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**SWARAJ TRACTORS CROSSES 20 LAKH PRODUCTION** 



YAAR MERA TITLIAAN **WARGA ENTHRALLS AUDIENCES WITH ITS RIB TICKLING STORY** 

# Punjab CM offers 1000 acre land Fatehgarh Sahib to GoI for setting up textile park

commitment to give impetus to the industrial growth in the state, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has offered 1000 acre of land in Fatehgarh Sahib district to the Government of India (GoI) for setting up Textile Park under PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Parks (PM MITRA) scheme.

In a letter to the Union Textile Minister Piyush Goyal, the Chief Minister has expressed the desire for setting up this ambitious project on the sacred land of Fatehgarh Sahib. He envisioned that once commissioned this project will emerge Punjab as a 'Textile Hub' of the country. Likewise, Bhagwant Mann unequivocally said that this project will also put the state on the orbit of a high growth trajectory of Industrial growth.

The Chief Minister asserted that the ambitious scheme will help in attracting invest-

WIPING OUT CORRUPTION &

**CM KHATTER** 

**DEVELOPING 34000 MSME UNITS** 

**IN HARYANA OUR PRIME ISSUES:** 

ments on one hand and open- Union Minister that under this ing new vistas of employment for the youth on another. He said that the Government of India (GoI) has approved the scheme for setting up of seven PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Parks (PM MITRA) across the country in partnership with the interested State Governments.

scheme the state government is ready for setting up of Textile Park at Fatehgarh Sahib.

The Chief Minister categorically said that all environmental clearances and norms as fixed by Centre and State Pollution Control Boards will be adhered to while setting up this Mega Integrated Textile Bhagwant Mann informed the Region and Apparel Park. He availability of contiguous and

Mann Gives nod to Organize Punjab **Investment Summit in February 2023** 

To attract more investments to the state for giving impetus to its industrial growth, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday gave approval for organizing the Punjab Investment Summit in February 2023.

Chairing a meeting of Invest Punjab- the state government's investment promotion agency, the Chief Minister envisioned that the summit will go a long way in ensuring holistic industrial development of the state to

asserted that one of the basic requirements for the project is that the interested state government should have ready

propel it into the orbit of high growth trajectory. He asked Invest Punjab to make optimum use of this healthy platform to project Punjab as the preferred investment destination among the domestic and global inves tors. Bhagwant Mann said that elaborate arrangements will be made for making this mega event a huge success. Punjab Chief Minister also underscored the need to promote the state as a most preferred investment destination in India and globe. He envisioned that this summit will act as a cata-

encumbrance free land parcels Bhagwant Mann emphasized that Punjab Government has already identified land parcels this project at the earliest.

West Bengal Chief Minister

**Opposition will unite to oust BJP from** 

power in 2024, says Mamata Banerjee

lyst to emerge state as a hub of industry. Bhagwant Mann also directed Invest Punjab to organize promotion outreach program including roadshows in all key cities of India and globally, so that the potential investors may be invited to the summit and the advantages of the state may be showcased during the Summit. Punjab CM further underscored the strengthening of the unified regulator and single window system of Punjab to facilitate the investors. He said that it is a matter of great pride and satisfaction that during the current government regime the state has roped in investment worth Rs 21,000 Crore in the last five months.

in Fatehgarh Sahib for the of 1000 acres for this project. above said project adding that all the necessary requirements will be fulfilled for setting up

# Punjab attracts investment worth Rs.21000 CR, to create 90000 jobs: Anmol Mann



India bans export of broken rice

After imposing 20 per cent export duty on non-basmati rice,

the government has banned the export of broken rice with an

aim to increase domestic availability, according to a govern-

ment notification. "Export Policy of broken rice ... is amended

CHANDIGARH: Punjab's min- the Confederation of Indian ister for investment promotion, labour and tourism, Anmol Gagan Mann said, here today that Under the visionary leadership of Bhagwant Singh Mann, Chief Minister, Government of Punjab, industry-friendly policies have attracted investment worth Rs 21000 crores in the State. The influx of new industries and startups is expected to create more than 90,000 job oppor-

tunities in Punjab. She was addressing a session on 'Promoting Industrial Growth & Investments in Puniab' with a focus on Ease of Doing Business, Tourism, Taxation, Power & Labour organised by trial investment in the region.

Industries, in Chandigarh. «I welcome all industrialists to

invest in Punjab, especially in the agri and food-processing sectors, and to give their suggestions for improving the investment climate in Punjab, "she said, adding the state government is working towards providing a seamless experience for the new industries and investors as they set up their businesses in Punjab. Highlighting the strength of the industrial environment in the State, the cabinet minister shared that connectivity in terms of road, railways, and airways is conducive to promoting indus-

## BJP takes swipe at opposition parties



Congress' "Bharat Jodo Yatra" and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's unity pitch for the Opposition as attempts to build their own political profiles, and said it is basically an internal affair of its rivals. These parties and leaders be it Mamata Banerjee, Nitish Kumar or K Chandrashekar Rao or the Congress have neither capability nor strength to form government, BJP efforts are entirely aimed at building their own political

#### Taking steps for a vibrant film ecosystem in Kashmir: J&K LG



Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, said on Thursday that his administration is taking effective steps to resurrect the golden era of filmmaking in the union territory. Sinha made these remarks during his interaction with renowned Bollywood Actor and film-maker, Sanjay Khan at Raj Bhawan, an official spokesperson said. The veteran actor discussed with the LG the revival of film shoots in Jammu and Kashmir. Khan noted that the UT government is taking effective measures to create a vibrant film ecosystem in J&K to rekindle its golden age.

# **Union Finance ministry to kick-start** budgetary exercise from October 10

Union finance ministry will kickstart the exercise to prepare the annual budget for 2023-24 from October 10, in the backdrop of revival of the Indian economy and fears of recession in developed countries.

The budget for the next year will have to address critical issues of high inflation, job creation, boosting demand, and putting the economy on a sustained 8 per cent-plus growth path. On Wednesday, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said inflation is no longer "red-lettered" and the priority for the govern-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

on Thursday unveiled a 28-ft-tall

es for the prime minister and

vice-president and new ministry

buildings. The North and South

Blocks, the secretariat buildings

flanking Rashtrapati Bhavan,

will be converted into museums.

13.450-crore Central

Vista project, which

will have a new Parlia-

ment building, new

office and residenc-



may not be. Red-lettered ones would of course be jobs, equitable wealth distribution and making sure India is moving on the path of growth. "In that sense inflation is not red-lettered. I hope it doesn't surprise many of you. We have shown that in the past couple of months that we were able to bring it to a manageable level," she said.

It will be the fifth budget of ment now is job creation and the Modi 2.0 government and submitted for cross-verification," spokesperson Sudhanshu boosting growth. "Some of course Sitharaman and the last full bud- the circular added.

The black granite statue has

transported to Delhi

from Telangana and

the statue was carved

out of it in over two

Modi also interacted with

some workers involved in the re-

development work of the Central

Vista avenue and told them they

will be invited for the Republic

Day parade, officials said

been carved from a monolithic

PM Modi unveils 28-ft-tall

**Netaji statue at India Gate** 

statue of Netaji Subhas Chan- block of granite weighing 280

dra Bose at India Gate. The metric tonne. The block of gran-

statue is part of the Centre's Rs ite picked for the statue was

slated in April-May 2024. During the election year, the

government presents Vote on Account for the limited period. Usually the budget is cleared till July. Pre-budget meetings chaired by the secretary (Expenditure) shall commence on October 10, 2022," according to the Budget Circular (2023-24) of the Budget Division of the Department of Economic Affairs dated September 6, 2022. "Financial advisers should ensure that the necessary details required in the appendices I to VII are properly entered. Hard copies of the data along with specified formats should be

**MUMBAI**: E-commerce firms

are expected to log a 28 per cent

year-on-year growth in sales at USD 11.8-billion during the

festive month this year, a report

The festive month is gener-

ally defined as a period starting

from the first sales event and

lasting roughly till the Diwali

week, including non-sale or

business-as-usual days in be-

tween, according to Redseer.

driven by the doubling of online

shoppers during festive sales

as against 2018, Strategy Con-

sulting firm Redseer said in its

This growth is expected to be

said on Thursday.

#### Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said she and her counterparts in neighbouring Bihar and Jharkhand will join hands with

several other opposition parties to oust the BJP from power in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. While addressing a party programme here, Banerjee, also the Trinamool Congress supremo, claimed that the BJP would face a rout because of its arrogance and people's anger.

I, Nitish Kumar, Hemant Soren and many others will come together in 2024. All opposition parties will join hands to defeat the BJP. All of us will be on one side and the BJP on the other. The BJP's arrogance of 300 seats will be its nemesis. There will be Khela Hobe' in 2024, she said. Soren government.

Online sales during festive month to reach USD 11.8 bn: Report

report. "As the festive season is

set to kickstart across the coun-

try, Redseer forecasts the online

sales during the festive month to

reach USD 11.8 billion, a 28 per

cent increase from last year, it

said. Moreover, the category mix

has been evolving differently in

pre-festive months which will

impact festive category mix as

well, Redseer said in its report.

the first week itself, the sales

are estimated to reach USD 5.9

billion, projecting a 28 per cent

increase from last year, when

they stood at USD 4.8-billion.

Noting that this year, the

Redseer further said that in



'Khela Hobe' (game is on) had been the battle cry of the TMC during the high-octane Assembly polls last year, in which the party defeated the BJP to storm back to power for the third consecutive term. Banerjee claimed that the arrest of Jharkhand MLAs with hordes of cash by Bengal police recently stopped the horse trad-ing in the neighbouring state and prevented the fall of the Hemant

fashion category will see robust

growth driven by an increasing

shopper base from Tier 2+ cities

and first-time shoppers who

generally tend to begin their

online shopping journey with

fashion, it said, there will also

be an increasing participation

of fashion-led players in the

festive sales this year.

#### from Free' to Prohibited'," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification dated September 8, 2022. The notification comes into effect from September 9, 2022. Provisions under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 regarding the transitional arrangement shall not be applicable to this notification, it added. The government on Thursday imposed a 20 per cent export duty on non-basmati rice except for

parboiled rice to boost domestic supplies amid a fall in area under the paddy crop in the current Kharif season. Direct tax collection surges by 35% to Rs 6.48 lakh cr **FW DESK** Direct tax collection, including

#### personal income tax, rose by 35.46 per cent to Rs 6.48 lakh crore in per cent higher than the gross the current fiscal up to Septem- collections for the corresponding

The country recorded a GDP growth of 13.5 per cent during

the first quarter ended on June 30, 2022. Direct tax collection, net of refunds, stands at Rs 5.29 lakh crore which is 30.17 per cent higher than the net collections for the corresponding period of last year, according to the data released by the Income Tax Department.

This collection is 37.24 per cent of the total Budget Estimates of Direct Taxes for 2022-23, it said. Refunds amounting to Rs 1.19 lakh crore have been issued from April 1 to September 8, 2022, which are 65.29 per cent higher than refunds issued during the same period in the preceding year,

it said. "Direct Tax collections up to September 8, 2022, show that gross collections are at Rs 6.48 lakh crore, which is 35.46 otick in the period of last year," it said. So far as the growth rate for Corporate Income Tax (CIT) and Personal Income Tax (PIT) in terms of gross revenue collections is concerned, the growth rate for CIT is 25.95 per cent while that for PIT (including STT) is 44.37 per cent.

After adjustment of refunds, the net growth in CIT collections is 32.73 per cent and that in PIT collections (including STT) is 28.32 per cent. In the last fiscal ended March 31, 2022, India's direct tax collection rose by a record 49 per cent to Rs 14.10 lakh crore. The government has estimated to collect Rs 14.20 lakh crore from direct taxes this fiscal. This includes Rs 7.20 lakh crore from corporate taxes and Rs 7 lakh crore from individual taxpayers.

# Union Government targets to reduce road accidents, deaths by 50% by 2024

**FW DESK** 

Union Government has called upon all the state transport ministers and officials to work in tandem towards reducing road accidents and deaths by 50 per cent by the end of 2024.

Union Minister for Road, which action can be taken by Transport and Highways Ni- the Ministry. In an interactive tin Gadkari said the issue of

road safety should not be taken lightly. Road accidents should be reviewed constantly and measures worked out to combat it. The Minister proposed training engineering students for conducting safety audits of the roads on the basis of

port Ministers in Bengaluru on Thursday, State Transport and PWD Ministers raised their issues related to highway infrastructure and shared their problems and urged the Central Government to resolve them.

State Ministers who attended the session included Govindas Kounthujam (Manipur), Prafull session with the state trans-Kumar Mallik (Odisha), Satpal

Maharaj (Uttarakhand), Harbhajan Singh (Punjab), Bhajan Lal Jatav (Rajasthan), Samdup Lapcha (Sikkim), A.V. Velu (Tamil Nadu), Nilesh Kabra (Goa), Arvind Chauhan (Maharashtra). Kounthujam said 90 % of the area are hilly and there are problems with land acquisition with regard to National Highway projects.

# India-US agree to further strengthen bilateral ties



**NEW DELHI:** India and the US on Wednesday agreed to further strengthen the bilateral relationship to support a free, open, connected and secure Indo-Pacific region.

Senior officials from the ministries of External Affairs and Defence, and the US departments of Defence and State met here for the India-US 2+2 Inter-Sessional meeting. "Reviewed outcomes of the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue of April 2022 with the aim of further strengthening the India-US strategic partnership," Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

The objective of the meeting was to deepen the US-India Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.

India, the US and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring in the resource-rich region.

China claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, while Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea.

Jatehdar Akal Takht and **SGPC President condemns** hateful comments on social media against Sikh cricket player Arshdeep Singh



JAGMOHAN SINGH

Amritsar

Giving reaction to hateful comments on social media against Sikh player Arshdeep Singh of the Indian cricket team, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President Harjinder Singh Dhami AND Jatehdar Akal Takht Gyani Harpreet Singh said that this phenomenon is extremely dangerous for the whole world, and if a common opinion is not formed globally to strictly stop such mischievous acts of destroying the character of the follower of the faith, it is natural that there will be cracks among the humanity in near future. Dhami said the United Nations Organization should intervene against this hateful phenomenon that destroys human values and should set strict rules against such anti-human tones.

# Must face together forces that attack mutual trust: Modi to Hasina

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India and Bangladesh should jointly face terrorist and fundamentalist forces that threaten to attack mutual trust between the two countries

Modi made these remarks after bilateral talks with visiting Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who made a strong pitch for early conclusion of the Teesta water sharing agreement.

"Today we also stressed on ism and fundamentalism. To trust," Modi said.



keep the spirit of 1971 alive, it is also very necessary that we face such forces together, cooperation against terror- who want to attack our mutual

India and Bangladesh signed seven agreements after the talks between Modi and Hasina, including one on sharing of waters of KushiBangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Thursday afternoon paid obeisance at the dargah of Sufi saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti in Rajasthan's Ajmer. She reached the

B'desh PM Hasina offers prayers at Ajmer dargah

shrine amid tight security arrangements and was extended a red-carpet welcome. Saiyad Kalimuddin, a khadim at the shrine, said a chadar was offered on behalf of Hasina and prayers were performed for peace and prosperity in both countries. She spent nearly a hour in the dargah.

According to the protocol, there was no other devotee on the dargah premises and the market in its vicinity was closed. yara river which is expected to ern Assam and Bangladesh's

benefit the regions of south- Sylhet region.

# Wiping out corruption & developing 34000 MSME RS.6.75 Crore released for Sri Guru Tegh Bhadur units in Haryana our prime issues: CM Khatter

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khatter addressing a gathering at Karnal announced developmental projects for amount worth Rs 2038 crore in Haryana which included proposal for developing 34000 Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSME) in the state, which will not only bring prosperity but also create sources of employment opportunities for nearly three lakh youths in the state. Khatter said, out of total amount of budget worth Rs 2038 crore to be spent over developments more than one third amount, about 40.34% will be spent on reforms in basic necessities in industry, education, health, security and



infrastructure in the state,

Chief Minister said, among nearly 175 developmental programs in the state on which

has to be spent apart from prime proposal for developing 14000 MSME units in the state, there is a future vision for developments employment and other sectors for the welfare of residents in the state. Information reveals, this is the fifth occasion in Manohar government rule in the state such

a large number of developmental

schemes have been announced

in Harvana state.

Pointing at the recent incident of demolishing of two towers at Noida, Khatter expressed deep regrets over issues as regard fast increasing prices of all essential commodities and increase in corruption in government offices as well as private sectors for which Haryana state government has launched Quality Control Authority in the state to have a check over all on-going government projects, corruption

there in enabling corrupts to be punished. While talking to media per-

sons Chief Minister expressed deep concern over fast increasing corruption in our system since past many years for which decision has been taken to introduce Quality Control Authority to have surprise checks by raiding teams and to bring transparency in all government projects as such decision taken now all government tenders will be invited on line under a transparent process to avoid corrupt practices in government as well as private sectors and those found involved in corrupt cases will have to face action by State Vigilance Bureau (SVB) and criminal case will be registered against them.

# Law University at Border district Tarn Taran

**CONSTRUCTION WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE COMPLETED IN** TWO YEAR AT A COST OF RS. 278 CRORE

**JAGMOHAN SINGH** Amritsar

Punjab Government has released Rs.6.75 crore as the first installment for the construction work of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur State University of Law, Kairon near Patti district Tarn Taran, said Punjab Cabinet Minister Transport and Animal Husbandry Laljit

He said that this university, which will come up on 25 acres of land at a cost of Rs.278, will



provide higher legal education to the students of the state, especially of the border districts of Tarn Taran, Amritsar, Ferozepur, Faridkot and Fazilka. This will be the first higher educational institution of law

studies in district Tarn Taran

wherein students from other

districts and states will get a higher legal education», said the Minister.

The cabinet minister informed, during a first budget session of Mann government, he had demanded the release of a grant to complete the work of the university within the targeted two years and the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has released Rs 6.75 crore as the first installment on priority, besides assuring that requisite funds will be provided to complete the project in a time-bound

He said that the ongoing work of the boundary walls and administrative block of the Law University will be completed on a priority basis.

### **AAP leaders in Him**achal Pradesh to make electoral promises



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AAP leaders Bhagwant Mann and Manish Sisodia are likely to announce on Friday fresh poll promises for voters in Himachal Pradesh where elections are scheduled later this year. Punjab Chief Minister Mann and Delhi Deputy CM Sisodia will also address a public meeting in Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur's home district Mandi, state AAP spokesman Gaurav Sharma said. As part of its poll guarantees, the AAP has already promised free and quality education and medical treatment for Himachal residents. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which is trying to make a foray into the state's political landscape with the elections, is currently ruling neighbouring Punjab and Delhi.

### **Renowned Canadian Nutritionist interacts** with Aryans students

**KULBIR SINGH KALSI** 

To aware students about immunity enhancement through Ayurvedic Regimen a webinar of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh. Dr. Rita Behl, Senior Diet & Lifestyle Consultant, Founder, Ayurvedic Avataran, British Columbia, Canada & Nutritionist Dt. Sakshi Gandhi interacted with the Arvans students of Nursing, Pharmacy, Law, Engineering, Management, B.Ed and Agriculture. Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Arvans Group presided over the event. Dr. Behl while interacting with students said that Ayurveda blends our modern lifestyle with the ancient wisdom of using natural substances, medicines and herbs to help us lead a healthy, happy, stress-free and disease-free life. This discipline is unique amongst the healthcare disciplines in the World as it places an emphasis on removing the causes of disease and suffering, she discussed. Dt. Gandhi said that Ayurveda accounts for a complete harmony of the human body with the elements of nature for a stress free and healthy life.

## Punjab Mahila Cong chief Balvir Rani Sodhi resigns The copies of the letter were

Eight of a family involved in 20 'Dera' robberies in Haryana & Punjab arrested

Punjab Mahila Congress Committee president Balvir Rani Sodhi resigned from her post, citing family circumstances.

She sent her resignation letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday.

Kindly relieve me from the post as I am unable to continue due to unavoidable compulsions of my family circumstances. Sodhi wrote in the letter. However, the Congress

Haryana police busted a gang of

six persons of a family at Kaithal

in Haryana allegedly involved

in large number of robberies in

religious 'Dera' in Haryana and

Punjab states a couple of days ago

while planning for a robbery at

Kaithal. Among those arrested

by the police were identified as

mastermind in the racket fa-

ther Karoda Ram (55) resident

of Bhadson in Patiala district

his two sons Naseeb (25) and

Ladee (35), son-in-law Manga

(32) resident of Ahmedgarh

in Punjab and two sons of his

brother-in-law Sawar and Vinod

of age around 30 and 35 both

residents of Shahzadpur in Am-

CIA-2 staff Ambala Police seized

1 kg of heroin from a car and

arrested four persons includ-

ing two women whilepatrolling

near Shastri Colony Ambala Cantt. While giving this in-

formation to media persons

SP Ambala Jashandeep Singh

Randhawa said that the arrested

accused have been identified as

Anwar alias Abhi, Anjali and

Rekha, all residents of Deha

Colony, Ambala city and car

driver Rajbir alias Raju, a resi-

dent of Shambhu in district

Patiala Punjab whose father

working as class IV employee

was recovered from the pos-

session of accused Anwar alias

Abhi, 300-300 grams of drugs

was recovered from accused

Anjali and Rekha. Accord-

ing Randhawa, police team

had received information that

the accused were involved in

drug smuggling and supply

business since a long time

brought the same from Delhi

in a Swift Desire car bearing

While 400 grams of heroin

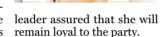
in railways.

SATISH HANDA

Heroine of value worth Rs 5 crore seized

with 4 arrests including 2 women

**SATISH HANDA** 



bala district. SP Kaithal Maqsood

Ahmed told media persons that

armed members of gang carry-

ing rods, sharp-edged weapons

were conducting robberies at

religious 'Dera' in Haryana and

Punjab during mid night since

Punjab registration number.

Acting swiftly, the police team

established a blockade near

Parao police station on na-

tional higwayand stopped car.

While checking the suspicious

vehicles as well as persons in

the car including two females

and during search a total of 1

kg heroin of value worth Rs

crore was recovered from their

possession which included 300

gm each from the ladies purse

of both females and 400 gm

from the pocket of their male

During interrogation, it was

revealed that the accused car

driver Rajbir alias Raju tak-

ing Rs 15,000 per round from

them for this work. The accused

were arrested and a case was

registered against them under

also sent to party leader Rahul Gandhi and All India Mahila Congress Committee working president Neeta D'Souza.

Her resignation comes ahead of the launch of the Congress party's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' across the country on September 7. When asked whether she had any differences with Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja

a long time and during police

remand they admitted more than

20 robberies in past sometime in

Haryana and Punjab. The mas-

termind in the racket Karoda

Ram told that they used to plan

robbery during day time and

**KULBIR SINGH KALSI** 

Chandigarh Commission for

Protection of Child Rights

(CCPCR) in collaboration with

State Legal Services Authority

(SLSA), Chandigarh organized

a "Capacity Building Program

for the Principals" of private

school of U.T. Chandigarh to

sensitize about various legal

provisions of Juvenile Jus-

tice Act, 2015 and POCSO

Act,2012 and also to talk on

safety and security of children

in school on 08.09.2022 at

Convention Hall, Chandigarh

Judicial Academy, sector 43,

By introducing the theme of

the occasion, Harjinder Kaur,

Chandigarh.

Warring, Sodhi denied it.

I have no differences with Raja Warring and have resigned only due to my family compulsions, said the women's wing chief of the party's state unit. She also brushed aside a query about the possibility

of her quitting the party too. I am a loyal soldier of the party and will perform any duty assigned to me by the party leadership, she stressed.

attack 'Dera' during mid night, severely beating 'Dera' head

and caretakers, snatch money

as well as gold and silver jewellery

during attack threatening to kill

them. The gang robbers disclosed

that they were not using mobile

phone during a robbery and used

to snatch mobile phones from

all those present in 'Dera' before

Arrested accused during

preliminary police investiga-

tion told that they committed

six robberies at different 'Dera'

in Kaithal district, besides large

number of robberies at religious

'Dera' in Ambala, Karnal, Yamu-

nanagar and Kurukshetra district

in Haryana and at Barnala, Patial

and Ludhiana districts in Puniab.

CCPCR & SLSA organise 'capacity

lighted that role of education

department is of paramount

importance in wellbeing of

children. Therefore it becomes

more essential that being the

heads of the schools must

make effective endeavors for

the safety and overall develop-

ment of their students. Adop-

tion of sensitive approach is

must for safeguarding the

rights of children. Seema, Prin-

cipal of Government Model

Senior Secondary School,

Dhanas have been awarded by

president of India on teachers'

day at New Delhi. Seema was

facilitated and congratulated

by Harjinder Kaur for recog-

nition of her initiatives like children are on rise.

building program for Principals'

#### One killed by three Nihangs in Amritsar JAGMOHAN SINGH

Amritsar

A young man was allegedly killed by three nihangs near the Golden Temple. Confirming the incident here today, Police commissioner Arunpal Singh said that incident occurred last night at Kahia Wala Bazar in the walled city near the Golden Temple.

He said victim has been identified Harmanjeet Singh (22) resident of Chattiwind locality Amritsar. He further said victim was standing at Kahia wala Bazar where three nihangs came, indulged in verbal spat alleged that victim was in the influence of alcohol besides consuming tobacco substance and gradually they indulged in manhandled with Victim Harmanjeet Singh. Before escaping from the spot accused grievesouly injured Harmanjeet with sharp edged weapon, attacked on his head and victim died due to profuse bleeding.

Commissioner said all the alleged accused have been identified as one of the accused Ramandeep Singh also arrested by police and rest

on national platform.

The Chief Guest of the oc-

casion, Purva Garg, IAS, Sec-

retary Education, Chandigarh

Administration congratulated

and acknowledged the tireless

endeavors being implemented

by the Commission be it Girl

India Project and setting up

of Digital libraries in schools

of peripheral areas. She threw

light on positive impact of

group learnings for children

which can help in building

(Education) NCPCR high-

lighted that cases of violence

and sexual offences against

Anshu Sharma, Consultant

new projects.

# minorities: Bikram Majithia

AAP govt remain failed to protect

JAGMOHAN SINGH

Senior Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) leader Bikram Singh Majithia today said the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and its chief minister Bhagwant Mann remained failed to protect the minorities in Punjab by failing to maintain peace, law and order.

Speaking about the vandalism of a church in Tarn Taran, said ensuring law and order was the prime responsibility of the government and it had continuously failed on this front. He said such unfortunate incidents were occurring because the Punjab government was being remote controlled from Delhi.

Asserting that Sikhism always accorded due respect to people of all faith, he said "The teachings of Guru Sahiban have always taught us love, respect and tolerance for everyone. It is our duty to keep every minority in Punjab safe and secure. Punjabis will never tolerate any

harm coming to them". Condemning the manner

in which the home ministry was being run, he said chief minister Bhagwant Mann was directly responsible for this state of affairs. He said earlier also when noted singer Sidhu Moosewala was gunned down the chief minister went into a blame game exercise indicating former DGP VK Bhawra was responsible for the security lapses in the case. "However the truth is the chief minister is responsible for selecting the State police chief. Also in the Moosewala case it was the chief minister who took the decision to remove the singer's security cover and even advertised this fact through official handles on social media".

Asserting that the government needed to get its act together and ensure maintenance of law and order in the State, he said instead of doing this the Punjab government was concentrating on providing security cover to Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal. "Kejriwal must be the only person who has Z plus security cover from both the centre and the Punjab government".

When questioned about the Punjab excise scam, he said "it is a proven fact that the same people, who framed the policy in Delhi, did so in Punjab also. The Delhi policy is being probed by the CBI and ED. The Puniab policy also needs to be probed

### Clash between Nihangs and Radha Soami sect created serious law and order problem outside the Radha Soami sect Beas

JAGMOHAN SINGH

Beas (Amritsar)

A group of Nihang Singhs attempted to gain forcible entry in the Dera Baba Jaimal Singh (Radha Soami Sect Beas) premises



along with hundreds of cows took ugly turn when Sect followers stopped the Nihangs by closing the gates of the premises. According to Police, today a large group of Nihangs along

with their stray animals attempted to gain entry in the premises with their animals by saying that they want shelter and fodder for cows which was denied by the Dera Radha Soami sect followers. After verbal spat, one of Nihang attacked on Radha Soami Sect Security Incharge Parmdeep Singh Teja who got injuries on his shoulders, whereupon SHO Jandaila Guru Davinder Kumar who was present on the spot intervened and requested the Nihangs to stop violence but his request went unheard as result SHO was also hurt and got injured.

Situation took ugly turn when a group of Nihangs crashed the tall iron gates of Radha Soami sect to continue their march along with animals towards the Dera Radha Soami premises whereupon around ten people from both sides were injured

Representatives of christen community

hold meeting with Jatehdar Akal Takht

# Haryana: 3 including Tehsildar trapped in vigilance net after 5 years

**SATISH HANDA** 

State vigilance Bureau Haryana registered a case against three persons identified as prime accuse Rohtash then Tehsildar at Narnaul in Haryana accepted bribe worth lakhs trapped in state also having dual charge for Mohindergarh tehsil allegedly accepted bribe worth over Rs 71 lakh in registration of property cases along with revenue loss to the government for amount worth Rs over Rs 22.50 lakh towards registration fee and stamp duty about five years ago in 2017. Among two other arrested were a property dealer Ramkishen alias Jeevan and a 'Numbardar' verified the deal both residents of Narnual dis-

During audit after years, suspecting a foul play the investigation of case was handed over to state vigilance department, which detected that then Tehsildar Rohtash had accepted Rs 300 each yard bribe on the registration of 19 kanal 8 marla (nearly 23835 yards land) accepting nearly Rs 71,50 lakh bribe in this deal apart from heavy revenue loss to the government towards registration fee and stamp duty. Investigation also revealed that Rohtash had also finalized nearly 20 property registration cases illegally on the same day late evening

when tehsil office was closed. According to information, when vigilance department registered a case with police on 21st August this year against



alleged accuse Rohtash, who applied for a anticipatory bale in the court which was rejected when Rohtash moved application to Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking anticipatory bale which was also rejected by the court a couple

Devinder Singh confirming

agriculture was sold at much lesser rate than the collector rate of land caused heavy loss to government. According to vigilance department investigation officer Tehsildar office Mohindergarh vide letter no. 805/RC dated 11th September 2018 also stated that released deed does not come under article 55-B. Information reveals, the case was produced before J.P. Dalal Haryana Agriculture Minister presiding District Grievances Committee meeting ordered suspension of Rohtash.

In view of large number of embezzlements reported in property registration cases in Haryana when question was raised in Vidhan Sabha and state government ordered

that precious land useful for thorough investigation of all property registration cases n the state in past three years with effect from from 3rdApril 2017 to 21stAugust 2020 and directed all Divisional Commissioners to submit detailed report when embezzlements were found in 64557 property cases in this period and maximum number of violations were detected in Section 7A of Rule 1975 and action started against officers responsible for irregularities. According to a government spokes person the rumors that no action is being taken against officers involved in irregularities are untrue. He said, none of the officer or staff member involved in irregularities in property registration or

found involved in accepting

bribe will not be spared.

### **JAGMOHAN SINGH** Amritsar

The representatives of christen community belonged to Catholic Church of India, Church of North India along with officials of seven other churches here today jointly hold meeting with the Jatehdar Akal Takht the highest Sikh temporal seat Gyani Harpreet Singh.

At the time of meeting Jatehdar Takht Kesgarh Sahib Gyani Ragbir Singh was also present at the secretariat of Akal Takht.

During the marathon meeting the issues related to so called fake pastors who indulged in the religious conversion discussed, whereupon representatives of christen community vehemently denied having any relations with



in this regard a circular to be is-

sued by the Christen community

and name of fake pastors would also be highlighted. Adding further they said that meeting was necessitated after unknown persons vandalized and desecrated a church at Patti in Tarn Taran district. So, there was a need of hour to

hold open discussion between the Christian leaders and the religious leader of Sikh community (jathedar).



of days ago and the alleged accuse was advised to present in hearing of case on next date

State Vigilance team collected report no. 287-90/ SA/2017 dated 10th October 2017 from Stamp Auditor

As a Congress' "masterstroke" to take on the Narendra Modi government in the upcoming 2024 elections, the party is launching the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' on Wednesday, in which Rahul Gandhi will start the 3, 570 km journey lasting about 150 days from Kanyakumari

According to the program shared by the party, Rahul Gandhi will attend a prayer meeting at the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial in Sriperumbudur on the morning of September 7, where his father Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in a bomb blast while he was campaigning for the Lok Sabha polls. After his visit to the memorial, Gandhi will proceed to Kanyakumari where Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin will present him the Tricolour. The

rally while officially kickstarting the Bharat Jodo Yatra. As the party begins the

nationwide yatra, some pertinent questions arise about the lodging and flooding of Rahul Gandhi. However, the party has made it clear that he will not stay in any hotel but rather will complete the entire journey in a simple manner.

Rahul Gandhi is going to stay in the container for the next 150 days. Sleeping beds, toilets and AC are also installed in some of the containers. During the journey, the temperature and environment will differ in many areas. The arrangements have been made keeping in view the intense heat and humidity with the change of places. "About 60 such containers

have been prepared and sent that Rahul Gandhi considers to Kanyakumari where a vil- the Bharat Jodo Yatra journey



lage has been set up in which all these containers have been placed. The container will be parked in a new place every day in the shape of a village for night rest. Full-time Yatris who stay with Rahul Gandhi will eat together and stay close, said the sources

The sources further said

as a way to connect with the common people.

"So he wants to complete this entire journey in a simple way away from the glitz and glamour. Rahul Gandhi calls it a journey but political analysts consider it a preparation for 2024, "the sources added.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadhra, the Congress party's general secretary, on Tuesday asserted

Yatra' people will be united on issues like inflation, and unemployment among other matters of public importance.

"We are starting a positive politics. We want to hear from you, we want to solve your problems. We want to unite our beloved country. Let's unite India together, Priyanka said in a Facebook

Politics today has turned a blind eye towards people and their issues, she added.

"Political discussion today isn't focusing on the people of the country, it has taken a different turn altogether. Politics today has turned a blind eye towards people and their issues. Through this yatra' we want to bring out the problems and concerns of the common man, " Privanka said.

# PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Kartavya Path



**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday inaugurated the newlychristened Kartavya Path, the stretch of road from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate earlier known as Rajpath.

According to the Union housing and urban affairs ministry, the new stretch will be more pedestrian-friendly because of the new red granite walkways spreading 15.5 km that have been created, replac-

ing bajri sand that lined the ground earlier.

Four new pedestrian underpasses have been built at busy junctions to segregate vehicular traffic from pedestrian movement, making the

According to an official, 74 historic light poles and all chain links have been restored, upgraded and reinstalled on the site and more than 900 new light poles have been add-

street safe to cross.

ed where necessary to ensure that the space is always safe for visitors.

The revamped stretch is part of the Modi government's ambitious Central Vista redevelopment project, which also envisages a new triangular Parliament building, a common central secretariat, a new prime minister's residence and office, and a new vice-president's

### Hemant Soren govt wins confidence vote amid walkout by BJP MLAs



Jharkhand Assembly on Monday passed the confidence motion tabled by Chief Minister Hemant Soren amid a walkout staged by BJP legislators. As many as 48 MLAs voted in favour of the confidence motion in the 81-member Assembly. Speaking during the one-day special session, Soren said the need for trust vote was felt as BJP was "attempting to destabilise democratically elected governments" in non-BJP ruled states, including Jharkhand. He alleged that the BJP was trying to create a "civil war-like situation in country by fuelling riots to win elections".

#### Wearing of seat belts on rear seat in car compulsory, will invite fines if not complied : Nitin Gadkari **FW DESK**

sory and if not complied, it will invite fine. He said that motive of imposing fine is to inspire

people to wear seat belts in rear seat also. He said that if travelers sitting on rear seat will not wear seat belt, then alarm will ring in the car. His comments have after businessman Cyrus

Mistry lost his life in a car ac-

cident while sitting on rear seat.

#### Sonali Phogat case: Goa court extends police custody of two accused

A Goa court on Tuesday extended by two days the police custody of two accused arrested in connection with the alleged murder of BJP leader Sonali Phogat. Judicial Magistrate First Class at Mapusa extended the police custody of Phogat's associates Sudhir Sangwan and Sukhwinder Singh by two days. The duo was arrested in the last week of August and remanded to police custody for 10 days. Their custody expired on Tuesday, after which they were presented before a local court.

# Eight packets of drug smuggled from Pakistan seized at Indo-Pak border in Amritsar sector

**JAGMOHAN SINGH** 

Eight packets of drug smuggled from Pakistan seized at Indo-Pak border in Amritsar sector Amritsar, September 6 - Border Security Force (BSF) here seized eight packets of drugs which were smuggled to India from Pakistan. In an official statement here today BSF official informed that during morning hours, on specific input BSF troops while carrying - out Special operation noticed a suspicious bag of cloth (multicolor) ahead of border security Fence, in Amritsar Sector

## President Droupadi Murmu launches 'Pradhan Mantri Congress high command may repeat action similar to Punjab also in Haryana TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan' to eliminate TB by 2025 NEW DELHI: President

Droupadi Murmu through a virtual event on September 9, launched 'Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan' to eliminate TB by 2025. President Droupadi Murmu urged citizens to work collectively towards TB elimination in the spirit of Jan Bhaagidari on a war footing. The National Tuberculo-

sis Elimination Programme (NTEP), previously known as the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP), aims to strategically reduce the TB burden in India by 2025, five years ahead of Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin cies".



the Sustainable Development Goals. In 2020, the RNTCP has renamed the National TB Elimination Program (NTEP) to emphasize the aim of the Government of India to eliminate TB in India by 2025.

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Health and Family

Pawar were present at the launch event along with Union Ministers, Governors and Lt. Governors, State Health Ministers, and other dignitaries. The virtual event was also

attended by state and district health administrations, representatives from corporates, industries, civil society, NGOs, and TB Champions. Speaking on the occasion,

Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya stated that "the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan is an extension of Hon'ble Prime Minister's citizen-centric poli-

**SATISH HANDA** 

Few Congress leaders are raising hue and cry over recent meeting between former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and former senior Congress leaders Gulam Nabi Azad former Chief Minister Jammu-Kashmir resigned from Congress few days ago and going to launch his own independent political party. Controversy as regard meeting between both political leaders is seen after former Union Minister and HPCC president Shelja's letter to Congress high command raising a question mark over this meeting between both political leaders



after Azad has already submitted resignation to the party suspecting doubts over this meeting, whereas Bhupinder Singh Hooda has already clarified that he is and will remain sincere to party as well as Gandhi family till last. Situation turning bad after several Congress leaders also intervened into the matter raised question over this meeting between Hooda and Azad without seeking permission declared leader of in Vidhan Sabha.

from Congress high command when Azad after submitting resignation from party made statements against Rahul Gandhi and his family.

In Haryana politics, a rift between former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and former party president Kumari Shelja was going on since a long although both have been posing as if they are united when Congress was not in power in Haryana state. It was due to Hooda when Congress in Haryana state was able to win 30 seats in Haryana Vidhan Sabha out of total strength of 90 and Hooda was declared leader of opposition After Jammu, sticky

#### ED summons Bengal min in coal scam case

Enforcement Directorate (ED), which is probing the coal pilferage scam, Wednesday summoned West Bengal Law Minister Moloy Ghatak and asked him to appear before the agency's officials in Delhi on September 14, ED sources here said.

The summons were sent on a day CBI searched five houses belonging to the minister - three in Asansol in Paschim Bardhaman district and two in Kolkata. including his official residence near the Raj Bhavan, in connection with the multi-crore coal scam in which he is allegedly

bombs surface in

**Kashmir Valley** 

# Digital University Will Lead To Exponential Growth Of Online Education: UGC Chairman

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> Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Ku-Grants Commission (UGC)-GoI, who was the chief guest at the roundtable - 'Enhancing Competitiveness and Quality

UGC has tied up with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to ensure that students from remotest mar, Chairman, University areas can have access to online education facilities. "We are working on a multi-dimensional way to make sure that education reaches to the last student in Revolution in Indian Higher the most remote area. So, we Education (IHE)', informed that have signed up with MeitY as



Any student can walk into those centres, pay a nominal monthly fee, and access digital universities," he said. The event was organised by the apex industry body, Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).

Prof Kumar gave insights into the various initiatives un-

India to expand and enhance higher education in the country. "The introduction of Common Universities Entrance Test Undergraduate (CUET-UG) 2022 has been well-received by the students and the stakeholders. A huge number of students, around 14.9 lakhs registered for this examination, which is dertaken by the Government of only next to NEET (National

Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test)," he said. Speaking on the possible merger between the national-level engineering and medical entrances NEET and JEE, he added, "That's an idea that we are floating so that there is wider discussion among the stakeholders. There is no



Security forces in the Kashmir

### Agniveer army recruitment begins in Nagaland

Transport Minister Nitin Gad- KOHIMA: Around 4,000 kari has said that wearing of seat Naga youths are participating from all districts of Nagaland, belts while sitting on rear seat in in the first-ever Agniveer army he said, adding that the candifor soldier general duty and

tradesman in Nagaland, an official said. The rally commenced on

Wednesday at

Rangapahar in Dimapur and will continue for lease issued by PRO (Defence), Kohima, Lt Col Amit Shukla.

Initially, the recruitment is being done for general duty, which will be followed by soldier tradesmen, he said.

Candidates are registered dates have be

dates to appear for the Indian Army Agniveer rally till September 15. Meanwhile, PRO advised all

candidates to beware of false promises the next few days, stated a remade by various frauds and touts. The entire recruitment process is automated and no person can influence the result of any candidate, he said, while also encouraging them to have faith in their own capabilities.

# NCRB Report: Murder, kidnap, rape and suicide cases increasing

According to National Crime report cases of murder, kidnapping, rape and suicide has witnessed fast increase in our country since past couple of vears. According to information, 29272 murder cases were registered in the country in 2021as compared to 29193 cases registered during previous year 2020 thus on an average 92 murder cases were reported daily. The number of murder cases ware identified maximum in five states in the country identified as 3825 persons were killed in 3717 murder cases registered in



Utter Pradesh, 2826 persons were killed in 2799 murder cases registered in Bihar, 2381 persons killed in 2330 murder cases in Maharashtra, 2075 persons killed in 2034 murder cases in Madhya Pradesh and 1919 persons killed in 1884 murder cases registered in Bengal.

As regard kidnappings, police registered 1,01,707 cases registered in the country during year 2021 having number of

he report among those kidnapped included 69,014 children comprising of 10956 male and 58,058 female child, 35135 adults which included 6649 male and 28485 female. In case of kidnapping cases Delhi topped having registered 5527 cases in various police stations with number of victims identified as 5888. The total number of kidnapping cases registered in U.P was identified as 14,554 in U.P, 10198 in Bihar and 10502

in Maharashtra. According to NCRB report, 28046 rape cases were regis-

victims recorded as 98,860 as tered in the country in year against 84,805 kidnapping cas- 2020 and number of such es registered in 2020. Accord- cases increased to 31677 in rape cases reported daily. As regard registration of crimes against women, drastic increase in such cases was witnessed in a year when as against 3,71,503 crime cases against women registered during 2020 and number of these cases increased to 4,28, 278 in 2021 on an average 49 cases were registered every hour. Utter Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Bengal, Assam and Odisha were some of the states had maximum number

Valley recovered three magnetic sticky bombs from a Lashkar-e-Taiba operative in North Kashmir's Sopore area. The suspect has been identified as Saqib Shakeel Dar. He was apprehended in a joint operation by security forces. Dar Barat Orchards. The security forces launched a search of the orchards to recover three IEDs and seven detonators. Sticky bomb is the short name for Magnetic Improvised Explosive Devices. They are stuck to vehicles, timed to blow up and destroy the vehicle, killing the passengers. During the Amarnath yatra, the magnetic IEDs emerged as a huge threat to the safety of the yatris. The Jammu and Kashmir police advised people across the Union Territory to thoroughly check their vehicles for any foreign object before starting them. of crimes against women cases.

# NEET suicide victim's family meets Rahul Gandhi

Senior Congress leader Rahul in his TN leg of the 3,500 km Gandhi, who has embarked on the Bharat Jodo Yatra, on Thursday met the family of S Anitha, who had allegedly died by suicide five years ago after failing to crack NEET.

Congress MP from Karur in Tamil Nadu, S Jothimani tweeted a picture of Anitha's family meeting Gandhi.

Kanyakumari to Kashmir footmarch, launched on Wednesday from here, "Leader Rahul Gandhi met the family of Anitha. who committed suicide for not able to clear NEET," Jothimani said in the tweet.

In an apparent reference to his sister's death, Anitha's brother S Manirathinam said She accompanied Gandhi his family was "personally af-

fected" due to the National **Entrance-cum-Eligibility Test** (NEET). "Rahul Gandhi has embarked on the footmarch to protect India and the Constitution. This march is for all the affected persons. We were affected personally due to NEET and wanted exemption," he told a Tamil news TV channel.

The state has been affected due to NEET and the Tamil

Nadu Assembly's bills seeking exemption for the qualifying test "have not been accepted," apparently by the Centre, he said.

Gandhi gave the family a patient hearing" and he was happy to join" the Congress leader, Manirathinam added.

NEET is a sensitive issue in Tamil Nadu and is being opposed to by all political parties barring the BJP.

rence of society which calls for

an exemplary punishment," it



President Droupadi Murmu on Monday emphasised that talent development in science, literature and social sciences can be more effective if taught in one's mother tongue.

She was addressing the gathering at National Teachers Awards ceremony where she recalled the contribution of her school teachers due to which she became the first girl from her village to go to

"Talent development in science, literature and social sciences can be more effective if taught in mother tongue, she said. Murmu also noted that India's school education is counted among the world's largest education systems. She presented the National Awards to Teachers, 2022 to 46 select awardees to honour their unique contribution to school education.

# Seven killed as 2 cars plunge into stream in J&K's Doda

Seven people were killed after two cars veered off a mountain road and plunged into a stream in separate incidents in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Monday, police said.

One more person was injured in the two accidents that occurred on tĥe Doda-Bhaďerwah road within a span of six hours, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Doda, Abdul Qayoom said, adding that the victims included two married couples. Around 6.30 am, a car plunged into the Neeru stream, near Galgandhar, after rolling down about 400 feet, resulting in the death of four people on the spot and

critical injuries to another who died later. the officer said The deceased were

identified as Naseeb Singh (62), his wife Satya Devi (58), son Vikram Singh (22), Lekh Raj (63) and his wife Satisha Devi (60). all residents of Shiva



village, who were on their way to Bhaderwah as part of a marriage procession, he said. Earlier, another private car fell into the stream from a height of about 300 feet at Mughal Market, two km from the site of the second accident. The accident occurred around 12.30 am and the bodies of Sajad Ahmad (38) of Tangorna-Bhaderwah and Ravinder Kumar (33) of Himote-Bhaderwah were retrieved from the vehicle, the SSP, who supervised both the rescue operations, said.

Pivush Kumar of Chinta was rescued in a critical condition, he added. The latest deaths in road accidents came just a week after eight residents of Bonda village were killed when their taxi plunged into a 300-foot gorge in the Chatroo area of adjoining Kishtwar district. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed grief over the loss of lives in the two accidents.

## Allahabad HC upholds death sentence of man for killing 6, including wife, children arousing indignation and abhor-

Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court has upheld the death sentence awarded by a CBI court to a man convicted of killing six people, including his wife and their three children

killed his neighbour and her son. The bench on Tuesday also upheld the four-year rigorous imprisonment awarded to Sarvan's sister-in-law Suman for

The convict, Sarvan, had also

tampering with evidence. Sarvan killed his wife Santoshi (35) and children Ravi (1), Sumiran (4) and Ramroop (6) after she objected to his extra-marital affair with his sister-in-law. He also killed the neighbour Madhuri (50) and her son Rajendra (11) when they tried to intervene.



Earlier, public prosecutor Vimal Srivastava argued that Sarvan had committed a massacre in a fully conscious state and hence deserved nothing less than the death penalty. Describing the case as rarest of the rare, the bench of Justice Ramesh Sinha and Justice Saroj Yadav

said, "The manner in which the offence was committed and also the magnitude of the crime. in our view, places the present matter in the category of anti-social or socially abhorrent nature of the crime." "Six persons were murdered by Sarvan in most brutal and grotesque manner

said. Dismissing Sarvan's appeal for acquittal, the bench said, We find no remorse on the part of convict Sarvan. Rather he admitted his guilt that he had an illicit relationship with his sister-in-law Suman and his wife objected to this." Besides upholding the death sentence of Sarvan, the court also dismissed Suman's appeal

and directed her to undergo the jail term as awarded by the trial court. The CBI court had on August 29, 2017, awarded the death sentence to Sarvan. It also held Suman guilty in the case. It had sent the reference to the HC for its confirmation.

### Prez Droupadi Murmu bats for teaching in mother tongue





# Warm relations with Taiwan need of the hour

he shooting down of a Chinese drone by Taiwan's military on September 1 has marked a new phase in the already simmering tensions across the Taiwan Strait, highlighting the growing risks of escalation, even if unintended. Over recent weeks, China's military has carried out unprecedented military drills surrounding Taiwan, following the visit last month of U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Some manoeuvres crossed the median of the Taiwan Strait and were declared by China's military to have also taken place in territorial waters claimed by Taiwan. Taiwan soberly chose not to engage the PLA vessels. In the wake of the drills, the Chinese military has subsequently sought to continue asserting Beijing's territorial claims by sending drones into Taiwan's airspace. Photographs taken up close of Taiwan military personnel were subsequently shared on social media, raising pressure on Taipei to show a response. While most observers expect that a Chinese invasion remains too risky a prospect for the Communist Party leadership in the immediate future, an unintended escalation no longer remains a remote possibility. Most countries, including India, have preferred to stay out of the Taiwan issue, considering the One China Policy and the needs of the complicated relations with China. But sooner rather than later, they will need to assess the implications to their own security interests of a serious crisis. Taiwan's status as a lynchpin in the global semiconductor industry is a case in point. While India's recent reference to the "militarisation" of the strait is not a reflection of a major change in its approach, New Delhi has appeared to show greater willingness to do more with Taiwan particularly in the economic realm, such as setting up an alternative base for semi-conductor manufacturing in India. These are, even if long overdue, steps in the right direction.

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AMEYA PRATAP SINGH ON HOW THE FAILURE TO MANAGE THE DOMESTIC AUDIENCE IN PAKISTAN IS HURTING PEACE BIDS

# The difficult path to Indo-Pak peace

fter the unceremonious ouster of Imran Khan from the seat of government in Pakistan and the promulgation of Shehbaz Sharif as Prime Minister, there have been signs of a thaw in India-Pakistan relations. It was reported that the Pakistan Army chief, General Qamar Bajwa, had countenanced backchannel talks and a "limited trade resumption package" with India. This was to help alleviate some of the stresses on Pakistan's flailing and cashstrapped domestic economy that was veering on the edge of a default in the face of a widening current account deficit and high inflation brought on by the after-effects of a global novel

coronavirus pandemic, unprecedented floods,

and decades of poor planning.

As a respite, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently agreed to a one-year extension for Pakistan's 39-month, \$6 billion Extended Fund Facility programme begun in 2019, and further added an additional \$1.17 billion to its coffers. To ease its situation further, especially considering the devastating impact of the floods on food supply in Pakistan, Pakistan's Finance Minister Miftah Ismail had indicated his openness to import 'vegetables and edible items from India". However, Mr. Sharif had to quickly retract Mr. Ismail's suggestion and restate his government's commitment to prioritising a resolution of the Kashmir dispute before normalisation of bilateral relations could take place. There has been no official confirmation of India's proposal to provide food aid to Pakistan, nor of any Pakistani request for the same.

#### Domestic pressures

It is abundantly clear that Mr. Sharif, despite the obvious economic benefit of seeking trade in essential commodities with India, is unable to overcome the pressures of domestic public opinion in Pakistan. His predecessor's controversial and unpopular departure via a vote of no-confidence and upcoming general elections in Pakistan has swayed Mr. Sharif's decision-making. Mr. Khan's party, the Paki-



stan Tehreek-e-Insaaf, won a convincing victory in the hugely important Punjab by-polls earlier this year. Meanwhile, the stock of the Sharif-led coalition is sinking as he has been forced to introduce austerity measures and rollback public subsidies to meet the IMF's demands.

A simple application of rational choice theory would suggest that Mr. Sharif's choice is fairly straightforward. Pakistan should ask India, a large agricultural producer in the neighbourhood, to provide it essential aid in its moment of crisis. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi had even tweeted that he was 'saddened to see the devastation caused by the floods in Pakistan". This suggests an implicit willingness to provide food aid if required. It is worth noting that India provided essential vaccine supplies to Pakistan during the CO-VID-19 pandemic and there is precedence for cooperation between the two nations when faced with such emergencies. But still, Mr. Sharif could not muster the political will to serve Pakistan's short-term interests, despite the fact that such trade would not create long-term dependencies on India, or require extreme concessions, or entail a compromise of principles.

#### Leader equations

This episode sheds light on the enduring nature of India-Pakistan relations. Due to the

deep securitisation of the Kashmir dispute in Pakistan's social imaginary, it is quite challenging for Pakistan's leadership to sustain any sort of peacemaking with India, even if strong material incentives are present. It is known that the electoral costs of such an undertaking would be suicidal, making Pakistani peacemakers susceptible to popular backlash.

In my research on conflict termination, I have found that the personal reputations of leaders as well as moments of weakness can be useful to trust-building processes between rivals. Mr. Sharif and Mr. Modi have reputations that are conducive. Mr. Modi, as former Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee's successor, was seen by Nawaz Sharif, Shehbaz Sharif's brother and former Pakistani Prime Minister, as a populist leader capable of countenancing an Indian compromise on the Kashmir dispute. It is likely that this view

Similarly, the Modi government in India has long seen the Sharif regime in Pakistan as supportive of stability in bilateral ties. Mr. Modi had even made a surprise visit to Lahore in 2015 to meet Nawaz Sharif and demonstrate his sincerity in resolving pending disputes. Pakistan's weakness and need for food aid is also apparent in the given circumstances. India too would like to refocus its overstretched defence capacities on handling China. Still, a breakthrough remains elusive.

This was also the case in 1953 when Mohammed Ali Bogra and Jawaharlal Nehru negotiated the Kashmir dispute. Bogra was a Bengali and desirably seen in New Delhi as lacking Punjabi sentimentality on Kashmir. Nehru on the other hand was considered a strong, popular, and secular leader who was able to withstand the crosscurrents of public opinion in India. Then too, Pakistan faced economic distress. Bogra and Nehru made reciprocal visits to New Delhi and Karachi. They got close to an agreed solution on Kashmir, but each time, Bogra's inability to foster domestic coalitions to support the peacemaking process with India overrode the negotiations. The ire of domestic publics against Bogra as well as the disapproval of his cabinet colleagues were insurmountable. Such failure to manage domestic audience costs in Pakistan and insulate the peace process from spoilers has been a recurrent trope and has derailed several India-Pakistan peace dialogues.

In the circumstances, much will depend on the outcome of the next general elections in Pakistan and the choice of Gen. Bajwa's successor. If the Sharif-led coalition government returns to power and a similar-minded army chief is appointed, there may indeed be renewed opening for a sustained backchannel dialogue and trade. However, these talks too are likely to remain unfruitful until there is bipartisan support in Pakistan on the need to normalise ties with India and the two states enter a long period of de-securitisation. This may be too much to ask for. But, without it, the price of peace with India will be too high for Pakistan's leaders. As long as the option of peace (or in this case, trade) forces Pakistan's leaders to choose between their survival as political agents and the larger interests of the state, the answer is likely to disappoint.

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AMAR PATNAIK A TREATY UNDER WHO WILL BUILD COHERENCE AND AVOID FRAGMENTATION

# The outline of an essential global pandemic treaty



OVID-19 would count as being among some of the most severe pandemics the world has seen in the ast 100 years. An estimated 18 million people may have died from COVID-19, according various credible estimates, a scale of loss not seen since the Second World War. Further, with over 120 million people pushed into extreme poverty, and a massive global recession, no single government or institution has been able to address this emergency single-handedly. This has given us a larger perspective of how nobody is safe until everybody is safe.

Health-care systems have been stretched beyond their capacity and gross health inof vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics across the world. Now, with the World Health Organization (WHO) having declared the monkeypox outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) with over 32,000 cases from over 80 countries (August 2022), the world faces the risk of another health crisis.

While high-income economies are still recovering from the after-effects, the socioeconomic consequences of the novel coronavirus pandemic are irreversible in low and low middle-income countries. The monopolies held by pharma majors such as Pfizer, BioNTech, and Moderna created at least nine new billionaires since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and made over \$1,000 a second in profits, even as fewer of their vaccines reached people in lowincome countries. As of March 2022, only 3% of people in low-income countries had been vaccinated with at least one dose, compared to 60.18% in high-income countries. The international target to vaccinate 70% of the world's population against COVID-19 by mid-2022 was missed because poorer



countries were at the "back of the queue" when vaccines were rolled out.

Even six to eight weeks after the PHEIC not take the requisite precautions. Similarly, when world leaders pledged €7.4 billion (\$8.07 billion) in a digital fundraiser for developing a coronavirus vaccine and treatments, the United States did not send any representative Thus, inequality has also been prolonging the course of the pandemic. And, it is in this backdrop that the creation of a Global Pandemic Treaty was proposed at the Special Session of the World Health Assembly (WHASS). The underlying logic was that as global governance had failed during the pandemic, we needed political commitment to mitigate future challenges.

#### India's lead role

India's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and reinstating global equity by leveraging its own potential has set an example to legislators worldwide. India produces nearly 60% of the world's vaccines and is said to account for 60%-80% of the United Nations' annual vaccine procurement — "vaccine diplomacy" or "vaccine maitri" with a commitment against health inequity.

India was unfettered in its resolve to con-

tinue the shipment of vaccines and other diagnostics even when it was experiencing a vaccine shortage for domestic use. There peak of the second wave in India when the vaccine mission was halted. As of 2021, India shipped 594.35 lakh doses of 'Made-in-India' COVID-19 vaccines to 72 countries — a classic example of global cooperation. Among these, 81.25 lakh doses were gifts, 339.67 lakh doses were commercially distributed and 173.43 lakh doses were delivered via the Covax programme under the aegis of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Further, the long tussle with the pharma majors over vaccine patents, especially in the African countries, held back the global vaccination drive. But India stood as a global leader, moving a proposal with South Africa in October 2020 to ask the World Trade Organization (WTO) 'to allow all countries to choose to neither grant nor enforce patents and other intellectual property related to COVID-19 drugs, vaccines, diagnostics and other technologies for the duration of the pandemic, until global herd immunity is achieved'. Even though this proposal was stonewalled by some of the leading countries, it was only in June 2022, that the WTO finally decided to water down intellectual property restrictions in

manufacturing COVID-19 vaccines after

### Lessons learnt, path ahead

In the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen a multitude of initiatives to address the pandemic and to do better in the future such as the Vaccine Alliance. These are all valuable, but a treaty under the umbrella of WHO would, as highlighted by the journal BMJ, build coherence and avoid fragmentation. For example, as a document by the University of Groningen shows, among high-income countries and low- and middle-income countries, while the difference between the number of reported cases was relatively 61.2 million, respectively), high-income countries shared on average 16.5-fold more sequences per reported case (1.81% and 0.11%, respectively).

Thus, as mentioned in the BMJ, such a treaty should cover crucial aspects such as data sharing and genome sequencing of emerging viruses. It should formally commit governments and parliaments to implement an early warning system and a properly funded rapid response mechanism.

Further, it should mobilise nation states to agree on a set of common metrics that are related to health investments and a return on those investments. These investments should aim to reduce the public-private sector gap.

Finally, a global pandemic treaty will not only reduce socioeconomic inequalities across nation states but also enhance a global pandemic preparedness for future health emergencies. India must take the lead in this

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BOOKS: REVIEW

# New book documents Singapore's progress

ingapore's former Indianorigin diplomat and businessman Gopinath Pillai, who helped strengthen Singapore-India ties, on Saturday came out with a book that frames episodes of personal struggles and accomplishments against milestones in the country's progress as a nation.

Titled 'More Than the Eye Can See', the memoir was launched by Singapore's Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong at a private ceremony amongst a small group of about 40 guests at the University Cultural Centre, National University of Singapore (NUS).

In his address, Goh described the 85-year-old Indian-origin Singaporean diplomat as, "an upstanding member of the pioneer generation

who made significant contributions to Singapore".

'Gopi's (Gopinath Pillai) life story is also rich archival material for the Singapore Story. It is a remarkable journey of learning, determination, achievements, and contributions," said the 81-year-old former prime minister of Singapore.

The book launch was organised and hosted by the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) of NUS. Pillai was the founding chairman of ISAS, an appointment that he held for 17 years, till last year. He is currently the senior advisor to the think tank that pioneers the study of contemporary South Asia in this region.

"I hope Gopi's book will inspire Singaporeans to step forward to serve the country in whichever capacity. It will be a mistake if each

**This book contains** excellent learning lessons for not only people aspiring to make a mark in public service but also to lead a fulfilling and fascinating life'

of us believes that our personal interests can be realised without our contributing to the larger interests of the country. That applies to countries too. A country cannot advance its own interests without advancing the world's, too," Goh said.

Professor Tan Tai Yong, chairman of ISAS, said Pillai has led ISAS with foresight and care.

"We are all very fond of him. Ambassador Pillai's memoir shares his life experiences straight from the



Eye Can See: Memoirs Of Gopinath Pillai By Gopinath Pillai & John World Scientific Publishing Co Pte Ltd 300 pages; \$38

heart. This book contains excellent learning lessons for not only people aspiring to make a mark in public service but also to lead a fulfilling

and fascinating life," Tan said. Born in Singapore to Malayalee parents in 1937, Ambassador Pillai spent his early childhood in India throughout the Japanese Occupation, where he witnessed the Communist Movement in Kerala firsthand. When he returned to Singapore in 1946, he grew up in a multi-racial society taking its

fledgling steps as a democracy. "My husband has always regaled his family with fascinating stories about his childhood years in Kerala and his many pursuits in adulthood. After much persuasion, he decided to write his colourful memoirs for his friends and family, especially his two grandsons," said Pillai's wife Shyamala Pillai. John Vater, the co-author of the

book, was similarly enchanted by Ambassador Pillai's storytelling ability when he first met him as a research associate at ISAS in 2019. They started work on Pillai's memoirs in 2020. The book is published by World Scientific Publishing.

"Ambassador Pillai's charisma as a storyteller, and his sharp memory of Singapore's early history, were strong reasons for why I wanted to work with him on this book. He brought manifold talents to the writing process. Perhaps from his journalism, he had a natural ability to frame his life engagingly," said Vater. Structured into three parts, the book narrates Pillai's early life experience and the trajectory of his international career.

# Swaraj Tractors crosses 20 Lakh production milestone

Swaraj Tractors, part of Mahindra Group rolled out its 20th Lakh tractor from the company's Plant in Mohali, Punjab on Tuesday. This milestone is a testament to the customers' trust and confidence in the brand Swaraj

Harish Chavan, CEO, Swaraj Division, M&M Ltd rolled out the 20th lakh tractor in a special ceremony attended by employees. Speaking on the occasion he said, "This achievement has further cemented brand Swaraj's reputation of being reliable and one of the fastest growing brands in the domestic

years. We are thankful to all our customers and stakeholders for their wholehearted support towards the growth of this brand."

Since its inception in 1974,

the first milestone of 10 lakh tractor production was achieved in 2013. Now within a span of just nine years, we have accomplished 20 Lakh tractor production in 2022, which is a testimony of the faster growth of the brand Swaraj. What makes this achievement more remarkable is the fact that this has come when the industry was going through unforeseen challenges couple of years



Ltd said, "This journey to reach the 20 Lakh production mark today has been challenging and that over the years Swaraj has been able to make a significant contribution to the lives of Indian farmers. Going ahead we look forward to providing

As the travel revolution con-

tinues to unfold, the benefits

of tourism are spreading fur-

ther afield across India and

empowering locals to earn a

living and make ends meet,

new analysis by Airbnb reveals.

embracing flexible new ap-

proaches to travel and living,

communities that have tra-

ditionally missed out in the

past are increasingly well-posi-

tioned to secure a bigger slice

of the tourism pie, according

to new Airbnb report Further

afield: Spreading the benefits

of the travel revolution.

With people continuing

enabling mechanisation. This achievement is another stepping stone towards living our purpose of Transform farming and enriching lives". Swaraj manufactures tractors

in the range of 15HP to 65HP and provides complete mechanisation solutions. The tractor major has also become a pioneer in horticulture mechanisation by recently introducing CODE by Swaraj, a multi-purpose farm machine. Currently, Swaraj has two fully functional tractor manufacturing plants, its own Foundry & R&D all located in Punjab, while another new manufacturing plant of Swaraj is also coming up in the state.

portunities for locals looking

for new ways to supplement

their income as they grapple

In India, the non-urban

nights booked have increased

by about 140 percent when

comparing the second quarter

of 2022 with the pre-pandemic

Internal Airbnb data com-

paring Q2 2022 with pre-pan-

demic Q2 2019, shows that a

number of destinations outside

major cities have seen con-

siderable growth in searches.

rakhand recorded a growth

of about 330 percent during

Nation stunned as young tycoon Cyrus Mistry perishes in Maha road crash

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second quarter of 2019.

with rising costs of living.

# Flipkart brings Bebe & its global fashion to millions of consumers in the lead-up to the festive season

In the run-up to the festive season, Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has announced the onboarding of Bebe, a San Francisco-based contemporary fashion brand, to bring a wide range of global fashion to fashion shoppers across India. Bebe's stylish catalogue of almost 1,000 unique styles will be available to millions of Flipkart customers across metros and Tier 2+ cities across the country. With the introduction

of Bebe on its platform, Flipkart is also gearing up for several exciting launches lined up for customers this festive season. This comes at a significant juncture, as people, especially shoppers in the mass premium segment, who are seeking stylish fashion options. Flipkart

Flipkart would enable Bebe to reach out to a new set of shoppers through

second quarter of 2019.

Many people across India

are turning to hosting as a way

to harness the travel revolu-

tion in a way that directly ben-

efits them and their families.

Through hosting, they're work-

ing to secure their financial

independence and making a

tangible economic contribu-

tion to their local community.

Flipkart's reach in smaller towns and cities in the country. This launch aligns with Flipkart's priority to continuously expand its fashion portfolio and make the latest trends accessible to fashion-seekers across the country. Customers can choose from a range of chic styles across apparel

Pepsico India partners with Airtel, offers recharge coupon with beverage brands

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Ahead of the festive season, PepsiCo India and Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's leading provider of telecommunications services, have joined hands to bring an innovative offer for the consumers. With every purchase of Pepsi®, Mountain Dew®, 7UP®, Mirinda®, Slice®, and Tropicana® PET bottles consumers get Airtel Recharge coupons worth INR 10\* to INR 20\*.An Airtel Thanks App discount coupon code will be printed on the reverse side of the labels of PET bottle to provide con-

Demand for connectivity and internet access continues to grow in India with consumers increasing their time spent online be it gaming, entertainof 2022 with the pre-pandemic ment or content streaming. As per Airtel's quarterly re-Among destinations outside port ended June 30, mobile the major cities in India that data consumption surged by proved popular on Airbnb for 16.6 percent from a year ago, long-term stays in the second with consumption per mobile quarter of 2022 were Arambol, data consumer at 19.5 GB per Naggar, Kullu, Agonda and

Concurrently, out-of-home beverage consumption has also witnessed a spike with consumers stepping out more frequently to celebrate moments of togetherness, resuming work and travel. As the mobility and movement increase, there has been an

### **Max Life launches** 'Smart Flexi Protect Solution'

**FW DESK** 

Max Life Insurance Company Ltd. announced the launch of Smart Flexi Protect Solution, a three-in-one offering that provides health and enhanced life cover, along with market-linked investment returns. A combination of Max Life Flexi Wealth Plus (UIN:104L115V02), and Max Life Critical Illness and Disability Secure Rider (UIN:104A034V01),

with comprehensive protection against death, disability and critical

this unique

wealth

proposition

creation along

Prashant Tripathy, MD & CEO, Max Lifesaid, "Max Life's Smart Flexi Protect Solution is designed as a go-to choice for earning individuals, especially for self-employed profiles. The solution is also a hallmark of Max Life's product innovation strength, driven fundamentally by consumer behavior and constantly endeavors to deliver tailored, flexible product offerings keeping speed and simplicity principles in mind."

## Realme introduces realme 9i 5G realme 9i and realme TechLife Buds T100

Chandigarh

Realme, India's fastest growing smartphone brand, has been constantly working towards expanding its offerings by bringing in products that feature the perfect amalgamation of technology and design. In line with the same, the brand today introduced its latest smartphone along with an addition to its hearables portfolio - realme 9i 5G and realme TechLife Buds T100. While the realme 9i 5G features alaser light Designand is powered by MediaTek Dimensity 810 5G chipset, the realme TechLife Buds T100 are realme's most affordable stem design TWS.

### due to the pandemic in the last Hemant Sikka, President, exciting for us. We are happy Nissan India announces senior

management appointments

**FW DESK** 

Nissan India has announced senior management appointments to strengthen its management structure. The leadership changes effective from 01st September'22.

Amit Magoo, currently General Manager, Zonal Head (South & West) has been appointed Director Sales for Nissan Motor India. He will report to Rakesh Srivastava, Managing Director of Nissan Motor India and will be based out of Gurgaon, India. In his new role, Amit will be responsible for leading business operations. Nissan India's Regional Sales Managers will report to Amit

Ashish Anand, currently General Manager, Zonal Head (North & East) has been appointed as Director Dealer Network Development, Customer Quality and Training for Nissan Motor India. He will report to Rakesh Srivastava, Managing Director of Nissan Motor Gurgaon, India. In the new san's presence in India"



structure Functional Heads of Dealer Development, Customer Quality & Training leads will report to Ashish.

Commenting on their appointments, Rakesh Srivastava, MD, Nissan Motor India, said We are pleased to announce the appointment of Amit and Ashish to senior leadership team as part of the transformation and growth strategy of Nissan India. Amit and Ashish bring strong experience of multiple functions in Nissan over many years, have been instrumental in Nissan India's growth journey with the launch of the Big, Bold, Beautiful Nissan Magnite. We welcome them to their new roles, which are focused to enable Nissan to exceed customer India and will be based out of expectations to strengthen Nis-

# **Microsoft Announces Future Ready Application** Hackathon for Developers and Digital Natives

New Delhi

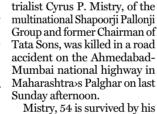
Upholding its commitment to ture Ready', Microsoft today announced the Future Ready Applications hackathon for Microsoft customers and the developer community. The hackathon aims to provide developers a platform to showcase innovative solutions and solve real-world business challenges using the Microsoft Azure platform.

The hackathon will be held across six cities -Delhi NCR, Bangalore, Chennai, Pune, Hyderabad, and Kochi on September 24, 2022. The top three winners of the hackathon from each city will receive cash rewards of INR 50,000, INR 30,000, and INR 20,000 reproblem for the industry.



spectively. The hackathon aims to bring the best of developers together to devise solutions that address diverse business needs for industries like fintech, e-commerce, retail, and others. The hackathon will enable developers to build solutions using developer velocity tools and devise innovative solutions for environmental

challenges across India Using services provided by the Microsoft Azure platform, participants of the hackathon will need to build an application that addresses a business



MUMBAI: Renowned indus-

wife Rohiqa, their two sons, an elder brother Shapoor Mistry and other family members. Also killed in the accident was Jehangir D. Pundole, of the famed < Dukes> soft drinks and foods company and the Pun--Pundole>s brother, Darius D. barely two months after his fa-the country>s corporate world. US will be fully electric by 2030,



Airbnb's new analysis examines how tourism has dispersed over the past 3 yrs in India

this period, Jibhi, Himachal

Pradesh showed more than

270 percent growth followed

by more than 240 percent

growth in both Bir, Himachal

Pradesh and Varkala, Kerala,

Host earnings in India grew

by almost 40 percent in the

second quarter of 2022 when

compared to the same period

On Airbnb, non-urban

nights booked for long-term

stays (28 days-plus) in India

in 2019.

The typical non-urban

Darius Pundole - were critically injured and rushed to Rainbow Hospital in Vapi in south Guon June 28 in Mumbai. Taking jarat, said an official of Palghar serious cognisance, the state The young industrialist Another couple in the vehicle Mistry's abrupt death comes into the incident that stunned cent of Jeep brand sales in the is developing a comprehensive

the Chairman Emeritus of the Group, passed away, aged 93,

# Jeep enters EV market, to introduce

4 all-electric SUVs by 2025 **FW DESK** 

Almora

Jeep brand, owned by Stellantis, on Thursday announced to introduce four new all-electric SUVs in North America and Europe by the end of 2025.

Jeep showed the first images of two fully electric SUVs the allnew Wrangler-inspired Jeep Recon and a new electric Wagoneer, codenamed Wagoneer S. Jeep Avenger, first-

ever fully electric Jeep SUV for the success of the Jeep Wran-Europe, will debut at the Paris

Motor Show on October 17. As part of an ongoing comve product p

sales will be all-electric by then, said the automaker. «Driven by the success of our electrified 4xe portfolio in North America and Europe, we are designing and developing the most capable and sustainable Jeep SUVs to date, on our path to becoming

while 100 per cent of European

the leading zero-emission SUV brand in the world, « said Christian Meunier, Jeep brand CEO. Building upon

gler 4xe, the best-selling plug-in hybrid vehicle (PHEV) in the US, and the recently introduced electrified product range

# DP World announce five global beneficiaries for container that gives golf balls a second life

New Delhi

As the official title partner of the DP World Tour, DP World has joined forces with several golf organisations to support initiatives that provide a platform for the game of golf to grow around the world, making golf more

accessible to all. Unveiled in January, DP World created a revolutionary shipping container to collect

and redistribute used, lost and unwanted golf balls, giving them a second life in grassroot golf projects. The golf balls have been collected in numerous ways, with donations from DP World Tour players, fans, professional golf ball divers, ball-collecting dogs, and children on golf ball hunts. Following the seasonending DP World Tour Championship, Dubai in November, DP World will use its expertise



golf balls to five organisations around the world. DP World has focused on three key areas of growth for the sport-golf for as aleader in global supply chain the disabled, junior golf, and

women's golf - hoping to inspire and encourage more people to take up the sport. Each organisation will receive a proportion of the tens-of-thousands of golf balls that are currently filling up the second life container. Across the 2022 DP World Tour season, a revolutionary DP World Container has been transported around the world to collect and redistribute golf balls to give them a second life in grassroots golf.

#### **AGC Biologics & Evax** Partner to Advance **Promising Equine Allergy** Vaccine Candidate



#### global Biopharmaceutical Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO), today announced a new partnership with Evax, a developer of equine vaccines to treat chronic diseases, respiratory disorders and allergies.

AGC Biologics, a leading

AGC Biologics is providing services at its Heidelberg facility using microbial-based protein biologics systems. The project covers Process Development and Clinical Manufacturing for the Evax Antigen-VLP Conjugate product.

The Evax drug candidate is focused on treating summer eczema, also called sweet itch or insect bite hypersensitivity (IBH), which is one of the most prevalent allergic skin diseases in horses. It manifests as chronic relapsing seasonal allergic dermatitis (inflammatory reaction of the skin).

# Talking Points

# Narvijay Yadav

Every word written on WhatsApp or any other app can be further evidence against the user. Always assume that there is someone other than the receiver who is reading your messages. Remember, whatever goes on in the internet world, stays there forever.

Social media plays the role of an effective communication these days, but one should keep mechanism in the modern only those apps in the smartworld. Most of the people in the country use smartphones. On the other hand, the use of of apps on mobile. Never grant mobile and net banking, debit cards, and credit cards has increased for transactions of money. With this, the pace of tos and videos. Your mobile apps cyber crimes has also increased. are thieves and spies who steal These include cases like fraud, vour confidential information fake news, character assassination on social media, and blackmailing through objectionable viral videos. The personal data stolen by the apps is being sold legal firms. Ad agencies are part of the game that start sending

Mobile apps are in demand phone that are trustworthy. Keep the minimum number permission that is not necessary for the functioning of the app. Do not allow access to your phoand data all the time. The apps will track your habits, places visited, lifestyle, and health condition means each and everything about your personal life. Your

to brokers, aggregators, and life is under constant watch. Similarly, the use of WhatsApp has increased tremenads based on the location and dously nowadays. Its chat can be

is a great tool for investigating agencies to track illegal activities in depth. In the case of Aryan Khan or the drug abuse case associated with the actor Sushant Singh Rajput, it was noticed that NCB (Narcotics Control Bureau) had been relying on WhatsApp chats of the Bollywood stars and drug suppliers.

Every word written on WhatsApp or any other app can be further evidence against the user. Always assume that there is someone other than the receiver who is reading your messages. Remember, whatever goes on in the internet world, stays there forever. People think that if they delete what they write on social media, they will be saved. It is not so, deleted chats can be found in the backup server or another person's history.

Never forward or transmit communally sensitive or obscene material from your mobile phone or computer devices. There are specific provisions under the IPC and the IT Act to preferences of the mobile users. used against a person who has deal with such offenses. Avoid

indulged in illegal activities. This and suspicious people. Do not answer their queries. Do not download, forward, or save fake, false, defamatory, and character assassination kind videos on WhatsApp. Similarly, never post or tweet anything of defamatory nature, or else it may create a serious problem for you. Remember the FIRs lodged against actor Kangana Ranaut, poet Kumar Vishwas, and recently against the notorious filmmaker KRK, who got arrested on his arrival at the Mumbai Airport for tweeting bad words about Rishi Kapoor and Irrfan Khan after their demise.

> to online fraud, inform the police immediately or within 24 hours on toll-free number 112 or 55260. The police try to recover the missing amount as soon as possible. Jamtara area in eastern Jharkhand is considered a major hub of cyber crimes in India. There is poverty, and there is no electricity, but there is a lot of cyber fraud in hundreds of villages in that area.



Mobile apps constantly track users' life

These illiterate thugs are adept at cheating on mobile phones. They operate from their huts in a discreet manner.

Experts suggest that one should check the privacy set-In case of financial loss due tings regularly. Don't keep your profile open to everyone. Do not accept requests from unknown people on Facebook or any other social media platform. If someone has created a fake account in your name, report to that platform and cyber crime cell in your region. Fake accounts come into existence because people allow different apps to access their photos and contact lists. Fake social media accounts

are a big threat. Always crossis already on your friend list. If someone asks for money on social media, do not give it, nor give your bank account details to any unknown person. Similarly, never do personal work on the office computer, nor save the data in a pen drive. Doing so can put the employee in serious trouble.

In the next five years in India, the demand for employees with technical knowledge will increase in the job market. According to a human resource management firm called Team-Lease Digital, 12 million new iobs will be created in the engineering, telecom, and healthcare sectors in the next few years. Job opportunities in these sectors are expected to grow at the rate of 27 percent per annum as these sectors are undergoing a major transformation. At present, 42 million people have got employment in these sectors.

Due to the increasing use of digital technology, the demand

check if you are getting friend ing in the job market. More requests from someone who employment opportunities are being created in the technology, health, e-commerce, and manufacturing sectors. Even in technology, the doors of jobs in the field of Information Technology (IT) are opening more rapidly. The way experienced professionals are in demand in the IT sector, according to that, qualified candidates are not available in the market. In the last few months, there

has been a rapid increase in the recruitment process in information technology companies. Four top IT companies in the country recruited more than 48 thousand new employees in April-June, 2021. During the second quarter, i.e. July-September 2021, the number of new appointments increased to about 54 thousand. Overall, more than one lakh youth got jobs in IT companies in the last part of 2021. The four companies intend to create about the same number of new jobs in the next few months.

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Through this partnership, Evax advances its Antigen VLP Conjugate product into the clinical stage, and AGC Biologics will supply cGMP support for the pivotal studies.

"For many equine diseases only limited therapeutic treatment options are available with sometimes poor efficacy," said Dr. Antonia Gabriel, CEO and Founder of Evax.

# Rupee has held its own despite sharp Punjab wants amalgamation of DCCBs depreciation in other currencies: Das with Punjab State Cooperative Bank

Despite extreme volatility in global stock markets, especially after US Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell's Jackson Hole symposium remarks last week Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Monday that the Indian rupee has "held its own" and moved in an "orderly manner at a time of sharp depreciation in other

"The recent commentary from the US Fed at Jackson Hole on the future trajectory of US monetary policy has infused substantial volatility into global financial markets, with large spillovers and knock-on effects on emerging market economies (EMEs). " Das said while delivering a speech during the annual event of Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA). He, however, quickly

intervened in forex markets to

Gold worth Rs. 36 lakh seized

During night shift on Tuesday

in the SpiceJet flight arriving

from Dubai at Shri Guru Ram-

das Ji (SGRDJI) International

Airport, based on profiling, a

passenger was intercepted by

official staff. In an official state-

ment issued here today said that

during his personal search and

interrogation, he admitted to

have concealed two capsules

of gold paste in rectum. The

two capsules with gross weight

of 755 gms with packing were

recovered and Gold weighing

690 gms valued Rs. 36 lakh

was extracted by refining the

gold paste. Further investigation

is in progress, said the official.

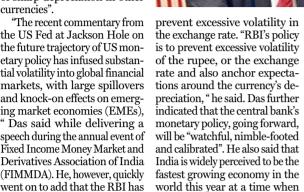
I-T dept conducts survey on

at SGRDJI International

Airport, Amritsar

**JAGMOHAN SINGH** 

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other major economies may actu-

Delhi High Court has refused

to interfere with a trial court

order granting interim bail for

two weeks to businessman Ajay

Ramesh Nawandar, arrested in

a Rs 34,615 crore bank fraud

case involving Dewan Housing

account of his medical condition

and permitted him to travel to

Observing that there was no

ground to interfere with the

order, Justice Sudhir Kumar

Jain noted that the documents

showed that Nawandar was

receiving treatment from a

Mumbai for his treatment.

Finance Limited (DHFL), on hospital in Mumbai and thus

ally be encountering recession or considerable moderation in their growth momentum.

Referring to Powell's comments on keeping up with rate hikes, Das said that financial markets in India have recovered from the lows that they fell to in the immediate aftermath of the Jackson Hole event. "In this turbulent global environment, the resilience exhibited by Indian financial markets reflects the roworld this year at a time when bust macroeconomic fundamentals of the economy, "he added.

Delhi HC refuses to interfere with order granting

interim bail to businessman in DHFL bank fraud case

allowed him to travel there for

three days with prior intimation

The court added that the

investigating officer shall be at

liberty to keep a vigil on the ac-

cused during his stay in Mumbai.

The documents submitted by

the counsel for the respondent

Rupee rises 8 paise to 79.61 against US dollar on Friday

to the investigating officer.

#### **FW DESK** products to minimum tax slab, Chandigarh

Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Thursday urged the Centre to impress upon the Reserve Bank of India to approve the state's proposal of amalgamation of district cooperative central banks with Punjab State Cooperative Bank. He also urged the Union

government for reinstating 2 per cent interest subvention to Punjab State Cooperative Bank (PSCB), reducing rate of interest on refinance of shortterm agriculture loans from NABARD, infusing capital in cooperative banks on the pattern of commercial banks, reversing Capital to Risk Assets Ratio (CRAR) norms to 7 per cent, according to an official release here.

The state government also sought reduction in goods and services tax on milk and milk

reflect that the respondent is

getting treatment from Leelavati

Hospital, Mumbai. Accordingly,

the respondent is also permitted

to go to Mumbai for his medical

treatment for three days with

prior intimation to the concerned

Investigating Officer. "The Inves-

tigating Officer is also directed

that during the period of stay of

the respondent for his medical

treatment at Mumbai, the inves-

tigating officer shall be at liberty

to keep a vigil on the respondent

at Mumbai. There is no ground

to interfere in the order dated

August 31, 2022, passed by the

court below, the court stated in

its order dated September 5.

and setting up a national institute for new product development expertise in the state.

Addressing a conference of state cooperation ministers in Delhi, Cheema said for Punjab with 50,362 square km of area, 20 district cooperative central banks (DCCBs) were not feasible and this three-tier structure if converted to twotier structure by amalgamation of DCCBs with PSCB would bring in efficiency and help in better administrative culture.

This will also help in a big way to utilise local capital available with some DCCBs with higher CRAR in a more equitable manner for the benefit of people in other geographical areas in the State, heema added.

Urging the Union government to convince the RBI for approving the state proposal of amalgamation on priority, Cheema said that this would

Global fintech market

billion in investment

According to the Pulse of Fin-

tech H1' 2022 - a bi-annual

report published by KPMG

highlighting global fintech in-

vestment trends - Global fin-

tech investments in H1 2022

recorded \$107.8B with 2,980

Investors in all key jurisdic-

tions continued to flock to the

payments space in H1'22, invest-

ing \$43.6 billion in payments-

focused companies. Given the increasing macroeconomic

challenges, investment in the

payments space could taper off a

bit heading into H2'22, particu-

larly with respect to early-stage

deals. M&A activity is expected

to remain strong as a result of

increasing consolidation among

payments firms and as the num-

ber and size of add-in transac-

While the crypto space expe-

rienced significant challenges

during the first half of 2022,

crypto-focused companies at-

a continued focus on embedded

solutions, including payments,

finance, and insurance.

tions rises.

also do away with the requirement of maintaining Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) at both the levels and to have separate 21 CBS licenses in a small state, while adding that the state has already submitted the proposal to RBI by fulfilling all statutory requirements. The minister also raised the issue of 2 per cent interest subvention to cooperative banks which was stopped by the Centre with effect from April 1, 2022.

net's decision to reinstate the

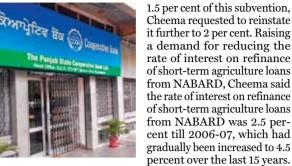
## **SBI Card Launches** First-Of-Its-Kind 'CASHBACK SBI Card'



#### **KULBIR SINGH KALSI**

SBI Card, India's largest pureplay credit card issuer, today announced the launch of 'CASH-BACK SBI Card', the first-ofits-kind and the most comprehensive Cashback credit card in India. CASHBACK SBI Card is the industry's first Cashbackfocused credit card that enables cardholders to earn 5% Cashback on all online spends without any merchant restrictions. Targeted at customers across all categories, from mass to premium, the card offers a simple, seamless, and completely digital joining experience. Consumers across India, including tier 2 & 3 cities, can easily get CASHBACK SBI Card instantly from the comfort of their homes in just a few clicks through digital application plat-

form 'SBI Card SPRINT'. The contactless card is free for the first year till March 2023 as a special offer. Owing to its strong proposition, CASHBACK SBI Card customer will earn unlimited 1% cashback on all spends, cashback will increase to 5% on all online spends for up to maximum of INR 10,000 per monthly statement cycle. It's merchant agnostic nature ensures that the customers are not restricted to shopping with just a few merchants to avail



Welcoming the Union Cabi-

# RIL to acquire US SenseHawk for \$32 mn

resilient in H1′22 - \$107.8 **FW DESK** 

> Reliance Industries Ltd has signed a definitive agreement to acquire a majority stake in the US-based SenseHawk Inc for \$32 million.

Monday, Reliance Industries said it has inked an agreement to acquire majority stake in SenseHawk for \$32 million including funding for future growth, commercial rollout f products, and research and development (R&D).

The turnover of SenseHawk for FY 2022, FY 2021 and FY 2020 was \$2, 326, 369, \$1, 165, 926, and \$1, 292, 063, respectively. The transaction



The upper limit for extending the loan to farmers

is placed at 7 percent. This

leaves a margin of only 2.5

percent for three levels; PSCB,

DCCBS and PACS. This rate is

critical in mitigating losses in-

curred by a three tier-structure

while providing low-cost loans

to the farmers, said Cheema.

He also stressed upon the need

to infuse capital in cooperative

banks on the pattern of com-

mercial banks to strengthen

the cooperative structure in the state as well as in the country.

conditions and is expected to be completed before end 2022.

The California-based Sense-Hawk is a developer of software based management tools for the solar energy generation

According to Reliance Industries, SenseHawk helps accelerate solar projects from planning to production by helping companies streamline processes and use automation,

# is subject to certain regulatory Kaloom Secures \$21M in Funding to Accelerate Network **Transformation and 5G-Edge Deployments**

Montreal

Kaloom announced it secured an additional USD 21 million from the Quebec government and current investor. Alternative Capital Group (ACG), who matched the government of Quebec's investment. This latest investment will sup- its vision. In addiport Kaloom's go-to-market tion to financial ategy and extend its current platforms like SmartNICs and

ers benefit from burgeoning Network transformation and 5G-Edge market opportuni-

global service provider custom-

ACG's participation in this latest financing round is a

strong vote of confidence in Kaloom's ability to execute on a wealth of experience and resources that are invaluable

to Kaloom's continued business growth.

realizes the vision it set out to achieve," said Nicolas Beauchamp, ACG. "Kaloom's innovative solutions help network providers overcome

the major challenges of Network Transformation and 5G-(kaloôm) Edge deployments. With Kaloom's help, provide can deliver the highspeed, low-latency performance that us-

Kaloom's continued busi-

ness growth as the company

ers demand. We look forward to supporting Kaloom in this next growth phase."

#### **Centre for Policy Research** The Income-tax department on Wednesday conducted a survey operation against Del-

hi-based think tank Centre for Policy Research (CPR), official sources said. The premises of the



ing covered, they said. The the American currency. exact reason for conducting the survey, where only business premises are covered by the taxman, was not known.



At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 79.66 against the dollar, then touched 79.61 in initial deals, registering a gain ted" to fighting inflation. of 8 paise over its previous

and foreign fund inflows.

Marg in central Delhi are be- week's high of 79.69 against

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.72 per cent to 108.92,



as markets digested yet more hawkish Fed

The US Federal Reserve Chair, Jerome Powell on Thursday said he is "strongly commit-

Meanwhile, the European Central Bank raised its key in-On Thursday, The rupee terest rates by an unprecedented

"ECB raised interest rates by 75 bps, taking the euro higher and the dollar index lower at 109.08 levels. Brent oil remains currencies gain against the dol-

lar," said Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury, Finrex Treasury Advisors.

Bhansali added. Brent crude futures, the

0.22 per cent to USD 89.35 per

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex was trading 291.14 points or 0.49 per cent up at 59,979.36.

# The rupee will stay in a range

of 79.40 to 79.80 for the day, global oil benchmark, advanced

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 104.65 points or 0.59 per

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets, as they purchased shares worth Rs 2,913.09 below USD 90 per barrel. Asian crore on Thursday, according to provisional data.

#### 2B solutions aimed at imheterogeneous hardware stratprovement of infrastructure or egy by supporting additional on the optimization of operational activities like AR/AP and

tracted \$14.2 billion during H1'22. Going forward, we could Servers. The latest cash infusion will also allow Kaloom to ramp up sales, and help its

# "ACG is proud to support Yield 4 Finance comes against scam and fraud

in financial sector on Thursday, as per exchange **KULBIR SINGH KALSI** 

> The financial instrument industry has constantly been a target of several fakes and scammers, especially the SBLC providers. Yield Group of Finance, a global cross-border finance company, shares the toughest part of being in this industry. Since a significant number of financial firms are offering bank instruments,

fraud cases are rising at pace. According to the Chairman of Yield4Finance, Sanjeev Chadha, currently, there are no direct solutions for companies

or banks from such fraudsters trying to defame you over issues out of your control. Company

Vice President Ms Javela Macalalad said that in such cases, we could only try

to explain to the client or take our legal stand. Adding more to this, she said, 'It is more important to focus on serving as many clients as possible to your best intentions and not think the factors you cannot control which can affect your servicing to any client.

There are several issues in the trade finance sector, but one major problem leading to scams is the lack of direct customer communication with the firm. The clients usually come in contact with

scammers instead of reliable

company partners.

People tend to believe and easily fall for the misleading information given by fraudsters, lending them to problematic situations. In these circumstances, financial firms become the ultimate scapegoats as customers raise queries with the firm instead of the frauds they indulge

The fake sellers, payments for fake documents, and service providers are spoiling the market globally, despite banks and other financial institutions

trying to bring the best services to their clients. The fraud actors claim to have connections

with reliable cash flow providers, to have ease of access to a huge amount of money as legitimacy to draw in investors.

Another fraud is using the lack of understanding of victims in the finance industry. The scammers use it to brainwash people as they are not fully aware of it.

SBLC (Standby Letter of Credit) is a flexible financial tool for performing secure transactions and payments. It is generally issued by banks and institutions for their customers, serving as a transaction guarantee.

# Discussion on digital economy will build trust among IPEF member countries: USTR

US Trade Representative Katherine Tai has said the discussion on digital trade and economy at the meeting of the Indo-Pacific trade ministers will seek to build connectivity and trust among the member countries.

The trade ministers of 14 countries, including India and the United States, are here for the first two-day physical meeting of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). In her welcome remark kicking off the Ministerial, Tai said the IPEF will discuss issues like digital economy, labour, environment, agriculture and trade facilitation. Let me say a couple words on the digital economy. We want to build connectivity and trust between key markets, including standards on cross border data flows and data localisation. We are also working to address related issues such as online privacy and

artificial intelligence, Tai said on Thursday. To address the serious

vulnerabilities in supply chains exposed by the coronavirus pandemic, the IPEF is pursuing an accelerated implementation of the World Trade Organisation's trade facilitation agreement, she added. The

USTR said the IPEF will work on streamlining the movement of goods across borders and supporting agricultural trade through science based decision making and the adoption of transparent regulatory practices. This will help our farmers, ranchers and fishers deliver their products to markets throughout the region. And critically, we will continue establishing strong labour and environmental standards and corporate accountability provisions to build the foundation for sustainable growth, Tai said.

In her remark, US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo said the 14 countries together are creating a roadmap for cooperation, aligning objectives to meet our economic goals for workers, businesses and communities. The success of IPEE will fuel economic activity and investment across borders and throughout the Indo-Pacific region, she said. The IPEF is a grouping of 14 countries in the Indo-Pacific region, which account for more than 40 per cent of the world's GDP.

The IPEF was launched jointly by the US and other partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region on May 23 at Tokyo.



began the trade on a firm note on Friday, extending their previous day gain, amid foreign fund inflows and a positive trend in global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 431.58 points to 60,119.80 in early trade. On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty went higher by 127.2 points to 17,925.95. From the Sensex pack of firms, IndusInd Bank. State Bank of India, Tata Steel, Hindustan Unilever, NTPC, In-

levels in Industry or politics or

government, there are still few

women in these positions. We

the ground, said Rekha Sharma,

Chairperson, National Commis-

Chambers of Commerce and

try just 28% of the workforce

in New Delhi

**FW DESK** 

New Delhi

fosys, Dr Reddy's, Sun Pharma and ICICI Bank emerged as the biggest gainers. Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finserv, Nestle India and Bajaj Finance were among the laggards. Elsewhere in Asia. markets in Shanghai, Tokyo and Hong Kong were trading in the green in mid-session deals

The US markets had ended higher on Thursday. On Thursday, the BSE benchmark climbed 659.31 points or 1.12 per cent to settle at 59,688.22. The Nifty advanced 174.35 points or 0.99



per cent to 17,798.75. Meanwhile, the interna-

tional oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.26 per cent to USD 89.38 per barrel. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs)

data. Local equity benchmark indices opened firm in tandem with the buoyancy seen in the Asian pack and overnight surge in the US markets," said Prashanth Tapse - Research Analyst, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd. "Positive catalysts such as plunging oil prices and easing US dollar index are likely to help maintain optimism," Tapse said.

Achieving the target of becoming the 3rd largest economy by 2030 will happen with greater inclusion of women who constitute 48 per cent of the population into the workforce: NCW India, UN Women India in her



need more women at the top so that things can really change on is women. Women are still not enjoying equal opportunities; we are receiving complaints of sion for Women (NCW) in the gender discrimination and pay 3rd Diversity & Inclusion Excelparity among others. The film lence Awards & Conclave-2022 industry is another example of organized by The Associated such discrimination. A mindset change is much needed, women Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) have to think twice and seek permission before joining the In MNREGA, there are more workforce. India is now the 5th largest economy and aim to be women working but in indusAchieving the target of becoming the 3rd largest economy by 2030 will happen with greater inclusion of women who constitute 48% of the population into the workforce: Rekha Sharma, Chairperson NCW

world by 2030. Without giving equal opportunity to women how do we expect to achieve that as women constitute 48% of the population. The government has brought laws such as POSH but many companies still do not have an Internal committee (IC's) as mandated by the act. Awareness on the provision of the act too is quite low among companies. Complaints of gender discrimination in recruitment and unfair treatment at workplace are also too common". Susan Ferguson, the 3rd largest economy in the UN Women Representative for

special address said, "The Government of India has created quite an enabling environment to create an inclusive culture in the workplace, such as allowing women to work at night, enhancing paid maternity leave from 12 weeks to 26 weeks, which is extraordinary and rare around the world. The provision for mandatory crèche facilities in establishments with more than 50 employees and the right to persons with disabilities act which provides 4% reservation in Government jobs for certain class of people with disabilities and also the transgender persons act which says that no government or private entities can discriminate against transgenders in employment matters including recruitment and promotion are all forward thinking and unique

legislations around the world"

# Queen Elizabeth II: a moderniser who steered the British monarchy into the 21st century



Pimlott embarked on his 1996 biography, his colleagues expressed surprise that he should consider Queen Elizabeth II worthy of serious study at all. Yet Pimlott's judgement proved sound and, if few academics have followed his lead, the political role of the monarchy has received thoughtful treatment in the creative arts.

Stephen Frears's 2006 film,

after the death of Princess Diana; Peter Morgan's stage play The Audience showed the monarch's weekly meetings with her prime ministers. And she has been shown in a generally positive and sympathetic light by both Netflix's acclaimed drama series The Crown and even in Mike Bartlett's speculative play King Charles III, about the difficulty

Elizabeth's reign was a delayed result of the abdication crisis of 1936, the defining royal event of the 20th century. Edward VIII's unexpected abdication thrust his shy, stammering younger brother Albert onto the throne as King George VI. Shortly thereafter he was thrust into the role of figurehead for the nation through the second world war.

The war was the most important formative experience for his elder daughter, Princess Elizabeth. Her experience as a car mechanic with the ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service the women's army service) meant that she could legitimately claim to have participated in what has been called the people's war.

The experience gave her a more naturally common touch her heir would have in filling than any of her predecessors Paper artist Gurpreet Singh makes a model of the London Bridge as he pays tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II, on the outskirts of Amritsar on Friday. Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-serving monarch in British history and an icon instantly recognisable to billions of people around the world, died at her Scottish Highland retreat on September 8, 2022 PHOTO-PRABHJOT GILL

had displayed. When, in 1947, of 99) her wedding was seized

she married Philip Mountbatten on as an opportunity to brighten who became Duke of Edinburgh a national life still in the grip of (and died in April 2021 at the age post-war austerity and rationing.

with a pistol had shown up

This is the latest such inci-

On September 1, An Indian-American man has been racially

# Rock on which modern Britain was built: PM Truss pays tribute to Queen

praised her devotion to duty

as an example to all and re-

called her own first and last

meeting as Prime Minister.

she remained determined

to carry out her duties as she

appointed me as her 15th

Prime Minister. Through-

out her life, she has visited

more than 100 countries and

she has touched the lives of

millions around the world,

Looking ahead to the fu-

ture, she added: It is a day of

great loss, but Queen Eliza-

beth II leaves a great legacy.

as it is has done for more

than a thousand years to

our new monarch, our new

head of state: His Majesty

King Charles III. With the

King's family, we mourn the

loss of his mother And with

the passing of the second

Elizabethan age, we usher in

a new era in the magnificent

history of our great country,

exactly as Her Majesty would

have wished by saying the

words God save the King.

Today the Crown passes

she said.

Earlier this week, at 96.

LONDON: Britain's newlyelected Prime Minister Liz Truss has paid tribute to the Queen as the rock on which modern Britain was built, soon after Buckingham Palace announced the death of Queen Elizabeth II in Scotland.

Truss, who had been anointed by the 96-year-old monarch just days before on Tuesday at Balmoral Castle, stepped out at 10 Downing Street in London on Thursday to reflect upon the legacy of Britain's longest-reigning monarch. She described her as a champion of the Commonwealth and a source of stability and strength over the course of 70 years of her

She was the very spirit of Great Britain and that spirit will endure, said Truss.

Queen Elizabeth II was the rock on which modern Britain was built. Our country has grown and flourished under her reign. Britain is the great country it is today because of her, she said.

She has been our longestever reigning monarch. It is an extraordinary achievement to have presided with such dignity and grace for 70 years. Her life of service stretched beyond most of our living memories. In return. she was loved and admired by the people in the United Kingdom and all around the world, she added.

Describing her as a personal inspiration, Truss

solutions to support the agricul-

ture, mining and defence indus-

tries, and apply this technology

to the outer space environment.

Altdata and India's DCube will work together on the develop-

ment and integration of hard-

ware, sensor technology and

software to provide health sup-

port to astronauts, it was stated.

to attract (Indian) startups to

work together. This shows that

Australia is also open to launch-

ing our satellites from their land

sometime, and vice versa", Secre-

tary in the Department of Space

and Chairman of Indian Space

Research Organisation, S Som-

"They (Australia) were able

Australia's SABRN Health,





Indian ambassador to the United States, Taranjit Singh Sandhu expressed his devotion by paying obeisance at Sachkhand Sri Harmandar Sahib September 3.

On this occasion, Singh espe-

Indian ambassador

cially visited the headquarters of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Teia Singh Samundri Hall, which is established in the name of his grandfather, to freshen his memory. At the SGPC office, Singh was honoured by additional secretary Pratap Singh. On this occasion, Singh said that he visits every year to pay obeisance at Sri Harmandar Sahib and this time, he got the opportunity to see the gathering hall established in the name of Teja Singh Samundri. He said after seeing the commemorative hall, the hard work of Teja Singh Samundri was freshened in his memory. He said Teja Singh Samundri contributed greatly to the foundation of SGPC and he participated in several morchas (fronts). He said it was the dedication of Teja Singh Samundri

towards the Qaum (community)

and it is a matter of pride for the

# Sanjay Verma India's next High Commissioner to Canada

Seasoned diplomat Sanjay Kumar Verma was on Tuesday appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Canada, while Amit Kumar, currently Consul-



named as the next ambassador to the Republic of Korea. Verma, a 1988-batch IFS officer and

presently India's Ambassador to Japan, is expected to take up the assignment shortly, the Ministry of External Affairs said

#### Five Pakistani soldiers, 4 terrorists killed in a raid on terrorist hideout

At least five Pakistani soldiers and four terrorists were killed in a shootout when the security forces raided a militant hideout in a tribal district in a former Taliban stronghold near the border with Afghanistan, the Army said on Tuesday. The Army conducted an operation based on prior intelligence on Monday in the Boyya area of North Waziristan district, according to a statement released by ISPR, the media wing of the Pakistani military.

#### **ASSOCHAM signs cooperation** pact with B'desh top trade body

**FW DESK** 

Coinciding with the ongoing visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina to New Delhi, top industry organisations of India and Bangladesh - ASSOCHAM and FBCCI - have signed an MoU for wider business-to-business cooperation between the two countries with a common objective of boosting bilateral trade and investment. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) and Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) was signed in the presence of H.E. Mr. Tipu Munshi M.P. Hon>ble Commerce Minister of Bangladesh at India-Bangladesh Business Forum jointly organised by ASSOCHAM &FBCCI.

# Indian-American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal receives threat messages

Indian-American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal has said that she has been receiving abusive and hate messages over the phone from a male caller who even asked her to go back

On Thursday, Chennai-born Jayapal posted a collection of five such audio messages.

In all the messages, portions of which have been redacted because of obscene and abusive content, the male caller is heard threatening her with dire con-

sequences and in one instance she is being asked to go back to her country of origin India. Javapal, 55, is the first-ever

Indian-American Congresswoman who represents Seattle in the US House of Represen-Typically, political figures

don't show their vulnerability. I chose to do so here because we cannot accept violence as our new norm. We also cannot accept the racism and sexism that underlies and propels so



much of this violence, Jayapal, from the Democratic Party, said

Early this summer, a man

outside the Congresswoman's house in Seattle. The man, identified by police as Brett Forsell, 49, was arrested later.

dent of hate crime against the Indian-American community in the US.

abused by a compatriot in California who hurled racist slurs that he is a "dirty Hindu" and a "disgusting dog'.

launch services, spacecraft avi-

onics and components to Aus-

Perth-headquartered QL

Space will also partner with

Skyroot Aerospace to further develop launch facilities in Aus-

tralia and support joint mineral

exploration missions in space.

Perth is known as Australia's

resources, mining and mining

QL Space will partner with

Chennai-based GalaxEye to de-

velop a hybrid optic and Radar

technology capital.

tralian Space Initiatives.

# N Korea says it will never give up nukes to counter US

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un stressed his country will never abandon the nuclear weapons it needs to counter the United States, which he accused of pushing to weaken the North's defenses and eventually collapse his government, state media said Friday.

Kim made the comments during a speech Thursday at North Korea's rubber-stamp parliament, where members passed legislation governing the use of nuclear weapons, which Kim described as a step

to cement the country's nuclear status and make clear such weapons will not be bargained. The law included a provision that requires North Korea's military to automatically execute nuclear strikes against enemy forces if its leadership comes under attack.



Kim also criticised South Korea over its plans to expand its conventional strike capabili exercises with the United States to counter the North's growing threats, describing them as a dangerous military action that raises tensions. Kim has made increasingly provocative threats of nuclear conflict toward the United States and its allies in Asia, also warning that the North would proactively use its nuclear weapons when threatened. His latest comments underscored the growing animosity in the region as he accelerates the expansion of his nuclear weapons and missiles programme.

The purpose of the United States is not only to remove our nuclear might itself, but eventually forcing us to surrender or weaken our rights to self-defense through giving up our nukes, so that they could collapse our government at any time, Kim said in the speech published by the North's official Korean Central News Agency. Let them sanction us for 100 days, 1,000 days, 10 years or 100 years, Kim said. We will never give up our rights to self-defense that preserves our country's existence and the safety of our people just to temporarily ease the difficulties we are experiencing now. Kim also addressed domestic issues, saying North Korea would begin its long-delayed rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in November. He didn't specify how many doses it would have, where they would come from, or how they would be administered across his population of 26 million people.

# Australian and Indian commercial space links take flight

India and Australia elevated their space relationship as six new industry-to-industry memorandums for collaboration between the two countries were signed at the seventh 'Bengaluru Space Expo 2022" on Monday. Australia continues to look at

new ways to enhance its space collaboration with India, said the Head of the Australian Space Agency (ASA), Enrico Palermo, in his address to the international conference and exhibition. The establishment of a Con-

sulate-General in Bengaluru from 2023 will allow us to further develop the space relationship, he said.

We also recognise the signifiprogramme and are glad to be summit.

Senior IFS officer Neeta

Bhushan, a 1994

batch officer, is cur-

rently Additional

Secretary in-charge of

Central Europe in the

Ministry of External

Muktesh Pardeshi,

Bhushan succeeds

who was promoted to the rank

of secretary in the External Af-

fairs Ministry last month and

is tasked with India's G-20

Affairs (MEA).



supporting the inspirational 'Gaganyaan' human space flight nission, Palermo added.

Highlighting the strong commercial links in space between Australia and India, six separate Australia-India space industry memorandums were exchanged cance of India's national space at the inauguration of the space

A career diplomat,

tion Wing in Indian

**High Commission** 

in Dhaka (Bangla-

desh), and Head of

the Economic and

Commercial Wing in

the Indian Embassy

in Berlin (Germany).

She also worked as

director in the Department of

Economic Affairs, Ministry of

Finance and as joint secretary

(parliament & coordination)

Neeta Bhushan appointed India's

Bhushan was on Thursday Bhushan's overseas assign-

named as the High Commis- ments include Head of the

sioner of India to New Zealand. Press, Culture and Informa-

new envoy to New Zealand

Australia's Space Machines Company will collaborate with Bengaluru-based aerospace and defence manufacturer Ananth Technologies on product integration, testing, technology development and joint-space

Australian startup HEX20 will work with Hyderabad-based

Russian President Vladimir Putin

on Tuesday attended sweeping

war games in his country's far

east involving troops from China

and other nations, in a show of

military muscle amid the tensions

with the West over Moscow's ac-

The weeklong exercise that

began Thursday is intended to

showcase growing defense ties

between Russia and China and

also demonstrate that Moscow

has enough troops and equipment

to conduct the massive drills even

while its forces are engaged in

The Russian Defense Ministry

2022) exercise that runs until

Wednesday at seven firing ranges

fighting in Ukraine.

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payload to reduce the adverse environmental impact of critical mineral exploration in Australia

and beyond.

QL Space and Bengalurubased SatSure will work together

# Putin attends joint military drills with China

Skyroot Aerospace to provide to build satellite and AI-based

in Russia's Far East and the Sea of Japan involves more than 50,000 troops and over 5,000 weapons units, including 140 aircraft and said that the Vostok 2022 (East 60 warships. It engages troops from several ex-Soviet nations, China, India, Laos, Mongolia,

Nicaragua and Syria.

Beijing sent more than 2,000 troops along with more than 300 military vehicles, 21 combat aircraft and three warships to take part in the drills, according to Chinese news reports.

# China's export growth sinks in August, imports shrink

China's export growth weakened in August and imports shrank as high energy prices, inflation and anti-virus restrictions weighed on global and Chinese consumer demand.

Exports rose 7% over a year ago to USD 314.9 billion, barely one-third of July's 18% expansion, customs data showed Wednesday. Imports contracted by 0.2% to USD 235.5 billion, compared with the previous month's already weak 2.3% growth. Demand for Chinese exports has softened as economic activity in Western markets slowed and the Federal Reserve and central banks in Europe and Asia raise interest rates to



cool surging inflation. At home, repeated closures of cities to fight virus outbreaks has weighed on consumer spending. The slowdown in China's export sector is adding to headwinds for the Chinese economy, said Rajiv Biswas of S&P Global Market Intelligence

in a report. Lack of import growth highlights continued weakness of Chinese domestic demand.

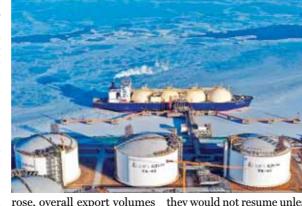
Growth in the world's second-largest economy fell to 2.5% in the first half of 2022, less than half the ruling Communist Party's 5.5% annual target, after Shanghai and other industrial centers were shut down to fight virus outbreaks. Factories have reopened, but temporary closures in areas including the southern business center of Shenzhen and a dry summer that left reservoirs in China's southwest unable to generate hydropower have weighed on activity. The International Monetary Fund and private sector forecasters have trimmed their already low growth forecasts.

# Russia sends more energy to Asia as Europe cuts back

Russia sent significantly more oil and coal to India and China over the summer compared with the start of the year, while European countries that long relied on Russian energy have cut back sharply in response to the war in Ukraine, said a report published Tuesday.

The Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air said Russia received about 158 billion euros (158 billion) in revenue for the sale of oil, natural gas and coal from February to August, more than half of which some 85 billion euros worth was exported to the European Union. Within the EU, Germany was the biggest importer, buying 19 billion euros worth of fossil fuels from Russia dur-

ing the six-month period. The single biggest importer worldwide, however, was China, which bought 35 billion euros worth of Russian energy, the Helsinki-based group said.



dropped by 18% compared with when the country invaded Ukraine, the report said. The EU has cut its imports

from Russia by 35% since the war began, with Russian coal now banned in the 27-nation bloc and a halt to oil sales due to take effect at the end of the year. Russia itself has sharply cut flows of natural gas to the While Russia's revenue EU, indicating this week that

they would not resume unless Western sanctions are lifted. Germany's economy minister, Robert Habeck, said Monday that his country doesn't expect gas imports from Russia to resume anymore.

Meanwhile, India and China imported significantly more coal and crude oil from Russia in July and August than in February and March, the group said.

# UN agency calls for safety zone around Ukraine nuclear plant

The UN atomic watchdog agency has urged Russia and Ukraine to establish a nuclear safety and security protection zone around amid mounting fears the fighting could trigger a catastrophe in a country still scarred by the Chernobyl disaster.

We are playing with fire, and something very, very catastrophic could take place, Rafael Grossi, head of the International Atomic En-

ergy Agency warned the UN Security Council, days after leading an inspection visit to the plant. In a detailed report on its visit, the IAEA said shelling around the Europe's largest nuclear power plant should stop immediately.

This requires agreement by all relevant parties to the establishment of a nuclear safety and security protection zone" around

the plant, it said. At the Security Council meeting, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres likewise demanded that Russian the Zaporizhzhia power plant and Ukrainian forces commit to halting all military activity around the plant and agree on a demilitarised perimeter.

Guterres said this would include a commitment by Russian

forces to withdraw all military personnel and equipment from that perimeter and a commitment by Ukrainian forces not to

move into it. Russian state media quoted Vasily Nebenzya, Russia's UN ambassador, as saying that Russia does not see the IAEA's proposal regarding a safety zone around the Zaporizhzhia NPP as serious. The Ukrainian government had no immediate comment on the proposal, though it, too, has called for the demilitarisation of the nuclear site.

### Rallies show Pakistan's ex-PM Imran Khan remains political force



Since he was toppled by parliament five months ago, former Prime Minister Imran Khan has demonstrated his popularity with rallies that have drawn huge crowds and signaled to his rivals that he remains a considerable political force.

On Tuesday, he addressed some 25,000 supporters in the northwestern city of Peshawar. the capital of deeply conservative Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering Afghanistan.

Imran Khan said he would soon organize a mass march to the capital, as a culmination of his campaign to force the government of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif to hold a snap election, which some analysts say Khan might win due to his growing popularity.

# enthralls audiences with its rib tickling story

**KULBIR SINGH KALSI** 

Humble Motion Pictures in association with Omjee Star Studios have released their much awaited comedy-drama film 'Yaar Mera Titliaan Warga' on 02nd September, 2022. The film stars Gippy Grewal and Tanu Grewal in lead roles and Karamjit Anmol, Raj Dhaliwal, Gurteg Singh and others in prominent roles. The story revolves around the lives of a married couple, played by Gippy Grewal and Tanu Grewal, who are bored of each other after six years of marriage. To spice things up, they create fake Facebook profiles. However, things take an interesting twist when they accidentally befriend each other on Facebook. This interesting plot sets the right tone for the hilarious situations that arise from here on.

Speaking about the film, Actor-Producer Gippy Grewal savs "Yaar Mera Titliaan Warga is a 'one of its kind' film. It is based on a new concept and will give the audi-



**MUMBAI**: Actress Rashmika

Mandana, who is set to make

her Hindi film debut with the

upcoming film 'Goodbye', was

totally in awe of the puppy that

features in the film. In fact, she

had a friendly fight with her

co-actor in the film, the veteran

superstar Amitabh Bachchan,

over who would take the puppy

home after the film's wrap up.

rather surprising name: Stupid,

which is quite unusual for dogs

who are known for their wit and

Aakarshan, designer women ethnic

Interestingly, the pup has a

watch. It's the perfect film to as it's a laughter riot! You will out."

ence something refreshing to go watch with your families definitely laugh your hearts

# Nagesh Kukunoor to direct series on Rajiv Gandhi's assassination

tion of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi is under development with acclaimed filmmaker Nagesh Kukunoor attached as

Content studio Applause Entertainment has greenlit "Trail of an Assassin", which is based on former journalist Anirudhya Mitra's book "Ninety Days: The True Story of the Hunt for Rajiv Gandhi's Assassin".

The forthcoming crime procedural series will be a blow-byblow account of how the CBI's Special Investigation Team cracked the assassination plot, identified the assassins and chased the mastermind, to his final hideout.

Nagesh Kukunoor, who previously created "City of Dreams" for Applause Entertainment, said he is looking forward to working on the show.

"I look forward to taking on this gritty and thrilling piece of storytelling, adapted from 'Ninety Days: The True Story



of the Hunt for Rajiv Gandhi's cious and disruptive, we believe Assassin'. "It has always been an enriching and creatively satisthe adaptation of Anirudhya Mifying experience collaborating tra's book certainly makes for a with Applause Entertainment compelling story to tell. Most are and excited to see how this one aware of this incident through unfolds," the two-time National the medium of news and will Award winner said in a statenow get a dramatized insider

Sameer Nair, CEO, Applause Entertainment said the studio is pleased to once again collaborate with Kukunoor to bring this gut-wrenching story to a contemporary audience.

"Driven and guided by our

values of being ambitious, auda-

view of the largest manhunt in Indian history," added Nair. With "Ninety Days: The True Story of the Hunt for Rajiv Gandhi's Assassin", Mitra said he has tried to provide "the most definitive account of the biggest

manhunt launched in India".

**Tillotama Shome** opens up about teaching theatre to prisoners in US Actress Tillotama Shome, who

has been getting a lot of positive response for her work as a serial killer in the recently released second season of 'Delhi Crime', has previously taught theatre to prisoners in the US. She talked about what she observed and learnt from those days through art.

Explaining the profile of her assignment back when she worked with convicted criminals with re-

gards to theatre, Tillotama told IANS: "The kind of work I did branched out from something called 're-

storative justice' where you are interested in understanding what comes after they've committed a crime and served their punishment." "Once a person is labelled a criminal, they are considered less than humans for society. But the work we did had the potential to bring certain opportunities for those criminals to change."

### Sway to the Musical Scent of Love & Romance in the upcoming film

KULBIR SINGH KALSI

Along with the story of a film, its songs make all its elements more special, such as those Maninder Kailey, Babu Singh Maan and Veet Baljit.

woven into the upcoming film Teri Meri Gal Ban Gayi, presented by Priti Sapru under Sai Sapru Creations. All the songs of this film have been presented under the Times Music label, the music of which has been given by the famous composer Jitinder Shah. If we talk about the lyrics of the songs, they are written by

wear store, opens in City Beautiful

**KULBIR SINGH KALSI** 

Aakarshan, an exclusive store for 'designer women ethnic wear', has opened in the City Beautiful's with multiple offerings - it has swank outlet has another USP women clothing on offer - customisation of celebrity designer outlet witnessed the presence of

JIO STUDIOS

unveils slate of

Marathi films,

series



wear replicas. The unveiling of the

models who donned beautiful collections to showcase the kind of variety that Aakarshan boasts of.

Speaking to the media at

the trailer launch event of the

film, Rashmika said, "I was

completely in love with Stupid.

We would spend a huge part

of the day in the company of

Opening up on her friendly tiff with Big B, the actress

further said, "I and Amitabh

Bachchan sir had a little

nokjhonk (tiff) over, who

would take Stupid home. He

wanted to take him to Jalsa

but eventually, I kidnapped

Stupid and brought it home.'

Stupid.'

Adish Jain, MD, Aakarshan said, "Aakarshan is all about beautifying women with the best ensembles suited to them and catering to all needs and story will capture the beauti- Sunny added. Using comedy as its requirements of ethnic wear. There are a plethora of options at Aakarshan- unstitched and stitched suits, dresses, gowns, sarees, lehengas, handbags, dupattas, stoles, shawls and more."

#### Rashmika has fallen in love with Koffee With Karan 7: Asked About His Break-Up With Ananya Panday, Ishaan Khatter the pup who appears in 'Goodbye'

As is Koffee With Karan 7 ritual, no episode is complete without Karan Johar's mandatory relationship status questions and Ishaan Khatter, who appeared on the show with Phone Bhoot co-stars Katrina Kaif and Siddhant Chaturvedi, was asked by the show's host Karan Johar: "You broke up with Ananya Panday?" To which, the Dhadak star replied, "Did I? Because you said she broke up with me

When asked about his equation with Ananya Panday at the moment, Ishaan said, "Yeah, I mean, I would hope to have her as a friend for the rest of my life. She is one of the most wonderful people I have known. She is a sweetheart, she really is. Anyone who has met her would say this. She genuinely is a sweetheart. And all pulpy questions aside, she is someone who is very dear to me and will always remain so."

Ananya Panday and Ishaan Khatter briefly dated. They costarred in the 2020 film Khaali Peeli. They ushered in 2021 in the Maldives together. When Ananya appeared on KJo's show, the filmmaker asked her: "You broke up with Ishaan? You



broke up. Come on, everybody knew you were dating Ishaan." sode, there was also a mention of

were dating Ishaan, then you Ananya refused to comment on KJo's question. During the epi-

Ishaan's Dhadak co-star Janhvi Kapoor, who he was dating for a while a few years ago. Wen asked how is Janhvi Kapoor's number saved in his phone, Ishaan said, "It's Janhvi Boney Kapoor." Earlier this year, in an interview, Janhvi Kapoor said this about her equation with Ishaan Khatter: "I think we are both busy now but every time we meet, there is that warmth. Rangsaari, the song that came out from JuggJugg Jeeyo, that song was supposed to be in Dhadak. So every time we'd shoot montages for Dhadak, we'd play that song.

# **Neetu Kapoor, Sunny Kaushal to** star in Lionsgate India Studios's first feature film



Bollywood veteran star Neetu Kapoor will be seen sharing screen space with actor Sunny Kaushal and Shraddha Srinath in Lionsgate India Studios's first feature film. The coming-of-age ble relationship between a mother and her son.

Neetu said: "When I read the script, I fell in love with it. It goes beyond the regular mother-son memories, as well as their role story and explores a different side in forcing us to grow up.

that sets a unique tone to the romcom genre." "The moment I read the script, I knew it's a special film that I just had to be a part of! It is an ode to all the mothers, their wishes, and their sacrifices!" main premise, the untitled film. directed by Milind Dhaimade, delves into the integral fabric of families, communication, and

# 14-yr-old Mohammad Faiz from Jodhpur bags Superstar Singer 2 trophy

MUMBAI: After a tough competition among the six finalists, 14-year-old Mohammad Faiz from Jodhpur turned out to be the winner of <Superstar Singer 2> and lifted the trophy and a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh. His soulful rendition of ro-

mantic tracks such as <Pehla Nasha>, <Kesariya> and <Koi Mil Gaya> not only impressed the judges but also the special guests, including Bollywood actresses of the yesteryear such as Padmini Kolhapure and Poonam Dhillon.

Mani and Sayisha were declared first and second runnerup, respectively. The show, which premiered on April 23, was Danish (Indian Idol 12) third ammiya and Javed Ali. It provided a platform to 15 contestants aged seven to 15 years to show their talent.

The young talents were mentored by Salman Ali (<Indian Trivedi.



Idol 10> winner), Pawandeep Rajan (<Indian Idol 12> winner), Arunita Kanjilal (<Indian Idol 12> first runner-up) and Sayli Kamble (<Indian Idol 12> second runner-up) and Mohammad judged by Alka Yagnik, Himesh runner-up). Music maestro special judges for the grand finale along with him the evening also saw popular singers Shabbir Kumar, Sonu Kakkar and Bhumi

#### 'ARSH IS GOLD': Harbhajan & Kohli support Arshdeep

after dropped catch



**FW DESK** 

Indian cricketer Arshdeep Singh came under a lot of criticism on social media following a dropped catch against Pakistan in Asia

Former and current Indian cricketers came out in support of young seamerArshdeep Singhafter the catch in the 18th over of Pakistan's chase in the Asia Cup 2022 on Sunday, 4 September.

became the talking point.

#### a variety of regular office wear, home wear, designer outfits for What's more, the plush and apart from the sheer variety of

the industry

nounced its upcoming slate of

Jio Studios on Tuesday anand love stories, the studio has partnered with prominent Marathi talent including Marathi features films and web Mahesh Manjrekar, Subodh series with leading names from Bhave, Jitendra Joshi, Bhau For the line-up of diverse Kadam, Kedar Shinde, Sayaji Shinde, Sukanya Kulkarni, themes and genres, such as

JIO STUDIOS MARATHI The first film from

the slate is "Ghe Double", directed by Vishwas Joshi and set for release on September 30. Dubbed as a hilarious comedy of errors, the movie features actors dramas, comedy, thrillers, Rahul Deshpande and others. Bhau Kadamand Bhushan Patil. awards at the International Deva", which will release on

Aayushi Khurrana finds a mentor

the studio will release Nikhil Mahajandirected "Godavari", starring "Sacred Games" star Jitendra Joshi, on November 11.

Afterwards,

The movie had won two

Film Festival of India last year January 6. It is directed by Ke--- the Silver Peacock for best actor for Joshi and the Silver Peacock for best director (spe-

come out with "Bai Pan Bhari

cial jury Award) for Mahajan. In 2023, Jio Studios will

Described as an "out an outentertainer", the movie features Rohini Hattangadi, Vandana Gupte, Sukanya Kulkarni, Deepa Parab, Shilpa Navalkar

dar Shinde.

#### India and Pakistan Super 4 clash on Sunday lived up to its hype with the men in green registering a thrilling five-wicket win over their neighbours at the Dubai International Stadium. However, it was Arshdeep's dropped catch in the final moments of the game that

# The crime-psychotic-thriller 'Criminal,' from Big Daddy Films, will be released worldwide on September 23rd

**KULBIR SINGH KALSI** 

Following the success of Humble Motion Pictures, Gippy Grewal is going, to begin with, his new production house

Films by sharing the trailer of its first film 'Criminal' directed by

Big Daddv

Grinder Sidhu under the banner, been released, it would be fair to to be released on 23rd September 2022. Moreover, with the release of this movie, Humble Motion Pictures advances in the field of distribution. The film has been co-produced by Bhana LA and logical thriller.

Vinod Aswal and co-written by Naveen Jethi and Sarbjit Khera.

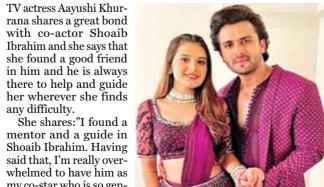
as to the genre this movie, starring Neeru Bajwa, Prince Kanwaljit

state that the movie goes beyond what is considered ideal cinema. A psychological-suspenseful-thriller that amplifies every element of an

The title Criminal gives a clue Singh, Dheeraj Kumar, and Raghveer Boli,

will be focus-

mentor and a guide in ing on. Given Shoaib Ibrahim. Having that the movie's trailer has said that, I'm really overwhelmed to have him as my co-star who is so generous and someone who guides me throughout." The 'Mann Sundar' acaction film, the film is a psycho-



in co-actor Shoaib Ibrahim

tress for the first time is seen in the show, who is very strong playing a lead role of Ajooni and intelligent and can do any-

thing to achieve her goal. But at the same place, it is not easy for Aayushi to portray a strong character on-screen and Ibrahim helps her in making her job easier.

"This is my first debut as a lead actor in a show and Shoaib has been very kind and helpful towards me in everything. He is playing the role of Rajveer opposite my role of Ajooni. I must say, he has some incredible skills that come out effortlessly and naturally, she adds.

'Ajooni' airs on Star Bharat.

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### Rs 200 cr extortion case: Nora grilled, Jacqueline summoned a.m. and was questioned till 6

**NEW DELHI:** Bollywood actress Nora Fatehi was questioned by Economic Offences Wing of Delhi Police in connection with the Rs 200 crore extortion case involving multimillionaire conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar. Fatehi appeared before EOW office at Mandir Marg on Friday where she was grilled for about six hours

"Fatehi reached EOW's Mandir Marg branch at around 11



p.m. She can be summoned again if need arises. We have sent summons to Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez to join the investigation in the same matter on December 12, 'an official said.

Chandrashekhar was arrested for allegedly cheating and extorting money from some highprofile people, including former Fortis Healthcare promoter

Shivinder Mohan Singh's wife Aditi Singh. Many Bollywood actors and models have been questioned by the Enforcement Directorate for their alleged links with Chandrashekhar.

In April last year, Chandrashekhar was arrested in another money laundering case linked to the 2017 Election Commission bribery case, which allegedly involved a former AIADMK leader, among others.

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