/Ahmedabad: The Kshatriya community in Gujarat intensified protests against Union minister and BJP's Rajkot Lok Sabha seat candidate Parshotam Rupala for his recent controversial comments, announcing Saturday that they would field 400 candidates against him in the upcoming elections.

This was part of a drive named "Operation Rupala" that core committees of various Kshatriya associations announced after a meeting in Rajkot.

"This is a battle for our honour. We have decided to organise a rally in all districts," said Karansinh Chavda, a community leader. Ramjhuba Jadeja, another leader, said: "This (Rupala's remarks) shows degradation of morals in public life. Authorities shouldn't provoke our members and we will not be responsible for the law and order situation."

Tensions escalated Saturday as Kshatriya community members took to the streets in Ahmedabad against Rupala, while five women who had threatened johar (self-immolation) were placed under house arrest before they could reach BJP's headquarters in Gandhinagar. Members of the community gathered at the bungalows where the women were staying, prompting police and crime branch teams to intervene.

When Karmi Sena's national president Mahipal Singh Makrana and others arrived, the crowd grew larger, leading to a police lathi charge. Makrana and his associate Virbhadrab Singh were detained and taken to Rajasthan. "We came to meet our sisters to convince them not to do johar as their brothers are still alive," said Makrana, who was briefly allowed to meet the women.



Rupala has earned the wrath of the community for his comments on 'maharajas'

Shah said all members of Netaji's family and his followers found the attempts to use Netaji to belittle Nehru deplorable.

"Netaji is being used to counter Nehru and Congress, which is highly objectionable. Netaji was in Congress with Nehru, Gandhi and Chittaranjan Das for two decades (1921 to 1941). Though Netaji and Nehru had differences, they also had respect for each other. Had it not been so, Netaji would not have named brigades of Azad Hind Fauj after Nehru and Gandhi," said Bose.

In the election, Singhvi and Harsh Mahajan of BJP had polled 34 votes each. After the contest ended in a tie, Mahajan won the election through a draw of lots as the slip drawn bore Singhvi's name. The defeat was a big blow for Congress, which had a clear majority of 40 MLAs in the House of 68 members. BJP, which had 25 MLAs, managed to win the poll with the help of cross-voting.

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WHY VBA MATTERS IN MAHARASHTRA PARTY IMPACTED 2019 RESULTS IN 9 SEATS

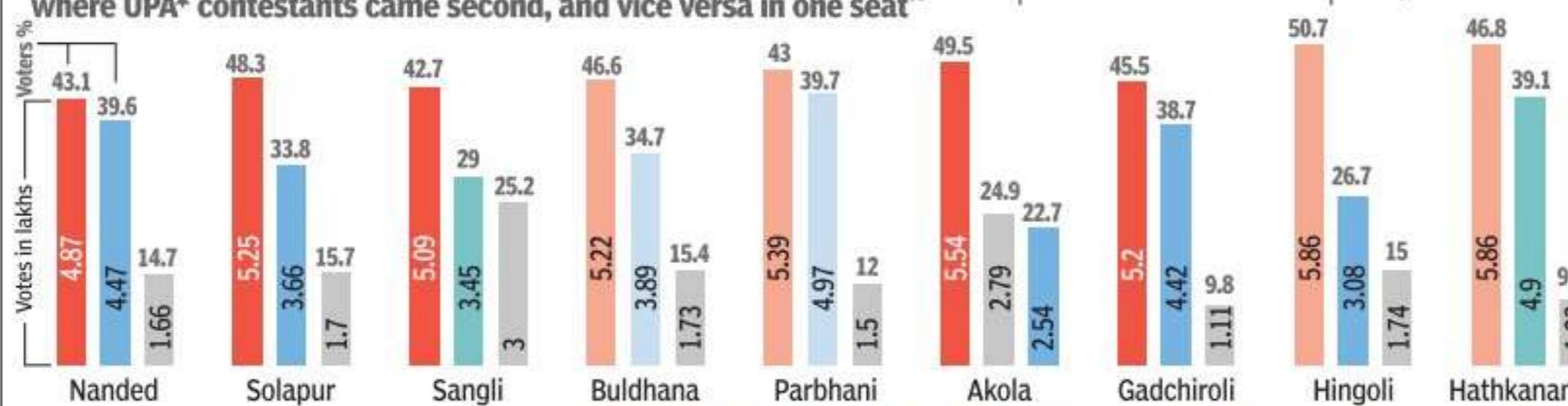
In 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Prakash Ambedkar's Vanchit Bahujan Aaghadi not only secured 6.7% of votes polled in the state, but also ensured defeat of two former CMs: Ashok Chavan and Sushilkumar Shinde. VBA candidates secured more votes than the victory margin in eight seats where UPA* contestants came second, and vice versa in one seat**

■ BJP ■ Cong ■ Shiv Sena ■ NCP ■ VBA

■ SWP* (Swabhiman Paksha)

*In the state, UPA partners included Congress, NCP and Swabhiman Paksha

**Akola, where VBA was second and Congress third



Centenarians show childlike joy as postal voting begins

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An elderly voter gets his finger inked after casting his vote through postal ballot in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu on Saturday

71-yr-old to cast his 'first' vote on June 1

Khalil Ansari was born on Jan 1, 1953, a year after the first Lok Sabha election was held in Independent India. The visually impaired 71-year-old – a resident of remote Badkhor village in Jharkhand's Sahibganj district, around 400km from Ranchi – has, however, never cast a vote in his lifetime, reports ASRP Mukesh. The septuagenarian bachelor is excitedly gearing up to exercise his franchise for the first time in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections from Rajmahal parliamentary constituency, which goes to polls on June 1 in the seventh phase.

"We are not affiliated to any political party. But my mother has always been keen to vote. This is the second time she cast a postal vote. When she fell ill ahead of the 2021 assembly polls, we told officials at the Anganwadi in our locality about her frail condition and her keenness to vote. Officials helped her cast a postal vote from home for the 2021 assembly election for the first time," her daughter Kaanikai Mary, 54, says.

Mary says her mother has always been secretive about who she votes for. "Poll officials sent everyone out when she cast her vote. She cast her postal vote Saturday. would have done the same if they did not send us out," Mary says with a chuckle.

Ramakkal's granddaughter Dhanalakshmi Nandhan said the centenarian used to visit the polling booth to cast her vote until the age of 95, but began postal voting due to health issues.

In an unfortunate turn of events, S Angappan, 103, from Bharhatidasan Nagar in the Perambalur assembly constituency in TN, who enrolled on March 19 to cast postal vote, died five days later, much before the start of the postal ballot on April 3.

BJD's Rengali pick used to paste posters, now is on them

Bhubaneswar: Sudarshan Haripal's journey has been remarkable, transitioning from a humble beginning of pasting posters on walls to now being a poster boy after BJD fielded him from Rengali assembly seat, reports Priti Suna.

Sharing his experiences, the 42-year-old said his joining politics was situational. "A hand pump had broken down in my locality in Goashala village in 2012. I reached out to every official, but none helped. Then my father sent me to a politician. I approached him and by evening, the hand pump was repaired. From that incident, I deeply felt the power of politics. I realised I can serve society as a politician. Service and politics are closely knit," said the Class XII passout.

Grabbing whatever opportunities that came his way, Haripal contested the last panchayat election in 2022 and won as a zilla parishad member. His selection for the assembly election by BJD was a surprise for him. "I was not expecting a ticket, nor did I know that I was getting it. It was a sudden call from the party office, informing me that I am the candidate from Rengali assembly seat," Haripal told TOI. "Before I started working as a member of Biju Yuba Janata Dal in 2012, I used to put up banners of BJD at various places to earn some money, around Rs 200 to Rs 500 per day," said Haripal, whose father Debraj Haripal (63) is a daily wage earner. TNN

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL



Adhwaryu

After losing HP RS poll, Singhvi challenges draw of lots in HC

Shimla: Congress politician Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who lost the Rajya Sabha election in Himachal Pradesh on Feb 27 due to cross-voting by six Congress MLAs, on Saturday filed a petition in Himachal HC challenging the rule of declaring result through draw of lots in case of a tie between both candidates. He said there is nothing in the law, neither in the Act nor in the Rules that compels an interpretation which requires that the person whose name is drawn up in a draw of lots is the loser.

Singhvi, while interacting with reporters in Shimla, said he has challenged the assumption that the one whose name is on the slip should be declared the loser, and termed this notion as "legally incorrect". He further said that if this assumption is wrong, then the results declared in the elections are also wrong.

The Congress functionary also emphasised that he has challenged the Rajya Sabha election on legal grounds.

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'Nehru was first PM': Kin of Bose counter Kangana

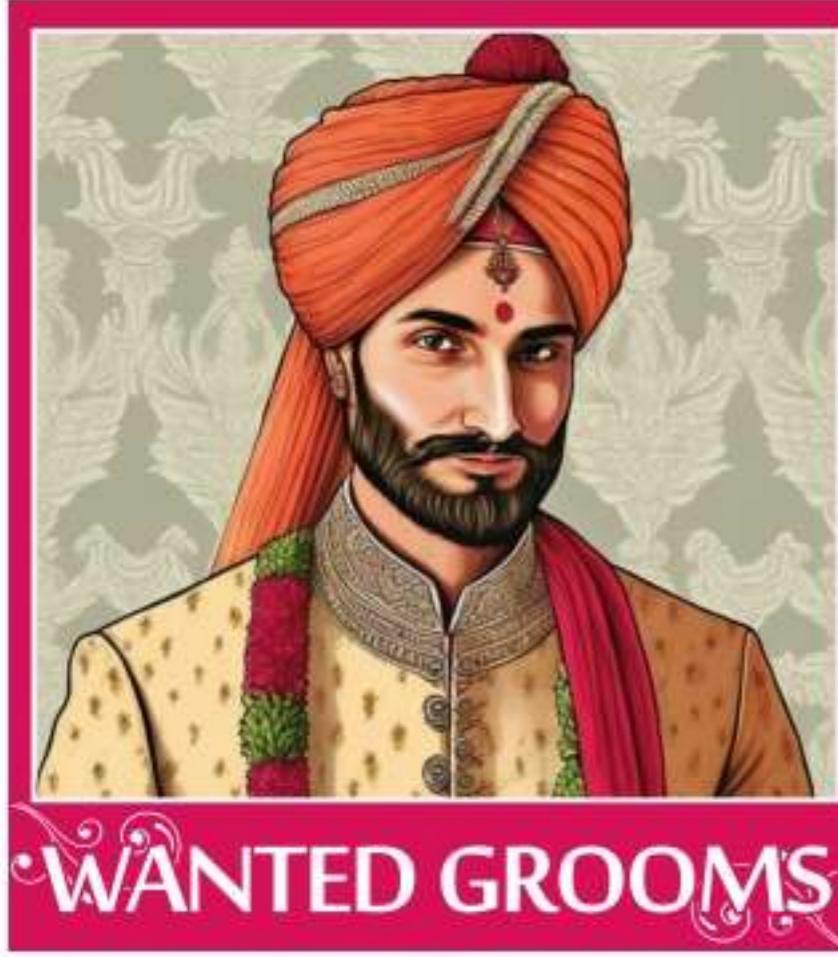
Kolkata: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's family condemned on Saturday attempts by actor-turned-politician Kangana Ranaut to distort history and try to pit Bose against Jawaharlal Nehru by calling the former the first PM of India, reports Subhro Niyogi.

"Nehru was the first PM of the Dominion of India after the partition of Bengal and Punjab. This is history. No one can change it," said Bose's grand-nephew, Chandra Bose. "Bose was the first and the last PM of undivided and united India (sic)," Chandra Bose claimed. "He was elected PM of Azad Hind Fauj after Nehru and Gandhi," said Bose.

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Visit the melting pot of Hyderabad's old city in the run-up to Eid to lose yourself in foods and fragrances redolent of Nizam days, albeit with the discordant notes of traffic and loudspeakers

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There seems to be an unwritten rule in the old city of Hyderabad on sultry, sweaty evenings during the Ramzan month. As the sun sets and people break their fast, they must gravitate to Charminar almost involuntarily. You shall not question, you shall lose yourself at Charminar, the rule says. There are so many people around the four imposing towers that you wonder if all homes have been emptied out on the square and its narrow lanes radiating out.

As you approach Charminar, you see a tightly woven mesh of people that only gets tighter and denser with every step. As if there are invisible concentric circles around this 433-year-old monument. The smaller the circle, the more the number of people packed into it.

At first it seems as if it is impossible to cut through the mesh. But as you get closer, you realise that the weaving is loose. Or loose enough for one person to pass by. You brush past people. People brush past you. No one apologises, no one gives you dagger eyes. To touch other people without intent is not a crime. Density has its own etiquette.

But this density is not only about people. Ramzan nights flood your every sense. As you walk slowly – the only way you can walk here – you are hit by the delicious charred patthar ka gosht mingling with a vendor singing 'mohabbat ka juice mosambi ka juice' in a loudspeaker, mingling with the lights bouncing off the tall stacks of glass bangles, mingling with the sizzling hot biryani handis right on the footpath with people skirting past without getting singed. Everything seems part of a singular, undecipherable experience until

Photos: Ramoorthy



your senses settle down and start unpacking things.

Food: Smoke does a dervish whirling from the large black sizzling stone set atop orange coals. Marinated pieces of mutton are placed on it and the fragrance briefly pushes away the stench of exhaust from traffic passing less than six feet from stacks of kebabs. You try some of the crisp, juicy kebabs and

ask what material that black stone is. The roadside chefs come up with all kinds of exotic stories, even one about it being extracted from the seabed. But it is in fact just granite which was used as flooring before marble became chic.

As you move on from Begum Bazar towards Charminar, you can tell the dal and birishtas of the haleem from the saffron-scented biryani. Amid it, the occasional burst of sweet corn

drenched in butter. Hunger is your pesky, unshakable companion here.

Fragrance: Both father and grandfather of Mohammed Faisal sold attar at Moazzam Jahi Market. This is all he knows, he says, as he dabs your shirt with sandalwood, khus and perfumes that sound more exotic – Safa Marwa, Salatin, Oud ul Badr – all mostly excessively sweet-smelling and sandalwood



FESTIVE FLAVOURS: The lanes near the monument have swarms of people walking and exploring food. Right on the footpath, there is delicious charred patthar ka gosht. People pose for selfies in the brightly lit night, and shop for glass bangles and other knick-knacks. Buying ittar is also a Ramzan tradition

based and trapped in shapely, old-world glass bottles. It was a tradition to buy ittar after iftar until a few years ago, but not anymore. Faisal wouldn't let go of his forefathers' business, but admits it is difficult to compete with alcohol-based deos, delivered to your doorstep by online portals. Hours after you leave the old city and return to the comforts of modern Hyderabad, that sandalwood fragrance obstinately clings to you.

Face-off: The streets around Charminar are designed for road rage at this time of the year. Bikes, scooters, autos and the odd XUV come face-to-face, then pass within a hair's breadth of each other, sometimes bumping into each other gently, but tempers rarely flare up. The first rule of driving near Charminar during Ramzan is: accommodate with a capital A. Rage can backfire when there is no elbow room. One auto driver honks incessantly until other auto drivers reprimand him rather gently. They tell him there is nothing that can be done until the traffic and vendors (who occupy more than half the road) before them move. The honker eases up, but the noise doesn't. Sometimes, the only way to make a little room here is to honk. Not incessantly, but you need to honk.

As you slowly weave yourself out of the precinct, you hear cops announce on loudspeakers in Deccani – Naseem Banu of Tolichowki, wherever you are, please come to the Charminar police station. Shaheen Begum is waiting for you. Then it's Afreen Begum and then Mohammed Riyaz.

It is very easy to get lost here. But no one is lost forever.

INQUIZITIVE

by JOY BHATTACHARJYA

- 1 Which city in western India, built originally on the banks of the Vishwanitri river, was once known as Chandanavati and gets its current name for its abundance of banyan trees?
- 2 Which Indian actor, who also played the role of a villain named Gobinda in a James Bond film, reached stardom in Europe thanks to his role as a pirate named Sandokan in a series of the same name?
- 3 If bhatura is traditionally served with chhole, which whole wheat flour-stuffed dough ball, common in eastern India, is traditionally served with 'chokha'?
- 4 'X' is a social media platform, but which company has a research facility known as X Development whose aim is to invent and launch 'moonshot' technologies to make the world a better place?
- 5 Which city in the southern hemisphere, originally founded by the Dutch East India Company, had the motto 'Spes Bona', which is Latin for 'good hope'?
- 6 In which 1983 film with Amitabh Bachchan did superstar Rajinikanth make his Hindi film debut?
- 7 Which breed of large working dog is named after a high mountain pass on the Italian-Swiss border?
- 8 Which inorganic chemical compound, commonly used to make fertilizers, is named after an Egyptian god as it was once produced close to a temple of the deity?
- 9 Which waterbody, also known as Mapam Yumto in the local language, is the source of the Indus river?
- 10 Which landmark novel of the 1940s, featuring a primary character named Napoleon, could not originally find a publisher as it was a satire on the USSR, a British ally during WW-II, and was later banned in the USSR and other communist countries?

ANSWERS

- 5 | South African city of Cape Town, which is just George Orwell's Aldridge, now part of Cape Town
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1,300 yrs ago, Hindu king gave wood, money for this mosque

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The king of Thekkumkoor settled Muslims, Christians and Gaud Saraswat Brahmins in Thazhathangady with a view to promoting trade there

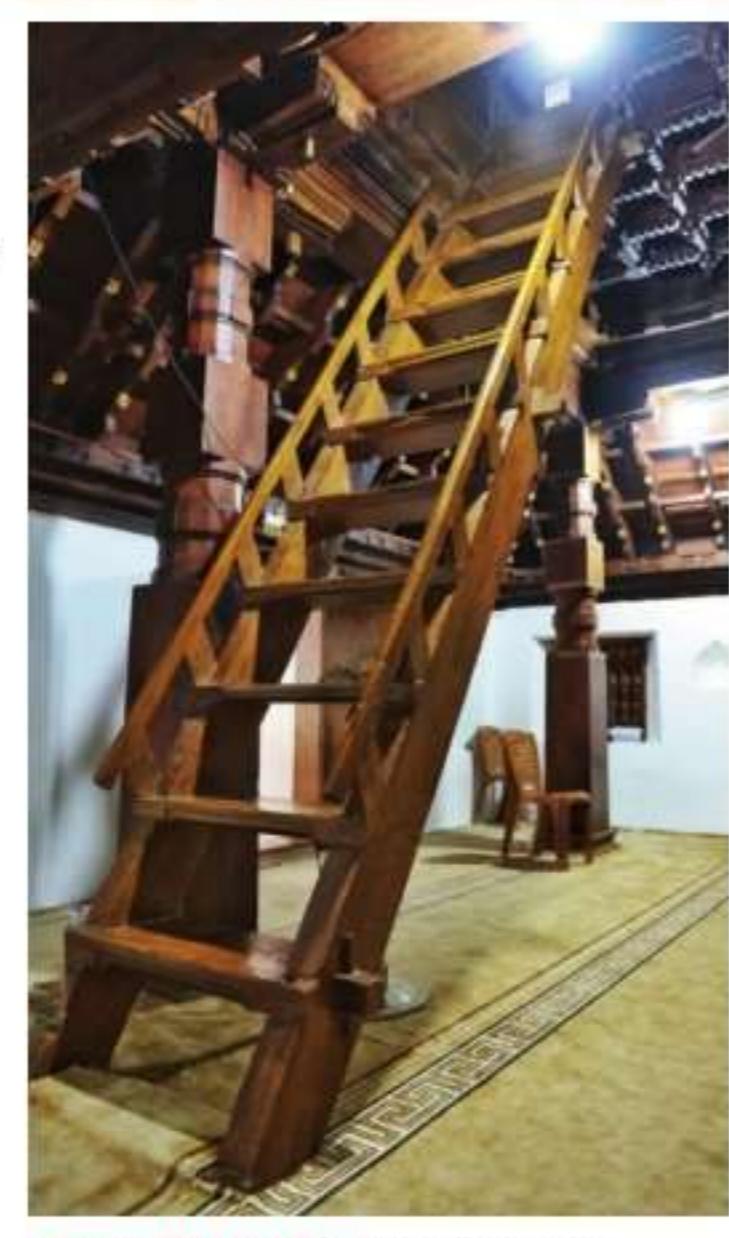
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Juma Masjid at Thazhathangady, 3km from Kottayam town in Kerala, is one of India's oldest mosques. Set on the banks of Meenachil river, along Kottayam-Kumarakom road, it is said to be around 1,300 years old and is valued for its architectural beauty.

Thazhathangady is the commercial hub of old Kottayam and is also known for communal amity. It has a church and a temple near the mosque from the same era. Masjid authorities say the church was founded by Malik Bin Dinar, who came to Kerala along with his companions for Islamic missionary activities.

The mosque is a two-storey mansion with an overall area of 4,200 sq feet. Its interior is divided into two sections, Akampalli and Purampalli. The design ensures easy air circulation for a cool atmosphere inside even in extremely hot weather.

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who has researched the mosque, explained why it does not have a minar. "Old mosques in Kerala do not have minars. It may be due to the landscape here. The old mosques in Sumatra, Java and Malaysia also do not have minars," he said.

Sasibhooshan said the mosque was built with the help of the then king of Thekkumkoor who wanted to promote trade in the region. "Kottayam was his capital. He brought Muslims, Christians and Gaud Saraswat Brahmins to Thazhathangady. He provided timber and money to Muslims for constructing the mosque."

Another remarkable feature of the mosque is the 'mukkutty saaksha', a unique lock system with triple latches on the door to the main prayer hall. According to Sasibhooshan, the mosque has double walls and there is a secret passage between them through which a person can walk. "It would have been built anticipating attacks due to trade rivalry. The passage might have been connected to the nearby Meenachil river." However, there is no instance of an attack in the mosque's history.

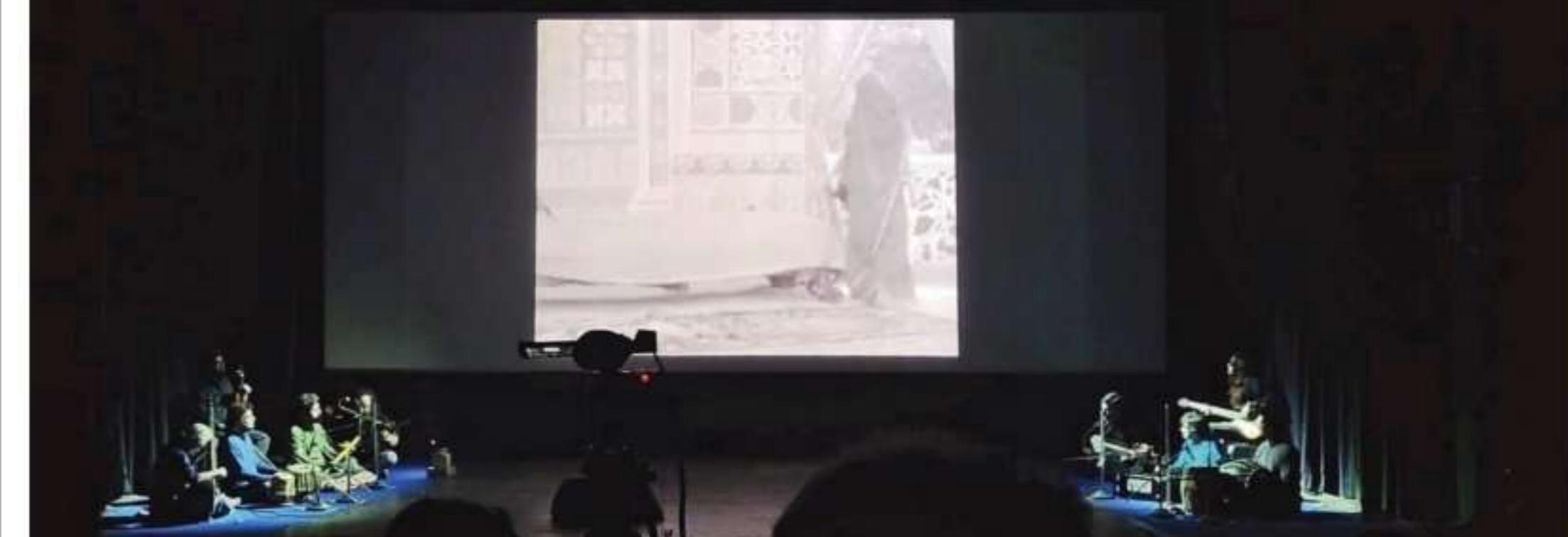
Women are allowed inside the mosque except in the holy month of Ramzan. Shafiq Falil Mannani, Imam of the mosque, said women are allowed to have a look at the interior of the church also: "We only insist that the sanctity of the place and personal hygiene be maintained."

Past the mosque's main entrance is a 2,000-litre tank carved out of a single rock. It is filled with water from a well outside. Worshippers and other visitors are allowed in only after washing hands and feet with this water.

The Imam said the mosque committee ensures the old style of construction is maintained and preserved. Repainting and maintenance work are done strictly based on the directions of the archaeological department, he said. "The satisfaction one gets while praying inside this mosque is beyond words. While Muslims pray, other visitors find delight in the ambience and coolness of the mosque."

Though the mosque was all set to get heritage status, the committee felt that would close the door on religious activities, turning the edifice into a museum.

Many restored classics, including the 1921 film Behula and 1925's Prem Sanyas, screened at Arcurea



Old films find new life and young fans at Kolkata fest

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Shantata! Court Chalu Ahe (1968), Agraharathil Kazuthil (1977), Chhuti (1967)... the films were their parents' age, but that didn't stop young cineastes from trooping to the weeklong Arcurea film festival in Kolkata that ended March 22.

Saro Jos, a 26-year-old kindergarten teacher at Santiniketan's Sishu Tirtha, watched Kumatty (1979), Sunya Swarupa (1997) and Tero Nadir Parey (1969) in one day. After watching Tero Nadir Parey, she sat in the auditorium for five minutes after everyone else had left. "I felt a deep sense of belongingness," she said.

Hopefully, the turnout will silence critics of Centre's Rs 600-crore budget for National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM), the body 'preserving, conserving and digitising' old Indian films.

Critics say the nine-year-old Mission only caters to the tastes of senior cinephiles, but as Vipin Vijay, dean of event host Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI) and Arcurea's artistic director, said, investment in a cultural project is not to be seen as an immediate investment.

"A Beethoven emerges once in two millennia. To beckon forth such brilliance, we must tend to the garden of cultural consciousness. Through this investment, we create a cultural consciousness," Vijay said.

Arcurea, which is SRFTI's flagship event, screened 22 cinematic masterpieces restored by NFDC-National Film Archive of India (NFDCA). Himanshu Khatau, whose tenure as SRFTI director ended on March 31, said the fest's appeal to the youth was a bonus: "The visual clarity that was available in celluloid is missing in digital cinema today. Perhaps the young audience



ROLL OF HONOUR

Restored classics shown at Arcurea:

- Camille Legrand's *Behula* (1921)
- Himanshu Rai's *Prem Sanyas* (1925)
- William J Moylan's *Banga Darshan* (1933)
- PV Rao's *Marthanda Varma* (1933)
- Franz Osten's *Nirmala* (1938)
- Ezra Mir's *All India Radio* (1944)
- Krishnan-Panju's *Parasakti* (1952)
- Arundhati Devi's *Chhuti* (1967)
- Satyadev Dubey's *Shantata!*
- Court Chalu Ahe (1968)
- Barin Saha's *Tero Nadir Parey* (1969)
- Patabhirama Reddy's *Samskara* (1970)
- Samarendra Narayan Deb's *Aranya* (1971)
- Kumar Shahani's *Maya Darpan* (1972)
- John Abraham's *Agraharathil Kazuthil* (1977)
- Mrinal Sen's *Oka Oori Katha* (1977)
- G Aravindan's *Kumatty* (1979)
- Chetna Vora's *Oyoye* (1980)
- Ketan Mehta's *Bhavni Bhavai* (1981)
- Tapan Sinha's *Aadmi Aur Aurat* (1984)
- Ramesh Sharma's *New Delhi Times* (1986)
- Aribam Syam Sharma's *Ishanou* (1990)
- Himanshu Khatau's *Sunya Swarupa* (1997)

wants to get acquainted with that visual aesthetic," he said.

Anirban Datta, SRFTI professor and head of the department of direction and screenplay writing, stressed on getting over the colonial hangover. "If youngsters are watching Charlie Chaplin's cinema, why should their interest in Light of Asia (1925) seem so surprising? Youngsters in Kolkata, which has a rich cine-viewing culture thanks to its film society movement and media institutes in Jadavpur University, St Xavier's and Roopkala Kendra, came to watch these restored classics. Many watched New Delhi Times (1986) because its cinematographer Subrata Mitra used to teach at SRFTI," Datta said.

Vijay, who is also part of NFHM, noticed an interest among the youth in understanding "Indianness in Indian cinema". Akashdeep Banerjee, 25-year-old student of direction and screenplay writing at SRFTI, loved KK Mahajan's cinematography in Kumar Shahani's Maya Darpan (1972).

"Conventional cinema usually makes us feel that time flew without us noticing it. But Kumar Shahani's and Mani Kaul made films that made viewers conscious of their duration. That experience was only possible when I watched Maya Darpan at the festival," he said.

Cinematographer Modhura Palit went back to her alma mater to watch the 1921 black-and-white film Behula that was screened along with live music by Borno Anonyo (photo top). "This screening made me feel that the evolution of cinema is just technological. Patience Cooper, its heroine, was not cast as a flower vase. There is a shot where an entire building is burnt down because of her anger. Today, can we have a scene where a whole house is burnt down just for one shot?" said Palit, who was selected as one of the Berlinale talents last year: "Imagine the passion that went into making this film. It is important for us to keep that passion burning," she added.



Outrage over slain aid workers deepens Democratic resistance to arming Israel

40 House Democrats Write To Biden Seeking Halt In Extending Military Aid

Washington: Outrage over a strike by the Israeli military that killed seven aid workers in the Gaza Strip has supercharged resistance among congressional Democrats to sending arms and fresh military funding to Israel.

The mounting concern has added uncertainty to a pending foreign aid package for Ukraine and Israel that has been stalled in the House for months. It has also fuelled calls by Democrats for the administration to stop sending Israel offensive weapons already in the pipeline, some of them for many years.

Until recently, the \$14.1 billion that President Joe Biden requested in the fall for Israel's war against Hamas was regarded as a popular and bipartisan sweetener to a broader spending package that includes \$60 billion in military aid for Ukraine, which faces stiff resistance from many House Republicans. But that dynamic appears to have shifted substantially in recent days, particularly after the killing



People unload medical aid from a truck, near Kamal Adwan Hospital in the northern Gaza Strip, on Saturday, amid the ongoing conflict.

Monday night of aid workers for the anti-hunger organization World Central Kitchen.

Forty House Democrats including former Speaker Nancy Pelosi, sent a letter on Friday to Biden and secretary of state Antony Blinken expressing displeasure with their approach to Israel. The group called on the administration to deny Israel weapons until the completion of an inquiry into how the strike happened and tie any new aid

to conditions "to ensure it is used in compliance with US and international law."

"In light of this incident, we strongly urge you to reconsider your recent decision to authorize the transfer of a new arms package to Israel, and to withhold this and any future offensive arms transfers until a full investigation into the airstrike is completed," they wrote.

The letter, led by representatives Mark Pocan of Wisconsin

and Jim McGovern of Massachusetts and Jan Schakowsky of Illinois, was one of the largest rebukes of Biden's approach to Israel by his allies on Congress since Israel declared war in response to the Oct 7 attack by Hamas. "We want to see the President be more aggressive in protecting the assistance and trying to stop the hostilities," Pocan said in an interview Friday.

There is broad bipartisan support in Congress for aiding Israel, and that is unlikely to change even amid widespread discontent among Democrats about the conduct of the war. But the mounting frustration could further bog down the stalled security spending package, which the Senate passed in February but is frozen in the House amid Republican opposition to the Ukraine funding.

Speaker Mike Johnson has said he plans to bring up the security package in the coming weeks, and he would need substantial Democratic support to push it through the House.

A growing chorus of Democratic lawmakers, mostly from the party's progressive wing, has become impatient with the president and repeatedly pushed him to leverage US weapons sales to pressure Israel to better protect civilians and guarantee that more aid will make its way to displaced Palestinians in the region.

"The US has a responsibility to stop financing the Netanyahu govt's strategy, which has so disproportionately killed civilians, aid workers and medical personnel," Senator Peter Welch said Thursday, referring to Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu.

For weeks, the group of progressives calling on Biden to take more concrete actions against America's closest ally in the Middle East has been small but vocal. Rep Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, the only Palestinian American member of Congress, has repeatedly pressed her colleagues to join in her vocal opposition to the administration's policy in Israel and Gaza. NYT

Iran says enemy will 'regret' killings in Syria

Iran on Saturday again threatened retaliation for the deaths of seven Revolutionary Guards in a strike on Damascus, with the army chief saying his country's enemies will "regret" the killings.

Tehran has vowed to avenge Monday's air strike on the Syrian capital it blamed on its arch-enemy Israel, which has not commented. The attack levelled the Iranian embassy's consular annex in Damascus, killing seven Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) members.

Iran's response "will be carried out at the right time, with the necessary precision and planning, and with maximum damage to the enemy so

that they regret their action," chief of staff Mohammad Bagheri said on Saturday. He was speaking at a ceremony in Isfahan to commemorate Mohammad Reza Zahedi, one of the two dead brigadier generals from Quds Force, IRGC's foreign operations arm.

Zahedi, 63, was Quds Force commander for the Palestinian Territories, Syria and Lebanon, according to Britain-based war monitor the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. He had held several commands and was the most senior Iranian soldier killed since a US missile strike at Baghdad airport in 2020 killed Quds Force chief General Qassem Soleimani. AFP

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China's support also includes optics, propellants to be used in missiles and increased space cooperation, one of the people said.

Spokespeople for the White House National Security Council declined to comment. China's foreign ministry didn't immediately respond to a request for comment during a holiday weekend. Beijing has sought to portray itself as mostly neutral in the face of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. BLOOMBERG

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Lucknow lessons, and the maze of public relief

When I was growing up, we all knew families that were on the way down. Once prosperous or even wealthy, undermined by a generation or two of profligacy and self-indulgence. The impressive house was falling apart, the latest round of repairs being held up by fights between the brothers ("who left the tap running in the bathroom"). The 1950 Austin or Chevrolet still stood on its rusting wheels in the garage, mostly because it was too hard to accept that there would be no more family jaunts. The few old family retainers that remained could recall the daily ten-course dinners for 25 in the main dining room. Now, the siblings and their families ate separately behind closed doors, perhaps to conceal just how frugal their meals had become.

I thought of those days and those families when I was in Lucknow recently. We decided to visit the Bada Imambara in the two hours before the flight. This is an enormous prayer hall from the 1780s, sponsored by the then Nawab of Awadh, Asaf-ud-daula, in response to a terrible drought and resulting famine. It was a food-for-

During a visit to the Bada Imambara, which was built as a food-for-work program during a famine, the guide told us an interesting story. The nawab, he said, knew that the starving upper classes were too proud to show up for work with labourers, so he paid them to come at night. It's interesting that the dignity of the welfare recipients was important to the nawab

work program — anyone who came for work on the building project got some basic provisions.

There is a famous maze inside the imambara called the *Bhulbhulaiya*. The guide we took to avoid getting lost told an interesting story. Apparently, the local upper classes were also starving — not surprising given that they too lived off the land. The nawab, he said, knew that they were too proud to show up for work with the everyday labourers. So, instead, he paid them

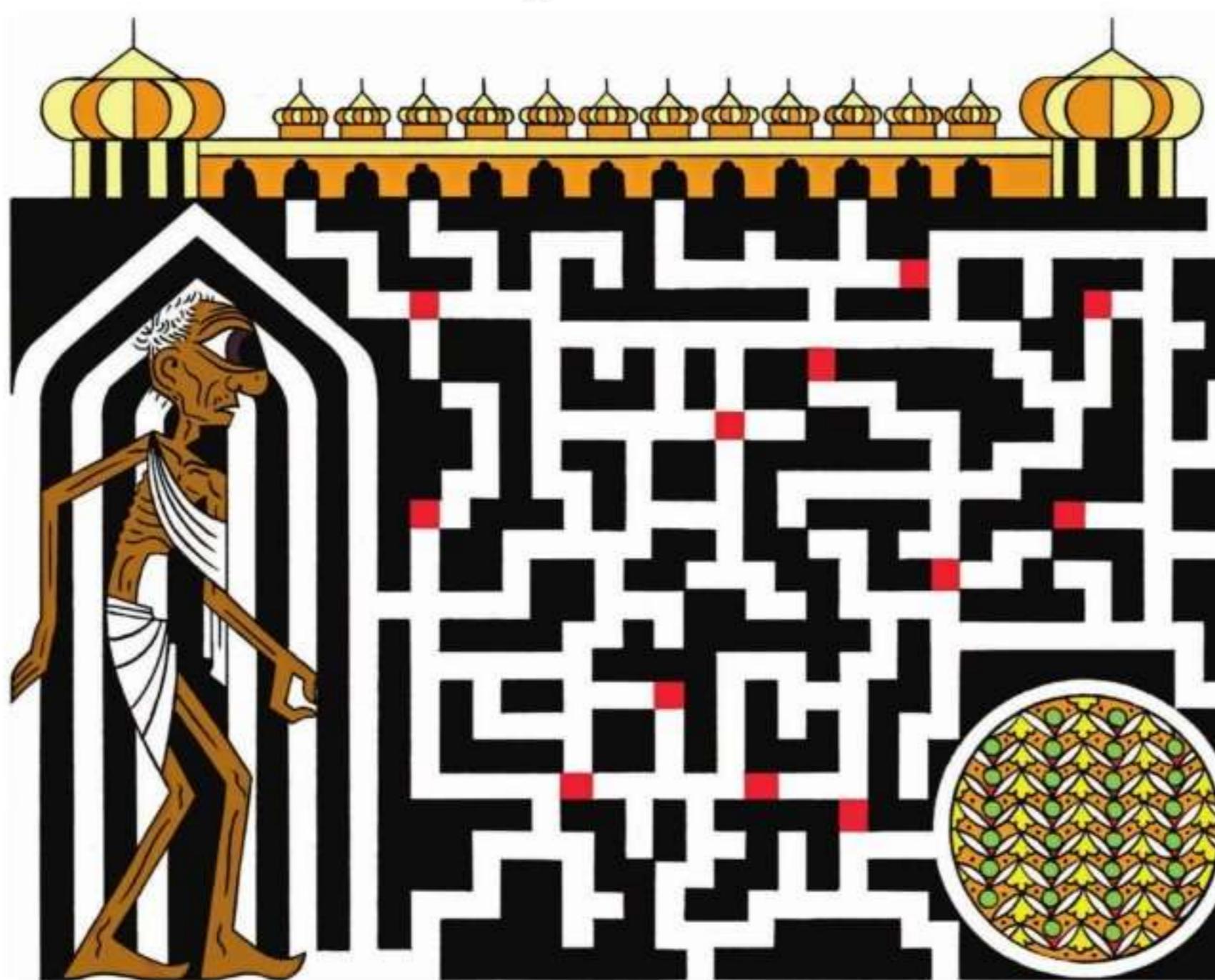


Illustration by Cheyenne Olivier

to come hidden in the dark of the night to demolish a part of the day's work.

I am not sure I entirely believe it, but it's a great story. Two interesting points come out of it. First, the nawab wanted people to work for their food. I am no expert, but I don't think that of an Indian tradition. Sita crossed the Lakshman Rekha to honour a beggar (Ravana in disguise) even though she was expressly forbidden to do so. She didn't think of what work she was going to ask him to do in return. *Bhikkhus* and *fakirs* have a very specific role in Indian religious culture, and both Hindu and Muslim families would think twice before turning either away, and would certainly never ask them to do something in return. On the other hand, the Rohilla chieftain Hafiz Rahmat Khan was using famine-hit labour for public construction, including for the famous Pilibhit mosque, even before 1780. Where did he get the idea?

Second, the dignity of the welfare recipients was important to the nawab. Whether or not I think this is the right priority, he cared about the fact that *ashraf*/Mussalmans would rather die than work shoulder-to-shoulder with their own servants, just as we children knew not to dig too deep when one of our once-prosperous relatives showed up without the gold bangle she always wore, and claimed it was lost.

Both these choices — should there be a work requirement and how to treat the beneficiaries — would become important issues for the British,

who, exactly around 1780, assumed the overlordship of large parts of northern India and, therefore, the responsibility for managing the periodic droughts and consequent famines that afflicted the area. Being a private company mostly dedicated to making money, this troubled them a lot. Land revenue was an important part of its earnings, and collections tended to fall in drought years. They were, therefore, not exactly keen to spend more money to help the starving.

But it was not possible to do nothing. During the 1783 famine, the fledgling East India Company administration discovered that many people left their homes in search of work and food and never came back. Others died. Large areas were depopulated. With no people to work the land, productivity and land revenue crashed.

Moreover, it is hard to get people to pay taxes to a state that seems indifferent to their well-being, and in those early days, the Company knew that it was being compared with the regimes it displaced (or was trying to displace), like Awadh. Finally, and perhaps equally importantly, on the ground, the Company was represented by people, British men and women, often quite young, for whom the starving faces and the piling dead bodies were a daily reality. They could not but want to do something. Fanny Eden, sister to Lord Auckland, the-then Governor-General of India, writing during the brutal 1838 famine, put it bluntly: "But it is no affection to say that when we sit

down to dinner with the band playing and all the pomp and circumstances of life about us, which is just as much kept up in a tent as anywhere else, my very soul sickens at the cries of the starving children outside which never seem to cease."

I know all this only because one of my dearest friends from my JNU years, Sanjay Sharma, is the author of the seminal book, 'Famine, Philanthropy and the Colonial State: North India in the Early Nineteenth Century'.

Sanjay observes that the bottom-up pressure to relieve the misery caused by the famines ran up against the growing influence of laissez-faire thinking in Britain at the time. Indeed, many of the ameliorative efforts by the local (British) administrators got squashed by their higher-ups. This, of course, was partly just being cheap. But there was a strong ideological element in it too, in keeping with the contemporary emphasis on "scientific economic basis" for charity, in contrast with Indian traditions, which placed a value on the giving itself. These were frequently described by British observers as irrational or hypocritical, based on piety and the desire to earn credit in heaven. 'Rational charity', on the other hand, was all about avoiding waste: "Overly generous" policies were frowned upon because they might encourage people to stop working and live off public munificence (they also cost the Company more).

The debate on how to ensure that charity was also 'good economics' went on for years. In the meanwhile, there were famines when little was done, and many died. It was only during the awful 1838 famine that Ms. Eden was writing about, that a clear policy of providing public employment to the need, much like in Lucknow and Pilibhit, emerged. However, Fanny's brother, the Governor-General, made sure that these jobs would be paid so little that only those who had no choice would take them. And to make it more acceptable to the devotees of economic rationality, the plan was to put the labour to good use. To build irrigation canals, which would raise productivity and prevent famines, and roads to move grains to where there was scarcity. In fact, many got built.

This only covered those who were able to work. The rest, like women with young children or the handicapped, were left to their fate. It was only after 1861 that the government started building poor-houses where such people could get some food, after many intense debates about just how little dal-roti could suffice.

None of this prevented the recurrence of murderous famines. Bad weather and blind ideology continued to take their toll. Estimates suggest that 8.2 million people died just in the 1876-78 famine. But for better or worse, these ideas continue to guide our approach to social transfers. MGNREGA, of course, is modelled exactly on the public works of the earlier periods, though Lord Auckland would have surely thought it was too generous. Perhaps as a result, it works. Research by Clement Imbert and John Papp shows that it reduces rural poverty

RECIPE FOR BAJRA KHICHDI

Put 1 cup bajra in a sauce pan with 3 cups of water and a pinch of salt and bring to boil. Turn off and cover. Leave for 1 hr and a half.

Drain. In a pressure cooker, heat 2 tbs ghee/oil at medium-high and put in a 1" piece of cinnamon, 4 cardamom pods, 2 cloves, 1 tsp cumin seeds and 2 bay leaves. After a minute,

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add 1 cup yellow mung dal, reduce heat to medium and fry till the dal starts to turn red. Add the drained millets, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp turmeric, 1/2 tsp deghi mirch, 1 cup chopped tomato and 3 cups of water. Put the lid on and cook at high pressure for 8 minutes and release the pressure. The bajra and the dal should be soft but not yet falling apart. While the pressure is on, fry 2 cups of cauliflower florets till nicely red. Add to the khichdi, along with 2 cups of frozen peas and 1 cup water. Simmer for 10 minutes. Fry 4 crushed cloves of garlic in 2 tbs ghee/oil along with a pinch of hing and 1 dried red chili till they turn red. Add 1/2 cup peanuts (or if you want to be fancy, cashews), fry for another minute and pour over the khichdi.

At the same time, our governments are still all too concerned with ensuring that only the truly desperate, prepared to navigate the bureaucratic mazes and not be discouraged by the many engineered dead-ends, get benefits. Getting a widow's pension in Delhi, a study by the World Bank's Sarika Gupta tells us, requires two visits, on average, to the local MLA among the many tedious and/or humiliating steps. As a result, many of the eligible just give up. Our recent work in Tamil Nadu finds something similar. Maybe we should consider relaxing a bit about keeping the undeserving out, so as not to exclude those in real need. And perhaps even try to be respectful of the beneficiary's humanity: I imagine the nawab sanctioning some *mithai* (*shahi tukra*) for his workers on the rare *parabas*. I suspect Lord Auckland wouldn't.

I imagine a household in famine times, relieved that they had resisted the Company's push towards cash crops and monocultures and planted some hardy millets that luckily survived the drought, making delicious khichdi with whatever else they had, scraps of vegetables, some dal and peanuts for protein.

This is part of a monthly column by Nobel-winning economist Abhijit Banerjee illustrated by Cheyenne Olivier.

She is Aiona, looks like Simran: Brazilian models becoming face of desi fashion

Their bronzed skin, toned physique and professional attitude has made models from Brazil very popular with Indian ad agencies and agents. And, it shows in the ads around us

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The distance from Bahia to Gurgaon, as the crow flies, is 13,500 km and spans three continents. But you wouldn't know that if you saw Aiona. Draped in a traditional sari and with jhumkas dangling from her ears, the 25-year-old from the Brazilian state known for its annual street samba carnival easily passes off as Indian.

So Indian, in fact, that it allowed her to transform her passion for fashion into a career. Now, for six months every year that she spends in India, she models — mostly Indian ethnic wear — for a living. The other six months, she flits between Asian countries for shoots.

Olá to chalo, chalo

"Whenever I enter a studio for a shoot, people think I am Indian, and automatically start talking to me in Hindi," Aiona chuckles. "Everyone is always going 'chalo, chalo'. I think they mean for us to hurry up." She has even picked up a smattering of Hindi — and there are no prizes for guessing that her most often used phrase is "chalo, chalo".

Aiona is among Brazilian women who are here, there and everywhere these days as 'Indian' and 'ethnic' faces of desi products — on giant billboards, on the pages of glossy mags and, most visibly, on e-commerce platforms, modelling everything from sarees to swimwear. You've probably seen them countless times flaunting ethnic wear, but never stopped to even think that they were not Indian.

For the longest time, Russian and Ukrainian models ruled the roost when it came to international models working in India, pri-



Aiona spends half the year in India. She mostly models ethnic wear

marily in the e-commerce space. But the tide is turning in favour of Brazilians, who are much in demand for their looks and professionalism. And because they are way easier on the pockets than their Indian counterparts.

She's got the look

Aiona, whose base while in India is Gurgaon, mostly shoots for Indian ethnic wear because Indian suits her more than Western. Like her, other Brazilian models' black hair and brown skin tone make them perfect for showcasing all things Indian. She herself enjoys such shoots, saying one of her favourite experiences was shooting a Diwali-special campaign, completely in traditional Indian attire, especially because it provided her an opportunity to learn about the festival itself.

Kapil Singh, an agent who worked previously with Viva Models, a modelling agency in Delhi-NCR, says there are many Brazilian models working in India because they can

A group of international models, most of them from Brazil

pass off as Indian. But in fashion, as in life, not everything is about looks.

Several fashion industry veterans say there are, in fact, brands that prefer Brazilian models over Indians because they are easier to work with. "They are simply more confident, and also more comfortable during fashion shoots," says a fashion industry insider: "Sometimes, Indian models are not comfortable with lingerie shoots, and that shows on their face in the final photographs. With Brazilian women, there's no problem."

Delhi-based designer Shilpi Gupta says Brazilian models are known for their versatility. "They are generally seen in fashion shows promoting everything from high-end fashion dresses, casual wear and swimwear. Their toned physique makes them a good fit for commercials that promote activewear, fitness apparel and so on," says Gupta.

Work more, charge less

Of course, everything boils down to cold, hard cash. Almost everyone TOI spoke to said it made financial sense to employ Brazilian models because their financial demands are lower.

An Indian model is paid Rs 40,000 per day for a shoot. But an 'international' model (now, mostly Brazilians) of the same level would charge Rs 20,000 to Rs 25,000 for the same work, depending on the brand, a source in the fashion industry says.

Despite the pay inequality, Brazilian models keep coming back to India because the work is stable here. Added to that is the recognition they get from Indian work. An "Indian experience" opens up the Far East for most, helping them bag lucrative contracts in places like Hong Kong and Vietnam.

The fashion industry is a highly unorganised sector, so there's no fixed range of pay for models. International models are overworked and underpaid, across brands and platforms. But they don't complain, say agents. "They do 40-50 garment changes a day and work Mondays through Fridays, which is why many brands prefer hiring them," says another fashion industry insider.

A source with a Delhi-based fashion company, who has worked with several Brazilian models in the past, says an Indian model would give up if asked to do 40 garments a day. "But I have yet to come across a Brazilian model who did that. They go through the entire shoot without a fuss," he says.

The way fast fashion brands are growing in India, there is no dearth of work for the models, who often work on very tight schedules and shoot for up to five hours a day almost every day, says Singh, the modelling agent.

Trailblazers

Brazilians are, of course, no strangers to Indian fashion or showbiz. Bruna Abdullah, the most well-known among them, has had a long career in India, graduating from fashion to films. And much before Aiona landed in Delhi for the first time, filmmaker Intiaz Ali had cast Giselli Monteiro as Punjabi girl Harleen Kaur, opposite Saif Ali Khan, in 'Love Aaj Kal'. Bruna Bernardes Melo, another to make it big in the modelling world, has worked with top fashion and jewellery brands.

"The fact that Brazilian models

have made it to Bollywood is another reason why these girls come to work in India," points out an agent with a modelling agency.

In Gurgaon, meanwhile, which is a hub of modelling and advertising agencies because of e-commerce and retail companies located there, there is a community of Brazilian models who share not just agents and assignments, but also homes.

Leticia, who is from Minas Gerais, the state that gave the world the most famous Brazilian — football legend Pele, who is worshipped by millions of Indians — says that when she had come to India a couple of years ago on an assignment for the first time, she hadn't seen any others from her country around.

Now things are different, she says. "It was a struggle for me the last time because I did not know anyone from my country," she said. Aiona, meanwhile, has picked up English and doesn't have to just rely on 'chalo, chalo' as she builds more Indian bonds.

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Indian shippies vital to global trade, but it's not always smooth sailing

For young Indians, life at sea comes with the promise of money, adventure, but their vessels can become floating prisons

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The 21 Indian seafarers who saved hundreds of lives with a timely SOS call after their cargo ship, MV Dalni, collided with a Baltimore bridge last month are still stuck in the ship with no definite timeline for their rescue yet. A bridge collision may be unusual but being trapped at sea happens far more often than we think.

While a job in a commercial vessel comes with the promise of good money and adventure for Indian seafarers, that same ship can turn into a floating prison.

Two hundred and seventy-one days. That's how long Mumbai seafarer Siyaab Salaam spent captive in a small island located off the coast of Indonesia's Sumatra when his ship carrying asphalt was grounded due to stormy weather. Indonesian port authorities demanded compensation for environmental damage which the shipping company refused to pay. Salaam and two other Indian officers onboard MV Aashi were detained in Indonesia, while the rest of the crew was sent home.

As days stretched into months, embassies and unions got involved and assurances of a quick resolution faded. "I was allowed to visit a nearby mosque where I would pray and talk to my family. They were trying their best to secure my release, and that got me through this difficult time," says 32-year-old Salaam, who was chief officer.

Salaam returned home in November 2023. To get pending wages and insurance money, he is filing RTIs and sending legal notices to the shipping company. After nearly 20 years in the industry, he's unsure if he will ever sail again. "Aisi cheez se nikalne mein bohot samay lagta hai (it takes a long time to get over the trauma). You do everything for the company, handling cargo worth billions of dollars, risking your life.... But

when you need them, they wash their hands of you," he rues.

As many 'shippies' found out during Covid lockdowns, companies are quick to leave crews drifting at sea with no visas, wages or rations. Then there is the problem of piracy. Since the Houthis attacks, experts say cargo ships have become more vulnerable to attack as they slow down to await instructions on whether to proceed to the Red Sea. Last week, the Indian Navy recaptured a ship from Somalis pirates and rescued 18 Indian seafarers who had been stranded for three months off the coast of Yemen.

Some would consider them lucky. In its January 2024 report, the International Transport Workers Federation said that 132 vessels with 1,676 seafarers were abandoned in 2023 across the world, an increase of 10% from 2022. Out of that, 400 were Indians. Under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, a seafarer is abandoned if the shipowner fails to cover cost of repatriation, leaves him without necessary maintenance, or unilaterally severs ties including failure to pay wages for at least two months.

Despite such adversities, India is the world's third largest supplier of sailors globally, and their numbers rose from 1 lakh in 2013 to 2.5 lakh in 2022. Of the 60,000 vessels in the world, Indians make up 12-13% of the workforce.

A life at sea sounded exciting to 20-year-old Avikar Jagtap, hailing from a family of farmers in Nashik, who paid Rs 1 lakh to an agent in December last year. But Jagtap found himself in a cramped cargo ship which was going from Iran to Kuwait. His job was to wash the engines for which he was promised a salary of Rs 30,000, along with food and travel expenses.

Just after a month on board, the ship sank near the Kuwait border. The seven crew members dived into the ocean with their life jackets, but only the two Indians survived.

When investigation began, they were even thought of as terror suspects. It was only after lobbying by the All India Seafarers Union (AISU) that Jagtap finally made it back to India. "We had to prove that they are Indian citizens first," says Abhijeet Sangale, AISU president. But Jagtap has yet to receive any salary, and the incident has left him scarred for life.

EX-SEAMAN THROWS THEM A LIFELINE

Hello and welcome to TOI's monthly roundup on gender, politics and culture. In a world where men still run most of the gigs and hog the mics, here's where we say it like we see it

TALKING POINT

SEEING RED OVER PINK TAX

Being a woman, people on the internet sometimes joke, is expensive. More so, because certain products marketed to women tend to be pricier than their male counterpart, even when it is functionally rather similar. Called 'pink tax', it tends to apply to consumer goods like personal care products, toys and even certain services. Recently, Biocare chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw posted a video about this phenomenon in India, calling on women to boycott such products.

IT'S NOT JUST AN INDIAN PROBLEM

A 2015 study by the New York City department of consumer affairs found that commodities that perform the same function tend to cost 7% more for women, on average. Personal care products were the worst, with a 13% price differential between genders. Adult clothing and health care prod-

PAID LESS BUT WE PAY MORE

This inequity is only worsened by the global pay gap — so women are making less money, but products aimed at them cost more. Women earn 16% less than men on average, earning 84 cents on every dollar made by men. Plus, taxes on feminine hygiene products only make matters worse.

WHAT'S THE LOGIC?

Some of the reasons given for prevalence of the pink tax are rooted in the notion that if women are willing to pay more for the same products, why should the market not utilise that? Others argue that these products are not actually the same. One of the examples in the 2015 New York study was a scooter for kids — a red one is half the price of one that is pink. The argument here is that because they may make more red scooters, they're cheaper to manufacture. Another study

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



ucts were both at 8%, with girls' toys being 7% more expensive. Therefore, the incidence of women paying more for functionally the same product was at 42%, whereas the incidence of the genders paying equally was 40%. The study concluded that "women are paying thousands of dollars more over the course of their lives to purchase similar products as men." Another study from the US found that even services like dry cleaning are more expensive for women. Prices for dry cleaning women's shirts were a whopping 90% more expensive than men's shirts. In the UK, deodorant for women was 9% more expensive than for men, while moisturiser was 34% steeper. Even school uniforms are 12% more expensive for girls in the UK, a 2021 study found. In Singapore, there are insurance schemes that are priced higher for women.

found that the formulations of personal care products were often different for women, with moisturiser added, for instance. But they were unsure why moisturiser is added for women — do they want it or is it just an expectation created by the market?

But with something like a razor, it's challenging to reasonably argue that they're different. A razor; no matter what colour it is or what its packaging says, is a razor. Women may choose to buy a product marketed specifically to them because of perceived benefit, but this does not mean that we have no agency here. Many, as Mazumdar-Shaw suggests, can refuse to buy products with gender-based price discrimination. But for that we have to be aware of it. There is value in wresting back control over our pockets (even if they're literally smaller than those of men).

STATS STACK

11 states have more women voters than men in 2024, and Kerala accounts for the highest number
Source: Quantum Hub report



GENDER NEWS FROM THE WORLD

Scotland gets new hate speech law
A new law in Scotland makes threatening or abusive behaviour on the basis of characteristics including age, disability, religion, sexual orientation and transgender identity an offense, AP reports. A forthcoming law will tackle sexism against women.

SEEN AND HEARD



Oh, to be alone and loving it
The joys of being alone — no, not lonely — can be easily overlooked. But, as portrayed by Mexican illustrator Idalia Candelas, being alone can be freeing, empowering and just plain old fun. Her illustrations feature women alone in their homes, content and happy. Whether they're reading a book in bed or making themselves a delicious breakfast, there is a serenity and ease to them



TWO READS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

Gisele on healthy food, unhealthy relationships

Supermodel Gisele Bündchen is intimately familiar with attention, whether that's the camera flashing as she sashays down the runway or the intense scrutiny of paparazzi following her divorce with NFL player Tom Brady. In an NYT profile, she opens up about leaving the relationship and its aftermath — accusations of infidelity flooded her, as she was recovering from two surgeries. Bündchen describes finding her footing as a single mom and creating lives for her children that resemble the one she grew up with.

Whose life is it anyway?

In late 19th century Sweden, debates about male and female sexuality and its relationship with power were raging. At the same time, a literary story about gendered power dynamics was playing out. Victoria Benedictsson had been publishing her writing under a male pseudonym, until a neighbour revealed her identity and she began to transform into the man she was writing as. Benedictsson died by suicide a few years later, that's where August Strindberg came in. Strindberg used Benedictsson's suicide and her fluid gender identity in the play Miss Julie, which he submitted to a publisher mere days after her death. The story of this identity theft, elaborated in a great piece on Aeon, is fascinating and complex.

Deepali Sinha, who led first all-woman Himalayan expedition

Women We Owe



Sinha's most recent expedition to the mountains was a 65-year-old

the 20,000-feet high Nanda Ghunti peak in Garhwal. "Two sherpas from Darjeeling were staying in my house and we had started packing after submitting our plan to the Indian Mountaineering Federation in Delhi. Suddenly came a thunderbolt from the IMF."

"Their letter said, 'You cannot go for this expedition as at least 40 percent of the team should have advanced training to be permitted to go beyond 20,000 feet.' Seven of us had only basic training. We were all in a fix. People started crying," says Sinha, who approached Congress leader Prafulla Chandra Sen.

She requested him to "take a stern step and help us in this matter", saying

this would be the first-ever ladies' mountaineering expedition from Eastern India. It was a simple, handwritten letter he wrote to "Indu" aka then PM Indira Gandhi that cleared the path for India's first all-woman expedition.

Deepali would go on to complete 12 expeditions. "Mountains can never be conquered. They can only be worshipped," she says, distilling her learnings from each one. "You should respect nature, respect the sherpa and the local culture."

Seven years ago, Deepali joined two women from her 1967 Roni team on a trip to the 13,000-ft Chandratal in Spiti Valley. The trio marked the 50th anniversary of their landmark expedition by creating another headline. "Inshallah, if I live until 2027, we will go to the mountains again to celebrate our 60th," says the 72-year-old, who keeps herself busy with camping activities and seminars as the head of a non-profit that provides adventure gear and opportunities to underprivileged students.

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PM: Cong manifesto cut off from country's aspirations

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Pushkar/Saharanpur: The Ram temple and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's reference to 'shakti' — PM Modi referred to these recurrent themes in his speeches at election rallies in UP and Rajasthan on Saturday. Criticising Congress poll manifesto, he said it is "completely cut off from the country's aspirations and cannot take the nation forward in the 21st century. Modi is for the nation, 24x7 for 2047."

"In Ayodhya, Ram Lalla's temple was not an electoral promise, but our mission. This Ram Navami, Ram ji will give darshan not in a tent but in a massive temple," he said in Saharanpur.

Referring to remarks on 'shakti' by Rahul Gandhi, but without naming him, Modi said, "Can anyone destroy 'shakti'? Can anyone challenge the power of

'shakti'? What happened to those who tried to destroy 'shakti'? Well, it is all mentioned in the Puranas. This place is 'mahashakti'."

Attacking SP-Congress pact, PM Modi said, "Two boys (Rahul and Akhilesh Yadav) whose film was a huge flop last time, have released the same film again. I don't understand 'kaath ki handi ke ye INDI gathbandhan wale kitni baar chalayenge'?"

On triple talaq, Modi said, "We got rid of the hanging sword. Muslim daughters will

continue to bless me for centuries to come."

Congress had unveiled its manifesto, Nyay Patra, in Delhi on April 5, and was slammed by BJP as "unrealistic". Modi asked the crowd if it believed Congress can work in favour of the country. The crowd's response was a resounding "No".

Speaking in Pushkar, he criticised Congress for punishing a party politician simply for attending consecration of Ram Lalla idol in Ayodhya. "Is it dignified for Congress to

penalise its leader for participating in the ceremony in Ayodhya? It doesn't end there, they have expelled the leader for six years," he said, adding, "Can you even imagine our country without Lord Ram? In our culture, we greet each other with 'Ram Ram', and even at funerals we chant 'Ram Naam'."

He said Congress feels it is their birthright to hurl insults at Modi. "I am a worker who can withstand any amount of abuse thrown my way..." Modi said.

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SP Mukherjee was part of Muslim League govt in Bengal in 1940s': Cong hits back at PM

Congress on Saturday hit back at PM Modi over his remarks, saying the PM "does not know his history".

It also accused BJP of practising "politics of divisiveness". Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "PM does not know his history. It was, in fact, Syama Prasad Mukherjee, president of Hindu Mahasabha then, who was part of a coalition govt in Bengal with Muslim League in early 1940s." PTI

Arunachal man dies in Kerala assault, 10 held

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Mumbai: A teenager from Mumbai's Nalasopara died by suicide hours after he was cheated of Rs 2 lakh in a cyber fraud on Wednesday. The 18-year-old, playing games on his mother's phone, could have unwittingly clicked on a fraudulent link that wiped off money from his father's bank account.

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This election will be for 'Viksit Bharat': Yogi

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The Guardian report, quoting 'intelligence operatives' under the headline 'Indian govt ordered killings in Pakistan, intelligence officials claim' had purportedly stated that "Indian govt assassinated individuals in Pakistan as part of a wider strategy to eliminate terrorists living on foreign soil".

Yogi said at the rally, "This election will be for 'Viksit Bharat', and today we don't need to vote for BJP based on caste, appeasement and community factors, but for a developmental future of this nation."

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NIA attacked locals, entered women's homes at night: Didi

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najpur: Were women expected to "wear bangles and stay at home" when they found their honour and dignity at stake as outsiders entered their homes and villages in the dead of night, Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee asked a few hours after violence marred NIA arrests of two 2022 blast suspects in East Midnapore's Bhupatinagar on Saturday.

Bengal BJP's Suvendu Adhikari urged EC on Saturday to act against state DGP, East Midnapore SP, and two more cops after angry villagers' attack on NIA officers when they went to Bhupatinagar to arrest two 2022 blast suspects in a pre-dawn operation, report Dwaiapayan Ghosh & Debasish Konar.

"It is due to Mamata Banerjee's repeated instigation that even after ED officials were attacked in Sandeshkhali, Trinamool still dared to attack NIA officials," he claimed.

A BJP delegation led by Sisir Bajaria submitted a memorandum to state chief electoral officer Bratya Basu demanding removal of the cops "for their alliance with the party in office".

Bengal governor CV Ananda Bose described the assault on NIA as a "deplorable trend that should be put down with an iron hand".

Countering the allegations, state minister Bratya Basu said: "CBI, ED, I-T, and now NIA... we are losing patience. The manner in which a central agency is being misused... EC needs to ensure a level-playing field. This is selective targeting of opposition."

BJP state chief Sukanta Majumdar posted on X: "Under Mamata Banerjee's misrule, WB remains lawless."

CPI's Samik Lahiri said the attack was a result of BJP and TMC walking hand-in-hand before LS elections. "After ED officers were attacked in Sandeshkhali, they did nothing for 19 days before tamely putting up a notice on main accused Shahjahan's residence. These are goths where criminals thrive," he said.

"NIA and CBI are BJP's brothers. ED and I-T department are BJP's funding boxes. State police are guarding you, protecting you throughout the year. Suddenly, during elections, BSF, CISF personnel troop in. Why?" she asked. "If you have confidence, fight democratically and win. We want EC to work impartially, and not turn into a BJP-run commission," she added.

Banerjee equated Saturday's Bhupatinagar violence with what happened in Nandigram in 2021. "I condemn the attack on Bhupatinagar's women. This is how you had captured Nandigram. You disconnected power and cheated during counting after transferring police officers. The case is still pending in court," she said. "But traitors should remember they are forgiven neither by people nor by God."

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NIA files complaint regarding obstruction, assault of its team

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In the assault by some "miscreants" at Jana's house, an NIA team member sustained minor injury and a vehicle was damaged due to stone pelting.

The aggressive crowd also tried to stop the team and its security component from moving towards Bhupatinagar police station early in the morning, seeking help. "While a local police team was leaving with NIA officials to assist them, information came that another NIA team had already raided the village and arrested two persons. This led to tension locally," he said. Accused Jana

and Maity were found to have conspired to manufacture and explode crude bombs to spread terror. One such bomb was allegedly used in the Bhupatinagar blast.

TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee has asked state minister Chandrima Bhattacharya and party leader Kunal Ghosh to rush to Bhupatinagar, while opposition's Suvendu Adhikari has urged EC to act against state DGP, East Midnapore SP and Bhupatinagar OC.

A time of gloom, says Sonia, asks voters to teach BJP a lesson

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This was Sonia's first visit to Rajasthan after being elected to Rajya Sabha from the state.

At the Vidyadhar Nagar stadium rally, Congress bigwigs accused Modi govt of deceiving voters with false promises and using big slogans to hide reality of unemployment, inflation and distress in every sector.

Unsparking in her condemnation of govt, Sonia said: "Democratic institutions raised with hard work are being weakened with weapons of political power; a conspiracy is being hatched to change our Constitution; and fear is being instilled in the system. This is nothing but dictatorship."

The former Congress president said in past 10 years, Modi govt has only promoted inequality and atrocities. "It is a time of gloom

Is baar, Vindhya paar? Anti-Hindi wall coming down

RIGHT & WRONG

SWAPAN DASGUPTA

Last week, Narendra Modi's phone call to Rekha Patra, the feisty lady from Sandeshkhali who has been selected as the local BJP candidate, was lauded as a piece of innovative electioneering. There is, however, another feature of the three-minute conversation that is also significant: the relative ease with which Rekha was able to converse with the Prime Minister in Hindi.

There may be specific reasons why the wife of a migrant worker with an elementary school education and possibly minimal exposure to the metropolis was able to acquire fluency in Hindi. But assuming she was just an average villager from the inaccessible backwaters of southern Bengal, it would indicate that lofty theories of the aloofness and insularity of eastern India may well be overstated.

The issue isn't merely one of academic hair-splitting. In a general election where the chief interest revolves around the size of the ruling coalition's majority, the voting behaviour of states that are not part of BJP's traditional areas of influence will command special attention. If BJP is to realise its '400 paar' ambitions, it must achieve electoral breakthroughs in southern and eastern India, particularly in the states of Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. According to the 'federal' narrative, these two states, along with Andhra Pradesh and Kerala, are impregnable barriers to the spread of BJP's supposed Hindu-centric, Hindu nationalism.

At one time, the great anti-Hindu wall was seen to stretch across the entire south of the Vindhya and eastern India. However, over the years, Karnataka has incorporated Hindutva into its DNA, as has Assam, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, and Bengali-speaking Tripura in the east. Political punditry seems to also favour to the view that it is only a matter of time before Odisha joins the saffron party.

Critics of BJP have for long maintained that its Hindudomestic orientation would be a deterrent to the party acquiring a truly pan-Indian character. During the Ayodhya movement in the 1990s, it was said that the movement appealed only to upper castes and would repel backward castes and Dalits. The opposite has turned out to be the case and over the past three decades, BJP has transformed itself into an OBC party. In the past five years, its social reach has sought to be consciously extended to adivasis and Dalits. In Assam, BJP has emerged as the chief defender of indigenous identities encroachers. In Tripura, it has replaced CPM as the party of Bengali refugees.

Although Hindi continues to be the BJP's lingua franca, the resistance to it has been blunted by the overriding importance given to regional languages by state



CROSSING LANGUAGE BARRIER: Except in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, the resistance to BJP's lingua franca has been largely blunted

units. At the same time, the conscious devaluation of English as the link language of politics — as opposed to its use in administration — has injected a populist, anti-elitist dimension to its appeal in the non-Hindi belt. Apart from Tamil Nadu, there is no conscious resistance to the use of Hindi as a link language. Anecdotal evidence also suggests that comfort levels with Hindi are highest among those who attended school after the 1980s. This may be a possible reason why old-style politics centred on provoking an aesthetic disdain of Hindi belt doesn't cut ice in much of India.

The exceptions are West Bengal and Tamil Nadu where both Mamata Banerjee and DMK ideologues have based their regional appeal on the dissemination of hatred for 'outsiders' from the north. As the original anti-Brahmin party that espoused atheistic rationalism, DMK still feels compelled to launch broadsides against sanatan dharma. Despite the party's social expansion, it has attempted to project the BJP as a Mylapore Brahmin grouping.

Trinamool Congress is more cautious and doesn't like to be perceived as anti-Hindi. At the same time, it is often forthright in signalling that Ram bhakti and vegetarianism are at odds with Bengal's Shakti traditions built around worship of powerful feminine deities.

In warding off the challenge posed by BJP, Mamata Banerjee has managed to cobble together two tendencies. First, her projection of Bengali cultural superiority has appealed to the Left-leaning, Brahmo Samaj-admiring, non-temple going intellectual elite that sets the cultural tone for the bhadralok. Secondly, she has nurtured a boisterous Hindu culture organised around different pujas where worship takes a backseat. These pujas form the nucleus of her party organisation.

While BJP has so far not made a mark intervening in the cultural politics of Bengal, it has successfully proffered a critique of Dravidian ideology in Tamil Nadu. How far this aggressive, non-Brahmin Hindutva has impacted public opinion will be tested in the polls. Also likely to be tested is the Bengal BJP's accidental discovery of subaltern Hindu communities to outflank Mamata's urban bastions, firmly controlled by a腐rupt culturally dominant bhadralok.

According to exit polls, BJP secured the support of more than 50% Hindu voters in the 2021 assembly polls. At the same time, it won just one of the 120 or so seats in and around Kolkata. Mamata's regional appeal, it would seem, rests almost entirely on solid support from Bengal's 32%-strong Muslim community. ■

Why we shouldn't go down Trump's 'protectionist' path and raise tariffs

SWAMINOMICS

SWAMINATHAN SANKLESARIA AIYAR

Opinion polls predict that Narendra Modi and Donald Trump will win their respective elections in India and the US. Both are high on nationalist rhetoric and making their countries great again. When in office, Trump imposed import tariffs of 25% on steel, 10% on aluminum, and 30-50% on solar panels and washing machines. He later imposed tariffs on over \$300 billion of Chinese imports on the ground of unfair competition. His aim was to increase domestic investment and create more jobs in the US, which he claimed had been lost to unfair competition.

This sparked enthusiasm in the Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM), the economic arm of the RSS. Like Trump, it had long bemoaned the slow-

ness of domestic manufacturing and threat from Chinese competition, and saw Trump's initiative as a route to follow. Its influence was notable: in 10 years of BJP rule, the average tariff on Indian imports has risen from 11% to 17%.

In 2020, Modi gave India the new slogan of 'atmanirbhar'. This can be interpreted as self-sufficiency — a model that failed terribly under Indira Gandhi — or self-reliance, which can mean that India pays for itself in the world without depending on aid and concessions. Modi has stressed that atmanirbhar does not mean isolation or autarky, but means inter-dependence, producing for the world as well as India. But many BJP ministers speak of atmanirbhar as a form of import substitution, threatening a return to the failed policies of the 1970s.

What will happen if Modi and Trump both win their elections? Trump has already promised that, if elected, he will impose a flat 10% import tariff on all goods plus high tariffs on China and others that

he accuses of unfair trade. SJM and industrial lobbies may press for similar actions by India.

This must be resisted strongly. Many studies of Trump's high tariffs have revealed dismal outcomes. His rhetoric appealed to US workers who saw immediate advantages in reduced competition from abroad. But the net effect was negative. One reason was that trading partners — including India — retaliated by raising their tariffs against US exports. What steel workers may have gained was lost by others.

Did new steel and aluminium plants sprout all over the US after Trump's tariffs? Not at all. Old steel plants based on blast furnaces are still closing down because making steel from iron ore is uneconomic in the US. But their steel plants based on electric arc furnaces, using steel scrap as raw material, are expanding because the US produces a huge amount of scrap — mostly from junked vehicles. The US is a leader in this technology, and such production is

expanding, creating new jobs. But the old jobs in blast furnaces will never come back.

Meanwhile, the tariffs have made steel and aluminum costlier in the US and, hence, raised the cost of everything made with steel. This has affected competitiveness of US products made with metals, costing jobs there. Trump's tariffs are part of the reason for higher inflation that has forced the Federal Reserve to hike interest rates. That, in turn, has slowed GDP through less investment and a huge increase in mortgage lending rates, affecting every American house-buyer and the building industry.

A 2019 study in the Journal of Economic Perspectives found that by December 2018, Trump's tariffs were reducing GDP by \$1.4 billion per month in deadweight losses and costing consumers \$3.2 billion per month. A study by Federal Reserve Board economists Russ and Cox found that the tariffs reduced employment in the American manufacturing sector, the very opposite of Trump's intention.

Deutsche Bank calculated that the tariffs hit the US stock market and reduced market capitalisation by \$5 trillion through May 2019.

The Congressional Budget Office had estimated that Trump's tariffs — which were to come down over time — would reduce GDP immediately, with the impact peaking in 2020 and then subsiding. It projected GDP to be reduced by 0.5% and consumer prices to be higher by 0.5% in 2020. So, the tariffs would reduce average household income by \$1.277.

Meanwhile, US trade deficit rose inexorably under Trump till Covid shrank the economy. This demonstrated that the trade deficit was a consequence not of unfair trade but of high fiscal deficits and easy monetary policy.

Whether this will convince the SJM one cannot say. But the studies of Trump's tariffs should give pause to those in the BJP that think higher tariffs are the way to create more manufacturing and jobs. ■

Hello Beijingpur & Shangli: Sweet revenge on the not-so-sweet Chini

TONGUE-IN-CHIC

CHIDANAND RAJGHATTA

West Taiwan (formerly China) is at it again, renaming 30 more towns in Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian state that it claims. This is simply unacceptable. Bharat that is India should do 'kadi ninda' and give 'muh tod jawab' aka befitting reply — with words. In other words, we should export more words if we can't match China (West Taiwan) in exporting anything else. Hell, if we can't get back at them militarily, we should at least beat them up with parody, satire, memes, spoofs and assorted humour:

In this spirit, recent investigation by noted archaeologist and historian Bharata Khanda into the names of Chinese cities has thrown up their historical ties to India that is Bharat. It turns out that our 'atoot ang' extends way beyond Kabul and Kashmir and Kashgar. In fact, it extends so far that instead of sitting on our haunches, we should be having atoot angst. It is time New Delhi puts its foot down (since we are loath to put boots on the ground) and asserts its historical ties with Chinese cities, claims that are as authentic as the Chinese claim on Indian settlements.

In this accommodating excursion, here are the previously Indian names of some major Chinese cities, including a brief historical account of each, with the caveat: don't expect China to get the joke.

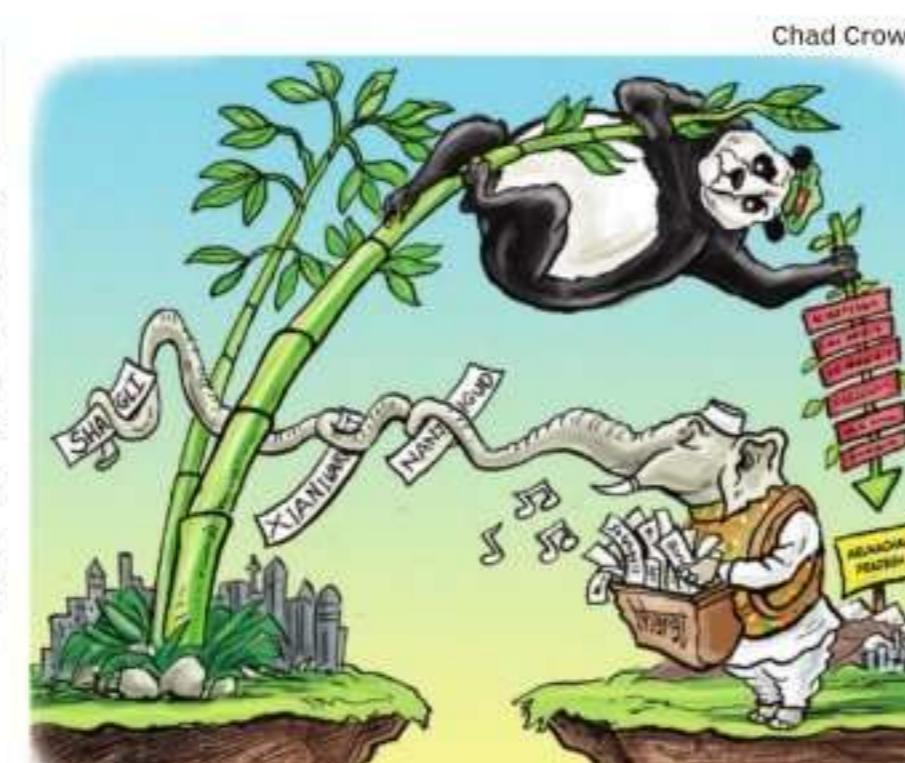
Beijing: Called Beijingpur, originally Bejaunpur, a lifeless city. Named after an Indian tribe called Bejaans who migrated from Delhi 2,000 years ago because the Indian summer heat drained them of all energy.

Shanghai: Originally Shangli — a Maratha city conquered by a determined (and as handsome as possible) chronicler. They shuttled between here and a nearby twin city called Yahan and eventually came to be called the Yahan-Wahan tribe. Yahan is now a lost city somewhere near Wahan or Wuhan.

Jinan: Capital of Shandong province in Eastern China. Overrun by Indians led by Jinanath Chini in 300BC. His followers settled down here singing 'Jinan marna yahan'. Eventually they became servile to Han Chinese, and came to be called Han-jis.

Chengdu: Also called Chengdu during the time of Ramayana Vastavayya, the Telugu troubadour who travelled here and spread Telugu song, letters, and literature.

Suzhou, Hangzhou, Changzhou: Cities first established by the Chudasama dynasty from Gujrat. Known in China as the Zhoudasama dynasty.



Xian: Originally called Xianivarpet or Shani-varpet. A saturnine, star-crossed city that was Khunned by everyone after it was established by Bajirao's rebel son Changan Bhujbal. Many settlers became followers of Jesus and came to be called Christians.

Tianjin: Site of conquest by Raja Raja Chola (Cho La, in Chinese) who named it Thanjavur after a city in Tamil Nadu, before it was shortened to Thanji and later Tianjin. Further south is another Chinese city called Kunming, believed to have been founded by conquerors from Kunnnathur; near Erode.

Nanjing: Originally known as Nanjingud or Nanjangud, site of Hoysala conquest and named after Indian monk Nanja (Nan Ji in Chinese) who was famous for drinking poison for pleasure.

Similarly, there are many other Chinese cities steeped in Indian antiquity. Guangzhou was originally a Kashmire settlement called Ganju, later called Ganga Nagar; Chongqing was a Bengali colony called Chondrapore; and Hangzhou was definitely Hajiupur, settled by Yadavs (called Ya Dav in Chinese).

Some Chinese cities and provinces (eg Fujian, Dalian, Changsha) are thought to have Punjabi origins, others (eg Anbei, Yantai, Urumqi) are Tamil, and still others (eg Nantong, Nanchang, Ningbo etc) are tied to Karnataka. Many provinces have strong ties to the cow belt — eg Hainan, Henan, Hunan and Yunnan.

According to some chroniclers, China was so much in awe of Indian conquerors that they named a whole province after an Indian city — Jhansi — that engendered a daring queen. In China, she is known as Jiangxi Rani Lax Mi Bai.

In fact, China itself was called Cheen or Cheen Na in Hindi, an expression that means grab or snatch. But when Indians found it became harder as the years rolled by, it was corrupted to Chini, meaning sugar, in an effort to win it over with sweet overtures.

China responded to that with bitterness, putting an end to the outreach. ■

INBOX

Path to saving our hill stations

Rajni George's column 'What a hit film...' (ATM, Mar 31) has rightly pointed out the importance of hit films in creating public awareness about saving our hill stations. But this alone can't serve the purpose. In addition to films, environmental science should be made a compulsory subject in schools. Further, regulating authorities should put strict restrictions on tourist carrying capacity of hills and impose a complete ban on the use of plastic bags. Proper environmental awareness will pave the way for an amicable solution for saving our hills.

— Vipul Pande, Nainital

Fixing placement woes

V Ramgopal Rao's suggestions in his column, 'Placement slowing down...' (ATM, Mar 31) are highly relevant to colleges in shaping a better placement structure for students. In the current socioeconomic development and political scenario in India, colleges must also focus on developing professional skills and practical capabilities among students.

— D V Amla, Lucknow

Sexism in politics

Apropos of the column 'Kangana badnaam hui...' (ATM, Mar 31), it has never been easy for women, more so the ones from a film background, to enter, survive and thrive in the political world. Supriya Shrinate's comments on Kangana once again reinforce the view that women actors, irrespective of their talents, continue to be objectified in politics. In this no-holds-barred campaign, everything is fair game. It is for EC to ensure that lines are not crossed.

— Kamma Chhabra, Gurugram

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Piketty's wrong again. We should be happy India is creating billionaires

BY INVITATION

NITIN PAI

To a man with a hammer, everything looks like a nail. Thomas Piketty, economist and writer of big fat books, believes that economic inequality is a problem and higher taxes on the rich are the solution. To this end, he has enlisted social scientists from around the world to cast inequality as a global problem. It's a little like European communists who, a century ago, zeroed in on class struggle as the big problem and went around the world looking for it.

Now, inequality might be a serious social problem in rich western countries. I do not know enough of those societies to comment. It is definitely a popular cause with the western Left, although recent research shows that the extent of inequality might have been overstated even in the US. What I do know is that inequality is not a problem that policymakers in India should worry too much about. Our foremost economic challenge is to create sustainable growth and opportunities for hundreds of millions of people for the foreseeable future.

It is important to underscore the importance of economic growth, free markets and globalisation because for several years, Piketty and colleagues have been advertising how contemporary India is more unequal than the British Raj and the post-Independence socialist era. Their new report is titled 'Income and Wealth Inequality in India, 1922-2023: The Rise of the Billionaire Raj'. The implication, of course, is that India must abandon its growth path and return to the warm embrace of socialism.

The period after 1991 — which Piketty condemns for rising inequality — is a historic one for India. Estimates vary but over 400 million Indians pulled themselves out of poverty in the past two decades. This is an achievement on a scale matched only by China. Compare this to the first three decades of independent India when the number of people living in poverty increased. There was lower inequality because people were equally poor. And compare this with the British Raj during which the population plunged into poverty and famine. Tens of millions of Indians died because of colonial policy. It is laughable to suggest that Indians today are worse off than during the colonial and socialist periods.

Piketty and colleagues do not explain how they arrived at the conclusion. Anyone measuring income and wealth in India is skating on thin ice. Not all farmers are poor, but they are outside the income-tax net. Wealth invested in real estate and gold is hard to cal-

culate. Furthermore, there are strong incentives to under-report income and wealth, because passing off as poor entitles you to a variety of subsidies and incentives. So, what we have are broad estimates, and we should be careful how we use them.

This does not mean inequality has not risen in the post-reform period. I am sure it has. A software engineer in Bengaluru, plugged into the global economy, has enjoyed massive increases in productivity and income compared to a rural farm worker in Uttar Pradesh. Over three decades, the divergence in wealth can be significant.

The policy challenge for India is how to increase productivity — and, thus, incomes — in agriculture, low-skilled manufacturing and urban services. More than redistribution, the answer is in skilling, transportation infrastructure and market development. I will not be surprised if national highways, trains, airports and a national common market (through GST) have done a lot more to raise incomes and reduce inequality than any redistribution scheme has.

Inequality is not a problem. The question is in its effects. There is empirical evidence to show high inequality can result in high growth in some cases, and the opposite in others. A lot depends on context. We should worry if rich are getting richer at the cost of the poor. This does not appear to be the case in India. But one look at our streets will reveal more than the data would: for, there are no mass protests. What we have instead are people hurrying about their jobs or looking for opportunities. Indeed, people are voting with their feet and moving from low inequality regions to high inequality cities. That's because they care more about growth and opportunity than how much of the national income the top 1% earns.

Piketty, much like his Leftist predecessors, argues that redistributing wealth is a way to buy off the poor. This approach has failed before. The negative effects of inequality are better tackled by increasing competition in the market, enabling people to capture opportunities and strengthening social capital. We should be happy that India is creating new billionaires. The role of public policy ought to be to ensure that market power is not concentrated, and that big money does not mix with politics in corrupt ways. This calls for competition law, sectoral reforms and transparency, not fiscal policy. Bolstering human capacity and improving overall governance is a better route to upward economic mobility. India is doing some of this, but there is a long way to go. ■

Pai is author and co-founder of Takshashila Institution

People say, 'oh, you got a Michelin for dosas', but I'm proud of our cuisine

From a Tamil Nadu village to Greenwich Village in New York, chef **Vijaya Kumar** has come a long way. His South Indian restaurant, Semma (slang for 'awesome' in Tamil), has not only got a Michelin star but also made it to The New York Times' list of top 10 restaurants. Kumar brings alive home-cooked food from rural Tamil Nadu for American gourmands without any 'avant-garde' frills. He talks to Sneha Bhura about proudly going micro-regional

house and roast 11-12 masalas from scratch with fresh vegetables.

GALLERY**Nagal beats Cobolli in Monte Carlo qualifiers**

Monte Carlo: Ace Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal was off to a winning start in Monte Carlo Masters as he defeated world number 63 Flavio Cobolli of Italy in straight sets in the qualifiers here on Saturday. The unseeded 95th-ranked Indian registered a 6-2 6-3 win over eighth-seeded Cobolli. Nagal will now be up against the winner of the two Argentinians -- Facundo Acosta and Diego Schwartzman -- in his final qualifier fixture.

Collins through to Charleston semis: Danielle Collins is doing her utmost to go out with a bang in her final season on the WTA Tour as she looks to add another title to her haul after reaching the semi-finals of the Charleston Open. World number 22 Collins, who won her first Masters 1000 title at the Miami Open last month, beat Belgian Elise Mertens 6-3 6-4 in Friday's quarter-finals to claim her 11th successive win on the tour.

Senthilkumar bows out of German Open squash meet: National squash champion Velavan Senthilkumar was handed a straight game defeat by higher-ranked Eain Yow Ng of Malaysia in the quarterfinals of the German Open in Hamburg. World no. 59 Senthilkumar, a 2023 Asian silver medallist, went down 7-11 6-11 4-11 to the fourth seed at the \$50,000 PSA World Tour Bronze event.

Anupama, Tharun win Kazakhstan International Challenge: Indian shuttlers Anupama Upadhyaya and Tharun Manepalli emerged champions in the women's and men's singles competition at the Kazakhstan International Challenge tournament in Uralsk on Saturday. The 19-year-old Anupama claimed her second successive title with a 21-15 21-16 win over compatriot Ishani Baruah in a 41-minutes final. The 22-year-old Tharun beat eighth-seeded Malaysian Soong Joo Ven 21-10, 21-9 to register his maiden international title.

Bagan remain in hunt for Shield: Mohun Bagan defeated Punjab FC 1-0 to keep afloat their hopes of clinching the League Winners Shield of the ISL on Saturday. A strike by Dimitrios Petros in the 42nd minute, which made him the outright highest goal-scorer for the Mariners in the ISL history, ensured that the Antonio Lopez Habas-coached side suffered no more hiccups in catching up to the top-placed Mumbai City FC. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

ATHLETICS: Paris Marathon, 12 noon (Europe); **AUTO:** F1, Japanese GP, Main Race, 10.30 am (Fancode); **BASKETBALL:** NBA, 6.30 am (Jiocinema); **CRICKET:** IPL, Mumbai vs Delhi, 3.30 pm; Lucknow vs Gujarat, 7.30 pm (Star Sports, Jiocinema); **FOOTBALL:** ISL, East Bengal vs Bengaluru FC, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema); I-League, NEROCA vs Gokulam Kerala, 7 pm (Fancode, Eurosport); Serie A, 4.30 pm (Jiocinema); **HOCKEY:** Aus vs India, 2 pm (Jiocinema)

VIDIT STUNS FAVOURITE NAKAMURA

CANDIDATES CHESS

Indian GM Breaks 47-Game Unbeaten Streak Of World No. 3; Gukesh Rallies To Beat Praggnanandhaa

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Sacrifice, attack and patience was the order of the second day's play in the Candidates chess tournament at the Great Hall in Toronto, Canada.

While the Candidates eyeing the challenger spot played safely to start the much-anticipated tournament on Thursday, the second round saw all the four decisive results making Friday an enter-

prising day. In one of the biggest upsets, Vidit Gujrathi surprised world no.3 Hikaru Nakamura, snapping the two-year and 47-game unbeaten run of the American Grandmaster. The youngest candidate, D Gukesh waited patiently for his turn to attack and clinch the Chennai derby with a thrilling win over Praggnanandhaa.

For the second successive day, Vidit, the 29-year-old from Nashik made most of his bishop to steal the show while outwitting Nakamura, a tournament favourite. As early as in the fourth minute of the tie, the 2727 Elo Vidit started playing mind games with Nakamura (2789) and kept the Ameri-

can guessing with his sacrifices on the board.

In an electrifying showdown, Vidit unleashed a novelty (c6) in the eighth move and followed it up by a bishop sacrifice on the 11th turn which took Nakamura completely off-guard. As the game progressed Vidit made his third sacrifice, and the American GM was left with no option but to resign in the 29th move.

The novelty that Vidit prepared with his team that included Viswanthan Anand's long-time second Surya Ganguly was based

Round 2 results:

(Indians unless specified)

Open: Ian Nepomniachtchi (Fid, 1.5)

beat Firouza Alireza (0.5, Fra) R

Praggnanandhaa (0.5) lost to D

Gukesh (1.5); Hikaru Nakamura

(USA, 0.5) lost to Vidit Gujrathi

(1.5); Fabiano Caruana (USA, 1.5)

beat Nijat Abasov (Aze, 0.5).

Women: Zhongyi Tan (Chn, 2) beat

Ra Vaishali (0.5); Kateryna Lagno

(Ukr, 1) drew with K Humpy (1);

Nuryul Salimova (Bul, 1) drew

with Tingjia Lei (Chn, 0.5);

Aleksandra Goryachkina (Fid, 1.5)

beat Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 0.5).

On the Petrosian Exchange Sacrifice theory Tigran Petrosian, the ninth world champion, was known for his defensive playing style and has been credited with popularizing chess in America.

After his first win in the Open section, Vidit was elated. He said,

"Absolutely thrilled. It is rare to get such an attack specially against such a strong player. C6 was the novelty prepared by my team."

Asked about his love for sacrificing bishops, Vidit gave credit to his team and spoke about how

Petrosian is famous for exchange.

On the following board, patience

was the order of play where

Gukesh fought back with resilience to get the better of Praggnanandhaa in 33 moves while defending with the black pieces.

With the Catalan opening,

Praggnanandhaa opened the game

on a pawn-sacrificing rampage

and offered the third sacrifice by

the 15th move. Gukesh, who was

very low on time, declined the

third sacrifice and slowly tried to

take control of the things as if

waiting for Praggnanandhaa to

make a mistake.

Praggnanandhaa found a

ninth sacrifice, but he followed it up inaccurately and Gukesh made most of the opportunity to attack and win in style.

Chess legend Judit Polgar, in her commentary with chess.com, said, "We could see that Gukesh was calculating during the whole game. He was focused. He would keep himself there at the board. In the very very critical moments, he grabbed the opportunity and didn't let go. We can see that he is extremely strong mentally."

In Round 3, Gukesh will face Ian Nepomniachtchi who outplayed Alireza Firouzja while Vidit will start with the white pieces against Praggnanandhaa.

Anand said, "Thrilling day.

Vidit beat one of the favourites Nakamura with a new idea. Pragg-



VIDIT GUJRATHI DURING THE GAME AGAINST NAKAMURA

nanandhaa sacrificed a lot of material, but Gukesh defended well and struck at the end to win."

Vaishali loses to Zhongyi; Humpy hold Russian GM

Much like her brother, Vaishali Rameshbabu had a bad day in office as she made a 30th move blunder to suffer the first defeat in the women's Candidates against Zhongyi Tan. The game lasted for 34 moves where China's Tan avenged her Grand Swiss defeat to lead the women's tournament with two points.

On the following board, India's

No.1 Koneru Humpy put up a tempestuous defence with her black pieces to hold Russian GM Kateryna Lagno in 38 moves. In the third round, Humpy will square up against Tan.

The top seed Fabiano Caruana scored a

smooth technical victory over Nijat Abasov in the Rossolimo setup of Sicilian Defence.

The Round 2 of the Women's Candidates was not as stormy as the Open section though it saw two resulting games and two draws.

Former world women's champion

Tan Zhongyi played an unusual queen pawn opening against Ra Vaishali and the latter

had no difficulty in equalising as early as

move 10. Vaishali opted for a new option on move 13 and the players were on their own

thereafter. Apparently Vaishali didn't realise that she was playing the 'Reverse Carlbad Pawn Structure' as she didn't follow up

in the traditional strategic ways and chose

to close the queen side instead of launching

a minority attack. Needless to say, the Chinese regrouped all her pieces, and launched

an unstoppable attack against Vaishali's

Vaishali resigned on move 34.

Kataryna Lagno of Russia played the

Closed Spanish Opening against Koneru

Humpy but was unable to make any headway

against solid play by the Indian.

(Pravin Thipsay is a Chess GM and Arjuna awardee)

Bhatia rides on late birdies to stretch lead to five shots

San Antonio: Akshay Bhatia survived a rocky start Friday in the Valero Texas Open by rallying with a pair of late birdies for a 2-under 70 that stretched his lead to five shots and raised hopes of getting the final spot in the Masters next week.

Bhatia started with a three-shot lead and opened with a 15-foot birdie putt, perhaps a sign that this might be another easy day. Far from it.

He made bogey from the bunker on the next hole. He three-putted for bogey from long range. He failed to birdie the par 5s on the back nine. He no longer had the lead.

But the 22-year-old settled himself with birdies on the par 5s on the front nine at the TPC San Antonio, and a birdie on the par-3 eighth. The wind kept whipping, challengers kept dropping and he wound up expanding his lead.

Bhatia's shot at Masters

He won the Barracuda Championship last summer, but it was played the same week as the British Open and it did not get him into the Masters. Augusta is holding 1 spot for the Texas Open champ

Bhatia was at 11-under 133. Denny McCarthy, who played in the afternoon, got within four shots of him until a bogey from the fairway on the par-5 18th for a 70. That dropped him to 6-under 138, along with Brendon Todd (72) and Russell Henley (69). "It was stressful, for sure," Bhatia said. "I felt like I struggled a lot off the tee today, golf swing didn't feel great with any of the longer stuff, but iron play was still phenomenal, wedges were good, made some nice putts. It was good to get the under-par round."

Rory McIlroy had another steady day of pars and did well enough for a 70 to stay in the mix at 139. "Akshay is playing really well, but apart from that, no one's really lighting the world on fire," McIlroy said.

Tommy Fleetwood (69), Webb Simpson (67) and Monday qualifier Peter Kuest (71) were among those at 140. Of the top nine, only Bhatia, Todd, Simpson and Kuest are not already in the field for the Masters. AP

It was a day of theoretical novelty

After a quiet and peaceful Day 1, Day 2 of World Championship Candidates Tournament turned out to be exactly opposite--exciting, thrilling and much more. All players seemed to be in no mood of playing safely and probably for the first time in the history of the Candidates Tournaments, there was not a single draw on the day in the Open section.

The hero of the day was Vidit Gujrathi, who crushed the second seed Hikaru Nakamura in a game which looked like a '19th century master vs amateur miniature.' Vidit, playing the Black side of the Spanish Berlin Classical defence, chose an unknown option - a theoretical 'novelty' - as early as move 8 and offered a pawn on the next. Nakamura accepted the pawn only to find that there was another sacrifice waiting for him, this time a bishop! With Vidit blitzing out brilliant moves one after another, Nakamura panicked and made the decisive mistake of not accepting the bishop on move 12. The American made two more serious mistakes, on moves 18 and 19, and was already in a hopeless position by move 20.

The game between R. Praggnanandhaa and D. Gukesh turned out to be equally thrilling, though not as one-sided as Nakamura-Gujrathi. Praggnanandhaa (White) played the Catalan variation against Gukesh's Queen's Gambit Declined and made a well known pawn sacrifice on move 5 and the players followed the theoretical variation. However, on move 14, he played a 'novelty', another pawn sacrifice, which turned out to be speculative and dubious. Gukesh, who doesn't believe much in opening preparation, was taken aback by the speed of his opponent's play. However, unlike Nakamura, Gukesh kept his cool and played cautiously, analysing the wild tactics carefully.

With a 'far from obvious' choice on move 15, Gukesh succeeded in confusing Praggnanandhaa, who had certainly not considered this option in his home preparation.

Praggnanandhaa thought for 38 minutes on move 17 but made a serious error of trading his queen and queen side pieces for the defence of the king, consolidating his position.

Praggnanandhaa missed a chance of maintaining equilibrium with a knight sacrifice on move 25 and got no chances thereafter. Gukesh defended accurately against Praggnanandhaa's ferocious play and went on to win in 33 moves.

While speculative play led to a disaster for Praggnanandhaa, it worked extremely well for Ian Nepomniachtchi, who outplayed Alireza Firouzja while Vidit will start with the white pieces against Praggnanandhaa.

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na and Gukesh made most of the opportunity to attack and win in style.

On the following board, patience was the order of play where

Gukesh fought back with resilience to get the better of Praggnanandhaa in 33 moves while defending with the black pieces.

With the Catalan opening, Praggnanandhaa opened the game on a pawn-sacrificing rampage and offered the third sacrifice by

the 15th move. Gukesh, who was

very low on time, declined the

third sacrifice and slowly tried to

take control of the things as if

waiting for Praggnanandhaa to

make a mistake.

Praggnanandhaa found a

ninth sacrifice, but he followed it up inaccurately and Gukesh made most of the opportunity to attack and win in style.

Chess legend Judit Polgar, in her commentary with chess.com, said, "We could see that Gukesh was calculating during the whole game. He was focused. He would keep himself there at the board. In the very very critical moments, he grabbed the opportunity and didn't let go. We can see that he is extremely strong mentally."

In Round 3, Gukesh will face Ian Nepomniachtchi who outplayed Alireza Firouzja while Vidit will start with the white pieces against Praggnanandhaa.

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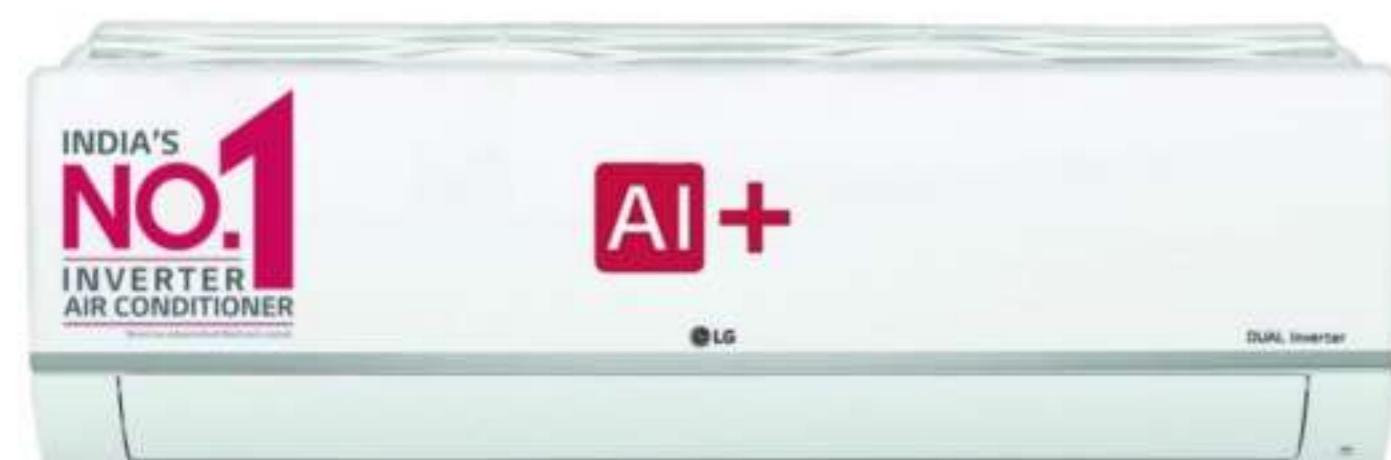


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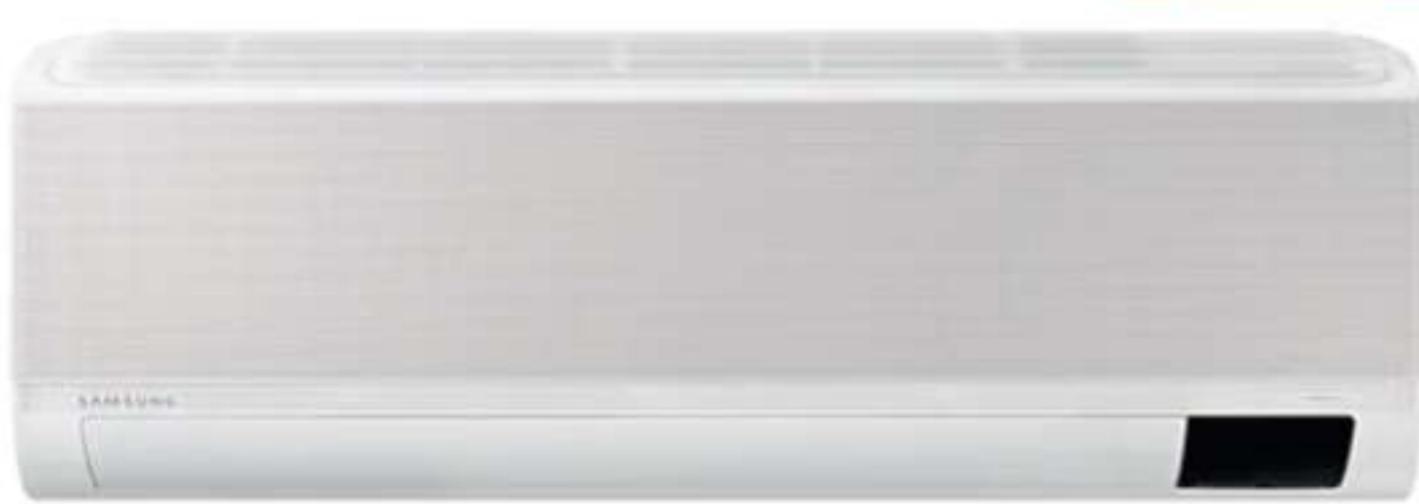
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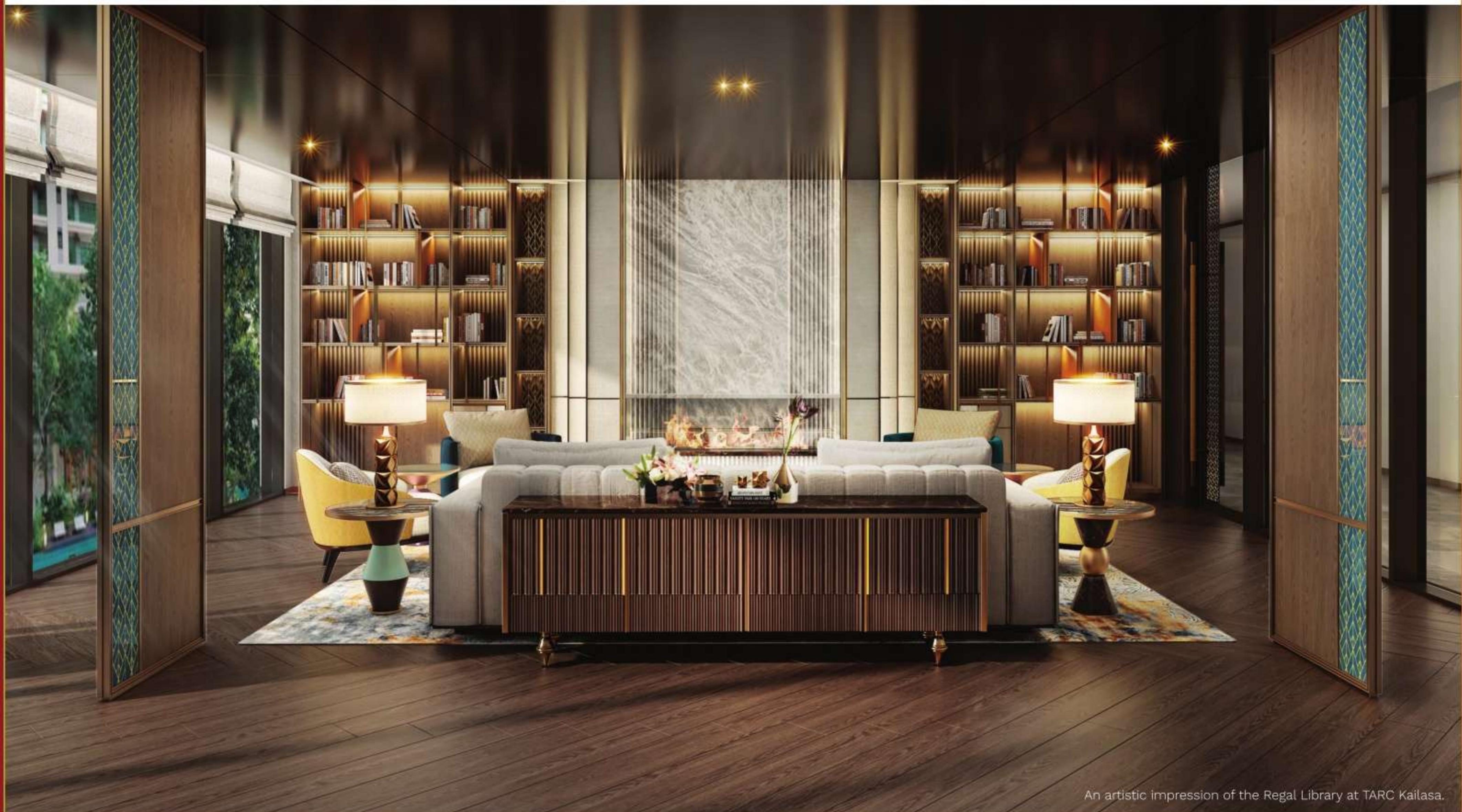
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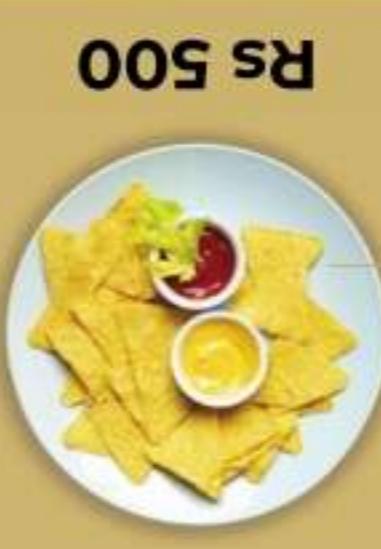
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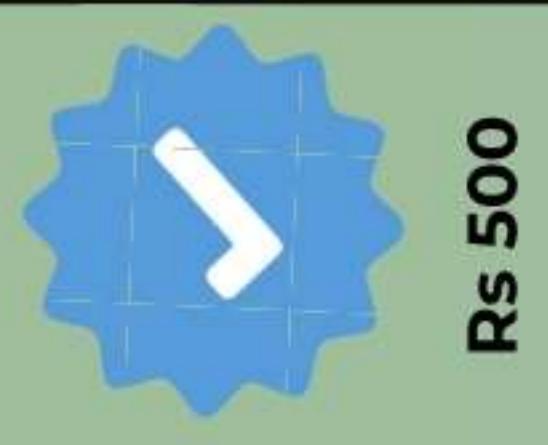
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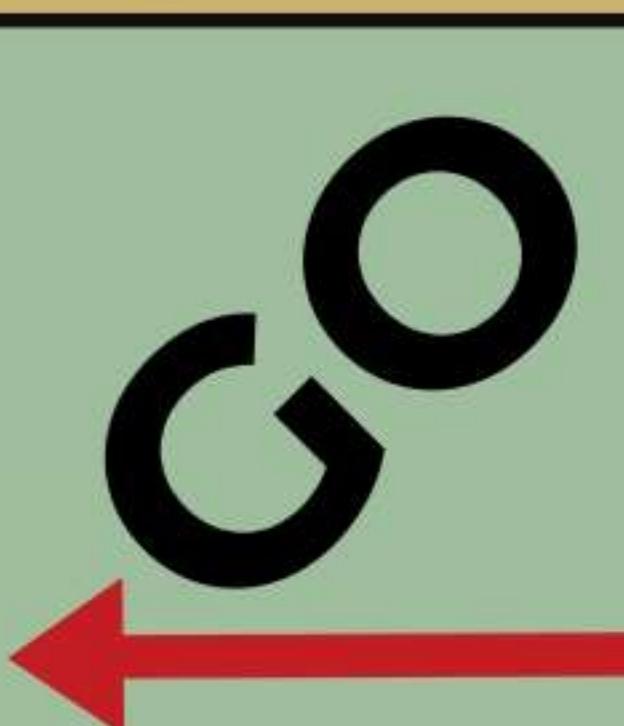
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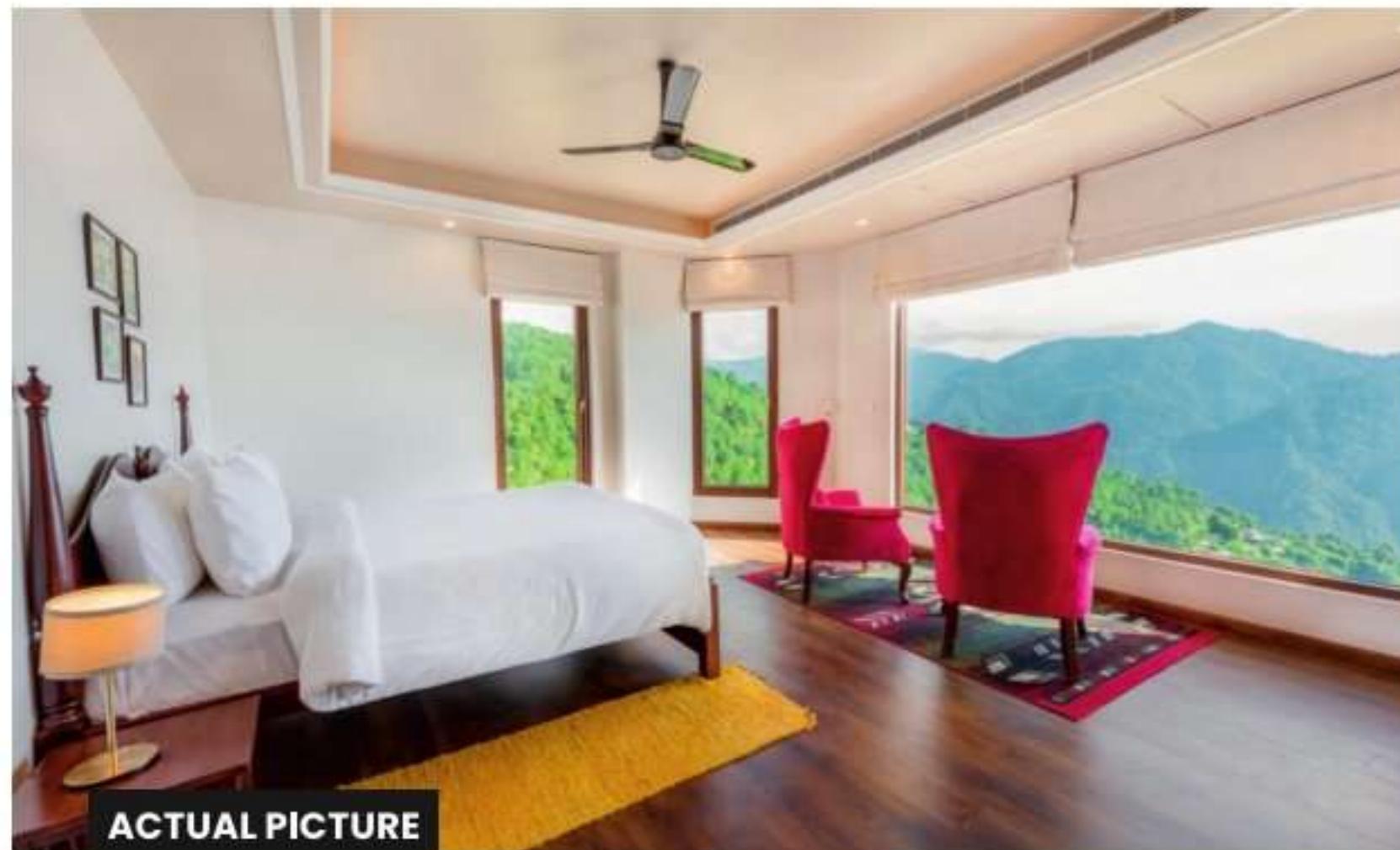
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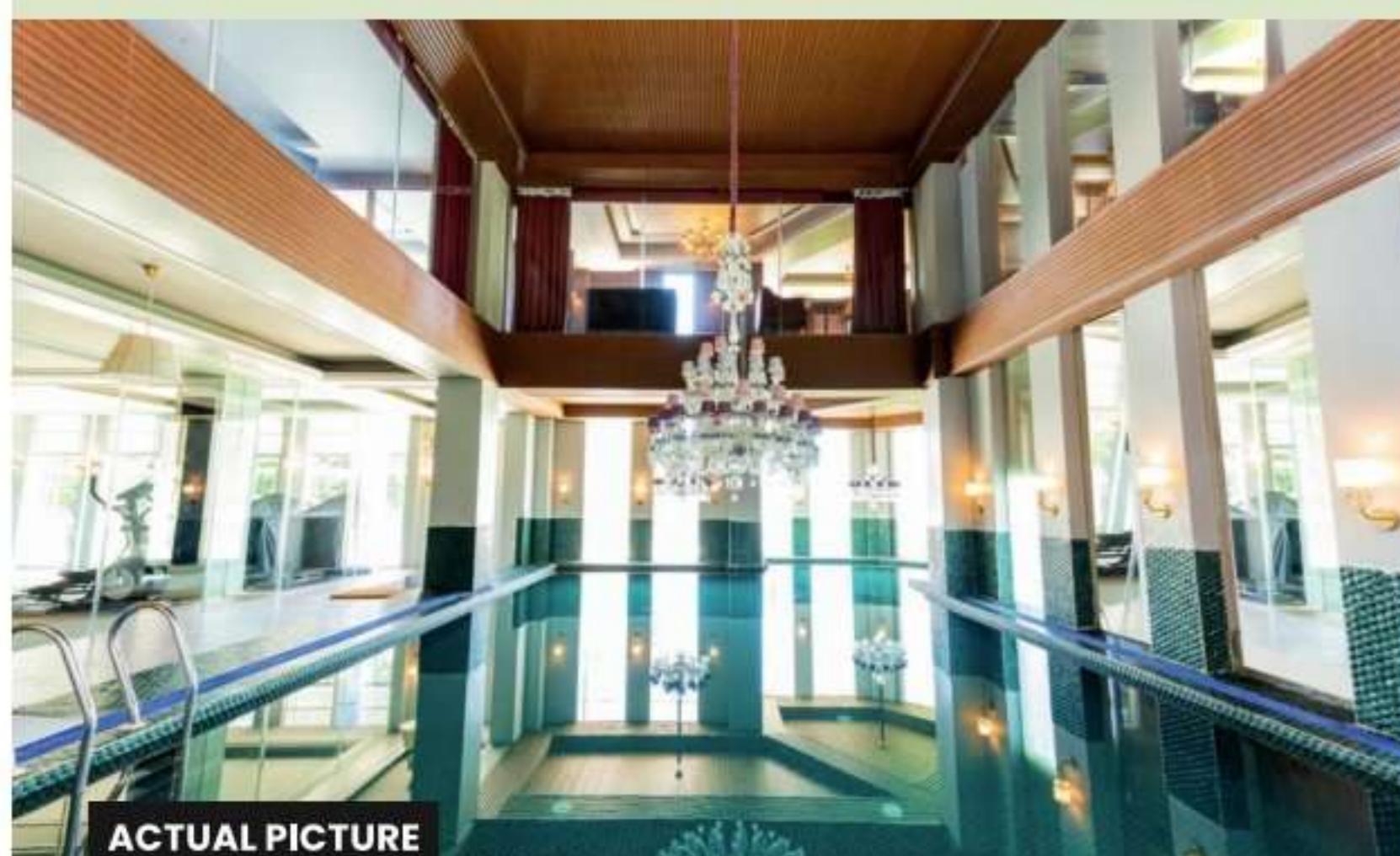
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