HEAR AYODHYA CASE FIVE DAYS A WEEK, SAYS SUPREME COURT >ht nation p9

TAJ HOTELS WEIGHS SELLING

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday

took more retaliatory actions in response to India's decision to

revoke Jammu and Kashmir's

special status, halting the main cross-border train service and

snapping talks on consular

access to former naval officer Kulbhushan Jadhav, sentenced

to death by a military court for

alleged espionage.

A ban on the screening of

Indian movies was also among

actions announced by Pakistani authorities against the backdrop

oftensions between the two sides

Late on Thursday, Prime Minis-ter Imran Khan said at an interac-

tion with journalists that Pakistan does not want war but will give a befitting response if India imposes it, Geo News reported.

Pakistan railways minister

Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told a

news conference the Samjhauta

Express - a bi-weekly train ser-

vice started in 1976 and whose

would be stopped. "We have

would be stopped. We have decided to shut down Samjhauta Express... As long as I am rail-ways minister, Samjhauta Express can't run," he said. People familiar with develop-

ments said Pakistan had decided

to end talks with India on consular access to Jadhav, on death

row after being convicted of alleged involvement in spying. The International Court of Jus-

tice recently ruled that Pakistan

name means "agreement"



J&K, Ladakh will prosper in new era that has begun: PM

TV ADDRESS Art 370, 35A gave nothing but separatism, corruption, terror: Modi

HT Correspondent

NEW DELHI: In his first public address after the government pushed through constitutional changes with regard to Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), Prime Minis-ter Narendra Modi reached out to citizens in the state-turned-Union Territory with a vision of peace and development for the future.

Addressing the nation on Thursday evening, Modilaid out the rationale for ending Article 370, bifurcating J&K, and making it a Union Territory along with granting a distinct UT status to Ladakh. He outlined the economic, educational and develop ment opportunities that would now open up for Indian citizens in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh: reassured J&K that its system of political representation would remain intact and that there hood once the conditions were right; signalled to government employees that their work would be recognised and rewarded; underscored the importance of Panchayat leaders in delivering welfare programmes; acknowledged the difficulties that citizens had to face in the region currently with a promise to ease them eventually; and greeted citizens on the upcoming Eidfestival with a reassurance that the government would create an environment where it could be celebrated.

CALLFOR CREATING

OPPORTUNITIES'
The PM, in a televised address also urged stakeholders across the country to work towards creating opportunities in the two UTs; appealed to those who disaEXPLAINING BIG MOVE

Excerpts from PM's speech, which on Thursday gave the first detailed insight into why the govt scrapped J&K's

and how the move is expected to

HOW SPECIAL STATUS WAS AN OBSTACLE:

Article 370 and Article 35A did not give anything except separatism, corruption, terrorism and family rule Pakistan used Article 370 as a tool to spread terrorism; more than 42,000 innocent people died

Over 1.5 crore people of J&K were being denied benefits of legislations meant for the entire country

HOW MOVE WILL OPEN NEW OPPORTUNITIES J&K has the ability to become the

country's biggest tourist destination

All vacant posts in Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh will be filled, creating employment opportunities

State govt employees including police will soon get benefits on par with employees of other Union

am giving assurance that you [people of J&K] will get opportunity to elect your representatives in a transparent way soon As J&K will see more and more development. I do not think it will remain Union Territory for long. Ladakh, however, will remain the UT

the Opposition, to now work unitedly for the progress of J&K and Ladakh; and argued that the changes would strike a decisive blow to terrorism and senara and eventually lead to peace Union home minister Amit

Shah had shepherded the relevant motions and bills in both Houses of Parliament, which ren dered Article 370 ineffective and reorganised the state. While the PM was scheduled to address the nation on Wednesday, he post-poned it out of respect for his senior party colleague and former external affairs minister, the late Sushma Swaraj, who was cremated that day.

Modi's much-anticipated address began with a direct explanation of the government's assessment of Article 370 and Article 35A, the two provisions which gave Kashmir a distinct

status. "A system which had deprived citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh of rights. which had impeded their devel opment has now ended with all our efforts... These two provisions

dynastic rule, and corruption. '370 DEPRIVED PEOPLE OF THEIR RIGHTS'

Modi then went into specifics of how the presence of Article 370 had kept people in J&K deprived of the rights and opportunities that citizens elsewhere in the country possessed. "Laws made in Parliament were not applicable to the rest of the country. In other parts of India, children have the right to education, but in J&K, they were deprived of it. In other places, girl children got benefits, but in J&K they were deprived of it. In other places, the ble, but safai karamcharis in J&K

In other places, there is a

strong law on atrocities against Dalits, but Dalits in J&K were out of its ambit. In other places, there is a Minorities Act to protect them, but in J&K, minorities are deprived of it. In other places, there is a Minimum Wages Act for workers, but the workers in J&K enjoy this only on paper. In elections everywhere else, there are seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, but not in J&K." With the end of Article 370, Modi claimed, Jammu and Kashmir would now get liberated from its negative effects The PM then went on to construct a case of how the new system would actually benefit citizens.

Hefirst reached out to govern-ment employees and assured them that they would, after a review, be able to avail of facili-ties and benefits available to employees in all other UTs.

BJP plans national outreach programme on its J&K move

NEW DELHI: The BJP has decided to launch a nationwide outreach programme to celebrate fulfilling its promise of nullifying Article 370 of the Indian Constitution that gave special status to the Valley, and to explain the logic behind the decision to bifurcate the state into two Union Territories, according to senior functionaries aware of the developments.

The ruling party is keen to take its message to the people through a set of structured events from the state down to the local body and mandal levels. In a letter sent to its state units, the party gave them a four-point plan to cele-

Azad stopped at Srinagar airport, sent back to Delhi

former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad was stopped at the Srinagar International airport on Thursday morning and sent back to Delhi by the local administration. He was accompanied by state Congress chief GA Mir. On his return to Delhi, Azad said the Centre had 'massacred" J&K.

INTERNAL MATTER, SAYS INDIA Kashmir issue to the UN. NEW DELHI: India on Thurs-

day reiterated that revok-ing of Jammu and Kashmir's special status is an "internal affair" and asked Pakistan to review its retal iatory actions, including the downgrading of diplo-matic ties and the suspension of bilateral trade.

Pak stops Samjhauta,

stalls talks on Jadhav

New Delhi's response came a day after Islamabad announced the expulsion of the Indian envoy, suspen-sion of trade, a review of bilateral arrangements, and a move to take the

India, however, said such measures were intended to 'present an alarming picture" of bilateral ties. Officials said India wouldn't announce any

retaliatory measures of its own. "The Government of India regrets the steps announced by Pakistan yes terday and would urge that country to review them so that normal channels for diplomatic communications are preserved," MEA said in a statement.

had violated Jadhav's rights to consular access and sought a review of his death sentence. "Talks were going on for con-

sular access, but they have ended as of now," one of the people said on condition of anonymity De-facto information minister

Firdous Ashiq Awan tweeted: "No Indian film will be screened in any Pakistani theatre. Drama films and Indian content of this kind will be completely banned in Pakistan." The actions came a day after Pakistan asked India to withdraw its envoy and downgraded diplomatic ties. It also sus-pended two-day trade and said it would review all bilateral arrangements.

India on Thursday asked Pakistan to review these decisions Outlining Pakistan's future course of action, foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi told a news conference: "We're not looking at the military option We're not.

After Pakistan announced i was stopping the Samjhauta Express, the train was stranded at Wagah on the Pakistani side for several hours. Indian official insisted the service was not sus pended and the train would run as usual. The Lahore-Delhi bus service ran uninterrupted and a bus left the Indian capital with four passengers on Thursday morning. Indian officials said another bus is scheduled to leave for Lahore on Friday

»WORK ON KARTARPUR **CORRIDOR TO CONTINUE P2**

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ABHINANDAN MAY RESUME **FLYING WITHIN A FORTNIGHT**

shot down in a dogfight and spent two days in Paki-stani detention, will be flying the MiG-21 fighter within the next fortnight, senior officials said.

'CALLS TO LEADERS SEALED 370 MOVE'

Union minister Pralhad Joshi said floor coordination was crucial in pushing through a record 36 bills in

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GOVERNMENT SETS UP TRIBUNAL TO ADJUDICATE **BAN ON SFJ**

DELHI: The Centre has set up a tribunal to adjudicate whether or not there is sufficient reason to impose a ban on pro-Khalistan group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), which was declared as an unlawful organisation last month. While imposing the ban, the home ministry had said the group's primary objective is to establish an "independent and sovereign country" in Punjab.

15 IAS officers transferred in Punjab

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab government on Thursday trans-ferred 15 IAS officers with immediate effect Kalpana Mittal Baruah, additional chief secretary (ACS), technical education, and principal resident commissioner, Punjab Bhawan, has been given the additional charge of coopera

200% jump in IT sector investments in 2018-19

CHANDIGARH: Punjab is not more than just a speck on the information technology map of the country, but it appears to have finally started moving in the right direction. The state has seen a 200% jump in investments in the information technology (IT) and IT-enabled services (ITeS) sector in financial year 2018-19. It attracted actual investments worth ₹369 crore in the sector.

Liquor baron Doda, 23 others get life term for Dalit's murder

FAZILKA: Liquor baron Shiv Lal Doda, alias Sholly, his nephew Amit and 22 others were sentenced to life imprisonment by a local court here on Thursday in connection with the murder of 27-year-old Dalit youth Bhim Sain Tank, who was brutally murdered in 2015. Fazilka additional district and essions judge Jaspal Verma held

25 of the 26 accused guilty, awarded life term to 24 and fouryear rigorous imprisonment to one Vicky, whereas one Pardeep Kumar was acquitted. On December 11, 2015, Bhim and his associate Gurjant Singh,

who worked for Doda, were called to their employer's farmhouse in Abohar to settle some matter where they were attacked with sharp-edged weapons. Bhim's limbs were chopped

off and he died at a hospital in

nounced in the afternoon.

According to special public prosecutor Surinder Pal Singh

Amritsar. Gurjant, the key witness in the case, survived the attack with grievous injuries and remained hospitalised for a long time. The incident had invited a strong public protest. All convicts were present in the court when quantum of punishment was pro-



advocate general, Punjab, the court awarded life imprisonment to 24 accused for charges filed under Sections 302 (murder) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy.
The court also imposed a fine of

₹10,000 on each of the convicts $under\,Sections\,326,149\,and\,120\text{-}B$ of the IPC, he said. Tina said the judge rejected

prosecution's demand of capital punishment for the accused, including Shiv Lal and Amit. While pronouncing the judgment, the judge set aside the

demand for ₹10-crore compensation to the families of victims Also, the court dismissed the charges levelled against the accused under the SC/ST Act, After the judgment, the public

prosecutor said the call details of Doda and Amit suggested that prime accused Harry had called

der. Document seized by the police from Doda's farmhouse revealed that Bhim was his employee and one of the convicts Harry also worked for him.

"Weapons used in the murder were recovered from another employee of Doda while several accused among the 26 booked were also found to be employees of Doda. The court accepted the charges of conspiracy of the inhuman crime hatched by Shiv La and Amit and held them guilty,' Tina added, Total of 60 witnesses had appeared, of which nine turned hostile.

"Following permission from the Supreme Court, two of the hostile witnesses — Gurjant Singh Janta and his brother Ran jit Singh—reappeared in the case to support the charges levelled by

the prosecution," said Tina. Welcoming the court's verdict, Tank's mother Kaushalya Devi said she would approach the higher court to seek death pen-alty to the convicts. "My son was killed in the most inhuman man ner and the perpetrators deserve exemplary punishment," she said. Sanjeev Kamboj counsel for Shiv Lal and others, said the judgment will be challenged in the high court.

»A PHONE CALL THAT GOT WHEELS OF JUSTICE MOVING P3

BHARAT RATNA PRANAB MUKHERJEE



President Ram Nath Kovind confers the Bharat Ratna award upon his predecessor Pranab Mukherjee during a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Thursday.

FPIs may be spared super-rich surcharge imposed in budget

Rajeev Jayaswal

NEWDELHI: Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) may be spared an increased surcharge slapped by finance minister Nirmala Sithar aman's inaugural budget on so-called super-rich taxpayers, as the government seeks to boost investor confidence and arrest a slide in the stock market, officials with direct knowledge of the mat-

The Narendra Modi government is consulting experts and stakeholders to address the concerns of FPIs, one official said on condition of anonymity.
Sitharaman, who announced

the higher surcharge in her July 5 budget for fiscal 2019-20, has been talking to representatives of specific sectors of the economy daily since Monday on ways to boost sagging economic growth which sank to a five-year low of 5.8% in the quarter ended March

On Friday, she will hold talks with financial market stakeholders and the matter of the surcharge on super-rich taxpayers is likely to figure at the meeting, the officials added Rattled foreign investors took out a net \$1.8 bil-

THE NARENDRA MODI GOVERNMENT IS

CONSULTING EXPERTS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF FPIS

July, and the BSE Sensex, India's most closely watched stock market barometer, has declined in excess of 5% over the past month.

India's top marginal income

lion from the stock market in

tax rate touched 42.7%, the highest since 1992 when taxes were lowered as part of the first wave of economic reforms, after Sitharaman slapped the income tax sur-charge on people earning more than ₹2 crore in a move expected to result in incremental tax revenue of about ₹12,000 crore.

With the surcharges and 4% cess (which is not new), the effective tax rate became 39% for someone earning between ₹2 crore and ₹5\ crore and 42.7% for those earning above ₹5 crore. In absolute terms, it meant an increase of ₹7.5 lakh a year in tax

To be sure, only FPIs operating as trusts were hit by the increase because for income-tax purposes they are treated as an individuals. Yet, around 40% of FPIs route their investments into India through trusts, a fact that roiled marketsentiment

The news that India is likely to exempt FPIs from the increase in taxes was also reported by Reuters, triggering a rally in the stock market on Thursday. The Sensex added 636.86 points, or 1.74%, to rise to 37,327.36 points.

In an interview with Hindu-stan Times on July 12, Sitharaman said that ideally, the peak income-tax rate should come down overtime, adding: "We will have to see when the timing is proper" to bring it down. The minister said the tax on the superrich was driven by the need to part-raise resources for impor-tant and essential government expenditure.

Sitharaman said that there was always an option for FPIs to route their investments through a company (the corporate tax rate is 25% for companies with annual revenue less than ₹400 crore) but added that she was also aware

30 PRISONERS SHIFTED TO AGRA JAIL

oners from Jammu and Kash mir landed at the Kheria airport here on Thursday afternoor from where they were shifted to the Central Jail, 10 km away,

under heavy security, .
Agra district magistrate NG Ravi Kumar refused to give any details of the prisoners' transfer while superintendent of police (city) Prashant Verma said he had no information to share. Even the jail authorities refused

to speak to the media.

Jammu and Kashmir, especially the Valley, is on high alert these days after Parliament nullified Article 370 and Section 35A and declared the state as Union Territory a few days back. It is believed that these inmates have been shifted for

security reasons. According to eyewitnesses, the three vehicles carrying the prisoners to the jail had its windows covered with thick cloth Additional forces, Provincia Armed Constabulary (PAC) and SWOT teams have also been posted outside the jail. Roads leading to the jail from the air port were cleared in the after noon and the three vehicles car rying the inmates were led by police vehicles. Police force wa deployed all through the route to keep it clear for the vehicles to

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14-YR-OLD GIRL **RAPED IN GURUGRAM**

A 14-year-old girl from Meghal-aya allegedly gang-raped by four persons in Gurugram, the police said on Thursday. The incident came to light after the victim's parents approached the Meghalaya House in the national capital and reported the incident

Litterbugs in Shimla beware, you're on camera

SHIMLA: To curb littering, the Shimla Municipal Corporation (SMC) has started a 'name and shame' campaign that involves live streaming video clips and photos of lit-terbugs at the Ridge. The SMC has installed sur-

veillance cameras at various points of the town where people frequently throw trash.

These cameras are connected to the SMC office from where the offenders are mon itored The live streams will

SHIMLA MUNICIPAL

CORPORATION TO LIVE STREAM CLIPS OF OFFENDERS ON LED SCREEN PUT UP AT THE RIDGE

expose them to the public at the Ridge.

SMC commissioner Pankai Rai said people have been asked to use dusthins and the corporation collects garbage from households vet littering is rampant. "This decision

has the approval of the

Pictures of offenders will be displayed at the Ridge, local TV networks and will also be released to media created by the corporation,'

Deputy mayor Rakesh Sharma said, "We are committed to maintaining the town's beauty and environ ment. Anybody can send us photos and videos of offenders. The identity of the sender will not be disclosed." The step is proving to be an effec

Shimla generates 80 tonnes of garbage daily that increases to 100 tonnes a day during the tourist season.

In 2009, the SMC created the Shimla Environment Heritage Conservation Beau tification Society that has 900 workers for door-to-door garbage collection.

Some of the waste is $treated\,at\,the\,1.75\text{-}MW\,plant$ at Bharival on the outskirts of Shimla but a large portion of it is being dumped in nullahs and can be seen strewn on hillsides.

Pak clears the air, says work on Kartarpur corridor to continue

ROW OVER ART 370 Will not create hurdles in people-to-people contacts, says Pakistan foreign minister Qureshi

AMRITSAR: A day after it expelled the Indian envoy and announced other retaliatory measures after India revoked Article 370 granting special status to Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan

corridor project will continue as scheduled. The corridor will connect Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Paki-stan's Kartarpur with Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district and facilitate visa-free movement of Indian Sikh pilgrims, who will have to just obtain a permit to

on Thursday said the Kartarpur

founder Guru Nanak. "The Kartarpur initiative will continue," Pakistan foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said. Addressing the weekly media briefing, foreign office spokesperson Muhammad Faisal also said that Pakistan's tinue notwithstanding the latest

visit Kartarpur, which was established in 1522 by Sikh faith

Board (ETPB), a statutory board that manages religious properties and shrines of Hindus and Sikhs who had migrated to India after Partition, and the Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (PSGPC) too said there was no question of block-ing the corridor work at this stage. "The latest developments between the two neighbouring countries will have no impact on the corridor project," said ETPB chairman Amir Ahmad

PSGPC member Minpal Singh said preparations are in full swing for celebrating the 550th birth anniversary of Guru

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ELECTORAL ROLLS

CHANDIGARH: Punjab chief electoral officer S Karuna Raju has

ordered special summary revision

of photo electoral rolls from August 16. A spokesperson said as per directions of Election Com-mission of India, special summary

revision of photo electoral rolls

with reference to January 1, 2020

as the qualifying date programme would be undertaken. Activities under the electors' verification

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab government will hold 75 job melas from September 9 to 30 under its

flagship "Ghar Ghar Rozgar" programme, culminating it with a mega fair where chief minister Amarinder Singh will hand over

iob letters to selected candidates

October 5. The department of employment generation has identified 2 lakh jobs. HTC

at a function in Rupnagar on

Randhawa reviews

CHANDIGARH: lails minister

Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa on Thursday sought upgrade of CCTVs and sensors installed inside

the state jails. The minister, who held a meeting with ADGP Kuldeep Singh and inspector general, prisons RK Arora, said that modern technology was th

security of iails

programme will be done from August 16 to September 30. HTC

Govt to hold statewide

FROM AUGUST 16

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circumstances, the **PSGPC** and ETPB will welcome Sikh pilgrims from India with open arms. Work on the corridor will be complete before November.

MINPAL SINGH, PSGPC member

Nanak and opening of the corri dor. "Irrespective of the present circumstances, the PSGPC and ETPB will welcome Sikh pilgrims from India with open arms," he said.

"The opening of the corridor was a long-pending demand of the Sikhs and we will not let the simmering tension between India and Pakistan affect the project. The work on the corridor will be complete before November," the PSGPC member

"We are getting full support from our government. The Pakistan government, through the ETPB, has recently opened the doors of historic Chowa Sahib Gurdwara in Jhelum district after 72 years. The ETPB is also in the process of opening Gurdwara Khara Sahib located at Gujranwala in Pakistan's Punjab province," he added.

According to reports, 90% work on the Kartarpur corridor, including the construction of the main road, bridge and buildings from zero line to the gurdwara has been completed by Pakistan.

WASHINGTON: On the seventh

anniversary of the Oak Creek gurdwara mass shooting, over

half-a-dozen lawmakers pledged

to continue to advocate for stricter gun control laws and

comprehensive background

tions in the US are demanding

stricter gun control laws follow-ing the recent shootings in El

Paso, Texas, Dayton, Ohio, and

Gilroy, California, which left 34

In Oak Creek on August 5,

2012, six people were killed after a man opened fire in a gurdwara.

'Seven years ago, six innocent

Sikhs were murdered in their

place of worship by an act of senseless violence. Any attack

on a community of faith must be

wholly condemned. These moments transcend political

boundaries and personal beliefs," Indian-American Con-gressman Ro Khanna said.

"In honour of those who died at Oak Creek, as well as those who were brutally murdered in

El Paso, Dayton, and Gilroy over

the last week, I will continue to advocate for stricter gun control

laws and comprehensive back-

ground checks." Khanna said.



Passengers after the train reached Attari railway station. Hundreds of passengers from both sides of the border were stuck for several hours waiting for security clearances to be completed

PAKISTAN HALTS SAMJHAUTA EXPRESS AT WAGAH, INDIAN LOCOMOTIVE PILOTS DRIVE TRAIN TO ATTARI

cerns, Pakistan on Thursday stopped Samjhauta Express
— a bi-weekly train connecting Lahore and Delhi — at the Wagah railway station. following which Indian loco pilots brought the train to Attari on the Indian side.

Hundreds of passengers from both sides of the border were stuck for several hours waiting for security clearan-ces to be completed following the disruption in the train service. Samjhauta Express runs from Lahore in Pakistan to Attari in India and vice versa, on Monday and Thursday.

The train from both

Oak Creek shooting: US lawmakers

pledge to work against hate crime

Six people were killed after a man opened fire in Wisconsin

Congresswoman Pramila Jay-

apal said: "It has been seven years since the deadly attack at

the Sikh temple in Oak Creek,

Wisconsin, and tragically, mass shootings like this one are on the

rise across in the country. We are

seeing the real, devastating effects of a lack of sensible gun

reform," she said. The president's "dangerous racist and

xenophobic rhetoric fans the

flames of hate and violence

against our communities, and Republicans remain unwilling to

pass common sense gun-reform

legislation," Javapal alleged.

Lahore and Delhi halt at Attari where Delhi-bound passengers coming from train and Lahore-bound pas sengers board the Pakistani back to Wagah and then to

The train from Wagah with 117 passengers, including 48 Pakistanis. on board reached Attari at 5.10pm. It had seven passenger bogies and 10 goods carriages Ear lier, the Delhi-Attari express ferrying 60 passengers, including 10 Pakistanis reached the railway station at 7am. These passengers also remained stranded at the Attari railway station waiting for the Express.

"The train has not been

suspended. It will run. Pakistan authorities have raised some concerns with regards to security. We have told them the situation is normal on this side "said Northern Railway spokesperson Deepak Kumar.

Earlier. Pakistan railway minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed tweeted: "Till I am the railway minister. Samjhauta Express service will not operate.

"At 12.55pm, I got a message that the Samjhauta staff has refused to ply the train to India due to security reasons. A locomotive engine was sent to Wagah with pilots and a guard at 3.50pm," said Arvind Kumar Gupta, station master of the Attari railway station.

'Unfortunately, the shootings

this past week in El Paso, Day-ton, and Gilroy are harrowing

reminders of how little progress

we have made in addressing domestic terrorism and gun vio-

lence since the Oak Creek shoot-

ing," she said. "Though we cannot weed out

hatred and racism overnight, we

must continue to denounce racial and religious intoler-

The lawmaker has demanded that the Congress take action to address gun violence so that

these tragedies do not continue recur. "Seven years ago, six Sikh

Americans lost their lives in Oak

Creek Wisconsin Sadly as we

just saw over the weekend, the

racism and xenophobia that

drove the attack on the gurd-

wara still permeates in our society today," Congresswoman

She called on the Senate to fol-low the House and immediately

pass Common Sense Gun Safety Legislation "On this anniver-sary, we must reaffirm our com-

mitment to rejecting all forms of

hate whenever and wherever it

occurs. We must come together

to ensure that all Americans.

this country they call home,"

ance," Chu said.

Grace Meng said.

Why SAD wants the bill to be dropped permanently?

CHANDIGARH: The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019, passed in Lok Sabha a week ago, came as a shock for the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), which is struggling to get out of the ebb it slipped into after the sacrilege incidents of 2015. The party leaders claimed a temporary victory by managing to get the matter dropped for discussion in Rajya Sabha. But the party is apprehensive that the matter will again come up in the Upper House in the winter session and create an awkward situation for the state. HT looks into the crux of the matter.

WHY IT CAUSES UNEASE FOR SAD?

SAD claims river water is lifeline for the state. The party sees its revival if it manages to get the legislation redrafted in state's favour. It says if the matter stands unresolved, it will prove a big blow to the state.

WHAT IS PARTY'S OBJECTION?

According to party spokesman Daljit Singh Cheema, though the bill is being projected as a tool to resolve inter-state water disputes, in the present form, it is damaging for Punjab. He says Section 12 of the bill mandates to "deal with the dispute from the stage at which it was so transferred". Also, he says it seems as if the law is being enacted keeping Punjab in mind, because it has spe cial mention of Ravi-Beas waters. The distribution of river water by the Eradi tribu nal was challenged by Punjab, SAD fears once the hill becomes a law it will have neg ative impact on the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) Canal case in the Supreme Court

IS IT SAD'S TEMPORARY VICTORY? According to Cheema, when party presi-

home minister Amit Shah on August 5 the matter was dropped for discussion in Rajya Sabha. It's a temporary respite, he says, as it will again come up in the winter session. "We want the bill to be dropped per-manently and get it redrafted," adds

WHAT'S PERMANENT SOLUTION? Former SAD MP Prem Singh Chandu-

majra, who was part of the delegation, led by party president Sukhbir Singh Badal, which met Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on August 5, says his party wants amendment in Clause 12 of the proposed law, which damages Punjab's interest. Headds that going by the riparian principle, basin states should be consulted before enacting any law and the matter must be resolved perma-nently. The Akali Dal also wants water flowing in rivers of Punjab to be reassessed and plans to take up the matter with the Centre again, before the winter session when it is expected to come up for discussion again.

WHY IS IT TOUGH TO RESOLVE IT?

The Akali Dal feels that the resolution of the matter would be a challenging affair because it is complicated and needs the Centre's strong will to resolve it. Pointing out that the Union ministry (Jal Shakti) dealing with the issue is headed by Shekhawat who comes from Rajasthan and minister of state Rattan Lal Kataria is from Haryana, the Shiromani Akali Dal delegation requested that a decision be taken with a national perspective. The party also feels the Supreme Court hearing in the SYL Canal case, scheduled for September 2, has to be dealt effectively in the light of the proposed law.

Fraud with Preneet: 2 more held, remanded in 8-day police custody

PATIALA: Police arrested two more men, brothers, from Mandi Gob-indgarh town in Fatehgarh Sahib district in the case of cyber crime in which Preneet Kaur, wife of chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Patiala MP, was duped of ₹23 lakh, on Thursday.

Another accused, Attaul Ansari, had been brought on transit remand from Ranchi police on Wednesday. The men held on Thursday are Afsar Ali and Noor Ali. A local court remanded all three in eight-day police custody on Thursday. Police said the amount was transferred in 28 e-wallets and accounts of Spice India Company, Gurugram, from Preneet's State Bank of India account in 23 transactions. The company was only the service provider and had no connection with the

COMMITTING

FRAUD FOR 4 YEARS' SSP Mandeep Singh Sidhu said 693 SIM (subscriber identification module) cards and 19 mobile phones have been recovered from the accused. "During preliminary investigation, they confessed that they had been committing online frauds for the past four years. The accused also confessed that they were not aware of the fact that they had duped a parliamentarian," the SSP

The police have also frozen the e-wallet accounts into which the money was transferred from the MP's account. The MP got to know that ₹23 lakh had been deducted from her State Bank of India (SBI) account on July 29.

regardless of their race, religion, or country of origin, feel safe in "The accused had called the Patiala MP multiple times from



Patiala SSP Mandeep Singh Sidhu showing the 693 SIM cards recovered from the accused, who made 23 transactions over three days in MP Preneet Kaur's account.

BHARAT BHUSHAN/F

July 24-26. We are looking for the

kingpin of the gang," the SSP

NUMBER WITH BANK CHANGED Sidhu added that one of the

State Bank of India (SBI) manager and told the MP that he needed her account details to upgrading her ATM card. Police claim Preneet shared

her bank account number, the ATM card number, even the CVV (the card's security code) and also the OTP (one-time pass word) received on her phone, with the accused.

REGISTERED MOBILE

accused introduced himself as a deposit pending arrears and some salary component, besides the registered mobile number with his number in the MP's bank account and made 23 differ

ent transactions from July 26-29 The Patiala MP came to know about only when she contacted her bank branch for checking her account details," the SSF CIA in-charge Shaminder

Singh said the accused Afsar was maintaining 48 e-wallets as a front and offering services such as depositing electricity bills, online shopping.

15 IAS officers shifted, Baruah gets addl charge of co-op dept

CHANDIGARH: The Puniab government on Thursday transferred 15 IAS officers.

Kalpana Mittal Baruah, additional chief secretary (ACS), technical education, and principal resident commissioner, Pun-jab Bhawan, has been given the additional charge of cooperation department. Vini Mahajan, ACS, investment promotion, industries and commerce and infor-mation technology, will look after governance reforms and

public grievances She also had the charge of housing and urban development departments, which will now be

looked after by Ravneet Kaur. Roshan Sunkaria has been posted as ACS-cum-financial SIBIN C, DIRECTOR,

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE, HAS BEEN **GIVEN ADDITIONAL** CHARGE OF MD, PUNJAB SMALL INDUSTRIES AND EXPORT CORPORATION

life. VK Janjua is the new principal secretary, labour whereas Kirpa Shankar Saroj is now principal secretary, social justice, empowerment and minorities. R Venkat Ratnam has been posted as PS, jails, and Seema Jain as financial commissioner (FC), rural development and pancha-yats in place in Anurag Verma, who goes as PS, technical education and industrial training. with additional charge of higher

KAP Sinha, principal secre tary, food, civil supplies and con-sumer affairs, will look after the general administration depart ment (GAD). The charge of GAD was given to Alok Shekhar initially, but he is proceeding on leave. Rahul Bhandari is now secretary, NRI affairs, home affairs and justice. Veerendra Kumar Meena, secretary, higher education and languages, goes as secretary, printing and stationery, with additional charge of freedom fighters department.

Kumar Rahul has been posted as secretary, health and family welfare, and in additiona project director, National Health Mission, Sibin C, director, industries and commerce, has been given additional charge of MD, Puniab Small Industries and Export Corporation.

Govt sets up tribunal to adjudicate ban on Sikhs for Justice

a tribunal to adjudicate whether or not there is sufficient reason to impose a ban on pro-Khalistan group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), which was declared as an unlaw

She said her colleagues and

she remain committed to addressing rising hate violence

against Muslims Sikhs and

South Asian communities, and all immigrant communities of

colour. Javapal also said they

remain committed to advancing

a legislation to curb gun vio-

the Oak Creek shooting, Wiscon-

sin Congresswoman Judy Chu

said this act of domestic terror-ism was committed by a "white

supremacist who was driven by

prejudice and bigotry"

Remembering the victims of

While imposing the ban, the Union home ministry had said the group's primary objective is to establish an "independent and sovereign country" in Punjab and it openly espouses the cause of Khalistan and in that process challenges the sover eignty and territorial integrity of

"Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. 1967 (37 of 1967), the central gov-

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, consisting of justice DN Patel, chief justice, high court of Delhi, for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause of declaring the SFJ as an unlawful association," a home ministry notification home ministry said.

Such a tribunal is constituted under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) to give an opportunity to the banned entity to present its case.

The US-based SFJ pushes for 'Sikh Referendum 2020" as part of its separatist agenda. The fringe organisation, run by a few radical Sikhs of foreign nationality in the US, Canada, the UK, etc. was declared unlawful.

recognise Guru's birth anniv Indo-Asian News Service

WASHINGTON: A US lawmaker has introduced a new resolution to recognise gurpurb, the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, the media reported.

Many Sikh organisations across the US have been organising events and celebrations this year's gurpurb as it marks the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the American Bazaar daily reported.

The resolution introduced by

California Democrat representative TJ Cox also recognises the contributions Sikhs have made in American society.

Cox is also the vice-chair of the American Sikh Congressional Caucus. "Iam proud to recog-nise American-Sikhs by intro-

THE DECLARATION ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES

US rep brings resolution to

THE DISCRIMINATION THAT SIKHS HAVE FACED IN THE US

ducing this resolution," he said. "My district in California is home to approximately 25,000 Sikhs and seven gurdwaras. Because diversity is the core strength of our country, we must respect the contributions and traditions of Americans of all faith backgrounds. I look forward to continuing to work with the Sikh community in my district," Cox said.

The resolution, which has been welcomed by Sikhs across the country was endorsed by the Sikh Coalition, a minority civil tered in New York, reports the American Bazaar

Sikh Coalition senior manager of advocacy and policy Sim J Singh said: "Resolutions like this are a key part of the Sikh Coalition's ongoing efforts to engage our elected officials. Raising awareness of the contributions of Sikh-Americans as well as the cultural and histori-cal significance of our religion is a critical component in the larger fight to ensure our civil rights are protected." Gurdwaras across the US are

celebrating Guru Nanak's 550th gurpurb. Various events such as gurdwara open houses to wel come officials and community leaders are also being organis There are about seven lakh Sikhs living in the US presently according to official figures

business giant Trident group has

days after the Centre revoked the

special status of the state by scrapping Article 370.

Gupta on Wednesday night shared his plan to invest in J&K

with a news channel and later

shared the video clipping of the same on his social media accounts, including Facebook.

Gupta could not be contacted ecause he is said on a tour to the

United States, but one of the sen-

ior functionaries of the group confirmed company's plans

while talking to HT, on condition

been prepared by the group chairman for the investment in the state. "We have identified cer-

tain sectors, including small-

scale industries and peripheral industries serving the hospitality sector. We plan to give direct and

Group chairman Rajinder

Ludhiana-based

group to invest 1,000 cr in J&K

At ₹369cr, IT sector investments witness jump of 200% in 2018-19

SURGE The growth is expected to create 7,200 additional jobs in Mohali and other parts of the state

CHANDIGARH: Punjab is not more than just a speck on the information technology map of the country, but it appears to have finally started moving in the right direc-

The state has seen a 200% jump in investments in the information technology (IT) and IT-enabled services (ITeS) sector in financial year 2018-19. It attracted actual investments worth ₹369 crore in the sector as compared to ₹121.5 crore during the previous year.

KindleBit Solutions, Netsmartz, Bajaj Electronic, Merit-ech Software, Click Labs and CRM are among the firms that have set up their software development unit and IT services facilities in the state.

These investments are expected to create 7,200 additional jobs in Mohali and other parts of the state. The state also reported IT exports of ₹4,400 crore in 2018-19 from 150-odd firms

In a nutshell

Software exports in 2018-19 ₹4,400 crore Number of IT/ITeS firms

vestment in 2018-19 ₹369 crore

Investment in 2017-18 ₹121.49 crore

according to IT department. Director, information technol ogy, and Invest Punjab chief executive officer Rajat Agarwal attributed the surge in investments to aggressive policy advo-cacy and proactive follow up with investors. "Our target is to double the investment in IT and ITeS sectors this year," he said, betting big on the "positive environment" created by special fiscal incentives given in the Industrial and Business Development Policy in



The state attracted actual investments worth ₹369 crore in the

its policy, provided for exemption from electricity duty, stamp duty external development charges and other levies to investments in the sector as a thrust area. The steps taken to improve the 'ease of doing business' is another factor that seems to have working for Bharat Mittal, head of

sulting Inc, who had more or less decided to have a set-up in Pune for his new artificial intelligencebased trading app for stock markets, changed his mind after a visit to the incubation centre in Mohalitwo months ago. The consulting service provider has already got a 20-member team in place and plans to expand it to 100

simple processes and smooth clearances helped me decide quickly," he said before flying back to New Jersey.

With Gurgaon and Noida get-ting a tad too crowded and facing pollution, the department plans to push the state as an investment signation for IT industry.

But, industry experts see availability of skilled techies and re-skilling facilities in the region as a challenge even though there has been improvement in recent years. The department is working on setting up centres of excellence in artificial intelligence. machine learning, electronic sys-tem design and manufacturing and data analytics to promote development of latest cutting edge technologies. "Proposals have been sent to the central government for two centres of excel-lence for ESDM and info-tech in agriculture. Another one has been proposed for AI and data sciences with the support of the Government of Japan," said Agarwal.

functionary.

Gupta is also the vice-chairman of the Punjab Planning CHANDIGARH: The Ludhiana-based Board with a cabinet status and announced to invest ₹1,000 crore in Jammu and Kashmir, just two he is the first major businessman who has announced investment for the state after Article 370 was

Notably, certain provisions of Articles 370 and 35A have prevented business houses from pur chasing land and hiring skilled manpower in the state

In the news clip shared by Tri-dent chairman on his Facebook account. Gupta says he has special employment-generation plans for women of J&K. "I want Jammu and Kashmir

toflourish like other states of the country," says Gupta. Having manufacturing facili-

ties in Barnala and Budhni (Mad-hya Pradesh), Trident Limited is a US\$1-billion conglomerate with business interests in home tex-tiles, paper, yarn, chemicals and captive power.

The company has customer base spread across more than 100 countries and most of the large retail stores in the US and Europe are part of its customer list.

HT Correspondent

SARKARIA **ORDERS**

CHANDIGARH: Under fire over rampant illegal mining, the Pun-jab government on Thursday ordered a crackdown and registration of cases against those indulging in the illegal

CRACKDOWN ON

ILLEGAL MINING

Punjab mining and geology minister Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria gave the orders following reports in this regard. "The mining department has received reports of illegal mining from some parts of the state which has led to heavy losses to the state exchequer and needed to be checked on priority," he said in a

Directing the department officials to take strict action against illegal miners, the minister also warned that strict action would also be taken against those land owners whose land was being illegally mined.

He said recovery would be made according to the extent to which the sand had been extracted and no political inter ference would be tolerated in the

Bhim Sain Tank murder: A phone call that got wheels of justice moving

Gaurav Sagar Bhaskar

BATHINDA: The sentencing of liquor baron Shiv Lal Doda and 23 others to life imprisonment for the brutal murder of Dalit man Bhim Sain Tank, 27, in December 2015 would never have happened had a phone call

The crucial phone call from Guriant Singh, alias Janta Lahoria, who had accompanied Tank to Doda's palatial farmhouse on December 11, 2015. meant that he and Tank did not end up being buried in a corner of the 30-acre property. The call was made to Ranjit Singh Rana, Gurjant's brother, and led to the arrival of help. Tank died on way to hospital, while Gurjant had his hand chopped off and foot slashed.

After having remained Doda's employee in his liquor business and a close aide for several years, Tank had started a dhaba on the Abohar-Malout road and in a dispute with Davinder Singh, an employee of Doda. It was this dis-pute that turned into a scuffle before culminating into the brutal murder.

case, Doda tried to prove his innocence by posting a video that showed him as being in Delhi

Couple consumes

poison in Khanna,

LUDHIANA: A man and his wife allegedly consumed poison in the Model Town area of Khanna

on Wednesday night in front of their 2-year-old son.

The man died on Thursday

evening, while his wife is criti-cal. The couple had strained rela-tionship. According to the police,

the woman had filed a complaint

against her husband with the women's cell but later they

struck a compromise. On Wednesday, they entered

into a verbal spat following which Pinder Singh, 30, and his

wife Gaganpreet Kaur, 27, con sumed poison. Pinder was a

driver. The neighbours rushed them to a hospital.

record Gaganpreet's statement. Inquest proceedings have been initiated under Section 174 of the

Force arrested a father-son duo with 1.5kg heroin near the Indo-Pak border in Ferozepur on

Those arrested were Maluk Singh, 56, and his son Sukhchain

and BSF raided a house in the border village Poio Kee under

Mamdot, and seized two packets, each carrying 750g of heroin,

said Ajay Maluja, AIG, counter intelligence, Ferozepur. HTC

"Following a tip-off, joint

Thursday.

Singh, 32

Father-son held

Assistant sub-inspector Jagjit Singh of Khanna city-1 police station said couple was married for four years. The police is yet to

husband dies





Kaushalya Devi with a picture of her son Bhim Sain Tank who was murdered in December 2015.

when the murder took place. However, his and his nephew Amit's involvement in the criminal conspiracy was proved with

mobile phone call details. Having contested 2012 assem bly polls as an independent candidate from Abohar against Congress's Sunil Jakhar, he had been 'virtually' managing the SAD's affairs in the segment. During this time, he was also seen with the then chief minister Parkash Singh Badal and deputy

His clout in the SAD and

BY POSTING A VIDEO THAT SHOWED HIM AS BEING IN DELHI AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER

from the fact that he was found to be conducting a political darbar in Fazilka sub-tehsil jail in January 2017 before the Puniah assembly elections with SAD

His clout in the liquor industry meant that in May 2017, even under the new Congress government, deputy excise and taxation commissioner Jaswinder Singh went to meet Doda, lodged in Amritsar jail at the time for Tank's murder, to ask him to take over the liquor trade in the region. Jaswinder's audio con versation with a liquor trader from the jail went viral.

In January 2019, Doda, along with four others, was booked for threatening key witness and attack survivor, Gur-

In May, Punjab National Bank seized Doda's nine properties worth crores of rupees after a loan default. His liquor firms continue to get big business in $Punjab, Haryana\, and\, Himachal$

TRIBUNAL ROW

AAP extends support to lawyers

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab unit of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday slammed the Manohar Lal Khattar-led BJP govern-ment in Haryana for setting up the State Administrative Tribunal for adjudication of the ser-vice matters of state government employees in place of the Puniah and Haryana high court, which heard their service-related mattersearlier

Leader of opposition in Pun-jab assembly Harpal Singh Cheema said the AAP would support the protesting lawyers in Punjab, Haryana and Chandi-

He said the move was detri-mental not only to the lawyers' fraternity but was also against the interests of people at large.

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HARYANA POWER REGULATOR

CHANDIGARH: Former Haryana chief secretary DS Dhesi was on Thursday appointed as chairman of Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC). He replaces Jagjeet Singh whose term ends on August 12. Dhesi will be administered oath of office on August 16. He will have a tenure of about five years. Dhesi had retired as chief secretary in June

Newborn girl found abandoned in Karnal

KARNAL: A newly born baby girl was found abandoned near MDD Bal Bhavan in Sector 33 here on Thursday. Wrapped in a towel, the girl was left with a bottle of milk. The founder general secretary of orphanage, PR Nath, said, "We informed the child welfare committee, members of which took the baby for medical examination." The baby is health and under observation.

Karnal's Nari Niketan inmates hold protest

KARNAL: Inmates of Karnal's Nari Niketan on Thursday held a protest after staff of the shelter home recovered a mobile phone from one of them. When the centre's authorities failed to control the situation, police were called. Cops who had reached there said the inmates were demanding that they should be allowed to talk to their family

Two arrested with 408kg poppy husk

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Police on Thursday arrested two men, including a Punjab resident for smuggling 408kg poppy husk. A police spokesman said the Punjab man was identified as Amrendra Singh, a resident of Ramgarh Sainiya in Fatehgarh district. The second peddler has been identi-fied as Pappu Ram, who was found carrying 8kg poppy husk in

14-yr-old looking for job gangraped in Ggm

SHOCKER Girl had come from Meghalaya; 3 arrests made so far

GURUGRAM: A 14-year-old girl from Meghalaya was raped and sexu ally assaulted by four men at dif ferent locations in the NCR, over five days, after she arrived in the city on August 2. The police on Thursday arrested two men for allegedly raping the girl and a woman for conspiring against

her.
According to the police, the victim, a school drop-out, had left home on July 30 with a man, who is one of two suspects still at large. She told the police in her complaint that a friend, who had been working as a medical attendant (nurse) in Gurugram for the last two years, brought her to the city on the pretext of getting her a job in a private hospital.

Police commissioner Muham-mad Akil said that an official from Meghalaya House approached them in the wee hours of Thursday with the girl and alleged that she was raped by two different men, and molested by two others at different places in the city. "She had eloped from her house with her friend on July 30. He introduced her to his friends and roommates in Rajendra Park, who offered her beer and forced themselves on her. The victim could not converse in Hindi or English and so, we had to take assistance from an interpreter," he said.

The girl was first raped in Rajendra Park, allegedly by Lokeshalias Lambu, a roommate of her friend's She was later introduced to Bhupinder Singh, who owns an office in Sector 38

OCCULTIST NABBED FOR **MOLESTING TEEN GIRL**

GURUGRAM: The police on Wednesday arrested an occultist for allegedly molesting a 15-year-old girl in Manesar. Police said the occultist had called the girl in for a ritualistic practice at a temple on Wednesday. According to the police,

the accused man had gone to the girl's house for a prayer meeting.

A senior police official privy to the investigation, requesting anonymity, said the occultist told her that he would perform a ritual that

medical attendants and caretakers for patients, the police said.
The girl's companion had

allegedly introduced her to one Ritu and her husband, Om Pra-kash, residents of Chauma. On August 5, Ritu allegedly took her to Singh's office in Sector 38 on the pretext of helping her get a job. "The woman introduced her to Singh and left his office. The girl said she was offered a beer and upon drinking it, passed out, following which he raped her said Akil. The girl also alleged that her friend took her to Delhi, where Lokesh had raped her again. She told the police that Prakash had also touched her

inappropriately.
"The victim told us that she had come to Gurugram in July with the same man but had returned, as she could not understand the language," Akil said.

would rid her of "negative

uniab&haryana

energy and spirits" that had been allegedly troubling her. "During the alleged ritual, he molested her. The girl shared the incident with her brother who approached the police and filed a complaint at the women's police station."

said the official. "He was arrested from his village in Farrukhnagar on Wednesday after the vic-tim's statement was recorded before the magistrate," said the official. HTC

due to which they are yet to estab lish the sequence of events. All the accused work as medical attendants in the city and will be produced before the court on Friday, the police said. Two other suspects-her friend and Lokesh

- are on the run.
An FIR under sections 6 and 8 of Pocso Act and 120B of the IPC was registered at the women's police station (west).

HISAR MAN BOOKED FOR RAPING STEPDAUGHTER

HISAR: A man has been arrested for allegedly raping his 14-year old stepdaughter in Hisar. Police spokesperson Harish

Bhardwaj said, "The Class-8 student said her step father first raped her when her mother was away for work last month. She stated that the accused repeatedly raped her." The accused has

MOHALI: It took 20 years and four

investigations to establish that

the mysterious death of an undertrial, who was found hang-

ing in Amritsar jail way back in

The CBI has relied on the poly-

graph test of two accused cops

statement of other jail inmates and the deceased's postmortem

report to reach the conclusion.

On December 10, 1999, Gurtej Singh, alias Raju, of Amloh vil-

lage of Fatehgarh Sahib, was

arrested in a theft case and booked under Sections 382 and

He was put up in the lockup of police station at A-Division,

PANIPAT COUPLE

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1999, was suicide.

511 of IPC.

MLA'sREPORTCARD



Graduate MLA's electoral record: Associated with the RSS since his teens, Goel made his political debut in 2014. The commission agentturned-MLA defeated

My poll plank was BSP: Bijli, Sadak aur Pani. Now I can say that I have fulfilled my promises. I spent ₹2,000 crore on developmental projects. My biggest achievement was building a bus stand.

in 2014

| Assets declared | Moveable: ₹1.9 crore Immovable: ₹1.18 crore

HARYANA

Ambala Canti

ibala City Mullana(SC)

Goel has visited 12

countries, including

Naraingarh

Constituency primer: The rural pockets of the segment border with Punjab. The presence of Dera Sacha Sauda followers is significant across villages. The urban belt has a mix of Punjabi and Bania communities. Due to its proximity to Punjab, politicians from Haryana opt for this segment to protest the hot-button SYL Canal issue.

Electoral history:

2014: BJP's Aseem Goel defeated Venod Sharma, who had quit the Congress, by 23,252 votes.

2009: Sharma, Cong, beat SAD's Charanjeet Kaur by 35,550 votes 2005: Cong's Sharma defeated INLDs Surjit Singh by 35,316 votes.

How he performed: Despite being an MLA of the ruling party, Goel raised the demands of his constituency like an activist. He didn't hesitate in locking horns with ministers of his own

party. For example, people recall the MLA caused a flutter when he raised slogans against the police at a meeting chaired by the transport minister. He had opened a front against cabinet minister Anil Vij for not giving the nod to upgrade

a hospital and a stadium. Goel is credited with constructing a modern bus stand, Shiksha Sadan and Krishi Sadan and developing a religious place. The construction of a mini-secretariat is

After 20 years and 4 probes, CBI says

SANTOSH C SARWAN, 64, BJP



Graduate MLA's electoral record: In 1991, Santosh won from Dabwali (reserved) assembly segment as a Congress candidate. She went into political oblivion and emerged in 2014 to win from Mullana as the BJP candidate.

Educational qualification:

I will contest the assembly election on the development plank. ₹1,000 crore was spent on ensuring amenities. If re-elected, I will focus on improving health and educational facilities.

in 2014

Assets declared | Moveable: ₹1.22 crore Immovable: ₹4.75 crore

HARYANA

Narainga Ambala Cantt

Constituency primer: Voters of this reserved segment created history in 2014 by voting a Mullana(SC woman as legislator ever since Haryana was carved out of Punjab in 1966. The segment is a backyard of Ambala having a network of well-laid roads and quality educational institutions.

Electoral history:

2014: BJP's Santosh defeated sitting MLA and INLD's Rajbir Singh by over 5,000 votes.

2009: In a close contest, INLD's Raibir Singh defeated Congress stalwart Phool Chand Mullana by 2,937 vot

2005: Congress' Mullana defeated Rajbir Singh's father and two-time MLA, Rishal Singh, by 9,130 votes.

How he performed: Her detractors say Santosh confined herself to her Panchkula residence and rarely showed up in the segment after she was elected. Her supporters dismiss the

accusations and point out that new roads were built across the segment. Setting up a mini secretariat and providing drainage facility in villages are among development projects undertaken. But women's safety, the drug problem and stray cattle issue are their concerns. Water-logging in low-lying

Santosh did BA from Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, Bihar

Hooda galvanising

workers for

By the way:

areas damaged crops in the segment. The MLA says she took up the matter with Union minister and Ambala MP Ratan Lal Kataria.

Sunaria jail supdt to decide on Ram Rahim's parole today Amritsar custodial death was a suicide

WIFE'S PLEA Dera Sacha Sauda chief's presence is sought during the treatment of his mother; jail official claims norms not fulfilled

HT Correspondent

ROHTAK: A day after Sirsa civil surgeon Govind Gupta con-ducted medical examination of jailed Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh's mother Naseeb Kaur, the district administration on Thursday sent her medical report to Sun-aria jail superintendent Sunil Sangwan, who would take decision on Singh's parole on Friday. On August 5, dera chief's wife

Harjit Kaur had filed plea in the Punjab and Haryana high court and sought for him three-week parole as his mother is scheduled to undergo treatment for a heart ailment. "My mother-in-law wants her son to remain present during her treatment," she

stated in the application. Justice Kuldeep Singh of Punjab and Haryana HC had asked sion regarding the parole within

3 govt officials suspended for partying in office **HT Correspondent**

KARNAL: Three officials of Haryana information and public relations department were suspended for drinking and partying at their Panipat office.

The suspended officials are

Narender Dahiya, Anup Kumar and Muni Ram.
Action against the officials

was taken by the director general of information and public relations department after a video and few pictures of these officials purportedly showing them partying surfaced on social media platforms.

VIDEO, PICTURES OF PARTY SURFACE ON INTERNET

Panipat district information and public relations officer Devender Sharma said, "Soon after the matter was brought to my knowledge. I took up the issue with senior officials and the trio were suspended following an

internal inquiry. It was found in the probe that the video and pictures were captured on the intervening night of August 3 and 4 by another staffer present there.



Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh

medical report that 85-year-old Naseeb is suffering from a heart disease, but she is not critical.

On Thursday, Ram Rahim's advocate Rajendra Saran had visited the jail premises and dis cussed about the parole plea with him A senioriail official on the condition of anonymity, said the medical report does not fulfil the norms required to grant him

When contacted, jail superin $tendent\,Sunil\,Sangwan\,refused\\to\,comment\,on\,the\,matter.$

Direction has been issued to respondents that if the jail super-intendent is satisfied that this case is covered under the Haryana Good Conduct Prisoners Temporary Release Act, he can decide within a time frame fixed by the jail department. If he is not satisfied, he would forward the case to the authorities after recording the reasons, who shall decide same, ordered Justice

Rahim's parole plea for attending the wedding ceremony of his foster daughters. The dera chief was confined to Rohtak's Sunariajailin August, 2017, after he was sentenced to 20 years of imprisonment by a CBI court for the rape for his two disciples. In January 2019, he was sentenced to life for murdering a journalist Ram Chander Chhatrapati. He is also facing trial in two more cases – murder of a dera man, Ranjit Singh, and castration of

Bajrang Punia, Sangeeta Phogat likely to tie knot HT Correspondent

Bajrang Punia

"I am expecting gold medals from my daughters and Punia in Tokyo Olympics. After the sport-

ing event we would think about

village, Punia stepped foot in the wrestling ring at the age of seven.

attempts, comments of Sangeeta

and Bajrang could not be elicited.

However, despite repeated

angeeta's wedding," he added. Hailing from Jhajjar's Khudan

ROHTAK: International wrestler Bajrang Punia is likely to marry grappler Sangeeta Phogat, youngest sister of Geeta Phogat and Babita Phogat.
Ranked world's number 1,

Punia had recently bagged gold in the Asian Wrestling Champion-ship 2019 in 65kg category. Phogat, a former national medallist. competes in 59kg freestyle. She is the fourth daughter of Dronacharya awardee Mahavir Singh Phogat of Balali village in Dadri district.

Mahavir confirmed that both the grapplers had been in contact for about last three years.

"Ours and Bajrang's family know each other now. Talks are on, but no decision has been taken regarding the wedding so far. I have always respected the feelings of my children and final call about this relationship will be taken by them," he said.

It has been learnt that both the families had met on Sangeeta's birthday celebrations and talked



TWO ARRESTED **HT Correspondent** KARNAI: Two persons have been them to the US.

arrested by Panipat police for allegedly duping a couple of ₹41 lakh on the pretext of sending

The accused have been identified as Balbir Singh and Sunil Kumar. Panipat police spokes-person said Robin of Jind's Anchra Kalan village had on May 2 complained that the accused had taken ₹41 lakh to send him and his wife to Amer ica and help them to get work permit there.

Robin said the fraudsters first sent them to France, where they were arrested from Cancon in August last year for travelling on fake documents. After get-ting released, they tried to contact the accused with the help of their family members. Robin told the police that the accused duo then sent some people to help them and they allegedly left them on the US border later. "We were arrested by the US police and sent to jail. We walked out of the American prison in March this year and

returned to India," he added.

An FIR under Sections 406 (punishment for criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating) and 120-B (punishment of criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) has been registered against the accused, who will be produced in a court. Police said they would seek their remand for interrogation and extract information about other people involved in the racket.

THEFT ACCUSED GURTEJ

SINGH WAS FOUND HANGING IN POLICE LOCKUP IN 1999; 2 COPS WERE BOOKED

Amritsar. At about 10.30 pm, head constable Kirpal Singh saw that Gurtej had hanged himself with his shirt from a ventilator in the lock-up. He immediately reported the matter to assistant sub-inspector (ASI) Jarnail Singh who informed his seniors. Later, a case under 304A (causing death by negligence) was registered against Jarnail and Kir-

Refusing to believe that Gur-tej had committed suicide, his

Punjab and Haryana high court and sought the transfer of the case to CBI. The probe was transferred to

CBI in 2005. After completion of its investigation, the CBI filed its closure report in November 2010 before the CBI court, Patiala, but the court ordered reinvestigation into the case. The second closure report was filed in December 2013 and the court ordered a fresh probe. The third report was filed in February 2016. The court ordered reinvestigation again and the final closure report was filed in July this year in Mohali CBI court.

As the video-recording and pictures of the lockup where the inmate had committed suicide

relied on the statement of other inmates lodged in the jail to establish that the deceased used a toilet seat to reach the ventilator to hang himself.
Besides, polygraph tests of

Jarnail and Kirpal were got conducted by the CBI, wherein the accused got a clean chit. It was established that there was no foul play in Gurtej's death and he committed suicide in the lockup.

The court of special judicial magistrate, CBI, Mohali, GS Sekhon, while accepting the closure report, recorded the state-ment of Krishan Singh, deceased's father, who did not have any objection to the closure

rally in the state's history. It will decide the future of Haryana's politics," he said. Hooda however skinned the questions about floating a new outfit, but said everything will be

cleared after this rally. As per people close to him, "Hooda may take a big decision in this rally in case the party's top leadership fails to do anything about Hary-ana in the Congress Working Committee's meeting scheduled for August 10." Several Congress MLAs and Hooda's supporters have been demanding change of guard in the state and removal of Haryana Pradesh Congress Com-

Boy beaten up by senior in pvt school, principal denies incident

dent of a private school in sector 31 on Thursday alleged that their son was brutally injured after he was beaten up by a class 9 student in the school's washroom two weeks ago.

The parents shared the information through a message that was circulated on Whatsapp on Wednesday, after the school allegedly failed to respond to the incident with an appropriate

incident had taken place in the school roughly two weeks ago, but did not specify the exact date. She said that her son had been threatened by the senior and out offear, he did not share the details about the incident immediately $after it\, happened.$

"He was beaten up two weeks ago with a wiper and also sustained injuries to his chest. He told us about the incident after a few days, since he was frightened.

ment soon after, but they did not take our complaint seriously," she said. The boy's elder sister, who is a teacher in another school said "HisT-shirt was also torn from the collar but no action was taken against the student. When we informed the principal, she casually blamed my brother

for being aggressive."

The principal of the school, however, denied that the student

Couple arrested for dragging cop on car, assaulting two journalists in Gurugram

GURUGRAM: A couple was arrested for allegedly dragging a traffic police officer on the bonnet of their car after they were asked to stop for jumping a traffic signal on Sohna Road. According to the police, the couple also assaulted a police officer and two journalists in the ensuing scuffle after they

vere intercepted.

The incident took place around 9.45am at Vatika Chowk on Sohna Road when constable Sunil Kumar spotted a silver Honda City jump the traffic sig-

"The constable came in front of the car and signalled the driver to pull over. The driver stopped the car, after which the two sitting in the rear seat stepped out. The woman took control of the wheel and her husband sat on the pas-

ble jumped on to the car's bonnet as they drove off, and hung on for 45 metres," said Shamsher Singh, ACP (crime). The driver was standing near the car when they tried to flee from the spot, police said. The police said the 28-yearold woman is a chartered accountant and her husband, 32, is an engineer.

Police said two journalists from a local news channel who were crossing the stretch spotted a fracas, after which one of them started recording the incident. The woman saw him making the video, snatched his camera and assaulted him.

The incident was caught by a few onlookers on video, where the couple are seen shouting and assaulting traffic officials and journalists who recorded the



The accused woman trying to snatch the camera of a journalist. who was making a video of the incident, in Gurugram

Parivartan rally on August 18 **HT Correspondent**

Bhupinder Singh Hooda is pulling out all the stops to make his August-18 'Parivartan Maha Rally' in Rohtak successful and impress the party high command with show of strength. Hooda, who started his cam

paignfrom Rohtak on August 4, is for the past three days holding several meetings of party work ers in Kurukshetra, Ambala Panchkula and Yamunanagar He is asking them to ensure huge gathering at the rally.
The former chief minister targeted the BJP government in the

state and accused it of failing to protect the interest of people of all sections. "This should be biggest

mittee president Ashok Tanwar

Legal tangle delays counselling for MBBS,

BDS courses at **BFUHS**

CONFUSION Process has already been on hold for more than a month

Parteek Singh Mahal

FARIDKOT: The confusion over the counselling for MBBS and BDS admissions being conducted by Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS) prevails among medical aspirants in Pun-

Facing legal tangle due to court cases, including one relating to micro reservation quota, the department of medical edu-cation and research is yet to announce the new date for starting counselling for the first round of MBBS and BDS admis-

Even 13 days after the Punjab and Haryana high court directed the department to issue a fresh notification providing 1% micro reservation quota in MBBS and BDS courses in all private medical and dental colleges in the state, it is yet to issue the notification.

"The department is taking legal advice over the high court ruling on micro reservation quota in private institutions. The legal matters take time. The judgment was pronounced on July 26, but it took some time to receive the complete written order of the court. We are going through the details and the matpossible," said DK Tiwari, principal secretary, department of medical education and research.

The department is taking legal advice over the high court ruling on micro reservation quota in private institutions. The legal matters take time. We are going through the details and the matter will be resolved soon. DK TIWARI, principal secretary, BFUHS

'The university will start counselling after the department will issue a notification in this regard. There has been delay in

the counselling process, but it will not affect the study of students as academic session starts from August 31," said Raj Bahadur, vice-chancellor, BFUHS. On July 26, the high court held that micro reservation of 1% in MBBS and BDS courses for chil-

dren/grandchildren of terror-af-fected persons/anti-sikh riots-affected persons would be applicable to the state quota as well as the management quota in all private unaided non-minority medical/dental institutions The court also held that under

sports quota in government colleges, the reservation would be 3% and not 1% as notified by the government.

With the delay in the notification regarding counselling, confusion prevails among medical aspirants The MBBS and BDS classes for the 2019 academic ses sion have already started in many of the neighbouring states.

The counselling process has

already been on hold for more

than a month.

Following a notification

issued by the department of med-

ical education and research on June 6, the BFUHS had asked

aspirants to give their preference by June 25. However, the date was extended to July 5. The

result of the first round of coun-

selling was to be declared on July 8, but on July 4, the fresh sched-

ule of the first round of counsel-

ling was released. There was a couple of other extensions on

July 9 and July 11, informing the

aspirants about the keeping the

counselling on hold till further

On July 15, another notice was

issued by BFUHS announcing to keep the counselling process in

abeyance till July 19 on the direc-tions of the department of medi-

cal education and research

However, no fresh notice has been issued by BFUHS so far. The eight medical colleges in the state offer 1,225 MBBS seats —

 $600\,in\,three\,government\,college$

and 625 in five private institu-

tions There are 1 230 BDS seats

in 15 dental colleges.

day parties meant samosas, cake and gulab jamuns. Passing the parcel and the musical chairs were the timetested games that all aunties planned for the children. I learnt of the changed birthday party scenario only after I became a mother and was gearing up to host a party for my son recently.
The scene today is such that

am an '80s kid, when birth-

everybody wants to outdo the other by doing something dif-ferent. Many parents even hire party planners to impress guests. So in a quest to leave no stone unturned to make the party a success. I started plan-

Hosting a birthday party with a difference ATTEND HIS OWN

BIRTHDAY PARTY **BECAUSE HE WANTED** TO BE LEFT ALONE WITH HIS GIFTS!

ning a month in advance. Top on my list were the games chil dren would play and the menu. Arrangements for decorations and music were also duly made. My husband is averse to the

idea of hosting elaborate par-ties. In his opinion, celebrations are the most joyous when done under stress-free circum-stances with close family members and friends. But going by swimming against the tide.

So I carefully planned the games which would be differ ent, innovative and fun at the same time. Every activity was planned in a way to engage the children in an entertaining manner. To avoid last-minute glitches, I created a mini screenplay of the party for my

Wrapping the return gifts in an attractive manner and packing the prizes was a task that required some effort. My son's excitement on seeing the preparations fuelled my passion to make it a memorable affair. Finally, the big day dawned.

All my kid's friends arrived in

cute party attire. My son was so ing proud to have gone against my husband's wishes Leven planned to give him an earful

on his reclusive mindset. The birthday boy was well behaved; he greeted everybody cheerfully and dutifully carried the gifts to the room as was instructed to him. The children started playing and voila what a party it was!

Wait a minute, I could not spot my son among the happy bunch I found him on the bed full of torn wrappers and opened gifts. He was busy going through the gifts and, in the process, he had mixed all the small parts of different games.

The sight of the mess left me

join the party yielded no result My son refused to attend his own birthday party because he wanted to be left alone with his gifts!

This was not a part of the screenplay and I had no backup plan. But being the captain of the ship, I had to carry on with the party without the birthday boy. While I was busy with the preparations, I had forgotten to prepare the birthday boy for

The mission of hosting a birthday party with a difference was accomplished, though not on expected lines.

his party.

The writer is a homemaker

letters editor

DETER CYBER CRIME Even Punjab chief minister's wife Preneet Kaur fell prey to cyber criminals on the prowl and lost ₹23 lakh to online fraud. In exemplary and speedy action, the Punjab Police and the Jharkhand Police traced and arrested the culprit within a few days. Why can't cases of the common man, who is a frequent victim to such crimes be solved at a similar speed? This will act as a deterrent for cyber

Sunil Bansal, Patiala

ALLAY APPREHENSIONS OF KASHMIRIS

After nullifying Article 370, it is the government's responsibility to take care of the well-being of people in Kashmir. It must preerve their demographic profile,

culture and traditions while ensuring overall development of the state. It is crucial to keep Kashmiris within the mainstream and allay their apprehen-sions arising out of doing away of the special status that the state enjoyed for 70 years. Sanna Singh

SPARE COMMON MAN ANY TROUBLE

Pakistan has announced retaliatory measures in response to ter-minating the special status of J&K. The expulsion of diplomats, restrictions on air space and suspension of trade are some of the actions taken. Pakistan is likely to escalate the issue even before the United Nations. China will support Pakistan as it has also objected to India's move. India should be prepared to focus on bringing prosperity to the newly-created union territories of Ladakh and J&K. The common man in both India and Pakistan must be spared any

counter such moves and must

Subhash Vaid

PAK'S IMMATURE DECISION

Pakistan's suspension of bilateral trade and expulsion of the Indian high commissioner betrays its immaturity. Paki-stan's loss is estimated at around \$700 million a year, while India stands to lose around \$2 billion. With no high commissions, military interference in Pakistan is only bound to increase

Gaurav Kumar, Rajpura

MODI GOVT'S BOLD MOVE

icy of Israel which does not bow even to the United States, when it comes to its national interests The concern being shown by current situation is mere hog-

ping of Articles 370 and 35A is a

bold move. It proves that tough times call for tough decisions.

The government has not

annexed Kashmir, as Russia did with Crimea in 2014. One should

take a leaf out of the foreign pol-

Vikramjeet Singh, Mohali

ENFORCE TRAFFIC RULES

Γhe death of four motorcycle borne youngsters in a road accident in Muktsar on Thurs day has once again highlighted the tragic consequences that inevitably follow brazen violaoccurred while they were trying to overtake a truck and collided with the bus coming from the opposite direction. The pro test from the villagers was unjustified as youngsters had violated traffic rules. Clearly Punjab has failed to enforce road

Navneet Seth, Dhuri

BANK MUST NOT LOWER DEPOSIT RATES

Banks needs to look for better ways to lower their cost of funds than cutting the rate of interest on retail deposits. This is a disin-centive to depositors and as such will negatively impact growth of the resources of banks, particularly at a time when banks are recording sluggish growth in deposits.

SC Dhall, Zirakpur

YOUNG PATRIOTS



NCC cadets taking part in a rehearsal ahead of Independence Day at Guru Nanak Stadium in Amritsar on Thursday.

Sidhu inaugurates LED streetlight project in Amritsar

AMRITSAR: After staying at home for 18 days, cricketer-turned politician and Congress MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu on Thursday finally inaugurated LED street light project at Verka in Amritsar east. These lights were installed

across the city under smart city project at a cost of ₹35 crore. However, top brass of municipal corporation, custodian of the project, remained absent in the ceremony held outside Gurdwara Nanaksar at Verka locality on Batal road. Notably, neither mayor

Karamjit Singh Rintu or any other top official of the civic body and other senior Congress leaders turned up on the occa-

Amritsar east MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu after inaugurating the

sion. However, his supporters, including councillors Jeet Singh Bhatia, Shelinderjit

Moti Bhatia, were presenton the

Later, Sidhu also paid obei-

RESTRICTIONS IN VALLEY

Poultry biz takes a hit in state

Dar Ovais

JALANDHAR: As restrictions in the Valley continued for the fourth consecutive day, egg business in the state has come to a standstill as local suppliers have not been able to transport even a single truck of eggs to Kashmir since

August 5. According to the egg suppliers, about 30 trucks used to carry eggs from Punjab to Kashmir Valle on daily basis, predominantly from Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Sangrur districts.

Jalandhar-based supplier Jas want Singh Setia who has been supplying eggs to Kashmir for the past 30 years, said, "Around seven trucks carried eggs daily

from Jalandhar to Kashmir but since August 5, we have not supplied a single truck of eggs to the Valley, A single truck of eggs yielded a profit of around ₹10,000 We supply eggs mainly to Anantnag and Srinagar."

A single truck on an average carries about 2 lakh eggs worth ₹5.5 lakh, Egg farmers are worst hit as eggs remain fresh for only some days and when the supply is cut, the price of the eggs takes a

plunge. "Egg farmers already face crisis during this time of the year due to Shravan month as supply of eggs to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is curtailed while there is huge demand in the Valley due to Eid. It is a double blow to egg farmers "said Jaswant Singh

Suppliers said that about 12 trucks from Ludhiana carry eggs to the Valley daily. Sangrur and Barnala supply about 8 trucks of eggs per day. "The restrictions have severely impacted the trade. We are trying to minimise our losses by transporting eggs to other states, but this is not enough," said Gansham, a Ludhi-

ana-based supplier.

Anantnag-based egg trader Zahoor Ahmad said "As Eid is approaching, I came here to transport a few trucks of eggs to the valley. I received two trucks of eggs every day. But we have not received a single truck of eggs in the past four days. Our business is on edge. We want normalcy to prevail so that no businessman has to suffer loss.'

Jalandhar man commits suicide, family alleges police inaction

HT Correspondent

JALANDHAR: A 40-year-old man committed suicide on Thursday, a day after he was reportedly robbed of ₹3lakh by three bikeborne miscreants on Jalandhar Amritsar highway here.

Deceased has been identified as Jarnail Singh (40) of Golden Avenue, Jalandhar.

Singh committed suicide after jumping before a speeding train near Beas village on Thursday. Government Railway Police (GRP) had sent his body to the

civil hospital for post-mortem. Alleging police of not taking action against Jarnail's com plaint, deceased's brother Onka Singh blamed rural police for abating his suicide. "Three bike borne youths intercepted Jar nail's SUV on Jalandhar-Amrit sar highway on Wednesday aft ernoon when he was returning home after work and robbed him. He filed a complaint with Maqsudan police but police dic

not register his case," Onkar He claimed that as he had to repay some loan and police was not ready to register the case, he

committed suicide. Maqsudan police station house officer (SHO) Ramandeep Singh, however, denied the allegation and said, "Victim approached the police on Thurs day evening and we had also reg istered a complaint of robbery We were verifying the complain and investigation was under

Meanwhile, GRP police registered the case under Section 174 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Crpc).

Stray dogs attack leaves 11 injured in Sultanpur Lodhi SULTANPUR LODHI: At least 11 people, including three children, were injured after stray dogs attacked them in Sultanpur Lodhi here on Thursday. Health officials said that incidents were reported from different areas of the city Sultanpur Lodhi senior medical officer (SMO) Dr Anil Manchanda said that treatment of injured victims are going on in the local civil hospital and they have all been adminis

shortstories

STUDENTS TAKEN

ILL AFTER TAKING

DEWORMING PILLS

Deworming Day, three students of

Hariana, fell sick on Thursday after

taking albendazole (deworming) tablets. They were admitted to the civil hospital here after they

ache. Their condition was stated to

complained of nausea and head-

be stable. "Two boys and a girl were brought to the hospital. It could be due to heat wave or

dehydration.," said district immu

Kapoor, who is in charge of the deworming programme.

government elementary school,

IN HOSHIARPUR

HOSHIARPUR: On National

tered rabies injections.

Gangster, 2 aides held with three revolvers in Jalandhar JALANDHAR: Rural police on Thursday arrested one notorious gangster along with his two associates and recovered three pistols and 13 live cartridges along with a sports utility vehicle (SUV). Accused were identified as Pancham Noor and Sahil of Rasta Mohalla and Amit Kalvan of Subhana locality in Jalandha Senior superintendent of police (SSP) Navjot Singh Mahal said that a team during a special checking on main GT road. Garhibaksh turi near Bhogpur, apprehended the gangster along with his two associates.

Friends murder youth over ₹10,000

HT Correspondent

SUITANPUR LODHI: Police claimed to have cracked a blind case after arresting two persons on Thursday, five days after a 28-year-old man body was found abandoned in Sultanpur Lodhi here.

Accused, who have been identified as Lucky Kapoor and Ajay of Kapurthala, were childhood friends of the deceased, said

Deceased Jatinder Singh, 28, of Malsian village of Jalandhar, who was a vendor, had stayed at Lucky's house in Kapurthala on last Friday night. Ajay was also present in the house. Both of them overpowered Jatinder and killed him.

Sultanpur Lodhi station house officer (SHO) Sarabjit Singh said that accused murdered Jatinder to loot ₹10,000 from the deceased. SHO said that Lucky and Ajay

first killed Jatinder and then they stuffed his mouth with some poisonous substances to make it a suicide case Later, they dumped his body on Kapurthala-Sultanpur Lodhi road on Friday night Jatinder's

body was recovered by police on last Saturday. Superintendent of police (Investigation) Harpreet Singh Mander said that accused have been booked under Section 302 (punishment for murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and sent

SONI INSPECTS GNDH, STAFF FOUND MISSING

AMRITSAR: Many staff of the Guru Nanak Dev Medical College and Hospital (GNDH) were found reporting late to the hospital during an inspection conducted by Puniab medical education and research minister OP Soni here on Thursday morning.

OP Soni said, "I have given last warning to the staff who were found missing. Since the medical college and hospital is named after Guru Nanak, state government will provide all necessary equipments to the hospital to mark the 550th birth anni-

versary of the first Sikh master. "We will shut down the hospital canteen, which is in bad shape, for next 10 days for its renovation," said Soni. HTC

owner fined ₹10K for deficiency in service

KAPURTHALA: District consumer disputes redressal forum directed Suneha printing press here to pay ₹10,000 to a Kapur thala man for deficiency in service and also asked the press to refund the advance amount of ₹2,000. The forum also directed the press to pay ₹3,000 to Brij Mohan, the complainant, as litigation expenses.

Complainant Brij Mohan said

that he had placed an order of wedding cards for his daughter's

repeated visits and instructions the press, some errors remained unresolved and later printing press denied printing his cards.

Amritsar MC set to earn ₹70 cr by selling its 691 rented shops

AMRITSAR: Amritsar municipal corporation (MC) is all set to earn ₹70 crore by selling 691 out of 1.100

of its leased shops by October.

MC officials, however, said that final report on 691 shops will be submitted to MC commis days and the process to sell the first 50 shops has already started and it will be sold out within this month.

As per the Punjab Municipal-ity (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) amendment scheme. 2017,691 shopkeepers submitted their consent letters to estate department of the MC in March 2018 and wished to buy their rented properties. The remaining shopkeepers, however, kept it on rent and cleared their pending

THE CIVIC BODY HAS

1,100 SHOPS, OF WHICH 691 SHOPKEEPERS HAVE APPLIED TO PURCHASE THE SHOPS WHILE 400 WERE SERVED NOTICE

TO VACATE PROPERTY

cation and proper documentation of the shops that it plans to sell. The team, led by Sunil Bhatia, MC superintendent, land department, will submit the detailed information of the shops within next 15 days.

"The report must contain proof of possession of shops by tenants for at last 20 years. The size of shops must be verified for calculating its market value and their pending dues of rent, water hill sewerage charge license fee and service tax must be checked Also, photographs of shops and tenants must be collected," read

tia said, "We have received 69 applications. The shopkeepers of their pending rent. We have sent notices to these shopkeepers to vacate the property. Present mar ket value of 691 shops amounts to

more than ₹70 crore." Estate officer added, "MC may also impose a penalty on those shopkeepers who have occupied extra space. Also, if the applican had already sold out the property or have leased it out to some other tenant, penalty will be imposed on them too. In case of multiple tenants of single shop, partner ship will be considered."

"The process of re-verification is near its completion and the shops will be sold out in a lot of 50 As soon as the committee submits its report, the process to sell the first lot will start from this month. All the shops will be sold out by October this year " said mayor Karamjit Singh Rintu

a non-starter in Amritsar HT Correspondent

AMRITSAR: It has been more than a year since the Amritsar municipal corporation (MC) and district administration decided to shift structed vending zones under the street vending project, but nothing has come of it so far. Even after identifying 42 different locations, to be developed as vending zones, the civic body is

yet to start the construction.

The street vending project was launched on May 10, 2018,

wherein then deputy commis-

sioner (DC) Kamaldeep Singh Sangha and mayor Karamjit

Singh Rintu had identified 42 spots to be developed into vend

Yr on, street-vending project

In a pilot project, MC had in augurated its first smart bazaar (vendormarket) near the city bus standon January 24 this year, but could not attract a single vendor. Under the project, the vendors will be divided into three different categories—category A, B and C, wherein vendors will be charged ₹1,500, ₹1,200 and ₹1,000 per annum, respectively. The fee is to increase by 10% every 3 years. MC land superintendent

Jaswinder Singh said, "As many

as 16,254 vendors in the city will

be provided smart cards and shifted to the vendor zones. As

cannot remove any vendor from the roadside without providing them alternative space 'PROJECT WAS DELAYED

ner the street vending Act, we

DUE TO LS ELECTIONS'
Mayor Rintu said, "The project

got delayed because of the Lok Sabha elections. The planning and survey is complete. The construction on the identified spots will start soon. We will take help from the city police and district administration to shift the vendors to the bus stand vending zone. We will provide all facilities in the zone, including sitting capacity, water and parking facilities."

Printing press

marriage in 2016 and paid ₹2,000 to the owner of the press as advance amount. Complainant visited the printing press five to six times to check the design and found errors in the cards. He alleged that despite his

> Meanwhile, Komal Mittal on Thursday constituted a four-

movie review Outstanding **** Very Good *** Good *** Average ** Poor *



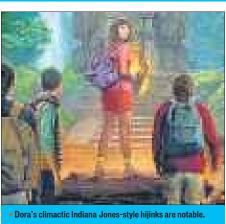
ABROAD SPECTRUM

RASHID IRANI

DORA AND THE LOST

CITY OF GOLD Direction: James Bobin Actors: Isabele Moner,

Rating: 🛨 🛨



A terrific teen thriller

explorer debuted back in 2000 as a seven-yearmarily on the charm and old girl in the popular Nick-elodeon animated TV show. gusto with which Peruvian– American singer and actress The big-screen live-action Isabele Moner embodies her retread follows Dora, now a high-school teenager, as she role. The antics of a CGI-rendered fox (voiced by Benicio and three of her classmates Del Toro) and a monkey side embark on a quest to find the legendary Incan city of gold. kick (Danny Trejo) add to the fun. A colourful animation As it turns out, Dora's interlude and the climactic archaeologist parents (Eva Longoria-Michael Pena) also Indiana Jones-style hijinks

Best of all is an energetic end-credits song-and-dance number. Have a blast.



A guffaw-inducing horror flick

SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK

end up needing to be rescued from a band of mercenaries

Direction: Andre Ovredal Actors: Zoe Colletti, Michael Garza Rating: 🜟

The most disheartening thing about this purported horror flick is the participation, if only as co-writer and producer, of creature-feature maestro Guillermo Del Toro

(The Shape of Water). The plot strives in vain to elicit our concern for the plight of a group of teens who land up in an old dark house looming in the middle of nowhere.

JAMMU: The situation in Jammu

and the areas adjoining it seem to be normalising, though restrict

tions continued to be imposed for

working at divisional and district

levels and those serving at the J&K Civil Secretariat were asked

to report back to duty immedi-

ately on Thursday.

The notification was issued by

the J&K chief secretary BVR

Subrahmanyam. "It is further intimated that necessary

arrangements regarding smooth

and secure working environment for the employees have been

made by the administration,

read an official statement For

any assistance, employees can contact the office of the DC and

the Regional Transport Office in Jammu at 2571616, 2571912 and 2520542. Divisional commis-

sioner Sanieev Verma said, "The

situation in Jammu is normal and the supply of essential com-

the fourth consecutive day.
All government employee

The schoolmates stumble upon a dog-eared volume of tales based on urban legends. Soon enough monsters lurking within the pages spring to life and hunt down the young-

Set in the suburbs of Pennsylvania circa 1968, the por-

tentous goings-on provide a goosebump or two but it's really nothing we haven't experienced countless boring times before. Even the rogue scarecrow and the grotesque creature made up of dismem

bered body parts are more guf-

faw-inducing than scary

GOVT EMPLOYEES Five hurt as Punjab Roadways bus rams into cars in Una

HT Correspondent

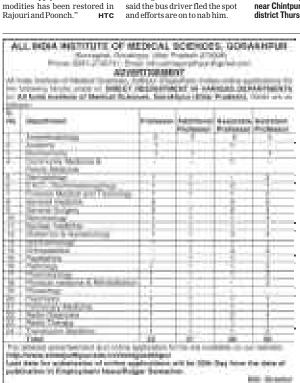
DHARAMSHALA: Five people were injured when a Punjab Road-ways Bus crashed into four cars and a motorcycle at Bharwain near Chintpurni temple in Una district Thursday afternoon, police said.

Sub-divisional superintendent of police, Amb, Manoj Jamwal said it appears the driver lost control due to brake failure. He said the injured were rushed to civil hospital, Amb, They have been identified as Yash Prashar from Nakodar, Dhan Raj and Daljit from Taran Taran, Suman Kanta of Jalalabad, and Ravi

from Ferozepur, Punjab.
Police have registered a case under relevant Sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and investigations are on. Jamwal said the bus driver fled the spot and efforts are on to nab him



The bus rammed into four cars and a motorcycle at Bharwain near Chintpurni temple in Una district Thursday.



Out of money and job, migrant labourers flee J&K

AMMU: With no work, money and food, around 2,000 migrant labourers from Kashmir are in Jammufortakingtrains to their homes in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Railway authorities in Jammu have arranged special trains to ferry around 3,000 people, who had started congregat-

ing in Udhampur and Jammu.
As per the PRO, railways. about 2,375 passengers left by special train on Wednesday while 800 will leave by two special trains late on Thursday

This comes as restrictions remain imposed in the Valley as a preventive measure

Waiting for a train to Bihar, Mohammed Ajmal, who has been working as a labourer in Kashmir for 10 years, left Srina-gar early on Thursday to reach Jammu with three others. Leav ing for his village in Sitamarhi in Bihar, Ajmal said: "We were out of food. Everything that we had stocked, finished. Markets in Srinagar were shut, grocery shops in bylanes were closed. We could not find flour, rice or



station on Thursday.

"Even though we were locked in our accommodation, we did not have trouble in the Valley."

With no work, they were run ning out of cash as well, said

Mohammed Zafarudin, also headed to Sitamarhi, "We thought leaving Kashmir was the best option. We called our families after reaching Jammu and they were also worried for

us." Zafarudin said

TAXIDRIVERSREAP

RESTRICTIONS

are relaxed and taxi operators are charging exorbitant fares in Tapan, who is all set to leave for

the absence of any checks, said Murshidabad in West Bengal. Sanjay Mandal, who is from Murshidahad and was working in the Valley for over a year, said construction in the valley has come to halt, hence "we all are

leaving." "We will return once the normalcy is restored. It was

difficult to move around in the

wake of restrictions," he said.

In a group of six is Shakeel Ahmed from Sitanur Uttar Pra desh, who were working as labourers in Kashmir valley for six months. Ahmed said: "Last night we pooled in whatever cash was left and boarded a truck for Jammu. There were restric tion along the highway and there were several chekpoints as well.'

Wasim, 60, who has been in the Valley for one year, said: "At one checkpoint in the Kashmir valley, security personnel inquired why we were going back. We were let off after brief inquiry

5,100 took special trains in three days

LUDHIANA: Over 2,500 persons boarded a special train to Darbhanga that Ferozepur Railway Division ran on Thursday and which left at 3.10am in view of the tension prevalent in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

Over the past three days (August 6-8), over 5,100 labourers and migrants have returned to their native states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and other locations from Jammu and Udhampur stations. Seven special trains are now running. with two introduced only this week, after the Centre announced the scrapping of Article 370 in J&K.

Over August 6-7, 400 people were evacuated through the Andaman Express (train number 16032) that runs from MGR Chennai Central to SMVD (Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

Board) Katra.

Around 250 people were evacuated by train number 11450 running from Jabalpur to SMVD Katra on the night of August 7 as well. On the same day, 600 people boarded train

More trains will run to Jammu to evacuate people if required. Extra bogies are also being attached with trains.

RAJESH AGARWAL, DRM, Ferozepur

number 74910 that runs from Udhampur to Pathankot; another train 12920 (Malwa Express) and a special train 74906 also ran from Udhampur to Indore, evacuating 1,000 per-On August 6 400 people were

evacuated via train number 12446 that runs from New Delhi to SMVD Katra Railway authorities claim that 2,500 per-sons are still stranded at Udhampur and 1,000 person are marooned at Jammu.

Ferozepur divisional railway manager Raiesh Agrawal said "More trains will be run to Jammu region to evacuate people if required. We are doing our best to transfer people and running special trains as well Extra bogies are being attached with trains."

1 DIES AS PICK-UP TRUCK PLUNGES INTO GORGE

SHIMLA: A 23-year-old man was killed and three people were injured when a pick-up truck plunged into a gorge in Kupviteh sil on Thursday. The victim Naveen Kumar, was a resident of Bhanal village. Those injured are Inder Singh, 28, the driver of the vehicle, Prem Singh, 25, and Kan-war Singh, 35. DSP Pramod Shukla said the driver has been



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India urges Pak to review downgrade

BREAKDOWN Islamabad snaps talks on consular access to Jadhav, stops Samjhauta Express; India says matter is strictly internal

Rezaul H Laskar

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday reiterated that revoking of Jammu and Kashmir's special status is an "internal affair" and asked Pakistan to review its retaliatory actions, including the downgrad-ing of diplomatic ties and the suspension of bilateral trade.

New Delhi's response came a day after Islamabad announced the expulsion of the Indian envoy. suspension of trade, a review of bilateral arrangements, and a move to take the Kashmir issue to the UN. India, however, said such measures were intended to 'present an alarming picture" of bilateral ties

retaliatory actions on Thursday, including the snapping of talks on consular access to Kulbhushan Jadhav and stopping the Samjhauta Express cross-border train at the Wagah border, people familiar with developments in New Delhi said India wouldn't announce any retaliatory measures of its own.

"The Government of India regrets the steps announced by Pakistan yesterday and would urge that country to review them so that normal channels for diplomatic communications are preserved "said the statement from

the external affairs ministry.
The reasons cited by Pakistan for its actions were "not supported by facts on the ground", it added. Revoking Kashmir's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution was "entirely the internal affair of India" and aimed at pushing development initiatives to remove disaffection, which had been used by Pakistan THE REASONS CITED BY

PAKISTAN FOR ITS **ACTIONS WERE NOT** SUPPORTED BY FACTS ON THE GROUND, SAID **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** MINISTRY STATEMENT

to "justify its cross-border terrorism", the statement said.

The Constitution is a "sovereign matter" and interference in "that jurisdiction by invoking an alarmist vision of the region will never succeed", the statement said in an apparent reference to remarks by Pakistani leaders, including Prime Minister Imran Khan, that the changes in Kashmir would lead to more terror attacks or even war.
The statement explained the

decisions of the Indian government and Parliament were driven by a commitment to extend development opportunities to Kashmir that were "earlier denied by a temporary provision in the Constitution". The decisions will also help remove gennation and lead to more economic activity and improved livelihood

"It is not surprising that such developmental initiatives that could address any disaffection in Jammu and Kashmir should be negatively perceived in Pakistan, which has utilised such senti-ments to justify its cross-border terrorism," the statement said.

The statement indicated Paki stan has not formally notified India of all the retaliatory actions it has taken. The people cited above said the decision to expel



A man walks with a herd of sheep on a deserted road during restrictions after the government scrapped special status for Kashmir, in Srinagar.

the Indian envoy was formally conveyed to the Indian side while only a press release was issued on the other matters-an indication of the breakdown in formal contacts. "Whateverhad to be done is done. The government doesn't intend to react to the Pakistani actions in any way," said a person who didn't want to be identified.

"Actions such as Pakistan's planned protest on India's Independence Day are nothing new they've also done such things in the past," the person added.

The people said Pakistan would find itself at a disadvantage

ures it had announced on Wednesday. Trade with Pakistan constitutes only 0.3% of India's overall trade and a review of bilateral arrangements and treat ies wasn't something that could be done overnight, the people said. India's focus, the people added, would be on effectively managing the security situation and thwarting any possible effort by the Pakistani security establishment to foment fresh unrest in Kashmir or push in terrorists through the Line of Control.

Barring expressions of support from the leaders of Malaysia and

speaks in an inter-

view with Sunetra Choudhury about the first

session of Parliament in the

Modigovernment, during

which a record 30 bills were

passed. Joshi said floor coor dination became crucial in

pushing through the crucial provisions related to Jammu and Kashmir on the last two

days of the session that ended

party. In some cases, they got

convinced, in some they

weren't, like in the Triple Talaq and the RTI {Right to

Information} bill. Other than the Congress and the TMC, a

had thought of opposing bills relented after we met and con-vinced them. like the BJD

ithi}... It was PM's direction to

have "sabka vishwas" (every-

majority of the parties who

{Biju Janata Dal} and TRS

(Telangana Rashtra Sam-

one's trust) and he used to

guide me particularly, on a

day-to-day basis. He would

second term of the Narendra

has not backed Pakistan's stance on the developments in Kashmir. The US has underlined the need for dialogue to reduce tensions and avoid the potential for military conflict while some nations have expressed concern at the snapping of communications in

Rajiv Dogra, a former diplomat who served in Pakistan, placed Pakistan's actions in the context of its domestic politics. "Imran Khan isn't the most successful Prime Minister and army chief Gen Qamar Bajwa is at the end of his term and hanging in there,"

ESCALATING TENSIONS

- Pakistan stopped the Samjhauta Express at the Wagah border on Thursday, citing security concerns. Indian crew and guard escorted the train to Attari on the Indian side
- Pakistan banned the screening of Indian films in the country's theatres, amid tensions between the two sides after New Delhi revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir
- Pakistan foreign minister said the country will not resort to military action in a row with nuclear arch-rival India over Kashmir
- Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) spokesper son Mujtaba Baig clarified that it has neither closed its airspace for India nor re-routed any route for the Indian flights
- With Pakistan issuing orders expelling him, Indian High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria is likely to leave Islamabad via the Wagah

he said.

"Pakistan always referred to Kashmir as its jugular vein, and suddenly the vein has been cut. Unlike Nawaz Sharif or Asif Ali Zardari, who would have gone to the masses with this issue Imran Khan hasn't even been comforta-ble facing parliament. This has been a big blow and they don't know how to react," he added. India's response to Pakistan's

moves has been "mature without any chest thumping", and the response should continue to be "measured and well thought out because we don't know the path ahead", Dogra said.

Malik takes stock of security situation ahead of Eid in J&K

HT Correspondent

JAMMU: Governor Satya Pal Malik on Thursday reviewed the security scenario across Jammu and Kashmir and arrangements for the celebration of Eid-ul-Azha, known as the festival of the sacrifice, on August 12 and 13, at a meeting that followed Parliament's decision this week to bifurcate the state into two Union Territories (UTs) -- J&K and Ladakh.

"Governor reviewed the to-date status of law and order and provision of basic services and essential commodities to the people in a meeting held at Raj Bhavan," an official spokesman said. KK Sharma and K Skandan,

advisors to the governor; and chief secretary BVR Subrah-manyam briefed Malik and informed him that the overall situation was satisfactory

Malik has directed his advisors to provide him daily updates on the situation in J&K in the aftermath of parliament's decision on Monday and Tuesday to nullify Article 370, which granted special status to the state, and 35A, which set apart benefits like government jobs and property ownership for peo-ple deemed to be permanent residents Parliamentalso decided to carve Jammu and Kashmir into two separate UTs.

"Governor reviewed arrangements for enabling peo-ple to perform Friday prayers val of Eid-ul-Azha in the coming week," said the spokesman.

Eid-ul-Azha, also known as Bakra Eid, commemorates Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice the life of his son at the command of Allah. After testing Abraham's devotion, God switched the object of his sacri-fice to a sheep, which is why it is known as Bakra Eid.

Malik was informed that the administration had directed groceries, pharmacies and sub sidized ration shops to remain open on the occasion; specia markets would be set up in different parts of the Valley to ena ble people to buy sheep for ritual sacrifices.

The governor ordered that the administrate facilitate students from outside J&K who wish to come home for the cele "Further Governor has sanc

tioned ₹1 lakh each to design nated liaison officers for orga nising Eid festivities for students from J&K who are studying in other states and are unable to come to their homes on the occasion," the spokes

He also ordered that special telephone lines be opened in the offices of district deputy commissioners for students to be able to talk to their families back home, in the backdrop of normal communication facilities being disconnected as part of a secu rity clampdown that preceded

shortstories

ARMY REVIEWS SECURITY ALONG LOC, DODA REGION

JAMMU: Northern Army chief Lt Gen Ranbir Singh, accompanied by the White Knight Corps Commander, Lt Gen Paramjit Singh, on Thursday visited forward posts along the LoC in Bhimber Gali sector on Rajouri-Poonch axis and hinterland posts in Chanderkote sector in Ramban district to review the operational preparedness and the prevalent security situation. "During the visit to the forward posts in Bhimber Gali sector, Lt Gen Ranbir Singh was briefed by the commanders on ground about the current operational situation..., said a Defence spokesman.

Reconstruct temples in Kashmir: VHP to Centre

NEW DELHI: The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), the hardline affiliate of the Rashtriya Sway-amsevak Sangh (RSS), has urged the Centre to begin reconstructing temples that have been desecrated or destroyed in the Kashmir valley. Appreciating the nullification of Article 370 that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir, the VHP margadar-shak mandal, which comprises Hindu saints, said the govern-ment must start the process of reconstruction of such temples.

Panthers Party chairman put under house arrest JAMMU: A day after putting BJP

rebel and founder of Dogra Swabhimaan Sangthan Choud-hary Lal Singh under house arrest, police on Thursday afternoon and former education minister Harsh Dev Singh to his official residence in Gandhi Nagar here. Harsh Dev Singh said that the BJP had caused the greatest embit-terment in the hearts and minds of the people of Dogra land by denigrating their status of statehood to a Union Territory.

Hari Singh's grandson says it's a beginning of new era

JAMMU: Following scrapping of Kashmir, Congress leader and grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh, Vikramaditya Singh on Thursday described it to be the beginning of a new era equality, development and progress for the people in UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. In a statement issued here, he said, "This is the begin-ning of a new era for all of us in J&K and Ladakh."

Cong slams MDMK for blaming it over Kashmir

CHENNAL: Congress on Thursday targetted ally MDMK's general secretary Vaiko for saying that it was the Congress which had committed the original sin in Kashmir leading to the present turmoil. While the Congress accused him of being ungrateful, the MDMK hit back saying, "Truth is always bitter'

Kashmir curbs likely to be lifted day before Eid

NEW DELHI: Restriction on movements and gatherings in Jammu and Kashmir will not be lifted for Friday prayers, senior officials who did not want to be named said, adding that "curbs will be released on August 11, a day before Eid-ul Zoha, to allow peo ple to prepare for the festival."

"We have received no orders to relax the restrictions tomorrow," a senior CRPF official said. But he added that there were more civilian vehicles out on Thursday in

While the administration is keen to restore normalcy, there is an apprehension that the congre gation at Friday prayers could turn violent. "Selectively easing restrictions" in areas where the chances of violence are low is, being "actively considered," but there is no decision as yet, a sec-ond senior official who did not want to be named said.

The Indian Army has also drawn up a list of places where it expects trouble. Among others, these include the districts of Shopian, Pulwama, Anantnag and Sopore according to a senior military official.

The Kashmir valley has been

under lockdown since Sunday midnight. On Monday, the gov ernment moved to bifurcate the state and also scrap articles giving it special status and its permanent residents, special privileges. By Tuesday, both Houses of Parliament had passed the changes.

Isolated incidents of stone throwing have been reported in the past few days, the officials said. "There have been around five incidents in North Kashmir and two in South Kashmir in the last 48 hours," a senior official said, adding that there were also some stray incidents in Srinagar

order in the valley, did not officially clarify when restrictions and curbs imposed in the valley are likely to be removed. "There will be security arrangements in place to ensure that Friday prayers take place in a smooth and peaceful manner," an MHA official who did not want to be named said. A few landlines and leased line connections of some key government departments were restored today. "More are likely to be restored," in the next few days, a fourth senior official who asked not to be named said

defence minister, Rajnath Singh said Pakistan is unhappy with the

level and those serving in civil secretariat Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar, to report back to their

KARGIL: Several people were detained after they defied restrictions and took out a rally to protest against the revoking of Article 370 of the Constitution

Defying restrictions imposed over 300 people took out a rally here under the banner of Joint Action Committee (JAC).

Some of the people were

Talking to reporters here,

on Thursday. The Union home ministry, which is now supervising law and

Meanwhile, in Jammu, Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, BVRSubrahmanyamaskedall government employees, working at divisional level, district

Protesters detained taking out procession

which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, officials

protesters, the officials said.

In a related development,

government's decision to strip Jammu and Kashmir of its spe cial status but the armed forces were "fully prepared to meet any

on August 6. Edited excerpts: You had a productive Lok Sabha session with a record number of bills being passed. To what would you attribute that? We tried to talk to all parties including the main opposition

detained after a minor clash broke out between police and

former minister and NC leader

Qamar Ali Akhoon said, "We wanted a united state. Jammu. Ladakh and Kashmir should be one entity. We are fighting for restoration of Article 370." District Congress president Nasir Hussain Munshi said the central government has "violated out

fundamental rights".

"They are violating our right to expression. Today we took out a peaceful rally to protest against the revoking of Article 370, but were stopped from taking out the rally "he said The JAC Kargil has submitted a memorandum to the president through the deputy commissioner of Kargil in this

Azad stopped in Srinagar, sent to Delhi **SRINAGAR:** Leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha and former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister,

'For Article 370 move, personal calls to senior

opposition leaders helped clinch majority vote'

tell me, "Go meet Adhir {Ran-

'Go meet (TR) Baalu {of

DMK}." Even Amit Bhai {home minister Amit Shah}

would speak to me about it.

Article 370's effective revoca-

tion was the big highlight of the session. Was the session

extended for this only?

This bill was brought on

{August} 5th and 6th. There

{motor vehicle} bill which was

passed in the extended time... it was not just because of 370...

Because of huge pendency, we

You said that the PM and Amit

I was told on 2nd August by

bill was coming. We didn't

Amit Bhai that an important

know what it was exactly. We

were told, "You have to be pre-

Bhai would brief you every day. What was your brief on Art 370?

were forced to extend.



Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad watching PM Narendra

PRALHAD JOSHI, Minister of parliamentary affairs

Ghulam Nabi Azad, was stopped at the Srinagar International airport on Thursday morning and sent back to Delhi by the local administration.

He was accompanied by state

Congress chief GA Mir.
Before leaving for Srinagar, Azad courted a controversy with his remarks about the pictures of National Security Adviser Ajit Doval having lunch and chatting with the locals in Shopian. The photos were released by the government on Wednesday.

"You can get anyone by paying money," Azad told reporters in Delhi. "The people are sad. I am going there to share their sadness," he added.

Doval spent the day in a series parts of the old city of Srinagar.

The BJP sought an apology from Azad. "He (Azad) is a seasoned leader and we don't expect him to say that," said Union min-ister of state Jitendra Singh. On his return to Delhi, Azad

said the government had "massa-cred" J&K. "We have been dis-membered. We have lost identity. We have lost everything," he said, referring to the Centre's decision to revoke special status to J&K.

Restrictions on movement across Kashmir were clamped on Sunday night and communications lines snapped. Since then many residents have complained of scant medical facilities. Srinagar resident Abdul Rouf's son contracted jaundice but there was no way to get a mandatory diagnostic test done. "There is no test centre open. Where shall I take him? I have left it to goo

Roads remained sealed with barbed wire fences and high bar ricades, though curbs were eased in some parts of the national high way in Srinagar. With the Eid festival just four days away, some local people said they found it difficult to stock essentials or get

"In normal times, people would be busy buying bakery products and clothes. They are not allowing us to celebrate Eid," said guard of an ATM at the city centre of Lal Chowk.

Director of Information, Sehrish Ashgar, denied that there was any shortfall of grains or sup-plies. "All hospitals, district hospitals, tertiary hospitals, mother and child care hospitals are func tioning properly. Civil supplies are also stocked and main

Northern

"Lt Gen Ranbir Singh was briefed by the commanders on ground about the current operational situation, prevailing security scenario and the prepared ness of the formations in dealing with the emerging security situation," said a defence spokesman

measures being taken by the army to meet the challenges of increased ceasefire violations by Pakistan since August 5 and the measures being undertaken. "The Northern Command

Is it true that you had a war room ready in Parliament? I can't call it a war room but Amit Bhai used to call us to his

itself, we started talking to

concerned people that impor-tant bills are coming... On the

5th morning (day the bill was

introduced after a cabinet meeting), Amit bhai had a talk

with BJD chief Naveen Pat-

naik and TRS chief K Chan-drashekar Rao and even with

Mr Chandrababu Naidu (of

a chat with the BSP's {Bahu-

jan Samaj Party's} Satish Chandra Mishra and he said

we will support it.

Telugu Desam Party}. They said we will support. I also had

room and tell us on a need-toknow basis and we used to work on that. Assignments were given to some ministers and they would accordingly act. We used to sit in his room.

You started off by visiting all opposition leaders, even {United Progressive Alliance chairper-son} Sonia Gandhi. Do you think the relationship is as amicable at the end of the session or bitter? Except in one or two bills, it was amicable. You have seen 370 and Triple Talaq, they didn't agree despite our

have a good rapport with Con-gress and TMC people. After the sine die(session's end), we had a word with Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma and Derek O'Brien and Ram Kripal Yadav and it was sober But sir, wasn't it a shortcut to

not send bills to a select panel? How many bills in their first session after winning did they send to select committee in their regime? They should answer that. Some bills, even after scrutiny, were not passed. Some bills, like surrogacy, we are sending to standing panel... Enactment of law is our duty and we are doing it in the most democratic way.

There is speculation that there won't be a winter session of parliament because you have passed all bills? There will be a session in win-

ter, maybe in November. I am assuring you that it will be there. We have another 6-7 bills that remain. NID {National Institute of Design} bill, dam safety bill, and river water tribunal is there

What about the Leader of the opposition post going to the Congress? They have not asked and we have not decided.

Command chief reviews security

JAMMU: Northern Command gen eral officer commanding-in-chief Lt Gen Ranbir Singh and White Knight Corns Commander Lt Gen Paramjit Singh on Thursday visited forward posts along the Line of Control (LoC) in Bhimber Gali sector on Rajouri-Poonch axis and hinterland posts in Chanderkote sector in Ramban district to review the operational preparedness and the prevalent security situation.

He was also briefed on the

actions taken to thwart the evi designs of the enemy through tion of the Line of Control being exercised by the troops and the defensive measures put in place,' he added. During the visit to the hinterland posts in Chanderkote Sector, the army commander was briefed by the commanders on ground about the prevailing secu rity scenario and the prepared ness of the formation in dealing

with the situation post revocation

May hear case 5 days a week, says top court

Supreme Court

are recognized as a legal person

and as having a distinct identity
The bench, comprising justi

ces SA Bobde, DY Chandrachud,

Ashok Bhushan and SA Nazeer, apart from the Chief Justice,

posed a query to Parasaran on

whether a birthplace of Lord Rama can be a juridical person.

The question came while the sen-

ior advocate was reading out paragraphs from the judgement

rendered by the Allahabad High

Court that is being appealed in the top court. Parasaran quoted

portions from the HC judgement

that declared the "janmasthan" (birthplace of Ram) as a juridical

person and allowed a represent-

ative to advance arguments on behalf of the same. Justice Bhushan asked the

senior lawyer: "How can a "jan-masthan" be a juridical person.

We can understand about the deity being one." Parasaran replied that temples are a "mat-

ter of worship." He cited example

of how Lord Shiva is worshipped

in the "linga form" in temples

juridical person?" he asked.

'Can we say that linga is not a

Justice Chandrachud sought

to know from Parasaran if the

notion of juridical personality

can be extended to a source of worship, to which he said he

mented within three years. It

will also be used to screen for

eign medical graduates intending to work or study in India.

The MCI was dissolved in

2018 following allegations of corruption, and a board of gover-

nors constituted to take over its

functioning.
The health ministry will soon

notify the National Medical

Commission (NMC) Act 2019 that received Presidential

assent after Parliament cleared

it on August 5.

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court would appear to have fast-tracked the hearing in the Ram-Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute case, and indicated on Thursday that the five-judge bench led by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi will hear the case all five days of the working week. Earlier, the case was to be taken up on three days - Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday.
The first indication of the court's intent to fast-track the case came when the bench said it would assemble on August 9 to let senior advocate K Parasaran continue his arguments on behalf of Ram Lalla – the personification of the deity.

"We may hear the case on all five days of the week," Chief Jus-tice Gogoi said as the proceedings ended on the third day of the

This is a departure from the norm, as Mondays and Fridays are reserved by the court for hearing fresh cases and cases coming up after notice. Even if a case has to be taken up urgently on a Monday or Friday, its gener ally done in the afternoon session from 2 pm.
But the bench in the Ayodhya

matter has decided to hear the politically sensitive case the whole day According to the cause list--a

list of cases to be taken up by the Supreme Court on Friday-- the Avodhya case will be heard from 10.30 in the morning.

During the Thursday hearing,

a lot of the discussion was on whether a location could be a so-called juridical person, a nonhuman legal entity Such entities

NEW DELHI: India will get the

National Medical Commission

(NMC), that will replace the

graft-tainted Medical Council of India (MCI), in the next six

months, Union health minister

Harsh Vardhan said on Thurs-

(NEXT), which will work as the common final-year exit exam

for undergraduate medical stu-

dents, licentiate exam to prac

tise medicine and criteria for

admission to postgraduate (PG)

medical courses, will be imple-

The National Exit Test

NMC to be set up in

six months: Govt

TMC wins back Bongaon after BJP defectors return

(TMC) wrested majority in Bengal's Bongaon municipality on Thursday after four councillors, who had switched to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in June, returned, making it the third civic body in the state where the ruling party regained majority after losing it to the B.IP since the Lok Sabha election results

Bongaon municipality in North 24 Parganas district

stood at 14 on Thursday with 7 remaining with the BJP One councillor was elected with a ticket from the CPI(M).

"Joining the BJP was a mistake on our part. We cor-rected it," said Kartik Mondal, who represents ward no

However, Shankar Chatterjee, president of BJP's Bar-asat organising district, blamed it on pressure from the ruling party.



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE BTI BRANCH



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF **BUDDHIST/TIBETAN CULTURE & ART**

Ministry of Culture invites applications in the prescribed format under the said Scheme for the year 2019-20 from voluntary organizations registered under the Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860) or similar Acts. The Organization against which previous grant/Utilization Certificate under this scheme is pending will not be considered for fresh grant. The application in the prescribed format complete in all respect, duly spiral bound and continuously page numbered, along with check-list duly recommended by the State Government should reach the Section Officer, BTI Section, Ministry of Culture, 'D' Block, 2nd Floor, Puratatav Bhawan, INA New Delhi-110023 by 31.10.2019.

2. The organization shall also submit the requisite documents such as (i) Bond (ii) Resolution (iii) Bank Authorization letter and (iv) Agency registration form alongwith the application form. The details of the scheme and application form may be downloaded from Ministry of Culture website www. indiaculture.nic.in

3. The organization should register their Society on the Website on Niti Ayog i.e. "http://niti.gov.in/content/ngodarpan" for obtaining Unique ID, if not registered earlier. The organization should also link their bank account number with PAN Card. The organization should also register on Public Financial Management System (PFMS) website i.e. (http:// pfms.nic.in) for obtaining unique ID. The Unique ID of Nit Aayog and PFMS user ID is mandatory

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CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

E-Tender Notice

The Executive Engineer, Project Public Health Division No. 7, Chandigarh on behalf of the President of India/Chandigarh Administration, invites online percentage rate bids from approved Enlisted contractors of Appropriate Category and Class of Public Health Wing of Engineering Department UT Chandigarh, who have already executed similar nature of work for the below mentioned work, which shall be uploaded and received on https://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgop.

Sr. No.	NIT No.	Name of work & Location	Estimated cost put to tender	Earnest Money	Period of completion	Last date & time of submission of tender on website	Time & date of opening of tender
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.		Providing water supply line for the Residential Area From H. No. 601 to 658, Nilgiri Residence etc. In PEC Campus Sector 12, Chandigarh		Rs. 22,200/-	2 Months	16.08.2019 at 1.00 P.M.	16.08.2019 At 3.00 P.M

Bid documents along with terms and conditions to bidder regarding e-tendering process etc. can be seen/download from the website of Chandigarh Administration or http://tenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep and http://chandigarh.gov.in.

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HOTEL THE ASHOK, NEW DELHI ollowing schedule:-Estimated Cost Estimated Cost Earnest Money Tender Fee Date of sale of tenders 09.08.2019 to 23.08.2019 Date of sale of tenders Date of receiving tenders Date of receiving tenders Date & time of opening of tenders At 1600 Hrs. on 27,08,2019 For further information please visit ITDC website www.theashokgroup.com on https://letenders.gov.in or contact DGM (Civil), Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi. Tel No. 011-26110101, Extn. -3999/3591 Note: All corrigendum/extension regarding the tender shall be

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1.	Last date/Time of downloading and submission of tender	05.09.2019 upto 3.00 PM	
2.	Date/time for bid opening	06.09.2019 at 11.00 AM	
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vebsite: https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.nicgep/app Corrigendum, if any, wi not be published in newspapers. As such, website www.pstcl.org may be visited regularly for updates.

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Note: The prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office and/or M/s e-procurement technologies ltd. contact no. +91 -(79) 40016866/4038/18/21 in case of any difficulty regarding uploading of the tende well in time. It is also requested to get their digital signature well in time so as to submit tenders through e-tendering only. It is informed that in case tende process is not completed due to any reason; no corrigendum will be published in process is not completed due to any reason; no corrigendum will be published lewspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official, PSPCL webs

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General Manager (Project/Horticulture) invites the online tenders on the behalf of Punjab Mandi Board for outsourcing the Maize Dryers at Focal Point Phuglana (Hoshiarpur) and Pack House Abohar only. Detail given below:

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Abhinandan fit, could fly fighters within a fortnight

HT Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, who was shot down in a dogfight with Pakistan Air Force over Nowshera in Jammu on February 27 and spent two days in Pakistani detention, will be flying the MiG-21 fighter within the next fortnight, senior officials aware of the details who did not want to be named said.

The Bangalore-based Institute of Aerospace Medicine – the final certifying authority on the fitness of a pilot—declared Wing Commander Varthaman fit to fly Varthaman was part of a team sent to counter incoming Pakistan Air Force (PAF) fighters comprising the F-16s, among others, on February 27

The day before, on February 26. Indian fighters comprising Mirage-2000s used precision munitions to target a terror training camp of the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) in Balakot in Pakistan's Kyber Phaktunkhwa province, in reprisal for the February 14 suicide car bomb ing that left 40 Indian troopers dead. Varthaman who shot down a

US-made F-16 fighter during the dogfight, was taken prisoner by Pakistan after he ejected into Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK). The PAF used the AM -120 or AMRAAM missiles during the dogfight.

Only the US made-F16 are capable of firing these missiles. Pakistan denied having lost an aircraft.

Nonetheless the PHALCON airborne warning and control system that was assisting the Indian fighter package had picked up the F-16 going down after the dogfight. The Indian Air Force has recommended a gallantry award – Vir Chakra the third-highest wartime gallantry award - for Varthaman. HT

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NOTICE INVITING ON-LINE BIDS

Bid No.: 51

Date: 07.03.2019

On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer Construction Division No. 1 Punjab PWD (B&R Br.), Kapurthala invites bids from eligible bidders for the Project/Works/Works detailed in the following table. The bids shall be on the percentage rate basis. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following Project/Works/Works:

Bid No.	Name of Project/Work/Works	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Project/ Work (Rs.)
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No blanket condemnation of govt move: Karan Singh

VIEWPOINT Veteran Cong leader says several positives in decision to bifurcate J&K

JAMMU: Veteran Congress leader Karan Singh on Thursday wel-comed the status of a Union Territory(UTs) conferred on Ladakh, saying not all measures pushed through Parliament by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government this week deserved "blanket condemnation".

The 88-year-old's position is different from the official stance of the Congress, whose highest decision-making body, the Congress Working Committee (CWC), condemned the effective revocation of Article 370, which offered special status to Jammu and Kashmir, and its bifurcation into two UTs—J&K and Ladakh.

In a statement released in Jammu, Karan Singh, scion of J&K's last Dogra ruler, Maha-raja Hari Singh, cautioned against a wholesale condemnation of the government's moves, saying he saw several positives.

"Personally, I do not agree with a blanket condemnation of these developments. There are several positive points. Ladakh's emergence as a Union Territory former Sadr-e-Riyasat (presi-



Karan Singh outside Parliament in 2016.

dent) of Jammu and Kashmir, He welcomed the nullification

criminatory Article 35A, which offered benefits like government jobs and property ownership only to people deemed to be per manent residents of J&K. Yet, woman permanent residents who married people from outside the state were not allowed to retain the right; men who married outsiders were not only allowed to retain the right, but even their wives and children were treated as subjects and

entitled to work in government

jobs and own property.

Karan Singh also welcomed the delimitation of J&K as a result of the bifurcation "which for the first time, will ensure a between the Jammu and Kashmir regions."

He also appreciated "enfran chisement of lakhs of west Pak refugees and reservations for scheduled tribes".

Singh, however, avoided a $direct\,comment\,on\,the\,nullifica$ tion of Article 370.

The veteran said it was impor-

tant for the political dialogue to

Calling for the release of "legitimate" leaders of political parties in Jammu and Kashmir who have been in detention amid the legislative moves by the government, he said that it was unfair to dismiss the main regional parties—National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party — as anti-national. "I would, therefore, urge that

leaders of legitimate political parties in Kashmir should be released as soon as possible and a broad-based political dialogue initiated with them and with the civil society in view of the drasti-

cally changed situation," he said. He also said that efforts should be made to restore full statehood for Jammu and Kash-mir as soon as possible so that "people can at least enjoy political rights available to the rest of

"With my lifelong involvement with Jammu and Kashmir, a state founded by my ancestors and for which my father Maharaja Hari Singh signed the instrument of accession in 1947, my sole concern is the welfare of all sections of people in the state," he said in his signed state-

Pak's army termed Art 370, 35A as 'sham'

NEW DELHI: As Islamahad continues to protest the Indian Parliament's decision, by a two-thirds majority to hifurcate Jammu & Kashmir into two Union Territories - Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh—and scrap Articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution that give the state special status and its permanent residents special privileges, it emerges that the Pakistan Army publicly termed the two articles a "sham" which Rawalpindi never recognised.

According to an August 6

Public Relations (the media unit 'Pakistan never recognised the sham Indian efforts to legalise its occupation of Jammu & Kashmirthrough Article 370 or Article 35A decades ago, efforts which have now been revoked by India itself."

HT has seen a copy of the statement, which was issued after a Corps Commanders Conference at GHQ, Rawalpindi, presided over by General Qamar Javed Bajwa, the chief of the country's army staff, soon India's deci-

sions regarding Jammu & Kash-

India's diplomatic establishment is flummoxed over Paki-stan's unilateral action to susnend relations on various dimensions with India, and talk of escalating the matter to the United Nations if, indeed, as the statement claims, 370 and 35A were never recognised by Islam-

"If 370 and 35A are sham according to Gen Bajwa, then what is this reaction all about We see the unilateral action by the Pakistan government as being used to address the domestic audience, which has been weaned on Kashmir myth Indian government official who asked not to be named.
While Indian High Commis-

sioner to Pakistan Ajay Bisaria will wait for Pakistan's reconsideration of its action downgrading diplo matic ties before returning to India, Islamabad is making deliberate efforts to project that there is tension along the bor-

Interestingly, the Indian military has reported no forward deployment of troops or fighters by Islamabad on both the international border and the Line of Control (LoC), according to gov-

After downgrade of ties, Pakistan violates ceasefire along border twice

HT Correspondent

JAMMU: Pakistan violated the ceasefire in place along the Line of Control (LoC) twice on Wednesday in the Sunderbani sector of Rajouri district amid a fresh flare-up in bilateral tensions, an army officer said on Thursday.

The first violation was

reported in the afternoon and the second late in the night. Paki-stani troops resorted to mortar shelling and small arms firing on forward posts and villages.
The late night violations fol-

lowed Islamabad's decision to downgrade diplomatic ties with New Delhi in protest against the Indian Parliament's nullification of Article 370 that provided Jammu and Kashmir special status, and decision to bifurcate the state into two Union territories Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Defence ministry spokesman Lt Col Devendra Anand said "On Wednesday, around 10.15 pm, Pakistan initiated ceasefire violation by firing of small arms and shelling with mortars in the Sunderbani sector of Rajouri district. The Indian Army is retali ating befittingly." In the first incident Pakistani

troops had started firing from across the border in Sunderbani sector in the afternoon, prompting "strong and effective retaliation" by Indian Army soldiers guarding the border, the officer said.

He said the exchange of fire

between the two sides continued until 2.30 pm. This was the latest in a string of ceasefire violations

by Pakistan along the LoC.
A ceasefire violation was reported on the night of August 5 from the Machil sector of Kupwara district when an infiltra-tion bid by five to six armed militants was foiled and a soldier was injured in firing. On August 3, Pakistan targeted Mehdhar sector of Poonch On the intervening night of July 31 and August 1, the army had claimed to have repelled an attempt by a mixed group of Pakistani soldiers and terrorists to attack an army post

could be an uphill climb in J&K drance in the way of development and gainful opportunities for the people. For any measure of suc-cess in the difficult endeavour, the carayan of hope will have to pass through the promenade of trust of which Narendra Modi

Reconciliation after legislation

VINOD SHARMA POLITICAL EDITOR

he contentious provisions of Article 370, which accorded special status to Jammu and Kashmir, stand nullified. It's over now to the court of the people and the courts of law. One would decide its acceptabilitvin the now-bifurcated region, the other its constitutionality

Legislations alone do not resolve complex issues inherited from history. It is the people who untangle Gordian knots, laying the basis for legal architectures to sustain accords and arrange-ments. From the Peoples Democratic Party's (PDP) self-governance to the National Conference's (NC) idea of autonomy, what Jammu and Kashmir has now is a centrally controlled Union Ter-ritory status. Ladakh has been lopped off from it as another UT.

The erosion of 370 is being cele-brated in most of India besides Jammu and Ladakh. But it'll take New Delhi some effort and time to make the people in the Kashmir Valley reconcile, if at all, to the new terms of engagement. Normally, political ground is prepared - and a body of opinion nurtured -- before a paradigm shift of the kind legislated for the border

The extraordinary situation in the territory that borders Pakistan and China could have been the reason why the Centre put the cart before the horse. It now has to dress up as reasonable the fait accompli.

The enormity of the political challenge is a no-brainer. The Centre has to build bridges and set up dialogues amid fears of a demographic transplant of the Kashmiri Muslims identify with the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Hindutva. In that limited sense, the existence of Article 35A was an assurance against replication on the Indian side of what Pakistan has done — by way of social engineering — in the area under its occupation. On a parallel track, New Delhi

will have to rapidly develop happiness-enhancing infrastructure to prove that 370 indeed was a hin-

spoke in the wake of his renewed 2019 mandate: "Sabka saath sabka vikas, sabka vishwas.

The void that has forever existed between the Centre and the people of the Valley got deeper and wider in recent years. The reasons for that are many, some of which have to do with vigilantism directed at Kashmiri students and traders and Muslims in mainland India, especially in the Hindi-heartland

which vigilantes appeared to receive protection or were let off unpunished. The 'psychological secession' of the Valley from India was reinforced with each incident of miscarriage of justice and demonisation of Kashmir and its people on the electronic media. As chief minister, Mehbooba Mufti often pleaded with the Centre and Delhi-based jour-nalists to put a stop to what she felt was the "daily prime time vilification" of Kashmir.

One heard even the moderates asking whether there was space for Kashmiri Muslims in Modi's India? The query rose from the belief that the ferment in the Valley helped the BJP polarise opin-ion for electoral gains in the rest of the country.

Some of the negative press the PDP leader and her peers in the National Conference (NC) got wasn't undeserved Having sought votes for keeping the BJP out of Kashmir, the coalition she ran with the saffron party was a politico-administrative disaster. Unable to balance local sentiments with the coalition's Pan-Kashmir and national obliga

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tions, she fell between two stools To her constituents, she came across as a dishonest broker complicit as she was with the very forces she had made them despise. Her loss of power and credibility was inevitable.

The contrast between Meh booba and her predecessors including her father Mufti Say eed, was hard to miss. Histori cally, successive chief ministers of J&K kept their political rele vance by pretending to fight the Centre on behalf of the people.

Seen as being in cahoots with the Centre in the post-Burhan Wani phase, she cut a tragic fig ure needing help rather than being in a position to help her peo ple. That was also the period when a section of the ratings driven electronic media went al guns booming after Kashmir centric parties and politicians Their targets were those who opposed or refused to endorse New Delhi's Kashmir narrative

Albeit with some justification these broadly pro-India leaders have been denounced by home minister Amit Shah and gover nor Satya Pal Malik for using Article 370 as a cover to hide the deeds of their profligate families The allegations virtually disqualify them as interfaces the Centre could use when time is ripe for a political process.

Denying the Muftis and the

Abdullahs (Farooq and Omar) a role in future negotiations could turn them into adversaries, if it hasn't already on being painted as villainous beneficiaries of the Here, Dr Karan Singh's advise

to keep them on board makes eminent sense. Raising a new crop of leaders with whom the Centre could engage will not be easy, at least not in the obtaining climate of suspicion.

For the first time in the state's protracted history of discords the peace-seeking population feels abandoned by the people of India who, in the past, stood by them amid Srinagar's face-offs with New Delhi. In its Mission Reconciliation

the Centre might get a good start by reaching out to such reasona ble sections, without feeding hyper-nationalist television warriors. For co-option and disapprobation cannot happen side by vinodsharma@hindustantimes.com

BJP plans to launch outreach UN REBUFFS programme over J&K move

ata Party (BJP) has decided to launch a nationwide outreach its promise of nullifying Article 370 of the Indian Constitution that gave special status to the Valley, and to explain the logic behind the decision to bifurcate the state into two Union Territories, according to senior function-

aries aware of the developments. by Parliament with an over-

The ruling BJP is now keen to take its message directly the people through a set of structured local body and mandal levels.

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of the BJP who asked not to be named. "We are working on a nationwide campaign and its exact details are being worked out." In a letter sent to its state units by the BJP that was accessed by HT, the party gave them a four-point plan to celebrate the Kashmir decision.

All BJP-ruled states have been told a pass a resolution felicitat-ing Prime Minister Narendra Modi, home minister Amit Shah, and the Union government for

The letter asks for the organisation of "enthusiastic programmes" in all Mandals to "elaborately discuss" how Modi, Shah and the central government fulfilled the dream of Syama Prasad Mukherjee, the founder of the Bharativa Jana Sangh, the predecessor to the Bharatiya

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Janata Party. "The entire nation is in a jubilant mood after this his toric decision," BJP general secretary Arun Singh said in the let ter. Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered an address to the the reasons behind the govern-

ment's move. Nullifying Article 370 is a mile stone in the BJP's ideological journey and the party sees no reason in being on the back foot, a second BJP office-bearer said "This is a promise we have made in every poll manifesto. We will surely take credit for it in front of people," he added. A third BJP eader said the government's Kashmir policy reflected its commitment to the idea of "nation first" and the party's public out reach programme on Article 370 will aim to create awareness

INTERVENTION

WASHINGTON: Calling for "maxi mum restraint" by all sides, UN Secretary General Antonio Gut teres on Thursday indicated the Kashmir dispute needs to be resolved bilaterally in keeping with the Shimla Agreement of 1972 and by peaceful means in accordance with the UN charter.

Agreement in this context is rare and significant, according to people familiar with these discus sions, as it provides the frame work for resolving the dispute bilaterally, which is a rebuff in a way to Pakistan's attempts to seek UN intervention, "The Secretary-General has been follow ing the situation in Jammu and Kashmir with concern and makes an appeal for maximum restraint," a spokesperson for Gutteres said in statement, and $added\,that\,position\,of the\,United$ Nations on this region is governed by the world body's Charter and applicable Security Council resolutions.

The spokesperson said, importantly, "The Secretary-General

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Barmala , PO Talwara, Ward No.1, Nangal (Ropar), changed name to Ajit Singh. , PARMINDER Kaur Pamal D/o Gurmail Singh, Vill Issapur Teh Dhuri, Sangrur, changed name to Parminder Kaur.

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Amritsar declare that K.G.Rampal and Krishan Rampal both names a same person that is me.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC HOTICE

I ROHIT Oberoi S/O Subhash

Chander Oberoi R/O H.No. 632 Urban Estate, Kapurthala, Punjab Declares That My Daughter Utkanthita Oberoi is Minor. We have Changed Her Name From Utkanthita Oberoi To Mishty Oberoi. All Concerned Please note. I. SUNITA Bhardwai w/o Shri Sura

colony Dhanas, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sunita Bhardwaj to Sunita Sharma vide Affidavit dated 7/08/19 at Chandigarh.

I, JASWINDER Singh S/o Amarjit Singh R/o Ward No. 13, Mohalla Bhora Sahib, Anandpur Sahib (Roopnagar) have changed my minor son's name from Jaskirat Singh to Jaskirat Singh Arora.

I JATINDER Jain S/o Sh. Parkash Chand Jain R/o H.No. 320, Phase-2, Urban Estate, Dugri, Ludhiana have changed my name to Jatinder Kumar.

I, DEEPAK Kumar S/o Jai Krishan Verma R/o 99, Ishwar Nagar, Kala Verma R/o 99, ISNWal Magai, no Singha Road, Basti Sheikh, Jalandhar declare That I have rhanged my name from Deepak Kumar to Deepak Verma

I SURAJ Parkash Bhardwaj s/o Sh. Ponkar Singh Bhardwaj R/o # 880, Housing board colony Dhanas, Chandigarh have changed my name from Suraj Parkash Bhardwaj to Suraj Parkash vide affidavit dated 07/08/2019 at Chandigarh

I, JASWINDER Singh S/o Amarjit Singh R/o Ward No. 13, Mohalla Bhora Sahib, Anandpur Sahib (Roopnagar) have changed my minor daughter's name from Gurleen Kaur to Gurleen Kaur Arora. I. MANJINDER Kaur Alias Dashir

Kaur W/o Mukhtiar Singh , Village Raipur, PO Bandlehri Tehsil Nangal (Ropar) declare both are same I, AKHIL Kaushal S/o Devinder Kumar, Ward No.4, Mohalla Attari Wala, Sri Anandpur Sahib

(Rupnagar), changed minor daughter name from Shriya to Shriya Kaushal. I, PARAMJIT Kaur W/o Amarjit Singh R/o Ward No. 13, Mohalla Bhora Sahib, Anandpur Sahib (Roopnagar) have changed my name to Paramjit Kaur Arora.

I, SACHIN Kaushal S/o Devinder Kumar. Ward No.4, Mohalla Attari Kumar, Ward No.4, Mohalla Atta Wala, Sri Anandpur Sahib (Rupnagar), changed minor daughter name from Saachi to Saachi Kaushal.

I, JASWINDER Singh S/o Amarjit

I, BALVIR Singh Son of Darshan Singh R/o Talwandi Kalan, district Ludhiana declares that I know with both names Balvir Singh and Vir Singh in Society. Concerned be

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I, 4583283K Sep Rahul Mishra, Unit 4 Mahar (Borders) C/O 56 APO changed my brother name Risabh Mishra to Rishabh Mishra.

I. SHARWAN Singh S/o Partan Singh R/o Purana Lohtia Bazar, Malerkotla (Sangrur) have changed my name to Sarwan Singh.

ON FRIDAY

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Versus

Sohan Lal S/o Pars Ram S/o Sibu R/o Vill. Rattewal, Teh Balachaur, SBS Nagar & Others. (Defendants) (Suit for Recovery)

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Jammu and Kashmir as 'serious' or Thursday, while foreign secretary Dominic Raab spoke to external affairs minister S Jaishankar and

IJK PM Boris Johnson

LONDON: Prime Minister Boris

Johnson described the situation in

conveyed London's concerns over the developments. A Downing Street spokesperson said the prime minister discussed the situation during a telephone conversation with the Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Wednesday. "The PM received a call from PM Imran Khan of Pakistan to congratulate him on his new role. The leaders discussed the serious situation in Kashmir and agreed on the importance of maintaining dialogue...", the

Hope this leads to betterment of J&K people: Karzai

spokesperson added.

NEW DELHI: Former Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Thursday said his country hopes that Indian

vernment's "new measures" will Pakistan to stop using extremist violence as an instrument of policy in the region. "Comments in Pakistan linking peace in Afghani are indicative of Pakistan viewing Afghanistan as strategic depth, of Afghanistan from 2001-2014.

SC refuses early hearing of petitions in Kashmir case

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to grant an early hearing on petitions challenging the presidential order nullifying Article 370 that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir, seeking the release of political leaders and lifting of curfew in Kashmir. A bench led by justice N V Ramana rebuffed an argument by advocate M L Sharma, who submitted that the "matter needed to be heard urgently because Pakistan was moving the United Nations, which

can stay the constitutional amendment and we will lose Kashmir Snubbing the lawyer, justice Ramana said, "Is UN going to stay the president's order or the constitutional amendment?" On Wednes-day, advocate Sharma had filed a petition in the SC challenging the revocation of special status to J&K.

India-Pak dialogue 'crucial'

offered recently by President

developments in the state.

Donald Trump.But the official also

reiterated, for New Delhi's notice

escalate tensions: EU LONDON: The European Union on Thursday called on India and Pakistan to re-open dialogue through diplomatic channels which is "crucial" to de-escalate tensions in Jammu and Kashmir. The high representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/vice-president of the European Commission, Federica Mogherini, reiterated EU's stance of backing a bilateral solution between India and Pakistan on Kashmir, Mogherini conducted telephone conversations with external affairs minister S Jais-hankar and Pakistani counterpart.

Yashwant Raj

The reference to the Shimla

also recalls the 1972 Agreement on bilateral relations between India and Pakistan, also known as the Simla Agreement, which states that the final status of Jammu and Kashmiris to be set tled by peaceful means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations." The secretary general was "concerned over reports of restrictions on the Indi an-side of Kashmir, which could exacerbate the human rights situation in the region", the spokes person added, and that he has called on all parties to "refrain from taking steps that could affect the status of Jammu and Kashmir", which was a reference, according to those people cited above, to the "final status" and not the change in the state's status to that of a Union Terri tory. Pakistan sought UN and UNSC intervention in a letter to Gutteres, but it appears to have not achieved it objectives. Paki stan's permanent representative to the UN Maleeha Lodhi had written the letter would make "clear that rights of Kashmiris as provided by Security Council res olutions cannot be abrogated by

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The ascendancy of Amit Shah

He is proving to be an effective MP, gaining mass acceptability

etween 2014 and 2019, there was a clear division of labour between India's two most powerful leaders. Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi was the face of the government and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). His mass appeal fetched the party rich electoral dividends. Party president Amit

Shah focused on the organisation to ensure that Mr Modi's appeal trans-

lated into votes. There is no doubt that Mr Modi remains the boss. But there has now been a shift in Mr Shah's role.

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Lauded for his managerial skills, Mr Shah lacked two key elements so far. The first was parliamentary experience. He is a first-time Lok Sabha Member of Parliament (MP). But if one feature stood out in the just-concluded session, it was Mr Shah's emergence as an effective parliamentarian. He gave two significant policy speeches on Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) — which provided a hint of things to come. He piloted two bills to strengthen the National Investigative Agency and expand the $ambit of the {\it Unlawful Activities Prevention Act} -- though these$ amendments have triggered concerns about possible misuse. And most crucially, he shepherded the constitutional changes with regard to J&K. Mr Shah's stamp over the ideological, political and legislative victory was stark.

This is also helping him overcome the second gap in his political portfolio. Mr Shah has not been a mass leader with a national footprint. Over the past five years, he has, of course, come to be $recognised\,across\,the\,country.\,He\,also\,developed\,deep\,links\,with$ BJP workers. And while he addressed multiple rallies every day in the 2019 polls, it was Mr Modi's name which drove voters to the party. By enabling changes like the one in Kashmir — which has widespread popular backing in the rest of the country, even if its fallout in the Valley is yet to be seen — Mr Shah is gaining public traction. Make no mistake: It is Mr Modi's faith in him, and Mr Shah's absolute loyalty to the PM, which has enabled this. And the two work in synergy. But from being a behind-thescenes party manager, Mr Shah's emergence as the second most powerful voice in government and Parliament, and not just the party, will have implications for the BJP and national politics.

Pakistan's response will yield it little diplomatically

It may resort to terror to draw attention to Kashmir. India must be prepared

he Pakistan government was under mounting pressure to respond to India's decision to revoke Jammu and Kashmir's special status. Following a meeting of the country's top leadership, Islamabad announced it was expelling the Indian ambassador as part of the downgrading of diplomatic ties, and snapping bilateral trade. On Wednesday, Pakistan had closed a corridor of its air space which will affect Air India flights. A day later, it stopped the Samjhauta Express on their side at the Wagah border, citing security concerns. Islamabad said all bilateral arrangements would be reviewed, and the Kashmir issue would be taken to the United Nations (UN). The measures have had little impact on New Delhi, which has only called on Islamabad to review its decisions, and reiterated the changes in Kashmir are an internal matte

Bilateral diplomatic contacts have been minimal over the past few years. India's trade with Pakistan accounts for about 0.3% of its total trade. Pakistan's first two steps—expelling the Indian envoy and snapping trade — are unlikely to make a difference to the current stalemate. The two sides have sparred repeatedly at the UN on a range of issues, including Kashmir. A continuation of this trend is unlikely to lead to a change on the ground, especially when Pakistan enjoys little support globally because of its continued use of terrorism as an instrument of State.

The international community, barring a few close friends of Pakistan such as Turkey and Saudi Arabia, has responded coolly to overtures on the Kashmir issue. Other nations have indicated $\,$ they are not opposed to the Indian position that the decisions of August 5 are an internal matter. The fear, however, is that a desperate Pakistan, especially when it believes it is needed for finding a solution in Afghanistan, could again resort to the use of terror to force the world community to heed its demands. India must be prepared for just such an eventuality.

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J&K move: The real test begins now

India will need to display political will to tackle Pakistan – which is emboldened by US support

final deal between the United States (US) and the Pakistan-reared Afghan Taliban appears imminent, with the Taliban saying major differences have been resolved. Pakistan's key role in this process, and in the implementation of the deal that emerges, has emboldened it to downgrade diplomatic relations, and suspend bilat eral trade with India — actions that New Delhi itself should have taken long ago against its terrorism-exporting neighbour.

In fact, US President Donald Trump's looming Faustian bargain with the Taliban was an important factor behind India's change of the constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). A resurgent Pakistan-Taliban duo con trolling Afghanistan would spell greater trouble for J&K, including increased cross-border entry of armed jihadists. Jammu and Kashmir's reorganisation

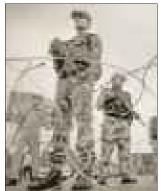
effectively compartmentalises India's territorial disputes with Pakistan and China centred in that region. China's protests that India's inclusion of the China-held Ladakhi areas in the new Ladakh Union Territory "hurts Chinese sovereignty" underscores that there will be no let up in incursions. In recent years, China—which occupies the Switzerland-size Aksai Chin Plateau, and lays claim to several other Ladakh areas — has stepped up its mili-tary forays and incursions into Ladakh's Demchok, Chumar, Pangong Tso, Spanggur

Gap, and the Trig Heights.

The immediate trigger for rejigging the constitutional status of J&K was Trump's Af-Pak gambit. The US president has beseeched Pakistan to "extricate" them from Afghanistan. The paradox is that the US is stuck in the longest war in its history because of Pakistan, which harbours the Taliban's command-and-control base. Yet Trump, after accusing Pakistan of "lies and deceit", is now appeasing it, including by slightly reopening the military-aid spigot, and offering twice to mediate the Kashmir conflict, even though such an offer is a red rag to the Indian bull. It is against this background that, to level

the field, J&K's special powers and privileges were revoked, Ladakh was carved out as a sep-arate entity, and the misogynist Article 35A was repealed. For India, three decades of a Pakistan-backed Islamist insurrection in the Kashmir Valley made the status quo no longer sustainable. Armed jihadists today call the shots in the Valley, from where the virtually entire indigenous minority — the Kashmiri Pandits - were driven out in one of modern history's most successful and swiftest ethnic cleansing operations.

Even if India had maintained J&K's special onstitutional status, Pakistan would have continued its low-intensity asymmetric war fare, After all, Pakistan is a revisionist State that seeks to redraw borders in blood. Yet Pak istan, far from granting autonomy or special



status, Pakistan would have continued its low-intensity asymmetric warfare

status to the two parts of J&K it holds (the sprawling Gilgit-Baltistan, and the so-called Azad Kashmir), has treated them as its colonies, recklessly exploiting their mineral and water wealth, and transforming their ethnic and linguistic identities through demo graphic change

Today nothing is encouraging Pakistan more than Trump's turning to it to "help us out" in Afghanistan. Pakistan's brutal proxies have compelled the US to negotiate the terms after the US reached a tentative deal with the Taliban in late January, a suicide bombins claimed by a Pakistan-based terrorist group killed 41 Indian paramilitary soldiers.

Now, with a final deal in the offing and the elected Afghan government sidelined, a scoff-law Pakistan has sought to turn the tables or India by ironically lecturing it on interna tional law and expelling the Indian envoy even as India still treats Pakistan as a terroris state only in rhetoric, not in actual policy terms. It will not be long before Pakistan's roguish military also ups the ante agains India, either directly or via its non-uniformed

soldiers—the terrorist proxies.

India, through the J&K constitutional change, has pre-emptively sought to safe guard its security before America hands Afghanistan back to the same terrorist militia it removed from power in 2001. But India has a history of losing the advantage after a potentially game-changing move. After Balakot Pakistan was quick to neutralise India's advantage with a daring aerial blitz that crossed a red line by targeting Indian military sites. Yet Pakistan escaped scot-free.

India's real test begins now after the bold legacy-shaping J&K action. Indeed, the gov ernment needs to tackle head on the pro tracted proxy war of a renegade neighbour that, far from becoming diplomatically iso lated as sought by India, has been emboldened

by Trump's gambit.

Does India have the political will to impose costs in a manner to make them increasingly unbearable for Pakistan?

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PERSONAL TRIBUTE

The importance of being Sushma Swaraj

A woman of rare common sense, sharp understanding, and a speaker par excellence, her void will be hard to fill



uring my first term as a nominated Rajya Sabha (RS) Member of Parliament, ostensibly unattached but widely known to be sympathetic to the Bharatiya Janata Party (then led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Lal Krishna Advani), I casually walked into the ruling party's weekly meeting of MPs, held each Tuesday in session time. When it ended, I found myself walking next to Sushma Swaraj, and gleefully told her "Sushma ji *main aa gaya!*" She inched close to me and, in a hushed voice, whispered into my ears that I had not been prudent in attending the meeting as I could lose my RS membership if anyone complained. This was some time in 2005-06. I had been nominated to the House in 2004, but did not formally join any party within the stipulated six-month period Then, flashing her reassuring smile, she said to me: "Why are you in such a hurry? We value your opinions; please convey them to me or Advaniji as you can always access us. Next time, we will induct you for sure."

She kept her promise, and in 2010, aggres-

sively pushed my candidature for an RS seat from Madhya Pradesh, she herself being Lok Sabha MP from Vidisha, adjacent to Bhopal. Although I had many friends in the BJP, starting with Delhi University contemporaries such as Arun Jaitley, Sushma's affection effortlessly made her one of my near and dear ones in the party. Over the years, I became one of her principal advisers, preparing background briefs for her, and her sounding board in many party matters. Her proximity to Advaniensured our equation endured the travails of time. I admired her command over shadow at seminars at home and abroad.

A woman of rare common sense and sharp understanding, she took me along to a round table on issues of motherhood and child welfare in Kochi. I vigorously protested my igno rance on the subject, but she disarmed me saying she needed a note in English as nobody would understand Hindi in Kerala. When she asked me to come to her suite to note down the points she had in mind, I protested again, as I had gone out of the hotel in the evening with friends and, to put it mildly, lost count of our consumption of liquid refreshments. But her wish being my command, I dutifully took down notes in shaky handwriting, returned to my room, and hammered out a brief on my laptop. When I showed it to her at breakfast next morning, she was visibly startled, telling daughter Bansuri that she did not think I would manage a coherent piece given the state I was in. "Lekin dekho, Chandan ne kya kamaal kiya hai. It is better than what I had in

 $Once I\, travelled\, with\, her\, to\, Singapore, and$ she insisted I accompany her for a meeting with the island-nation's prime minister. Sur prisingly, she bounced all questions to her my way. On exiting the building, Iasked her why she threw me at the deep end. Her matter-of-fact reply was: "Nehi toh seekhoge kaise, jab



Her intellectual depth, oratorical calibre.

tumhari baari aayegi, taiyar rehna hoga na (Otherwise how will you be prepared for the time when you will have to play your innings)". The same afternoon, she was due to address a packed auditorium in the university She announced I would be talking instead of her, and after five minutes, by way of introducing India's foreign policy, she handed the microphone to me

An acute diabetic, she was very particular about eating at stipulated times. Having got to know that I was similarly afflicted, she made sure enough *roti-sabzi* was packed for both in the tiffin-box whenever I accompanied her on election tours.

Unparalleled as a fiery orator both in public meetings as well as on the floor of Parliament, she almost always spoke extempore, holding forth for an hour or more. Rally organisers had a tough time if her seniors were also present at the same venue because the audi ence would gradually get up and leave, instead of staying on to hear the top-billed speaker

A storehouse of appropriate Hindi and Urdu couplets, she rattled them off her mem ory, while drawing parallels from mythologi cal texts over which she had complete command. So appropriate were her choices that I still remember how just one *sher* she recited to conclude her longish speech on the 2G debate in Parliament summed up the then Opposition's entire argument expounded over two days. Looking directly at then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, she boldly asked: Yeh bataa kaarvan kisne loota

Mujhe rahajanon se gila nehi Teri rahhari ka sawal hai (Tell us who looted our caravan?

I have no complaints against highway

robbers. The question is of your leadership)'

Nothing more was needed to be said. Singh was speechless and gloomy. His expression said it all. We will have to wait a few genera tions to find an orator of her intellectual depth and oratorical calibre.

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The post-Hiroshima global nuclear order is bleak and unstable

The world is far removed from pursuing any meaningful disarmament measures. New challenges have emerged



n August 2, the United States (US) formally withdrew from the Inter-mediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, which has led to a string of developments that increases the disorder in the global nuclear domain. The 1987 INF Treaty between the US and

the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) regulated the use of mediumrange missiles with nuclear warheads or weapons of mass destruction (WMD) between the superpowers of the time, and was deemed to be the bedrock of global strategic stability. It stands discarded, as Russia, too, has walked away from the treaty. A day after the US' withdrawal, the Ira-

nian foreign minister Javad Zarif asserted that Tehran will take another step to reduce its compliance with the "landmark 2015 nuclear deal brokered by the then US President Barack Obama. The war of words between the US and Iran augurs ill for the regional WMD stability.

In contrast, the Pyongyang-related anxiety index has gone significantly lower after Trump's surprise visit to North Korea in June, though there is no substantive "deal" to address the uneasy WMD discord in the Korean peninsula.

With Trump turning a blindeye, the July 25 missile tests by North Korea, supervised by Kim Jong-un, have not received the attention they would have a few years ago. Yet, the tangible consequences of this development add to the bleakness that now envelops the global nuclear/strategic

Furthermore, the new US defence secre tary Mark Esperannounced in Sydney, on August 2, that Washington wants to quickly deploy new intermediate range missiles in Asia — the signal to China is unambiguous. In short, the global nuclear missile domain is getting bleaker, and it is evident that the global political leadership of prudently shepherding the apocalyptic nuclear weapon.

In January 2018, a year after Trump assumed office as the US president, and

made some intemperate references to the nuclear weapon capability under his command, the world's Doomsday Clock was

INDIA (ALONG WITH ISRAEL AND PAKISTAN) IS A NON-SIGNATORY TO THE NPT, AND HAS A DISTINCTIVE STATUS IN THE GLOBAL NUCLEAR ORDER. IT HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AND HAS BEEN ACCORDED AN **EXCEPTIONAL STATUS OUTSIDE** THE CURRENT NPT FRAMEWORK moved closer to midnight by 30 seconds It now stands at a perilous two minutes to the dreaded "midnight"—the total anni hilation and darkness.

The clock is a metaphoric symbol set up after the Hiroshima-Nagasaki enormity in 1945, and is a bellwether of how vulnerable the world is to any kind of nuclear weapon danger. The last time the minute-hand was as close to midnight was in 1953, when the US embarked upon the hydrogen bomb, the most destructive atomic weapon. In January 2018, the Bulletin of Atomic

Scientists, a widely respected global nuclear watchdog, observed: "We are very concerned with the unpredictability of the United States and how it is thinking of its nuclear weapons", and moved the clock to its 11.58 pm position.

The post-Hiroshima global nuclear order is inherently iniquitous, and was restricted to the nuclear five (the US, Russia, the UK, France and China), and in the mid-1970s, the nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT) was imposed. It sought to divide the world into the nuclear weapon haves and have-nots.
At the time, India resisted this imposi-

tion, and asserted that this was a case of "disarming the unarmed". It merits recall that even among the nuclear five, France and China joined the NPT only after the end of the Cold War in the early 1990s.

The central element of the NPT is the

Article VI commitment by the weapon pow ers that they would move towards disarma-ment progressively. In reality, well after the dissolution of the USSR, and the alarming number of nuclear weapons they amassed (almost 60,000 warheads), the world is far removed from pursuing any meaningful disarmament measures.

The NPT comes up for a major five

yearly review in 2020. At the preparatory conference in May this year, there was no consensus that could be arrived at among the NPT signatories about the harmonisa tion of objectives among the nuclear weapon powers and the non-nuclear weapon states (NNWS). India (along with Israel and Pakistan) is a non-signatory to the NPT, and has a dis-

tinctive status in the global nuclear order It has nuclear weapons, and has been accorded an exceptional status outside the current NPT framework.

Delhi's disarmament crusade began with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru during the Cold War decades, and peaked with the Rajiv Gandhi Action Plan submit ted to the UN in 1988. After the 1998 Shakt tests, India is less strident, but makes the appropriate rhetorical commitment to the

The need to restore consensual order among states in relation to the nuclear weapon is now compounded by the non-State entity and the nightmare exigency That the latter may acquire this capability even if it's in rudimentary form.

August 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Alas there is no silver lining to this dark, bleak cloud.

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FISPOTLIGHT

Heavy floods threaten life, crops

DELUGE 10 people die in Kerala, 205,000 people displaced in Maharashtra as states sound alarm bells

NEWDELHI: Heavy rains in the sec ond half of monsoon have caused deadly flooding in several states. threatening life and summersown crops even as central advisories asked kev states to take mitigation measures to protect

A deep depression a rain-hearing stormy weather system that formed over the Bay of Bengal, is sweepingfrom east to west, inundating large swathes in Chhat-tissgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

Although overall monsoon has been 2% below normal since the start of the wet season in June, for the first week August, rainfall has been 28% surplus, triggering deadly floods

are inundated in Odisha, where torrential rains continued on Thursday. Crops have gone under water in Rayagada, Malkangiri Koraput, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Ganjam and Gajapati districts.

Major rivers in Andhra Pra-desh are in spate. Dams in Maharashtra are overflowing. Farms in large tracts in Kolhapur and Sangli are inundated. Vidarbha, which has been facing droughtlike conditions, has witnessed flooding in several areas

"Based on inputs from agricultural meteorology, state-specific advisories have been issued to save standing crops. That's a standard procedure," a farm ministry official said, requesting anonymity. Madhya Pradesh, a large sovahean grower too has started witnessing heavy rains.

The weather bureau on Thursday said Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, Goa, Madhya Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat and Kerala will continue to get robust rains for the next three days. Farmers in Maharashtra's Marathwada, where sowing has not been not completed have been advised to complete the process after sufficient rainfall has occurred. In flooded areas, sow ing of alternate crops like hybrid pearl millet, sunflower, castor and sesamum have been advised.



A river in spate at Munnar in Kerala on Thursday.



Rescue and relief work in flood-hit Sangli

UDAY DEOLEKAR/HT

RAIN, FLOOD BATTER SEVERAL STATES

KERALA

At least 10 persons are killed as rains continue to batter many areas of Kerala. Twenty-five people are feared missing in Wayanad in north Kerala after a landslide, said rescue officials. Chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan has sought Army and Air Force help as weathermen predicted more rains in the next two days. Over half of the 44 rivers in the state are in spate and many dams are filled to the brim. Over 5,000 people have been evacuated to safety as overflowing rivers and swollen dams flooded several districts amid heavy rains, the state revenue department said. The CM has directed ministers to rush to affected districts and co-ordinate rescue works. In a tweet, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is sitting MP from Wayanad, said he talked to the CM and asked Congress workers to join relief and rescue work. Kerala's Disaster Management Authority has issued red alert in Idukki, Malappuram, Kozhikode and Wayanad districts for two more days. Educational institutions in 11

districts will remain closed on

MAHARASHTRA

About 205,000 people have been displaced and 27 killed this monsoon as floods continue to ravage western Maharashtra. Rainfall has abated to an extent, but dam waters are yet to recede in the worse-hit districts of Kolhapur and Sangli. With a forecast of very heavy rainfall on Friday and an estimated 30,000 to 35,000 stranded people still awaiting rescue, the situation in these two districts is serious Chief minister Devendra Eadnavis, who undertook an aerial tour of the flood-affected districts, said the situation would improve after Karnataka released water from the Almatti dam. "Home minister Amit Shah held a meeting with both Karnataka CM BS Yediyuruppa and myself to resolve this issue. They [Karnataka] have agreed to discharge this water by tonight," said Fadnavis. He admitted that Karnataka had concerns about releasing so much water as it could potentially flood some of its own regions downstream.

Friday. Cochin airport was closed till Thursday midnight after the runway was flooded

KARNATAKA

Rescue efforts are in full swing in the state, with around 15,000 people being evacuated in just a day (till Thursday afternoon). As many as 15 of the state's 30 districts have witnessed very high rainfall over the past week, causing flooding in several parts. Belagavi is the worst-affected. In all, nine people have died over the past week, officials said. Around 17,000 people have been shifted to 272 relief camps across the state. India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for the coastal and Malnad regions for another two days. Holidays have been anacross 12 districts for a second consecutive day. The state's health department has cancelled leaves to all its officials.

ANDHRA PRADESH

The situation in flood-hit areas of East and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh continues to be grim, with the Godavari river continuing to swell with heavy inflows from upstream on Thurs North coastal Andhra districts of Srikakulam and Vizianagaram which have been facing a flood-like situation due to overflowing Vamsadhara and Nagavali rivers, returned to normalcy. And ha Pradesh chief minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday made an aerial survey of the flood-ravaged areas with his cabinet colleagues.

TAMIL NADU

Even as heavy rains continue to lash the Western Ghats, the delta region, the rice bowl of Tamil Nadu, remains parched. The demand for the release of Cauvery water by Karna-taka is gaining momentum. The continuing heavy spell of rain in the southern and western districts is expected to provide great relief to the drinking water crisis though.

Extreme rainfall in short spells becoming common

NEW DELHI: Despite deficient rainfall in most districts of India this year, there have been floods in several parts of the country due to sudden spells of concentrated heavy rain, according to India Meteorological Department (IMD)'s district-wise rainfall

This proves as real the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) claim on Monday that extreme rainfall events in south Asia are increasing.

An area getting more than 204 mm of rain within 24 hours is defined as an extreme rainfall event by the IMD

The IMD's rainfall data from June 1 till August 8 shows that except in parts of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Assam, the majority of districts in all other states have deficient rainfall, suggesting that rainfall has not been widespread and has been in concentrated spells in certain areas, causing flooding.

"The signs of climate change causing extreme rainfall are much clearer now," said KJRamesh, former director general of IMD. "Most of the flooding this spells of sudden rainfall in a few hours, causing massive flooding and displacement of people."

On August 1 and 2, Vadodara in Gujarat received 499 mm of rain within 24 hours, which was 83.64% of the total rain this monsoon in the industrial city While Vadodara, Valsad and a few dis tricts of southern Gujarat received heavy rain in the first week of August, deficiency in rainfall in most other districts of the state was up to 52%.

Bihar is another state that exemplifies contrasts in weather. While parts of northern Bihar such as East Champaran district – it received 87.2% of the total monsoon rainfall in the first week of July -- have had the worst floods in the past two decades, most of southern Bihar and Jharkhand have seen dry weather conditions.

Both in Maharashtra and Karnataka, which have been receiv-

HEAVY DOWNPOUR Floods caused by extreme rainfall appears to be a new normal even though India has 2.5% monsoon rain deficit Maximum rain on which days (mm) Total rainfall this season (mm) **2,454.3 798.40** on July 1 and 2 and July 26 and 27 32.5% 410 on August 5 596.5 83.64% 499 on August 1 and 2 2,143.9 808 on June 29, 30 and July 31 34.4% 775.1 on July 25, 26 and 27 1,834.4 37.85% **694.3** on July 10 and 11 Kishanganj 1,230.41 74.3% 915.1 in first week of July East Champaran 763 87.2% 665.4 in first week of July Patiala 395 59.7% Srinagar | 159.3 23.08% **6.7** on July 25

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ing heavy rain in the past few days, there are regions that have received less than normal rain-fall. In Maharashtra, the Marathwada region has 15% rain deficiency whereas in Karnataka Bengaluru and nearby districts had 32% less rainfall between June 1 and August 8, according to

Nizamabad (Telangana) 520

IMD district-wise rainfall data. The rainfall pattern this year confirms the findings of a study on rainfall in India between 1901 and 2016 by Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, which showed that extreme rainfall events intensified in the period 1981-2016 with "significant decline" in monsoon rainfall in eastern UP, Assam and Meghalaya and increase in East Rajast han, Kutch and Saurashtra.

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In the context of climate change impact on monsoon, Priyadarshi Shukla, one of the co-au thors of the IPCC report on "Climate Change and Land", said the change in rainfall patterns in India could lead to food production going down by 23%

Chief Executive Officer 550th celebrations of Parkash Utsav of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Plot no. 3, Sector 38, Chandigarh E-mail: <u>directorculture@yahoo.com</u>, Landline: 0172-2694889

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1969 WOODSTOCK CLICKS DISPLAYED



NEW YORK: Photographer Mark Goff's Woodstock 1969 shots are being displayed 50 years. Goff was in a group of photographers for the festival that included the biggest names in rock photogra

Canada: Bodies of teen murder suspects found

MONTREAL: Canadian police discovered the bodies of two men - Kam McLeod, 19, and Bryer Schmegelsky, 18 - believed to be fugitive teens who murdered three people last month.

Cocaine haul washes up on New Zealand beach

WELLINGTON: Cocaine worth Zealand, with police urging the public to hand in any more packages that may turn up. AFP

Ivanka to promote women's initiative in South America

WASHINGTON: Ivanka Trump will travel to South America next month to focus on issues making it difficult for women in develop

Germany to put 92-yr-old man on trial for Nazi crimes

BERLIN: A 92-year-old German man will go on trial in October charged with helping to murder 5,230 prisoners, many of them Jewish, at a Nazi death camp in World War 2. REUTER

Iran hits out at Bahrain for hosting 'provocative' talks

SECRET MEETING? Manama hosted a military conference on July 31 to discuss 'regional situation'

TEHRAN:IranhitoutatBahrainfor hosting a "provocative" confer-ence on Gulf maritime security and for its "anti-Iran" rhetoric accusing Tehran of attacking tankers in sensitive waters.

Bahrain said the July 31 meet-ing was to discuss the "current regional situation" and blasted "the repeated attacks and unac-ceptable practices of Iran and the terrorist groups linked to it"

The Gulf monarchy did not specify who attended, but Britain's Guardian newspaper reported the UK had called for the meeting with other European countries and the US.

"Bahrain's government should not become the facilitator of common enemies' wishes and schemes in the region," said for-eign ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi in a statement.

Mousavi "condemned the anti-Iran measures taken by Bahrain including hosting suspicious and provocative conferences", the statement said.

US STUDENT HELD IN IRAN 'NOT A SPY': WIFE
WASHINGTON: The wife of a Prince-

ton University graduate student imprisoned in Iran is appealing for his release. Hua Qu told reporters in Washington there have been no productive conver-sations between the US and Iran about Xiyue Wang. Hua's Chinese-American husband was sentenced to 10 years in prison after being convicted of "infiltrating"



IN TROUBLED WATERS: A photo shows HMS Montrose (centre) accompanying Stena Important (left) and other vessels in the Persian Gulf.
 On Thursday, the US urged all American commercial ships to share their Gulf transit plans in advance.

Tensions escalate in Yemen after clashes

SANAA, YEMEN: A senior official in Yemen's embattled government on Thursday accused a southern separatist leader of "fomenting sedition" after his forces clashed with Yemeni troops near the presidential palace in Aden, as concerns rose about a new front opening up in the country's dev-

In a statement carried by the official news agency, interior minister Ahmed al-Maisari called on the followers of separatist leader Hani Ben Braik to ignore his calls to overthrow the government, saying "they only aim at engendering war" and undermine the fight against Houthi rebels

A Saudi-led coalition has been battling the Iran-aligned rebels since 2015 on behalf of the inter-

ment, which is largely confined to the southern city of Aden

The stalemated war has killed tens of thousands of people and driven the country to the brink of There have long been tensions

within the coalition between northerners who fled to the south during the Houthis' advance and southerners who once had their own state and want greater

The UAE, a leading member of

the coalition, has also been at odds with the government over its ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, a regional Islamist political movement that Saudi Arabia and the Emirates view as a terrorist group. The UAE has lent support to the separatists and other factions that have clashed with government forces

EYE ON PAKISTAN

Opposition leader Maryam arrested over graft probe

Imtiaz Ahmad & Agencies

ISLAMABAD: Leader of the Pakistani opposition Maryam Nawaz Sharif was arrested on Thursday while she was visiting her father Nawaz Sharif at the Kot Lakhpat Jailin Lahore.
Anti-corruption watchdog

National Accountability Bureau (NAB) officials confirmed she Marvam had earlier been

given a questionnaire based on six questions in the Chaudhry Sugar Mills case, which she was due to answer later on Thurs-

day.

However, NAB officials reached Kot Lakhpat jail and detained the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz vice-president.

Earlier, Maryam had appeared before the NAB on July 31 to record her statement in the Chaudhry Sugar Mills reference. The statement was regarding business transactions of the Chaudhry Sugar Mills of which she is one of the major shareholders.

A NAB inquiry started in October 2018 detected that Nawaz Sharif, his brother Shahhaz Sharif Maryam and the family of the late Abbas Sharif are shareholders in the company along with some foreigners of the UAE and the UK

Accountability Mohammad Bashir, on July 6 last year, had convicted former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam in the Avenfield properties reference and sentenced them to 10 years and seven years imprisonment, respectively.



■ Maryam Nawaz Sharif AFP/FILE

however, had suspended the sen tence and released Maryam.

MINISTER, SENATOR

HURL ABUSES IN PARL
Opposition (PML-N) senator
Mushahidullah Khan and minister for science and technology Fawad Chaudhry hurled abuses at each other in parliament turning a joint session into a

The minister got infuriated after being referred to as "dabbu" and hurled a volley of abuses at the PML-N leader.

Senate chairman Sadio Sanjrani, who was presiding over the proceedings alongside National Assembly speaker Asad Qaiser, had to intervene and order to expunge unparliamentary words used by the two

Putin in power: 20 years and counting



officer's uniform, watches tactical exercises in the Barents Sea or

MEXICO CITY: Mexican police found

nine bodies hanging from an

overnass on Thursday alongside

a drug cartel banner threatening

rivals, and seven more corpses

hacked up and dumped by the road nearby. Just down the road were three more bodies - for a

The killing spree in the west-

ern city of Uruapan marked a

return to the massacres carried

out by drug cartels at the height of Mexico's 2006-2012 drug war,

when bodies were dumped on

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total of 19.

19 bodies hung from bridge or

hacked up in deadly gang war

ities and rival gangs.
Two of the bodies hung by

ropes from the overpass by their necks were women, as was one of

While the banner was not com

pletely legible, it bore the initials

of the Jalisco cartel, and men-

Adrian Lopez, the attorney general for the western state of

Michoacan, said the killings

appeared to be part of a turf war.

fighting over territory, to control

activities related to drug produc-

tion distribution and consump-

tion," Lopez said. "Unfortu-

nately, this conflict results in

'Certain criminal gangs are

tioned the Viagras, a rival gang

the dismembered bodies.

Agence France-Presse

MOSCOW: Twenty years ago on Friday, the then Russian president Boris Yeltsin appointed his fourth prime minister in less than 18 months - Vladimir Putin. then a relatively unknown secu rity services chief with scant experience of politics.

The departing Yeltsin was

casting around for a successor and few could have predicted that two decades later Putin would still be ruling Russia, hav $ing\,taken\,on\,a\,dominant\,role\,in$ world affairs.
But the anniversary comes at

a time of uncertainty in the 's reign.

Putin's approval ratings emain at a level most Western

these kinds of acts that alarm the For years Mexican cartels had

seemed loath to draw attention to themselves with mass public dis-

plays of bodies. Instead, the gangs

ies, by creating clandestine bur-

ial pits or dissolving corpses in

caustic chemicals.
But the Jalisco gang, which

has gained a reputation for chal-

lenging authorities, appears to have returned to showy killings

In 2011, the then-smaller Jalisco cartel dumped 35 bodies

on an expressway in the Gulf

as a way to intimidate rivals.

ast state of Veracruz

went to great lengths to hide bod-

have taken a hit from a stalling economy and declining living standards.

A protest movement in Moscow has meanwhile seen thou-sands arrested in recent weeks the largest crackdown since a wave of demonstrations against Putin returning to the Kremlin in 2012 after another spell as prime minister. The 66-year-old is facing a suc-

cession drama of his own. This is his last term in office according to the Russian constitution butafter stamping out the competition and taking control of most of the media - there is no obvious figure to replace him.

Analysts say it is unlikely that Russia's longest-serving leader since Joseph Stalin will give up power completely when his current term ends in 2024.

The picture was different when Putin won his first presi-dential election following Yeltsin's early resignation on New Year's Eve, 2000. "Russia, despite its poverty

and problems with criminality.

was still a democratic, liberal country," said prominent journalist Nikolai Svanidze. "After 20 years in power, he's not limited in any way - he's practically a sultan," Svanidze

After the 2004 Orange Revolution in Ukraine, which the Kremlin believed was backed by foreign governments to reduce Russia's influence in the country. Putin's attitude changed."I believe his disappointment... was the trigger in this evolution towards a harder line," analyst Konstantin Kalachev said.

Special forces capture Kyrgyz ex-prez in raid

BISHKEK: Kyrgyzstan's former president Almazbek Atambayey surrendered to security forces at his compound outside the capital Bishkek on Thursday, a day after a commando was killed in a failed attempt to arrest him that led to violent clashes with his follow-

A video posted online by an Atambayev supporter showed several cars being driven out of the former president's country house by security officials after what his party described as his surrender. One of Atambayev's aides is visible inside one car saying it was headed to the interior

President Sooronbai Jeenbekov said Atambayev, origi-

witness in an investigation, was now wanted for a "grave crime" after the violent standoff the previousday

The confrontation between Jeenbekov and his former patron and predecessor risks destabilising the Central Asian nation which hosts a Russian military airbase and is a major centre for

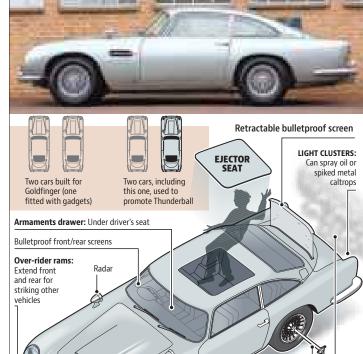
gold mining.

During the previous day's botched raid, one member of the security forces was killed and six others were captured by Atam bayev's followers, the authorities

fied "urgent measures" to main tain the rule of law. AGENCIES

Want to own a James Bond car?

A rare Aston Martin DB5, an iconic car from the James Bond flicks of the 1960s, could fetch up to \$6 million at a Sotheby's auction next week in California



Denloyed with nush of button in movie (in reality screwed into position manually) **IDENTITY:** Revolving license GUNS: Replica .30 calibre Browning machine ins, hidden behind front indicators (produce plates to confound flashes and bangs but cannot fire rounds)

50 years on, all roads lead to London's famous Abbey Road crossing



L-R: The famous photo of The Beatles band members George Harrison, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and John Lennon crossing Abbey Road in London on August 8, 1969.

'PAUL IS DEAD!'

The Abbey Road album cover fuelled the "Paul Is Dead" conspiracy theory. Some thought McCartney having a cigarette in his right hand despite being left-handed proved he was an imposter A STEPLADDER & 6 CLICKS

The picture was taken at 11.35am on August 8, 1969 h Scottish photographer lain Macmillan. He stood on a stepladder in the street, while a policeman stopped the traffic. Macmillan took six frames, of which the fifth one

LONDON: Hundreds of people gathered at the world's most famous zebra crossing on Thursday to mark the 50th anniversary of the day The Beatles created one of the best

history.
The photo of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr striding over the pedestrian crossing on Abbey Road in London was taken outside the EMI Recording Studios where they made the 1969 album of the same

known album covers in music

Scottish photographer Iain Macmillan took just six shots of the group on the crossing, with the fifth used as the cover of the

band's 11th studio album.

pursuers

released on September 26, 1969. The picture shows Lennon in a white suit leading the group across the road. Starr wears a black suit while McCartney is barefoot, out of step and holding a cigarette. Harrison is in blue denim. A Volkswagen Beetle is

parked in the background. On Thursday, the Beetle was back in position while traffic crawled along the crowded street as dozens of fans paraded on the black and white painted crossing for souvenir photos.

Abbey Road was the last album to be recorded by all four members of the band together. and it had tracks written by

Esper in Mongolia to boost strategic ties

Agence France-Pres

ULAANBAATAR: US defence secre tary Mark Esper made a rare visit to Mongolia on Thursday-the latest leg of an Asian tour aimed at shoring up partnerships to counter China's growing influence in the region.

Esper has visited several regional US allies including Japan and Australia in his maiden tour abroad following his confirmation as Pentagon chieflast month.

His diplomatic offensive comes as Washington seeks to reassure its traditional friends of

its support in the face of China's more assertive foreign policy

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and military posture.
"The Chinese have a global approach to how they're trying to expand their interests and their tentacles around the globe, and we need to be able to compete with them in that space," Esper

The Pentagon chief alluded to Beijing's actions to reinforce its territorial ambitions in the South China Sea, which have alarmed neighbours with com peting claims to the strategic

The US and Mongolia have had strong ties for decades

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Aditya Birla Group chairman

KM BIRLA HIRES BANKERS FROM GOLDMAN SACHS, STANCHART

MUMBAI: Kumar Mangalam Birla hired bankers from Standard Chartered Plc and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. for senior roles at his conglomerate, people with knowledge of the matter said. The billionaire's Aditya Birla Group appointed Standard Chartered dealmaker Sandeep Agrawal as head of corporate finance, according to the people. He will be responsible for mergers and acquisitions as well as capital raising, the people said, asking not to be identified because the information is private. The conglomerate has also hired Manish Dabir from Goldman to be its head of investor relations, the people said. The banker, who was an executive director in Gold-man's strategic transactions group, joined Birla Group earlier this month, one of the people said. A representative for Stan-dard Chartered confirmed Agrawal is leaving to pursue other opportunities, while a representative for Goldman said he has no immediate comment Birla Group hires externally for about 20% of its senior positions while the rest go to internal candidates, Santrupt Misra, director of group human resources, said in an

Saudis to keep lid on oil supply in September

DUBAI: Saudi Arabia plans to keep oil exports below 7 million barrels a day next month as the Opec country allocates less crude than demanded by customers to help stabilize the market, according to Saudi officials, State-run Saudi Arabian Oil Co., known as Aramco, will make a cut of 700,000 barrels a day in its allocations to customers in all regions next month, the officials said, asking not to be identified because the matter isn't public. The country's produc-tion will be lower in September than this month, they said. The cut in the allocations to customers comes despite strong demand for oil in all regions, the officials said. The kingdom could have produced about 10.3 million barrels a day because demand is much higher, but decided to keep output and exports suppressed and reduce customer requests by 700,000 barrels a day, they said. The Saudis and their partners in the Opec+ coalition are deter mined to do what they can for market stability, they said.

Joint auditors found no violations, says RCap

NEW DELHI: Reliance Capital (RCap) on Thursday said its joint auditors have confirmed that there are "no violations" as alleged by the firm's previous auditor Price Waterhouse & Co Chartered Accountants LLP (PWC) The board of directors of RCap on August 8 held special meeting to review the matters arising out of the letter filed by PWC with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), under Section 143(12) of the Companies Act, 2013. "The board took note of the views of the other joint auditors, who have been auditors of the company for the last three financial years and continue as the sole statutory auditors of the company, confirming that there are no violations as alleged by PWC under Section 143 (12) of the Companies Act, 2013," Reliance Capital said in a BSE filing. The board said that PWC fiscal 2018 as also limited review of financial results of three December 2018, without any qualifications or raising any

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Markets jump on buzz that JET'S RP SEEKS LENDERS' NOD TO LIQUIDATE SOME ASSETS

INVESTOR CHEER Sensex and Nifty post biggest one-day gains since May 20

Gireesh Chandra Prasad

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: Indian stocks surged on Thursday on expecta-tions that the government may exempt foreign portfolio inves tors (FPIs) from an increase in taxes that was introduced this

Benchmark indices reported their biggest single day gain since May 20. The BSE Sensex gained 636.86 points, or 1.74%, to 37,327.36, while the National Stock Exchange's (NSE) 50-share Nifty index rose 176.95 points, or 1.63% to 11,032.45.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman is under pressure to withdraw the contentious tax measure introduced in the July budget as foreign investors exited Indian shares, sending stocks lower

After initially rejecting pleas from FPIs to roll back the increase in surcharge on income, the government has now decided to consult financial sector executives to help revive investor sentiment.

finance ministry officials are likely to meet financial sector representatives on Friday in the capital, as per a plan of consultation announced last week

While it appears that the gov-ernment may reconsider its earlier position no final decision has been taken as to how to provide relief to FPIs. "Government is aware of the FPI surcharge issue. Some relief may be announced soon," a government official said on the condition of anonymity.

A rollback of the tax sur-

charge will be strongly wel-comed by investors who are reeling under an unprecedented selling avalanche from FPIs. said Ajay Bodke, chief executive officer (CEO) of portfolio man-



nsex closed up 636.86 points at 37,327.36 on Thursday

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"Refusal to roll back the surcharge on FPIs and absence of a fiscal stimulus to beleaguered sectors like autos and NBFCs (non-banking financial companies) are the principal reasons for the plunge in Indian equi-ties. Any move to offer a generous relief on both these counts can lead to a massive short covering by speculators and a strong rally due to buying from FPIs and domestic Institutional investors."

The higher tax surcharge on the super-rich spooked FPIs, resulting in withdrawal of funds worth \$1.93 billion in July.

From budget till now, BSE Sensex, BSE Midcap and BSE Smallcap indices have declined

8-9%.
"We are in buy territory.

FROM BUDGET TILL NOW. BSE SENSEX **BSE MIDCAP AND BSE SMALLCAP INDICES** HAVE DECLINED 8-9% share prices depends on policy action, our indicators suggest that investors with a bit of

patience will likely be rewarded well in the next 12 months," said Morgan Stanley in a report on Analysts at Morgan Stanley expect the Sensex at 45,000 by

June 2020. Some analysts say the sharp decline in markets has created pockets of investment opportu-

The sharp correction in

months provides an opportunity to investors to revisit stocks in general. Investors have a choice of expensive con-sumption-related stocks as they brace for near-term ructions arising from further escalation in China-US trade issues and housing finance companies (HFC)-real estate liquidity/ credit issues and inexpensive stocks elsewhere if they are willing to live with near-term market volatility and take a 2-3-year view," said Kotak Institu-

So far this year, Sensex and Nifty have gained 3.49% and 1.56%, respectively in rupee terms

tional Equities in a note on

In dollar terms. Sensex is up 2% and Nifty is up 0.1% while MSCI World have gained 12.22% in 2019 so far.

MUMBAI: The resolution professional (RP) overlooking the bankruptcy proceedings of grounded Jet Airways (India) Ltd on Thursday told the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) that a request has been placed before the committee of creditors (CoC) to liquidate some assets to pay a part of the pending salaries to the airline's employ-

According to resolution professional Ashish Chhawchharia, Jet Airways currently has about 7,400 employees on its payroll. During its peak, the airline had over 16,000 employees, including about 1,300 pilots.

"We have requested CoC's permission to liquidate some assets to pay the salaries," Chhawchharia said, adding that Jet Airways currently has no revenue from operations and, hence, paying employee salaries remains a concern.

Jet Airways is yet to pay sala-

ries since January to a section of its staff, including pilots, engineers and general managers. The airline hasn't paid salaries to the rest of its staff since March. Employee associations of Jet Airways had earlier sought the court's permission to release their salaries. The NCLT bench on Thursday also heard the claims of Luckystar Pvt. Ltd, which owns Siroya Centre, the former headquarters of Jet Airways. Luckystar had earlier stated that the airline owes them dues since the airline's rental lease for the building ended in

Chhawchharia informed the bench that Siroya Centre's premises are not required anymore and the staff will be shifted to another property owned by the airline. He also sought return of a portion of the deposit—with the deposit standing at about ₹10 crore—which was taken by Luck-ystar to rent out Siroya Centre to

Debt repayments in near future may be delayed: DHFL

MUMBAI: Mortgage lender Dewan Housing Finance Corp. Ltd (DHFL) on Thursday warned of delays in debt repayments in the "immediate future" amid ongoing negotiations with lenders on the resolution plan.

"Given the ongoing discus sions on the resolution plan with the lenders who have signed the inter-creditor agreement (ICA), the company believes its pay-ment obligations falling due in the immediate future may not be met as per existing schedule,' DHFL said in a regulatory filing

An analyst who did not want to be named said DHFL, which has not been disbursing loans for the last couple of quarters after facing a severe liquidity crunch, plans to repay bondholders with the money it is receiving through repayments of loans from its bor-The delay being referred to,

the analyst said, is towards bondholders of the company.

The ongoing discussions among lenders are regarding loans of around ₹38,000 crore from banks that DHFL wants recast with moratorium on repayments. That apart, mutual funds that have exposure to the company, are vet to sign the ICA.

State Bank of India has an exposure of about ₹10,000 crore to DHFL.

Other lenders include Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Andhra Bank Canara Bank Punjab National Bank and Corporation Bank. Asof December DHFL had an

outstanding debt of ₹1 lakh crore, of which 38% was in the form of bank loans 47% from the debt market and 10% through deposits.

According to Shweta Daptar dar, an analyst at Prabhudas Lil-ladher, the moratorium, if approved, would help the company address the asset-liability mismatch problem. "The company also wants to restart its



likely towards bondholders of

retail lending business," said Daptardar. As *Mint* reported on August 7

bondholders of DHFL have been asked by Catalyst Trusteeship Ltd, the debenture trustee, to communicate their acceptance of the ICA.

The email from Catalyst Trus teeship, reviewed by Mint, says three things about the ICA. First, it says that the ICA provides for a 'standstill period' for enforce ment of any legal rights of any creditor. The ICA version on the website of Catalyst states that the standstill period will initially be for a 30-day review period and an additional 180 days there after.

Second, it says that the ICA lavs down a voting arrangemen between the creditors of the issuer, in respect of the resolu-

Third it says the ICA also pro vides for realization of liquida-tion value in the event the reso lution plan (as approved by spec-ified threshold of creditors of the issuer in accordance with the ICA), is not acceptable to a dis enting creditor.

On August 6, DHFL said a panel set up by the stressed mortgage lender's board has approved a debt resolution plan that seeks a moratorium on repayments but spares creditors from having to take haircuts on principal payments

Shares of DHFL on BSE closed at ₹47.6 on Thursday, down 3.64% from their previous close.

IndiGo co-promoter Gangwal questions chairman in letter

MUMBAI: InterGlobe Aviation Ltd's co-promoter Rakesh Gangwal has questioned chairman M Damodaran for not adopting the agreed related-party transactions (RPTs) policy, and calling board and committee meetings after the company's annual general meeting (AGM) slated for

In a August 6 letter addressed to Damodaran, board members of InterGlobe Aviation-run IndiGo and the airline's chief executive officer Ronojoy Dutta, Gangwal said Damodaran's sense of urgency to call board and committee meetings after the AGM is "perplexing". "What I fail to understand is

why all this was not initiated since the last exchange of propos-als on July 24, 2019 and why not now and prior to the AGM? Or why the agreed RPT Policy is not being adopted now," Gangwal said in his letter, adding that closing the remaining large loophole requires no more than a few days

A copy of the letter has been reviewed by Mint.

"Again, I urge you to follow through on what was agreed at the board meeting and after the



board meeting and prior to the AGM," Gangwal said adding that he is unable to support the special resolution on the articles (including ones to increase board strength to 10 members from existing six members) without closing the large loophole.

Gangwal has accused Bhatia of violating corporate governance norms and has sought more inde-pendent directors on the board. Bhatia has denied the allegations

Gangwal said, in his letter, that both the warring promoters have agreed on policies related to RPTs, size of the board and its composition as well as having an independent women director, closing the large loophole during the transition period.



Nilekani to receive honorary doctorate from IIT Bombay

Amandeep Shukla

NEW DELHI: Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani is set to receive an honorary doctorate from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay-his alma mater, Nilek ani completed his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the institute.

According to an official, the IIT had written to the Union human resource development ministry for approval to give the degree to Nilekani, who has also led the government's efforts to establish Aadhaar and contested a Lok Sabha election on a Con-

gress ticket from Bangalore. "Yes, we have decided to confer an honourary doctorate on Nilekani," said IIT Bombay director, Subhasis Chaudhuri

According to a government official, the HRD ministry had sought the approval of President Ram Nath Kovind. Recognising Nilekani's contributions, the President, approved the proposal, the official said.



"My teaching days involved long working hours, and also a tedious commute. The rest of the day would be spent in managing housework. All this meant I hardly had time for myself.

Since childhood I have been fascinated by music. So after retirement, I wanted to pursue singing and learn to play the harmonium.

Looking back, I feel the biggest benefit of investing in an Annuity plan has been getting a regular monthly income. With almost no worries about daily expenses, I can now focus on hitting the right musical not<mark>es</mark>." - Sudha Jain

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Visa's m-cap tops all the banks that once owned it

concerns.

NEW YORK: The biggest US banks used to own Visa Inc. Now if only they could keep up with it. The payments network

company rose to a market value of \$348 billion on Wednesday, surpassing that of JPMorgan Chase & Co. for the first time.
That makes Visa the
world's most highly-valued

financial firm outside of Berkshire Hathaway Inc

JPMorgan jointly owned Visa with other banks before they cashed out in a March 2008 initial public offering that was among the biggest in



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history, Since then, Visa's stock has soared almost 1,500%, while the KBW Bank Index has risen 15%.

Ken Chenault, a former chief executive officer for American Express Co., in 2017 called the banks' deci-

sion to break off card netstrategic blunders of the last 20 years. They gave it up on the cheap, and now the roles are totally reversed.'

Visa was intrinsically poised for success, said David Ritter, a *Bloomberg* Intelligence payments analyst. The network offered the infrastructure for electronic payments just as digital com-merce began to spark, and its middleman role in transac tions gives high profit mar-gins with low costs and risks.

"The big tailwind at its back is commerce going electronic," Ritter said. "They're just in a great business and very enviable position."

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South Africa lose their Hash tag

FAREWELL Only Proteas triple centurion retires from international cricket days after long-time teammate Steyn quit Tests

Agence France-Presse

JOHANNESBURG: Hashim Amla the only South African to score a triple Test match century, on Thursday announced his retire ment from international cricket, just days after fast bowler Dale Steyn said he was quitting Tests.
Amla, 36, said he was retiring

from all international cricket after a 15-year career during which he hit 55 centuries in 349 matches across all formats.

He followed record-breaking fast bowler Steyn who on Monday said he was retiring from Test cricket, although he remains available for international white-ball cricket. "They will be missed, they are two greats of South African

cricket," former international teammate AB de Villiers told Sky Sports.
"It's a big surprise about

Hashim. I watched him grow into one of the world's great

ELEGANT

An elegant right-handed top-order batsman, Amla overcame a shaky start in international cricket, during which his technique was criticised, to become one of South Africa's all-time leading batsmen. He hit 55 centuries in a

15-year international career, including South Africa's highest Test score of 311 not out against England at The Oval in Amla scored 9 282 runs at an

average of 46.64 in 124 Test matches and 8,113 at 49.46 in 181 one-day internationals.

He also made 1,277 runs in 44 Twenty20 internationals at an average of 33.60.

He hit 28 centuries in Tests and 27 in one-day internationals. His Test tally included four double centuries.

Amla said he thanked "the

fans for energising me when times were tough, and for celebrating with me when we succeeded together"

Amla made his Test debut against India in Calcutta in 2004/05, scoring 24 and 2. In the same season he played



Hashim Amla overcame a shaky start in international cricket, during which his technique was criticised. GETTY IMAGES to become one of the best batsmen in the game.

in two matches of South Africa's home series against England but was dropped after scoring only 36 runs in four innings.

Some critics believed that his backlift, which took his bat out at an angle of close to 45 degrees, was a flaw which would prevent him from having a successful international career. He modified his technique,

although still retaining a dis-tinctive loop in his backlift, and returned to Test cricket 15 months later with his first cen-tury, 149 against New Zealand. He became an ever-present in

His early struggles were recalled in a tweet by former team-mate AB de Villiers.
"So many doubted u early on,

but your fighting spirit, humility & incredible one of a kind talent took u to the top of the mountain," said De Villiers.

Initially regarded as a Test spe-cialist, Amla only made his One-Day International debut in 2008 but soon proved that classic stroke play, mainly as an open-ing batsman, was as effective as power hitting in the limited

When he was at the peak of his career between 2010 and 2016, he had an average of above 50 in both Tests and one-day internationals, while maintain ing a scoring strike rate of better than 90 runs per 100 balls in one-

In recent years, though, Amla's form dropped off and he struggled at the recent World Cup in England and Wales.
His last Test century was in

October 2017 and he made only two one-day international hundreds after that date.

Amla captained South Africa in 14 Test matches between 2014

Amla's career stats SR 100 50 41 46.64 28 ODIs 181 88.39 T20ls 44

and 2015/16 but seldom appeared entirely comfortable in the role.

His captaincy career started promisingly with three series wins, including one in Sri Lanka, but after a difficult tour of India in which South Africa lost three of four Tests, he resigned as captain midway

through a home series against England when South Africa were 1-0 down after two matches.

Amla said he would remain available for domestic cricket as well as the second edition of the Mzansi Super League Twenty20 competition, which is due to start in November

Jofra can be the weapon against **Smith: Gatting**

MUMBAI: While England frets over James Anderson's unavailability and Moeen Ali's form, the inclusion of Jofra Archer for the second Ashes Test starting August 14 at Lord's might 'threaten' Australian batting mainstay Steve Smith, according to Mike Gatting.

"We have not seen him (Jofra Archer) bowl much with the red ball—the way he swings it." Gatting said at the launch of Aditya Bhushan and Sachin Bajaj's book 'Fortune Turners' on the famed Indian spin quartet of Bhagwat Chandrasekhar, Erapalli Prasanna, Bishan Singh Bedi and Srinivas Venkatara-ghavan here on Thursday even-ing. "The pace is certainly there. Maybe because he bowls wicket-to-wicket he could be one of the guys who might threaten Steve Smith. If he gets (the ball) around the off-stump nipping just a bit with speed of 90 miles an hour.. he is in such good nick (that) he might have an impact."

The former England captain added that England must ensure Anderson is fully fit before he is thrown into the contest again. The calf muscle is a horrible muscle to pull. Sometimes it tends to flare up again, England just have to make sure it is done and dusted before they draft him

"But Stuart Broad has been bowling well, Jofra Archer is set to come in, so that will make England a good attack. Obviously, Anderson's experience will be missed."

Gatting, who expects the upcoming Ashes Tests to deliver results, said England have an uphill task. They had lost the first Test by 251 runs. "England have got a huge hill to climb now. I still think it is going to be an interesting series because every Test match is going to have a result. It is going to be about who does recover quickly after every match," he said.

The 62-year-old Gatting expressed worries over England's spin all-rounder Moeen who looked out of sorts at Edgbaston in the opening Test. "For England, they will have to get players finding form soon. What really worries me is Moeen Ali has not bowled very well. It certainly would have been better for him had he bowled well at



Mike Gatting at an event in Mumbai on Thursday.

ton, thus paving way for Austra lia's first victory at the venue in 18 years. Australia, enjoying the rarity of a 1-0 lead in England head to Lord's where they carry a strong record of winning 15 ou of 36 Tests while losing only

seven and drawing 14.

Amid their poor showings in last two Ashes in England, Australia had also witnessed the high of a 405-run win in 201 which was powered by Smith's 215. Gatting said Smith's head position is a vital aspect while batting. "He is difficult to bow at. One thing he does is (he) gets his head still on the off-stump and he is good at manoeuvring the hall around which is a great skill. And yes, without doubt, he has made a huge impression this Ashes series It is just a question of whether we can get him our early," he said.

"It will actually be interesting to see how Australia cope with that if England can dismiss Smith fairly quickly. I am not saying Australia are not the favourite team but am saying their batting order is slightly fragile. Obviously Australia is in a good place for now."

Gatting does not read much into English crowd's booing the Australian players Smith, David Warner and Cameron Bancroft since their arrival in the country, and expects it to die down.

"Look, I have been back to Australia and you get booed for nothing over there. Remember Stuart Broad got booed for no walking at Nottingham and that made a huge story about not walking and stayed right through the series. As the sum-mer goes on, I suspect it might die down at the end," he said.

Cricket Australia does a first with transgender code

MELBOURNE: Australia became the first cricket nation to announce a transgender policy to allow the inclusion of transgender and gender diverse people in every level of cricket. On Thursday, Cricket Australia (CA) announced the development of an Elite Cricket Policy and Guidelines to support players in line with their gender identity irrespective of their sex

Kevin Roberts, the Cricket Australia CEO, said the guidelines have been established to ensure inclusion at every level. 'It doesn't make any sense that today, people are discriminated against, harassed or excluded, because of who they are. And that's not right," said Roberts. "Today we demonstrate our commitment to include people with an affirmed gender identity in the game at every level and ensure all people in our communities experience Australian cricket's inclusive culture."

The policy, in line with the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Eligibility on the Basis of Gender Recognition, provides guidance on how to compete at the highest levels of the sport. According to the policy, any player who is participating in elite female cricket must be able to establish that their concentration of testosterone in serum has heen less than 10 nanomoles per litre continuously for at least 12 months. As an additional measure, a referral process to an expert panel has been established to ensure fair and meaningful competition. The policy also permits transgender cricketers who are born overseas to compete in Australian domestic competitions as there is alignment with ICC policy.

some other sports like football and athletics. According to the Sydney Morning Herald the gender diversity policy of Australian Football League (AFL)—released last year - requires maintaining testosterone levels of below

The parameter is lower than

It doesn't make any sense that today, people are discriminated against, harassed or excluded, because of who they are. And that's not right.

K ROBERTS, Cricket Australia CEO

5nmol/L for 24 months for transgender athletes to compete. In keeping with the new IOC transgender policy, the International Association of Athletics Federa-tion (IAAF) has capped the female limit at 5 nmol/L for events ranging from 400m to a mile. It used to be 10 earlier.

As a result, South African athlete Caster Semenya, whose blood test revealed higher than 'normal' testosterone levels, had lost her discrimination case against the IAAF earlier this year. She has been asked to take medication that would lower her testosterone levels but the athlete is still fighting her case. Cricket, in comparison, has offered more relaxed rules.

Alex Blackwell, a former Australian cricketer with 251 national caps and an LGBTI advocate, has been at the forefront in bringing the policy together. "These guidelines are very clearly about inclusivity, and that all people feel like cricket is a sport for them—that they would be safe and welcome to participate in the game, or to consume the game as a fan," she said. Australian cricketer Megan Schutt welcomed the move, "To have a policy and guidelines that includes transgender and gender diverse players will create a bet-ter environment for everybody to play the game," she said. "Now that we know that anyone who is transgender or gender diverse has a chance to play cricket at the highest level, I'm confident that the elite cricket policy will pro vide a fair process for transgender and gender diverse cricketers

to embark on that pathway."

RAIN DANCE



The first ODI between India and West Indies witnessed a delayed start and several interruptions due to rain at the Providence Stadium in Guyana on Thursday. West Indies reached 54/1 in 13 overs after India won the toss and elected to field.

Hesson resigns as Kings XI coach

NEW DELHI: Mike Hesson on

Thursday announced he has parted ways with IPL franchise Kings XI Punjab, lending cre-dence to the speculation that the New Zealander is also in contention to be India's next chief coach. The local media in New Zealand reported that Hesson has applied for the top job in both India and Bangladesh.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Kings XI franchise and wish to thank them for the season I had in charge. Whilst disappointed not to be able to build on the work we did this year. I'm sure success isn't too far away for them. I wish them all the best for the future," Hesof Kings XI Punjab for only a sea son though remained tightlipped on the reasons for his departure from Kings XI Punjab and future job prospects.

NEW T20 RECORD

LONDON: Leicestershire Foxes captain Colin Ackermann set a new T20 bowling record on Wednesday by taking 7/18 in his team's victory over Birmingham Bears in the T20 Blast. The offspinner's haul surpassed the previous record of 6/5 runs set by Somerset all-rounder Arul Suppiah while bowling against

Glamorgan in July 2011. Ackermann helped his side win by 55 runs. Earlier, Harry Swindells and Lewis Hill both struck half-centuries to help Leicestershire reach 189-6.

BCCI on the backfoot with Sports Ministry, ICC

NEW DELHI: BCCI CEO Rahul Johni will meet Sports Ministry officials on Friday, seeking clearance for South Africa A and women's teams' tours of India amid speculation that the go-ahead has been held back to pressurize the board into accepting the national anti-dop-

Johri has sought an appointment with Sports Secretary Radhey Shyam Jhulaniya after the ministry kept clearances on hold for the two series to be held in late August and September respectively.

As per procedure, whenever a country tours India, the BCCI intimates the Sports Ministry about the itinerary and gets a routine clearance which helps

their visa formalities smoothly The clearance letter normally comes between 30 to 45 days. But despite sending an appli-

cation in March, as claimed by the BCCI, the Sports Ministry is yet to give the approval, with sources hinting that the delay is meant to force the country's richest sports body to come under the ambit of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) The recent positive test of Prithvi Shaw has only intensi-

fied the speculation.

On March 18, the BCCI decided to work independently with the NADA for six months on a trial basis without being deemed as a National Sports Federation (NSF).

Although the ministry official refused to divulge the agenda of the meeting, he gave

BCCI HAS APPROACHED

MINISTRY FOR CLEARING TWO TOURS WITH SPECULATION RIFE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HELD **BACK TO PRESSURISE IT** TO ACCEPT NADA NORMS

nough hints to indicate that it is the BCCI which has to fall in line. "One thing should be very clear that we can't create any exception for the BCCI. For us all NSFs (National Sports Federations) are the same. All NSFs are under one government antidoning agency and that is NADA. The BCCI cannot sign a separate Memorandum Understanding (MoII) with the NADA without being fully compliant," the official said

ICCTHREATENS REVENUE CUT

In another development, the ICC has threatened to deduct a part of BCCI's annual revenue share in a continuing tussle on tax exemptions for ICC events held in India. The Shashank Manohar-led ICC wants complete tax exemption for all global events happening in India and is still awaiting waiver for the 2016 World T20

held in the country.

According to the latest documentation of the July 6 Committee of Administrators (CoA) meeting here, the ICC wants to recover the tax burden for the 2016 event by slashing the BCCI's annual share from the ICC revenue.

The BCCI legal team has

Board "ensured all efforts to make tax exemptions to ICC. Prior to this event (2016), these events have always received tax

exemptions." "For the 2016 event, tax authorities directed that 10 per cent of the amount payable by ICC's broadcaster (Star Sports) to ICC under media rights agreement (MRA) should be withheld. The CoA was informed that ICC is now attempting to recover the same amount by deducting the amounts payable by ICC to BCCI "the minutes of the meet-

The CoA has asked the BCCI legal team to contact an 'English law firm" since the 'agreement between BCCI and the ICC in relation to the hosting of the 2016 World T20 is governed by English law." When contacted, a senior

BCCI official said that if ICC has its way, the annual revenue of USD 405 million earmarked for the board could be slashed by

If this issue is not resolved there could be problems in the hosting of the next two big events in India—the 2021 World T20 and the 2023 50-over World

TEST VENUE SWAPPED

Pune will now host the second Test between India and South Africa from October 10 to 14 instead of Ranchi which has been handed the third and final Test from October 19-23 The Jharkhand State Cricket Asso ciation expressed its inability to host on earlier dates as they are clashing with Durga Puja

At 37, the secret behind Sarita Devi's fitness is maintaining a

about asking for

Never thought

NEW DELHI: Compliments kept

coming Sarita Devi's way as she got down to stretching after

beating Simranjit Kaur in the

national selection trials. The seasoned boxer made it to the

squad for the World Champion-

Thursday. At 37, Sarita still looks for-

ward to competing against younger opponents. With two

bright young talents Kaur and

Parveen in the fray, the 60kg trials was one of the toughest of

Highly rated by India's for-

eign coach Raffaele Berga-

masco, Kaur, 24, had won

bronze in the World Champion-

ships last year (64kg) at home

Kaur then shifted to the 60kg

category as coaches wanted bet

ter competition in the Olympic weight category. She won gold

at the President's Cup last

terfinals of the World Champi-

onships against Ireland's Kellie

Harrington, Sarita has redis-

covered her game, giving

younger opponents a mighty scare. She has beaten Kaur

twice - in India Open and now

at the national selection trials.

prove yourself in the ring every

day, in every competition. Doesn't matter how good you

are in training but you have to

show you are the best," said Sarita. Asked if she had thought

"In our sport, you have to

Since her loss in the pre-quar-

ships at the IG Stadium here on

Indian archery body suspended

MORE UNCERTAINTY World body takes drastic step after Archery Association of India fails to put its house in order

KOLKATA/NEW DELHI: The World Archery (WA) on Thursday suspended the Archery Association of India (AAI) for defying its

WA has asked the federation to put its house in order by the end of August.

The decision is effective from last Monday and the last event in which archers can participate under the Indian flag is the World Youth Archery Championships in Madrid from August

"World Archery is imple-menting the decision taken in June by suspending the Archery Association of India," WA secretary general Tom Dielen said in a statement.

The AAI is already derecog nised by the sports ministry for the past seven years for violating the sports code.
The AAI had to find a solution

by the end of July as per the deadline given by the WA's executive board and since no progress has been made, the world governing body imple-mented the suspension order. Since a court judgement is expected on the dispute, the AAI had requested the WA to give it a few more days but it was turned down.

Interestingly, WA's suspen-



World Archery is yet to decide whether Indian athletes can participate in the Indoor World Series. REUTERS

sion order has come a day before the court hearing on the issue.

Olympic quota places will be up for grabs at the Asian Cham-Championships at Bangkok in

India so far has three men's places secured for the next Olympics but has yet to win a

World Archery is yet to decide whether individual athletes can participate in the

Indoor Archery World Series.
Tournaments in the Indoor Archery World Series, held from November to February, are open to all athletes rather than just the national teams.

in New Delhi and Chandigarh. AAI elected two presidents— Arjun Munda and BVP Rao. The WA had sent a representative, Kazi Rajib Uddin Ahmed Cha-

pol, as mediator and observer

for the elections but could not

common election.

Without a federation, we may have to play under World Archery banner. The federation is in no mood to listen to LAISHRAM BOMBAYLA DEVI,

senior-most Indian woman archer

ter is still pending in the high

Former national coach Sanjeeva Singh said: "Administrators should keep the interest of ath-letes first. At this crucial moment no one will gain but archers will face a setback in their Olympic preparations. Everyone knew the world body meant business when it warned ther division instead of an amicable settlement."

The Sports Authority (SAI) of India will now conduct trials for the Asian Championships in Sonepat and will announce the squad on Friday.

Meanwhile, the beleaguered archers are contemplating writ ing to the sports minister Kiren

Rijiju.
"Without a federation, we may have to play under World Archery banner. The federation is in no mood to listen to our

nleas " said Laishram Bom bayla Devi, the senior-most Indian woman archer.

"Our focus currently is on the trials. We will sit together and write to the sports minister," the former World Championships silver medallist

Women's team coach Poornima Mahato said the players had been suffering since 2012 when they were suspended by the sports ministry. "Let them keep fighting at the expense of archers. It's terrible news for the players. Only the archers will be the losers; no one else will suffer," Mahato said.

India's lone male representa-tive at the Beijing Olympics, Mangal Singh Champia, who is an Eastern Railway employee, said since 2012 all their promotion had stopped.

"All our promotions have stopped since the derecognition

"If we play under WA banner, who will support us...will it be the federation or SAI. We are clueless now.

modation and travel?," asked Champia.

Another top senior archer, who did not wish to be named, said, "The men's team does not have a coach and there's no plan for the Olympics. In Korea, they prepare at least one and half years prior to the Olympics. "

country or playing in any place

outside," sports secretary Rad-hey Shyam Julaniya said. When Hong Kong had refused

to travel to Pakistan in 2017 for

their Davis Cup Group II semi-fi-nals, their federation was fined

\$10,000 by the ITF, which also demoted the team to a lower Group in Asia/Oceania zone.

If India forfeit the tie, the team

will be left to fight it out in 'Group II' next year and make its way up

in the following years. There are four groups in Asia/Oceania zone, with 'Group I' being the

However, if visas are not granted to the Indians, then the

highest and IV the lowest.

exemption: Sarita of requesting the boxing federa tion to exempt her from the trials like Mary Kom as she had beaten Kaur in the India Open in May, Sarita replied, "No, it never crossed my mind. The

> anybody can defeat me, she deserves to be in the team. The important thing is to ensure that India wins a medal," she said.

kids also have the right to com-

The experienced boxer said the new boxers need to be encouraged. "These kids are young and if

they don't get opportunity they will feel demoralised. When we retire, they are the ones who will play for India." Sarita put up a commanding

performance (8:1) against Kaur She has worked on her fitness maintains a disciplined regime and does high-intensity short keep pace with youngsters. She starts her training half

an-hour before everyone and speaks to her son only in the evening after its completion "I am able to beat these young

girls because of the routine and work ethic I am following. Not a single day have I cheated," she said. The World Championships will be held in Ulan Ude, Russia from October 3-13

Squad: Manju Rani (48kg), Mary Kom (51kg), Jamuna Boro (54kg), Neeraj (57kg), Sarita Devi (60kg), Manju Bomboriya (64kg), Lovlina Borgohair

In two separate elections, held simultaneously on June 9 Munda, in a statement on Thursday said, "We can't vio-Davis Cup: Neutral venue for India-Pakistan tie?

NEW DELHI: The All India Tennis Association (AITA) is assessing the current situation between India and Pakistan and might approach the International Tennis Federation (ITF) to shift the Davis Cup tie from Islamabad to a neutral venue. India are scheduled to play Pakistan in an Asia-Oceania Zone tie from September 14-15.

"We will wait for two more days to see how things develop. If we feel our team won't be safe, we will write to ITF seeking review and ask for a neutral venue," said AITA secretarygeneral Hironmoy Chatterjee. Following India's move

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same day & place at 3.00 PM in the presence of tenderers or their authorized representatives who may like to remain present. Requisite documents and list of stationery items to be supplied can be obtained from the office of undersigned on payment of Rs. 200/- (Rs. two hundred only) on any working day. Tenderers shall be required to attach sample of each item to be supplied alongwith their tenders. Tenders without samples & earnest money shall not be considered. Earnest Money is to be submitted in a separate envelope. Undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject any tender without assigning any reason.

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special status and splitting the state into two Union Territories, Pakistan retaliated on Wednesday by downgrading diplomatic ties with India. The Indian envoy in Pakistan has been asked to leave the country.

revoking Jammu and Kashmir's

"If they (Pak) don't issue visas, how do we go? They might not issue the visas (in the current scenario). And if they give visas, will they be able to give us proper security so that we feel comfortable?" Chatterjee said.

India team coach Zeeshan Ali said the team is ready to play anywhere, be it Pakistan or a neutral venue. "We have been co-ordinating with AITA and they have informed us that they

09.08.2019 (from 9.00 AM onwards)

13.08.2019 (till 5.00 PM)

and then get in touch with the ITF. Once they have decided, they will inform us accordingly," Zeeshan told HT.

"We have nothing more to add because the team is ready to play, whether it is in Pakistan or a neutral venue.' A week ago the team had

asked for a review of the security arrangements and got assurance from the ITF. "The AITA and ITF $assured\,us\,that\,the\,arrangement$ made is satisfactory. Now the situation is different and we have to $wait for AITA \, to \, get \, in \, touch \, with \,$ ITF," said Zeeshan.

Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) president Salim Saifullah Khan admitted that tension has escalated and said that they will follow whatever the ITF sug-

"Islamabad is still safe. The tension has definitely escalated but it can de-escalate as well. For us also, safety and security of the players is paramount. Winning or losing does not

matter, safety is most important," Salim said. 'It's too early to say that it's

time to shift the tie to a neutral venue. But if ITF feels that it is better to shift the tie, we have to follow the instruction of the parent body." he added.
No Indian Davis Cup team has

travelled to Pakistan since 1964. and even bilateral cricket ties had been severed after the 2008 terror attacks in Mumbai. Against that backdrop, tennis players from both countries had

expressed their interest in playingthetie

When asked if they will follow recommendations if the ITF refuses to shift the tie. Chatteriee said, "Security parameters are set by the ITF, not us. In case of any mishap, the responsibility will be with the ITF."

He added that they will also seek the Central government's view. Earlier, the AITA had maintained that the sports ministry has not raised any objection to the team travelling to Pakistan. It had also asserted that the AITA did not need either the Home Ministry or the Ministry of External Affairs' approval to send players to Pakistan.

"No permission or sanction is needed for visiting a foreign

ITF cannot hold AITA responsible for the tie not going ahead and the PTF will be answerable.

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(x)	Date & time of opening of Technical Bid	30.08.2019 at 2.30 PM

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Reds bank on stability over signings

mier League title despite a record-breaking campaign was eased by winning a sixth European Cup for Liverpool last season, but ending a 30-year wait to be crowned English champions is now more important than ever on Mersevside, Jurgen Klopp's men are expected to strike first blood

Promoted clubs keen to show they can swim

LONDON: Having reached the Premier League, Chris Wilder, Dan iel Farke and Dean Smith are about to find out whether or not promoted Sheffield United, Norwich and Aston Villa will sink or swim. Norwich boss Farke and Smith, who led Sheffield United back to the top flight, get an early taste of life in the Premier League on the opening weekend.

Norwich are away at Liver-pool on Friday while Villa go to Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday. United have a gentler intro-duction also away at Bournemouth.

Farke has not done badly for a man who never wanted to be a football coach, the 42-year-old German learning the art at unheralded Lippstadt.

MULTI-TASKING

'In a small club you have to do everything: negotiate with the bus company, do all the con-tracts, all the press work, all the coaching work," he told The Guardian.

"It was really exhausting." All his hard work, though, led to him being hailed as the saviour of the club when he left in 2015— signing off in unorthodox fashion by riding round the stadium on horseback. Farke was known for making and serving the coffee, as well as bringing in the crates of water when he was coach of Borussia Dortmund's reserve team, and Norwich would appear to fit his personality perfectly.

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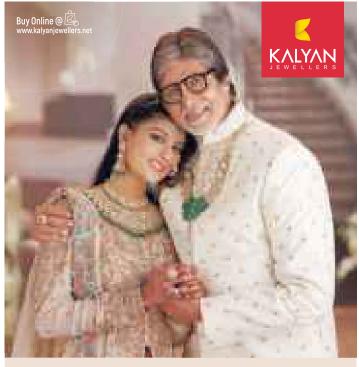
The Canaries are a relatively small but well run club who have opted to rely on Academy gradu-ates like Max Aarons and Jamal Lewis for this season and not splash out in the market—just over £1million (\$1.2million) spent with £750,000 of that on defender Sam Byram. AGENCIES

in the title race when they kick off the Premier League season against newly-promoted Nor-wich under the Friday night lights of Anfield.

However unlike most of their competitors who have delved into the arms race for talent in another transfer window where Premier League clubs have spent European champions have been conspicuously quiet in the transfer market.

Teenage talents Sepp van den Berg and Harvey Elliott have been snapped up with an eye to thefuture, while Spanish keeper Adrian will replace Simon Mignolet as back-up to Alisson

the foundations are already in place for another tilt at the title after spending over £230 million in the past two years on the likes of Alisson, Virgil van Dijk and Mohamed Salah. "You should never do transfers because other clubs are doing transfers," Klopp



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Films set for Kashmir shoot in a pickle

ashmir has long been a preferred location for the shoots of Bollywood films thanks to its picturesque locations. And it continues to be so. But, after the central government's decision to revoke Article 370 and 35A, and bifurcation of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state, it was being reported that the shoot status of some films was uncertain. Films such as Shershaah, Sadak 2 and Shamshera, were scheduled to be shot in the Valley and reports about them being affected by recent

developments have surfaced. However, some filmmakers claim that the impact is

Mehta, one of the producers of the Sidharth Malhotra-starrer. Shershaah, which is currently being shot in Kargil, they have "not faced any problems so far". "We never thought that this situation would arise but we will deal with whatever

happens next," he says. However, a local hotelier in whose hotels the cast of the film is staying, says the curfew in the new Union Territory did affect the shoot of the film. "The shooting has got delayed by a few days because vehicles which were supposed to come to Kargil via Srinagar had to re-route and come via Manali. We're making good business as about 250 cast and crew members have occupied over 120 rooms in five-six different hotels. The only concerr is, since we're dependent on Kashmir and Srinagar for the

may affect us if the situation prolongs," he says

Actor-filmmaker Pooja Bhatt, associate director of Sadak 2, refutes the reports that claim that Kashmir shoot of the film has been indefinitely postponed. She says "There was no filming planned with the actors in Kashmir anyway, so

these reports are untrue. The second unit (which is headed by Pooja) is travelling the length and breadth of India without the cast, to shoot plates to ensure the film has a seamless cinematic journey.'

She is quick to clarify that the Kailash-Mansarovar shooting schedule "has been postponed indefinitely" the reason, she adds, has got nothing to do with recent developments. J&K-based line producer Md Abdullah, who handled the shooting of Manmarziyaan (2018) and this year's RAW and the web series, The Final Call, says, "We had to postpone some projects due to the disturbance in Srinagar. The local crew



Promotional stills of Shershaah (top) and Shamshera (above)

for things to get back on track While there may have been a few hurdles in the Valley, it is business as usual for films that are being shot in the new Union Territory, Leh. Gafur Steri, line producer of Ranbir Kapooi and Sanjay Dutt-starrer Shamshera, says, "Since there's no tension in Leh, the shooting of the film, which is slated to go on floor from mid-August in Nubra Valley will start on time.

But the supply that comes from Srinagar will affect us, besides the poor road condition that's also a hassle." Film exhibitor-distributor Akshaye Rathi sees this decision by the government as a boon to the film industry. "Till now, the shooting cost

in J&K has been double of any other location in India. This move will allow filmmakers to

function locally in the Valley and that would cut overall cost," he

Chicken Curry Law is an important and relevant film: Ashutosh Rana

inema is often a reflection of reality or inspired by it. Debutant director Shekharr Sirrinn's Chicken Curry Law is based on multiple rape cases where justice has often been delayed or denied. While the film is a fictionalised version of a plethora of news pieces, it also deep dives into social stigmas, evils and the

loopholes of our legal system Powerhouse performers, Ashutosh Rana and Makarand Deshpande, establish their acting chops in the social drama, in which they play hardened lawyers

engaged in a courtroom face off. The film boasts other talented actors such as Zakir Hussain, Nivedita Bhattacharva and polish actor Natalia Janoszek.

Speaking about his debut, Shekhar says, "I always wanted to mark my debut with a meaningful film that does not just entertain but also leaves an impact on the audiences. It had to be a social drama and I construed my story from reported incidents of many unresolved rape cases. Be it the Nirbhaya case in Delhi, Unnao gang

rape of a 17-year-old girl or the Goa rape case of a British woman, I have followed these cases in details and in most cases the disappointment comes from loopholes in our legal system coupled with the mindset of our society

pertaining to victims Agreeing with Sirrinn Ashutosh says, "Chicken Curry Law is a very important and relevant film in today's time. It is a narrative that not just

but also brings several complex issues which are deep-rooted in our society and glaring loopholes which delay or deny justice. I'm glad to be a part of this film, not just as an actor but also as a responsible citizen.

Chicken Curry Law, produced by Seven Hills Cine

Pictures and Sciences' (AMPAS) decision for the Oscars to go hostless. Interestingly, the ratings of Oscars 2019 ceremony improved without a host. Network CEO Charlie Collier was asked if the rise in ratings inspired the move.
"Obviously, that was a piece of information and it did do very well but I think it's a of America's favourite shows and it was the right

The 71st edition of Primetime Emmy Awards will not have a host,

Fox has confirmed. The news follows in the steps of

the Academy of Motion

Creations and released pan India by Panorama Studios International, releases on August 9



Lost out on roles due to my ethnicity, says Banita Sandhu

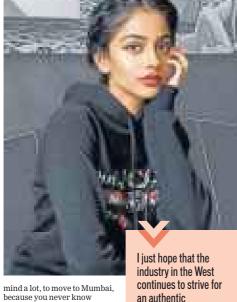
supply of goods, this

fter a stirring debut in Bollywood with Shoojit Sircar's October (2018), actor Banita Sandhu has been focusing on her career internationally. She made her American TV debut with the sci-fi series Pandora, starring Priscilla Quintana, and will next be seen in a Hollywood film Eternal Beauty featuring Sally Hawkins.
Banita, however, reveals

that she faced a lot of rejection in the West because of her Indian origin. "Personally, I never faced racist remarks in the film industry abroad, but I've lost out on roles due to my ethnicity; especially being an Indian in the West," she says, adding, "Still, progress is happening particularly in the last few years. I just hope that the industry continues to strive for an authentic representation, and that the sudden demand for diversity in Hollywood isn't just tokenistic

The 21-year-old has recently wrapped up the shoot of Adithya Varma — a Tamil remake of Telugu film Arjun Reddy - which was recently remade in Hindi as Kabir Singh. At the same time, she's also juggling between shoots in Bulgaria, India and the United Kingdom, for different projects.

Based out of London at present, she's certainly going places due to her work. And, she has even contemplated shifting base to Mumbai to establish her footing in Bollywood, She explains, "It's something that crosses my



mind a lot, to move to Mumbai, because you never know which part [in films] lands up on your lap any moment. If I'm not physically present there, I might miss out on them. Moving to Mumbai is something I consider seriously. But when the time is

right, I will take the plunge."
All this success is due to her strong debut and Banita is grateful for that opportunity, which allowed her to make a mark stone in the industry. platform that most actors can't even dream of from their debut film. It opened a lot of doors for

me, even in the West. I'm so grateful, and at times still in disbelief, that my first film was with Shoojit sir and Varun (Dhawan). They're two people I adore and admire, and hope I'll do them proud," she adds

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BANITA SANDHU ACTOR

t the age of 28, when he played a 65-year-old man in Saaransh (1984), Anupam Kher made people sit up and take notice of his talent. Although the actor had a powerful start to his career, the path ahead was clearly not as rosy. Now, as Kher completes 35 years since Saaransh and comes out with his new book Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly, he looks at the journey so far with a lot of fondness, "What separates me from everyone else is that I still have a sense of wonder. When I do this interview from the 30th floor of my building in USA, I wonder, 'am I the same small boy from Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)?' I measure all my achievements by that standard," he says. Excerpts:

This is the 35th year of the release of Saaransh, and since then, your journey seems great from the outside. How would you marise it?

I will summarise it only after 30 years, not right now because I have just reached the interval of my life. I have plenty to gain and lots to learn. I have just come to understand what acting and life is all about. So, the time to give my best is now. All to find a firm foothold.

Right from the time when you worked in Hum Aapke Hain Koun (1994) to now, when you work in the West in films such as Silver Linings Playbook (2012), your outlook towards work and life has always seemed dynamic. How do yo maintain that?

will be a blockbuster It's not tough at all. You just have to decide to be happy and then practice it for a few months. Then, troubles will seem less troubling. It's not that I haven't had any ups and downs in my life or that I am

Actor Anupam Kher says

he has had his share of

'ups and downs in life';

adds a film on his life

immune to depression.
In fact, I battled depression for a year-and-a-half and was on medication. If you're hell-bent on being happy for three months. I can guarantee that even the biggest of tragedies will appear negligible, and the most little moments of happiness will appear

You have always been open about your struggles, setbacks or victories through your play, Kucch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai or in

A still from

Taught Me, Unknowingly It makes me feel liberated.
The world frightens you with what you hide. But if you come up with the truth, then there's nothing to fear.

Whatever has happened with me is, anyway, a fact. If I became bankrupt almost 15 years back, if I am bald, or if I suffered facial paralysis [around Hum Aapke Hain Koun's shooting], they are facts. I am not ashamed of these things. Why should I hide them? Also, I feel your upbringing helps a lot

Till date, what's been the most nportant lesson that life has

Never take yourself seriously! As we grow up, we start taking ourselves seriously. There is a very popular saying, 'if you want God to laugh, tell him your plans'

We keep planning our life

but life is all about living, not adjusting The biggest lesson that I learnt from my father was that 'failure is an event, never a

I have had many disappointments when I couldn't be a part of Mr India (1987) or when I didn't get Jawaharlal Nehru's role in Gandhi (1982), or when I fought with a film magazine

But what kept me going was my attitude towards life Also, you cannot be popular with the whole world. But firstly, you've to respect yourself.

Now, after the play and the book, would you like a film be made on your life?

I feel it will be the biggest blockbuster (laughs). But I haven't thought about it.

I feel a biopic has to be inspirational and my life is full of drama, romance. comedy, failure, motivation, success and failure again followed by success. I've lived and continue to live my fully. Whenever it gets made, I hope it will be a guide on how to deal with failure, sadness and depression. As for the actor, I'll have to think about it. I played a 65-year-old guy at 28 [in Saaransh], so I can play myself from the point when my film career started We just have to find a younger Anupam (laughs).

And how did the idea of the book

come to you? I always wanted to write a book which will have an inspirational angle, and won't just be about my life. I remember when I was a struggling actor in Mumbai what kept me going were the autobiographies of people like Charlie Chaplin and Kirk Douglas, among others.

You have spoken about abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A from Jammu and Kashmir Also, you had an argument, on Twitter, with people, who opposed the move...

These are the same people who opposed Triple Talag bill, too. A sometimes, it becomes imperative to call them out and their fraud behaviour. When, in 1990 Kashmiri Pandits were beaten up and thrown out, that was a genocide of sorts. They suffer from selective memory loss and conveniently tell their own history, and pretend to be progressive. But you can't scare me. I am like, 'chalo, acchi baat ho gayi hai aur ab iska accha asar dikhayi dega'. Article 370 was a problematic article. Why would you have such a

So, I thought it's very important to write about my life, what made me who I am, so that people who look for inspiration should benefit from it. It's not preachy but inspiring If I am not proud of the way I have lived my life, then how can anybody else be proud of it?

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Kangana Ranaut



Bollywood channels its inner femme fatale

Actors wearing metallic buckles, crisscrossing leather straps and safety pin accents make their presence felt on the red carpet like never before

> and straps have been on trend and slowly one can see the influence from red carpet to runways. Such detailing speaks volumes about the flaming feminist undertone and has a latent gender power play influence.

> Another look which comes to mind if that of Esha Gupta, who was seen in a body-con Nikhil Thampi gown, which had a cut-out detailing fastened by multiple buckles. However, these pieces may not be everyone's cup of cappuccino and one needs a certain body type, confidence and carriage to pull it off.

Designer Nachiket Barve says, "You need to have the persona to carry it off and the outfit shouldn't own you. A wallflower may just drown in that outfit as it's a severe

HOW TO ROCK THE HARNESS

Layer a harness on a basic white tee and complete the look with a pair of well-cut

It's all about striking the right balance. Team a body-con bustier with a soft chiffon sari to balance its severity

Pair a metallic buckle shirt with a soft white blouson top.

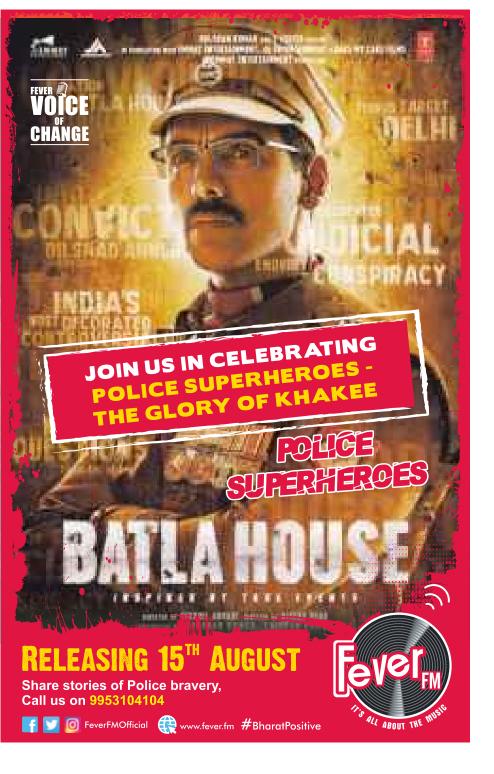
Arm harnesses are normally worn around the upper part of the arm, and are generally fashioned out of chain, or hammered metal. Ditch the arm bangle in favour of these and unleash your inner steampunk warrior.

If you want your harness to be the focal point of your ensemble, then consider layering it over the top of a black skater dress or monochrome tank top

Esha Gupta in a Thampi creation PHOTO: INSTAGRAM/

Sunny Leone in a metallic off-shoulde dress PHOTO: INSTAGRAM









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Entertainment & Promotional Features

Gul feels portrayal of women antagonists has improved

eauty queen, actor, social eauty queen, actor, so activist, fitness enthusiast, pilot and politician - Gul Panag has donned many a hat since coming into the public eye with her 1999 beauty pageant win. Acting, however, is what remains closest to the Dor (2006) star's heart. Gul will next be seen playing an antagonist for the first time, in her film Bypass Road that also stars Neil Nitin Mukesh and Adah Sharma.

"As an actor, one is always apprehensive about playing a part that requires them to look much older than they are but for this film, it was challenging for me to do so and also venture into the grey shade spectrum for the first time," shares the 40-year-old, adding, "For this one, it's really about the mindset of the character. The challenge and fun in being an actor is that you get to essay characters that may be quite different from who you are.

Bollywood films have produced many memorable antagonists over the decades - Amiad Khan Amrish Puri, Danny Denzongpa Kulbhushan Kharbanda, and more recently, Shah Rukh

Khan in Darr (1993), Saif Ali Khan in Omkara (2006) and Ranveer Singh in Padmaavat (2018). But it is only in the past two decades that women actors have really been seen in negative roles that have nuance — Kajol in Gupt (1997), Priyanka Chopra in Aitraaz (2004) and 7 Khoon Maaf (2011), Vidya Balan in Ishqiya (2010) and Tabu in Haider (2014), Drishyam (2015) and Andhadhun

But Gul feels the times are changing. "From one-dimensional vamps to normal-yet-grey characters. there is clear proof of a shift. Even the female leads are getting more important roles The stereotypical female characters have taken a back seat. The audience is also appreciating ingenious scripts for women," she says. The Manorama Six Feet Under (2007) actor is also busy working on two web series

"I play an interesting part in a web series, which also stars Manoj Bajpayee. The other is an investigative thriller produced by Anushka Sharma. So lots of exciting work to watch out for.



REBEL WILSON 'LOVED THE REACTION' TO CATS TRAILER, DOESN'T MIND THE BACKLASH

ctor Rebel Wilson isn't too bothered by the mixed reactions to the Cats trailer that released earlier this month. The trailer of the upcoming movie adaptation of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical has seemingly puzzled and horrified millions on social any issues with the backlash.

The 39-year-old actor spoke to Cosmopolitan about the Oscar-winning director Tom Hooper's film, in which she stars as the Jellicle cat Jennyanydots. "When the trailer came out, the response was pretty massive. There are some people who were like, 'Oh my God' because it is brandnew technology, that's CGI. I think people get confused because it's essentially a dance movie in a lot of ways," Wilson said. The Pitch Perfect star added, "So it really is all our own bodies. And yes, they're covered in fur. I think some people found it a bit creepy because we're people but we look a bit like cats dancing

Wilson said, "I loved the reaction. I think it was a bit polarising and people will be super curious to see the finished product. What you got in that trailer was just some small samples of it, but it's going to be such a big movie And the cast is obviously incredible."



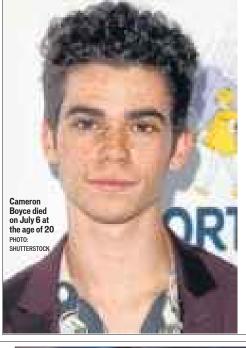


A LUCKNOWI AFFAIR

ctor Gulshan Grover was spotted in the city of Nawabs, Lucknow, along with filmmaker Rahul Mittra and actor Mahima Chaudhary, recently. Gulshan's

biography by Roshmila Bhattacharya titled Badman was launched at a packed event with Rahul and Mahima who were in conversation with the actor Both of them feature in the book, which talks about the phenomenal journey of the actor in the last four decades in Bollywood.

Cameron Boyce's autopsy report reveals details about his sudden death



ctor Cameron Boyce, who died last month, left many people in shock. And his autopsy report is shedding some light on the medical condition that led to his tragic death. His death has been tied to his epilepsy, a report from the Los Angeles Country Medical Examiner Coroner revealed, reported E! News.

Three weeks after the Grown Ups 2 (2013) actor passed away at the age of 20. the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner confirmed that he suffered a sudden unexpected death in epilepsy". Boyce's family previously

revealed that he passed away after having a seizure in his sleep, which was a result of an ongoing condition, which he was being treated for.

Toxicology tests showed that the actor tested positive for Levetiracetam, a commonly used anti-seizure medication, but otherwise tested negative for anything else. The autopsy report

history of "non-traumatic" epilepsy for three years, and had suffered "several major seizures over the years." A witness statement years. A witness statement in the autopsy report stated that Boyce was last known to be alive "a little past midnight" on July 6. "His housemates were leaving later in the day when they decided to check on him," the report read, before revealing that he was found u nresponsive in his bed. They administered CPR before emergency personnel arrived Boyce's family and friends have launched a foundation in his name.

> BOYCE, REPORTEDLY, HAD A HISTORY OF EPILEPSY, AND HAD SUFFERED SEVERAL MAJOR SEIZURES OVER THE YEARS

WHY SCARLETT'S FIANCE WAS **SCARED OF MARRIAGE**

omedian Colin Jost, who recently got engaged to actor Scarlett Johansson, opened up about the concept of marriage, saying it was not his cup of tea. "I'm getting married, and it's such a crazy thing, I was so scared of marriage for so long because every time I talked to someone who just got married, or was about to get married, is like

'Oh my God, you got to do it. What could go wrong?" Jost said during a stand-up performance, reported Page

'Then you talk to someone who's been married for five years, and they are like 'Don't rush into it. You have your whole life ahead of you. Don't have kids. They're the worst'," he said

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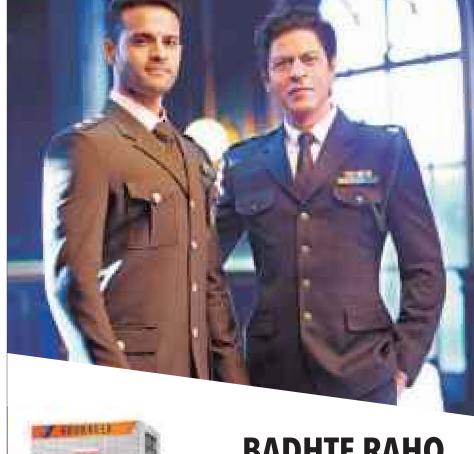
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YOU SHARE YOUR **BIRTHDAY WITH**

Some of you are likely to overstep the

deadline for a job, but luck will be on your

side. You can be swayed by someone to

spend your hard earned money on something frivolous. A minor ailment

irritates, but not for long. You are likely to have a good time in the company of your near and dear ones today. You may need to



Mahesh Babu: The actor, who is known for his films such as Murari, Arjun, 1: Nenokkadine and Bharat Ane Nenu, turns 44 today.

Good financial management is set to make

you monetarily stable. You may not get

everyone's consent for implementing a new idea at work. A family outing will find you refreshed and rejuvenated.

Your plan of a pilgrimage may not come to fruition immediately. A good bargain is foreseen on the property front. Networking

will only help to certain extent on the academic



will be received well. Funds saved for something specific may have to be spent on something else. Spouse or a family member may have lined up a surprise for you today. An out of town trip cannot be ruled out for some. Good news awaits some on the property front. Excellent performance on the academic front will be

acknowledged even by your rivals.

Love Focus: It may seem difficult to match lover in his or her need for togetherness on the romantic front.

Lucky Number: 8 Lucky Colour: Forest Green

Your contribution to a workplace project will be highly appreciated and help you in getting established on the professional front. A minor financial setback can get you into the thinking mode. A dispute on the family front may leave a bad taste in the mouth. You may be the main motivator to get a family outing organised

You may make up your mind to sell a property you own. Academic front may appear to be a roller coaster ride. Love Focus: Today, you may turn your old romantic self to the delight

of your beloved!

Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Rose



family members. You shine on the academic front.

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Helpful friends may rescue you from a tight situation on the financial front. You will not be able to raise your voice against something wrong at work. You will be able to get rid of an ailment pestering you for long. Friends or cousins can come and make the home front lively. Property acquired previously may give excellent returns. You will get ample opportunity to

(AUG 24 - SEPT 23)

Your efforts at work will be recognised on

the professional front. Financial help will be forthcoming for those venturing on

an exercise routine for remaining in top physical condition. Entertaining guests

can be your lot today, but the time spent

their own. You may join a gym or take up

HARD BASSESS

LINE A SHEETEN

establish yourself on the academic front.

Love Focus: Rekindling romance may become important, as cracks begin to appear in your relationship.

Lucky Number: 15 Lucky Colour: Peach

You will find your way clear for achieving your immediate professional goals Financial worries plaguing some in the past are not likely to disappear by themselves, so make efforts to cut corners and increase earning. You may get inconvenienced by the arrival of a guest at home. A decision on the property front is likely to be in your favour. Seniors may hold high expectations from you regarding a project on the academic front, so work hard to prove them right.

Love Focus: You will succeed in rekindling your love life

Love Focus: Romance may need to be given a lower priority today

Lucky Number: 2 Lucky Colour: Pink

Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Chocolate

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Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Dark Red

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Love Focus: Romantic mood persists and you are certain to make the

get resources to carry out improvements in an ancestral property. our consistency in performance on the academic front will be noticed by those who matter.

Love Focus: Lover may need space and you shouldn't deny that

Lucky Number: 22 Lucky Colour: Light Blue

impossible dream at present, but you will manage it.

Love Focus: A journey or a function may become the perfect setting

AQUARIUS

(JAN 22 - FEB 19)

for romance to happen, so rejoice!

Lucky Number: 17 Lucky Colour: White



A job switch can bring some into big

noney. Your inefficiency may cost you a lucrative deal on the professional front

good for health. This is an excellent time for getting something done on the home front contemplated for long. A trip may

Bringing changes in lifestyle will be

get cancelled. Admission to an institute or college that you are wishing for may seem an



front, so get down to mastering the subjects, if you want to fare well

Love Focus: Spending time with beloved and exchanging sweet

Love Focus: Suspicious nature threatens to spoil relationship with

Lucky Number: 6 Lucky Colour: Sea Green

nothings will prove most rewarding.

Lucky Number: 11 Lucky Colour: Light Grey





juncture, so work towards it. You may feel things on the professional front going a bit out of control. Your desire for better health may soon turn into action. You may be planning something big on the home front. An outing with your favourite person proves to be a refreshing experience. Good returns can be expected by those

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Financial security is what you seek at this

investing in property.

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Love Focus: There seems to be a strong possibility of finding a suitable mate on the romantic front.

Lucky Number: 4 Lucky Colour: Turquoise

Give professional advice to someone, only if you are sure of things yourself. Good opportunities will keep you in a good

financial position. Those suffering from bodily ailments can hope for a quick recovery. Some of you may have to undertake an out-of-town journey. You will prevent an ancestral property from becoming a bone of contention among the

Love Focus: Self-confidence and way with words will be enough to floor someone of the opposite gender on the romantic front

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Solve the four anagrams and move one letter to each square to form four ordinary words

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CAPRICORN (DEC 22 - JAN 21) promises to be most enjoyable. Chance for studying abroad may materialise for some. A property deal is set to materialise for those aiming to own a house. Your potential may remain untapped on the academic front.

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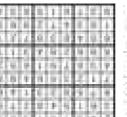
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■ DID YOU KNOW? Actor Abhay Deol, much like his contemporaries, is into fitness. He is even professionally trained in the

Israeli martial art form, Kray Maga



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who played the role of Missandei, an advisor to actor Emilia Clarke's character Daenerys Targaryen, in the show, Game of Thrones opened up about how she is inspired by her co-

For Emmanuel, her time on GoT was much more than just a job. The star opened up in the latest issue of People about her character's sudden death in the final season, the bittersweet ending, and the friendships she made, especially with Clarke. Clarke recently revealed that she underwent two life-saving brain surgeries over the last eight years.

"Emilia, as a friend and colleague, is just such a joy," Emmanuel says.

"I really have thoroughly loved working with her. I loved learning from her. And we check in on each other so often," the 30-year-old actor adds. "I remember coming back to work and hearing about her surgeries and being like, 'Wow, it's just so crazy and there you are, ready to go back to work.' She's such a beast. As a woman, she really picks herself up and keeps going," she says. "She's really inspiring, I'm so proud of her. And then, what she's chosen to do with that experience, to help other people, is so amazing." she adds.

The two actors' characters were suddenly separated after Missandei was brutally





beheaded in the last season. leaving fans and Emmanuel shocked and distraught. "I basically cried my eyes out when I read the script," says

"To be honest with you, I was sort of expecting it to an extent, but I've expected it with every season. And I think that finally, I was like, Oh, she's gone. That's sad because of how much I love her and how much I love playing her,'

The actor shared that she was proud of her character's journey throughout the epic fantasy series. "She definitely went out with strength and she went out with a ferocity that we probably hadn't seen in her before," she says.

Emmanuel also said that she's not only proud of her character but the show's overall run and ending as well. She says, "Reading the final episode, I felt hopeful"

Channing takes break from social Wanted to do Hindi films but the offers were bad media to be in the 'real world'



ctor Channing Tatum is taking a social media hiatus to spark creativity again and get inspired by the "real world" The 39-year-old actor announced that he is taking a step back from all social media platforms in an Instagram post on Wednesday. Tatum explained how his life online has been negatively affecting his creativity.

FORTUNATE TO

SAYS BHUMI

ince her debut film Dum Laga Ke Haisha (2015), actor Bhumi Pednekar has worked with competent directors including names such as Sharat Katariya (in Dum Laga Ke Haisha), RS Prasanna (in Shubh Mangal

Saavdhan), Abhishek Chaubey (Sonchiriya) and

Zoya Akhtar (in Lust Stories). And the actor feels lucky to have worked with such fine filmmakers

"As an artist, I'm constantly looking for good scripts. I'm

constantly hungry for great content, and thankfully I've been fortunate enough to get

the trust of some of the best filmmakers of our country, says the 30-year-old.

diverse and brilliant; that

I truly love, Each one of them are projects that will present me in extremely different avatars, and that's what excites me to do cinema. I get to be such diverse characters, learn about them, live their lives and become them," she says. Right from her debut where Bhumi played an overweight girl opposite Avushmann Khurrana — she

has always picked characters that are "strong and have a major impact on the story of a

The actor adds, "I wouldn't

have chosen to do these films if they were any different. I'm really excited about my next set of films because they have given me super exciting and memorable characters to portray. I'm in a great phase of my career, and I want to keep doing my best with every single film that I do." IAN

The actor has an interesting slate of films coming up, and will soon be seen in Saand Ki Aankh, Bhoot: Part One - The Haunted Ship, Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitare, Bala, Pati Patni Aur Woh and Takht. "My next [few] films are also scripts that are extremely

"I'm gonna take a break and come off socials for a minute I've been trying to get inspired and create again. And to be honest I don't really feel, or at least I haven't felt, very creative on social in the last couple years now," he wrote. He continued, "I'm gonna go and be just in the real world for a while and off my phone. I'll probably come back at some point. But if I do, I want to have a direction or a clear

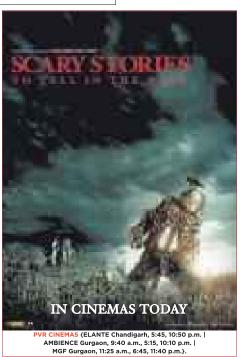
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Since he posted the message, it has garnered more than 1,00,000 likes and comments from fans praising him. "You're not alone in that feeling... take care," one fan wrote. "We all need to do this. See you on the flip side! You've inspired me," another agreed.

Tatum is not the only actor

to take a break from social media. Stars like Ariana Grande, Iggy Azalea, Demi Lovato and Ed Sheeran have all taken breaks in recent years for their own reasons The actor's statement comes months after he started stepping out publicly with new girlfriend Jessie J. The two were first linked in October. last year after Tatum and his ex Jenna Dewan announced

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Actor Bhumi Pednekar savs scripts that show her in

their separation in April 2018. Although they had been

linked for months. Tatum and

when they were photographed together for the first time

London. Since then, the couple

On July 2 the singer shared a

series of black and white photos of herself and Tatum

cuddling up during a date

Jessie J didn't make their romance public until March

walking hand-in-hand in

has publicised their relationship on social media.

ctors from the south trying their luck in Bollywood is common, and Siddharth was no different. He ventured into the Hindi film industry with a staggering debut in Rang De Basanti (2006). Movie buffs thought he would go on a signing spree, but that wasn't the case as he did just two other Hindi films — Striker (2010) and Chashme Baddoor (2013).

"I got tonnes of offers in Hindi, but it's just that I got better offers in the south. You always have to choose between the good and the bad work and that's why I can only show up in Hindi films where I can justify myself. The local work



there is better for me," says Siddharth who continues to work in the south.

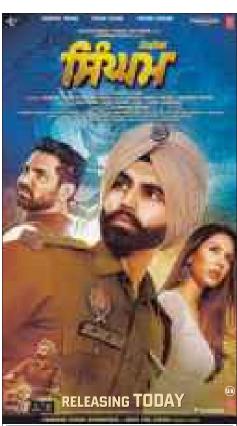
The actor says that if one side becomes really good, the other becomes immaterial. He adds, "The streaming

platforms will hopefully do something, which films haven't been able to, and unify industries a little faster. Thanks to this platform. I'll be a little more visible to my audience here, in the future

on the web with the dystopian drama series, Leila. "Hopefully this will now open new avenues for not just me but others as well, and bring content that I want to do," he says, adding, "I'm also going to produce my own content soon, but I haven't committed to act in it as I've committed to a lot of films.' Since he has produced films in Tamil and Telugu,

will he take up direction anytime soon? "I started as an assistant director, so directing has always been on the cards. But, right now I've my hands full. I'm going to take time off and do it for sure." he concludes. juhi.chakraborty@htlive.com





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Juhi Chakraborty

t is not every day that you get a chance to work with several stalwarts of the acting world at the same time. Actor Poorna Jagannathan got the opportunity to do just that when she shared screen space with the likes of Meryl Streep, Nicole Kidman, Laura Dern, and Reese Witherspoon on the second season of Big Little Lies.

Talking about her experience of working with such icons, she says, "Acting opposite any one of them would have been is a dream come true. Acting with all of them, at the same time, well, it feels like I just won the lottery."

Was there ever a fear that she would be overshadowed on the show? Poorna, who plays lawyer Katie Richmond on Big Little Lies Season 2 which will begin airing on Star World on September 15, says, "Of course I'm going to get overpowered — that's a given. But each of these ladies has gotten the reputation they have because they are also extremely generous. They were so kind to me on set.

Nicole, especially, was nurturing and we spent a lot of time getting to know each other, and are still in each other's lives." But it was not the

lawyer's role which Poorna was originally asked to audition for. She reveals it was, in fact, the role of a doctor appearing over several episodes. "And as much as I loved the show and was dying to be part of it, I was also aware that I had reached [my] capacity with playing doctors. So I declined the audition," adds the actor, who starred in the Bollywood film Delhi Belly (2011) and Golden Globenominated series, The Night Of. It was many months later that the role of Katie Richmond came her way. Poorna shares how she prepped for her role as the lawyer for Celeste Wright (played by Kidman). "So, the week before the audition, I ran down to the Los Angeles Family Court and plopped myself there all day, every day. A family court lawyer is so different from other types of lawyers — they feel much more relatable and are much less aggressive than your typical lawyer, she says.



ctor Kristen Stewart recently reflected on why she came off as prickly during her rise to fame. In an interview, the 29-year-old spoke about her career choices after being thrust into A-list status due to her role in the Twilight series. Instead of blockbuster films, Stewart chose to work on smaller projects with independent directors, reported Us Weekly.

"I think I've grown out of

"I think I've grown out of this, but I used to be really frustrated that because I didn't leap willingly into being at the centre of a certain amount of attention, that it seemed like I was an as**ole," Stewart told Vanity Fair, adding, "I am in no way rebellious. I am in no way



contrarian. I just want people to like me." In 2016, the star revealed that fame caused her to "shut down" and prohibited her from a "fully-lived life."

her from a "fully-lived life."
"I got exceedingly famous at 17, and at 17 you don't really know how to interact with more than a couple of people,"

she previously said, according to The Guardian.

Since wrapping up the Twilight saga, she has appeared in more serious roles. She held her own opposite Julianne Moore in Still Alice (2014) and her efforts in Clouds of Sils Maria (2014) earned her the bestsupporting actress Cesar award, making her the first American woman to receive the French honour. She said working with independent filmmakers such as Olivier Assayas and Kelly Reichardt allowed her to come into her own. "I was finally given a chance to be looked at, not as this thing in this celebrityobsessed culture that was like, 'Oh, that's the girl from Twilight'," she shared.





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Tarantino locked Once Upon... script

t was a case of once bitten, twice shy for filmmaker Quentin Tarantino, who kept the script of Once Upon a Time in Hollywood in a safe to prevent leaks. According to the film's cinematographer Robert Richardson, stars Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Margot Robbie were the only people who knew about the ending. Tarantino's caution is understandable as the director had almost abandoned making The Hateful Eight (2015) after

NORTH INDIA'S MOST

AWARDED

the film's draft leaked in 2014. In an interview with Business Insider, Richardson, who has collaborated with the Oscar winner on a number of films, said even he got the full script late into the production.

"While we were in the production office, we went in a room with the ending. It was taken from a safe and they handed it to only those people who require it to be able to perform their tasks that are necessary," Richardson said.

Actor Margaret Qualley recently told IndieWire that she was not allowed to read the full script.

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2 SANGRUR MEN **BOOKED FOR RAPING 2 FRIENDS**

MOHALI: Police on Thursday worhall: Police of Thursday booked two Sangrur men for raping two friends in a hotel in Zirakpur. The accused are identi-fied as Gurpreet Singh and Amandeep Singh. In her complaint, one of the victims, said accused took them to a hotel in Baltana on the pretext of having tea, where he raped her in a room and Amandeep raped her friend in the other, and left.

Employee housing scheme:

CHANDIGARH: Chandigarh MP Kirron Kher has written to Union home minister Amit Shah seeking reconsideration of the pricing of houses in the UT Employee Self Financing Scheme so that these can become affordable for the employees. Kher has suggested the cost for providing common services like roads should not be charged from employees. "P2"

Work to plug gap in MHC boundary wall begins

CHANDIGARH: The work to plug the gap in the boundary wall of the Modern Housing Complex (MHC) in Manimajra started on Thursday amid heavy police deployment. Hindustan Times had earlier highlighted the problems being faced by residents of MHC due to gap. >> P3

DAV-10 to not start BBA in retail mgmt this year

CHANDIGARH: The bachelor of business administration (BBA) in retail management course that the Centre had sanctioned for Dayanand Anglo Vedic (DAV) College, Sector 10, will not begin from the current academic session



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JW Marriott gets another rap on the knuckles, fined ₹5L

EXCISE POLICY VIOLATION Inspection had found the hotel stocking liquor bottles without mandatory hologram

HT Correspondent

CHANDIGARH: Already fined ₹25,000 for charging GST on fruits, JW Marriott hotel, Sector 35, has now been fined ₹5 lakh for possessing liquor bottles without the manda tory hologram.

The fine was imposed by Rakesh Kumar Popli, additional commissioner, UT excise and taxation department, in an order issued on Thursday.
A team of the UT excise and

taxation department had visited the five-star hotel on July 25, and examined the hotel's taxation

During the inspection, it dis-covered seven liquor bottles without holograms. The team had inspected the hotel after dep-uty commissioner Mandeep Singh Brar had ordered a probe into the hotel charging goods and services tax (GST) on fruits. The bottles recovered included

those of Chivas Regal, Craggan-more, Clynelish, Rowson's Reserve, and Antiquity Blue. According to excise officials, Rowson's Reserve was not among the liquor brands permitted by the department.
Besides, the sale and stock reg

ister and inspection notebook was not produced at the time of inspection.

It was produced later, during the proceedings before the collector, who found that the registers were not authenticated.

TOLD TO DESTROY TWO BOTTLES

The department has directed the hotel to either destroy or take permission from it for two bottles found with the hotel, which are not allowed under the UT excise

The department order reads.



IN NEWS FOR **ALL THE WRONG REASONS**

■ JULY 25: Found stocking liquor bottles without mandatory hologram ■ JULY 27: Fined ₹25,000 for charging ₹67.50 as GST on order of two bananas by actor Rahul Bose

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sion of the hotel, which are not approved by the department for the current policy year. But, the brands were purchased by the hotel in 2012 and 2017 when they were registered by the department. The hotel is directed to either get approval of the said labels/brands as per clause 10 of the Excise Policy, 2019-2020, or $\label{eq:continuous} destroy the liquor under the Punjab Excise Act."$

DOUBLE TROUBLE

On July 27, the excise department had slapped a $\raiset 25,000$ -fine on the hotel for violating GST norms

ter where he narrated how he was charged ₹442 for two bananas at the five-star hotel. He even showed the bill, which included ₹67.50 GST.

Taking suo motu notice of Bose's tweet, the UT deputy com-missioner had ordered a probe into the charging of GST by a three-member committee of the UT excise and taxation department, which indicted the hotel,

FIR AGAINST ANOTHER HOTEL

In a separate order, Popli directed the excise department to lodge a police complaint against Hotel Turquoise, Industrial and Business Park, Phase 2, for serving liquor (meant for sale in Haryana only) on the hotel premises without a valid licence.

A fine of ₹50,000 was also imposed on Punjab Store, Sector 9, for promoting liquor through a signboard. At the shop the sales and stock register and inspection notebook was not produced on demand at the time of inspection.

EXCISE DEPARTMENT CRACKDOWN

On August 2, four restaurants— Mainland China, Bargain Booze, Purple Frog and Culture, all located in Sector 26, —were fined ₹2 lakh each for storing liquor bottles without mandatory holo-

gram.
Besides, an equal fine was imposed on restaurant Lumos in Industrial Area, Phase 1, for servingliquor at a private party without licence. Also, the stock register was neither maintained nor authenticated by the excise department.

Horse Shoe Bar Exchange Industrial Area, Phase 2, was fined ₹2lakh for allowing custom $ers\,to\,consume\,liquor\,purchased$

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MOHALI: In a major relief to people visiting the airport, the Chandigarh International Airport Limited (CHIAL) has removed any fee for dropping off passengers, and slashed the hourly charges for parking vehicles.

The new rates have been

implemented from August 6.

Now, for 30-minute parking, the fee will be ₹30 for cars and ₹10 for two-wheelers, while for parking up to two hours, the charges will be ₹85 and ₹20, respectively. After two hours, another ₹20

and ₹10 will be added for cars and two-wheelers for every hour. If the vehicle is parked beyond

seven hours and up to 24 hours, the parking rate will be fourfold of ₹85 and ₹20 — ₹340 for cars and ₹80 for two-wheelers. CHAIL has allotted the work

to a company to install a Supply Install, Test, Commission (SITC)

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AUTORICKSHAW GANGRAPE CASE

Court adds repeat rape offender charge against Mohammad Irfan

CHANDIGARH: Mohammad Irfan, 29, who was convicted in a December 2016 gang-rape case on August 1, has also been charged with Section 376-E of the Indian Penal Code, which prescribes death penalty or life in prison for repeat rape offenders.

A year ago, Irfan, a migrant from Uttar Pradesh and father of four children, including two daughters, was awarded "life imprisonment until death" in another gangrape case from November 2017. On August 7, the prosecution

had moved an application in court praying that Section 376E be added against Irfan in the 2016 gangrape case

According to Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013, which was introduced following the 2012 Delhi gangrape case, the defini tion of rape was widened to include oral and digital penetration, and Section 376E was added to award the death penalty or life imprisonment to a convict, who is a repeat offender under Sections

376,376A and 376D. Section 376A includes causing death of the victim, while 376D charges the convict with gan-grape, an offence that carries a sentence of 20 years to life.

Advocate Maniit Singh said "A charge can be added at any stage before the pronouncement of the punishment. Section 376E will enhance the punishment. The prosecution only needs to attach a certified copy of the previous conviction's order

The quantum of punishment, which was scheduled to be announced on Thursday, was postponed to August 13 due to advocates' strike.

Last week, Irfan, and Kamal Hasan, 21, were held guilty of gan-graping a 21-year-old call centre employee in an auto-rickshaw on December 12, 2016. After the woman hailed Irfan's threewheeler near the Piccadily roundabout to go home, he instead took her to an isolated place, where the duo took turns to rape her at knifepoint.
The accused then dropped her

at Tribune Chowk.



A lifer already, Irfan was held guilty in second gangrape case on August 1.

UT Police challan sedan designated to Haryana DGP for tinted windows



CHANDIGARH: When it's Chandigarh police you can be sure even cars designated to offices of VIPs in khaki, Haryana director general of police (DGP) Manoi Yadaya in this case, are not spared and chal-laned (issued penalty notice) for breaking rules.

That's what happened when Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Chandigarh president Gaurav Goel tweeted a picture he had taken of a white Maruti Suzuki Ciaz at Labour Chowk around 11.50am on Thursday, with tinted windows, punishable according to motor vehicle

DGP SAYS IT'S NOT HIS PERSONAL CAR. AND

THE ERRANT OFFICIAL WILL BE MADE TO PAY

rules. The driver and co-passenger were also not wearing seat belts, Goel added, tagging senior superintendent of police (SSP, Traffic) Shashank Anand, MP Kirron Kher, BJP leader Sanjay Tandon and the home ministry

Sources said the car belonged to an IPS officer from

Haryana police. Yadava, however, told Hindustan Times that he did not nersonally use the car and will punish the errant official

after inquiries, making sure he paid the money from his own pocket. "I clicked a picture when I

saw that the car had a VIP number and belonged to the Haryana government," Goel told HT later.

Reacting quickly, traffic police issued a traffic violation information slip (TVIS) postal challan on Thursday for the car. In a response from the traffic police handle, a tweet thanking Goel said: "Action has been taken on your com-plaint. E-Challan... has been issued."

"The driver and co-passen ger were also not wearing seat helts but since it wasn't visible in the picture only a notice

for tinted glasses was sent,' Goel said.

"Every vehicle used by Har-yana police officials is regis-tered under the office of the DGP. We will find out who was driving this vehicle. The official in question will be pulled up and will be made to pay the fine out of his own pocket,' Yadava said.

Traffic police officials, requesting anonymity, said the challan will be sent by post to the DGP's office in Sector 4 Panchkula and a ₹1,000 fine imposed. "No net or film to darken the mirrors can be put up in the car. It is a violation and a challan under section 177 of the Motor Vehicle Act has been issued, "they said.

Stray dog bites 54-yr-old in P'kula

stray dog bite in Sector 7 on Thursday. The victim, Aabid Hussan, a

started following him.

suddenly, two of them attacked me. I tried to escape but one of them bit me on my leg twice. Some locals saved me," he said. One of the shopkeepers then took him to the civil hospital in Sector 6 for treatment.
It was only last month when a

four-year-old girl was left seriously injured by a stray dog. The victim, Ananya of Haripur village in Sector 4 had to undergo a cheek surgery at PGIMER in Chandigarh.

Thursday.

PANCHKULA: A 54-year-old man became the latest victim of

resident of Surajpur village in Pinjore, who runs a watch repair shop in Sector 7, had gone to the parking of the rear block of the market when three stray dogs

"They started barking and

Lawyers manhandle journalists covering plight of litigants

CHANDIGARH: Two days after a spat with court staff, lawyers at the Punjab and Haryana high court manhandled journalists including a female reporter, on

The lawyers, who have been protesting for two weeks against Haryana's decision to establish a Haryana State Administrative Tribunal, were vexed with media's coverage of the plight of litigants, who were not being allowed to enter the court for over a week now.Lawyershavelaidsiege to all

five gates at the complex.
On Thursday morning, a senior citizen litigant, who was not allowed to enter the court despite repeated requests, starting crying and threatened to kill herself.

As journalists rushed to hear her grouse, some lawyers started misbehaving with them, asking them to "just highlight their issues". In the melee, a female scribe was pushed around and the camera of a photojournalist was broken. The journalists had to call in the police as lawyers continued their sloganeering

against the media.

The matter, however, was resolved after the intervention and apology by the Punjab advo-cate general, Atul Nanda, Bar president DPS Randhawa and The Chandigarh Press Club condemned the incident.
Earlier on Tuesday, a senion

high court functionary, who had also objected to the restricted entry, was manhandled. A day later, leading service

lawyer Rajiv Atma Ram had questioned the proceedings of the Bargeneral house on August 5, in which the decision to continue the strike was taken, even though HC had deferred the implementa tion of the July 24 notification on constitution of the tribunal. Meanwhile, the Bar

announced to continue the strike on Friday as well. A general house meeting has been called at noon to discuss the matter. "The high court administra

tion is aware of the prevailing situation. Necessary steps will be taken so that litigants are not has sled," a top HC functionary said

Following a call given by the Bar Council of Punjab and Hary ana, the lawyers at Chandigarh Mohali and Panchkula courts also observed a strike on Thursday. The Bar association, Chandi garh, said they will continue the strike on Friday and Saturday However, this protest is agains UT's proposal to transfer renta cases from courts to sub-divi-sional magistrates (SDMs). **CONTRADICTION** Civic body denies giving completion certificate to Banur project

MOHALI: The Baba Zoravar Singh Cooperative House Building Society Limited in Banur, a project of Punjab State Federation of Coop House Building Society (Housefed), has procured a no objection certificate (NOC) from the fire department of Dera Bassi, even though there is no fire safety equipment in six of its 40 towers

The project with 912 flats, 812 of which have been allotted, was completed in 2014, but during a recent inspection of fire depart-ment on Saturday, it was found that there are no fire safety arrangements in the six towers numbered 35 to 40. Moreover, the inspection report says towers number 1 to 34 had no fire safety accessories including branch pipe, hosepipe and landing valve.

The inspection report puts a question mark on issuance of completion certificate for the project as the municipal council of Banur, under RTI information, has clearly denied having issued any completion certificate for the

Scooterist's death in 2015 mishap: Truck driver let off

CHANDIGARH: A local court on Thursday acquitted a Mauli Jagran man in a case of rash driving that had led to the death of a man in September 2015.

The matter dates back to September 12 2015 when the accused, Randhir Singh, a truck driver, was booked under Sections 279 (rash driving) and 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Indian Penal Code

The complainant, Rajkumar, had said that his brother, Ajay Kumar, was going on his Activa from the railway light point to Dariya village when he was hit by the truck allegedly driven by Randhir

Rajkumar alleged that the driver kept on driving the truck even as Ajay was stuck in the axel of the truck, leading to his death.

However, on Thursday, the court acquitted Singh as the prosecution failed to prove the

COURT ACQUITS MAULI

JAGRAN MAN AS PROSECUTION FAILS TO PROVE THE CASE

HT Correspondent

MOHALI : Police on Thursday

booked two Sangrur men for

raping two friends in a hotel in

Zirakpur. The accused are identified as Gurpreet Singh and Amandeep Singh.

In her complaint, one of the victims, a 26-vear-old Sangrur

woman who is pursuing her diploma in beautician course

from Kharar and staving as paying guest there, said Amandeep was her schoolmate and she had

been talking to him for the past

She said Gurpreet, their friend who runs a jewellery

shop in Sangrur, had called her two months ago to tell

her that he had been to New Zea-

land on a tourist visa. She said he offered her help in get-

ting her passport made, claim-

ing he had contacts in the pass-port office.

to meet him in Zirakpur and on August 6, she and her

friend from Sohana, who is

working as a beautician in

Landran, were picked up

She said Gurpreet called her

Two Sangrur men

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PRETEXT OF HAVING TEA

by him and Gurpreet in a car. She said Gurpreet took them to

a hotel in Baltana on pretext of

having tea before going to the

passport office, where he raped

her in a room and Amandeep

raped her friend in the other, and left.

She said she called her family

after which her cousin came to pick her up and took her back to

A day later, she came to the Zirakpur police station,

following which the two accused

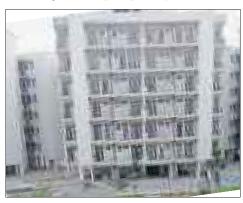
were booked under Sections 376 (rape) and 420 (cheating)

of the Indian Penal Code (IPC)

No arrest has been made

Sangrur.

FRIENDS WITH THE DUO.



In a recent inspection, the Dera Bassi fire department had found that the 40 towers of Baba Zoravar Singh Cooperative House Building Society Limited in Banur were lacking fire safety equipment. HT PHOTO

While the municipal council said the copy of inspection report prior to the issuance of completion certificate is not available in its office record, Housefed, while appearing before the Punjab Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) on July 13, 2018, said a completion certificate was issued 2014.

One of the allottees, Kuldeep Singh Walia, said, "When there is no provision of fire safety in the six towers, how come they got a

We have got the completion certificate from Banur municipal council. Fire safety equipment is the society's responsibility. ARUN VASUDEVA , sub-divisional engineer, Housefed

municipal council? How did they get a no objection certificate from

THEYSAY

the fire department?"

When contacted, Housefed managing director SK Batish said, "I am not aware of this contradiction, but I will look into it.

Housefed sub-divisional engi neer Arun Vasudeva said, "We have got the completion certifi-cate from Banur municipal council. As far as fire safety equipment is concerned, before handing over the project to the society in June 2015, everything was updated. It is the responsibility of the society concerned.

ENHANCEMENT PRICE OF PLOT

Correspondence at wrong address costs HSVP dear

HT Correspondent

PANCHKULA: The district consumer disputes redressal forum has penalised Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP, earlier HIIDA) for raising demand of the enhancement price of a plot at the previous address of an allottee, which had resulted in mounting dues and harassment for him. The forum has directed HSVP

through chief administrator. Panchkula, the administrator and estate officer, Sirsa, to refund ₹35.224 along with 9% interest per annum to the complainant, Vazeer Singh, 43, an Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) official and a resident of Narwana, Jind. The parties were also directed to pay ₹10,000 on account of mental agony and harassment along with ₹5,500 as cost of litigation to Singh, who is presently posted at Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. It was in 2008 when Singh was

allotted a plot in Sector 19, Sirsa, and the payment was to be done in instalments from the year 2009 to 2014. Singh, then posted at ITBP. Madanpur, Panchkula, paid ₹5 lakh from November 2008 till Sep-tember 2012 through five instalments, and then submitted an



ITRP official who had to run from pillar to post for getting the interest waived, and pay ₹35.000 more than the enhancement price, awarded ₹51,000 relief.

correspondence to be sent at his home address of Jind.

However, Singh complained that HSVP officials concerned keptsendingletters to ITBP Madanpur. He said he came to know about the enhancement intimations through his relative when the official concerned contacted him in October 2016. Singh then filed an RTI appli-

cation in November 2016, inquir-ing about the enhancement rate as well as the correspondence made by the department. He then came to know that the enhancement had accrued to ₹4.5 lakh. Thereafter, he was forced to run from pillar to post to wave off the interest amounting to ₹1.6 lakh. Singh then deposited ₹3.21akh to avoid further interest, which was ₹35,000 more than the enhancement amount that he alleged was clearly an unfair policy.

LIABILITY VS

DEFICIENCY
The opposite parties, in their reply, submitted that Singh was liable to pay instalments as well as enhancement amount strictly in terms of the allotment letter They said the complainant was mixing the liability on account of instalments enhancement and extension fee, which are entirely different from each other, while calculations are separate as well.

However, considering the facts, the forum observed that it was incumbent upon the opposite parties to raise the demand of enhanced price at the permanent address of the complainant. Further, the forum found serious legal infirmities on the part of the opposite parties while issuing show-cause notice and notice for

"We have no hesitation to conclude that there has been lapse and deficiency on the part of the opposite parties while raising the demand pertaining to enhanced price of the plot at the previous address of the complainant, who is, thus, entitled to relief," the

YOUTH HELD FOR SODOMY SENT **TO JUDICIAL CUSTODY**

HT Corresponden

CHANDIGARH: A day after a 26-year-old man was arrested for allegedly sodomis-ing his neighbour, a five-yearold boy, in Hallomajra, a local court sent the accused to judicial custody on Thursday

The victim's father said the child was playing in the verandah of his house when the accused took him to his house and violated him.

The victim began bleeding and came to his house and nar-rated the entire act to his mother, who then took him to the Sector 31 police station and gave a formal complaint against the accused.

A case under Section 377 (committing unnatural sex) of the Indian Penal Code and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act was registered against the



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Sector 26 man acquitted in 2017 drugs case

HT Correspondent

CHANDIGARH : A local court acquitted a Sector 26 man in a 2017 drugs case.

The matter dates back to April 1, 2017, when the accused, Bhanu, 24, was booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

As per the complaint, a police patrolling team had caught him in Kishangarh. Police said Bhanu had alleg-

edly tried to throw a polythene bag from his pocket but was caught and 7.9kg charas was found from the bag.

However, the local court acquitted him of all charges on Thursday as the prosecution "failed to prove the offence beyond a reasonable doubt."

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AIRPORT ROAD CRYING FOR ATTENTION

Mohali's Airport Road is an important route, but its condition is deteriorating day by day. There is a slum area beside the road where people litter endlessly. Several stray cattle roam around and become the cause of fatal accidents. The slum is growing day by day and leading to issue of garbage and foul smell. The authorities concerned must look into the matter on priority.



OFFICIAL'S TAKE

Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) chief engineer Sunil Kansal said, "I will direct the officials concerned to get the area cleaned. However, it is also the duty of the residents to not throw garbage on the roads."



STREETLIGHTS IN DIRE **NEED OF REPAIR**

The streetlights in Industrial Area Phases 1 and 2 stay

on during day time, leading to wastage of electricity.
Most of the electric poles are also calling for repair and
maintenance. No precautionary measures are taken to
check open junction boxes, which can lead to a
disaster. Dark spots are making the area a safe haven for criminals and stray dogs. It takes several days for authorities to repair a minor fault in the road or water leakage. Sanitation staff is also irregular and irrespon-sible. No action has been taken to clear wild bushes and clean gullies and manholes. The dream of Smart City cannot be achieved with this type of reckless

Deepak Arora, Chandigarh

OFFICIAL'S TAKE

Chandigarh electricity department executive engineer (operations-2) Deepak Bansal said, "The department got replaced all the streetlights with new light bulbs. The municipal corporation is responsible for maintain-

ELEVATED ROAD A MISPLACED PRIORITY

The extension of the Sector 20 overbridge with an additional bay to directly connect the road from Manimajra side with Sectors 20-21 dividing road, where ring road from Kharar terminates, was shelved by Haryana PWD to construct an elevated road across the highway costing a whopping ₹100 crore. The proposed elevated road at this juncture would be costlier and more time consuming besides being an eyesore. Local MLA/MP should expedite relief to residents by easing the traffic destined for Sectors 20-21 and areas beyond, which have been suffering for the past 13 years due to four-laning of the highway.

Lalit Bharadwaj, Panchkula

OFFICIAL'S TAKE

Technical adviser to the Haryana government Vishal Seth said, "The report on construction of the elevated road has been sent to the ministry of transport as well as the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and work for the same will start soon. The PWD will construct the road perpendicular to the national highway for uninterrupted movement of traffic coming from Punjab to Himachal Pradesh and vice-versa." he said.



LET'S SPEAK OUT AND MAKE A
DIFFERENCE, TOGETHER
The Hinduran Times My City My Voice campaign offers residents of
Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali a platform to highlight and share cives issue concerning them. Whether it's bad roads, non-functional streetlights, ill-maintained parks or poor garbage disposal, HT will act as the sounding board and will bring you the response of the authorities concerned. Help us help you

Send us your write-up/content and high-resolution photos to myvoice@hindustantimes.com

PAYING TRIBUTES



 Tributes were paid to Major Sandeep Sankhla on his 28th martyrdom day during a ceremony organised at the War Memorial in Sector 2, Panchkula, on Thursday. A contingent from the 18 Dogra, to which Major Sankhla belonged, reversed arms as a mark of respect to the martyr. Sankhla was awarded the Ashoka Chakra posthumously in 1992.

UT EMPLOYEE HOUSING SCHEME Kher writes to Shah, seeks affordable pricing

HT Correspondent

CHANDIGARH: MP Kirron Kher has written to Union home minister Amit Shah, seeking reconsideration of the pricing of houses in the UT Employee Self Financing Scheme so that these can become

affordable for the employees Kher has suggested that char-ges for common services like roads, parks etc not be charged

from the employees. Under the scheme, 336 threebedroom flats 888 two-bedroom 564 one-bedroom and 320 one-room flats were to be built on 61.5 acres. Around 3,900 flats were to be constructed at Sectors 52, 53 Later, the scheme was

shelved. It was revived after the employees took up the matter with Kher. But the home ministry allowed the UT administra-tion to transfer land to the Chandigarh Housing Board with the current collector rates

SUGGESTS THAT CHARGES FOR COMMON SERVICES LIKE ROADS, PARKS NOT BE LEVIED FROM THE EMPLOYEES

This enhanced the cost of the flats manifold. The rates of the flats have been fixed at ₹50 lakh for Category D ₹1 crore for Cate gory C, ₹1.6 crore for Category B and ₹2 crore for Category A. When the scheme was announced, the rates were only ₹34.7 lakh for Category A, ₹24.3 lakh for Category B, ₹13.5 lakh for Category Cand ₹5.76 lakh for Category D. CHB in June this year decided

not to move forward with the scheme as 3,900 allottees gave a cold shoulder to board's public notice seeking their consent before starting construction of

flats due to higher allotment

Deworming drive launched in Mohali

HT Correspondent

MOHALI: The National Deworming Day campaign was launched at an Anganwari centre in Mohali Phase 2, on Thursday. It was initiated by the Punjab National Health Mission director Amit

He said the drive is being held in the district till August 19 wherein children aged one to nineteen years will be administered Albendazole tablets for free

"Children not enrolled in

Medicines will be administered by workers at the Anganwadi centres and schools across Mohali," Kumar said.

Kumar emphasised on main-taining personal hygiene to prevent parasitic infection. "Children must wash hands before and after meals, drink potable water, not defecate in the open, and only consume fruits and vegetables washed with clean water," he

District immunisation officer Veena Zarewal was also present

Food delivery boys told about traffic rules at workshop

HT Correspondent

CHANDIGARH: The Children's Traffic Park (CTP) team organised a workshop on traffic rules for food delivery boys at the CTP auditorium in Sector 23 on Thursday, As many as 50 delivery boys

attended the workshop.

DSP (traffic) Jaswinder Singh apprised them of traffic rules and encouraged them to use helmets They were told about the reper-

Outfits demand reservation in promotions for disabled in UT

CHANDIGARH: Disabled persons organisations have demanded reservation in promotions for persons with disabilities working in government offices in the Union Territory.
In a memorandum submitted

to UT administrator VP Singh Badnore, Parmdeep Singh Bhabat, president, Disabled Persons' Welfare Organisation, Puniab; and Davinder Singh Saini, president, Persons with Disabili ties Association, Chandigarh; stated that the Punjab government provided 4% reservation in

A.B. Cand D categories and jobs on compassionate grounds to a family member of the deceased government employee, but the Chandigarh Administration had not implemented these policies

They also requested the administrator to ensure the availability of Braille books for visually challenged employees. Besides, they also brought to the notice of the administrator the partial behaviour the disabled were facing in offices.

Citingan example of a 90% dis-

ment Medical College and Hospi tal (GMCH), who has been repeat edly transferred from one place to another, they also requested the administrator to introduce audi-ology and speech therapy servi-ces at the GMCH, besides easy accessibility for them. Seeking financial help for Sat

vinder Singh, who has been on ventilator since July 24 at the GMCH, they said the patient was a victim of diarrhoea, that broke out at Bhabat village and came from a poor family.

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Outsourcing of F&B Outlet "Stop-N-Stare" located at Sector - 10, Chandigarh (Opposite Museum & Art Gallery) on License Basis Reference to Advt. published on 11.07.2019 in the newspapers for license out F&B Outlet "Stop-n-Stare" located at Sector - 10, Chandigarh. Last date for online submission of e-bids has been extended to 23.08.2019 upto 3:00 PM.

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Monsoon hits a dry patch, poorest since 2015

DRY DAYS AHEAD Same trend is expected to continue for rest of the month, say IMD official

CHANDIGARH: Even though floods lashed the other parts of the country (Maharashtra and Karnataka), there was barely any rain in the city this week. The India Meteorological Depart-ment (IMD) officials said that the monsoon has hit a slump, with this season reaching a defi-cit of 30%, the worst since 2015.

IMD director Surender Paul said, "This time, the monsoon was delayed and June also saw little rain. Even though there was adequate rain in July, but it is still below par."

Paul added that the same trend is expected to continue for the rest of the month.

Four out of 10 weeks (from June first week to August first week) till now have seen a departure lesser than -19% compared to the normal value in the week, which is considered adequate as per the IMD.

Apart from this, the monsoon remained poor this time. It was the poorest between June 26 and July 3 as it remained deficient by 83%.

Talking about the coming days, Paul said, "Monsoon is expected to fizzle out for the rest of month.

"Moderate rain up to 40mm is expected on 13 and 14 August. Chance of heavy rain during this period is small," Paul said, adding that the monsoon is expected to pick up the pace in September now.

Normal values are calculated

CONTROLLING CYBER CRIME

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A session is being organised by CBitss Technologies to apprise

people of the ways to prevent

FILM SCREENING

Documentary filmmaker Tarun Bharatiya to screen film 'A Brief Life of Insect' . The

film is based upon the folk

Where: People's Convention

ZAKIR KHAN LIVE

role in his comedy

music of Meghalaya

and control cyber crimes.

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• The monsoon remained poorest between June 26 and July 3 as it remained deficient by 83% KESHAV SINGH/H

by taking an average of past 30 years, and updated every 10 years. "Compared to the cooler days of July, August is expected

to get warmer and drier.
Also, due to sunny weather and high humidity, sweaty days can be expected with a rise in temperature by 2 to 3 degrees,"

FORECAST FOR 3 DAYS

Meanwhile, maximum temper ature rose slightly from 35.6 degrees on Wednesday to 35.8 degrees on Thursday.

The minimum temperature

Where: Lab 4, second floor, SCO: 23-25, Sector 34 A

MORAL EDUCATION

When: 5 to 6pm

MEDITATION &

When: 4:30pm

NEW RESEARCH

(NABI), Sector 81, Mohali

A session will be held on the new research

study to understand the effect of low glycemic index foods for an extensive period being undertaken jointly by NABI, Mohali and PGIMER Chandigarh.

Where: National Agri Biotech Institute

STUDY

Where: Mini Tagore Theatre, Sector 18, UT, When: 12:30pm

Just Comedy Festival brings a brand new stand up special by Zakir Khan, who has a knack for highlighting comic elements in everyday life. Emotions that are

common to every Indian household, especially of youngsters struggling to make it big, play a big

Where: Tagore Theatre, When: 8pm to 9.30pm

DRIER AUGUST IN STORE

IMD officials say a rise by 2 to 3 degrees is expected

Year	Total rain (till 8 August)	Departure from normal (in percentage)
2019	357.5 mm	-30%
2018	464.9 mm	-7%
2017	394.7 mm	-21%
2016	415.2 mm	-17%
2015	343.3 mm	-31%

degrees on Wednesday to 27.8

degrees on Thursday. In the next three days, the

degrees while minimum tem perature will remain between 26 and 27 degrees.

Transfer of license, trade issues get nod

CHANDIGARH: A meeting of Chandigarh town vending committee (TVC) was held here on Thursday under the chairmanship of municipal corporation (MC)

During the meeting several important issues were discussed in detail and the committee also recommended a few proposals to be completed under the sub-com-

commissioner KK Yadav.

MULTIPLE PROPOSALS

The issue of transfer of license has accorded approval. Now, for Dev Samaj Society will be organising a festival — 'Satyadharam Bodhutsay'— on aspects like importance of the transfer of licenses to a fam moral education, truthfulness, controlling the mind through ily member from a deceased person, the former's name should be meditation among others. in the license of the registration of the licensee as per the Street Vendors Act 2014. Where: Dev Samaj College of Education, Sec 36 B, Chandigarh.

The committee observed that the Aadhaar no. of the applicant/ licensee should be correct in **BOOK LAUNCH** respect of making any corrections in the registration and the A book titled 'The Write Path- What it particulars like spelling errors takes to be an author' will be launched, following an interactive in name, address correction. session. The book features a collection of short stories written by the students of Learning Paths School. addition of new mobile number

can be amended later.

Representation regarding

other trade got approval. No, the trade can be transferred but the traders cannot sell tobaccos and other prohibited items. Relaxation in fee due to several reasons by the licensee cannot be done under bylaws of TVC. If a vendor cannot pay his fee then their vending license will be cancelled as per the provisions in the ven dors act, observed the commit

After submission of dues, the vendors will be allowed to unlock their account ID. In case ofillness, the family person will be allowed to carry out their business by producing a medical certificate of registered vendor from a government hospital on a temporary basis for a period of 10

days.
Selling of Ice-cream will be allowed only under the provisions of mobile vendor schedule. to launch a WhatsApp number for grievances of vendors and recommended strict action against unauthorised vendor and child labour involved in vending specially in Sector 17.

The meeting was attended by chief engineer Manoi Bansal ocial development officer Vivek Trivedi and other members of

Municipal corporation workers fixing the gaps in the wall of Modern Housing Complex at Manimajra on Thursday. SANT ARORA/HT

CHANDIGARH: The work to plug the gap in the boundary wall of the Modern Housing Complex (MHC) in Manimajra started on Thurs-day amid heavy police deploy-ment. Hindustan Times had earlier highlighted the problems being faced by residents of MHC

due to the gap. MC commissioner Kamal Kishore Yadav had passed an order to this effect after residents of the tion (RWA) apprised him of the issue. Officials said the work would be completed within a cou-

ple of days.

RWA general secretary SA times, miscreants had damaged it, "Police will have to ensure that the wall isn't damaged overnight which has happened before. The construction is more sturdy now. and rods have been used to strengthen the structures," said

Qureshy said police deployment was important as the wall had been plugged twice but both

Hindustan Times had highlighted residents of MHC due to the gap

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RWA president Colonel Gurse wak Singh (retd) thanked the commissioner and said that the MC had also constructed a boundary wall along the construction near the railway underbridge here.

AN ODE TO TAGORE



Artiste Rituparna performing during en event to mark the death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore at Banga Bhawan, Sector 35, in Chandigarh on Thursday

INQUIRY OVER TIK TOK VIDEO

Lower rung UT policemen express resentment over 'selective' inquiry

for everyone irrespective of their

police rank," said a police official,

privy to the matter, requesting

Likewise, videos of numerous

other police personnel has been

Another person, privy to the matter said, the videos made by

"If the videos are seen closely,

Gurpreet is wearing winter uni-

form and they were recorded in November. The source from

where these videos were shared needs to be verified and why they

shared around the social media

head constable Gurpreet Kaur, that courted controversy were

allegedly made 10 months ago.

anonymity.

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MC chief orders

quick repair of

community centre

CHANDIGARH: Municipal corporation (MC) commissioner KK Yadav visited the community centre at Sector 23 along with

area councillor Sunita Dhawan MC chief engineer Manoj Ban-sal, and RWA members on Thursday. He asked the engineers to complete minor repair

works and prepare an estimate

for the major works required to

stock of maintenance of parks in

the area and instructed the engineers to maintain proper clean-

liness. He also visited civil dis

pensary and asked the officials to speed up the work.

be done in the building. The commissioner also took

mal departmental inquiry by Chandigarh Police top brass against two woman head constables for making Tik Tok videos has left resentment brewing among the lower rung cops.

Expressing resentment over the actions of senior Chandigarh Police officials, the lower and middle rung cops stated that the videos on social media app Tik Tok have been made by the higher police rank officials as well but were overlooked by the "A station house officer (SHO)

at a city police station had made a video while sitting in his office. His uniform was kept on the back

ing the act. But, no action was taken and he was let off after a warning. Action should be same another police personnel.
Sources said that the inquiry officials are trying to verify

whether Gurpreet, was earning money from her Tik Tok account as she had more than 50K

'ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST ALL THE

COPS MAKING VIDEOS' Meanwhile, DGP Sanjay Baniwal said, "There is a difference between personal and professional freedom. Any thing that brings a bad name to the police force needs to be inquired into. And, rules are same for everyone. If we get to know about any other Tik Tok videos made by any

form, which completed one year this month, has its largest user

Amid its explosive popularity the app faced a potential ban in the country by the Madras high court but was later lifted.

PREVIOUS CASES

Across the country, multiple inci dents of police officials facing action for making Tik Tok videos have surfaced previously Recently, a woman cop in Biha was suspended for making a Tik Tok video in her civvies with the police lockup in the background Last month, three Delhi Trans port Corporation staffers found themselves in soup after their TikTok video with a girl dancing in a bus was widely shared.

Construction work to plug gap in MHC boundary wall begins

CHANDICAPH · A 20-veer-old BA final year student of Panjab Uni versity was killed after an unidentified vehicle knocked him down near the transport light point on Wednesday, the police said.The deceased identified as Shubham, was a resident of Pin jore in Panchkula.

A police official privy said "The victim was killed after his bike crashed into the divider along the Sukhna bridge. Though the victim was wearing a helmet but it broke apart during the inci dent." Shubham was rushed to the Government Multi-Specialty Hospital, Sector 16, for treatment where he succumbed to his injuries, said the official.

As per police sources, the vic tim was hit by a motorcycle running parallelly. Police said the bike driver fled from the spot and

is absconding.

However, efforts are being

made to ascertain his identity,

added police.
Police lodged a case under Sec

tion 279 (rash driving), 337 (caus ing hurt by endangering life of others) and 304-A (causing death by negligence) of the Indian Pena Code (IPC) against the unidentified accused following the complaint made by Ashish, an eye witness to the accident

Scrapping of Article 370: Mail operations for J&K suspended

CHANDIGARH: The department of posts has suspended all the mail arrangements for the Jammu and Kashmir circle after the central government announced the scrapping of Article 370 in the region.
Official sources said due to the

prevailing situation in J&K it has been decided to suspend bookings of all type and class of mails. In a letter circulated by

director, mail operations (Delhi), Pawan Kumar Singh, to all the circle heads of the post offices

NON-FULFILMENT OF DEMANDS

PGI staff to sport black

POST OFFICES ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE **BOOK MAILS MEANT** FOR J&K CIRCLE

across the country have been directed to not book the mails meant for J&K circle. One of the postal department

officials requesting anonymity said, "Since August 5, all types of primary mail services including collection, processing, transmis-sion and delivery of mail for J&K circle has been stopped following

items like letters, postcards, parcels, packets; ordinary and registered articles including speed post have been suspended till further orders. Also, all the mails in

transit have also been stopped.

Meanwhile, a customer who had mailed an item from Sirhind Punjab said, the Indian post web-site has not updated the status of the items dispatched before August 05. Sources said that the chief postmaster general, J&K circle, has been asked to monitor the situation on daily basis and inform the directorate to take action accordingly.

GMADA holds demolition drive

Development Development Authority (GMADA) conducted a demolition drive at Chachu Majra village near Aerocity, here on Thursday. A team of officials razed shops, temporary sheds and boundary walls constructed in violation of the SAS Nagar Master Plan and the Punjab New Capital Periphery Control Act.

earlier issued notices but they did not comply with orders. HTC



Amanjeet Singh

CHANDIGARH: A liver recipient and his donor wife from Chandigarh will be the first couple from the country to participate in the World Transplant Games 2019 to be held in United Kingdom, from August 17-23.

The couple will be a part of the 14 athletes from India that will participate in the event. The aim of these games is to raise public awareness about donation and help transplant patients get fit. The event witnesses the celebration of medical success stories

Liver recipient Parveen Kumar Rattan 49, who works as senior accounts officer with the engineering depart-ment, Chandigarh administration, and his wife, Roopa Arora 44 will be the first donor-recipient participant couple from India since the England in 1978.

NEW LEASE OF LIFE

Suffering from an end stage liver disease, Rattan got a second chance of life when his wife donated him 65% of her liver in 2011 at a private



Parveen Kumar Rattan's wife Roopa Arora had donated 65% of her liver to him in 2011.

Roopa works as a teacher at the Government High School in Sector 38.

hospital in Gurugram

The couple will participate in different events including track and field, race walk, ball throw and cycling events in the category of 40-49 years.

"Running for someone else with someone else's organ is a special privilege," Rattan said.

FOR A CAUSE

The couple said that after a number of complications and full recovery, they decided to promote organ donation and benefits of fit ness post the transplant. "We have dedicated our life and all savings to pro-mote the cause of organ donation. For participating in the event we have taken a loan of ₹6 lakh with the intention that people across the globe should see how trans-plants can save lives and why we all should pledge the

same," Parveen said.
The couple has also conducted 15 awareness camps in schools and communities across the Chandigarh.

"Being a living proof, I want to rule out the myths and misconception hurdling organ donation promotion, Arora said.

ART EXHIBITION

Akademi is organising an exhibition, Uninhibited dialogues, which will showcase works on paper by Bharti Sharma, The event will continue till August 20 Where: Alliance Francaise, Sector

Where: 10 Downing Street, Plot 24, Industrial Area When: 12.15pm **APNI MANDI**

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UNIVERSE GLAM

QUEEN CONTEST

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Alliance Française in association with Chandigarh Lalit Kala

When: 9 am to 1 pm, 3pm to 7pm

badges from today

CHANDIGARH: Members of the Post-graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Employees' Union (non-faculty) will wear black badges from August 8-20 in pro test against non-fulfilment of their pending demands, including release of dress allowance with effect from July 1, 2017. In a statement issued on

Thursday, union president Ash-

wani Munjal said they had been

ing for the peaceful resolution of their 'just' and 'genuine' demands and grievances for the past many years. Their other demands

patiently and meticulously wait-

include withdrawal of illegal ceiling of CGHS on medical treatment/implants, release of bag allowance for 2016-19, grant of CPL to eligible staff performing duties on Sunday among other

MOHALI: The Greater Mohali Area

1952, in the village. Rohit Gupta, estate officer, regulatory said owners were

Commission for scheduled

castes issues notice to PU

ADMISSION DENIAL IN LAW DEPT

CHANDIGARH: National Commission for Scheduled Castes has

issued a notice to Panjab University (PU), seeking reply for denial of admission to six SC/ST stu-

dents in bachelor of law (LLB) at the department of laws.

According to the notice dated

August 6 the university was to

reply on the same day but as per sources, no response has been

The commission had taken a suo motu notice of the matter follow-

ing media reports on the issue

The six SC/ST students alleged that proper procedure of admis-

sion was not followed as per the

norms of the University Grants Commission (UGC) due to which

In a letter to vice-chancellor (V-C)Raj Kumar, the commission

has demanded details of the mat-

ter, along with action taken report. The commission has also

threatened to "exercise the pow-

ers of civil courts conferred on it under Article 338 of the Constitu-

tion of India and issue summons

for your appearance in person or

they were denied admission.

submitted yet.

FOLLOWED'

UGC NORMS NOT

DAV-10 shelves plan to start BBA in retail mgmt

CURRENT SESSION Decision came as PU failed to provide affiliation to course

CHANDIGARH: The bachelor of business administration (BBA) in retail management course that the Centre had sanctioned for Davanand Anglo Vedic (DAV) College, Sector 10, will not begin from the current academic year due to the Panjab University's (PU's) failure to give affiliation to it.

The programme can now be launched from the next academic year.

On February 27, the ministry of human resource development (MHRD) in collaboration with the ministry for skill development and entrepreneurship had selected the DAV college for the new course in bachelor of business administration (BBA) in retail management under the Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS). Only a handful of colleges

were nominated by the central government for the course in India. The DAV college had sought the varsity's permission to run the course, however, sources said that it was declined because syllabus of the course could not be ratified. The six-se-mester syllabus was prepared itself by MHRD.

An official, on the condition of anonymity, said, "For two-three months the university sat over the proposal. Finally, we were told that the Board of Studies and Skill Development Council were in a bottleneck as to who is responsible for approving the syllabus."

Sources said that according to the PU calendar, all courses are to be approved by the Board of Studies, however, in this case, officials are of the view that the course should be approved by the Skill Development Council



DAY College was among the handful of institutes nominated by the Union government for the course. HT

COLLEGE SENT

PROPOSALLATE' Dean college development council (DCDC), PU, Sanjay Kaushik said the college sent its proposal for affiliation to varsity late.

"The last date for submission of the proposal was January 10 but the college asked for affiliation in March. We are bound by rules and regulations and have to duly conduct inspections," he

Sources also said that after the delay in the current academic session the MHRD has now written to the college to start the course in the next academic

"Since they (college) have got the permission for next year, procedural modalities will be complete by then," the DCDC

The course will comprise one semester of classroom teaching and the next one as an THE BOARD OF STUDIES, SKILL DEVELOPMENT

COUNCIL ARE AT LOGGERHEADS FOR APPROVING SYLLABUS OF THE COURSE

According to the proposal, the students will get a monthly stipend of about ₹6,000 per month during the apprenticeship period by the industry, 25% of which will be reimbursed under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS).

Under the NAPS scheme, the central government shares 25% of the stipend per month subject to a maximum of ₹1,500 per month during the period of the apprenticeship

Apart from that, an amount up to ₹7,500 will be met towards

basic training cost, where

DAV college principal Pawan ing skill-oriented courses to colarbitrary approach of the uni-

grade colleges to have academic and administrative autonomy, the university continues with its obstructionist tenden cies on the issue of new initia tives taken by colleges at every level, including the imposition of unreasonable conditionality."

'PUHAS OBSTRUCTIVE

Sharma who is also the president of Punjab and Chandigarh Prin-cipals' Association said, "Many measures initiated by MHRD through National Skill Council and entrepreneurship in grantleges, have been thwarted by the versity authorities through delays and denials.

Whereas UGC encourages 'A

Will not let anyone interfere, says DSW India (NSUI), Akhil Bharatiya

PU STUDENT COUNCIL POLLS

CHANDIGARH : After chairing a meeting of the representatives of student parties, Panjab Univer-sity (PU) dean students' welfare (DSW) Emanuel Nahar on Thursday said he would not let anyone interfere in the upcoming students' council elections.

Deepak Kaushik

DEEPAK KAUSHIK

ELECTED PUSA

PRESIDENT FOR

CHANDIGARH : Panjab University

secrecy branch assistant regis-

trar Deepak Kaushik was elected as the president of Panjab Uni-

versity Staff Association (PUSA)

on Thursday. This is the third time Kaushik

has won the elections. He

secured 639 votes and led by a dif-ference of 460 votes as against

A total of 835 votes were cast, of which 818 were valid and 17,

Kaushik was elected president for the eighth time and the

Honey Thakur was elected the enior vice-president; Baljinder

Singh, the general secretary:

Akash Khosla, the secretary; Chand Kumar Sharma, finance

secretary and Raj Kumar was

elected the publicity secretary.

PUSA vice-president 16 times.

Sandeep Bhutani.

invalid.

Chief of university security (CUS), Ashwani Koul, was also present during the meeting attended by the representatives of National Students' Union of

Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), Indian Students' Association (ISA), Students for Society (SFS) and Panjab University Students' Union (PUSU). Few representatives raised the

issue of interference by the authorities, faculty and hostel wardens in the elections in the past few years.

Last year, a dinner party was organised by ABVP in the Golden Jubilee Hall after the model code

of conduct was in place.

The hall was booked in the

also participated. Adding that they would convey to everyone not to interfere in the polls, he said, "Student elections are for the students. No one else should interfere "Hefurther asked them to submit complaints to him in case anything such happens.

Six SC/ST students were denied admission in LLB course.

by a representation before the

commission."
As per the UGC norms, the

counselling of general and reserved categories is held on two separate days but a common

merit list is prepared. At the department, however, a notice

was put up stating that the candi

dates had to come on both days.

As per the sources, the SC/ST students came on the second day and

were not included in the merit list

of general category. Ambedkar

REPRESENTATIVES TO SHOW POSTERS

In a bid to avoid clashes similar to the one between ABVP and SFS over an objectionable poster, the

show their posters before pasting them on the campus. They were also told to paste them only on designated spaces. The DSW asked them to ensure

Students' Association (ASA)

leader Gurdeep Singh said, "We went to the local office of the com-

mission in Sector 9, Chandigarh

today (Thursday). The director said they have not received a

reply from the university till nov

and may issue summons in this regard now."The ASA represent

atives also submitted a represen-

tation with the commission during the visit and also met V-C who

said that he had asked for legal

that no outsiders come on the campus during the elections.

ABVP secretary Parvinder
Singh said, "We were told that ID

cards can be checked at any time, especially if any incident occurs. Legal action will be taken if any outsiders participate.

GURUGRAM SCHOOL AFFILIATION FRAUD

Police seek original records from Haryana education dept

PANCHKULA: A week after uniden tified officials of Haryana education department and the principal and administrator of a Gurugram-based private school were booked on charges of forg-ing documents and records to get the school affiliated and operational, the police are now in process of getting all the original records and documents related to the case from the department in Sector 5 here.

Investigating official of the case, sub-inspector (SI) Sukh-winder Singh, said, "We have given notice to the education department to provide original documents and records that were submitted by the Gurugram school at the time of get-

ting affiliation. The allegations are for forging documents and fabricating records to get affiliation and therefore, it is important to first

STATE EDUCATION DEPT

AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SCHOOL WERE **BOOKED ON CHARGES OF** FORGING DOCUMENTS TO GET THE INSTITUTE

verify all the original documents. The investigation is in its initial phase and more things will be clear after a thorough

The SI further said that they had also called complainant Rahul Arora, a resident of New Delhi, to join the investigation. "We have been asking him to join investigation and provide the copies of those forged documents and related details as he had mentioned in the complaint He has sought some time to join the probe," the SI said.

OFFICIALS, GURUGRAM DEO INDICTED EARLIER

Recently, it had also come to the fore that an inquiry carried out by the internal vigilance cell of the Haryana education depart-ment had indicted few employees and district education officer (DEO) of Gurugram in 2017, when the school had got sanction for affiliation. As per the report, it was found that the application form and other documents submitted by the school to the DEO were not verified and forwarded to the department, which further gave sanction

for the affiliation.
Police said that Ajanta Public School based in Sector 31, Gurugram, only had classes up to 8 and in 2017, applied for affiliation till Class 12. Rahul Arora had lodged the complaint with Panchkula Police against the school's managing committee and unknown employees of the state education department in November last year.

Students learn about ill-effects of using plastic

HT Correspondent

CHANDIGARH: An awareness cam paign launched in May 2019 to sensitise the public and students about effects of single-use plastic and clean water scarcity concluded on Thursday.

Activities including teachers' training, tree-plantation, rallies poster-making and model-mak ing were held in five government schools of the city, namely, Gov-ernment Model High School (GMHS), Sector 36-D; Government Model Senior Secondary School (GMSSS), Sector 37-B; Government Model High School (GMHS), Sector 42-B; Govern ment Model Senior Secondary School (GMSSS), Sector 22-A and Government Model High School (GMHS), Sector 35.

Lectures were organised in all schools to encourage students to not use plastic and save water. Street plays were staged in mar ketplaces to sensitise the resi dents about dangers plastic.

MARCHING IN UNISON



Students performing a march past during rehearsal for Independence Day at the Parade Ground in Sector 5. Panchkula, on Thursday Haryana urban local bodies minister Kavita Jain will preside over the district-level function on August 15.

educationnotes

ST TERESA CONVENT SCHOOL

Cricket team wins match

PANCHKULA: The cricket team of St Teresa Convent School, Sector participated in a a cricket tournament going on at Satluj Public School, Sector 4. St Teresa team won the toss and chose to bat first. They scored 57/5 in 10 overs. Suryansh played a brilliant inning of 28 not out in 25 balls. Captain Aryan Sihag delivered an outstanding performance. The school team beat Shemford School, Chandigarh, by 16 runs.

SKY WORLD SCHOOL

Student shines in gymnastics tourney

PANCHKULA: Kanishk Goyat of Class 3-B has from SKY World won a silver medal in the 2nd District Gymnastics Championship 2019-20 held at Bhawan Vidvalaya, Panchkula from July 27-28.

THE BRITISH SCHOOL, PKL

Healthy eating

activity held PANCHKULA: The Nursery Class students were joined by their mothers for a healthy eating activity held in The British School, Panchkula, on Thursday. Aadhya Verma and Nitya Jain identified the different fruits and vegetables and their colours. Teachers apprised students of the benefits of eating a variety of fruits and

Students performing during the concluding day of 10-day workshop on Haryana folk songs organised by the Haryana Kala Parishad at The Gurukul in Panchkula.

Deworming Day observed

CHANDIGARH: Worm infestation in India is a leading cause of anemia in young children. It affects their physical growth, causes lower resistance to infection and contributes to under nutrition. To tackle this oroblem , National Dewormin Day was observed at AKSIPS 41 Smart School in collaboration with the health and family welfare denartment Chandigarh on Thursday. Tablet and suspension

of cost among students of classes Pre-nursery to 11 to be consumed in the school

ST JOSEPH'S

Talent hunt competition held

CHANDIGARH: St Joseph's Senior Secondary School, Sector 44-D, conducted a talent hunt competition for the students of Class 4 on Thursday. Students of Class 4 took part in activities such as dancing, mono- acting, enactment, poetry-recitation, art and craft, magic show, singing and mimicry. The winners of various competitions were awarded. Rohan,

Harshit, Zoya, Gunjan, Kavya Aashi, Mishika, Sudrisiya, Ekaaksha and Nimrat stood first

SHARDA SARVHITKARI SCHOOL

Deworming medicine given to students

CHANDIGARH: A special morning assembly was conducted by health incharge Poonam Sharma at Sharda Sarvhitkari Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 40-D, to mark the National Deworming day. Students of all the classes were administered deworming medicine during recess. The school principal lauded the efforts of administration. DAV SCHOOL

Health check-up camp organised

MOHALI: A bone density camp was organised by DAV School, Simply HealthPlus Private Limited for all the staff members on Thursday. School doctor Deepshi-kha along with Amit from a pharmaceutical company examined the staff members and advised them accordingly

GURUKUL GLOBAL SCHOOL

eating habits among students

Aanchal International School is

observing healthy week. Students were told that good eating habits maintain a healthy weight and

lead to normal growth. A role-play

activity was organised for the Junior Wing. Children played the role of various foods and enacted a play. They were told about

Student wins prize in KIDS 'R' KIDS SCHOOL poster-making contest Workshop on CHANDIGARH: Arnay Bansal of

ST XAVIER'S

235 girls

Health awareness

CHANDIGARH: An awareness

session for girls of Class 7 was

conducted at St Xavier's School on Thursday. They were taught about the need to stay healthy and hygienic. The session was

conducted by Esha Malhotra from

Proctor and Gamble. Sanitary napkins were distributed among

cardiac arrest held Class 7 of Gurukul Global School Manimajra, bagged the second CHANDIGARH: Kids 'R' Kids School position in an inter-school digital organised a hands-on training workshop on basic life support including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for students and staff members on Thursday. poster-making competition on Thursday. The inter-school competition was held at Shem rock Public School. Bansal was awarded a prize and a certificate Indian Academy of Pediatrics faculty educated students about cardiac arrest. The doctors later explained the steps of providing for clinching the second position AANCHAL INTERNATIONAL

Healthy week help arrives. observed RYAN INTERNATIONAL CHANDIGARH: To inculcate good

Students learn about organic farming

medical care until proper medica

MOHALI: Students of Ryan International School participated in an organic farming activity on Thursday. They used organic manures for the plants. There were no chemicals used while farming.

advantages of healthy food over junk food.

UIET HOLDS SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

four-week summer internship programme for the students of Government College of Engineering and Technology (GCET), Jammu, under the government sponsored Technical Education Quality Improvement Program (TEQIP-3) that commenced on Thursday The training aims to impart technical skills to the under-graduate students and ensure their

PU declares results

declared the results of master of science (MSc, honours) mathematics fourth semester, MSc human genom-ics second semester, MSc fashion designing second semester, MA iournalism and mass communication second semester, BVoc (textile and fashion technology) sixth semester, master in business administration (CIT) fourth semester, MSc (HS) zoology second semester, MA English fourth semester. MA Punjabi fourth semester, and MA political science fourth semester that were conducted in May 2019 and the examinations of of diploma in translation (English to Hindi) which were held in June 2018

UILS organises counselling for LLM morning

CHANDIGARH: University Institute of

campusconnect

Legal Studies (UILS), Panjab University (PU), on Thursday conducted the first round of day one counselling for master of laws (LLM, morning first vear course). The third round of the counselling for admission to BA LLB/BCom LLB (honours) for sports

CHANDIGARH: University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), holistic development.

CHANDIGARH: Panjab University (PU)

The students can see their results on their respective departments/colleges/university websites.

Bombay), Tanveer Singh, was the guest of honour on the occasion. Students were given a brief profile of the college and also were explained regarding the pre-requisites amenities and other facilities at the prem-ises. The students were also familiar ised with the code of conduct, the different do's and don'ts as well as the opportunities offered by the

gories took place

afternoon. The department had set

up helpdesks to answer the queries

Foundation Day at UGI

and concerns of candidates, and their parents and guardia

MOHALI: Universal Group of Institu-

tions (UGI) organised akhand path to

marks its 11th Foundation Day. Students and their parents paid

obeisance to the almighty and listened to the psalms and hymns Students participated in various

religious rituals and learnt about the

virtues of right path of living and

educating children. Chairman Gur-preet Singh urged the students to

remember the almighty in life to

Indo Global Colleges hold

MOHALI: The orientation programme

for new students was held at Indo

Global Colleges. State manager of

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT.

orientation programme

de-stress or rejuvenate

TRIBUNE FLYOVER

Forest, engg depts not on same page on saving trees

CONFLICT While UT engineering dept says 25 of 541 trees will be transplanted, forest dept has been maintaining that 90% of trees will be transplanted

CHANDIGARH: The UT chief engineer-cum-special secretary Mukesh Anand on Thursday said that 541 trees will be axed for the construction of the Tribune flyover. Further, 25 trees will be transplanted.

He was speaking during a tree-plantation drive held at Leisure Valley, Sector 10, on Thursday.

He said saplings were planted at the Valley to compensate for the 541 trees that were to be axed for construction of the flyover at

FOREST DEPT DENIES

When contacted the forest department, deputy conservator of forests, Abdul Qayum, said, "Firstly, there are total 545 trees under the flyover, and secondly, I am not aware how the figure of 25 trees was calculated.'

Forest department has been maintaining that 90% of trees will be transplanted.

Qavum added that the engineering department will be able to explain about the matter.

"Usually, transplantation is decided on the basis of girth size, ecological health of trees and tree species. It is scientific in nature and involves many technicalities," he added.

Qavum said to ensure maxi-

mum survival, one has to be precise in proposing the number of trees for transplantation. "The number of trees to be

CHANDIGARH: The forest and

soon transplant the six eucalyptus trees from Gov

The move will be taken in

ernment Model High

School (GMHS), Sector 37-C.

view of the incident that took place a month back.

An over-matured eucalyp

tus tree fell on an auto-rick-shaw parked near the

school campus and killed

the driver, Naresh Kumar 46, of Maloya.

To prevent further acci-

dents, the horticulture wing had sent a proposal to

the UT administration for

removal of such trees in

wildlife department will

transplanted for this project is likely to be much higher than what has been said and is subject to the final approval of the highest authority," he said.

He added that it will be too soon to comment on the matter at the present stage.

The forest department has

within the school premises recently floated the proposal of transplantation of the full -

SIX TREES FROM SEC 37 SCHOOL TO BE TRANSPLANTED

trees will be decided

on the basis of their probability of survival.

ABDUL QUYUM, deputy conservator officer

city schools. The school

administration too, had

requested the forest department to remove the trees.

The department after the

scientific survey has decided to transplant six

trees and also prune one of

the 41 trees which pose dan-ger. The remaining 34 trees however, will be axed

The location for the

transplantation of

grown trees which will be cut "As per our assessment, nearly 90% trees can be saved through transplantation," forest department officials said.

Just before the imposition of the Election Commission of India's model code of conduct on March 3, the UT administrator, VP Singh Badnore had laid the foundation stone of the Tribune

Presently, there are

more than 4000 eucalyptus

trees in the city, including those in the school prem-ises. GMHS, Sector 37-C,

principal, Suman Dhawan said, "The life of students

is the priority. The school

has already started plant-ing new saplings in the

campus to make for the def-

icit that will be created due

Deputy conservator offi-

Through transplantation, nearly 80 to 90% of them can be saved. The location for

the transplantation of trees will be decided on the basis

of their probability of

cer Abdul Quyum said, "The trees that will be cut

to removal of old trees

are over-matured.

flyover project. The administration had ther set a deadline of 15 months for the project's completion.

The construction was due to start in July, but was delayed after the bidding companies failed to meet the conditions laid down in the tender document.

Thereafter the administra tion had sent a proposal to the Union government to dilute the conditions for civil works.

GROUP ART EXHIBITION INAUGURATED



Artists on the first day of the three-day group art exhibition being held at the Government Museum and Art Gallery, Sector 10, in Chandigarh on Thursday. (Below) Some of the paintings on display at the gallery.



CHANDIGARH: A group art exhibition 'Shades of Life' is being displayed at the Government Museum and Art Gallery, Sector 10. It is being organised by a Ludhiana based art firm. Art Zone, The three day long exhibition will feature 50 artists from India. Paintings from various mediums including pencil, charcoal, oil, mix media, acrylic,



water, and poster colours were displayed on Thursday. Member of the advisory committee on UTs to the ministry of home affairs, Saniay Goel: director of Smart City Limited, Ludhiana, and Govern ment College of Derabassi principal Sadhna Sangar were the guests

JAGRAON MURDER CASE

CCTV footage of two

PGIMER to observe World Scleroderma Day on Aug 10

Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER) will observe World Scleroderma Day on August 10. The day is otherwise observed on June 29. "Participants will be sensi-

tised about the rare disease and the ways to cope with it," said Dr Shefali Sharma from the department of internal medicine, PGIMER.

The disease occurs when excess collagen deposits in the skin and internal organs. Its types are classified on the basis of extent of skin involvement

and the pattern of organ

MAY OCCUR DUE TO INFECTIONS, GENETIC OR ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS, OR INTAKE OF DRUGS

involvement. While in diffuse cutaneous scleroderma, most of the skin becomes tight, in limited scleroderma, only limited

amount of skin becomes tight.

During the programme,
Indian Rheumatology Association president Dr Debashish Danda will apprise the partici-

pants of the disease. The disease may occur due to mental factors, or intake of drugs. "The amount of skin tighten

ing increases, if not treated. This leads to a stiff hands. Sub-sequently skin appears thick and tight and permanent shortening of joints (contractures) may take place," she said. "The tight skin limits hand movement and ulcers appear on the finger tips. Skin loses hair and oil, and appears coarse," she

depends upon the type and stage of prognosis. The earlier the disease is diagnosed, the sooner it is to prevent its spread," said Dr

I-DAY CELEBRATIONS

Badnore to unfurl national flag in city

Vet varsity to hold agri fair from Sept 20

HT correspondent

CHANDIGARH: Punjab governor and UT administrator VP Singh Bad-nore will unfurl the national flag on the 73rd Independence Day at the Parade Ground in Sector 17.
Deputy commissioner (DC)

Mandip Singh Brar on Thursday reviewed the arrangements for the smooth celebration of the Independence Day. The discussions centered around arrangements of secu-

rity, parade and tableaux awar-

checking drive will be organised across the city. Close vigil will be maintained at the strategic locations, such as markets, bus stands and hotels.

As per the programme, the flag hoisting ceremony will be fol-lowed by units of the army, police, home guards, NCC, NSS, and scout and guides taking part in the march-past. Besides, cultural items on patriotic and national themes with a colourful pag-eantry shall be presented by the students of various school.

The DC said it is a national celebration and an occasion of pride which calls for everyone's participation. He also gave directions for proper seating arrangements for freedom fighters, ex-soldiers and their families and senior citizens.

Badnore interacts with students under Know India Programme

HT Correspondent

CHANDIGARH: Punjab governor and UT administrator VP Singh Badnore on Thursday inter-acted with more than 40 Indian origin students who are on a visit to the country under 'Know India Programme (KIP)' at Punjab Raj Bhavan.

According to the students who are from nine nations, monuments, spirituality, serenity and hospi-tality have fascinated them more in this part of the wall of house emerges

men scaling compound

RECORDING EMERGED LUDHIANA: Four days after a retired ITI (industrial training institute) teacher, Jasvir Singh, was found hacked to death in his house in Kothe Sherjung of Jagraon, a closed-circuit televi-sion camera (CCTV) footage has emerged which shows two per

sons scaling the compound wall of the victim's house. The footage is believed to be have been recorded in the CCTV camera installed at a nearby house.

In the footage, two men, wearing jeans, are spotted roaming around the house on the intervening night of August 3 and 4 before they enter the compound of the house. As the angle of CCTVs was

low, the men's faces was not seen on camera. The video of CCTV footage that is being circulated on social also does not show when the accused leave the house.

The footage can prove to be crucial evidence for the police as they were initially suspecting the involvement of the victim's wife Daljit Kaur behind the murder Kaur had also suffered injuries in the incident and was admitted to a hospital. What POLICE HAD SUSPECTED THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE VICTIM'S WIFE IN THE MURDER

BEFORE THE CCTV

about her role was that she had left for her native place, Moga, soon after she was discharged from the hospital.

Inspector Nidhan Singh

Jagraon city station house offi cer, said police are investigating the matter from all aspects. He added that cops are looking at the footage that has emerged and will solve the case soon. The former ITI employee was

found dead at his house on August 4. The victim had been stabbed multiple times in the chest, neck and stomach with a

sharp-edged weapon.

The incident had come to

police to suspect the wife had

38-year-old woman hangs self in Dugri LUDHIANA: A married woman lifeless body hanging from the

ended her life by hanging herself at her house in Urban Estate, Dugri, said police on Thursday. The victim has been identified as Gurmeet Kaur, 38. Assistant sub-inspector (ASI)

Jasbir Kaur who is the investigat-ing official in the case stated that Kaur was married to Hariinder Singh. Harjinder told police that on Wednesday night when he came home, he found his wife's

ceilingfan. The ASI said the kin of deceased have accused Kaur's husband and in-laws of harassing record any statement yet. Police will take appropriate action after their statement is recorded," said the ASI. Kaur's parents have accused her in-laws of harassing her mentally and physically. The Dugri police have sent the

body for post-mortem.

LUDHIANA: Guru Angad Dev Veter inary and Animal Sciences University(GADVASU) will organise a regional agriculture fair (RAF) for the northern region from September 20-22.

The ministry of agriculture and farmers welfare, Government of India (GoI), through its allocated this year's RAF to The fair will attract farmers

firms, line and development departments and other stakeholders from northern states-Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, UP, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Rajasthan and Union Territories—Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Chandigarh.

agriculture and veterinary uni-versities and ICAR institutes of North India, will put up exhibiSeparate industrial exhibi-

tions related to agriculture, veterinary, animal sciences, dairying,

ing with production/marketing of animal feed, medicines, vaccines, animal germ plasm, animal farm machinery, milk and meat processing machinery, germ plasm seeds, animal housing and other equipments, publishers of

12.15 pm

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culture and livestock, banking,

Various inputs, such as mineral mixture and feed supplements along with elite animal

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MOHALI: 108/112

CHANDIGARH: Ambulance: 2782457, 102, 108 Red Cross Ambulance: 2744188

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POLICE CONTROL ROOM



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PANCHKULA: 01733-220161



CHANDIGARH

■ GMSH-16: 2752042

- Civil Hospital, Phase 6: 2271295 ■ Fortis Hospital, Sector 62: 4692222 Ivv Hospital: 9988823456
- Shalby Hospital: 5094125
- Cheema Medical Complex: 9888822347 Cosmo Hospital: 9056444465
- Indus Hospital: 4222004

■ Max Hospital: 5212000

- Grecian Super Specialty Hospital: 4696600 ■ Alchemist Hospital: 4500000
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POLICE DGP UT: 2740106. E-mail: police chd@nic.in. SSP (Law and Order): 276001. SSP

Sector 26: 2790594. Sector 31: 2638698, Sector 34: 2662697 Sector 36: 2632995, Sector 39: 2690906, Industrial Area 215, Mauli Jagran: 2734082, Maloya: 264 3213, Mauli Jagran: 2738388, Women Police Station: 2723444, 2700448, 7087239005, Traffic Helpline: 1073

SSP Email: ssp.moh.police@puniab.gov.in

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department of agriculture, cooperation and farmers welfare, has

universities, institutions, private

During the three-day fair state

poultry, fisheries, horticulture and other allied fields will be displayed.
Different organisations, deal-

financial and insurance firms. institutes providing technical education and skill development, will take part.
Technical sessions will also be held during the fair.

show, university literature, value added milk, meat and fish prod-ucts, will be available to

made the police more suspicious



(Traffic): 274007, Sector 3: 2740254, Sector 11: 2747066. Sector 17: 2773951. Sector 19: 2775173

PS Kharar (Sadar): 9417166815, PS Kharar (City):

office: 2555917, Panchkula DCP office: 2586101, DCP Email: dcppkl-hry@nic.in, PS Kalka: 9729990501 PS Pinjore: 9729990502,

PS Sector 20: 8146630016, PS Mansa Devi: 8146630021



Women Helpline: 1091 (Tricity)
■ Funeral van (Aggarwal Sabha): 2567709, 9216067709 (Tricity) ■ Child Helpline-1800-180-2056 (24 hours) (Tricity)

■ Passport Verification Helpline (Chd) 5025000

Senior Citizen Helpline: 1090 (Tricity)

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF CHANDIGARH **AIRPORT**

DEPARTURE TIMINO Air India (443/444)	GS (DOMESTIC Delhi	705 am
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Indigo (372) Mon-Sat	Srinagar	7.40 am
Vistara (633/634) Mon-Sun	Delhi	7.45 am
Indigo (545/455) Mon-Sun	Delhi	7.55am
Air India (621/813/817) Mon, Wed, Fri (Pune) Tu	Pune/ Nanded e, Thu (Nanded)	9.10 am
Air India (807/808) Mon-Sat	Kullu	9.40 am
Pawan Hans Mon-Sat	Shimla	10 am
Air India (457/458) Tues/ Sat	Leh	10.15 am
Air India (3415/3416) Wed- Sat	Leh	10.55 am
Indigo (6512/6514) Mon. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat	Bangalore	10.45 am

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Go Air (2506/2507)

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Air India (621/813/817)	Mumbai	8.35 am
Air India (807/808)	Kullu	9.15 am
Air India (457/458)	Leh	9.35 am
Air India (3415/3416)	Leh	10.35 am
Indigo (6512/6514/491)	Bangalore	10.15 am /1 pm
Indigo (376)	Srinagar	10.45 am

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12312	Kalka-Howrah Mail	1.20 am
22452	Chandigarh-Bandra Superfast	
	(Wed, Sun)	5.40 am
12006	Shatabdi Express	6.53 am

RAILWAY

12046 Shatabdi Express (Mon to Sat) 12.00 pm Unchahar express (Chandigarh to Prayag Ghat) 4.40pm 12242 Amritsar-Chandigarh Express 4.50 pm 14096 Himalavan Oueen/Ekta Express 5.33pm Chandigarh-Jaipur/Garib Rath (Mon, Wed, Sat) 12984 7.40pm Sadhbhavna Express (Chandigarh-Luckno 14887 Kalka-Barmer Express 10.25pm 15904 Chandigarh-Dibrugarh Express (Wed and Sun) 11.20pm **ARRIVAL TIMINGS** 12311 Howrah-Kalka Mail 2.55am 12687 Chennai-Chd Express (Wed-Sat) 3.50 am 14888 Barmer-Kalka Express 5.10am 12983 Ajmer-Jaipur-Chd Garib Rath (Tue, Fri, Sun) 14217 Unchahar Expres 9.35am 14095 Himalayan Queen/Ekta Express 10.25am Dibrugarh-Chandigarh Express (Mon and Fri)

12005 Shatabdi Express

RAILWAY ENQUIRY NO: 139

PUNJAB ROADWAYS

Amritsar-Chandigarh Intercity 10.20pm

12045 Shatabdi Express (Mon to Sat) 10.45 pm

From ISBT 43 Chandigarh to Amritsar: 5.54 pm, 6.30 pm

8.15pm

15011 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express 3.00pm

12217 Kerela S. Kranti (Mon and Sat) 5.25pm

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Haryana Roadways, Sector 43: 6577050
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During the course of investigation, it had also emerged that relations between the couple had turned sour, leading the

CHANDIGARH, MOHALI, PANCHKULA

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SCHEDULE

BUSES FROM ISBT-17

CHANDIGARH TO GURUGRAM 1 am, 2.40 am, 4.30 am, 6.40 am, 9 am, 11.50 am, 12.10 pm, 2 pm, 3pm, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6.30 pm, 8.30

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Chandigarh to Ludhiana: 4.48 pm

Chandigarh Transport Undertaking, Sector 43: 2624413.

Good show at Olympic test

event will boost confidence

ahead of qualifiers: Mandeep

City boxer Nandini punches her way to world championship squad

DEBUTANT She along with Manju Rani, Jamuna Boro, Neeraj and Manju Bomboriya are making their debut in the world meet to be held in Russia in October

CHANDIGARH: City boxer Nandini has made it to the Indian women squad in the 81kg weight category for the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championship to be held in Russia in October. In the selection trials held at

Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium here on Thursday, Nandini outlasted Lalfakmawi to seal her berth in the 10-member

squad. Nandini along with Manju Rani, Jamuna Boro, Neeraj and Manju Bomboriya is making her debut in the world meet.

Manipur's Sarita Devi, a world champion in 2006, con-firmed yet another trip to the prestigious tournament to be held in Russia in October when she dominated last year's World Championships bronze medal-

list Simranjit Kaur in 60kg. Simranjit had been in good form of late as validated by her gold from the Indonesia Presi-dent's Cup last month and a flawless win over Parveen at the

But in the final, she went down to the highly motivated Sarita Devi who won her eighth medal from the Asian Championships this year.

Fresh from claiming the gold at the Umakhanov Memorial International just last week, Haryana pugilist Neeraj contin-ued her winning streak by edg-ing Asian Championships bronze medallist Manisha Moun to secure the 57kg berth. The ever-improving Neeraj had even conquered the India Open

gold back in May.

Manisha's gritty upset win over the World Championships silver medallist Sonia Chahal a day earlier was not enough for her to withstand the barrage of punches from the young

In 75kg, Asian Champion-ships gold medallist Pooja Rani failed to assert her supremacy even after a series of strong per formances that saw her bagging the bronze from the Umakhanov Memorial International and subsequently dashing the hopes of India Open champion Bhagyabati Kachari in her opening bout at the trials.

The experienced boxer was

beaten by Saweety Boora, a gold medallist from the same tourna-ment a year before, who had started the trials with an effortless win over Pooja. In 48kg, Strandja Cup silver

medallist Manju Rani gave a display of her immense talent once again when she overpowered Indonesia President's Cup gold medallist Monika. While Manju Rani had outpunched Kalaivani to reach the final, Monika had pummelled Neetu into submis-

The 64kg also witnessed an upset when Assam's 2017 world youth champion Ankush-ita Boro was blanked by Madhya Pradesh girl Manju Bom boriya in a scintillating per formance.

This weight category turned out to be highly competitive with two exciting semi-finals. Ankushita needed to work hard to see off Lalita in an evenly matched bout while Manju thwarted a comeback from Strandja Cup bronze medallist Pwilao Basumatary.

Indonesia President's Cun gold medallist Jamuna Boro had to dig deep to stave off a stiff resistance from Shiksha and book her 54kg World Cham pionships ticket. Shiksha had earlier stunned the Cologne Boxing World Cup gold medallist Meena Kumari in a gruelling encounter to reach

SQUAD

- Manju Rani (48kg)
- Mary Kom (51kg) Jamuna Boro (54kg)
- Neeraj (57kg) Sarita Devi (60kg)
- Manju Bomboriya (64kg)
- Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) Saweety Boora (75kg)
- Nandini (81kg) ■ Kavita Chahal (+81kg)

Kavita Chahal emerged triumphant over Neha Yadav in

Earlier, Lalfakmawi had pre vailed over Jigyasa in 81kg and Neha had blitzed past Anaswara in +81kg. Six-time

Six-time world champion Mary Kom (51kg) and World Championships bronze medal-list Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) have already confirmed their places in the squad due to their consistent performances in the last few months.

City boxer Aryan, 14, is a student of The British School-44.



Nandini will compete in the 81kg weight category in the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championship to be held in Russia.

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THE 14-YEAR-OLD

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THE SEMI-FINALS

toughest outing and had to

dig deep for a narrow 3-2 vic-tory over Services' Nikhil

Kumar. Aryan eliminated

Philippines' Joshua Sorillo

in a tough quarter-final. City

stan's Damir Baipakov in the semi-finals to set up title

clash with Uzbek boxer

lad then edged past Kazakh-

BAIPAKOV OF

CITY'S JUNIOR PUGILIST ARYAN WINS SILVER

CHANDIGARH: City boxer

Aryan, 14, won silver medal

School Boys' Boxing Champi onships in Kuwait on Thurs-

Debutant Aryan, a student of The British School, Sector

44, lost to Uzbekistan's Hoii-

akbar Mahmudov in the 37kg weight class. Aryan was

adjudged best boxer during

the sub-junior national held at Rohtak in first week of

July this year. He had the

in the Asian Confederation

BENGALURU: A good show at the

Olympic test event will help boost the team's confidence ahead of the Tokyo 2020 qualifiers. India vice captain Mandeep Singh said on Thursday.

The Indian men's hockey

team is scheduled to play three matches at the Olympic test event in Tokyo, starting August 17 against world No 12 Malaysia. world No 8 New Zealand and world No 16 Japan, with the top two sides competing in the final.

"The test event will give us youngsters good exposure of how the conditions are in Tokyo, and playing there will also motivate us even further to secure a position at next year's quadrennial event," Mandeep The Indian team, currently

ranked world No. 5 in the FIH Rankings, will be the topranked team taking part in the competition.
"We are going to play Malay

sia, Japan and New Zealand and these teams have great quality in all departments. On the other hand, our team has a lot of younger players with two debu-tants as well, along with players who will be looking to prove a point as we progress towards next year's Olympic Games," Mandeep said.

With several senior players like P R Sreejesh, Manpreet Singh, Birendra Lakra, Akashdeep Singh and Ramandeep Singh being rested for the tournament, defender and dragflicker Harmanpreet Singh has been handed the captaincy of the team.

The 24-year-old Mandeen who is one the most experienced players in the team, will play

deputy to Harmanpreet.
"It is definitely a new challenge for me personally to be given more responsibility in the form of the vice-captaincy of the Indian team. I take pride in playing for the nation, and to be able



India vice-captain Mandeep Singh is hopeful of a good show at the Olympic test event in Tokyo.

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to bring more success to the country MANDEEP SINGH, on vice-captaincy

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for the nation, and to

be able to get more

responsibility, I feel it

it motivates me even further to bring more success to the country in the upcoming tournament." The forward, who has 142 International caps, will be linking up with SV Sunil again

experienced players in our squad, and he is someone who I have always looked up to. It is great that we have the opportu nity to link up on the field, and I am sure that we can enjoy much success in the upcoming tourna-

ANMOL SHINES IN

SATLUJ'S WIN

Carmel Convent fencers clinch gold

CHANDIGARH: Carmel Convent School, Sector 9, clinched overall title in the girls' under-14 age group in the UT inter-school fen-cing championship held at Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 10, on Thurs-day. GMSSS-10 finished second, while Chitkara International School, Sector 25, finished third.

In the individual foil event, Ekam Toor of Carmel Convent-9 came first, while Mahira also of came second. Priyanshi of Delhi Public School-40 and Pooja of GMSSS-10 came joint third. In the individual epee, Ekam

Toor of Carmel Convent-9 once again walked away with top honours. Khushboo of GMSSS-10 came second while Anushka of Chitkara International-25 finished third. In the sabre event, Mahira of Carmel Convent School, Sector 9, came first, while Himani of Carmel Convent-9 finished second. Priyan-shi of GMSSS-10 and Prabhjeevna of Chitkara International-25 came joint third.

RESULTS

St Anne's School, Sector 32, will take on SGGS Collegiate Public School, Sector 26, in the girls' under-14 badminton final at sports complex of Government Model High School, Sector 43, on

In the semi-finals, St Anne's School, Sector 32, defeated Car-

Girls' U-14: Team: Foil: 1. Carmel Convent-9, 2. GMSSS-10, 3.

Chitkara International-25; Epee: 1 Carmel Convent-9 2 GMSSS-10 3

Chitkara International-25; Sabre: 1 Carmel Convent-9, 2. GMSSS-10, 3.

Chitkara International-25; Individual: Foil: 1. Ekam Toor, Carmel Convent-9 2 Mahira

Carmel Convent-9, 3. Priyanshi, DPS-40 and Pooja, GMSSS-10;



The Carmel Convent School, Sector 9, team that won the girls' inter-school fencing tournament held at Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 10, on Wednesday. Ekam Toor (centre) clinched individual gold in foil and epee events on Thursday. Mahira (left) clinched individual gold in sabre event, while Himani won silver in sahre event.

IN U-14 FENCING CARMEL SCHOOL GIRL EKAM

TOOR WON TWIN GOLD MEDALS IN INDIVIDUAL FOIL AND EPEE EVENTS

mel Convent School, Sector 9, 2-0, while SGGSCPS-26 outplayed St Stephen's School, Sector 45, 2-0.

Epee: 1. Ekam Toor, Carmel Convent-9, 2. Khushboo, GMSSS-10, 3. Anushka, Chitkara

International-25: Sabre: 1. Mahira.

Carmel Convent-9, 2. Himani, Carmel Convent-9, 3. Priyanshi, GMSSS-10 and Prabhjeevna, Chitkara International-25; **Overall**

result: 1. Carmel Convent. 2.

GMSSS-10, 3. Chitkara Interna-tional School-25.



A fencing match in progress on Thursday.

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Aryamann shines in Vivek High Mohali's title triumph

MOHALI: Led by useful knock from Aryamann Singh (57 no), Vivek High School, Mohali, at Learning Path School Mohali, by 15 runs in the final match played during the School cricket meet on Thurs-

Batting first, Vivek High School scored 93 runs for the

loss of two wickets. Arvamann Singh scored unbeaten knock of 57 runs which included four massive

Abhaypartap and Ranveer-

from the other end by rotating strike at regular intervals.
In reply, Learning Path
School could only score 78 runs

at the loss of four wickets Udaybeer kept one end going and scored 26 runs, however, failed to find support from the

Women golf tour: Vani jumps into sole lead; Gaurika second

HYDERABAD: Vani Kapoor moved into sole lead despite a late double bogey in the second round of the 11th Leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Hyderabad Golf Club on Thursday. The 25-year-old NCR golfer, who is playing her first domestic event this season and has come back after two months while recovering from niggling injuries, had three birdies against two bogeys and a double bogey in her card of one-over

Vani is now four-over 146, but three shots clear of her nearest rival Gaurika Bishnoi, who shot the day's best and the week's first par round of 71.

Gaurika, one of the only two players to have four birdies in the second round, birdied first, sixth, ninth and 17th, while dropping shots on second seventh 12th and 14th. Amateur Shreya Pal was the other player with four birdies, but she dropped numerous shots including a triple bogey on the par-4 18th for 76.

Ananya Datar overcame a rough front nine of five-over 40 with a one-under 35 in the back nine for a 75 that brought her to 151 and put her in shared third place with overnight leader, ama-



Vani Kapoor at four-over 146 is three shots clear of her nearest rival

teur Sneha Singh (78).

Sneha, the 15-year-old Hyderabad golfer who was outstanding on the first day, had a tough day despite three birdies. She had eight bogeys and one double bogev for seven-over 78 that saw

her slip to Tied-third place.

Vani birdied the second, gave the gains back on the long Par-3 fourth and birdied the par-5 sixth as she turned in one-under. On the back nine shedropped a shot on 12th, but birdied the Par-3 16th, Just as it seemed she was set for a

big lead, she dropped a double bogey on Par-517th to fall back to one-overfortheday and finished at 72. Neha Tripathi (77), Gurjot Badwal (78), amateur Shreya Pal (76) and Khushi Khanijau (75) occupied the fifth to eighth pla ces. Siddhi Kapoor (78) was ninth, while three players, Suchitra Ramesh (78), Gauri Karhade (79) and Amandeep Drall (82) were Tied-tenth. Ridhima Dilawari and Gursimar Badwal were among the five players tied at 13th with a total of 160.

PANCHKULA: Riding high on Anmol Kaushik's all-round show, (51 runs and 2 for 5) halfcentury, Satluj Public School Sector 4, Panchkula, beat St Sol dier's School, Sector 16, by 53 runs in a match played during the U-14 inter-school cricker tournament being organised by Haryana District Education Office, on Thursday. With this win, Satluj team entered the semi-finals of the tournament.
On winning the toss, Satlu

Public School opted to bat and scored 92 runs for the loss of five wickets in 15 overs. Anmo Kaushik (51), Saksham Thakur (25) were the notable batsmen. In reply, St Soldier's School were bowled out for 39 runs in 14.3 overs. For Satluj, Vishal Moudgil(3for3)was starbowler.

TANDON MEETS

for men and women.

CHANDIGARH: In his first meeting with the BCCI officials UTCA president Sanjay Tandon, met BCCI CEO Rahul Johri and Cricket Operations GM Saba Karim in Mumbai on Thursday seeking Chandigarh's participa tion in senior age categories tournaments. Tandon asked BCCI officials to allow UTCA teams' participation in the sen ior category BCCI tournaments

CONQUERING MT KILIMANJARO



Seven girl students and two lady staff members of The Lawrence School, Sanawar, are taking part in an expedition to Mt Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, with the summit located at 5895 metres above sea level. The team left for Tanzania on Thursday, Team: Ishampreet Kaur (17 yrs, Ludhiana), Roshni (19 yrs, Delhi), Avanti Aggarwal (15 yrs, Solan), Mahika Goel (17 yrs Palampur), Anan Panchhar (17 yrs, Delhi), Megan Bhagirat (17 yrs, Kullu Manali) and Kashish Pathania (17 yrs, Pathankot). Group In-charge Priya Dhillon (48yrs).

shortstories VET VARSITY TO

HOLD AGRI FAIR FROM SEPT 20

LUDHIANA: Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) will

organise a regional agriculture fair (RAF) for the northern region from September 20-22. The

ministry of agriculture and farmers welfare. Government of

India (GoI), has allocated this year's RAF to GADVASU.

EPFO to stage 'street plays' to spread awareness of PF

scheme among workers

LUDHIANA: The office of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) here has

to spread awareness among labourers about the Employees'

WILL HIKING

PENALTY WORK?

Motor Vehicles (Amend-ment) Bill 2019 provides for

increased fines for traffic offences. Ludhiana has always remained in news due to the large number of traffic challans issued to

violators year after year. On an average, over 2.6 lakh challans are issued by Ludhiana traffic police every

year. The city has also been

infamous for not following traffic rules and giving in to rash driving. Will increasing fines act as a deterrent and

make driving easier? Send your answers to ludhiana @hindustan-times.com by August 10.

Provisions Act, 1952.

decided to organise 'street plays

debate of the week



21 STUDENTS WITHDRAW NAMES FROM MERITORIOUS SCHOOL »,p2

MC chief, mayor in legal soup over non-functional STPs

PPCB PETITION Of nine who were booked in the case, 7 get bail on Thursday

LUDHIANA: In legal soup for oper ating the Balloke Sewage Treat-ment Plant (STP) without taking consent under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and the non-functional STP in Jamalpur, Ludhiana mayor and other senior officials of the municipal corporation were granted bail by a local court on Thursday

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) had lodged a criminal complaint against Ludhiana mayor Balkar Sandhu, MC commissioner Kanwalpreet Kaur Brar three MC officials and two private contractors— all of whom were summoned by the court as respondents in the case. The officials remained in the court for an hour during the

hearing of the case on Thursday. MC additional commissioner Sanyam Aggarwal and Soni Bakshi, the owner of a private firm operating the STP, could not appear in the court. Aggarwal was reportedly in Chandigarh for a meeting. The case has been adjourned till next hearing on

The PPCB, in its petition, had stated that untreated waste is getting into the Buddha Nullah due to which the pollution levels are rising. PPCB executive engineer Paramjeet Singh said the



In its petition, the PPCB stated that the Balloke sewage treatment plant is being operated in violation of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. $\,^{\rm HT\,FIL}$

of the provisions of Section 24, 25 and 26 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

"After sending the MC notices several times and not seeing any improvement, we decided to take legal action against the MC," said Paramjeet Singh. The board had also stated that

the civic body was releasing wastewater into the Buddha Nullah without treating it properly, and despite several warnings, they did not act to improve the situation. "We have filed a against the Ludhiana

municipal corporation for discharging untreated waste in the water bodies," said Shamsher Singh, counsel appearing for

The summons were issued to the respondents on July 19, asking them to remain present in the court on Thursday

NINE IN DOCK 7 OUT ON BAIL

The case has been filed against Ludhiana municipal corporation, mayor Balkar Singh San-

preet Brar, additional commissioner Sanyam Aggarwal, superintendent engineer opera tion and maintenance (O&M) cell Rajinder Singh and XEN O&M, SDO Parsotam Lal, Ranbin Singh and also the private entity operating the treatment plant members Soni Bhakshi and Gurjeet Singh. The Water Act 1974 aims to prevent and control water pollution and the maintenance or restoration of water bodies. The Act is applied to assess pollution levels and pun-

Talwar questions working of PPCB

LUDHIANA: Congress MLA (east) Sanjay Talwar also targeted the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) for its failure in keeping a check on untreated industrial discharge into the municipal corporation's sewer lines

In a letter sent to the PPCB on Thursday, Talwar questioned the working of the board, stating, "If the dyeing units claim that they are releasing treated water into the sewer lines, they can discharge the water directly into the nullah, they don't need to send it through the municipal cornoration's sewer lines If the industrial units are dumping untreated waste, then what action is being taken against

Dumping of excess industrial waste into the MC sewer lines is also resulting in overflowing sewer lines in different parts of the city, the MLA added.

He also demanded informa-tion regarding the dyeing and washing units running in the city, the discharge from these units into MC sewer lines and how many dyeing unit owners have installed mandatory effluent treatment plants (ETP) in their units. The information has been sought in 24 hours.

PPCB at fault, didn't check discharge from industries: Mayor

LUDHIANA: Reacting to the petition filed by the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) against mayor Balkar Sandhu, municipal corporation (MC) commissioner Kan walpreet Kaur Brar, additional commissioner Sanyam Aggarwal and a few other MC officials over non-functional sewerage treat-ment plants (STPs) that are resulting in Buddha Nullah pollution, the mayor said the fault lies with the pollution board.

The mayor said the PPCB is blaming the MC for its own failure as it is the pollution board that is responsible for keeping a check on untreated waste being discharged into the sewer lines by industrial units. The mayor alleged that the PPCB is favouring the units as it had earlier objected to the samples of industrial waste being collected by the MC.
He added that the STPs are also

not working properly due to the dumping of industrial waste by dyeing and washing units even as the STPs are suitable for only treating domestic waste.
The mayor said that in all, 765

MLD (million litres a day) waste gets into the nullah through the STPs out of which, 477MLD comes from the MC while 288 MLD is from the STPs treating industrial waste.

As per information, the three STPs—situated in Jamalpur, Bhattian and Balloke area—have the capacity to treat 466 MLD ALSO ALLEGES PPCB IS **FAVOURING INDUSTRIAL**

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that the industrial waste not only damages the STPs but also affects the lives of residents. "Rather than taking action against the erring units, PPCB has slapped a fine of ₹50 lakhs on the MC," he PPCB executive engineer

Mayor Sandhu further alleged

Paramjeet Singh said the mayor or the MC has not communicated anything regarding the same to

MC TO SNAP SEWER CONNECTIONS OF DYEING UNITS

The mayor further said that three common effluent treatment plants (CETP) in the city were to be set up in the city, but the project has missed several deadlines. The mayor said the MO would snap the sewer connections of dyeing and washing units if the CETPs are not set up within thefresh deadline. As per the new deadline, a 40MLD CETPs at Focal Point, 50MLD at Rahon Road and 215 MLD at Bahadurko Road is to come up by March 31 2020. The mayor said that the dye ing and washing units have been dumping waste in the MC sewer lines even beforeSTPs were stablished in 2008

AGRAON MURDER CASE

CCTV footage of 2 men scaling compound wall of victim's house emerges

LUDHIANA: Four days after a retired ITI (industrial training institute) teacher, Jasvir Singh, was found hacked to death in his house in Kothe Sherjung of Jagraon, a closed-circuit television camera (CCTV) footage has emerged which shows two persons scaling the compound wall

of the victim's house.

The footage is believed to be have been recorded in the CCTV camera installed at a nearby

In the footage, two men, wearing jeans, are spotted roaming around the house on the intervening night of August 3 and 4 before they enter the compound

of the house.

As the angle of CCTVs was

BEFORE THE CCTV

RECORDING EMERGED POLICE HAD SUSPECTED THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE VICTIM'S WIFE IN THE MURDER

low, the men's faces was not seen on camera. The video of CCTV footage that is being circulated on social also does not show when the accused leave the

The footage can prove to be crucial evidence for the police as they were initially suspecting the involvement of the victim's wife Daljit Kaur behind the murder. Kaurhad also suffered injuries in the incident and was admitted to a hospital. What made the police more suspicious about her role as she had left for her native place, Moga, soon after she was discharged from the hospital. Inspector Nidhan Singh.

Jagraon city station house officer, said police are investigating the matter from all aspects. He added that cops are looking at the footage that has emerged and will solve the case soon.

The former ITI employee was found dead at his house on August 4.

The incident had come to light when his neighbours entered the house after hearing his eightyear-old son crying.

During the course of investi-

gation, it had also emerged that relations between the couple had turned sour, leading the police to suspect the wife had killed him.

THE BUG LIFE



An orange blister beetle spotted at a park in Sarabha Nagar in Ludhiana on Thursday

I-T confiscates 57 files from MC office

LUDHIANA: Income tax depart ment officials on Thursday took custody of 57 files from the

municipal corporation office As per information, most files are related to developmen works undertaken by the con tractors in the past. Most of these files pertain to road con struction project started in 2012

The move has triggered panio among the MC contractors. A contractor, requesting anonym ity, said that whenever payment is made to the contractors, the MC deducts the TDS and other taxes, "But since the IT depart ment has confiscated the files, it has triggered panic among the contractors.

MC commissioner Kanwal-preet Kaur Brar said that the I-T department officials had approached them and demanded files regarding the development works taken up by contractor in 2012. The files have been given to the I-T department.

38-year-old woman hangs self in Dugri

LUDHIANA: A married woman ended her life by hanging herself at her house in Urban Estate, Dugri, said police on Thursday. The victim has been identified as Gurmeet Kaur, 38.

Assistant sub-inspector (ASI) Jasbir Kaur who is the investigating official in the case stated that Kaur was married to Harjin-der Singh. Harjinder told police that on Wednesday night when he came home, he found his wife's lifeless body hanging from the ceiling fan. The ASI said the kin of deceased have accused Kaur's husband and in-laws of harassing her, "However, they have not record any statement yet. Police will take appropriate action after their statement is

recorded," said the ASI.

Kaur's parents have accused her in-laws of harassing her

mentally and physically. The Dugri police have sent the body to civil hospital for postmortem. The woman is survived by a son and daughter.

Attack on mining team: DC directs SDM to investigate role of police

LUDHIANA: A day after a team of the mining department was attacked by the mining mafia deputy commissioner (DC) Prad-eep Agrawal ordered a probe to find out the involvement of cops behind illegal mining taking place in Nurpur Bet and sur-

rounding area.
Confirming the development,
the DC said, "A case has been
registered and a sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) will probe the involvement of the local police.'

Earlier during the day, super-intending engineer (SE) SS Bhul-lar from Chandigarh met the DC and police commissioner Sukhchain Singh Gill and sought pro-tection for the mining department team. Questions were also raised on the working of the police department as the mining department's team was attacked a few metres away from the spot where the mining team and cops had seized the tractor trailers involved in ferrying sand illegally extracted from a quarry.

It is not the first time that the menace of illegal sand mining has come to light. Even last year, chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh had noticed illegal sand mining at the Bairsal quarry in Nawanshahar and ordered probe, but nothing happened. MAHESHINDER SINGH GREWAL , SAD's vice-president and spokesperson

SECOND SUCH INCIDENT It is the second such incident in the past one month where the sand mafia has attacked someone on government duty.

Earlier on June 18, Ladhowal hypass project manager Satyawan Chaudhary was allegedly attacked by the sand mining mafia Following the attack the assailants had also circulated a video of the thrashing. Police had booked four persons for attempt to murder in the case and managed to arrest two persons. Police commissioner Sukh-

chain Singh Gill summoned Chaudhary on Thursday to find

out if the group that attacked him

was same that had carried out

the attack on the mining depart-

VILLAGE INSTALLS SIGNBOARD

Angered over the sand mining mafia using village roads, the panchavat of Bains village. located 15km away from the city, installed signboards banning the entry of trucks and tippers car

The village panchayat had put up the signboard, stating that ₹5,000 fine will be imposed on the truck, tractor trailers and tippers ferrying sand and other construction material using the village road. The signboard had been installed at the entry point of the road leading towards the village. Village sarpanch Dar-

pelled to install the signboard as illegal sand mining mafia began frequenting the village.

SAD CRIES FOUL. BLAMES RULING REGIME

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has accused the police and ruling regime of being hand-in-glove with the sand mafia, land mafia and drug mafia. SAD's vice-president and spokesperson Maheshinder Singh Grewal said it was not the first time that the menace of illegal sand mining has come to light "Even last year chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh had noticed illegal sand mining at the Bairsal quarry in Nawan-shahar and ordered probe, but nothing happened," he said, adding, "Government employees who are performing their duty are being attacked."

Grewal further said, "The Congress has betrayed the peo-ple of Punjab. The government has emptied the state coffers Now they are encouraging such mafias to thrive."

raided, booked

LUDHIANA: Getting a tip-off that 11 cycle firms in the city were under valuing bills, the anti-evasion wing of the Central Goods and Services Tax (GST) Commissionerate here raided 16 properties, including five residences, of firm owners. According to information, cases were registered against the firms while searches resulted in the detection of tax lia-

bilities worth more than ₹1 crore.

The raided firms included Sunny Cycles India, Sunny Industries, Cute Products India Lotus Cycles Private Limited, Brij Cycles, Jagdambay Cycles Private Limited RD Bikes Deol Export International, Deol Cycles, RD Impex and Raman Ghai Industries. The raids started on Wednesday and continued till wee hours on Thursday.Principal commissioner Ashutosh Baranwal said the raiding team, led by deputy commissioner (preventive) Daljit Kaur, comprised 50 officers.

The officials said some firm owners were unaware of the procedures and laws as their sector is an unorganised one.

Undervaluation of Start token system bills: 11 cycle firms at civil hospital OP1 at civil hospital OPD: Health minister

HT Correspondent

LUDHIANA: Health minister Balbin Singh Sidhu conducted a surprise inspection at the Lord Mahavir civil hospital here on Thursday. The minister inspected three

rooms of the children ward at the Mother Child Hospital and was shocked to find the high humidity level in the rooms. He immediately asked the hospital authorities to install air conditioners (ACs) in the rooms.

He also expressed displeasure at the dirty bed sheets in the ward and directed the officials to maintain cleanliness and provide clean sheets in all the wards. Sidhu ordered the authorities

to start a token system in the outpatient department (OPD) for the convenience of the patients. However, when officials informed the minister they were already issu-ing slips to patients, he said it was important to bring transparency He said token numbers must be displayed on the screen in stalled in the waiting area and patients their token numbers were displayed on the screen.

The doctors also shared their problems with the minister and requested him to depute more specialist doctors and emergency medical officers in the hospital The minister assured the doctor that five emergency medical offi cers would be sent to Ludhiana

Officials also informed the minister that due to pending dues, the supplier, under the National Health Mission has stopped sending X-ray films. The minister said funds worth ₹134 crore have been released by the Punjab Health System Corpora-tion and asked the supplier to start supplying the films. He also inspected the civil hospital of Rai-kot on Thursday.

Dr Rohit Rampal president of the PCMS Association, said the minister had sought a list of the doctors, who wanted to be trans ferred to Ludhiana and work at the civil hospital.

21 students withdraw names from meritorious school

MISSING HOME As per sources, the Class 11 students are not willing to stay at the institution as they are feeling homesick; as many as 43 seats lying vacant

LUDHIANA: As many as 21 students of Class 11, who took admissions in Senior Secondary Residential School for Meritorious Students last month, have withdrawn their names from the school. As per sources, students'

unwillingness to stay at the hos-tel, has been stated as the main reason for the withdrawal of names. They hail from three dis-tricts—Moga, Barnala and San-

Now, total 43 seats are lying vacant, of which 18 seats were lying vacant after the counselling held last month.
The school has total 500 seats

300 seats in non-medical stream and 100 each in commerce and medical stream.

Teachers conducted counselling sessions to convince stu-dents to stay in the school.

A teacher, requesting anonymity, said, "We have counselled the students and informed them regarding the facilities available in the school, still many students decided to leave and withdrew their names. Many of them missed their parents and were not able to adjust in the hostel. We have also talked to their parents

Assistant project director of



to stay back.

Inderpal Singh Malhotra, said, "Many students are not able to adjust in the hostel as they have never stayed away from their parents. Parents need to counsel their children as in the meri torious school they get a proper atmosphere to study and revise lessons. Teachers in these schools take regular revision tests to prepare the students for the board exams."

The third entrance examina tion was held to fill the vacant seats in 10 meritorious schools across the state on July 7.

The results of this test were declared by the society of promotion of quality education for poor and meritorious students on July 23.

When asked regarding the date of counselling for the students, who cleared the third entrance test, Malhotra said, "Due to migration process going on at the 10 meritorious schools of Punjab for the past few days, we were not able to decide the date of counselling, but now the migration process is complete and the date of the counselling will be decided on Friday," he

TEACHERS TO BOYCOTT TEST

Meritorious teachers from across the state have decided to boycott the one-and-a-half

SEATS IN ALL-300 SEATS IN NON-MEDICAL AND 100 EACH IN COMMERCE AND MEDICAL STREAMS

hours test, which will be conducted today at Senior Secondary Residential School for Meritorious Students, here.

The society of promotion of quality education for poor and meritorious students has decided to hold the test for science teachers and for the com-merce and language teachers next week.

As per sources, 90 science teachers are directed to appear in the test, which will be held between 11am and 12.30pm.

The society also made the teachers appear in a similar test in January this year.

The teachers said they have been teaching in the meritori-ous schools for the past five years and after clearing the written test, they were selected to teach in these schools.

The society has decided to conduct test for teachers and was forcing them to appear in

"Why the teachers have to prove their ability to teach again and again. This is not justified," said one of the teachers

BREASTFEEDING WEEK CELEBRATED AT DMCH

LUDHIANA: To highlight the importance of breastfeeding in new-borns and young infants for their growth and development and to prevent infections, the department of paediatrics, Dayanand Medical College and Hospital (DMCH), in association with the Ludhiana Academy of Paediat-rics observed World Breastfeeding Week from August 1 to 7.

This year, the theme was "Breast Milk: The elixir of life." On the concluding day, a decla-

mation contest was organised Resident doctors from the depart ment of paediatrics and obstetrics and gynae took part in the The first prize was bagged by

Dr Anu Tiwana from the paediatrics department. The second prize was bagged by Dr Manpreet from the obstetrics and gynae department, and the third prize was won by Dr Gauray from the gynaecology department.

World Breastfeeding Week is

celebrated every year to encourage breastfeeding and improve the health of babies around the world. Breast milk provides the



U-25 district games conclude

HT Correspondent

LUDHIANA: The three-day U-25 district games concluded here on Thursday with matches being played at Guru Nanak Dev Stadium, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) and Multipurpose Hall. A total of 1,209 athletes demonstrated their mettle in the tournament.

RESULTS In hockey men final, Mata Sahih Kaur Hockey Academy, Jark-har, defeated Malwa Hockey Academy while in women cate-gory, Khalsa College for Women, Civil lines, emerged victorious.
In Kabaddi finals (women cat-

egory), Girls College, Sidhwan Khurd, defeated Government College. In kho-kho, Girls Coaching Centre, Jawahar Nagar, emerged victorious.
In volleyball (girls), Khalsa

College Women, Civil Lines,

ondary Smart School, PAU, emerged victorious while in girl's category, Amrit Indo-Canadian Academy was victori ous. In judo girl's 48kg category Amandeep stood first followed by Kirandeep at the second posi tion and Sameshta at the third position. In swimming 50m butterfly (boys), Jasprit Singh stood first. In boxing 46-49kg category (boys), Pratham Verma stood first and Deepak stood

(boys), Government Senior Sec

Two-day junior baseball tourney begins

HT Correspondent

LUDHIANA: The 12th District Junior Baseball Championship began at Government Girls Senior School, Gill, here on Thursday.

A total of 17 teams of boys

in the two-day tournament.

RESULTS

In the girls sections, team of BCM 32 Sector, Chandigarh Road, defeated Shahi Sports Club by 1-0 score line.

In another match Ryan Inter

national School beat Joseph Public School by 15-5 score line.

In the third match, Government Girls Senior Secondary School beat RS Model School by 10-4 margin

 $In another match {\it Gill} \ baseball$ club beat Government High school Sherpur by 7-6 score

Focal Point beat Dashmesh School Gill Road by 8-6 margin. In another match BCM 32 sector beat Guru Nanak Public School, Model town extension by 13-5 score line. In other match DAV BRS Nagar beat Government Senior secondary by 1-0.

Vet varsity to hold agriculture fair from Sept 20

HT Correspondent

LUDHIANA: Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) will organise a regional agriculture fair (RAF) for the northern region from September 20-22. The ministry of agriculture

and farmers welfare, Govern-ment of India (GoI), through its department of agriculture, cooperation and farmers welfare, has allocated this year's RAF to GAD-VASU. The fair will attract farmers

universities, institutions, private firms, line and development departments and other stake-holders from northern states— Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, UP, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Rajasthan and Union Territories—Jammu and Kashmir,

Ladakh and Chandigarh.
During the three-day fair, state agriculture and veterinary universities and ICAR institutes of North India, will put up exhibition and share their technologies.

Separate industrial exhibitions related to agriculture, veterinary, animal sciences, dairying, poultry, fisheries, horticul-ture and other allied fields will be Different organisations deal-

ing with production/marketing of animal feed, medicines, vaccines, animal germ plasm, animal farm machinery, milk and meat processing machinery, germ nlasm seeds animal housing and other equipments, publishers of

farm magazines related to agriculture and livestock, banking, financial and insurance firms institutes providing technical education and skill development, will take part. Technical sessions will also be held during the fair.

HK Verma, director, extension education said this is for the first time that GADVASU has been entrusted to organise the RAF of the northern region of the country on its Ludhiana campus.

Various inputs, such as min-eral mixture and feed supplements along with elite animal show, university literature, value added milk, meat and fish products, will be available to

The experts of the university will provide on the spot knowhow through question answer session, discussion as well as practical demonstrations regarding upkeep, vaccination and other timely management of animals. He said the exhibition, depicting latest interventions in the field of agriculture and animal husbandry, will also be helpful for the unemployed youth and marginal farmers of the state who are especially interested in setting up their own business in livestock sector. Financial institutes, such as banks, insurance agen-

cies and experts of the university will provide them knowledge. Vice-chancellor AS Nanda appreciated the efforts of the directorate of extension educa-tion, GADVASU for getting RAF from the ministry of agriculture and farmers' welfare, New Delhi.

DATES OF THE RECOVERY OFFICE DATES RECOVERY TRIBUNALS, DRIVE, DAY PLODE, LITTLE TANA COLUMNS, PERCHANDO COMO, AND BELLE TORROY DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF

Workshop on clinical skill assessment tools at College of Nursing

HT Correspondent

LUDHIANA: A workshop on 'Clinical Skill Assessment Tools and Techniques' was organised by first-year students of MSc (nurs ing) at College of Nursing under the guidance of the faculty on

Thursday.
The programme started with an invocation song and a prayer by Rev Alex Peter.
Dr Reena Jairus, principal,

College of Nursing, was chief guest. She encouraged organis-ers and motivated the partici-

William Bhatti, director, CMC and Hospital, was guest of honour. He emphasised on inculcating clinical skills among stu-dents for the assessment of

The theme was unfolded by Sapna D Malviya (subject coordi The scientific session was

conducted by resource persons Malini Singh Bhatti and Premlata Prakash.

An exhibition on audio visual aids was organised by 2nd-year students of BSc (nursing) under the leadership of Neeta Austin Singha, subject co-ordinator, and Richa Justin Hans

Various exhibits were put on projected and non- projected audio/video aids

AN EXHIBITION ON

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS WAS ORGANISED BY STUDENTS OF BSC

educationnotes **MANJU SAHNI JOINS**

GCG AS PRINCIPAL

LUDHIANA: Maniu Sahni joined as principal at Government College for Girls (GCG), here on Thursday. Earlier, Sahni was working as a principal at Government College, Sidhsar. Sahni received a warm welcome by senior staff members and faculty members

Teej celebrations at GGI

LUDHIANA: Teej was celebrated with fervour and gaiety at the Gulzar Group of Institutes (GGI) on Thursday. Girls recited 'bolian' and performed 'giddha' to welcome savan, the rain month. Various competitions were organised. In mehandi-application contest, Ikra and Tanya Saini bagged first and second positions, respec tively. Deepak Kumar stood first and Simranjeet Singh second second in tattoo-making contest. Harsimranpreet Kaur and Simrandeep Kaur bagged first and second positions, respectively in card-making contest. Nisha and Harpreet Kaur won first and second positions, respectively in rangoli-making contest. Danish Bashir stood first and Karan Verma stood second in photography contest. Aman Kaur, Kajal Mehra and Karam won nail art and make-over

Session on cyber safety at CT varsity

LUDHIANA: A session on cyber safety, security and ethical hacking was organised at CT University on Thursday. Ravi Kumar, ASP, state cyber cell, Punjab cadre, discussed various issues that included using of free open source tools and tech-niques to make daily life richer and easier. The session included serious talks about real life scenarios, such as Facebook, Whatsapp, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Google advance operators. Kumar discussed real life threats, including spy cameras and apps, APKs, phishing and unsecured pages.

PU results: GNGC students bring laurels

LUDHIANA: The declaration of PGDCAF second semester examina tion result by Paniab University (PU). Chandigarh, was a matter of pride for Guru Nanak Girls College (GNGC), Model Town. Harsimran Kaur clinched he second position in the university by securing 85.3%. Ridhima Bhandari bagged the third position in the university by securing 84% and Harmanjot Kaur clinched the fourth position in the university by securing 83.6%. Samarpreet Kaur Dhatt. Arshdeep Kaur, Arshdeep Kaur and Simranpreet Kaur bagged sixth seventh, eighth and tenth posit in the university by securing 80.6%, 80%, 79.3% and 78% marks, respec-

PH MSc result: Nisha Rani bags fifth spot in varsity

LUDHIANA: Nisha Rani, a student o the department of mathematics of GHG Khalsa College, Gurusar Sadhar, brought laurels to the college by securing the fifth position in Panjab

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Students with their creations during a contest at Guru Nanak Public School, Model Town Extension, in Ludhiana on Thursday.

University (PU) in MSc mathematics second semester results. Principal Jaswant Singh said Nisha and Deepika scored cent percent marks in complex analysis and number theory. He said another student Kiranieet Kaur of MSc final year scored 100% in subject of non-linear programming and topped in college with 80%.

BCM students make 'thank vou' cards for soldiers

LUDHIANA: Students of BCM Senior Secondary School on Thursday prepared thank you cards and penned down their feelings of gratitude for soldiers during an activity organised to mark the upcoming Independence Day. The activity was organised as a part of the initiative taken by department of income tax, to offer encouragement to the soldiers manning the country's borders. As many as 1,000 cards and 5,000 letters were prepared and sent to the Income Tax Office.

Public survey conducted

LUDHIANA: GMT Public School Jalandhar Bypass, conducted a public survey on the theme 'My nation my responsibility, wherein students of Class 12 visited public places such as railway station, bus stand, new judiciary, and interacted with people They asked various questions related to the nation and distributed flags among people. The survey was conducted to sensitise students about serving the nation with dedication and determination

BVM school students remember Mahatma Gandhi

LUDHIANA: Bhartiya Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School on Thursday organised an independence move-ment to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and remember his contributions in the Indian freedom struggle, Students relived Satyagarah Aandolan and Quit India Movement during the movement. Students of the higher wing performed a skit depicting the non-violence movement and delivered various thought provoking speeches on the occasion.

at Drishti Jain school

LUDHIANA: A one-day workshop on nternet usage was conducted at Drighti Dr RC Jain Innovative Public School by Ritu Chandna, the finalist of Haut Monde Mrs India Worldwide, on Thursday. She spoke about the

Ludhiana on Thursday. judicious usage of internet and social media. She also suggested some tips to curtail the screen time. Amreen ir of Class 7 and Manseerat Kaur of Class 8 were given prizes

Darshan Academy holds workshop on environment

LUDHIANA: Darshan Academy hosted a regional workshop on environmen tal studies, wherein around 13 articinants from three academies took part. As many as four teachers from Jalandhar, three from Dasua and six teachers from Ludhiana, participated in the event and shared their experiences through different activity based. In the second session Sonia Dutta, a teacher from KVM school, gave a presentation. In the third session, the material prepared by students was observed by

Hindi rhyme contest at **DCM Presidency School**

I I I DHIANA · A Hindi rhyme comnetition was organised at DCM Presi-dency School, Elementary Campus, on Thursday. The objective was to give children an opportunity to whihit their talent and confidence Children recited rhymes based on different themes.

Rakhi-making activity at Rvan Int'l School, Dugri

LUDHIANA: Students of Classes 1 to 10 of Ryan International School Dugri, participated in a rakhi-making activity on Thursday. They were educated about the significance of the occasion. They were told that the holy thread symbolises protection The students made beautiful rakhis our nation as a gesture of gratitude

Students during a rhyme recitation competition at DCM Presidency School, Elementary Campus, in

MGM Public School holds rakhi-making competition

LUDHIANA: MGM Public School. Dugri, held a rakhi-making competi-tion for students of Classes 3 to 12 on Thursday, Students also participated in a photo frame-making contest. Principal Poonam Sharma highlighted the importance of festival.

Adarsh Public School observes deworming day

LUDHIANA: Adarsh Public School observed the National Deworming Day on Thursday. The workers of the family welfare department visited the school and distributed deworming tablets and ORS packets to the

Students stage play at Kundan Vidya Mandir

LUDHIANA: Kundan Vidya Mandir nukkad naatak on the theme, 'Who is responsible for country's development? A play competition on moral value was held for the Primary Section at KVM, City Campus. Students discussed an individual's role in bringing about a change in the society. Tagore House bagged the first position in the play competition

whereas in the nukkad naatak, Raman House was adjudged the best. The title of the best actor was ven to Moulik of Class 5 while manna Jain of Class 4 was declared

Bal Bharati Public School stages play on social media LUDHIANA: Students of Bal Bharati

Public School enacted a Hindi play titled, 'Social media mein giraftaai zindagi' in the school premises on Thursday. The play portrayed the damaging effects of excessive socia media engagement on young people and the society at large. Students featured how over involvement on social media can lead to hazardous effects on today's younger generation and how attention has been shifted from real to virtual world

GNPS students display rakhi-making skills

LUDHIANA: A rakhi-, making competition for students of Classes 3 to 5 was organised at Guru Nanak Public School, Model Town Extension, on unique ideas and made a variety of colourful and creative rakhis. From Class 3, Jagandeep stood first, Balpreet Singh second, Gurnoor Singh third and Divanshi fourth. From Class 4, Jasmeet Singh stood first, Mehakpreet Kaur second, Paramiot Kaur third and Sehajpreet Kau fourth. From Class 5, Harkirat Kaur Deepinder Singh, Gurliv Kaur and Japneet Singh were the winners.

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EPFO to stage 'street plays' to make workers aware of PF scheme

CAMPAIGN During the drive, organisation will be targeting labourers working in large and medium-scale industrial units

Harvinder Kaur

IUDHIANA: The office of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) here has decided to organise 'nukkad nataks' (street plays) to spread awareness among labourers about the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Pro-visions Act, 1952.

The office is planning to organise as many as 20 plays in August. It will probably hold its first play on Wednesday next

the organisation will be target ing the labourers working with large-scale and medium industrial units.

"A majority of workers resist being covered under the employees' provident fund (EPF) scheme due to low wages. We want to explain the necessity of savings in the form of provident fund, which will help them meet future emergency needs," an official said.

The EPFO has also asked a few industrialists to provide lists of their workers who have used their provident fund (PF) contribution for construction or purchase of house, meeting illness-related expenses marriage or education of their children.

"We will make selected labourers ambassadors of the PF scheme and ask them to share their stories as to how the deposited fund helped them at the time of need and why it is important to start saving now and not to wait for the time when you will start earning more," said regional provident fund office commissioner (RPFC) Dheeraj Gupta.

"During the drive, we will

WHAT STREET PLAYS WILL HIGHLIGHT

The street plays to be staged by the EPFO will emphasise on

Any employee, who becomes a member of the EPF scheme, contributes 12% of his monthly salary + dearness allowance towards EPF. The employer also contributes 12%, which is split into 8.67% (towards employees' pension scheme) and 3.3%, which goes towards EPF. The member gets an annual interest of 8.55% interest.

An employee, who is a member

of the EPF scheme, automati-cally becomes entitled to the government's pension scheme under which the member is entitled to pension on superan nuation ie, 58 years, or in case of death. The benefits are extendable to his or her spouse and two children up to the age of 25

He or she also becomes a member of the Deposit Linked Insurance (DLI) scheme. In this scheme, a member is covered for personal insurance, under which the minimum payout is ₹2.5 lakh and goes up to a maximum of ₹6 lakh.

benefits of the scheme and enrolment rules

Any establishment, employ ing 20 or more people, and any employee, earning less than ₹15,000 per month, are to be compulsorily enrolled as members under the Act. An online facility, Shram Survidha Portal, has been created to ease the process of registra-

tion wherein a system-gener-ated code number is issued to the establishment. An electronic token system is aimed at streamlining the receipt and settlement of claims on the .first come first

served basis.

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urge labourers to approach the EPFO office in case their employer is not giving them the PF cover." he added.

The EPFO team will also be distributing pamphlets (in Hindi) among labourers for providing basic information of provident fund and its benefits.

For staging street plays, the organisation has collaborated with the city-based theatre for organising the plays in migrant labourers' colonies of the city as well as industrial zones.

The areas where most migrant labourers reside include Giaspura, Tajpur Road, Deep Colony, Raju Colony, Dhandari Khurd and Jamalpur

According to the information gathered by the EPFO through a survey conducted by a thir party, there are around 10 lakh labourers currently working in

RLY STATION AUTHORITIES TO RAZE OLD LPO SHED SOON

HT Correspondent

LUDHIANA: The railway station authorities here have decided to demolish the old lost property office (LPO) shed at the station here soon as a new shed is being constructed at the station premises. The space, that will turn vacant after dismantling the structure, will be used to constructaretiringroomforpassengers, said railway authorities.

The old lost property office shed had as many as 400 items including bags, utensils, packed food accessories, two-wheelers and gas cylinders of passengers. These items had been in the shed since 2012 as no passengers came to claim them, informed railway authorities.

To dismantle the old structure the Railway Parcel Office conducted multiple auctions where a maximum number of these items were sold out.

The remaining itms included some two-wheelers and gas cylinders and these items would sent to Delhi office, said Vijay Kumar Saini, chief parcel superviser. "The dismantling of the shed was delayed due to the goods kept in the shed as we had no other place still under construction," said Saini. However, nodate has sofar been fixed to dismantle the struc-ture. Saini stated, "We are wait-

ing for the permission from the higher authorities and as soon as we get it, we will dismantle the No date has yet been fixed to demolish the structure. We are waiting for permission from higher

authorities and as soon

as we get it, we will raze

the structure. VIJAY KUMAR SAINI,

Floods leave Maharashtra farmers visiting PAU for training worried

LUDHIANA: While Maharashtra in general and Nashik and Sangli areas in particular are battling with worst floods of recent times, nearly 20 farmers from the floodhit state, visiting Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) for training, are worried about the situation back home.
The farmers, who are here on a

five-day training at the Centre for Advanced Faculty Training (CAFT) under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) scheme, are reg-ularly calling back home to know the condition of their kin and crops. The drowning of 11 people after a rescue boat capsized in the Sangli area due to incessant rain in the region was a topic of hot dis-cussion among them.

"Nine bodies have been recovered by relief authorities, while a search for the rest is underway," said Gyanesh, a resident of Jalgaon district located near Nashik. He said all the hue and cry about climate change was just a farce. "Look, earlier we were suffering from drought and we were told to plant trees to bring



Farmers from Maharashtra during a training session at PAU in Ludhiana.

have ravaged everything," said Gyanesh. He said that the gov-ernment should take some measures to effectively deal with natu-Devi Das Tuka Ram also

vailing situation. "No one had ever thought that the situation will turn so ugly," said Tuka

Many farmers expressed the fearthat if rain continued for few more days, it would cause havoc in other parts of the state. While Mahesh Sambaji, sarpanch of Upkhed village, said his village was located nearly 150 km from the flood-affected area. "Still there is not any heavy rainfall in our area, therefore I am telling to panic," said Mahesh.

Industrialists take up IGST issue with customs chief

LUDHIANA: Chief commissioner of customs (preventive) Ranjana Jha of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). Government of India, visited the Chamber of Industrial and Commercial Undertakings (CICU) complex, Focal Point, here on Thursday. An interactive session was

organised by the exporters and office-bearers of the chamber with him During the session Jha highlighted the features of ease of doing business while members and exporters high-

REFUNDS OF EXPORTERS PENDING VERIFICATION: 2% OF THEM ARE IN LUDHIANA, SAYS CHIEF **COMMISSIONER OF** CUSTOMS RANJANA JHA

lighted the problems faced by them with respect to Integrated-GST (IGST).

Jha said a team, comprising officers posted in the city, would look into the issue. She also expressed concern over the

blocking of the working capital of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), "Only four IGST refunds of around 50 exporters are pending verifica tion. This comprises only 2% of the total exporters in Ludhiana," said the chief commissioner.

Jha said the verification of

IGST refunds was essential as it was based on risk parameters. However, she assured the matter would be taken up at the highest

'The problem is not with respect to Ludhiana commissionerate alone, but is being faced by exporters throughout the country," she added.

'Maintain personal hygiene to prevent parasitic infection

MOHALI: The National Deworn ing Day campaign was launched at an Anganwari centre in Mohali, Phase 2, on Thursday. It was initiated by the Punjal National Health Mission director, Amit Kumar. He said the drive is being held

in the district till August 19 wherein children aged one to nineteen years will be adminis tered Albendazole tablets for free. "Children not enrolled in schools will also be dewormed. Medicines will be administered by workers at the Anganwadi centres and schools across Mohali," Kumar said.

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"G.H.G. Khalsa College of Pharmacy Gurusar Sadhar gets NBA ACCREDITATION"

Whith the prestigious accreditation from The National Board of Accreditation (NBA), G.H.G. Khalsa College of Pharmacy Gurusar Sadhar has Bachelor of Pharmacy due to the painstaking efforts of S. Manjit industrial, and other professional academic sectors.

The present achieved a milestone.

The College situated in rural area was established in 1984 with two years Diploma in Pharmacy course with the aim to provide higher education to youth and better health care facilities to the rural, downtrodden and weaker section of the society. To take the college to great heights, a four year

Singh Gill, President, Governing Council, G. H. G. Khalsa Colleges, with a highly distinguished sense of educational administration and planning. The courses are duly recognized by state Government and approved by the earnest efforts to statutory bodies i.e. PCI and AICTE

administrative team headed by Dr. Satvinder Kaur, Professor & Principal is putting in its achieve the









Are hybrid funds for you?

FOR YOUR PORTFOLIO First-time investors, who cannot handle the volatility of equity or debt funds, may consider hybrid funds, say financial planners

MUMBAI: Would you consider investing ina product that has a combination of debt, equity and gold in it? If yes, then you have an option in the form of hybrid mutual funds. According to data from valueresearchonline.com, there are 45 hybrid funds in the market. Like any other investment instrument, you need to consider investment horizon, risk profile and investment goals while investing in hybrid funds too. Let's take a look at the different types of hybrid funds and their compositions before deciding which one

THE STRUCTURE

Hybrid funds invest in three kinds of asset classes — debt, equity and gold. According to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) classification, there are six categories of hybrid fund. An aggressive equity hybrid fund, earlier known as balanced advantage fund, invests around 65% -75% in equity and remaining debt funds. "Funds in this category can be flexi-cap (either smallcap or mid-cap category)," said Vishal Dhawan, founder, PlanAhead Wealth

Dynamic asset allocation or balanced advantage fund can put up to 100% in equity or debt. Here the fund managers can alter the composition. "Since the fund managers can change the composition based on market conditions, this category is slightly less volatile "said Pawan Agrawal, founder, InvestGuru.in. And based on the composition, the taxation

In multi-asset fund, you will have allocation in all three asset classes. "The equity allocation is around 65% debt 20% to 25% and the remaining in gold," said

Agrawal. In equity savings funds, the equity component can range between 10% and 40% while the rest is in arbitrage and debt funds. "It has lesser longer term equity so are less volatile and attract

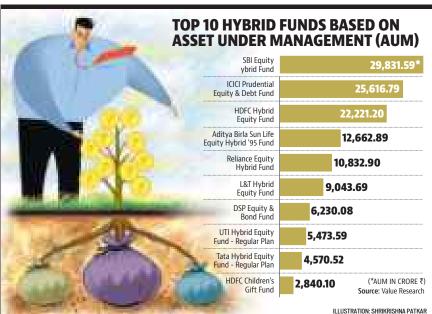
equity taxation," said Agrawal.
In case of debt hybrid funds or conserv ative hybrid funds where "fund managers are managing the fund, a lot depends on the interest rates to alter the composition," said Dhawan. In debt hybrid fund, around 75-85% of the corpus is invested in debt. "The fund attracts debt taxation as there are no arbitrage funds," said

Agrawal.

However, the catch with hybrid funds is that even though two funds are in the same category, it does not mean they are similar. They may have starkly different portfolio construction with varying

investment allocation.
"The way the investment portfolio is constructed, defines the volatility and risk profile of the fund. For example, Mirae Asset Hybrid Equity fund invests 90% to 95% of its equity portion into large cap and most of its debt portion in short duration funds to reduce volatility. On the other hand, L&T Hybrid Equity fund invests 50% of its equity portion in small and mid-cap companies and the balance inlarge-cap companies. Now depending on the market volatility either of the funds performance will differ.
Even though they are in the same cate-

gory their volatility is different "If the duration of the instruments is higher, it will be more volatile than the debt funds of a shorter duration of the same category,"he added. Hence, it is important to monitor the portfolio composition in hybrid fund, "For instance, in a conservative hybrid fund, just because it is con-servative it is not essential that the debt papers it invests in will be conservative,' said Dhawan.



HYBRID FUND ATTRACTS

EQUITY TAX TREATMENT IF THE EQUITY COMPONENT OVER A YEAR IS ABOVE 65%. IF THE NON-EOUITY COMPONENT IS MORE THAN 35%, IT ATTRACTS **DEBT TAX TREATMENT**

All mutual funds attract charges in the form of expense ratio. "If you look at any category of hybrid fund and compare it with buying a debt or an equity fund sena rately, the latter option will turn out to be cheaper than buying a single hybrid fund," said Dhawan, Let's assume the expense ratio for equity funds is 1.75% (a mid-point of the range 1.5 to 2%) and nse ratio for a debt fund is 0.5% (a mid-point of the range 0.5 to 1%) while for a balanced advantage hybrid fund is 1.75% (a mid-point of the range 1.5 to 2%). Say you invested ₹1 lakh. The cost for the hybrid fund will be ₹1,750.

For instance, if you invest ₹50,000 in a debt fund where your expense would have been ₹375 and ₹50,000 in an equity fund where your expense would be ₹875, then your total expense would be ₹1,250. "This difference in amount shows the advantage of keeping your funds separately," said Dhawan.

WHATSHOULD YOU DO?

"If you are investing in hybrid funds, it is assumed that you are looking for lesser risk," said Agrawal. It works for firsttime investors and for those who are not looking to handle their own asset alloca-

"First-time investors, who can't handle the volatility of equity or debt funds can look at hybrid funds. Investors who don't do their asset allocation and are comfortable with fixed allocation, can look at hybrid funds," said Dhawan. You should look at factors such as returns volatility, your tax slab and risk profile. It's not possible for you to expect zero volatility because almost all funds will have

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YOU CAN USE UPI **TO BID FOR IPO**

You can use unified payments interface (UPI) to bid for initial public offer (IPO)? Here is how it



The process works on mandate with block functionality. "The user is able to block their account for a certain value. The amount doesn't get debited from the account immediately. Only after the confirmation, the amount is debited," said Praveena Rai, chief operating officer, NPCI.

olication process: Traditionally, for the IPO process, the investor goes to the broker fills the application form, signs mandate. From the broker it goes to the registrar and then sent to the banker of the investor. The mandate is verified and amount is blocked. "The process take up to 7 days. Now the investor can put their UPI ID. They will get a message in the app and block the amount. Once the application is approved the money gets debited," she added.

₹2 lakh limit: "For UPI the limit is ₹1 lakh. For IPO the limit has been increased to ₹2 lakh," said Rai. After IPO, the NPCI is looking to use the mandate with block functionality for asset management and investment. "We will ultimately do it for mutual funds as well. There are discussions on increasing the UPI limit of ₹1 lakh. Slowly we will look at moving the merchant transaction limit to ₹2 lakh," said Rai The average ticket size for UPI transaction in July was around

TERM OF THE DAY **MID-CAP FUNDS**

WHAT IS IT? As per Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), when companies are arranged in descending

order based on their full market capitalisation, the top 100 are large caps, those ranked between 101 and 250 are midcaps and the ones from 251 onwards, fall under the small-cap category. As per a report from Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI), mid-cap companies constitute 16% of the total market capitalisation

SHOULD YOU CONSIDER IT?

Mid-cap funds need a minimuminvestment of 65% of their total assets in mid-cap companies. "From an investor's perspective, mid-cap funds may exhibit higher growth but have a greater risk than large caps," G Pradeepkumar, chief executive officer, Union Asset Management Co Pvt Ltd said.

SLOW START FOR FINTECH

After a record year for deal value and count, 2019 is proving to be off to a slower start for fintech, according to KPMG report

Yea	r	Total deal value (in \$billion)	Total number of deals
2014	4	46	1,556
201	5	59	1,981
201	6	64	1,998
201	7	51	2,318
201	В	120	2,590
2010	a*	28	962

Note: *First half of 2019

Source: Pulse of Fintech H1'19, Global Analysis of Investment in Fintech, KPMG International (data provided by PitchBook), * as of June 30.

YOU GET 7.9% FOR YOUR PPF INVESTMENT

If you invest in PPF at the beginning of the year, you will get better benefit Interest rate (%)

6.9-7.7	1-5-year post office time deposit
7.2	5-year recurring time deposit
7.6	5-year monthly income scheme account
7.6	Kisan Vikas Patra
7.9	5-year national savings certificate
7.9	Public Provident Fund
8.4	Sukanya Samriddhi account
8.6	5-year senior citizens savings scheme

Source: India Post

Investing for your kid's sports goals



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While building a fund for your child's sports career, the range, and depth of engagement in a particular sports line will dictate the level of expenses for it.

The major expenses could involve sports trainer (technical) fees, training gear or playing equipment, gym trainer fees (including the things bought for home use such as Thera bands, foam roll, ice packs, weights and balancing ball), costs of hiring the ground or net, club membership fees, match playing fees, fees of a nutritionist, fees of a physiotherapist (to ensure that her form while playing is right and the longevity of the player is enhanced), costs of diet supplements such as protein, multivitamins, hydrating supplements, costs of consulting doctors, tests (blood and X-Ray) as and when an injury hap-pens, fees of a sports psychologist (plus costs of undergoing personality factor and mental endurance tests) and costs of undergoing regular cryotherapy.

Some area of sports may not need the additional costs. For example, a chess player may not require a physi-

otherapist or doctor's fees.
The planning starts with listing the essential costs involved under various heads on a monthly, annual, ad-hoc and one-time basis. You can work out an average of the data for the past few years. It's best to start investing in a sports fund on a monthly basis and keep digging into it for the expenses when they incur. Keep an extra buffer for 5-10%.

The key is to ensure that you don't end up making 'feel good expenses' and eat into the essential ones. Some feel-good expenses could be costly brands of sports-kit, jersey and mode

HERE'S A SMALL **LIST TO KEEP HANDY**

- How much will be needed and for how long? While none of us have a crystal ball allowing us a peek in the future, we will have to draw some estimates
- List down the expenses under two heads: the unavoidable ones and the feel-good ones
- Label the expenses as peak season expenses or off-peak season ones. Keep a buffer of 5% to 10 % as a miscellaneous fund for any

unexpected expenses.

It's best to create a sports fund to fund these expenses through it rather than use the monthly surplus to fund

The downside of using the monthly surplus for funding these costs is that the sports-related expenses could be asymmetrical (training fees could be lesser in off season, while expenses on physio and doctors could be higher in the playing season).

While building a corpus for sports for the child it's extremely critical to prioritize it besides your retirement expenses, other kid's education expenses, pre-payment of home loan, taking a sabbatical, starting an enter-

prise and house purchase, etc.
In addition, be clear about the role
of sports in the child's life. Is it for recreation and for all-rounder personality development or it is as a career/ profession?

Be clear about the role of sports in the child's life. If you can't do the planning yourself, seek help for clarity, allocation of assets and future cash

flows accordingly Deepali Sen is a certified financial planner and founder partner of Srujan Financial

Decoding claim settlement ratio



Claim settlemen ratio is the ratio of the number of claims that the insurer has paid over the number of claims filed by the

nominees during a particular period. "If a life insurer has a claims settlement ratio of 90%, it means that the insurer has paid 90 of every 100 claims filed during the year," said Mahavir Chopra, director of health, life and strategic initiatives at Coverfox.com Why is it important? "It's important for a customer to look into this number to get an idea of how efficiently and quickly the claims are processed by an insurer," said Rohan Kumar, chief executive officer and WHAT ARE THE DISCLAIMERS? ratio independently



doesn't tell you the whole story. "Claim settlement ratio is a popular but flawed rule of thumb, used for quick evalua-

tion and comparison of an insurer's claim settlement experience," said Chopra. For instance, insurers could have rejected many fraudulent claims during the year, adversely impacting the claim settlement ratio. "Claim settlement ratio doesn't capture the value of the claims paid over claimed or filed. Insurers could decline significant number of large claims paying the low-sum insured claims efficiently and have a healthy-looking ratio based on number of claims," said Chopra



HOW TO READ THE DATA

ious types of claims: deat h, maturity and survival "Asinsurance policy is an intangible

product with the longest term in any financial product. Claims payout is the moment of truth for the policy holder or the nominee, said Anand Pejawar, president-operations, information technology and international business, SBI Life Insurance. Non-approved claims may include rejected claims and claims in pipeline. "Hence, claims ratio is to be seen along with rejection and outstanding ratio. A low-claim ratio may not mean a bad performance," said Pejawar.

How to manage your financial debt

HT Correspondent

MUMBAI: If you are going through a financial stress or are unable to manage your financial debt, the first steps should be to have a conversation about it. According to financial planners, most people are ashamed to talk about their money mistakes and find it uncomfortable to talk about them. Here's what you should do if you are in financial distress:

TALK ABOUT YOUR MONEY MISTAKE If you have not made the right money

decisions in your life, remember that

you are not alone.
"From businessmen to salaried individuals, you can have financial stress or get into debt. If the bread-winner of the house has taken a loan or have financial issues, they are not usually open to talk about," said Mrin Agarwal, the financial educa-

tor and founder of Finsafe India. "One of the main reasons they don't want to share information is because they don't want to let anyone know that they have made a mistake. You need to talk about the mistakes to get the mental stress out," Agarwal added.

STARTBYPAYING

OFF YOUR DEBT
If you have taken too many loans, you do not need to panic. You can begin by writing down the details of all the loans that you have to repay, along with the amount and the interest rate. "If you have taken a lot of debt, first start by repaying the loan with highest interest rate," said

If you do not have enough income flow to repay the loans, either look for ways to increase your income or



YOU NEED TO SAVE ENOUGH

SO YOU CAN ACCUMULATE SOME MONEY, ONCE YOU ARE OUT OF DEBT, YOU CAN GO **BACK TO YOUR REGULAR** LIFESTYLE, HOWEVER, TO REACH THAT STAGE YOU WILL HAVE TO SACRIFICE A BIT. WITH SOME MONEY MANAGEMENT, YOU CAN GET **OUT OF YOUR FINANCIAL**

to sell off your existing assets.

"In one case to pay off the debt, we put any savings possible in liquid funds through systematic investment plan which was redeemed at regular intervals to pay off the debt," said Priya Sunder, the director of PeakAlpha Investment Services.

CUT DOWN ON YOUR EXPENSES

Another way is to cut down your expenses till you pay off the debt You need to keep a check on your expenses till the time you can reduce the debt," said Agarwal. According to experts, debt com-

promises your mental peace. "You keep hopping jobs assuming you are not earning enough. However, because you are not able to get men-tal peace, you are not able to do your job well. It is a cycle to get out. In your 20s to 30s you need to be careful about managing your finances," said Sun-

You need to save enough so that you can accumulate some money. Once you are out of debt you can go back to your regular lifestyle. How-ever, to reach that stage you will have to sacrifice a bit.

Don't be afraid to talk about your money mistakes. With some help in money management, you can get out of your financial distress.



Films set for Kashmir shoot in a pickle

ashmir has long been a preferred location for the shoots of Bollywood films thanks to its picturesque locations. And it continues to be so. But, after the central government's decision to revoke Article 370 and 35A, and bifurcation of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state, it was being reported that the shoot status of some films was uncertain. Films such as Shershaah, Sadak 2 and Shamshera, were scheduled to be shot in the Valley and reports about them being affected by recent

developments have surfaced. However, some filmmakers claim that the impact is

According to Apoorva Mehta, one of the producers of the Sidharth Malhotra-starrer Shershaah, which is currently being shot in Kargil, they have "not faced any problems so far". "We never thought that this situation would arise but we will deal with whatever

happens next," he says. However, a local hotelier in whose hotels the cast of the film is staying, says the curfew in the new Union Territory did affect the shoot of the film. "The shooting has got delayed by a few days because vehicles which were supposed to come to Kargil via Srinagar had to re-route and come via Manali. We're making good business as about 250 cast and crew members have occupied over 120 rooms in five-six different hotels. The only concerr is, since we're



may affect us if the situation prolongs," he says

Actor-filmmaker Pooja Bhatt, associate director of Sadak 2, refutes the reports that claim that Kashmir shoot of the film has been indefinitely postponed. She says "There was no filming planned with the actors in Kashmir anyway, so

these reports are untrue. The second unit (which is headed by Pooja) is travelling the length and breadth of India without the cast, to shoot plates to ensure the film has a seamless cinematic journey

Promotional stills of Shershaah

(top) and Shamshera (above)

for things to get back on track

few hurdles in the Valley, it is business as usual for films that

are being shot in the new Union

Territory, Leh. Gafur Steri, line producer of Ranbir Kapooi and Sanjay Dutt-starrer Shamshera, says, "Since there's no tension in Leh, the

shooting of the film which is

slated to go on floor from mid-August in Nubra Valley will

But the supply that comes from Srinagar will affect us,

cut overall cost," he

start on time

While there may have been a

She is quick to clarify that the Kailash-Mansarovar shooting schedule "has been postponed indefinitely" the reason, she adds, has got nothing to do with recent developments. J&K-based line producer Md Abdullah, who handled the shooting of Manmarziyaan (2018) and this year's RAW and the web series, The Final Call, says, "We had to postpone some projects due to the disturbance in Srinagar.



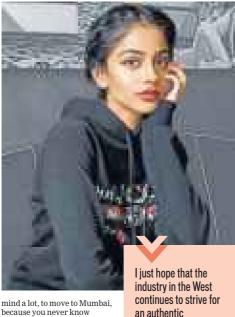
'Lost out on roles due to my ethnicity'

fter a stirring debut in Bollywood with Shoojit Sircar's October (2018), actor Banita Sandhu has been focusing on her career internationally. She made her American TV debut with the sci-fi series Pandora, starring Priscilla Quintana, and will next be seen in a Hollywood film Eternal Beauty featuring

Sally Hawkins.
Banita, however, reveals that she faced a lot of rejection in the West because of her Indian origin. "Personally, I never faced racist remarks in the film industry abroad, but I've lost out on roles due to my ethnicity; especially being an Indian in the West," she says, adding, "Still, progress is happening particularly in the last few years. I just hope that the industry continues to strive for an authentic representation, and that the sudden demand for diversity in Hollywood isn't just tokenistic

The 21-year-old has recently wrapped up the shoot of Adithya Varma — a Tamil remake of Telugu film Arjun Reddy - which was recently remade in Hindi as Kabir Singh. At the same time, she's also juggling between shoots in Bulgaria, India and the United Kingdom, for different projects.

Based out of London at present, she's certainly going places due to her work. And, she has even contemplated shifting base to Mumbai to establish her footing in Bollywood, She explains, "It's ...says Banita Sandhu clarifying that personally she didn't face racist remarks



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Indians], and that the

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because vou never know which part [in films] lands up on your lap any moment. If I'm not physically present there, I might miss out on them. Moving to Mumbai is something I consider seriously. But when the time is

right, I will take the plunge."
All this success is due to her **BANITA SANDHU ACTOR** strong debut and Banita is grateful for that opportunity, me, even in the West. I'm so which allowed her to make a grateful, and at times still in dishelief that my first film was mark stone in the industry. with Shoojit sir and Varun platform that most actors can't (Dhawan). They're two people even dream of from their debut I adore and admire, and hope film. It opened a lot of doors for I'll do them proud," she adds



EMMYS TO GO

The 71st edition of Primetime Emmy Awards will not have a host, Fox has confirmed. The news follows in the steps of the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences' (AMPAS) decision for the Oscars to go hostless. Interestingly, the ratings of Oscars 2019 ceremony improved without a host. Network CEO Charlie Collier was asked if the rise in ratings inspired the move. "Obviously, that was a piece of information and it did do very well but I think it's a pretty unique year for some of America's favourite shows and it was the right thing to do," he said. - P

ctors from the south trying

HOSTLESS

Wanted to do Hindi films but the offers were bad, says Siddharth

their luck in Bollywood is common, and Siddharth was no different. He ventured into the Hindi film industry with a staggering debut in Rang De Basanti (2006). Movie buffs thought he would go on a signing spree, but that wasn't the case as he did just two other Hindi films - Striker (2010)

and Chashme Baddoor (2013). "I got tonnes of offers in Hindi, but it's just that I got better offers in the south. You always have to choose between the good and the bad work and that's why I can only show up in Hindi films where I can justify myself. The local work there is better for me," says Siddharth, who continues to work in the south.

The actor says that if one side becomes really good, the other becomes immaterial. He adds "The streaming platforms will hopefully do something, which films haven't been able to, and unify



industries a little faster Thanks to this platform, I'll be a little more visible to my audience here, in the future." Siddharth recently debuted

on the web with the dystonian drama series, Leila. "Hopefully this will now open new avenues for not just me but others as

well, and bring content that I want to do," he says, adding, "I'm also going to produce my own content soon, but I haven't committed to act in it as I've committed to a lot of films

Since he has produced films in Tamil and Telugu, will he

take up direction anytime soon? "I started as an assistant director, so directing has always been on the cards. But, right now I've my hands full. I'm going to take time off and do it for sure," he concludes.

t the age of 28, when he played a 65-year-old man in Saaransh (1984), Anupam Kher made people sit up and take notice of his talent. Although the actor had a powerful start to his career, the path ahead was clearly not as rosy. Now, as Kher completes 35 years since Saaransh and comes out with his new book, Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly he looks at the journey so far with a lot of fondness. "What separates me from everyone else is that I still have a sense of wonder. When I do this interview from the 30th floor of my building in USA, I wonder, 'am I the same small boy from Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)?' I measure all my achievements by that standard," he says.

This is the 35th year of the release of Saaransh, and since then, your journey seems great from the outside. How would you marise it?

I will summarise it only after 30 years, not right now because I have just reached the interval of my life. I have plenty to gain and lots to learn. I have just come to understand what acting and life is all about. So, the time to give my best is now. All these years, I have tried to find a firm foothold.

Right from the time wh worked in Hum Aapke Hain Koun (1994) to now, when you work in the West in films such as Silver Linings Playbook (2012), your outlook towards work and life has always seemed dynamic. How do you maintain that? It's not tough at all. You just have to decide to be happy and

then practice it for a few

months. Then, troubles will seem less troubling. It's not that I haven't had any ups and downs in my life or that I am immune to depression. In fact I battled depression for a year and-a-half and was on medication. If you're hell-bent on being happy for three months, I can guarantee that even the biggest of tragedies will appear negligible, and the most little moments of happiness will appear

Actor Anupam Kher says

he has had his share of 'ups and downs in life';

adds a film on his life

will be a blockbuster

You have always been open about your struggles, setbacks or victories through your play, Kucch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai oi your new book, Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly...
It makes me feel liberated

The world frightens you with what you hide. But if you

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with the truth, then there's nothing to fear. Whatever has happened with me is. anyway. a fact. If I became bankrupt almost 15 years back, if I am hald or if I suffered facial paralysis [around Hum Aapke Hain Koun's shooting], they are facts. I am not ashamed of these things. Why should I hide them? Also, I feel your upbringing helps

Till date, what's been the most important lesson that life has taught you?

Never take yourself seriously! As we grow up, we start taking ourselves seriously. There is a very popular saying, 'if you want God to laugh, tell him your plans'. We keep planning our life but life is all about living, not adjusting. The biggest lesson that I learnt from my father was that 'failure is an event, never a person'. I

have had many disappointments when I couldn't be a part of Mr India (1987) or when I didn't get Jawaharlal Nehru's role in Gandhi (1982), or when I fought with a film magazine. But what kept me going was my attitude towards life. Also, you cannot be popular with the whole world. But firstly, you've to respect yourself.

Now, after the play and the book would you like a film be made on your life? I feel it will be the biggest

blockbuster (laughs), But I haven't thought about it. I feel a biopic has to be inspirational and my life is full of drama, romance, comedy, failure, motivation, success and failure again followed by success. I've lived and continue to live my fully. Whenever it gets made. I hope it will be a guide on how to deal with failure, sadness and depression. As for the actor. I'll have to think about it I played a 65-year-old guy at 28 [in Saaransh], so I can play myself from the point when my film career started. We just have to find a younger Anupam

And how did the idea of the book

come to you? I always wanted to write a book which will have an inspirational angle, and won't just be about my life. I remember when I was a Mumbai, what kept me going were the autobiographies of people like Charlie Chaplin and Kirk Douglas, among

So, I thought it's very important to write about my life, what made me

You have spoken about abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A from Jammu and Kashmir. Also, you had an argument, on Twitter, with people, who opposed the move...

Triple Talaq bill, too. And sometimes, it becomes imperative to call them out and their fraud behaviour. When, in 1990 Kashmiri Pandits were beaten up and thrown out, that was a genocide of sorts. They suffer from and conveniently tell their own history, and pretend to be progressive. But you can't scare me. I am like, 'chalo, acchi baat ho gayi hai aur ab iska accha asar dikhayi dega'. Article 370 was a problema article. Why would you have such a 'differentiating' article in one nation?

who I am, so that people who look for inspiration should benefit from it. It's not preachy but inspiring. If I am not proud of the way I have lived my life, then how can anybody else be proud of it?

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Some of you are likely to overstep the

deadline for a job, but luck will be on your side. You can be swayed by someone to spend your hard earned money on something frivolous. A minor ailment

irritates, but not for long. You are likely to have a good time in the company of your near and dear ones today. You may need to



Mahesh Babu: The actor, who is known for his films such as Murari, Arjun, 1: Nenokkadine and



will be received well. Funds saved for something specific may have to be spent on something else. Spouse or a family member may have lined up a surprise for you today. An out of town trip cannot be ruled out for some. Good news awaits some on the property front. Excellent performance on the academic front will be

acknowledged even by your rivals.

Love Focus: It may seem difficult to match lover in his or her need for togetherness on the romantic front.

Lucky Number: 8 Lucky Colour: Forest Green

Your contribution to a workplace project will be highly appreciated and help you in getting established on the professional front. A minor financial setback can get you into the thinking mode. A dispute on the family front may leave a bad taste in the mouth. You may be the main motivator to get a family outing organised. You may make up your mind to sell a property you own. Academic front may appear to be a roller coaster ride.

Love Focus: Today, you may turn your old romantic self to the delight

Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Rose

SAGITTARIUS

Give professional advice to someone, only if you are sure of things yourself. Good opportunities will keep you in a good financial position. Those suffering from bodily ailments can hope for a quick recovery. Some of you may have to undertake an out-of-town journey. You will prevent an ancestral property from becoming a bone of contention among the

family members. You shine on the academic front. Love Focus: Self-confidence and way with words will be enough to floor someone of the opposite gender on the romantic front

Lucky Number: 3 Lucky Colour: Saffron



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Helpful friends may rescue you from a tight situation on the financial front. You will not be able to raise your voice against something wrong at work. You will be able to get rid of an ailment pestering you for long. Friends or cousins can come and make the home front lively. Property acquired previously may give excellent

returns. You will get ample opportunity to establish yourself on the academic front.

Love Focus: Rekindling romance may become important, as cracks begin to appear in your relationship.

Lucky Number: 15 Lucky Colour: Peach

You will find your way clear for achieving vour immediate professional goals Financial worries plaguing some in the past are not likely to disappear by themselves, so make efforts to cut corners and increase earning. You may get inconvenienced by the arrival of a quest at home. A decision on the property front is likely to be in your favour. Seniors may hold high expectations from you regarding a project on the academic

CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 21)

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front, so work hard to prove them right.

property deal is set to materialise for those aiming to own a house.

Love Focus: Romance may need to be given a lower priority today

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Success is getting what you want. _

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what you get.

Your potential may remain untapped on the academic front.

Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Chocolate

Love Focus: You will succeed in rekindling your love life Lucky Number: 2 Lucky Colour: Pink



Your efforts at work will be recognised on

the professional front. Financial help will be forthcoming for those venturing on

an exercise routine for remaining in top physical condition. Entertaining guests

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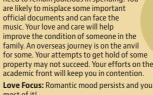
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promises to be most enjoyable. Chance for studying abroad may materialise for some. A

their own. You may join a gym or take up



Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Dark Red

Financial prospects brighten, but you will

need to remain judicious in spending. You

Love Focus: Romantic mood persists and you are certain to make the

get resources to carry out improvements in an ancestral property. our consistency in performance on the academic front will be noticed by those who matter.

Love Focus: Lover may need space and you shouldn't deny that

Lucky Number: 22 Lucky Colour: Light Blue



AQUARIUS

(JAN 22 - FEB 19)



impossible dream at present, but you will manage it. Love Focus: A journey or a function may become the perfect setting

Lucky Number: 17 Lucky Colour: White

get cancelled. Admission to an institute or college that you are wishing for may seem an

for romance to happen, so rejoice!



Bharat Ane Nenu, turns 44 today.



everyone's consent for implementing a new idea at work. A family outing will find you refreshed and rejuvenated. Your plan of a pilgrimage may not come to fruition immediately. A good bargain is foreseen on the property front. Networking will only help to certain extent on the academi

Good financial management is set to make

you monetarily stable. You may not get

front, so get down to mastering the subjects, if you want to fare well Love Focus: Spending time with beloved and exchanging sweet nothings will prove most rewarding.

Lucky Number: 11 Lucky Colour: Light Grey

Job prospects for those freshly out of professional institutes are set to brighten up soon. Soaring expenses may alarm you, but you will be able to stabilise the situation. Getting a pat on the back at home for something you have done is possible. A leisure trip with friends proves enjoyable. Property matters should not be touched today. A well wisher is likely to come to your rescue on the academic front.

SCORPIO

Love Focus: Suspicious nature threatens to spoil relationship with

Lucky Number: 6 Lucky Colour: Sea Green



Financial security is what you seek at this juncture, so work towards it. You may feel things on the professional front going a bit out of control. Your desire for better health may soon turn into action. You may be planning something big on the home front. An outing with your favourite person proves to be a refreshing experience Good returns can be expected by those

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Love Focus: There seems to be a strong possibility of finding a suitable mate on the romantic front

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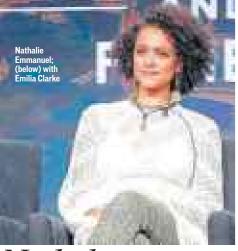
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Nathalie says co-star, Emilia Clarke, is a 'beast' ctor Nathalie Emmanuel

who played the role of Missandei, an advisor to actor Emilia Clarke's character Daenerys Targarven, in the show, Game of Thrones, opened up about how she is inspired by her co-

For Emmanuel, her time on GoT was much more than just a job. The star opened up in the latest issue of People about her character's sudden death in the final season, the bittersweet ending, and the friendships she made, especially with Clarke. Clarke recently revealed that she underwent two life-saving brain surgeries over the last

Emilia, as a friend and colleague, is just such a joy,

Emmanuel says.
"I really have thoroughly loved working with her. I loved learning from her. And we check in on each other so often," the 30-year-old actor adds. "I remember coming back to work and hearing about her surgeries and being like, 'Wow, it's just so crazy and there you are, ready to go back to work.' She's such a beast. As a woman, she really picks herself up and keeps going," she says. "She's really

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inspiring, I'm so proud of her. And then, what she's chosen to do with that experience, to help other people, is so amazing," she adds.

were suddenly separated after Missandei was brutally beheaded in the last season leaving fans and Emmanuel shocked and distraught. "I basically cried my eyes out when I read the script," says

that finally I was like Oh she's gone. That's sad because of how much I love her and how much I love playing her, The actor shared that she

was proud of her character's journey throughout the epic fantasy series. "She definitely before," she savs.

activist, fitness The two actors' characters

"To be honest with you, I was sort of expecting it to an extent, but I've expected it with every season. And I think

went out with strength and she went out with a ferocity that we probably hadn't seen in her

Emmanuel also said that she's not only proud of her character but the show's overall run and ending as well She says, "Reading the final episode, I felt hopeful"

eauty queen, actor, social enthusiast, pilot and politician—Gul Panag has donned many a hat since

coming into the public eye with her 1999 beauty pagean win, Acting, however, is what remains closest to the Dor (2006) star's heart. Gul will next be seen playing an antagonist for the first time, in her film Bypass Road that also stars Neil Nitin Mukesh and Adah Sharma. "As an actor, one is always

apprehensive about playing a part that requires them to look much older than they are but for this film, it was and also venture into the grey shade spectrum for the first time," shares the 40-year-old really about the mindset of the character. The challenge and fun in being an actor is that you get to essay characters that may be quite different

Bollywood films have produced many memorable - Amiad Khan, Amrish Puri, Danny Denzongpa

Khan in Darr (1993), Saif Al Khan in Omkara (2006) and Ranveer Singh in Padmaavat (2018). But it is only in the past two decades that women actors have really been seen in negative roles that have Priyanka Chopra in Aitraaz (2004) and 7 Khoon Maaf (2011), Vidya Balan in Ishqiya (2010) and Tabu in Haider (2014), Drishyam (2015) and Andhadhun (2018).

"I play an interesting part in a web series, which also stars Manoj Bajpayee. The other is an investigative thriller produced by exciting work to watch out



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Actor Abhay Deol, much like his contemporaries, is into fitness. He is even professionally trained in the Israeli martial art form, Krav Maga.

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Gul feels portrayal of women antagonists has improved

challenging for me to do so from who you are.

antagonists over the decades Kulbhushan Kharbanda, and more recently, Shah Rukh nuance — Kajol in Gupt (1997), But Gul feels the times are

changing. "From one-dimensional vamps to normal-yet-grey characters there is clear proof of a shift. Even the female leads are getting more important roles. The stereotypical female characters have taken a back seat. The audience is also appreciating ingenious scripts for women," she says. The Manorama Six Feet Under (2007) actor is also busy

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Channing takes break from social media to be in the 'real world'

hiatus to spark creativity again and get inspired by the "real world". The 39-year-old actor announced that he is taking a step back from all social media platforms in an Instagram post on Wednesday. Tatum explained how his life online has been negatively affecting

his creativity.
"I'm gonna take a break and come off socials for a minute. I've been trying to get inspired and create again. And to be honest I don't really feel, or at least I haven't felt, very creative on social in the last couple years now," he wrote He continued, "I'm gonna go and be just in the real world for a while and off my phone. I'll probably come back at some point. But if I do, I want to have a direction or a clear point of view of why I'm on here and what I'm putting out

there. Love ya! See ya after a while [sic]!" Since he posted the message, it has garnered more than 1,00,000 likes and

Loyato and Ed Sheeran have

years for their own reasons.

The actor's statement comes

last year after Tatum and his

ex Jenna Dewan announced

months after he started stepping out publicly with new girlfriend Jessie J. The two were first linked in October,

comments from fans praising him. "You're not alone in that feeling... take care," one fan wrote. "We all need to do this See you on the flip side! You've inspired me," another agreed.

Tatum is not the only actor to take a break from social media. Stars like Ariana Grande, Iggy Azalea, Demi

their separation in April 2018. Although they had been linked for months, Tatum and Jessie J didn't make their romance public until March when they were photographed together for the first time walking hand-in-hand in London. Since then, the couple has publicised their relationship on social media. On July 2 the singer shared a series of black and white photos of herself and Tatum cuddling up during a date



FORTUNATE TO **GET THE TRUST SAYS BHUMI** Since her debut film Dum Laga Ke Haisha (2015), actor Bhumi Podres.

has worked with competent directors including names such as Sharat Katariya (in Dum Laga Ke Haisha), RS Prasanna (in Shubh Mangal Saaydhan) Abhishek Chaubey (Sonchiriya) and Zoya Akhtar (in Lust Stories). And the actor feels lucky to have worked with such fine filmmakers. "As an artist, I'm constantly

looking for good scripts. I'm constantly hungry for great content, and thankfully I've been fortunate enough to get the trust of some of the best filmmakers of our country, says the 30-year-old.
The actor has an interesting

slate of films coming up, and will soon be seen in Saand Ki Aankh, Bhoot: Part One - The Haunted Ship, Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitare, Bala Pati Patni Aur Woh and Takht.

"My next [few] films are also scripts that are extremely diverse and brilliant; that I truly love. Each one of them are projects that will present me in extremely different avatars, and that's what excites me to do cinema. I get to be such diverse characters, learn about them, live their lives and become them," she says. Right from her debut —

where Bhumi played an overweight girl opposite Avushmann Khurrana — she has always picked characters that are "strong and have a major impact on the story of a

The actor adds, "I wouldn't have chosen to do these films if they were any different. I'm really excited about my next set of films because they have given me super exciting and memorable characters to portray. I'm in a great phase of my career, and I want to keep



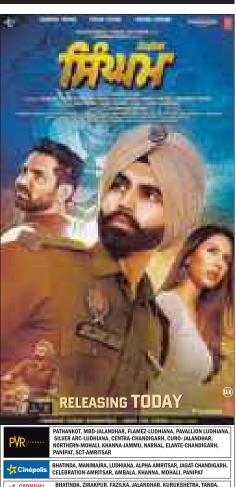
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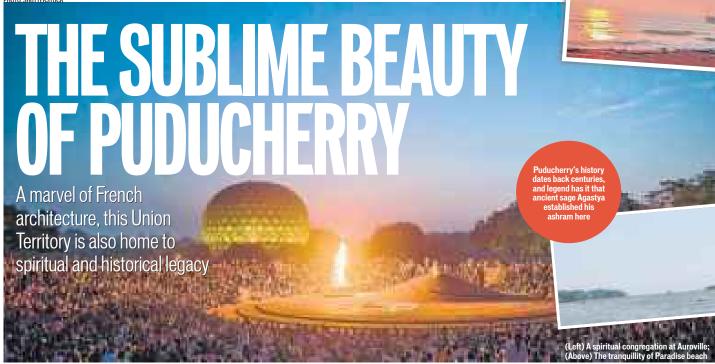
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Films set for Kashmir shoot in a pickle

ashmir has long been a asnmir has long been a preferred location for the shoots of Bollywood films thanks to its picturesque locations. And it continues to be so. But, after the central government's decision to revoke Article 370 and 35A, and bifurcation of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state, it was being reported that the shoot status of some films was uncertain. Films such as Shershaah, Sadak 2 and Shamshera, were scheduled to be shot in the Valley and reports about them being affected by recent

developments have surfaced. However, some filmmakers claim that the impact is

According to Apoorva Mehta, one of the producers of the Sidharth Malhotra-starrer. Shershaah, which is currently being shot in Kargil, they have "not faced any problems so far". "We never thought that this situation would arise but we will deal with whatever

happens next," he says. However, a local hotelier in whose hotels the cast of the film is staying, says the curfew in the new Union Territory did affect the shoot of the film. "The shooting has got delayed by a few days because vehicles We're making good business as 120 rooms in five-six different





Actor-filmmaker Pooja Bhatt, associate director of Sadak 2, refutes the reports that claim that Kashmir shoot of the film has been indefinitely postponed. She says "There was no filming planned with the actors in Kashmir anyway, so

these reports are untrue. The second unit (which is headed by Pooja) is travelling the length and breadth of India without the cast, to shoot plates to ensure the film has a seamless cinematic journey

She is quick to clarify that the Kailash-Mansarovar shooting schedule "has been postponed indefinitely" the reason, she adds, has got nothing to do with recent developments. J&K-based line producer Md Abdullah, who handled the shooting of Manmarziyaan (2018) and this year's RAW and the web series, The Final Call, says, "We had to postpone some projects due to the disturbance in Srinagar.



for things to get back on track

Promotional stills of Shershaah

(top) and Shamshera (above)

While there may have been a few hurdles in the Valley, it is business as usual for films that are being shot in the new Union Territory, Leh. Gafur Steri, line producer of Ranbir Kapooi and Sanjay Dutt-starrer Shamshera, says, "Since there's no tension in Leh, the shooting of the film which is slated to go on floor from mid-August in Nubra Valley will start on time

But the supply that comes from Srinagar will affect us, besides the poor road condition that's also a hassle." Film exhibitor-distributor Akshaye Rathi sees this decision by the government as a boon to the film industry.
"Till now, the shooting cost

in J&K has been double of any other location in India. This move will allow filmmakers to

function locally in the Valley and that would cut overall cost," he

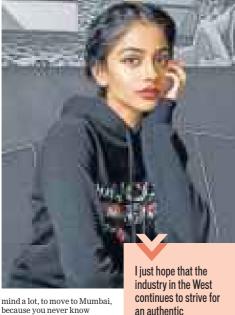
'Lost out on roles due to my ethnicity'

fter a stirring debut in Bollywood with Shoojit Sircar's October (2018), actor Banita Sandhu has been focusing on her career internationally. She made her American TV debut with the sci-fi series Pandora, starring Priscilla Quintana, and will next be seen in a Hollywood film Eternal Beauty featuring

Sally Hawkins.
Banita, however, reveals that she faced a lot of rejection in the West because of her Indian origin. "Personally, I never faced racist remarks in the film industry abroad, but I've lost out on roles due to my ethnicity; especially being an Indian in the West," she says, adding, "Still, progress is happening particularly in the last few years. I just hope that the industry continues to strive for an authentic representation, and that the sudden demand for diversity in Hollywood isn't just tokenistic

The 21-year-old has recently wrapped up the shoot of Adithya Varma — a Tamil remake of Telugu film Arjun Reddy - which was recently remade in Hindi as Kabir Singh. At the same time, she's also juggling between shoots in Bulgaria, India and the United Kingdom, for different projects.

Based out of London at present, she's certainly going places due to her work. And, she has even contemplated shifting base to Mumbai to establish her footing in Bollywood, She explains, "It's ...says Banita Sandhu clarifying that personally she didn't face racist remarks



mind a lot, to move to Mumbai, because vou never know which part [in films] lands up on your lap any moment. If I'm not physically present there, I might miss out on them. Moving to Mumbai is something I consider seriously. But when the time is

strong debut and Banita is grateful for that opportunity, which allowed her to make a mark stone in the industry. platform that most actors can't even dream of from their debut film. It opened a lot of doors for

right, I will take the plunge."
All this success is due to her

me, even in the West. I'm so grateful, and at times still in dishelief that my first film was with Shoojit sir and Varun (Dhawan). They're two people I adore and admire, and hope I'll do them proud," she adds

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EMMYS TO GO

HOSTLESS

The 71st edition of Primetime Emmy Awards will not have a host, Fox has confirmed. The news follows in the steps of the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences' (AMPAS) decision for the Oscars to go hostless. Interestingly, the ratings of Oscars 2019 ceremony improved without a host. Network CEO Charlie Collier was asked if the rise in ratings inspired the move. "Obviously, that was a piece of information and it did do very well but I think it's a pretty unique year for some of America's favourite shows and it was the right thing to do," he said. - P

Wanted to do Hindi films but the

ctors from the south trying their luck in Bollywood is Common, and Siddharth was no different. He ventured into the Hindi film industry with a staggering debut in Rang De Basanti (2006). Movie buffs thought he would go on a signing spree, but that wasn't the case as he did just two other

and Chashme Baddoor (2013). "I got tonnes of offers in Hindi, but it's just that I got better offers in the south. You always have to choose between the good and the bad work and that's why I can only show up in Hindi films where I can justify myself. The local work there is better for me," says Siddharth, who continues to work in the south.

Hindi films - Striker (2010)

The actor says that if one side becomes really good, the other becomes immaterial. He adds "The streaming platforms will hopefully do something, which films haven't been able to, and unify



industries a little faster Thanks to this platform, I'll be a little more visible to my audience here, in the future." Siddharth recently debuted

on the web with the dystonian drama series, Leila. "Hopefully this will now open new avenues for not just me but others as

well, and bring content that I want to do," he says, adding, "I'm also going to produce my own content soon, but I haven't committed to act in it as I've committed to a lot of films

Since he has produced films in Tamil and Telugu, will he

take up direction anytime soon? "I started as an assistant director, so directing has always been on the cards. But, right now I've my hands full. I'm going to take time off and do it for sure," he concludes.

t the age of 28, when he played a 65-year-old man in Saaransh (1984), Anupam Kher made people sit up and take notice of his talent. Although the actor had a powerful start to his career, the path ahead was clearly not as rosy. Now, as Kher completes 35 years since Saaransh and comes out with his new book, Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly he looks at the journey so far with a lot of fondness. "What separates me from everyone else is that I still have a sense of wonder. When I do this interview from the 30th floor of my building in USA, I wonder, 'am I the same small boy from Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)?' I measure all my achievements by that standard," he says.

This is the 35th year of the release of Saaransh, and since then, your journey seems great from the outside. How would you marise it?

I will summarise it only after 30 years, not right now because I have just reached the interval of my life. I have plenty to gain and lots to learn. I have just come to understand what acting and life is all about. So, the time to give my best is now. All these years, I have tried to find a firm foothold.

Right from the time wh worked in Hum Aapke Hain Koun (1994) to now, when you work in the West in films such as Silver Linings Playbook (2012), your outlook towards work and life has always seemed dynamic. How do you maintain that? It's not tough at all. You just

then practice it for a few

months. Then, troubles will seem less troubling. It's not that I haven't had any ups and downs in my life or that I am immune to depression. In fact I battled depression for a year and-a-half and was on medication. If you're hell-bent on being happy for three months, I can guarantee that even the biggest of tragedies will appear negligible, and the most little moments of happiness will appear

Actor Anupam Kher says

he has had his share of 'ups and downs in life';

adds a film on his life

will be a blockbuster

You have always been open about your struggles, setbacks or victories through your play, Kucch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai oi your new book, Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly... It makes me feel liberated

The world frightens you with what you hide. But if you

A still from have to decide to be happy and

with the truth, then there's nothing to fear. Whatever has happened with me is, anyway, a fact. If I became bankrupt almost 15 years back, if I am hald or if I suffered facial paralysis [around Hum Aapke Hain Koun's shooting], they are facts. I am not ashamed of these things. Why should I hide them? Also, I feel your upbringing helps

Till date, what's been the most important lesson that life has taught you?

Never take yourself seriously! As we grow up, we start taking ourselves seriously. There is a very popular saying, 'if you want God to laugh, tell him your plans'. We keep planning our life but life is all about living, not adjusting. The biggest lesson that I learnt from my father was that 'failure is an event, never a person'. I

have had many disappointments when I couldn't be a part of Mr India (1987) or when I didn't get Jawaharlal Nehru's role in Gandhi (1982), or when I fought with a film magazine. But what kept me going was my attitude towards life. Also, you cannot be popular with the whole world. But firstly, you've to respect yourself.

Now, after the play and the book would you like a film be made on your life? I feel it will be the biggest

blockbuster (laughs), But I haven't thought about it. I feel a biopic has to be inspirational and my life is full of drama, romance, comedy, failure, motivation, success and failure again followed by success. I've lived and continue to live my fully. Whenever it gets made. I hope it will be a guide on how to deal with failure, sadness and depression. As for the actor. I'll have to think about it I played a 65-year-old guy at 28 [in Saaransh], so I can play myself from the point when my film career started. We just have to find a younger Anupam

And how did the idea of the book

come to you? I always wanted to write a book which will have an inspirational angle, and won't just be about my life. I remember when I was a Mumbai, what kept me going were the autobiographies of people like Charlie Chaplin and Kirk Douglas, among

So, I thought it's very important to write about my life, what made me

You have spoken about abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A from Jammu and Kashmir. Also, you had an argument, on Twitter, with people, who opposed the move...

Triple Talaq bill, too. And sometimes, it becomes imperative to call them out and their fraud behaviour. When, in 1990 Kashmiri Pandits were beaten up and thrown out, that was a genocide of sorts. They suffer from and conveniently tell their own history, and pretend to be progressive. But you can't scare me. I am like, 'chalo, acchi baat ho gayi hai aur ab iska accha asar dikhayi dega'. Article 370 was a problema article. Why would you have such a 'differentiating' article in one nation?

who I am, so that people who look for inspiration should benefit from it. It's not preachy but inspiring. If I am not proud of the way I have lived my life, then how can anybody else be proud of it?





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Kourtney Kardashian's Italian vacation sets major travel goals

Socialite-TV personality Kourtney Kardashian seems to be having the time of her life vacationing in Italy. The Keeping Up with the Kardashians star travelled to Europe with her family, exploring places, including Corsica, Porto Cervo and Costa Smeralda

An onlooker told E! News that the Kardashians are "totally loving the country and the culture". "They are loving the Italian culture, and spend each day suntanning. swimming, shopping and eating gelato," E! News quoted an onlooker as saying

yatch and the kids "love being in the water". The 40-year old even shared

a photograph of her time under the sun in a bikini Recently, Kourtney made headlines after she was seen crying over hitting 40 in the teaser of the new season of Keeping Up with the Kardashians show.

"I do think that turning 40 like it almost makes you analyse like where you're at in your life," Kourtney told her sister, Khloe Kardashian, in







Dating apps make you reclusive and socially awkward, says study

oneliness and social anxiety is a bad combination for single people who use online dating applications. Researchers have found that people who fit this profile were more likely to experience negative outcomes than others because of their constant usage of dating apps.

"It's not just that they're using their phone a lot, we had participants who said they were missing school or work, or getting in trouble in classes or at work because they kept checking the dating apps on their phones,' said Kathryn Coduto, lead author of the study and a doctoral student in communication at The Ohio

State University, US.
Coduto added, "I've seen
people who use dating apps compulsively. They take their phones out when they're at dinner with friends or when they're in groups. They really can't stop swiping."

The findings are published by the Journal of Social and

In the research, as many as 269 undergraduate students with the experience of using one or more dating apps participated in answering questions designed to measure their loneliness and social anxiety. For example, they were asked if they were constantly nervous around other people.

Compulsive use was measured by participants' agreement with statements like 'I am unable to reduce the amount of time I spend on dating apps'. They also reported negative outcomes such as missing class or work or getting in trouble because of being engaged on dating apps.

Not surprisingly, the result showed that socially anxious participants preferred to meet and talk to potential dating partners online rather than in person. They tend to agree with statements like 'I am more confident socialising on

dating apps than offline'. According to Coduto "People need to be aware of their dating app use and consider whether they have a problem. If they have trouble setting limits for themselves, they can use apps that restrict dating app use to certain times of day or to a set amoun

"Especially if you're lonely be careful in your choices. Regulate and be selective in your use," she added.

of time each day."



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'COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER REMAKE FOR GLASSY'

Singer Ashok Mastie says his hit party number opened doors for indie artists in the party song genre

ith every other film song a refurbished version of a tune you've heard before these days, saying that remaking popular songs is on the rise would be an understatement. So why shouldn't Ashok Mastie, the singer of Khadke Glassy, join the bandwagon with his own version of the hugely popular song? The singer-composer has remade his and rapper Honey Singh's Punjabi hip-hop hit for the recent film Jabariya Jodi, and has Sidharth Malhotra and Parineeti Chopra

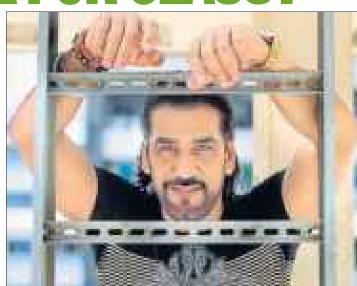
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"I couldn't have asked for a better remake of Khadke Glassy than this. Sidharth and Parineeti have enjoyed arineeti have enjoyed so much in this song. The makers concept and made it a Holi song," Ashok says, adding "Getting our song remade for a Bollywood movie is in itself a big thing for us. The industry is opening up and there is a lot of appreciation for hip-hop."

Mastie recalls that the iconic song came into existence thanks to an experiment and was added to their album Clap on the Beat at the last moment "Yo Yo Honey Singh and I had collaborated for a music album and we were about to release when a young artist came to me and said, 'Sir, mujhe ek gaana banana hai. Mujhe aap koi bhi gaana dijiye, main woh aapko gaa ke sunaunga. I got the harmonium and composed the song Khadke Glassy and gave him to sing," Mastie recalls.

The track instantly became a party favourite. "It was a oneof-its-kind song in the market

because of the English hip-hop beat. Overnight, it became superhit song. I couldn't understand what happened that time but Honey Singh, who made his debut with this song, knew that these type of songs will work a lot in the industry It kick-started a new wave in the industry," he says. One of the highlights of the

song was a slick Mastie grooving to the lyrics along with Singh. And ever since, the singer has gone on to carve a niche for himself in the industry with hit numbers such as Gaddi, Nakhra Nawabi. and Akhiyaan Vich. "Getting featured in music videos benefits the singers a lot. If it would not have been a club song, singers would not have entered in that space. This song opened doors for Indian pop artists in the club," Ashok says,



'All the songs I've sung in the past, I feel I could sing better today'

ubin Nautiyal is upbeat about the way his music about the way his music career is shaping up. He sung for the recent films Kabir Singh and Khaandani Shafakhana, his next includes Sidharth Malhotra starrer Marjaavaan, and Happy Hardy and Heer. The singer also released a single recently.

"I'm growing as a singer when it comes to Bollywood singing, but at the same time, I'm also growing as an artist. That, I feel, is the greatest achievement. I still don't think I've tapped my true potential. All the songs I've sung in the past, I feel I could sing them better today, and that tells me I'm growing in my craft," says Jubin, who feels "blessed" to have worked with some of the best-known names in the industry. Most of the 30year-old's songs have been romance tracks, including his latest single, Hai Pyaar Kya. Jubin explains why he feels the most connected to the genre. "I love singing romantic songs. I feel I can sing the soul of that song. I'm very particular about the lyrics. Belting out romantic numbers is simple, too. I just go into the song, listen to the lyrics and sing it. Even in this single, I'm just saying it through expressions," shares the singer, adding that he had been working on the number with lyricist Rocky Khanna for the past three years.

"I really wanted to release this song just because it was still living with me after three

vears. It's very easy when you have to make a sound that's already been done before, but if you have to make a fresh one, it needs a lot of depth, communication and time. You can't sit one day and just make it. I'm not saying it's different from the kind work I've done earlier, but it's different from the kind of work that's releasing elsewhere, adds Jubin. Asked if he enjoys independent music more than playback singing for films, the singer calls himself an artist of a different process. "I'm not into independent or film zone, l just work on one song at a time. It might even be an ad jingle, but it'll always be one thing at a time," he explains. Talking of modern-day metrics — numbers and views on online streaming platforms - Jubin says they've never mattered to him as such. "There's a saying I'd like to share with all the budding artists — 'Don't let the internet fool you'. Use and enjoy internet and learn from it, but do not let it affect you because when music began, it didn't happen with views, it happened with a genuine thought that it's a good song

and I want to hear it again," the

singer explains.

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Channing takes break from social media to be in the 'real world'

taking a social media hiatus to spark creativity again and get inspired by the "real world". The 39-yearold actor announced that he is taking a step back from all social media platforms in an Instagram post on Wednesday Tatum explained how his life online has been negatively affecting his creativity. "I'm gonna take a break and come off socials for a minute. I've been trying to get inspired and create again. And to be honest I don't really feel, or at least I

social in the last couple years now," he wrote. He continued, "I'm gonna go and be just in the real world for a while and off my phone. I'll probably come back at some point. But if I do, I want to have a direction or a clear point of view of why I'm on here and what I'm putting out there. Love ya! See ya after a while [sic]!" Since he posted the message, it has garnered more than 1,00,000 likes and comments from fans praising him. "You're not alone in that feeling... take care," one fan

See you on the flip side! You've inspired me," another agreed. Stars like Ariana Grande,

Iggy Azalea, Demi Lovato and Ed Sheeran have all taken breaks in recent years for their own reasons.

The actor's statement comes

months after he started stepping out publicly with new girlfriend Jessie J. The two were first linked in October last year after Tatum and his ex Jenna Dewan announced their separation in April 2018.



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Some of you are likely to overstep the

deadline for a job, but luck will be on your side. You can be swayed by someone to spend your hard earned money on something frivolous. A minor ailment

irritates, but not for long. You are likely to have a good time in the company of your near and dear ones today. You may need to



Mahesh Babu: The actor, who is known for his films such as Murari, Arjun, 1: Nenokkadine and Bharat Ane Nenu, turns 44 today.



will be received well. Funds saved for something specific may have to be spent on something else. Spouse or a family member may have lined up a surprise for you today. An out of town trip cannot be ruled out for some. Good news awaits some on the property front. Excellent performance on the academic front will be

acknowledged even by your rivals.

Love Focus: It may seem difficult to match lover in his or her need for togetherness on the romantic front.

Lucky Number: 8 Lucky Colour: Forest Green

Your contribution to a workplace project will be highly appreciated and help you in getting established on the professional front. A minor financial setback can get you into the thinking mode. A dispute on the family front may leave a bad taste in the mouth. You may be the main

motivator to get a family outing organised. You may make up your mind to sell a property you own. Academic front may appear to be a roller coaster ride. Love Focus: Today, you may turn your old romantic self to the delight

Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Rose



Love Focus: Self-confidence and way with words will be enough to floor someone of the opposite gender on the romantic front

Lucky Number: 3 Lucky Colour: Saffron

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Helpful friends may rescue you from a tight situation on the financial front. You will not be able to raise your voice against something wrong at work. You will be able to get rid of an ailment pestering you for long. Friends or cousins can come and make the home front lively. Property

acquired previously may give excellent returns. You will get ample opportunity to establish yourself on the academic front.

Love Focus: Rekindling romance may become important, as cracks begin to appear in your relationship.

Lucky Number: 15 Lucky Colour: Peach

You will find your way clear for achieving vour immediate professional goals Financial worries plaguing some in the past are not likely to disappear by themselves, so make efforts to cut corners and increase earning. You may get inconvenienced by the arrival of a quest at home. A decision on the property front is likely to be in your favour. Seniors may hold high expectations from you regarding a project on the academic

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front, so work hard to prove them right.

property deal is set to materialise for those aiming to own a house.

Love Focus: Romance may need to be given a lower priority today

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Your potential may remain untapped on the academic front.

Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Chocolate

Your efforts at work will be recognised on

the professional front. Financial help will be forthcoming for those venturing on

an exercise routine for remaining in top physical condition. Entertaining guests

can be your lot today, but the time spent

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promises to be most enjoyable. Chance for studying abroad may materialise for some. A

their own. You may join a gym or take up

Love Focus: You will succeed in rekindling your love life Lucky Number: 2 Lucky Colour: Pink





Love Focus: Romantic mood persists and you are certain to make the

get resources to carry out improvements in an ancestral property. our consistency in performance on the academic front will be noticed by those who matter.

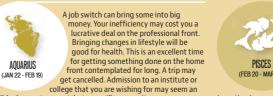
Love Focus: Lover may need space and you shouldn't deny that

Lucky Number: 22 Lucky Colour: Light Blue

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music. Your love and care will help



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impossible dream at present, but you will manage it. Love Focus: A journey or a function may become the perfect setting

for romance to happen, so rejoice! Lucky Number: 17 Lucky Colour: White

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Good financial management is set to make you monetarily stable. You may not get everyone's consent for implementing a new idea at work. A family outing will find you refreshed and rejuvenated. Your plan of a pilgrimage may not come to fruition immediately. A good bargain is foreseen on the property front. Networking will only help to certain extent on the academi

front, so get down to mastering the subjects, if you want to fare well Love Focus: Spending time with beloved and exchanging sweet nothings will prove most rewarding.

Lucky Number: 11 Lucky Colour: Light Grey

Job prospects for those freshly out of professional institutes are set to brighten up soon. Soaring expenses may alarm you, but you will be able to stabilise the situation. Getting a pat on the back at home for something you have done is possible. A leisure trip with friends proves enjoyable. Property matters should not be touched today. A well wisher is likely to come to your rescue on the academic front.

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Love Focus: Suspicious nature threatens to spoil relationship with

Lucky Number: 6 Lucky Colour: Sea Green



Financial security is what you seek at this juncture, so work towards it. You may feel things on the professional front going a bit out of control. Your desire for better health may soon turn into action. You may be planning something big on the home front. An outing with your favourite person proves to be a refreshing experience Good returns can be expected by those

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Love Focus: There seems to be a strong possibility of finding a suitable mate on the romantic front

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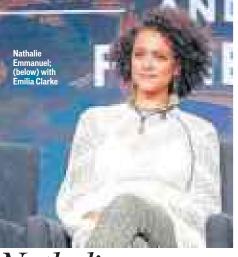
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Nathalie says co-star, Emilia Clarke, is a 'beast'

who played the role of Missandei, an advisor to actor Emilia Clarke's character Daenerys Targarven, in the show, Game of Thrones, opened up about how she is inspired by her co-

For Emmanuel, her time on GoT was much more than just a job. The star opened up in the latest issue of People about her character's sudden death in the final season, the bittersweet ending, and the friendships she made, especially with Clarke. Clarke recently revealed that she underwent two life-saving brain surgeries over the last

Emilia, as a friend and colleague, is just such a joy,

Emmanuel says.
"I really have thoroughly loved working with her. I loved learning from her. And we check in on each other so often," the 30-year-old actor adds. "I remember coming back to work and hearing about her surgeries and being like, 'Wow, it's just so crazy and there you are, ready to go back to work.' She's such a beast. As a woman, she really picks herself up and keeps going," she says. "She's really

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inspiring, I'm so proud of her. And then, what she's chosen to do with that experience, to help other people, is so amazing," she adds.

The two actors' characters were suddenly separated after Missandei was brutally beheaded in the last season leaving fans and Emmanuel shocked and distraught. "I basically cried my eyes out when I read the script," says "To be honest with you, I

was sort of expecting it to an extent, but I've expected it with every season. And I think that finally I was like Oh she's gone. That's sad because of how much I love her and how much I love playing her, The actor shared that she

was proud of her character's journey throughout the epic fantasy series. "She definitely went out with strength and she went out with a ferocity that we probably hadn't seen in her before," she savs.

Emmanuel also said that she's not only proud of her character but the show's She says, "Reading the final episode, I felt hopeful"

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Gul feels portrayal of women antagonists has improved

eauty queen, actor, social enthusiast, pilot and politician—Gul Panag has donned many a hat since coming into the public eye with her 1999 beauty pagean win, Acting, however, is what remains closest to the Dor (2006) star's heart. Gul will next be seen playing an antagonist for the first time, in her film Bypass Road that also stars Neil Nitin Mukesh and Adah Sharma. "As an actor, one is always

what you get.

apprehensive about playing a part that requires them to look much older than they are but for this film, it was challenging for me to do so and also venture into the grey shade spectrum for the first time," shares the 40-year-old really about the mindset of the character. The challenge and fun in being an actor is that you get to essay characters that may be quite different from who you are. Bollywood films have

produced many memorable antagonists over the decades - Amiad Khan, Amrish Puri, Danny Denzongpa Kulbhushan Kharbanda, and

more recently, Shah Rukh Khan in Darr (1993), Saif Al Khan in Omkara (2006) and Ranveer Singh in Padmaavat (2018). But it is only in the past two decades that women actors have really been seen in negative roles that have nuance — Kajol in Gupt (1997), Priyanka Chopra in Aitraaz (2004) and 7 Khoon Maaf (2011), Vidya Balan in Ishqiya (2010) and Tabu in Haider (2014), Drishyam (2015) and Andhadhun (2018). But Gul feels the times are

changing. "From one-dimensional vamps to normal-yet-grey characters there is clear proof of a shift. Even the female leads are getting more important roles. The stereotypical female characters have taken a back seat. The audience is also appreciating ingenious scripts for women," she says. The Manorama Six Feet Under (2007) actor is also busy

"I play an interesting part in a web series, which also stars Manoj Bajpayee. The other is an investigative thriller produced by Anushka Sharma. So lots of exciting work to watch out



Gul Panag is working on two



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Fortunate to get the trust of the best filmmakers, says Bhumi Pednekar

Laga Ke Haisha (2015), actor Bhumi Pednekar has worked with competent directors including names such as Sharat Katariya (in Dum Laga Ke Haisha), RS Prasanna (in Shubh Mangal Saavdhan), Abhishek Chaubey (Sonchiriya) and Zoya Akhtar (in Lust Stories) And the actor feels lucky to have worked with such fine filmmakers

"As an artist, I'm constantly looking for good scripts. I'm constantly hungry for great content, and thankfully I've been fortunate enough to get the trust of some of the best filmmakers of

The actor has an interesting slate of films coming up, and will soon be seen in Saand Ki Aankh, Bhoot: Part One - The Haunted Ship, Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitare, Bala, Pati Patni Aur Woh and Takht.

"My next [few] films are also scripts that are extremely diverse and brilliant; that I truly love. Each one of them are projects that will present me in extremely different avatars, and that's what excites me to do cinema. I get to be such diverse

Right from her debut where Bhumi played an overweight girl opposite Ayushmann Khurrana — she has always picked characters that are "strong and have a major impact on the story of a

The actor adds, "I wouldn't have chosen to do these films if they were any different. I'm really excited about my next set of films because they have given me super exciting and memorable characters to portray. I'm in a great phase of my career, and I want to keep doing my best with every single film that I do."





It 'scares' casey to talk about #MeToo

ctor Casey Affleck has said even though he supports the #MeToo movement, it terrifies him to say anything in relation to it, as an aftermath of the sexual harassment allegations levied against him.
The Oscar winner talked

about the accusations during his appearance on Dax Shepard's podcast, Armchair Expert. "It is very, very hard to talk about, and it scares me," Affleck said, when asked about the #MeToo movement The 43-year-old actor was

accused of sexual assault on the sets of mockumentary I'm Still Here, by two women. Though he had settled the lawsuits that stemmed from the allegations, they came back to haunt him during his Oscar campaign for Manchester by the Sea (2017).

Affleck said he took the decision to remain quiet on the #MeToo movement because he didn't want to be interpreted as someone who opposes it. "The way that I'm thought of sometimes by certain people recently, has been so antithetical to who I really am that it's been frustrating. And not being able to talk about it has been hard because I really wanted to support all of that, but I felt like the best thing to do was to just be quiet so I didn't seem to be in opposition to something that I really wanted to champion,"

spot to be in, especially if you really do appreciate and want to be a support of the side that

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GYLLENHAAL,

ctor Jake Gyllenhaal's relationship with his French girlfriend, model Jeanne Cadieu seems to be going quite well. According to Page Six, Cadieu recently met Gyllenhaal's family and they have been on a trip together. Not only outings, Cadieu, 22, has also accompanied the 38-year-old star at several of his film previews and also to a Broadway play. The duo is also

participating in an art project together. A photo exhibition named

Inside Out even features Gyllenhaal and Cadieu'

Their relationship first came into the limelight back in December. Since then, they have been spotted at a number of events and parties

Recently, Gyllenhaal starred in Spider-Man: Far From Home, essaying the classic villain, Mysterio, The Academy Award-nominated actor, who has

never been married, has earlier dated actors Kirsten Dunst and Reese Witherspoon,

singer Taylor Swift, among

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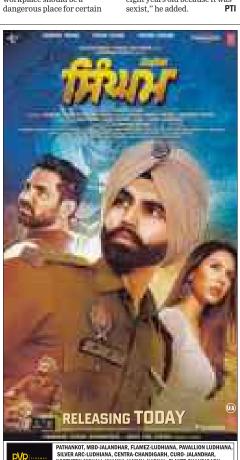
seems angriest, and the anger is being directed at you."

The actor said it baffles him

to see that there are people in the world who are not in support of #MeToo. "Who would not be supportive of the #MeToo movement? That's an idea that's even out there? That there are some people saying we do not believe in equality and we think the workplace should be a

people and not for others That's preposterous," the actor-director added.

He said the values of #MeToo are "at the heart of my being". "Just the way I was raised, they are baked into my own value system having been raised by a mother who didn't let us watch The Dukes of Hazzard (1979-85 television series) when we were like eight years old because it was sexist," he added.





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Films set for Kashmir shoot in a pickle

ashmir has long been a preferred location for the shoots of Bollywood films thanks to its picturesque locations. And it continues to be so. But, after the central government's decision to revoke Article 370 and 35A, and bifurcation of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state, it was being reported that the shoot status of some films was uncertain. Films such as Shershaah, Sadak 2 and Shamshera, were scheduled to be shot in the Valley and reports about them being affected by recent

developments have surfaced. However, some filmmakers claim that the impact is

Mehta, one of the producers of the Sidharth Malhotra-starrer Shershaah, which is currently being shot in Kargil, they have "not faced any problems so far". "We never thought that this situation would arise but we will deal with whatever

happens next," he says. However, a local hotelier in whose hotels the cast of the film is staying, says the curfew in the new Union Territory did affect the shoot of the film. "The shooting has got delayed by a few days because vehicles which were supposed to come to Kargil via Srinagar had to re-route and come via Manali. We're making good business as about 250 cast and crew members have occupied over 120 rooms in five-six different hotels. The only concerr is, since we're





Actor-filmmaker Pooja Bhatt, associate director of Sadak 2, refutes the reports that claim that Kashmir shoot of the film has been indefinitely postponed. She says "There was no filming planned with the actors in Kashmir anyway, so

these reports are untrue. The second unit (which is headed by Pooja) is travelling the length and breadth of India without the cast, to shoot plates to ensure the film has a seamless cinematic journey

She is quick to clarify that the Kailash-Mansarovar shooting schedule "has been postponed indefinitely" the reason, she adds, has got nothing to do with recent developments. J&K-based line producer Md Abdullah, who handled the shooting of Manmarziyaan (2018) and this year's RAW and the web series, The Final Call, says, "We had to postpone some projects due to the disturbance in Srinagar.



for things to get back on track

Promotional stills of Shershaah

(top) and Shamshera (above)

While there may have been a few hurdles in the Valley, it is business as usual for films that are being shot in the new Union Territory, Leh. Gafur Steri, line producer of Ranbir Kapooi and Sanjay Dutt-starrer Shamshera, says, "Since there's no tension in Leh, the shooting of the film which is slated to go on floor from mid-August in Nubra Valley will start on time

But the supply that comes from Srinagar will affect us, besides the poor road condition that's also a hassle." Film exhibitor-distributor Akshaye Rathi sees this decision by the government as a boon to the film industry.
"Till now, the shooting cost

in J&K has been double of any other location in India. This move will allow filmmakers to

function locally in the Valley and that would cut overall cost," he

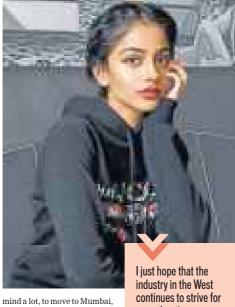
'Lost out on roles due to my ethnicity'

fter a stirring debut in Bollywood with Shoojit Sircar's October (2018), actor Banita Sandhu has been focusing on her career internationally. She made her American TV debut with the sci-fi series Pandora, starring Priscilla Quintana, and will next be seen in a Hollywood film Eternal Beauty featuring

Sally Hawkins.
Banita, however, reveals that she faced a lot of rejection in the West because of her Indian origin. "Personally, I never faced racist remarks in the film industry abroad, but I've lost out on roles due to my ethnicity; especially being an Indian in the West," she says, adding, "Still, progress is happening particularly in the last few years. I just hope that the industry continues to strive for an authentic representation, and that the sudden demand for diversity in Hollywood isn't just tokenistic

The 21-year-old has recently wrapped up the shoot of Adithya Varma — a Tamil remake of Telugu film Arjun Reddy - which was recently remade in Hindi as Kabir Singh. At the same time, she's also juggling between shoots in Bulgaria, India and the United Kingdom, for different projects.

Based out of London at present, she's certainly going places due to her work. And, she has even contemplated shifting base to Mumbai to establish her footing in Bollywood, She explains, "It's ...says Banita Sandhu clarifying that personally she didn't face racist remarks



because vou never know which part [in films] lands up on your lap any moment. If I'm not physically present there, I might miss out on them. Moving to Mumbai is something I consider seriously. But when the time is

right, I will take the plunge."
All this success is due to her strong debut and Banita is grateful for that opportunity, which allowed her to make a mark stone in the industry. platform that most actors can't even dream of from their debut film. It opened a lot of doors for

an authentic representation [of Indians], and that the sudden demand for diversity in Hollywood isn't just tokenistic.

> me, even in the West. I'm so grateful, and at times still in dishelief that my first film was with Shoojit sir and Varun (Dhawan). They're two people I adore and admire, and hope I'll do them proud," she adds

BANITA SANDHU ACTOR



EMMYS TO GO HOSTLESS

The 71st edition of Primetime Emmy Awards will not have a host, Fox has confirmed. The news follows in the steps of the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences' (AMPAS) decision for the Oscars to go hostless. Interestingly, the ratings of Oscars 2019 ceremony improved without a host. Network CEO Charlie Collier was asked if the rise in ratings inspired the move. "Obviously, that was a piece of information and it did do very well but I think it's a pretty unique year for some of America's favourite shows and it was the right thing to do," he said. - P

Wanted to do Hindi films but the

ctors from the south trying their luck in Bollywood is Common, and Siddharth was no different. He ventured into the Hindi film industry with a staggering debut in Rang De Basanti (2006). Movie buffs thought he would go on a signing spree, but that wasn't the case as he did just two other

and Chashme Baddoor (2013). "I got tonnes of offers in Hindi, but it's just that I got better offers in the south. You always have to choose between the good and the bad work and that's why I can only show up in Hindi films where I can justify myself. The local work there is better for me," says Siddharth, who continues to work in the south.

Hindi films - Striker (2010)

The actor says that if one side becomes really good, the other becomes immaterial. He adds "The streaming platforms will hopefully do something, which films haven't been able to, and unify



industries a little faster Thanks to this platform, I'll be a little more visible to my audience here, in the future." Siddharth recently debuted

on the web with the dystonian drama series, Leila. "Hopefully this will now open new avenues for not just me but others as

well, and bring content that I want to do," he says, adding, "I'm also going to produce my own content soon, but I haven't committed to act in it as I've committed to a lot of films

Since he has produced films in Tamil and Telugu, will he

take up direction anytime soon? "I started as an assistant director, so directing has always been on the cards. But, right now I've my hands full. I'm going to take time off and do it for sure," he concludes.

t the age of 28, when he played a 65-year-old man in Saaransh (1984), Anupam Kher made people sit up and take notice of his talent. Although the actor had a powerful start to his career, the path ahead was clearly not as rosy. Now, as Kher completes 35 years since Saaransh and comes out with his new book, Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly he looks at the journey so far with a lot of fondness. "What separates me from everyone else is that I still have a sense of wonder. When I do this interview from the 30th floor of my building in USA, I wonder, 'am I the same small boy from Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)?' I measure all my achievements by that standard," he says.

This is the 35th year of the release of Saaransh, and since then, your journey seems great from the outside. How would you marise it?

I will summarise it only after 30 years, not right now because I have just reached the interval of my life. I have plenty to gain and lots to learn. I have just come to understand what acting and life is all about. So, the time to give my best is now. All these years, I have tried to find a firm foothold.

Right from the time wh worked in Hum Aapke Hain Koun (1994) to now, when you work in the West in films such as Silver Linings Playbook (2012), your outlook towards work and life has always seemed dynamic. How do you maintain that? It's not tough at all. You just have to decide to be happy and

then practice it for a few

months. Then, troubles will seem less troubling. It's not that I haven't had any ups and downs in my life or that I am immune to depression. In fact I battled depression for a year and-a-half and was on medication. If you're hell-bent on being happy for three months, I can guarantee that even the biggest of tragedies will appear negligible, and the most little moments of happiness will appear

Actor Anupam Kher says

he has had his share of 'ups and downs in life';

adds a film on his life

will be a blockbuster

You have always been open about your struggles, setbacks or victories through your play, Kucch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai oi your new book, Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly...
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The world frightens you with what you hide. But if you

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with the truth, then there's nothing to fear. Whatever has happened with me is. anyway. a fact. If I became bankrupt almost 15 years back, if I am hald or if I suffered facial paralysis [around Hum Aapke Hain Koun's shooting], they are facts. I am not ashamed of these things. Why should I hide them? Also, I feel your upbringing helps

Till date, what's been the most important lesson that life has taught you?

Never take yourself seriously! As we grow up, we start taking ourselves seriously. There is a very popular saying, 'if you want God to laugh, tell him your plans'. We keep planning our life but life is all about living, not adjusting. The biggest lesson that I learnt from my father was that 'failure is an event, never a person'. I

have had many disappointments when I couldn't be a part of Mr India (1987) or when I didn't get Jawaharlal Nehru's role in Gandhi (1982), or when I fought with a film magazine. But what kept me going was my attitude towards life. Also, you cannot be popular with the whole world. But firstly, you've to respect yourself.

Now, after the play and the book would you like a film be made on your life? I feel it will be the biggest

blockbuster (laughs), But I haven't thought about it. I feel a biopic has to be inspirational and my life is full of drama, romance, comedy, failure, motivation, success and failure again followed by success. I've lived and continue to live my fully. Whenever it gets made. I hope it will be a guide on how to deal with failure, sadness and depression. As for the actor. I'll have to think about it I played a 65-year-old guy at 28 [in Saaransh], so I can play myself from the point when my film career started. We just have to find a younger Anupam

And how did the idea of the book

come to you? I always wanted to write a book which will have an inspirational angle, and won't just be about my life. I remember when I was a Mumbai, what kept me going were the autobiographies of people like Charlie Chaplin and Kirk Douglas, among

So, I thought it's very important to write about my life, what made me

You have spoken about abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A from Jammu and Kashmir. Also, you had an argument, on Twitter, with people, who opposed the move...

Triple Talaq bill, too. And sometimes, it becomes imperative to call them out and their fraud behaviour. When, in 1990 Kashmiri Pandits were beaten up and thrown out, that was a genocide of sorts. They suffer from and conveniently tell their own history, and pretend to be progressive. But you can't scare me. I am like, 'chalo, acchi baat ho gayi hai aur ab iska accha asar dikhayi dega'. Article 370 was a problema article. Why would you have such a 'differentiating' article in one nation?

who I am, so that people who look for inspiration should benefit from it. It's not preachy but inspiring. If I am not proud of the way I have lived my life, then how can anybody else be proud of it?



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you monetarily stable. You may not get

everyone's consent for implementing a new idea at work. A family outing will find you refreshed and rejuvenated.

Your plan of a pilgrimage may not come to fruition immediately. A good bargain is foreseen on the property front. Networking

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will only help to certain extent on the academi

front, so get down to mastering the subjects, if you want to fare well

Love Focus: Spending time with beloved and exchanging sweet



will be received well. Funds saved for something specific may have to be spent on something else. Spouse or a family member may have lined up a surprise for you today. An out of town trip cannot be ruled out for some. Good news awaits some on the property front. Excellent performance on the academic front will be

acknowledged even by your rivals.

Love Focus: It may seem difficult to match lover in his or her need for togetherness on the romantic front.

Lucky Number: 8 Lucky Colour: Forest Green

Your contribution to a workplace project will be highly appreciated and help you in getting established on the professional front. A minor financial setback can get you into the thinking mode. A dispute on the family front may leave a bad taste in the mouth. You may be the main motivator to get a family outing organised. You may make up your mind to sell a property you own. Academic front may appear to be a roller coaster ride.

Love Focus: Today, you may turn your old romantic self to the delight

Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Rose

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Give professional advice to someone, only if you are sure of things yourself. Good opportunities will keep you in a good financial position. Those suffering from bodily ailments can hope for a quick recovery. Some of you may have to undertake an out-of-town journey. You will prevent an ancestral property from becoming a bone of contention among the

family members. You shine on the academic front. Love Focus: Self-confidence and way with words will be enough to floor someone of the opposite gender on the romantic front

Lucky Number: 3 Lucky Colour: Saffron

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Helpful friends may rescue you from a tight situation on the financial front. You will not be able to raise your voice against something wrong at work. You will be able to get rid of an ailment pestering you for long. Friends or cousins can come and make the home front lively. Property acquired previously may give excellent

returns. You will get ample opportunity to establish yourself on the academic front.

Love Focus: Rekindling romance may become important, as cracks begin to appear in your relationship.

Lucky Number: 15 Lucky Colour: Peach

You will find your way clear for achieving vour immediate professional goals Financial worries plaguing some in the past are not likely to disappear by themselves, so make efforts to cut corners and increase earning. You may get inconvenienced by the arrival of a quest at home. A decision on the property front is likely to be in your favour. Seniors may hold high expectations from you regarding a project on the academic

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front, so work hard to prove them right.

Love Focus: You will succeed in rekindling your love life Lucky Number: 2 Lucky Colour: Pink



Your efforts at work will be recognised on the professional front. Financial help will be forthcoming for those venturing on their own. You may join a gym or take up an exercise routine for remaining in top physical condition. Entertaining guests can be your lot today, but the time spent

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promises to be most enjoyable. Chance for studying abroad may materialise for some. A property deal is set to materialise for those aiming to own a house. Your potential may remain untapped on the academic front.

Love Focus: Romance may need to be given a lower priority today Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Chocolate

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what you get.

Some of you are likely to overstep the deadline for a job, but luck will be on your side. You can be swayed by someone to spend your hard earned money on something frivolous. A minor ailment irritates, but not for long. You are likely to have a good time in the company of your near and dear ones today. You may need to

get resources to carry out improvements in an ancestral property. our consistency in performance on the academic front will be noticed by those who matter.

Love Focus: Lover may need space and you shouldn't deny that Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Dark Red

Financial prospects brighten, but you will need to remain judicious in spending. You are likely to misplace some important official documents and can face the music. Your love and care will help improve the condition of someone in the family. An overseas journey is on the anvil for some. Your attempts to get hold of some property may not succeed. Your efforts on the academic front will keep you in contention.

Love Focus: Romantic mood persists and you are certain to make the

A job switch can bring some into big

get cancelled. Admission to an institute or college that you are wishing for may seem an

money. Your inefficiency may cost you a lucrative deal on the professional front. Bringing changes in lifestyle will be

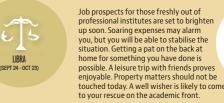
good for health. This is an excellent time for getting something done on the home front contemplated for long. A trip may

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impossible dream at present, but you will manage it.

Love Focus: A journey or a function may become the perfect setting



Love Focus: Suspicious nature threatens to spoil relationship with

Lucky Number: 6 Lucky Colour: Sea Green

nothings will prove most rewarding.

Lucky Number: 11 Lucky Colour: Light Grey



Financial security is what you seek at this juncture, so work towards it. You may feel things on the professional front going a bit out of control. Your desire for better health may soon turn into action. You may be planning something big on the home front. An outing with your favourite person proves to be a refreshing experience Good returns can be expected by those

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Actor Abhay Deol, much like his

contemporaries, is into fitness. He is even professionally trained in the

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Nathalie says co-star, Emilia Clarke, is a 'beast'

ctor Nathalie Emmanuel who played the role of Missandei, an advisor to actor Emilia Clarke's character Daenerys Targarven, in the show, Game of Thrones, opened up about how she is inspired by her co-

GoT was much more than just a job. The star opened up in the latest issue of People about her character's sudden death in the final season, the bittersweet ending, and the friendships she made, especially with Clarke. Clarke recently revealed that she underwent two life-saving brain surgeries over the last

Emilia, as a friend and colleague, is just such a joy,

Emmanuel says.
"I really have thoroughly loved working with her. I loved learning from her. And we check in on each other so often," the 30-year-old actor adds. "I remember coming back to work and hearing about her surgeries and being like, 'Wow, it's just so crazy and there you are, ready to go back to work.' She's such a beast. As a woman, she really picks herself up and keeps going," she says. "She's really

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inspiring, I'm so proud of her. And then, what she's chosen to do with that experience, to help other people, is so amazing," she adds.

The two actors' characters were suddenly separated after Missandei was brutally beheaded in the last season leaving fans and Emmanuel shocked and distraught. "I basically cried my eyes out when I read the script," says

was sort of expecting it to an extent, but I've expected it with every season. And I think that finally I was like Oh she's gone. That's sad because of how much I love her and how much I love playing her,

was proud of her character's journey throughout the epic fantasy series. "She definitely

Emmanuel also said that she's not only proud of her character but the show's She says, "Reading the final episode, I felt hopeful"

eauty queen, actor, social activist, fitness enthusiast, pilot and politician—Gul Panag has donned many a hat since coming into the public eye with her 1999 beauty pagean win, Acting, however, is what

"To be honest with you, I

The actor shared that she went out with strength and she went out with a ferocity that we probably hadn't seen in her before," she savs.

overall run and ending as well

remains closest to the Dor (2006) star's heart. Gul will next be seen playing an antagonist for the first time, in her film Bypass Road that also stars Neil Nitin Mukesh and Adah Sharma. "As an actor, one is always

apprehensive about playing a part that requires them to look much older than they are but for this film, it was challenging for me to do so and also venture into the grey shade spectrum for the first time," shares the 40-year-old really about the mindset of the character. The challenge and fun in being an actor is that you get to essay characters that may be quite different from who you are.

Bollywood films have produced many memorable antagonists over the decades - Amiad Khan, Amrish Puri, Danny Denzongpa Kulbhushan Kharbanda, and

more recently, Shah Rukh Khan in Darr (1993), Saif Al Khan in Omkara (2006) and Ranveer Singh in Padmaavat (2018). But it is only in the past two decades that women actors have really been seen in negative roles that have nuance — Kajol in Gupt (1997), Priyanka Chopra in Aitraaz (2004) and 7 Khoon Maaf (2011), Vidya Balan in Ishqiya (2010) and Tabu in Haider (2014), Drishyam (2015) and Andhadhun (2018).

But Gul feels the times are changing. "From one-dimensional vamps to normal-yet-grey characters there is clear proof of a shift. Even the female leads are getting more important roles. The stereotypical female characters have taken a back seat. The audience is also appreciating ingenious scripts for women," she says. The Manorama Six Feet Under (2007) actor is also busy

"I play an interesting part in a web series, which also stars Manoj Bajpayee. The other is an investigative thriller produced by Anushka Sharma. So lots of exciting work to watch out





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Channing takes break from social media to be in the 'real world'

hiatus to spark creativity again and get inspired by the "real world". The 39-year-old actor announced that he is taking a step back from all social media platforms in an Instagram post on Wednesday. Tatum explained how his life online has been negatively affecting

his creativity.
"I'm gonna take a break and come off socials for a minute. I've been trying to get inspired and create again. And to be honest I don't really feel, or at least I haven't felt, very creative on social in the last couple years now," he wrote He continued, "I'm gonna go and be just in the real world for a while and off my phone. I'll probably come back at some point. But if I do, I want to have a direction or a clear point of view of why I'm on here and what I'm putting out

there. Love ya! See ya after a while [sic]!" Since he posted the message, it has garnered more than 1,00,000 likes and

OF THE BEST FILMMAKERS, SAYS BHUMI

Since her debut film Dum Laga Ke Haisha (2015), actor Bhumi Podreck

has worked with competent directors including names

such as Sharat Katariya (in Dum Laga Ke Haisha), RS Prasanna (in Shubh Mangal Saaydhan) Abhishek

Chaubey (Sonchiriya) and Zoya Akhtar (in Lust Stories).

And the actor feels lucky to have worked with such fine filmmakers. "As an artist, I'm constantly

looking for good scripts. I'm constantly hungry for great

content, and thankfully I've

been fortunate enough to get the trust of some of the best

filmmakers of our country,'

slate of films coming up, and

will soon be seen in Saand Ki Aankh, Bhoot: Part One - The

Haunted Ship, Dolly Kitty Aur

Pati Patni Aur Woh and Takht.

"My next [few] films are

also scripts that are extremely diverse and brilliant; that

I truly love. Each one of them

are projects that will present me in extremely different

avatars, and that's what

Woh Chamakte Sitare, Bala

says the 30-year-old.
The actor has an interesting

comments from fans praising him. "You're not alone in that feeling... take care," one fan wrote. "We all need to do this See you on the flip side! You've inspired me," another agreed.

Tatum is not the only actor to take a break from social media. Stars like Ariana

Loyato and Ed Sheeran have years for their own reasons. The actor's statement comes months after he started stepping out publicly with new girlfriend Jessie J. The two were first linked in October last year after Tatum and his

Are things serious between Gyllenhaal,

Cadieu? relationship with his French girlfriend, model

Jeanne Cadieu seems to be

going quite well. According to Page Six, Cadieu recently met Gyllenhaal's family and they have been on a trip together.
Not only outings, Cadieu, 22, has also accompanied the

38-year-old star at several of his film previews and also to a Broadway play. The duo is also participating in an art project

A photo exhibition named Inside Out even features Gyllenhaal and Cadieu's portraits.

Their relationship first came into the limelight back in December. Since then, they have been spotted at a number of events and parties together.

Recently, Gyllenhaal starred in Spider-Man: Far From Home, essaying the

classic villain, Mysterio The Academy Award nominated actor, who has never been married, has

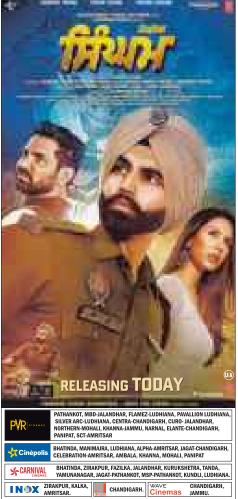


earlier dated actors Kirsten Dunst and Reese Witherspoon singer Taylor Swift, among

excites me to do cinema. I get to be such diverse characters, learn about them, live their lives and become them," she says. Right from her debut where Bhumi played an overweight girl opposite Avushmann Khurrana — she has always picked characters that are "strong and have a major impact on the story of a The actor adds, "I wouldn't have chosen to do these films if they were any different. I'm really excited about my next set of films because they have given me super exciting and memorable characters to portray. I'm in a great phase of my career, and I want to keep doing my best with every single film that I do."



Actor Bhumi Pednekar says scripts that show her in



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their separation in April 2018. Although they had been linked for months, Tatum and Jessie J didn't make their romance public until March when they were photographed together for the first time walking hand-in-hand in London. Since then, the couple has publicised their relationship on social media. On July 2 the singer shared a series of black and white photos of herself and Tatum cuddling up during a date







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the Promenade, some parts of this township are in

Territory of

the state of Tamil

Nadu and others are in the Union

Puducherry. Spread over a large area,

the place is not only

beautiful but also evokes spirituality

and calmness in

The three most important and

beautiful

Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Conception

Cathedral and Notre Dame des

Anges Church. The words fail a scribe if he or she tries to describe the beauty of these

Another must see place in Puducherry is the

Paradise beach. To reach here, one has to sail through the

one of the most beautiful

temples in Pondicherry is the Manakula Vinayagar

breathtakingly adorned and decorated, and is also situated

near the Promenade sea front.

8 Next up, the Villianur Thirukameswarar

Kokilambigai Temple is situated around 9-10km from

the town of Puducherry. The

general belief is that this temple was constructed by a

century as a tribute to Lord

Chola King around 12th

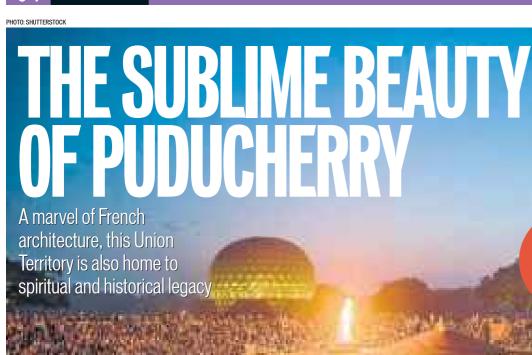
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Coming back to devotion,

homes of God.

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churches of Puducherry that a tourist must visit, are the





The Shore Temple in Mahabalipuram is a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Ranjan Datta

s the melodious voice of Bombay Jayashree waddles through the opening credits of Ang Lee's Life of Pi, we witness one of the most beautiful places to travel in India - Pondicherry Puducherry, or Pondi, as most

Puducherry is a place where history, heritage and culture resonate in every nook and corner It is an abode of spirituality and a place which Sri Aurobindo deemed perfect for his metaphysical quest.

Puducherry's history dates back centuries, and legend has it that ancient sage Agastya established his ashram here.

The Vedapureeswarar Temple is one of the main tourist attractions here and the present temple was reconstructed towards the end of the 18th century, after being demolished by the French.

Puducherry was originally developed by the first French governor, François Martin. However, the first Europeans to set foot here were the Portuguese, followed by the Dutch, the Danes and eventually the French

Here are the 10 mustvisit places in Puducherry

On the way from Chennai On the way from Chemial airport to Pondi, one can catch a glimpse of the beautiful Mahabalipuram or Mamallapuram, with its Shore Temple — a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Once in Puducherry, the first stop for any traveller should be the Promenade, which is basically a sea front along the erstwhile French colony, locally called the White Town, The Promenad

is not a beach; it's a beautiful sea front with boulders to stop land erosion. Also, it is the heart of the town, and the most visited place by tourists. The settlement is breathtakingly beautiful with the French architecture and buildings along its sides. There are many hotels in the area for lodging.

The second most sought-after place in Puducherry is the Aurobindo Ashram, One can witness the Samadhi of Sri Aurobindo, which is situated in the French town.

The third most important The thirt most may site to visit is Auroville the city of dawn. It is an experimental township founded by the famous Mother, an associate of Sri Aurobindo, and named after him (Auro-dawn and villecity). Set around 10km from

Shiva, whom he worshipped here and got cured of leprosy The architecture of this temple is admirable and there is an inscription in the temple which dates back to the early part of the 11th century. However, many experts argue that there are some evidences which point to an earlier date of construction of this temple

An annual car festival is held around August at Sri Sengazhuneer Amman Temple, Veerampattinam, which is also an importance place for the devotees. The deity here is said to be the patron goddess and guardian of the fishermen, and hence they pay their tribute through this car festival. The village also has a beautiful

10 As far as gastronomic delights are concerned, one of the best places in Puducherry is the Rendezvous Café. Tugged in a beautiful building with a colonial décor, it also has a very soothing playlist in the evenings. Another beautiful place to hang out is Café des Arts, which is a sophisticated place with a modern menu, along with an adjoining book and accessories section for shopping. Apart from all these, do we know that Roald Dahl's famous children story Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, which also has several movie adaptations, ha a character by the name of Prince Pondicherry, who lives in India and derives his







name from this beautiful

Dating apps make you reclusive: Study

combination for single people who use online dating applications. Researchers have found that people who fit this profile were more likely to experience negative outcomes than others because of their

constant usage of dating apps.
"It's not just that they're using their phone a lot, we had participants who said they were missing school or work or getting in trouble in classes or at work because they kept checking the dating apps on their phones," said Kathryn Codute lead author of the study and a doctoral student in communication at The Ohio State University, US.

Coduto added, "I've seen

people who use dating apps compulsively. They take their phones out when they're at dinner with friends or when they're in groups. They really can't stop swiping."

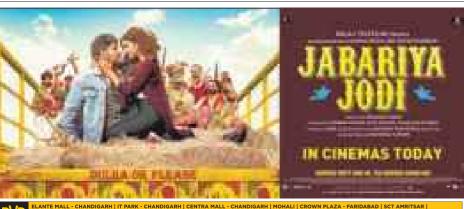
The findings are published by the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships. In the research, as many as 269 undergraduate students with the experience of using one or more dating apps participated in answering questions designed to measure their loneliness and social anxiety For example, they were asked if they were constantly nervous around other people. Compulsive use was measured by participants' agreement with statements like 'I am unable to reduce the amount of



time I spend on dating apps' They also reported negative outcomes such as missing class or work or getting in trouble because of being engaged on dating apps. Not surprisingly the result showed that socially anxious participants preferred to meet and talk to potential dating partners online rather than in person. They tend to agree with statements like 'I

am more confident socialising on dating apps than offline'. According to Coduto,

"People need to be aware of their dating app use and consider whether they have a problem. If they have trouble setting limits for themselves. they can use apps that restrict dating app use to certain times of day or to a set amount of time each day."



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Films set for Kashmir shoot in a pickle

ashmir has long been a preferred location for the shoots of Bollywood films thanks to its picturesque locations. And it continues to be so. But, after the central government's decision to revoke Article 370 and 35A, and bifurcation of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state, it was being reported that the shoot status of some films was uncertain. Films such as Shershaah, Sadak 2 and Shamshera, were scheduled to be shot in the Valley and reports about them being affected by recent

developments have surfaced. However, some filmmakers claim that the impact is

According to Apoorva Mehta, one of the producers of the Sidharth Malhotra-starrer. Shershaah, which is currently being shot in Kargil, they have "not faced any problems so far". "We never thought that this situation would arise but we will deal with whatever

whose hotels the cast of the film is staying, says the curfew in the new Union Territory did affect the shoot of the film. "The shooting has got delayed by a few days because vehicles which were supposed to come to Kargil via Srinagar had to re-route and come via Manali. We're making good business as about 250 cast and crew members have occupied over 120 rooms in five-six different hotels. The only concern is, since we're dependent on



Kashmir and Srinagar for the supply of goods, this



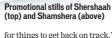
Bhatt, associate director of Sadak 2, refutes the reports that claim that Kashmir shoot of the film has been indefinitely postponed. She says "There was no filming planned with the actors in Kashmir anyway, so

these reports

are untrue. The second unit (which is headed by Pooja) is travelling the length and breadth of India without the cast, to shoot plates to ensure the film has a seamless cinematic journey

She is quick to clarify that the Kailash-Mansarovar shooting schedule "has been postponed indefinitely" the reason, she adds, has got nothing to do with recent developments. J&K-based line producer Md Abdullah, who handled the shooting of Manmarziyaan (2018) and this year's RAW and the web series, The Final Call, says, "We had to postpone some projects due to the disturbance in Srinagar. The local crew





While there may have been a few hurdles in the Valley, it is business as usual for films that are being shot in the new Union Territory, Leh. Gafur Steri, line producer of Ranbir Kapooi and Sanjay Dutt-starrer Shamshera, says, "Since there's no tension in Leh, the shooting of the film which is slated to go on floor from mid-August in Nubra Valley will start on time

But the supply that comes from Srinagar will affect us, besides the poor road condition that's also a hassle." Film exhibitor-distributor Akshaye Rathi sees this decision by the government as a boon to the film industry.
"Till now, the shooting cost

in J&K has been double of any other location in India. This move will allow filmmakers to

function locally in the Valley and that would cut overall cost," he



HOSTLESS

The 71st edition of Primetime Emmy Awards will not have a host, Fox has confirmed. The news follows in the steps of the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences' (AMPAS) decision for the Oscars to go hostless. Interestingly, the ratings of Oscars 2019 ceremony improved without a host. Network CEO Charlie Collier was asked if the rise in ratings inspired the move. "Obviously, that was a piece of information and it did do very well but I think it's a pretty unique year for some of America's favourite shows and it was the right thing to do," he said. - P

ctors from the south trying

EMMYS TO GO

Wanted to do Hindi films but the offers were bad, says Siddharth

their luck in Bollywood is common, and Siddharth was no different. He ventured into the Hindi film industry with a staggering debut in Rang De Basanti (2006). Movie buffs thought he would go on a signing spree, but that wasn't the case as he did just two other Hindi films - Striker (2010)

and Chashme Baddoor (2013). "I got tonnes of offers in Hindi, but it's just that I got better offers in the south. You always have to choose between the good and the bad work and that's why I can only show up in Hindi films where I can justify myself. The local work there is better for me," says Siddharth, who continues to work in the south.

The actor says that if one side becomes really good, the other becomes immaterial. He adds "The streaming platforms will hopefully do something, which films haven't been able to, and unify



industries a little faster Thanks to this platform, I'll be

a little more visible to my audience here, in the future." Siddharth recently debuted on the web with the dystonian drama series, Leila. "Hopefully this will now open new avenues for not just me but others as

well, and bring content that I want to do," he says, adding, "I'm also going to produce my own content soon, but I haven't committed to act in it as I've

committed to a lot of films Since he has produced films in Tamil and Telugu, will he

take up direction anytime soon? "I started as an assistant director, so directing has always been on the cards. But, right now I've my hands full. I'm going to take time off and do it for sure," he concludes.

t the age of 28, when he played a 65-year-old man in Saaransh (1984), Anupam Kher made people sit up and take notice of his talent. Although the actor had a powerful start to his career, the path ahead was clearly not as rosy. Now, as Kher completes 35 years since Saaransh and comes out with his new book, Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly he looks at the journey so far with a lot of fondness. "What separates me from everyone else is that I still have a sense of wonder. When I do this interview from the 30th floor of my building in USA, I wonder, 'am I the same small boy from Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)?' I measure all my achievements by that standard," he says.

This is the 35th year of the release of Saaransh, and since then, your journey seems great from the outside. How would you marise it?

I will summarise it only after 30 years, not right now because I have just reached the interval of my life. I have plenty to gain and lots to learn. I have just come to understand what acting and life is all about. So, the time to give my best is now. All these years, I have tried to find a firm foothold.

Right from the time wh worked in Hum Aapke Hain Koun (1994) to now, when you work in the West in films such as Silver Linings Playbook (2012), your outlook towards work and life has always seemed dynamic. How do you maintain that? It's not tough at all. You just have to decide to be happy and

then practice it for a few

months. Then, troubles will seem less troubling. It's not that I haven't had any ups and downs in my life or that I am immune to depression. In fact I battled depression for a year and-a-half and was on medication. If you're hell-bent on being happy for three months, I can guarantee that even the biggest of tragedies will appear negligible, and the most little moments of happiness will appear

Actor Anupam Kher says

he has had his share of 'ups and downs in life';

adds a film on his life

will be a blockbuster

You have always been open about your struggles, setbacks or victories through your play, Kucch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai oi your new book, Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly...
It makes me feel liberated

The world frightens you with what you hide. But if you

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with the truth, then there's nothing to fear. Whatever has happened with me is, anyway, a fact. If I became bankrupt almost 15 years back, if I am hald or if I suffered facial paralysis [around Hum Aapke Hain Koun's shooting], they are facts. I am not ashamed of these things. Why should I hide them? Also, I feel your upbringing helps

Till date, what's been the most important lesson that life has taught you?

Never take yourself seriously! As we grow up, we start taking ourselves seriously. There is a very popular saying, 'if you want God to laugh, tell him your plans'. We keep planning our life but life is all about living, not adjusting. The biggest lesson that I learnt from my father was that 'failure is an event, never a person'. I

have had many disappointments when I couldn't be a part of Mr India (1987) or when I didn't get Jawaharlal Nehru's role in Gandhi (1982), or when I fought with a film magazine. But what kept me going was my attitude towards life. Also, you cannot be popular with the whole world. But firstly, you've to respect yourself.

Now, after the play and the book would you like a film be made on your life? I feel it will be the biggest

blockbuster (laughs), But I haven't thought about it. I feel a biopic has to be inspirational and my life is full of drama, romance, comedy, failure, motivation, success and failure again followed by success. I've lived and continue to live my fully. Whenever it gets made. I hope it will be a guide on how to deal with failure, sadness and depression. As for the actor. I'll have to think about it I played a 65-year-old guy at 28 [in Saaransh], so I can play myself from the point when my film career started. We just have to find a younger Anupam

And how did the idea of the book

come to you? I always wanted to write a book which will have an remember when I was a were the autobiographies of people like Charlie Chaplin and Kirk Douglas, among

So, I thought it's very important to write about You have spoken about abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A from Jammu and Kashmir. Also, you had an argument, on Twitter, with people, who opposed the move...

Triple Talaq bill, too. And sometimes, it becomes imperative to call them out and their fraud behaviour. When, in 1990 Kashmiri Pandits were beaten up and thrown out, that was a genocide of sorts. They suffer from and conveniently tell their own history, and pretend to be progressive. But you can't scare me. I am like, 'chalo, acchi baat ho gayi hai aur ab iska accha asar dikhayi dega'. Article 370 was a problema article. Why would you have such a 'differentiating' article in one nation?

who look for inspiration should benefit from it. It's not preachy but inspiring. If I am not proud of the way I have lived my life, then how can anybody else be proud of it?

who I am, so that people

'Lost out on roles due to my ethnicity'

fter a stirring debut in Bollywood with Shoojit Sircar's October (2018), actor Banita Sandhu has been focusing on her career internationally. She made her American TV debut with the sci-fi series Pandora, starring Priscilla Quintana, and will next be seen in a Hollywood film Eternal Beauty featuring Sally Hawkins.
Banita, however, reveals

that she faced a lot of rejection in the West because of her Indian origin. "Personally, I never faced racist remarks in the film industry abroad, but I've lost out on roles due to my ethnicity; especially being an Indian in the West," she says, adding, "Still, progress is happening particularly in the last few years. I just hope that the industry continues to strive for an authentic representation, and that the sudden demand for diversity in Hollywood isn't just tokenistic

The 21-year-old has recently wrapped up the shoot of Adithya Varma — a Tamil remake of Telugu film Arjun Reddy - which was recently remade in Hindi as Kabir Singh. At the same time, she's also juggling between shoots in Bulgaria, India and the United Kingdom, for different projects.

Based out of London at present, she's certainly going places due to her work. And, she has even contemplated shifting base to Mumbai to establish her footing in Bollywood, She explains, "It's ...says Banita Sandhu clarifying that personally she didn't face racist remarks

I just hope that the industry in the West continues to strive for mind a lot, to move to Mumbai, an authentic

because vou never know which part [in films] lands up on your lap any moment. If I'm not physically present there, I might miss out on them. Moving to Mumbai is something I consider seriously. But when the time is

strong debut and Banita is grateful for that opportunity, which allowed her to make a mark stone in the industry. platform that most actors can't even dream of from their debut film. It opened a lot of doors for

right, I will take the plunge."
All this success is due to her

me, even in the West. I'm so grateful, and at times still in dishelief that my first film was with Shoojit sir and Varun (Dhawan). They're two people I adore and admire, and hope I'll do them proud," she adds

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Mahesh Babu: The actor, who is known for his films such as Murari, Arjun, 1: Nenokkadine and



will be received well. Funds saved for something specific may have to be spent on something else. Spouse or a family member may have lined up a surprise for you today. An out of town trip cannot be ruled out for some. Good news awaits some on the property front. Excellent performance on the academic front will be

acknowledged even by your rivals.

Love Focus: It may seem difficult to match lover in his or her need for togetherness on the romantic front.

Lucky Number: 8 Lucky Colour: Forest Green

Your contribution to a workplace project will be highly appreciated and help you in getting established on the professional front. A minor financial setback can get you into the thinking mode. A dispute on the family front may leave a bad taste in the mouth. You may be the main

motivator to get a family outing organised. You may make up your mind to sell a property you own. Academic front may appear to be a roller coaster ride.

Love Focus: Today, you may turn your old romantic self to the delight

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returns. You will get ample opportunity to establish yourself on the academic front.

Love Focus: Rekindling romance may become important, as cracks begin to appear in your relationship.

Lucky Number: 15 Lucky Colour: Peach

You will find your way clear for achieving vour immediate professional goals Financial worries plaguing some in the past are not likely to disappear by themselves, so make efforts to cut corners and increase earning. You may get inconvenienced by the arrival of a quest at home. A decision on the property front is likely to be in your favour. Seniors may hold high expectations from you regarding a project on the academic

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front, so work hard to prove them right. Love Focus: You will succeed in rekindling your love life

Lucky Number: 2 Lucky Colour: Pink

property deal is set to materialise for those aiming to own a house.

Love Focus: Romance may need to be given a lower priority today

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Your potential may remain untapped on the academic front.

Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Chocolate

Your efforts at work will be recognised on

the professional front. Financial help will be forthcoming for those venturing on

an exercise routine for remaining in top physical condition. Entertaining guests

can be your lot today, but the time spent

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promises to be most enjoyable. Chance for studying abroad may materialise for some. A

their own. You may join a gym or take up



Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Dark Red

Love Focus: Romantic mood persists and you are certain to make the

get resources to carry out improvements in an ancestral property. our consistency in performance on the academic front will be noticed by those who matter.

Love Focus: Lover may need space and you shouldn't deny that

Lucky Number: 22 Lucky Colour: Light Blue



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impossible dream at present, but you will manage it. Love Focus: A journey or a function may become the perfect setting for romance to happen, so rejoice!

Lucky Number: 17 Lucky Colour: White

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Bharat Ane Nenu, turns 44 today.



everyone's consent for implementing a new idea at work. A family outing will find you refreshed and rejuvenated. Your plan of a pilgrimage may not come to fruition immediately. A good bargain is foreseen on the property front. Networking will only help to certain extent on the academi

Good financial management is set to make

you monetarily stable. You may not get

front, so get down to mastering the subjects, if you want to fare well Love Focus: Spending time with beloved and exchanging sweet nothings will prove most rewarding.

Lucky Number: 11 Lucky Colour: Light Grey

Job prospects for those freshly out of professional institutes are set to brighten up soon. Soaring expenses may alarm you, but you will be able to stabilise the situation. Getting a pat on the back at home for something you have done is possible. A leisure trip with friends proves enjoyable. Property matters should not be touched today. A well wisher is likely to come to your rescue on the academic front.

SCORPIO

Love Focus: Suspicious nature threatens to spoil relationship with

Lucky Number: 6 Lucky Colour: Sea Green



juncture, so work towards it. You may feel things on the professional front going a bit out of control. Your desire for better health may soon turn into action. You may be planning something big on the home front. An outing with your favourite person proves to be a refreshing experience Good returns can be expected by those

Bill Watterson

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Financial security is what you seek at this

investing in property.

Love Focus: There seems to be a strong possibility of finding a suitable mate on the romantic front

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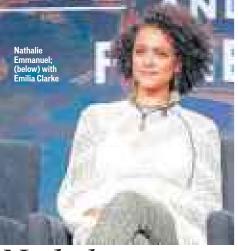
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Nathalie says co-star, Emilia Clarke, is a 'beast' ctor Nathalie Emmanuel

who played the role of Missandei, an advisor to actor Emilia Clarke's character Daenerys Targarven, in the show, Game of Thrones, opened up about how she is inspired by her co-

For Emmanuel, her time on GoT was much more than just a job. The star opened up in the latest issue of People about her character's sudden death in the final season, the bittersweet ending, and the friendships she made, especially with Clarke. Clarke recently revealed that she underwent two life-saving brain surgeries over the last

Emilia, as a friend and colleague, is just such a joy,

Emmanuel says.
"I really have thoroughly loved working with her. I loved learning from her. And we check in on each other so often," the 30-year-old actor adds. "I remember coming back to work and hearing about her surgeries and being like, 'Wow, it's just so crazy and there you are, ready to go back to work.' She's such a beast. As a woman, she really picks herself up and keeps going," she says. "She's really

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do with that experience, to help other people, is so amazing," she adds.

The two actors' characters were suddenly separated after Missandei was brutally beheaded in the last season leaving fans and Emmanuel shocked and distraught. "I basically cried my eyes out when I read the script," says

was sort of expecting it to an extent, but I've expected it with every season. And I think that finally I was like Oh she's gone. That's sad because of how much I love her and how much I love playing her,

The actor shared that she was proud of her character's before," she savs.

Emmanuel also said that she's not only proud of her character but the show's overall run and ending as well She says, "Reading the final episode, I felt hopeful"

inspiring, I'm so proud of her. And then, what she's chosen to

donned many a hat since next be seen playing an

"To be honest with you, I

journey throughout the epic fantasy series. "She definitely went out with strength and she went out with a ferocity that we probably hadn't seen in her

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▲ DID YOU KNOW? Actor Abhay Deol, much like his contemporaries, is into fitness. He is even professionally trained in the Israeli martial art form, Krav Maga.

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Gul feels portrayal of women antagonists has improved

is wanting

eauty queen, actor, social activist, fitness enthusiast, pilot and politician—Gul Panag has coming into the public eye with her 1999 beauty pagean win, Acting, however, is what remains closest to the Dor (2006) star's heart. Gul will antagonist for the first time, in her film Bypass Road that also stars Neil Nitin Mukesh and Adah Sharma. "As an actor, one is always

apprehensive about playing a part that requires them to look much older than they are but for this film, it was challenging for me to do so and also venture into the grey shade spectrum for the first time," shares the 40-year-old really about the mindset of the character. The challenge and fun in being an actor is that you get to essay characters that may be quite different from who you are.

Bollywood films have produced many memorable antagonists over the decades - Amiad Khan, Amrish Puri, Danny Denzongpa Kulbhushan Kharbanda, and

more recently, Shah Rukh Khan in Darr (1993), Saif Al Khan in Omkara (2006) and Ranveer Singh in Padmaavat (2018). But it is only in the past two decades that women actors have really been seen in negative roles that have nuance — Kajol in Gupt (1997), Priyanka Chopra in Aitraaz (2004) and 7 Khoon Maaf (2011), Vidya Balan in Ishqiya (2010) and Tabu in Haider (2014), Drishyam (2015) and Andhadhun (2018). But Gul feels the times are

changing. "From one-dimensional vamps to normal-yet-grey characters there is clear proof of a shift. Even the female leads are getting more important roles. The stereotypical female characters have taken a back seat. The audience is also appreciating ingenious scripts for women," she says. The Manorama Six Feet Under (2007) actor is also busy

"I play an interesting part in a web series, which also stars Manoj Bajpayee. The other is an investigative thriller produced by Anushka Sharma. So lots of exciting work to watch out



Gul Panag is working on two



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Channing takes break from social media to be in the 'real world'

hiatus to spark creativity again and get inspired by the "real world". The 39-year-old actor announced that he is taking a step back from all social media

platforms in an Instagram post on Wednesday. Tatum explained how his life online has been negatively affecting his creativity.
"I'm gonna take a break and come off socials for a minute. I've been trying to get inspired

and create again. And to be honest I don't really feel, or at least I haven't felt, very creative on social in the last couple years now," he wrote He continued, "I'm gonna go and be just in the real world for a while and off my phone. I'll probably come back at some point. But if I do, I want to have a direction or a clear point of view of why I'm on here and what I'm putting out

there. Love ya! See ya after a while [sic]!" Since he posted the message, it has garnered more than 1,00,000 likes and

OF THE BEST FILMMAKERS, SAYS BHUMI

ince her debut film Dum Laga Ke Haisha (2015), actor Bhumi Poder '

has worked with competent directors including names

such as Sharat Katariya (in Dum Laga Ke Haisha), RS Prasanna (in Shubh Mangal Saaydhan) Abhishek

Chaubey (Sonchiriya) and Zoya Akhtar (in Lust Stories).

And the actor feels lucky to have worked with such fine filmmakers. "As an artist, I'm constantly

looking for good scripts. I'm constantly hungry for great

content, and thankfully I've

been fortunate enough to get the trust of some of the best

filmmakers of our country,'

slate of films coming up, and

will soon be seen in Saand Ki Aankh, Bhoot: Part One - The

Haunted Ship, Dolly Kitty Aur

Pati Patni Aur Woh and Takht.

"My next [few] films are

Woh Chamakte Sitare, Bala

says the 30-year-old.
The actor has an interesting



comments from fans praising him. "You're not alone in that feeling... take care," one fan wrote. "We all need to do this See you on the flip side! You've inspired me," another agreed.

Tatum is not the only actor to take a break from social media. Stars like Ariana

Loyato and Ed Sheeran have years for their own reasons. The actor's statement comes months after he started stepping out publicly with new girlfriend Jessie J. The two were first linked in October, last year after Tatum and his

Are things serious between Gyllenhaal,

Cadieu?

relationship with his French girlfriend, model Jeanne Cadieu seems to be going quite well. According to Page Six, Cadieu recently met Gyllenhaal's family and they have been on a trip together.
Not only outings, Cadieu,

22, has also accompanied the 38-year-old star at several of his film previews and also to a Broadway play. The duo is also participating in an art project

A photo exhibition named Inside Out even features Gyllenhaal and Cadieu's portraits.

Their relationship first came into the limelight back in December. Since then, they have been spotted at a number of events and parties together.

Recently, Gyllenhaal starred in Spider-Man: Far From Home, essaying the

classic villain, Mysterio The Academy Award nominated actor, who has



earlier dated actors Kirsten Dunst and Reese Witherspoon singer Taylor Swift, among

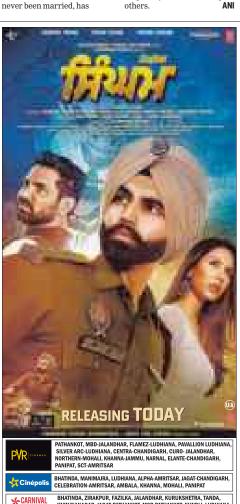
also scripts that are extremely diverse and brilliant; that I truly love. Each one of them are projects that will present me in extremely different avatars, and that's what excites me to do cinema. I get to be such diverse characters, learn about them, live their lives and become them," she says. Right from her debut —

where Bhumi played an overweight girl opposite Avushmann Khurrana — she has always picked characters that are "strong and have a major impact on the story of a

The actor adds, "I wouldn't have chosen to do these films if they were any different. I'm really excited about my next set of films because they have given me super exciting and memorable characters to portray. I'm in a great phase of my career, and I want to keep



scripts that show her in different avatars, excite he



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their separation in April 2018. Although they had been linked for months. Tatum and Jessie J didn't make their romance public until March when they were photographed together for the first time walking hand-in-hand in London. Since then, the couple has publicised their relationship on social media. On July 2 the singer shared a series of black and white photos of herself and Tatum cuddling up during a date







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city). Set around 10km from the Promenade, some

parts of this

township are in the state of Tamil Nadu

and others are in the

Union Territory of Puducherry. Spread

the place is not only beautiful but also evokes spirituality

over a large area,

and calmness in

5 The three most

important and

beautiful churches of Puducherry that a tourist must visit, are the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate

Conception Cathedral and Notre Dame des Anges Church. The words fail a scribe if he or she tries to

describe the beauty of these

Puducherry is the

Manakula Vinavagar

Another must see place in

Paradise beach. To reach here,

Coming back to devotion, one of the most beautiful temples in Pondicherry is the

Ganapati Temple that is breathtakingly adorned and

Next up, the Villianur Thirukameswarar Kokilambigai Temple is

situated around 9-10km from

the town of Puducherry. The general belief is that this

temple was constructed by a

Chola King around 12th

decorated, and is also situated

near the Promenade sea front.

one has to sail through the

homes of God.





The Shore Temple in Mahabalipuram is a UNESCO World Heritage Site

combination for single

people who use online dating applications. Researchers have

found that people who fit this

profile were more likely to experience negative outcomes

using their phone a lot, we had

participants who said they were missing school or work, or getting in trouble in classes

or at work because they kept

checking the dating apps on

their phones," said Kathryn

communication at The Ohio

Coduto added, "I've seen

study and a doctoral student in

Codute lead author of the

State University, US.

than others because of their constant usage of dating apps.
"It's not just that they're

Ranjan Datta

s the melodious voice of Bombay Jayashree waddles through the opening credits of Ang Lee's Life of Pi, we witness one of the most beautiful places to travel in India - Pondicherry Puducherry, or Pondi, as most

Puducherry is a place where history, heritage and culture resonate in every nook and corner. It is an abode of spirituality and a place which Sri Aurobindo deemed perfect for his metaphysical

Puducherry's history dates back centuries, and legend has it that ancient sage Agastya established his ashram here

The Vedapureeswarar Temple is one of the main tourist attractions here and the present temple was reconstructed towards the end of the 18th century, after being

demolished by the French The present town of Puducherry was originally developed by the first French governor, François Martin.

However, the first Europeans

to set foot here were the

Portuguese, followed by the Dutch, the Danes and Here are the 10 must-

On the way from Chennai 1 On the way from Chennai airport to Pondi, one can catch a glimpse of the beautiful Mahahalinuram or Mamallapuram, with its Shore Temple — a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Once in Puducherry, the first stop for any traveller should be the Promenade, which is basically a sea front along the erstwhile French colony, locally called the

White Town. The Promenade is not a beach; it's a beautiful sea front with boulders to stor land erosion. Also, it is the heart of the town, and the most visited place by tourists. The settlement is breathtakingly beautiful with the French architecture and buildings along its sides. There are many hotels in the area for lodging.

The second most sought-after place in Puducherry is the Aurobindo Ashram. One can witness the Samadhi of Sri Aurobindo, which is situated in the French town

The third most important The third most important site to visit is Auroville—the city of dawn. It is an experimental township founded by the famous Mother, an associate of Sri Aurobindo, and named after him (Auro-dawn and ville

century as a tribute to Lord Shiva, whom he worshipped here and got cured of leprosy The architecture of this temple is admirable and there is an inscription in the temple which dates back to the early part of the 11th century. However, many experts argue that there are some evidences which point to an earlier date

of construction of this temple

An annual car festival is held around August at Sri Sengazhuneer Amman Temple, Veerampattinam which is also an importance place for the devotees. The deity here is said to be the patron goddess and guardian of the fishermen, and hence they pay their tribute through this car festival. The village also has a beautiful

As far as gastronomic delights are concerned, one of the best places in Puducherry is the Rendezvous Café. Tugged in a beautiful building with a colonial décor it also has a very soothing playlist in the evenings. Another beautiful place to hang out is Café des Arts, which is a sophisticated place with a modern menu, along with an adjoining book and accessories section for shopping. Apart from all these, do we know that De these, do we know that Roald Dahl's famous children story Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, which also has several movie adaptations, has a character by the name of Prince Pondicherry, who lives in India and derives his







name from this beautiful

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Dating apps make you reclusive: Study

The findings are published by the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships. In the research, as many as 269 undergraduate students with the experience of using one or more dating apps participated in answering questions designed to measure their loneliness and social anxiety For example, they were asked if they were constantly nervous around other people. Compulsive use was measured by participants' agreement with statements like 'I am unable to reduce the amount of

people who use dating apps compulsively. They take their

phones out when they're at

dinner with friends or when they're in groups. They really

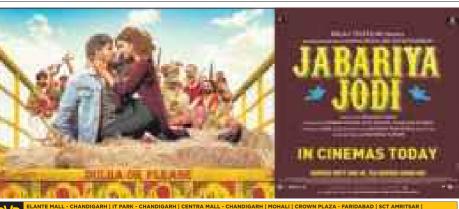
can't stop swiping."

time I spend on dating apps' They also reported negative outcomes such as missing class or work or getting in trouble because of being engaged on dating apps. Not surprisingly the result showed that socially anxious participants preferred to meet and talk to potential

dating partners online rather than in person. They tend to agree with statements like 'I

am more confident socialising on dating apps than offline'. According to Coduto,

"People need to be aware of their dating app use and consider whether they have a problem. If they have trouble setting limits for themselves. they can use apps that restrict dating app use to certain times of day or to a set amount of time each day."



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UIET HOLDS INTERNSHIP **PROGRAMME**

CHANDIGARH: University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Panjab University (PU), organised a four-week summer internship programme for the students of Government College of Engineer ing and Technology (GCET), Jammu, under the government sponsored Technical Education Quality Improvement Program (TEQIP-3) that commenced on Thursday. The training aims to impart technical skills to the undergraduate students and ensure their development.

PU declares results

CHANDIGARH: Panjab University declared the results of MSc (honours) mathematics fourth semester, MSc human genomics second semester, MSc fashion designing second semester, MA journalism and mass communica-tion second semester, BVoc (textile and fashion technology) sixth semester, master in business administration (CIT) fourth semester, MSc (HS) zoology second semester, MA English fourth semester, MA Punjabi fourth semester, and MA politica science, fourth semester.

Vet varsity to hold agri fair from September 20

LUDHIANA: Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) will organise a regional agriculture fair (RAF) for the northern region from September 20-22. The ministry of agriculture and farmers welfare, Government of India has allocated this year's RAF to GADVASU. The fair will attract farmers, universities, institutions, private firms, line and development departments., state agriculture and veterinary universities and ICAR will put up exhibitions.

Preneet writes to

MEA to bring back

PATIALA: Member of parliament

(MP)Preneet Kaur on Thursday wrote a letter to the ministry of

external affairs (MEA) to bring

back the body of a Patiala-based

youngster, who was found dead a

The body of 23-year-old Har-

mandeep Singh was found float-ing in Nith river in New Hamburg

town of Ontario province on July 28. He had gone to Canada on a study visa on Novermber 2, 2017.

He is survived by his parents and

Preneet in her letter to the

MEA said Harmandeep's family had sold their land to send him to

Canada for study. The family is in

deep shock and financially dis-

issue directions to the Indian Embassy in Canada to send his

body back to India on govern-

She appealed to the ministry to

tressed, she wrote.

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Farmers refuse to give land for fortifying banks

RENEGE DC claims farmers went back on their promise

SANGRUR: The farmers of Phulad and Karail villages reportedly refused to give 20/20 sq feet land near the Ghaggar free of cost for the strengthening of its banks.

However, deputy commissioner Ghanshyam Thori claimed that when the state water resources minister Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria had visited the district last month, farmers had promised that they are ready to give their land free of cost. Earlier, the DC had directed

the sub-divisional magistrate of Moonak to contact farmers and take affidavits from them saying

THE BREACH CAUSED

FLOODS IN 7 VILLAGES FORCED ADMN TO CALL IN THE ARMY AND NATIONAL DISASTER **RESPONSE FORCE** TO PLUG IT

free of cost and not move to

court for compensation.

A press statement released by the DC's office on Thursday said that the SDM had informed him in writing that the farmers had agreed to give their land free of cost but they denied it.

"Following the directions of

deputy commissioner, local patwaris were sent for special girdvillages refused," the statement

NDRF. ARMY CALLED IN

On July 18, the Ghaggar river had crossed the danger mark in the Sangrur district and caused a 70-foot-long breach on its banks at Phulad village of Moonak sub-division, forcing the administration to call in the army and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to plug On the sixth day of a joint

operation, army personnel, NDRF and locals plugged the breach which had led to flooding of crops over an area of 10,000 acres in seven village

Two Sangrur men One booked for booked for raping in Rajpura friends in Zirakpur

MOHALI: Police on Thursday booked two Sangrur men for raping two friends in a hotel in Zirakpur. The accused are identified as Gurpreet Singh and

Amandeep Singh. In her complaint, one of the victims, a 26-year-old Sangrur woman who is pursuing her diploma in beautician course from Kharar and staying as paying guest there, said Amandeep was her schoolmate and she had been talking to him for the past

six years.
She said Gurpreet, their friend who runs a jewellery shopin Sangrur, had called her two months ago to tell her that he had been to New Zealand on a

She said he offered her help in getting her passport made. claiming he had contacts in the

She said Gurpreet called her to meet him in Zirakpur and on August 6, she and her friend from Sohana, who is working as a beautician in Landran, were picked up by him and Gurpreet in a car.

She said Gurpreet took then to a hotel in Baltana on pretext of having tea before going to the passport office, where he raped her in a room and Amandeep raped her friend in the other, and left.

She said she called her family after which her cousin came to pick her up and took her back to Sangrur.

A day later, she came to the Zirakpur police station, follow-ing which the two accused were booked under Sections 376 (rape) and 420 (cheating) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

No arrest has been made so

firing at a man

HT Correspondent

PATIALA: A man was booked for firing at and injuring another man in Rajpura, 25km from here, police said Thursday.

The incident happened around 6pm when one Narinder Ahuja was attacked and shot at from point blank range.

Deputy superintendent of police (DSP) Akashdeep Singh

said Narinder owes money to the accused identified as Rajin-der Bhalla, which led to the

"Preliminary investigation suggests that Rajinder followed Narinder's vehicle and intercepted it near Rajpura before attacking him," DSP Singh said.

Narinder was shot in the stomach and is undergoing treatment at a private hospital

A case under Section 307 (attempt to murder) of the Indian Penal Code was registered against Rajinder.

Attack on mining team: DC directs SDM to investigate role of police It is not the first time that the menace of illegal

rounding area.

LUDHIANA: A day after a team of the mining department was attacked by the mining mafia deputy commissioner (DC) Prad-eep Agrawal ordered a probe to find out the involvement of cops behind illegal mining taking place in Nurpur Bet and sur-

Confirming the development, the DC said, "A case has been registered and a sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) will probe the involvement of the local police."

Earlier during the day, superintending engineer (SE) SS Bhullar from Chandigarh met the DC and police commissioner Sukhchain Singh Gill and sought proment team. Questions were also raised on the working of the

sand mining has come to light. Even last year, chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh had noticed illegal sand mining at the Bairsal quarry in Nawanshahar and ordered probe, but nothing happened. MAHESHINDER SINGH GREWAL, SAD's vice-president and spokesperson

a few metres away from the spot where the mining team and cops had seized the tractor trailers involved in ferrying sand illegally extracted from a quarry.

department's team was attacked

SECOND SUCH INCIDENT It is the second such incident in the past one month where the sand mafia has attacked some-

Earlier on June 18, Ladhowal bypass project manager Satyawan Chaudhary was allegedly

attacked by the sand mining Following the attack, the

assailants had also circulated a video of the thrashing. Police had booked four persons for attempt to murder in the case and managed to arrest two

Police commissioner Sukhchain Singh Gill summoned Chaudhary on Thursday to find out if the group that attacked him was same that had carried out the attack on the mining

VILLAGE INSTALLS

SIGNBOARD Angered over the sand mining mafia using village roads, the panchayat of Bains village, located 15km away from the city, installed signboards banning the entry of trucks and tippers car

The village panchayat had put up the signboard, stating that ₹5,000 fine will be imposed on the truck, tractor trailers and tippers ferrying sand and other construction material using the village road.

The signboard had been installed at the entry point of the road leading towards the village

Village sarpanch Darshar Singh said they were compelled to install the signboard as illegal sand mining mafia began fre



Class 4 contractual employees of Government Rajindra Hospital, TB Hospital, Government Medical College and Government Dental College and Hospital protesting in Patiala on Thursday.

Govt hospital Class 4 employees block Patiala-Sangrur road

PATIALA: Continuing their protest for the seventh consecutive day, Class 4 contractual employees of government hospitals blocked the Patiala-Sangrur road for half

an hour to press for their demands here on Thursday. Contractual employees of Government Rajindra Hospital, TBHospital, Government Medi-cal College and Government

DEMAND FILLING OF 228 POSTS LYING VACANT IN

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, AND REGULARISATION OF 86 CONTRACTUAL STAFF

Dental College and Hospital have been protesting for a week against the health depart-ment, demanding the filling of medical institutions.

Agitators announced to gherao the residence of director (research and medical education) on Friday. They also held a protest outside the office of medi-cal superintendent of Government Rajindra Hospital and later blocked the Patiala-Sangrur road for nearly half an hour.

Other demands include regularisation of 86 contractual Class 4 employees.

PSPCL COUNTERS TO REMAIN SHUT

HT Correspondent

FOR 3 DAYS

PATIALA: The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has brought to the notice of all electricity consumers in the state that due to maintenance activity of network hardware being carried out at PSPCL data centre, Patiala, the electricity bill payment machines and cash counters in 47 towns wil remain closed for three days. From 8pm of August 9 to 8pm

of August 12, services wil remain shut in Patiala, Gurda pur, Mohali, Gidderbaha, Jaito Nangal, Patti, Nakodar, Sir hind, Nawanshahr, Malout Ropar, Rajpura, Samana, Tarr Taran, Faridkot, Dhuri, Kotka pura, Muktsar, Khanna, Mal erkotla, Kharar, Sunam, Zira Nabha, Ferozepur Cantt., Jala labad, Gobindgarh, Batala, Abo har, Sangrur, Phagwara, Fero zepur City, Mansa, Barnala RampuraPhul, Jagraon, Faz ilka, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala Pathankot, Bathinda, Jalan dhar Cantonment, Jalandha City, Amritsar, Moga and Lud

E-payment services for paying/viewing electricity bills, however, will remain available during this period. For online

Yojna: 43 lakh families of Punjab to be covered

HT Correspondent

PATIALA: The state health department organised a cluster-level meeting of seven districts regarding implementation of Sarhat Sehat Bima Yojna in Patiala on Thursday.

Heldunderthechairmanshin of principal secretary, health, Anurag Aggarwal, the motive of the meeting was to create aware ness about the health insurance scheme. Civil surgeons deputy medi-

cal commissioners, medical officers, nodal officers, doctors and staff of private hospitals from seven districts—Patiala, Fatehgarh Sahib, Rupnagar, Ludhiana Sangrur, SBS Nagar and SAS Nagar participated in this meet-

INSURANCE TO COVER 70% OF STATE

Aggarwal said under the scheme 43 lakh families, which is around 70% population of Punjab, will be covered. The scheme will provide ealth insurance cover of up to ₹5 lakh per family every year.

He said the entitled beneficiaries can avail free treatment at government hospitals and empanelled hospitals offering total of 1,396 treatment packages.

Sarbat Sehat Bima At PAU for training, farmers from Maharashtra worried due to floods back home

LUDHIANA: While Maharashtra in general and Nashik and Sangli areas in particular are battling with worst floods of recent times, nearly 20 farmers from the flood-hit state, visiting Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) for training, are worried about the situation back home.

The farmers, who are here on a five-day training at the Centre for Advanced Faculty Training (CAFT) under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) scheme, are regularly calling back home to know the condition of their kin and crops.

11 PEOPLE DROWNED

The drowning of 11 people after a rescue boat capsized in the Sangli area due to incessant rain in the region was a topic of hot discussion among them.

"Nine bodies have been recovered by relief authorities, while a search for the rest is underway," said Gyanesh, a resident of Jalgaon district located near Nashik.

He said all the hue and cry about climate change was just a

'Look, earlier we were suffering from drought and we were



Farmers from Maharashtra during a training session at PAU in

Earlier there was drought. Now floods have ravaged everything GYANESH, Jalgaon resident

told to plant trees to bring rain and now rain and flash floods have ravaged everything," said Gyanesh. He said that the government should take some measures to effectively deal with natural calamities

Devi Das Tuka Ram also appeared concerned at the pre-vailing situation. "No one had ever thought that the situation will turn so ugly," said Tuka Many farmers expressed the

fear that if rain continued for few more days, it would cause havoc in other parts of the state While Mahesh Sambaji, sar panch of Upkhed village, said his village was located nearly 150 km from the flood-affected



An orange blister beetle spotted at a park in Sarabha Nagar in Ludhiana on Thursday.

GURPREET SINGH/HT

Hosiery unit catches fire, close shave for 7 MAN FALLS FROM 2ND FLOOR

NDER CONTROL 20 workers were present in the factory; seven men on top floor escape to adjoining building using a ladder





Firefighters trying to control the blaze at the Trimurti Hosiery unit in Sardar Nagar area in Ludhiana on

LUDHIANA: Seven workers had a narrow escape after a major fire broke out at a hosiery unit, Trimurti Knitting works, in the congested Pritampura area of Sardar Nagar on Wednesday mornreported, good and machinery worth lakhs was destroyed in the incident. Set on around 2,000 square yards of land, the building also got partially damaged.
As per information, more

than 20 workers were present in the factory when the fire broke out at the third floor around 9.15am. Seven of them, who were stuck on the fourth floor. escaped to an adjoining building using a ladder. They suffered

The third floor where the fire broke out was used to store the

floor itself as 12 fire tenders were rushed to the spot to control the blaze. Apart from that one private fire tender of Vardhman group and one from Halwara airbase was also pressed into ser vice. Anand, a factory worker, said that there was no power in the morning and when the work ers entered the factory, one of them turned on the generator set. Few minutes later, the factory workers sounded a fire alarm, prompting the rest to escape to safety. He added that since the building had two exits, the workers were able to escape to safety quickly.
Vishal, another worker, said

that seven workers were stuck on the fourth floor as they had gone there to use the washroom there, "After the fire broke out on the third floor, the workers had no place to run. Fortunately,

RECENT MAJOR FIRE INCIDENTS

July 26: One killed and 13 injured after an explosion took place in the furnace of a steel unit situated in Bholapur village (Jhabewal) on Chandigarh road.

July 8: Five persons were injured after a fire broke out at a hosiery unit in Madhopuri.

June 22: A major fire ripped

they came down through the adjoining building," he said.
Fire station officer Shristi

Nath said they received an alert at 9.35am and immediately rushed 12 fire tenders to the spot immediately. "Two fire tenders from Vardhman group and Halwara airbase also reached the spot. No casualty was reported. The building had fire safety

damage to the building. Fire tenders were refilled over 60 times," said Nath.

through a two-storey building in Phase- V of Focal Point. Two firemen and a few onlookers had suffered minor injuries in the

June 17: A major fire broke out at a

yarn-manufacturing unit in

June 14: Fire broke out in three

incident.

Kanganwal.

MC commissioner Kanwalpreet Kaur Brar also visited the spot along with mayor Balkar Sandhu and additional commis sioner Sanyam Aggarwal. The mayor said that he received a complaint that the fire tender was not working properly but when he reached the spot, he found that it was the onlookers who were posing a hurdle.

CONGRESS LEADERS RUSH TO SPOT

hosiery units in Shivpuri.

June 6: A part of the knitwear

factory in Seera village collapsed following a massive fire

ne 1: A major fire broke out at

the godown of the cable company

in Gill village. The fire was so

godown had collapsed.

Congress leaders, including MLA Surinder Dawar, MLA Rakesh Pandey's son Dushant Pandey, Mayor Balkar Sandhu Congress district president Ashwani Sharma, and councillor

for the spot after reports of the PANIC GRIPPED

NEARBY AREAS Panic gripped the nearby areas after the blaze, prompting the owner of the adjoining unit also to shift the raw material from his factory to prevent the further spread of fire. Trimurti Knitting works where the fire broke out is situated in a congested area but fortunately there a vacant plot adjoining the factory, which was used to station the fire tenders. Some industrialists, who had gathered at the spot, demanded that the MC should install hydrants in their area so that firemen don't have to go far away to refill the fire tenders.

FIREFIGHTERS

ILL-EQUIPPED
Lack of proper firefighting equipment, including hydraulic

These are anxious moments for

ladder, face masks, and fire safety suits, posed a hindrance

for firemen at the spot.

One of the firefighters, requesting anonymity, said it was difficult for them to enter the building due to heat. "If the department had a hydraulic ladder, we could have used to it reach the third floor and douse flames in comparatively lesser time. Besides, smoke causes irritation in the eyes and throat. Several requests have been sent to the MC and the local bodies department for proper face masks but to no avail," he added.

A few months ago the mayor had announced that fire safety suits would be purchased for Ludhiana fire brigade but nothing has been done so far. The demand of a hydraulic ladder was also raised after the Surat coaching centre blaze, which claimed the lives of at least 20

suffered a fracture in his left leg after he fell from the second floor at his house in Sector 47 while making a TikTok video on Wednesday. The victim has been identified

as Neeraj, who along with his friends was making a video for the social media video app when he lost balance and fell from the balcony of his house. Neeraj was rushed to Govern

ment Multi Specialty Hospital, Doctors said he suffered frac-

ture in his leg at four places and will require surgery to fix the broken bones. He was later discharged from hospital.

The incident comes a week

after an 18-year-old student was hit by a train while filming a Tik-Tok video near Patna.

On July 26, in another TikTok related death in Bihar, a youth attempting a video in flood waters was swept away. The Chi nese viral short video platform, which completed one year this month, has its largest user base in India.

Amid its explosive popularity, the app faced a potential ban in the country when the Madras high court accused it of "encour aging pornography". It was later let off with a warning.

WOMAN COP IN DOCK FOR MAKING TIKTOK

Meanwhile, a Chandigarh Police woman head constable, Gurpreet Kaur, has courted trouble after her multiple TikTok videos in uniform went viral on social posted in the cyber crime wing, was recently transferred to the Sector 31 police station.

According to officials privy to the matter senior superintendent of police(SSP) Nilambari Jagadale has initiated a depart-

Additional parking spaces a pipe dream for city residents

CHANDIGARH: With unbridled rise city, traffic congestion and vehicular pollution are not the only problems. Paucity of parking space is another major cause Over the years, both the UT

administration and the municipal corporation prepared sev-eral proposals to create additional parking spaces. But, except for a multilevel parking came out of these plans.

ONLY ON PAPER One of the most ambitious plans

-an 11-acre parking area in Secor 34 — was approved in 2005. The parking space was part of the development of a new com-"The parking was to be in the

basement with a commercial recreational and institutional area above it. The design would allow vehicles to straightaway enter the underground park ing. This lot would have not only eased parking chaos in Sector 34, but also the neigh-bouring Sector 35," said an said an official of the UT urban plan-

PROPOSALS OVER THE YEARS

- 11 acre underground parking in
- Surface parking in vacant plots in Industrial Area 1 and 2
- Multi-level lots in Sectors 17, 22,
- Absence of a model for moneti-
- Shoddy planning with regards to a parking policy in the city
- Poor synergy, blame game between UT administration and municipal corporation.



Except for a multilevel parking in Sector 17, nothing concrete came out of the proposals. HT FILE PHOTO

anonymity.

The urban planning depart ment had also mooted at least three new parking spaces in both phases of the Industrial Area. 'The proposal was to utilise

the vacant plots in the area. which, as per the department estimates, could have yielded around 3 acres for parking space. These were planned as surface lots," said the official.

Another multilevel parking was planned in front of Elante Mall in collaboration with the municipal corporation.

By 2018, the corporation had

planned to come up with more multilevel parking lots—two in Sector 22, and one each in Sector 17 and Sector 34. These were to be in addition to the three-storey underground parking lot in Sector 17, opened in 2016.

PARKING SPACES

On July 31, the corporation decided to close five underground parking lots in Sectors 8 and 17 as these were found to be structurally unsafe following a report by IIT Roorkie that rec-

located near the deputy commissioner's office, BSNL office and MC building in Sector 17, and near SCO number 118-119 and 147-148 in Sector 8-C.

MISSING LINKS

'All these proposals failed to be implemented because of lack of funds with the administration. Besides, the administration and MC also failed to make financially viable plans, as the MC didn't agree to impose ade quate user charges," the official said.

"Adhocism is the reason why half-baked and ill-conceived proposals never materialise. There is no comprehensive policy to provide parking at commercial centres," said former mayor Arun Sood.

Blaming the administration for the parking projects never taking-off, Davesh Moudgil, ex-mayor, said, "In 2018, we sent four projects for administra-tion's approval. We were assured of a response within 15 days. But that went in vain."
On the other hand, the admin-

istration blames the MC for lacking requisite expertise. "They don't have the ability to make financially self-sustaining parking spaces," the official said.

families of Kashmiri Colony in UT Idrees Bukhtiyar

CHANDIGARH: For the 100-odd families settled in Kashmiri Colony in Sector 29, Chandigarh, every passing hour is crowded with feelings of anxiety and uncertainty regarding the sa of their loved ones living in the Valley. "The situation is tense. The

rity forces on all roads. It feels unsafe here," the younger brother of 70-year-old Bashir Ahmad Khan told him over the phone, when they last spoke on Sunday, a day before Section 370 of the Constitution was diluted. The government on Monday

government has deployed secu-

had snapped television, telephone and internet links in Kashmir to deter protests follow ing scrapping of special constitutional status to the Himalayan

region.
Khan, who has been living in the Kashmiri Colony since the 1980s, runs a shop at the Sector 26 grain market. "Thail from Handwara district in north Kashmir The area has a huge presence of army. I am worried about the safety of my relatives," he said.

Waiting for any update from the Valley on her mobile phone, 44-year-old Jabeena Bano, a native of south Kashmir's Kul-



Some 100-odd families settled in the Kashmiri Colony in Chandigarh's Sector 29 in the 1980s. HTPHOT

gam district, said she was restgam district, said sne was rest-less in absence of any informa-tion about her family. "I don't knowifthey are alright, or about the situation in their vicinity," an anxious Bano said.

Her husband, Ali Mohammad Sheikh, 47, spoke to his brother on Sunday, but had not been able to establish contact since

"We had plans to celebrate Eid on August 11 with my parents and brothers in Kashmir. But, given the situation in the Valley

currently it's risky to travel there," said Mohammad Iqbal, "We request the government

to restore communication servi-ces in the Valley, to allow us to speak to our dear ones," he said. WILLENSURE STUDENTS'

Omvir Singh Bishnoi, UT deputy inspector general of police (DIG), said they will ensure the safety of Kashmiri students and resi-

SAFETY: UT DIG

dents Mohali senior superintendent of police (SSP) Kuldeep Singh

Chahal said the district police were on high alert.
"All officials have been asked

to ensure the security of Kashmiri students and residents, and take necessary steps to make them feel safe here.

Police officials have been asked to carry out patrolling and set up nakas in their respective

Man eyeing father's property booked for hiding all legal heirs

PANCHKULA: A 40-year-old Ambala resident has been booked for concealing information about the legal heirs of his dead father to transfer his prop-

Å complaint in this regard was submitted by the estate manager of Housing Board Har-yana to the commissioner of police last month. The board's head office is located in Panch-

The complaint stated that one Raghu Nath Dutta owned a house in the Housing Board Col-

ony, Ambala. After his death, his son, Rai Dutta, intimated the board that he was one of the legal heirs in the property, and serving in the army at a far off location. He his consent before taking any action regarding transfer of the In 2018, after Raj's death, his

brother, Sanjeev Dutta, submit-ted papers for transfer of their father's property. But, he concealed the names of Raj's wife Pushap Lata Dutta and two daughters, also legal heirs.

Police said meanwhile Pushap also filed an RTI application, seeking copies of transfer papers submitted by San-

She then filed a complaint to the Harvana DGP and Housing Board Haryana, Panchkula, informing that since her hushand died she was living in another house with her two

daughters. She alleged that her brothersin-law, Sanjeev Dutta and Vinod Verma and Neeria Aggarwal were trying to get the house transferred in their names on the basis of false documents.

She alleged that while her deceased husband's name was mentioned in the papers, she and her daughters found no mention in them. Also their consent was not taken to transfer the property.
Investigating official sub-in-

spector Pawan Singh said, "The board forwarded a complaint to register an FIR against Sanjeev Dutta for concealing the actual legal heirs and shareholders in the property."
A case was registered under

Sections 406 (criminal breach of trust) and 420 (cheating) of the Indian Penal Code at the Sector 5 police station. No arrest has

'Breastfeeding prevents breast, ovarian cancers and osteoporosis in mothers'

HT Correspondent

CHANDIGARH: On the last day of the World Breastfeeding Week (August 1-7), the staff of Rural Health Training Centre, department of community medicine and school of public heath, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Educa tion and Research (PGIMER) organised an awareness sessions

at Naraingarh civil hospital.
Dr Kirtan Rana explained the benefits of breastfeeding for both mother and child: "Breastfeeding oosts immunity in children and improves their IQ. It also prevents breast and ovarian cancers and osteoporosis in mothers, and helps in establishing a bond between child and mother

She said breastfeeding should

REDUCES RISK OI INFECTIONS. ALLERGIES IN CHILDREN, AND HELPS BUILD THEIR 10

BUILDS IMMUNITY,

be started within an hour of childbirth. She made the audience aware of breastfeeding corners set up in the hospital, and encouraged family members to ensure optimum breastfeeding of infants

Dr Atul Gupta talked about how to exclusively breastfeed (timings of breastfeeding and switching between the breasts) the children to ensure adequate breastfeeding He said in case the mother has to go out for some

to the child in her absence by the father or grandmother or the guardian of the child. AWARENESS SESSION AT

work she can express her breast

CIVIL DISPENSARY-49

Addressing the mothers, Dr Divya said breastfeeding is a complete food for the newborn till it is six months old. It has the ability to address the issue of thirst as well hunger. There is no need to give extra water to the baby during the first six months of its life.

She said the first yellow milk colostrum is essential for the newborn as it has essential elements that enhance immunity She also said that breast milk builds up immunity and reduces chances of respiratory infections,

allergies and skin infections in children, and helps in their growth and IQ development.

HEALTH CAMP

Women and child development department celebrated World Breastfeeding Week at different anganwadis of Chandigarh, A health camp was organised at the construction site of PGI. Dr Bhavneet Bharti, professor, department of paediatrics, coun-

selled mothers.

She highlighted the importance of early initiation of breastfeeding within one hour of the birth of a child and exclusive breastfeeding up to six monthsHead of social welfare department Naviot Kaur said the basic purpose is to remove the taboo about the breastfeeding..

26-year-old held for sodomising minor neighbour

CHANDIGARH: A 26-year-old man was arrested for allegedly sod omising his neighbour, a five year-old boy, in Hallomajra on Wednesday. Police said the victim was

playing in the ground when the accused called him and took him to his house and violated him.

The victim began bleeding and came to his house and nai rated the entire act to his mother, who then took him to the Sector 31 police station and gave a formal complaint against the accused. A case under Sec tion 377 (committing unnatural sex) of the Indian Penal Code and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act was registered against the accused, who will be produced before a court on

Wanted to do Hindi films but the

offers were bad, says Siddharth

Films set for Kashmir shoot in a pickle

ashmir has long been a preferred location for the shoots of Bollywood films thanks to its picturesque locations. And it continues to be so. But, after the central government's decision to revoke Article 370 and 35A, and bifurcation of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state, it was being reported that the shoot status of some films was uncertain. Films such as Shershaah, Sadak 2 and Shamshera, were scheduled to be shot in the Valley and reports about them being affected by recent

developments have surfaced. However, some filmmakers claim that the impact is

Mehta, one of the producers of the Sidharth Malhotra-starrer Shershaah, which is currently being shot in Kargil, they have "not faced any problems so far". "We never thought that this situation would arise but we will deal with whatever

happens next," he says. However, a local hotelier in whose hotels the cast of the film is staying, says the curfew in the new Union Territory did affect the shoot of the film. "The shooting has got delayed by a few days because vehicles which were supposed to come to Kargil via Srinagar had to re-route and come via Manali. We're making good business as about 250 cast and crew members have occupied over 120 rooms in five-six different hotels. The only concerr is, since we're dependent on Kashmir and Srinagar for the

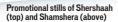


Bhatt, associate director of Sadak 2, refutes the reports that claim that Kashmir shoot of the indefinitely postponed. She says "There was no filming planned with the actors in Kashmir anyway, so

these reports are untrue. The second unit (which is headed by Pooja) is travelling the length and breadth of India without the cast, to shoot plates to ensure the film has a seamless cinematic journey

She is quick to clarify that the Kailash-Mansarovar shooting schedule "has been postponed indefinitely" the reason, she adds, has got nothing to do with recent developments. J&K-based line producer Md Abdullah, who handled the shooting of Manmarziyaan (2018) and this year's RAW and the web series, The Final Call, says, "We had to postpone some projects due to the disturbance in Srinagar.





for things to get back on track While there may have been a few hurdles in the Valley, it is business as usual for films that are being shot in the new Union Territory, Leh. Gafur Steri, line producer of Ranbir Kapooi and Sanjay Dutt-starrer Shamshera, says, "Since there's no tension in Leh, the shooting of the film which is slated to go on floor from mid-August in Nubra Valley will start on time.

But the supply that comes from Srinagar will affect us, besides the poor road condition that's also a hassle." Film exhibitor-distributor Akshaye Rathi sees this decision by the government as a boon to the film industry. "Till now, the shooting cost

in J&K has been double of any other location in India. This move will allow filmmakers to

function locally in the Valley and that would cut overall cost," he



EMMYS TO GO HOSTLESS

The 71st edition of Primetime Emmy Awards will not have a host, Fox has confirmed. The news follows in the steps of the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences' (AMPAS) decision for the Oscars to go hostless. Interestingly, the ratings of Oscars 2019 ceremony improved without a host. Network CEO Charlie Collier was asked if the rise in ratings inspired the move. "Obviously, that was a piece of information and it did do very well but I think it's a pretty unique year for some of America's favourite shows and it was the right thing to do," he said. - P

trying their luck in Bollywood is common, and Siddharth was no different. He ventured into the Hindi film industry with a staggering debut in Rang De Basanti (2006). Movie buffs thought he would go on a signing spree, but that wasn't the case as he did just two other Hindi films — Striker (2010) and Chashme Baddoor (2013). "I got tonnes of offers in

Hindi, but it's just that I got better offers in the south. You always have to choose between the good and the bad work and that's why I can only show up in Hindi films where I can justify myself The local work there is better for me," says Siddharth, who continues to work in the south.

The actor says that if one side becomes really good, the other becomes immaterial. He adds, "The streaming platforms will hopefully do something, which films haven't been able to, and unify industries a little faster. Thanks to this platform, I'll be a little more visible to my audience here, in the future.

Siddharth recently debuted on the web with the dystopian

soon, but I haven't committed to act in it as I've committed to a lot of films.

Since he has produced films in Tamil and Telugu, will he take up direction anytime soon? "I started as an

directing has always been on the cards. But, right now I've my hands full. I'm going to take time off and do it for sure," he concludes



drama series, Leila. "Hopefully this will now open

new avenues for not just me

but others as well, and bring

content that I want to do," he

says adding "I'm also going

to produce my own content

Actor Anupam Kher says he has had his share of 'ups and downs in life'; adds a film on his life will be a blockbuster

t the age of 28, when he played a 65-year-old man in Saaransh (1984), Anupam Kher made people sit up and take notice of his talent. Although the actor had a powerful start to his career, the path ahead was clearly not as rosy. Now, as Kher completes 35 years since Saaransh and comes out with his new book, Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly he looks at the journey so far with a lot of fondness. "What separates me from everyone else is that I still have a sense of wonder. When I do this interview from the 30th floor of my building in USA, I wonder, 'am I the same small boy from Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)?' I measure all my achievements by that standard," he says.

This is the 35th year of the release of Saaransh, and since then, your journey seems great from the outside. How would you marise it?

I will summarise it only after 30 years, not right now because I have just reached the interval of my life. I have plenty to gain and lots to learn. I have just come to understand what acting and life is all about. So, the time to give my best is now. All these years, I have tried to find a firm foothold.

Right from the time wh worked in Hum Aapke Hain Koun (1994) to now, when you work in the West in films such as Silver Linings Playbook (2012), your outlook towards work and life has always seemed dynamic. How do you maintain that?

It's not tough at all. You just have to decide to be happy and then practice it for a few

months. Then, troubles will seem less troubling. It's not that I haven't had any ups and downs in my life or that I am immune to depression. In fact I battled depression for a year and-a-half and was on medication. If you're hell-bent on being happy for three months, I can guarantee that even the biggest of tragedies will appear negligible, and the most little moments of happiness will appear

about your struggles, setbacks or victories through your play, Kucch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai oi your new book, Lessons Life

The world frightens you with what you hide. But if you

> have had many disappointments when I couldn't be a part of Mr India (1987) or when I didn't get Jawaharlal Nehru's role in Gandhi (1982), or when I fought with a film magazine. But what kept me going was my attitude towards life. Also, you cannot be popular with the whole world. But firstly, you've to

with the truth, then there's nothing to fear. Whatever has

happened with me is, anyway, a fact. If I became bankrupt almost 15 years back, if I am

paralysis [around Hum Aapke Hain Koun's shooting], they

are facts. I am not ashamed of

hald or if I suffered facial

these things. Why should I hide them? Also, I feel

Till date, what's been the most

important lesson that life has taught you?

As we grow up, we start taking ourselves seriously.

saying, 'if you want God to laugh, tell him your plans'.

event, never a person'. I

We keep planning our life but

There is a very popular

Never take yourself seriously!

your upbringing helps

Now, after the play and the book would you like a film be made on your life? I feel it will be the biggest

blockbuster (laughs), But I haven't thought about it. I feel a biopic has to be inspirational and my life is full of drama, romance, comedy, failure, motivation, success and failure again followed by success. I've lived and continue to live my fully. Whenever it gets made. I hope it will be a guide on how to deal with failure, sadness and depression. As for the actor. I'll have to think about it I played a 65-year-old guy at 28 [in Saaransh], so I can play myself from the point when my film career started. We just have to find a younger Anupam

And how did the idea of the book

come to you? I always wanted to write a book which will have an inspirational angle, and won't just be about my life. I remember when I was a Mumbai, what kept me going were the autobiographies of people like Charlie Chaplin and Kirk Douglas, among

So, I thought it's very important to write about my life, what made me

You have spoken about abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A from Jammu and Kashmir. Also, you had an argument, on Twitter, with people, who opposed the move...

Triple Talaq bill, too. And sometimes, it becomes imperative to call them out and their fraud behaviour. When, in 1990 Kashmiri Pandits were beaten up and thrown out, that was a genocide of sorts. They suffer from and conveniently tell their own history, and pretend to be progressive. But you can't scare me. I am like, 'chalo, acchi baat ho gayi hai aur ab iska accha asar dikhayi dega'. Article 370 was a problema article. Why would you have such a 'differentiating' article in one nation?

who I am, so that people who look for inspiration should benefit from it. It's not preachy but inspiring. If I am not proud of the way I have lived my life, then how can anybody else be proud of it?

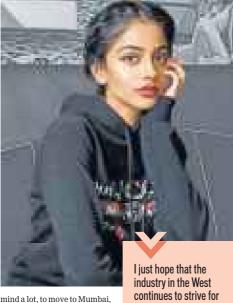
'Lost out on roles due to my ethnicity'

fter a stirring debut in Bollywood with Shoojit Sircar's October (2018), actor Banita Sandhu has been focusing on her career internationally. She made her American TV debut with the sci-fi series Pandora, starring Priscilla Quintana, and will next be seen in a Hollywood film Eternal Beauty featuring Sally Hawkins.
Banita, however, reveals

that she faced a lot of rejection in the West because of her Indian origin. "Personally, I never faced racist remarks in the film industry abroad, but I've lost out on roles due to my ethnicity; especially being an Indian in the West," she says, adding, "Still, progress is happening particularly in the last few years. I just hope that the industry continues to strive for an authentic representation, and that the sudden demand for diversity in Hollywood isn't just tokenistic

The 21-year-old has recently wrapped up the shoot of Adithya Varma — a Tamil remake of Telugu film Arjun Reddy - which was recently remade in Hindi as Kabir Singh. At the same time, she's also juggling between shoots in Bulgaria, India and different projects.

Based out of London at present, she's certainly going places due to her work. And, she has even contemplated shifting base to Mumbai to establish her footing in Bollywood, She explains, "It's ...says Banita Sandhu clarifying that personally she didn't face racist remarks



mind a lot, to move to Mumbai, because vou never know which part [in films] lands up on your lap any moment. If I'm not physically present there, I might miss out on them. Moving to Mumbai is something I consider seriously. But when the time is

strong debut and Banita is grateful for that opportunity, which allowed her to make a mark stone in the industry. platform that most actors can't even dream of from their debut film. It opened a lot of doors for

right, I will take the plunge."
All this success is due to her

me, even in the West. I'm so grateful, and at times still in dishelief that my first film was with Shoojit sir and Varun (Dhawan). They're two people I adore and admire, and hope I'll do them proud," she adds

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life is all about living, not adjusting. The biggest lesson that I learnt from my father was that 'failure is an respect yourself.



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will be received well. Funds saved for something specific may have to be spent on something else. Spouse or a family member may have lined up a surprise for you today. An out of town trip cannot be ruled out for some. Good news awaits some on the property front. Excellent performance on the academic front will be

acknowledged even by your rivals.

Love Focus: It may seem difficult to match lover in his or her need for togetherness on the romantic front

Lucky Number: 8 Lucky Colour: Forest Green

Your contribution to a workplace project will be highly appreciated and help you in getting established on the professional front. A minor financial setback can get you into the thinking mode. A dispute on the family front may leave a bad taste in the mouth. You may be the main motivator to get a family outing organised You may make up your mind to sell a property you own. Academic front may appear to be a roller coaster ride

Love Focus: Today, you may turn your old romantic self to the delight of your beloved!

Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Rose

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Give professional advice to someone, only if you are sure of things yourself. Good opportunities will keep you in a good financial position. Those suffering from bodily ailments can hope for a quick recovery. Some of you may have to undertake an out-of-town journey. You will prevent an ancestral property from becoming a bone of contention among the

family members. You shine on the academic front. Love Focus: Self-confidence and way with words will be enough to floor someone of the opposite gender on the romantic front

Lucky Number: 3 Lucky Colour: Saffron

Helpful friends may rescue you from a tight situation on the financial front. You will not be able to raise your voice against something wrong at work. You will be able to get rid of an ailment pestering you for long. Friends or cousins can come and make the home front lively. Property

acquired previously may give excellent

returns. You will get ample opportunity to establish yourself on the academic front.

Love Focus: Rekindling romance may become important, as cracks begin to appear in your relationship.

Lucky Number: 15 Lucky Colour: Peach

You will find your way clear for achieving your immediate professional goals Financial worries plaguing some in the past are not likely to disappear by themselves, so make efforts to cut corners and increase earning. You may get inconvenienced by the arrival of a guest at home. A decision on the property front is likely to be in your favour. Seniors may hold high expectations from you regarding a project on the academic

front, so work hard to prove them right. Love Focus: You will succeed in rekindling your love life

Lucky Number: 2 Lucky Colour: Pink





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Your efforts at work will be recognised on the professional front. Financial help will be forthcoming for those venturing on their own. You may join a gym or take up an exercise routine for remaining in top physical condition. Entertaining guests can be your lot today, but the time spent promises to be most enjoyable. Chance for studying abroad may materialise for some. A

property deal is set to materialise for those aiming to own a house. Your potential may remain untapped on the academic front.

Love Focus: Romance may need to be given a lower priority today Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Chocolate

Some of you are likely to overstep the deadline for a job, but luck will be on your side. You can be swayed by someone to spend your hard earned money on something frivolous. A minor ailment irritates, but not for long. You are likely to have a good time in the company of your near and dear ones today. You may need to

get resources to carry out improvements in an ancestral property. our consistency in performance on the academic front will be noticed by those who matter.

Love Focus: Lover may need space and you shouldn't deny that Lucky Number: 9 Lucky Colour: Dark Red

Financial prospects brighten, but you will need to remain judicious in spending. You are likely to misplace some important official documents and can face the music. Your love and care will help mprove the condition of someone in the family. An overseas journey is on the anvil for some. Your attempts to get hold of some property may not succeed. Your efforts on the academic front will keep you in contention.

Love Focus: Romantic mood persists and you are certain to make the

Lucky Number: 22 Lucky Colour: Light Blue





impossible dream at present, but you will manage it. Love Focus: A journey or a function may become the perfect setting for romance to happen, so rejoice!

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everyone's consent for implementing a new idea at work. A family outing will find you refreshed and rejuvenated. Your plan of a pilgrimage may not come to fruition immediately. A good bargain is foreseen on the property front. Networking will only help to certain extent on the academic

front, so get down to mastering the subjects, if you want to fare well **Love Focus:** Spending time with beloved and exchanging sweet nothings will prove most rewarding.

Lucky Number: 11 Lucky Colour: Light Grey

Job prospects for those freshly out of professional institutes are set to brighten up soon. Soaring expenses may alarm you, but you will be able to stabilise the situation. Getting a pat on the back at home for something you have done is possible. A leisure trip with friends proves enjoyable. Property matters should not be touched today. A well wisher is likely to come to your rescue on the academic front.

SCORPIO

Love Focus: Suspicious nature threatens to spoil relationship with

Lucky Number: 6 Lucky Colour: Sea Green



Financial security is what you seek at this juncture, so work towards it. You may feel things on the professional front going a bit out of control. Your desire for better health may soon turn into action. You may be planning something big on the home front. An outing with your favourite person proves to be a refreshing experience. Good returns can be expected by those

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investing in property.

Love Focus: There seems to be a strong possibility of finding a suitable mate on the romantic front

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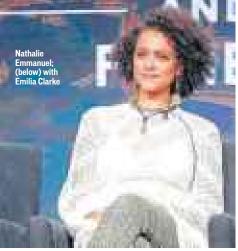
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Nathalie says co-star, Emilia Clarke, is a 'beast'

who played the role of Missandei, an advisor to actor Emilia Clarke's character Daenerys Targarven, in the show, Game of Thrones, opened up about how she is inspired by her co-For Emmanuel, her time on

GoT was much more than just a job. The star opened up in the latest issue of People about her character's sudden death in the final season, the bittersweet ending, and the friendships she made, especially with Clarke. Clarke recently revealed that she underwent two life-saving brain surgeries over the last eight years. Emilia, as a friend and

colleague, is just such a joy,'

Emmanuel says.
"I really have thoroughly loved working with her. I loved working with her. I loved learning from her. And we check in on each other so often," the 30-year-old actor adds. "I remember coming back to work and hearing about her surgeries and being like, 'Wow, it's just so crazy and there you are, ready to go back to work.' She's such a beast. As a woman, she really picks herself up and keeps going," she says. "She's really

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inspiring, I'm so proud of her. And then, what she's chosen to do with that experience, to

were suddenly separated after Missandei was brutally beheaded in the last season leaving fans and Emmanuel shocked and distraught. "I basically cried my eyes out when I read the script," says

was sort of expecting it to an extent, but I've expected it with every season. And I think that finally, I was like, Oh she's gone. That's sad because of how much I love her and how much I love playing her,"

was proud of her character's journey throughout the epic fantasy series. "She definitely hefore "she says

Emmanuel also said that she's not only proud of her character but the show's

help other people, is so amazing," she adds. The two actors' characters

"To be honest with you, I

The actor shared that she

went out with strength and she went out with a ferocity that we probably hadn't seen in her

overall run and ending as well. She says, "Reading the final episode, I felt hopeful"

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Gul feels portrayal of women antagonists has improved

eauty queen, actor, social activist, fitness enthusiast, pilot and politician — Gul Panag has donned many a hat since coming into the public eye with her 1999 beauty pageant win, Acting, however, is what remains closest to the Dor (2006) star's heart. Gul will next be seen playing an antagonist for the first time, in her film Bypass Road that also stars Neil Nitin Mukesh and Adah Sharma.
"As an actor, one is always

apprehensive about playing a part that requires them to look much older than they are but for this film, it was challenging for me to do so and also venture into the grey shade spectrum for the first time," shares the 40-year-old, really about the mindset of the character. The challenge and fun in being an actor is that you get to essay characters that may be quite different from who you are. Bollywood films have

produced many memorable antagonists over the decades Amiad Khan, Amrish Puri, Danny Denzongpa Kulbhushan Kharbanda, and

more recently, Shah Rukh Khan in Darr (1993), Saif Al Khan in Omkara (2006) and Ranveer Singh in Padmaavat (2018). But it is only in the past two decades that women actors have really been seen in negative roles that have nuance — Kajol in Gupt (1997), Priyanka Chopra in Aitraaz (2004) and 7 Khoon Maaf (2011), Vidya Balan in Ishqiya (2010) and Tabu in Haider (2014), Drishyam (2015) and Andhadhun (2018). But Gul feels the times are

changing. "From one-dimensional vamps to normal-vet-grev characters. there is clear proof of a shift. Even the female leads are getting more important roles. The stereotypical female characters have taken a back seat. The audience is also appreciating ingenious scripts for women," she says The Manorama Six Feet Under (2007) actor is also busy

"I play an interesting part in a web series which also stars Manoj Bajpayee. The other is an investigative thriller produced by Anushka Sharma. So lots of exciting work to watch out

Gul Panag is working on two



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Fortunate to get the trust of the best filmmakers, says Bhumi Pednekar

Laga Ke Haisha (2015), actor Bhumi Pednekar has worked with competent directors including names such as Sharat Katariya (in Dum Laga Ke Haisha), RS Prasanna (in Shubh Mangal Saavdhan), Abhishek Chaubey (Sonchiriya) and Zoya Akhtar (in Lust Stories). And the actor feels lucky to have worked with such fine filmmakers

"As an artist, I'm constantly looking for good scripts. I'm constantly hungry for great content, and thankfully I've been fortunate enough to get the trust of

The actor has an interesting slate of films coming up, and will soon be seen in Saand Ki Aankh, Bhoot: Part One - The Haunted Ship, Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitare, Bala, Pati Patni Aur Woh and Takht.

"My next [few] films are also scripts that are extremely diverse and brilliant; that I truly love. Each one of them are projects that will present me in extremely different avatars, and that's what excites me to do cinema. I get to be such diverse

Right from her debut – where Bhumi played an overweight girl opposite Ayushmann Khurrana — she has always picked characters that are "strong and have a major impact on the story of a

The actor adds, "I wouldn't have chosen to do these films if they were any different. I'm really excited about my next set of films because they have given me super exciting and memorable characters to portray. I'm in a great phase of my career, and I want to keep doing my best with ever single film that I do."





It 'scares' casey to talk about #MeToo

said even though he supports the #MeToo movement, it terrifies him to say anything in relation to it, as an aftermath of the sexual harassment allegations levied against him.
The Oscar winner talked

about the accusations during his appearance on Dax Shepard's podcast, Armchair Expert. "It is very, very hard to talk about, and it scares me," Affleck said, when asked about the #MeToo movement.

The 43-year-old actor was accused of sexual assault on the sets of mockumentary I'm Still Here, by two women. Though he had settled the lawsuits that stemmed from the allegations they came back to haunt him during his Oscar campaign for Manchester by the Sea (2017).

Affleck said he took the decision to remain quiet on the #MeToo movement because he didn't want to be interpreted as someone who opposes it. 'The way that I'm thought of sometimes by certain people, recently, has been so antithetical to who I really am that it's been frustrating. And not being able to talk about it has been hard because I really wanted to support all of that, but I felt like the best thing to do was to just be quiet so I didn't seem to be in opposition to something that I really wanted to champion,'

He continued, "It's a tough spot to be in, especially if you

really do appreciate and want to be a support of the side that **ARE THINGS** GYLLENHAAL,

ctor Jake Gyllenhaal's relationship with his French girlfriend, model Jeanne Cadieu seems to be going quite well. According to Page Six, Cadieu recently met Gyllenhaal's family and they

have been on a trip together. Not only outings, Cadieu, 22, has also accompanied the 38-year-old star at several of his film previews and also to a Broadway play. The duo is also participating in an art project

A photo exhibition named Inside Out even features Gyllenhaal and Cadieu's portraits.

Their relationship first came into the limelight back in December. Since then, they have been spotted at a number of events and parties

Recently, Gyllenhaal starred in Spider-Man: Far From Home, essaying the classic villain, Mysterio,

The Academy Award-nominated actor, who has never been married, has earlier dated actors Kirsten Dunst and Reese Witherspoon, singer Taylor Swift, among





Actor Casey Affleck was accused of sexual assault on the sets of mockumentary I'm Still Here, by two women

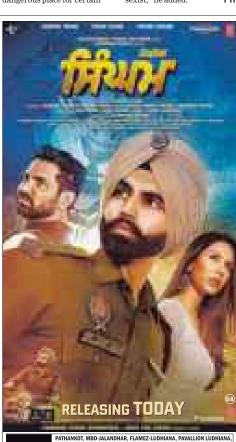
seems angriest, and the anger is being directed at you."

The actor said it baffles him

to see that there are people in the world who are not in support of #MeToo. "Who would not be supportive of the #MeToo movement? That's an idea that's even out there? That there are some people saying we do not believe in equality and we think the workplace should be a dangerous place for certain

people and not for others That's preposterous," the actor-director added.

He said the values of #MeToo are "at the heart of my being". "Just the way I was raised, they are baked into my own value system having been raised by a mother who didn't let us watch The Dukes of Hazzard (1979-85 television series) when we were like eight years old because it was sexist," he added.





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7.	Tujhe Kitna Chahne Lage	Kabir Singh
8.	Sheher Ki Ladki	Khandaani Shafakhana
9.	The Wakhra Song	Judgementall Hai Kya
10.	Enni Soni	Saaho

'COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER REMAKE FOR GLASSY'

Singer Ashok Mastie says his hit party number opened doors for indie artists in the party song genre

ith every other film song a refurbished version of a tune you've heard before these days, saying that remaking popular songs is on the rise would be an understatement. So why shouldn't Ashok Mastie, the singer of Khadke Glassy, join the bandwagon with his own version of the hugely popular song? The singer-composer has remade his and rapper Honey Singh's Punjabi hip-hop hit for the recent film Jabariya Jodi, and has Sidharth Malhotra and Parineeti Chopra

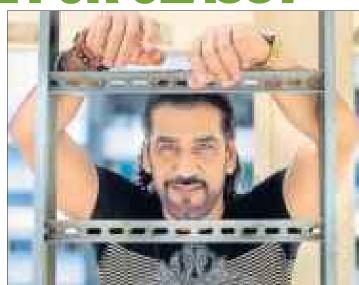
grooving to the number.
"I couldn't have asked for a better remake of Khadke Glassy than this. Sidharth and Parineeti have enjoyed arineeti have enjoyed so much in this song. The makers concept and made it a Holi song," Ashok says, adding "Getting our song remade for a Bollywood movie is in itself a big thing for us. The industry is opening up and there is a lot of appreciation for hip-hop." Mastie recalls that the iconic

song came into existence thanks to an experiment and was added to their album Clap on the Beat at the last moment "Yo Yo Honey Singh and I had collaborated for a music album and we were about to release when a young artist came to me and said, 'Sir, mujhe ek gaana banana hai. Mujhe aap koi bhi gaana dijiye, main woh aapko gaa ke sunaunga. I got the harmonium and composed the song Khadke Glassy and gave him to sing," Mastie recalls.

The track instantly became a party favourite. "It was a oneof-its-kind song in the market

because of the English hip-hop beat. Overnight, it became superhit song. I couldn't understand what happened that time but Honey Singh, who made his debut with this song, knew that these type of songs will work a lot in the industry It kick-started a new wave in the industry," he says. One of the highlights of the

song was a slick Mastie grooving to the lyrics along with Singh. And ever since, the singer has gone on to carve a niche for himself in the industry with hit numbers such as Gaddi, Nakhra Nawabi. and Akhiyaan Vich. "Getting featured in music videos benefits the singers a lot. If it would not have been a club song, singers would not have entered in that space. This song opened doors for Indian pop artists in the club," Ashok says,



'All the songs I've sung in the past, I feel I could sing better today'

ubin Nautiyal is upbeat about the way his music about the way his music career is shaping up. He sung for the recent films Kabir Singh and Khaandani Shafakhana, his next includes Sidharth Malhotra starrer Marjaavaan, and Happy Hardy and Heer. The singer also released a single recently.

"I'm growing as a singer when it comes to Bollywood singing, but at the same time, I'm also growing as an artist. That, I feel, is the greatest achievement. I still don't think I've tapped my true potential. All the songs I've sung in the past, I feel I could sing them better today, and that tells me I'm growing in my craft," says Jubin, who feels "blessed" to have worked with some of the best-known names in the industry. Most of the 30year-old's songs have been romance tracks, including his latest single, Hai Pyaar Kya. Jubin explains why he feels the most connected to the genre. "I love singing romantic songs. I feel I can sing the soul of that song. I'm very particular about the lyrics. Belting out romantic numbers is simple, too. I just go into the song, listen to the lyrics and sing it. Even in this single, I'm just saying it through expressions," shares the singer, adding that he had been working on the number with lyricist Rocky Khanna for the past three years

"I really wanted to release this song just because it was still living with me after three

vears. It's very easy when you have to make a sound that's already been done before, but if you have to make a fresh one, it needs a lot of depth, communication and time. You can't sit one day and just make it. I'm not saying it's different from the kind work I've done earlier, but it's different from the kind of work that's releasing elsewhere, adds Jubin. Asked if he enjoys independent music more than playback singing for films, the singer calls himself an artist of a different process. "I'm not into independent or film zone, l just work on one song at a time. It might even be an ad jingle, but it'll always be one thing at a time," he explains. Talking of modern-day metrics — numbers and views on online streaming platforms - Jubin says they've never mattered to him as such. "There's a saying I'd like to share with all the budding artists — 'Don't let the internet fool you'. Use and enjoy internet and learn from it, but do not let it affect you because when music began, it didn't happen with views, it happened with a genuine thought that it's a good song

and I want to hear it again," the

singer explains. It's very easy when you have to make a sound that's already been done before, but if you have to make a fresh one, it needs depth, communication and time.





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Channing takes break from social media to be in the 'real world'

taking a social media hiatus to spark creativity again and get inspired by the "real world". The 39-yearold actor announced that he is taking a step back from all social media platforms in an Instagram post on Wednesday Tatum explained how his life online has been negatively affecting his creativity. "I'm gonna take a break and come off socials for a minute. I've been trying to get inspired and create again. And to be honest I don't really feel, or at least I

social in the last couple years now," he wrote. He continued, "I'm gonna go and be just in the real world for a while and off my phone. I'll probably come back at some point. But if I do, I want to have a direction or a clear point of view of why I'm on here and what I'm putting out there. Love ya! See ya after a while [sic]!" Since he posted the message, it has garnered more than 1,00,000 likes and comments from fans praising him. "You're not alone in that feeling... take care," one fan

See you on the flip side! You've inspired me," another agreed. Stars like Ariana Grande,

Iggy Azalea, Demi Lovato and Ed Sheeran have all taken breaks in recent years for their own reasons.

The actor's statement comes

months after he started stepping out publicly with new girlfriend Jessie J. The two were first linked in October last year after Tatum and his ex Jenna Dewan announced their separation in April 2018.



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