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Excise policy scam: Court send Delhi CM Kejriwal to ED custody till March 28

OUR CORRESPONDENT New Delhi

A court on Friday sent Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to the Enforcement Directorate's custody till March 28, a day after his arrest in the excise policy-linked money laundering case.

Special Judge Kaveri Baweja at the Rouse Avenue court said Kejriwal will be produced before the court on March 28 at 2 pm.

The court passed the order on the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) application seeking a 10-day custody in the case. During the hearing for remand, the ED said that Kejriwal – the AAP's national convener – was a "key conspirator" in the excise policy scam case along with other ministers and party leaders.

Kejriwal was produced in the trial court shortly after he with-



drawn from the Supreme Court his plea against his arrest by the agency. The ED told Judge Baweja that Kejriwal received several crores of rupees as kickbacks from the 'South group' for formulating and implementing the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22.

He demanded Rs 100 crore from some accused from the

'South group' for contesting the Punjab elections. Additional Solicitor General (ASG) SV Raju, who appeared for the agency, told the court.

The law officer said the money trail showed that Rs 45 crore "kickback" used in the Goa elections came from four hawala routes.

He said the statements of the accused and witnesses have been corroborated through Call Detail Records (CDR).

The AAP chief was produced before the court around 2 pm amid tight security on and around the court premises.

"We have given an application for 10 days' remand," ASG Raju told the court.

He said the AAP is not an individual but a company, and every person responsible for the conduct of the company will be held responsible.

Senior Advocate Abhishek Singhvi, who was representing Kejriwal, said this is the first time in the history of India that a sitting chief minister has been arrested.

The power of arrest is not equal to the need of arrest and there was no necessity of arresting this man, he said.

PM Modi inaugurates modern hospital built with Indian assistance in Bhutan

THIMPHU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bhutanese counterpart Tshering Tobgay on Saturday inaugurated a modern hospital built with Indian assistance here which will offer quality healthcare for women and children and be a shining example of India-Bhutan development cooperation.

The Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuk Mother and Child Hospital is a state-of-the-art 150-bedded facility that has been built with the assistance of the Government of India in Thimphu.

"Inaugurated the Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuk Mother and Child Hospital, which stands as a beacon of hope for several families, offering quality healthcare," Modi posted on X.

The state-of-the-art hospital is a shining example of India-Bhutan development cooperation, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X.



operational since 2019. The construction of the second phase was taken up in 2019, as part of the 12th Five Year Plan at a cost of Rs 119 crore, and was completed recently, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a press release.

It said that the newly constructed hospital would add value to the quality of mother and child health services in Bhutan. The new facility will house state-of-the-art facilities for Pediatrics, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Anesthesiology, Operation Theatre, Neonatal Intensive Care and Pediatric Intensive Care.

"The Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuk Mother and Child Hospital stands as a shining example of India-Bhutan partnership in health care," it added.

"A desperate attempt to malign the image of CM Kejriwal": wife Sunita Kejriwal

OUR CORRESPONDENT New Delhi

CM Arvind Kejriwal found himself in a maelstrom of controversy as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) apprehended him on allegations of corruption pertaining to the issuance of liquor licenses. This dramatic turn of events prompted a fervent response from his wife, Sunita Kejriwal, who condemned the action as a betrayal of the people of Delhi.

In a public statement, Mrs. Kejriwal expressed unwavering support for her husband, emphasizing his dedication to the welfare of the nation. She underscored Mr. Kejriwal's long-standing commitment to the people, both during his tenure as Chief Minister and beyond.

Arvind Kejriwal's arrest marked a significant escalation in the ongoing legal battle, stemming from accusations related to money laundering in connection with the excise policy. Despite founding the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on an anti-corruption platform, Kejriwal's integrity was called into question as he faced allegations of misconduct.

The Enforcement Directorate's decisive action followed the denial of protection from coercive measures by the Delhi High Court. Kejriwal, flanked by law enforcement officers, reiterated his dedication to the nation as he was led into court. However, uncertainty loomed as the court deliberated on his detention status. Notably, Arvind Kejriwal had previously disregarded multiple summons from the central agency, leading to his eventual arrest. His incarceration paralleled the detention of several senior AAP members awaiting trial in the same case, further intensifying the political storm surrounding the party.

In response to the uproar sparked by Arvind Kejriwal's arrest, AAP vehemently rejected



claims of impropriety, characterizing the situation as a smear campaign against their leader. Party officials affirmed Kejriwal's unwavering commitment to his role as Chief Minister, asserting his intention to continue governing from behind bars.

However, prison authorities indicated adherence to protocol, hinting at potential challenges in Kejriwal's continued governance from jail. Amidst mounting legal battles and public outcry, Delhi Education Minister Atishi Marlena Singh affirmed Arvind Kejriwal's steadfastness in his position, underscoring the party's determination to navigate the crisis.

Legal proceedings saw the Enforcement Directorate branding Mr. Kejriwal as the alleged mastermind behind the Delhi liquor policy scandal, seeking an extended custody period. In his defense, senior lawyer Abhishek Manu Singhvi decried the arrest as unprecedented and unnecessary, highlighting the absence of compelling reasons for detention.

The gravity of the accusations against Mr. Kejriwal was further compounded by the arrest of BRS leader K Kavitha, with the ED alleging collusion between her and AAP leaders in the manipulation of the excise policy. Allegations of financial impropriety, including substantial bribes, added fuel to the fire engulfing Mr. Kejriwal's administration, casting a shadow over his political future.

"Respectfully and humbly disagree with the decision of the court," says Atishi Marlena

OUR CORRESPONDENT New Delhi

Reacting to the court's order sending Arvind Kejriwal to six-day ED custody, AAP leader Atishi Marlena said that they disagree with the decision, and added that the AAP supremo will remain the Delhi chief minister.

Speaking to a news agency, the Delhi education minister said that the party will take all the legal routes possible. "Arvind Kejriwal is and will remain the chief minister of Delhi. There is no constitutional or legal bar on him not being the CM. He can step

down only when he is convicted and serves jail sentence of two years."

She further claimed that the witnesses in the case are being forced into giving false testimonies against Kejriwal. "We, very respectfully and humbly disagree with the decision of the court. ED has no proof even after 2 years of investigation... ED forced their witnesses to give statements against Arvind Kejriwal... We will explore all possible legal routes... One by one opposition parties are being targeted in front of the judiciary." Meanwhile, arrested Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's



lawyer on Friday told a Delhi court that there was "no material" or "evidence" to show any wrongdoing in excise policy formulation or receipt of any proceeds by the AAP supremo, reports PTI news agency.

Intention behind electoral bonds scheme was good: Nitin Gadkari

Also said no party can survive sans funds

NEW DELHI: Union minister Nitin Gadkari has said it was not possible to run a political party without funds, and added that the Centre had introduced the electoral bonds scheme, now struck down as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, in 2017 with a "good intention".

The senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader said all political parties need to sit together and deliberate if the Supreme Court gives any further direction on the matter. He made the comments at an event organised



by a media house in GIFT City near Gandhinagar on Friday. "When Arun Jaitley was (Union finance) minister, I was part of that discussion (regarding electoral bonds). No party

can survive without resources. In some countries, governments fund political parties. There is no such system in India. Thus, we chose this system of financing political parties," said Gadkari on a question about electoral bonds. He noted the main intention behind introducing electoral bonds was that political parties get funds directly, but the names (of donors) are not disclosed because "problems arise if the party in power changes".

The road transport and highways minister said just like a media house needs a sponsor to finance an event, political parties also require funds to

run their affairs. "You need to see the ground reality. How are parties supposed to fight elections? We brought this system of electoral bonds to bring transparency. So, our intention was good when we brought electoral bonds. If the SC finds any shortcomings in it and asks us to rectify it, all parties will sit together and unanimously deliberate on it," emphasised the former BJP president.

"In the interest of our country and value-based democracy, everyone needs to find a transparent way (of financing parties). Because without funds, parties can't undertake any activity," asserted the minister.

Finance Ministry forecasts robust Indian Economy driven by Investment & Consumption

NEW DELHI: The Indian economy is poised for robust growth in FY25, propelled by vigorous investment activity and strong private consumption demand, as highlighted in the finance ministry's economic review for February.

Despite sluggish global growth, the finance ministry remains optimistic about India's economic outlook. However, challenges such as the ongoing crisis in the Red Sea and escalating crude oil prices cast shadows over the horizon.

The ministry cautioned that disruptions in shipping due to the crisis could lead to inflationary pressures.

Additionally, grain shipments from key regions like the Russian Federation, Ukraine, and Europe face disruptions, posing risks to



global food security. The report stated, "Sustained increases in shipping costs due to disruption can drive up inflation. The crisis is also reverberating in global food prices. Disruptions in grain shipments from the Russian Federation, Ukraine, and Europe pose risks to global food security." Despite these challenges,

the finance ministry noted positive signs of strengthening private consumption demand, citing increasing air passenger traffic, robust sales of passenger vehicles, growing digital payments, and improved consumer confidence.

Furthermore, the up scaling of enterprises and the emergence of sunrise sectors are expected to drive quality employment opportunities, particularly in the manufacturing sector. The review also highlighted increased demand for residential properties in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, which bodes well for furthering construction activity.

In addition, non-farm employment has seen a revival, signalling improved capacity to absorb labour transitioning from agriculture.

India extends onion Export Ban until further notice



NEW DELHI: The Indian government has announced the extension of the export ban on onions until further orders. This decision prolongs the prohibition that was initially set until March 31 of this year.

According to a notification from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), the export prohibition on onions will remain in effect until March 31, 2024, and will continue until further instructions are issued.

During the April-January period of the fiscal year 2024, India exported onions worth USD 431.78 million, with significant portions sent to Bangladesh (USD 187.5 million) and Sri Lanka (USD 48.12 million).

In December of the previous year, the government

"The export prohibition on onions will remain in effect until March 31, 2024, and will continue until further instructions are issued"

had imposed a ban on onion exports until March 31, 2024. However, exceptions were made for shipments authorised by the central government in response to requests from other countries.

Recently, the government permitted the export of 50,000 tonnes of onions to Bangladesh and 14,400 tonnes to the UAE through the National Cooperative Exports Limited.

India seeks MDB collaboration for sustainable development goals by 2047

NEW DELHI: In a bid to accelerate its journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047, India has initiated collaborative efforts with Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs).

The finance ministry recently convened a meeting with MDB representatives on March 7 to solicit their expertise in project implementation and strategic planning.

According to sources familiar with the discussions, the ministry outlined a comprehensive «budget-plus and finance-plus» strategy, aimed at encompassing all facets of project execution beyond mere financing and planning.

This strategy seeks to leverage MDBs' experience and resources to address challenges such as time and cost overruns, while also facilitating knowledge and technology transfers.

India's outreach to MDBs, including stalwarts like the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, underscores its commitment to streamlining project implementation processes and fostering sustainable development.

By collaborating with these institutions, India aims to attract both public and private investments, bolstered by the credibility and governance standards upheld by MDBs.

The move aligns with the government's broader agenda of accelerating infrastructure development to stimulate economic growth and job creation.

By harnessing the expertise of MDBs, India endeavours to chart a path towards achieving its developmental aspirations while fostering international partnerships for mutual progress.

PM Modi trying to crush opposition, says Arvind Kejriwal's wife

NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal on Friday said his arrest was a betrayal with the people of Delhi, and lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Kejriwal, the AAP national convener, was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday night in connection with an excise policy-linked money-laundering case.

In a post in Hindi on X, Sunita Kejriwal said, "Modi got your thrice-elected chief minister arrested due to his arrogance of power and is trying to crush everyone. This is a betrayal with the people of

Kejriwal's family under 'house arrest', not being allowed to meet: Gopal Rai

NEW DELHI : AAP leader Gopal Rai said that he is not being allowed to meet Arvind Kejriwal's family, claiming that the family has been placed under 'house arrest'.



Yesterday late evening Delhi Chief Minister was arrested by the federal probe agency after searches at his official residence at Flagstaff Road in Civil Lines area of the national capital on Thursday in the money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the scrapped Delhi excise policy 2021-22, officials said.

Security was strengthened around the ED office at the A P J Abdul Kalam Road and the CM's official residence with Delhi Police personnel and central armed police forces (CAPFs) personnel putting up additional barricades and throwing a security ring along the waiting press teams and curious onlookers.

Arvind Kejriwal's name has been mentioned multiple times in the charge sheets filed by the ED in this case. The agency

'Manohar' and 'Nayab' join hands to support each other in coming Haryana Lok Sabha & Vidhan Sabha elections

PARVESH HANDA



Although Nayab Singh Saini has replaced Manohar Lal Khattar as chief minister in Haryana state, but they have close political association and likely to support each other in coming Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections in the state in which former CM Khattar is going to contest for Karnal Lok Sabha seat, whereas Saini is going to contest for Karnal Vidhan Sabha seat in which both leaders will undertake poll campaigns demanding votes for each other.

Minister Shah, since BJP National President Nadda failed to attend the rally to be at Gharaura in Karnal district on Tuesday and also to give green signal to start poll campaign in the state.

According to information, BJP National President J.P. Nadda had to give green signal to the joint team of Khattar and Saini to start BJP polls campaign in Haryana state in full swing and decide the rallies by senior BJP leaders in support of all contesting candidates. This is the first time in the state when former and present chief ministers in Haryana will demand vote for each other in coming polls.

IMA Haryana: 536 private hospitals in Haryana not to treat patients under Ayushman Yozna

SATISH HANDA
Hisar

Office-bearers of Indian Medical Association (IMA) in Haryana in a meeting held on Friday has declared not to provide medical treatment to the patients registered under Ayushman Yozna in Haryana state with effect from 16th March 2024 in as many as 536 private hospitals in Haryana state. According to IMS Haryana, this step has been taken by the private hospitals in view much delayed payment of their bills as well as heavy deduction from their bills in spite of their repeated requests by the management of private hospitals, as such all 536 private hospitals registered under this scheme will not entertain such patients from this date.

HSNCB seized over 4 kg opium and 3kg 800 gm poppy husk

SATISH HANDA
Kurukshetra

After the incident of 4 kg opium smuggled from Madhya Pradesh for supply in Punjab, seized by the Ambala police on a secret information on the National highway No. 1 Ambala Cantt, now after about 24 hours Haryana State Narcotic Control Bureau team on a secret information has recovered 4 kg 50 gm opium and 800 kg poppy husk being smuggled from Madhya Pradesh in a canter which was stopped by the police at a police barrier on the National highway near village Buhawa near Shahabad in Kurukshetra district.



According to HSNCB information, the driver of canter Baljit Singh resident of village Mueadpur in Patiala district managed to flee in the dark, whereas police arrested another persons sitting in the vehicle Gurjinder Singh a resident of village Faridpur in Patiala district told that they had smuggled drugs from Madhya Pradesh for supply in Patiala as

700 cases of fake poisonous Sulphas tablets seized

SATISH HANDA
Sonipat

The team of agriculture department led by Dr Pawan Sharma Deputy Director along with the police force from Kundli police station on a secret information raided a manufacturing unit in village Akbarpur Barota in Sonipat district manufacturing highly poisonous Sulphas tablets used to kill rats and worms while storage of agricultural products in the storage godowns. The factory owned by a person from Rohtak was found producing fake Sulphas tablets in the brand name of a reputed Gujarat based firm. The raiding team recovered 700 cases of tablets and 150 cases of urea fertilizer in the factory, seized by the police. Dr Sharma said that nearly 50 persons were working in the factory during the raid, but failed to produce any



document regarding the manufacturing license obtained from the government and bills for the purchase of raw material.

Investigation revealed, the illegal manufacturing unit owned by a person from Rohtak was functioning since past about one and half month ago in a rented premises. He said that Sulphas tablets being highly poisonous were very harmful for the health of the labourers working in the factory and a large number of cases of suicide by taking Sulphas are frequently published in the newspapers.

600 foreign nationals in Haryana to become Indian citizens under CAA law

SATISH HANDA
Chandigarh

After the approval CAA rule introduced by the government in centre, over 600 foreign nationals belonging to Hindu religion, which include maximum number of 459 persons migrated from Pakistan are presently residing in the state on Visa basis will be provided citizenship in the country as per the new Notification by government in centre. Information reveals that as many as 375 such foreign nationals migrated from other countries ago settled in Haryana state with a ray of hope to



seek permanent citizenship, will now be benefited and the state home department has already started preparing their update report with the help of CID, which revealed that the maximum number of such

Seven hours search operation by 200 policemen at gangster Bhau's native village

PARVESH HANDA
Rohtak

Seven hours door-to-door search operation, which started early morning hours at around 4 AM was conducted by nearly 200 policemen from CIA Staff, AVT and Reserve Forces last Sunday at the native village of gangster Himanshu alias Bhau Ritori and Rasulpur in Rohtak district in Haryana state, in which raids were conducted in the houses of close-associates of the gangster and several youths suspected involved in criminal activities along with Bhau were taken in the custody. The raiding teams also seized a large number of documents related to land and properties illegally encroached by the gangster. Information reveals that police had combed operations twice against gangster Bhau earlier also, against whom as many as 26 FIRs allegedly involving serious criminal offences were registered at several police stations in Rohtak and Jhajjar districts. Police conducted raids at his hideouts in several places in Delhi and Haryana in the months April and June, 2023 and seized several doubtful documents.



According to information, the criminal record of Himanshu alias Bhau started at the younger stage when he was a minor of age below 18, when he shot dead a youth and was arrested by the police. He was sent to a child reforms centre at Hisar when he managed to slip and meanwhile came in contact with Naveen Bali a member of Neeraj Bawana gang and he was involved in large number of criminal cases including murder, kidnappings, attempts to murder, extortion, ransom demand and many other cases of serious nature. In order to avoid arrest by the police, Himanshu alias Bhau managed to flee abroad with the help of a fake passport. Information also reveals that presently Bhau is operating his criminal network in India with the help of his associates from America and sometime ago police increased the reward for his arrest from Rs 25000 to 1.5 lakh.

However, police have not disclosed the outcome of the recent highly confidential search operation conducted last Sunday at his native village Ritoli and Rasulpur. However, according to Logesh Kumar ASP, five police teams of 200 policemen seized more than three dozen mobile phones from suspected persons, besides taking in custody few persons suspected involved in criminal activities, and the service-lance report of these mobile phones is being prepared. He said that the search operation was conducted under most confidential manners in which police teams started operations in the villages in early morning hours when residents were in fast sleep.

Five members of a gang involved in ATM thefts arrested, 2 members yet absconding



PARVESH HANDA
Panipat

CIA staff of police arrested five members of a gang involved in ATM robberies in the state. During preliminary investigation the arrested accused admitted two ATM thefts in Panipat and Karnal, disclosing that on March 8, 2024 night they stolen amount worth Rs 3.69 lakh after cutting the ATM machine at village Nangalkheri in Panipat district as well as also stolen amount worth Rs 6.70 lakh from Axis Bank ATM counter installed at the Mall Road Karnal near the police station about a month ago.

Sandeep Kumar DSP told media persons that police have recovered a Creta car in which thefts were committed by the accused, a gas cutter, a LPG cylinder and a Oxygen gas cylinder. He said that search for another two members of the gang yet absconding arrest is still going on. DSP told media persons that the accused were arrested on a information that five suspicious persons are sitting near the Munak river bridge suspected planning for a theft and after arrest by the police during a raid were identified as Dheeraj and Mohit both residents of Rajiv Colony Karnal, Ravi a resident of Ram Colony Karnal.

Haryana cabinet expansion challenged in the High Court

SATISH HANDA

Saini government in Haryana has appointed eight new ministers in the state, seven of them are newcomers. None of the six independent MLAs who have offered their support to the new government in Haryana have been inducted into the new BJP government so far. Former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya, Ruling Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini along with the newly inducted state ministers had the oath-taking ceremony at the Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh on Tuesday. A week after Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and five Cabinet colleagues took oath following a sudden change in the political leadership in Haryana, the state government expanded its ministry on Tuesday with the induction of eight ministers, seven of them included first-timers



The new ministers included in the Haryana Cabinet are: Badkhal MLA Seema Trikha, Panipat Rural MLA Mahipal Dhandra, Ambala City MLA Aseem Goel, Nangal Chaudhary MLA Abhey Singh Yadav, Thanesar MLA Subhash Sudha, Bawani Khera MLA Bishamber Singh Balmiki and Sohna MLA Sanjay Singh who were sworn in as ministers of state (independent charge). Kamal Gupta, minister in the previous Khattar government cabinet was the first to be administered oath as a cabinet minister.

A writ has been filed in Punjab and Haryana High Court by an advocate Jagmohan Bhatti demanding immediate hearing in the case as regard illegal expansion of ministers in the state assembly having strength of 90 MLAs in the House, stating that there should be only 15% ministers, as such should have 13 ministers in the state as against 14 ministers took oath at present, which is merely violation of 91st Amendment of the Indian constitution Act. The applicant stated that the

If people keep the memory of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh in their mind, they will not dare to do wrong: Anil Vij

PARVESH HANDA
Ambala

Former Home and Health Minister of Haryana, Anil Vij said, "I believe that if people keep the memory of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh in their mind, they will not dare to do wrong". Vij said that Ambala Cantonment pays homage to the martyrs, and our effort is to walk the path shown by the martyrs. Vij was interacting to the media persons on Saturday after unveiling the statue of the immortal martyr Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh in Ambala Cantonment today. On this occasion, the chant of "Inquilab Zindabad, Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh Amar Rahe" filled everyone with

patriotism. Vij also raised slogans of "Inquilab Zindabad". He said that the statue of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh will always remind people that this country was liberated by sacrificing lives. He informed that this statue, costing about 68 lakh rupees, has also been made by the same artists who made the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Vij said that in the same way, we have also installed a statue of Subhash Chandra Bose in the heart of the Ambala Cantonment. This statue also inspires people to fight against the British government. He worked against the British government and raised arms. A memorial of international level is being built at a cost of 500



crores to remember them and to pay tribute, because the first freedom struggle started from Ambala in 1857.

Earlier, former Home Minister Anil Vij, addressing the people present on this occasion, said that a 12-foot-high statue of Shaheed-

Plea challenging Haryana CM's appointment: HC issues notice seeking response of Centre, state government

TARUN BHAIJI
Chandigarh

The Punjab and Haryana High Court is currently hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) challenging the appointment of Nayab Singh Saini as the new Chief Minister of Haryana. The court has issued notices to several parties, including the Centre, Haryana Government, Vidhan Sabha Speaker, and the Election Commission, asking for their responses.

Sandhawalia and Justice Lapita Banerji, has adjourned the matter until April 30. A detailed order regarding the case is yet to be released by the High Court. The PIL, filed by Advocate Jagmohan Singh Bhatti, also questions the appointment of five new Cabinet ministers in Haryana. Bhatti argues that Nayab Singh Saini, the sitting MP of Kurukshetra, was appointed as the Chief Minister without resigning from his parliamentary seat, which he claims is against constitutional laws.

The division bench, consisting of Acting Chief Justice G S

duced his bravery by throwing bombs and distributing leaflets on empty seats of the Parliament in front of the British government. If he had wanted to escape from there at that time, he could have escaped. There was complete security of the British there, but he did not escape, his purpose was to awaken the people of Hindustan for the independence of the country, and he stood there and continued to chant the slogans of revolution. He was later arrested and tried for the murder of British officer John Saunders, on March 23, 1930, Sardar Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were sentenced to death by that terrorist government and they became martyrs for the country.



Export leap helps India deal with global headwinds

In a year fraught with economic challenges and logistical nightmares, India's goods exports have delivered a welcome surprise. With an 11.9% jump in February, reaching a staggering \$41.4 billion, the nation has witnessed its healthiest growth in exports in 20 months. This achievement is not just about numbers; it's a beacon of resilience in uncertain times. February's performance marks only the third time in two years that India's exports have crossed the formidable \$40 billion threshold. This surge is particularly noteworthy, given it outpaced the average \$35.4 billion export tally observed in the first ten months of the fiscal year. The backdrop to this achievement includes daunting challenges such as disruptions in the Red Sea and a drought-stricken Panama Canal, which have constricted key trading routes, elevating both the cost and time of shipment. While recent trade figures might suggest India is navigating these logistical hurdles with ease, the reality could be more complex. Some of February's success could be attributed to earlier dispatches, now reaching their destinations through longer, alternate routes. This scenario suggests a blend of backlogged orders coming to fruition and signs of demand picking up, despite the high interest rates casting a shadow over global market conditions. Despite a challenging narrative for exports in 2023-24, with electronics goods exports barely budging, policymakers remain cautiously optimistic. Yet, the latest readings for electronic components trade and a marginal growth in electronics imports and exports in February underscore the need for vigilance and support for sectors like textiles, and gems and jewellery, which are critical for employment and economic stability. As India celebrates its export milestone, the focus must remain on navigating the lingering challenges in global trade. The trade deficit, though widened by a significant jump in imports, including pricey gold, should not distract from the pressing need to bolster support for exporters.

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MK NARAYANAN FEARS AI'S INFLUENCE ON 2024'S GLOBAL ELECTIONS COULD UNDERMINE DEMOCRACIES.

Generative AI puts democracy to test

The rapid development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) models suggests that we are at an inflection point in the history of human progress. The speed with which the development of newer skills is taking place suggests that the day is not far off when Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) will transform into Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), which can mimic the capabilities of human beings. Such a situation could revolutionise our ideas about what to expect from machines. Breakthroughs in the AI domain will bring about a new chapter in human existence, including the way people react to both facts and falsehoods.



will be able to confuse the electorate to an extent not previously known or even envisaged. The use of AI models to produce reams of wrong information, apart from disinformation, accompanied by the creation of near realistic images of something that does not exist, will be a whole new experience. What can be said with some degree of certainty is that in 2024, the quality and quantity of disinformation is all set to overwhelm the electorate. What is more worrying is that the vast majority of such information would be incorrect. Hyper realistic Deep Fakes employed to sway voters, and micro targeting are set to scale new heights.

The potential of AI is already clear. Many such as Sam Altman of OpenAI in the United States, believe that it is the most important technology in history. AI protagonists further believe that AI is set to turbocharge, and dramatically improve, the standard of living of millions of human beings. It is, however, unclear, as of now, whether, as many Doomsday sayers aver, whether AI would undermine human values and that advanced AI could pose 'existential risks'.

elections of 2024 as a curtain-raiser to whether AI and its offerings (such as Generative AI) would prove to be a game changer. The world is by now aware that AI models such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot are being employed in many fields, but 2024 would be a test case as to whether AI's newer models could alter electoral behaviours and verdicts as well. The good news, perhaps, is that those wishing to employ Generative AI to try and transform the electoral landscape do not have adequate time to fine-tune their AI models. It would, however, still be a mistake to underestimate the extent to which AI could impact the electoral landscape this time as well. What might not happen in 2024, may well happen in the next round of elections, both in India and worldwide.

AI and the electoral landscape

With the seven-phase general election in India having been announced, and to be held from April 19 to June 1, 2024, political parties and the electorate cannot, however, afford to ignore the AI dimension. This year, elections are also scheduled to be held (according to some reports) in as many as 50 other countries across the globe, apart from, and including, India, Mexico, the United Kingdom (by law, the last possible date for a general election is January 28, 2025) and the United States.

A recently published Pew Survey (if it can be treated as reliable) indicates that a majority of Indians support 'authoritarianism'. Those employing AI could well have a field day in such a milieu to further confuse the electorate. As it is, many people are already referring to the elections in 2024 worldwide as the 'Deep Fake Elections', created by AI software. Whether this is wholly true or not, the Deep Fake syndrome appears inevitable, given that each new election lends itself to newer and newer techniques of propaganda, all with the aim of confusing and confounding the electorate. From this, it is but a short step to the inevitability of Deep Fakes.

Tackling AI 'determinism'

AI technology makes it easier to enhance falsehoods and enlarge mistaken beliefs. Disinformation is hardly a new methodology or technology, and has been employed in successive elections previously. What is new is that sophisticated AI tools

of such information would be incorrect. Hyper realistic Deep Fakes employed to sway voters, and micro targeting are set to scale new heights. The potential of AI to disrupt democracies is, thus, very considerable. Simply being aware of the disruptive nature of AI and AI fakes is not enough. It may be necessary, for democracies in particular, to prevent such tactics from distorting the 'thought behaviour' of the electorate. AI deployed tactics will tend to make voters more mistrustful, and it is important to introduce checks and balances that would obviate efforts at AI 'determinism'. Notwithstanding all this, and while being mindful of the potential of AGI, panic is not warranted. There are many checks and balances available that could be employed to negate some of AI's more dangerous attributes.

The wide publicity given to a spate of recent inaccuracies associated with Google is a timely reminder that AI and AGI cannot be trusted in each and every circumstance. There has been public wrath worldwide over Google AI models, including in India, for their portrayal of persons and personalities in a malefic manner, mistaken or otherwise. These reflect well the dangers of 'runaway' AI.

Inconsistencies and undependability still stalk many AI models and pose inherent dangers to society. As its potential and usage increases in geometric proportion, threat levels are bound to go up. As of now, even as the potential of AI remains very considerable, it tends to be undependable. More so, its 'mischief potential' cannot be ignored.

As nations increasingly depend on AI solutions for their problems, it is again important to recognise what many AI experts label as AI's 'hallucinations'. In simple terms, what these experts are implying

is that 'hallucinations' make it hard to accept and endorse AI systems in many instances. What they further imply, specially in the case of AGI, is that it tends at times to make up things in order to solve new problems. These are often probabilistic in character and cannot be accepted ipso facto as accurate. The implication of all of this is that too much reliance on AI systems at this stage of development may be problematic. The stark reality, though, is that there is no backtracking from what AI or AGI promises, even if results are less dependable than one would like.

We cannot also afford to ignore other existential threats associated with AI. The dangers on this account pose an even greater threat than harm arising from bias in design and development. There are real concerns that AI systems, oftentimes, tend to develop certain inherent adversarial capabilities. Suitable concepts and ideas have not yet been developed to mitigate them, as of now. The main types of adversarial capabilities, overshadowing other inbuilt weaknesses are: 'poisoning' that typically degrades an AI model's ability to make relevant predictions; 'back dooring' that causes the model to produce inaccurate or harmful results; and even 'evasion' that entails resulting in a model misclassifying malicious or harmful inputs thus detracting from an AI model's ability to perform its appointed role. There are possibly other problems as well, but it may be too early to enumerate them with any degree of probability.

India's handling of AI

Elections apart, India being one of the most advanced countries in the digital arena, again needs to treat AI as an unproven entity. While AI brings benefits, the nation and its leaders should be fully aware of its disruptive potential. This is specially true of AGI, and they should act with due caution. India's lead in digital public goods could be both a benefit as well as a bane, given that while AGI provides many benefits, it can be malefic as well.

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GAUTAM BAMBAWALE SAYS BHUTAN-INDIA LEADERSHIP TRUST SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENS BILATERAL RELATIONS.

Ties that epitomise India's neighbourhood first policy

People have always marvelled at how little Bhutan with an area of 38,394 square kilometre and a population of 7.7 lakh as compared with its giant neighbour India with an area of 3.28 million sq.km and a population of 140 crores have been the closest of partners and the best of friends over the past 50 years and more.



back-to-back visits of the Prime Ministers of Bhutan and India to each other's nations is a manifestation of this attention placed on the relationship by both governments.

stance partner to Bhutan and contributed Rs 5,000 crore to its 12th Five Year Plan which just concluded. Critical in this process of development assistance is the fact that India does not merely undertake projects which are of benefit to it but pays a lot of attention to the priorities of the Bhutanese people so that projects of direct benefit to them are constructed. Such conflagration and discussion is an integral part of the successful partnership for prosperity between New Delhi and Thimphu. It is critical that this model continues in the future too.

The answer is quite simple. Both nations look to each other as equals, we treat each other with the utmost respect and we have long realised that size does not really make a difference in relations between two sovereign nation states. Thus, India has constantly respected Bhutanese identity, Bhutan's unique religious practices and its desire to be economically prosperous while retaining its own way of life. On its part, Bhutan has long known that there is no real threat to its sovereignty or identity from its southern flank. Hence, it has looked to India to help it grow, develop and prosper. India has lived up to this expectation. Over the decades this has developed into a unique level of trust amongst the leadership of the two countries. It has been in evidence in the recent past.

The anchor of hydropower cooperation

Hydropower cooperation is the bedrock of India's relations with Bhutan. Several cooperative hydroprojects have been completed and commissioned by the two governments which supply clean electricity to India and provide Thimphu with a stream of revenue due to which it has graduated out of the Least Developed Country status. The delayed Punatsangchu-II hydropower project is expected to be completed in 2024 — yet another successful example of the government-to-government model of cooperation in hydropower.

This is a good augury for the continued growth and development of India-Bhutan ties. It epitomises India's Neighbourhood First policy approach.

Measures to consider

In the years ahead, India must contribute to the success of the Gelephu Mindfulness City and can perhaps consider the following measures: commence direct flights between Mumbai/Delhi and Gelephu; provide our technology and knowledge in building hard infrastructure to Bhutan (the private sector will take the lead); encourage high-end Indian tourists and businesspersons to visit Gelephu in controlled numbers; Encourage Indian businesses to set up shop in the city.

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The Gelephu project

The King of Bhutan paid a visit to India in November 2023 during which he hinted at his plans for a Mindfulness City at Gelephu in southern Bhutan. It is to be like a Special Economic Zone to attract foreign investment and advance prosperity for that nation. Naturally, India, including its business

entities, is expected to play a significant role in this effort. Simultaneously, the Gelephu Mindfulness City is to keep sustainability, well-being and environmental concerns at the forefront. Such a project is expected to lead the people of Bhutan to higher income levels while allaying any concerns about its impact on Bhutan as a carbon negative country. Gelephu city is expected to focus on human well-being too with an emphasis on yoga, rest and recreation, spa therapies and mental relaxation channels.

In recent years, a new joint venture model was developed for the construction of hydro-projects between India and Bhutan, but none of the proposed five projects has really taken off. Perhaps, it is time to acknowledge that this new proposed model is flawed and there is a need to go back to the drawing board to work out a more practical and potentially successful new model for hydroprojects.

BOOKS: REVIEW

New book helps navigate the soul's dark chambers



In the realm of contemporary fiction, Aparna Sanyal's Instruments of Torture emerges as a haunting anthology that ventures deep into the psychological labyrinths of the human psyche. Published by HarperCollins, this collection of stories is a bold exploration of the dark corners of the mind, where the lines between reality and nightmare blur. Each narrative, ingeniously named after medieval torture devices, serves as a metaphor for the internal torment and existential dread that define the human condition.

gesting that the greatest tortures are often self-inflicted or society-imposed. Sanyal's prose is described by Namita Gokhale as carrying "tenderness in its brutality," a testament to the author's ability to navigate the complexities of human emotion with a gentle yet unflinching hand. Sonali Bendre praises the collection for taking readers on a "hypnotic journey to hell and back," highlighting Sanyal's mastery over twisted tales that probe the darkest facets of human nature.

Instruments of Torture is not just a collection of stories; it is an introspective journey that challenges readers to confront their deepest fears and darkest desires. The mirror it holds up to the subconscious reveals not just individual vulnerabilities but also societal flaws—our collective obsession with normativity, the cruelty of unattainable standards, and the violence of suppression and repression. The book's inception, as shared by Sanyal, traces back to a physical exhibition of medieval torture devices, a macabre inspiration that beautifully encapsulates the essence of the stories within. This origin story adds a layer of intrigue, hinting at the depth of research and the period of gestation these tales underwent in the author's mind before taking shape on paper.

Instruments of Torture
by Aparna Sanyal
HarperCollins
200 pages,
Rs399

work for her exploration of the fringes of society and the mind, themes that she delves into with greater darkness and depth in Instruments of Torture. The book is a compelling read that does not merely entertain but also provokes thought and introspection. It is a mirror reflecting not just the individual reader's subconscious but the collective psyche of society. With its intricate blend of historical references, psychological insights, and lyrical prose, the book stands out as a significant contribution to contemporary fiction and a must-read for those willing to explore the depths of the human mind and the dark side of human history. As we close the pages of this haunting collection, we are left with a deeper understanding of the complexities of the human soul and the instrumental roles our inner demons play in shaping our realities.



Hindu devotees celebrate Holi, the spring festival of colours, with flower petals during the festival celebrations at a temple in Amritsar on Thursday. Holi is the Hindu religious spring festival celebrated by Hindus as a festival of colours



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Kashmir hosts maiden Formula-4 car racing event along Dal Lake



Srinagar's Dal Lake on Sunday played host to the region's first-ever Formula-4 car racing event. The picturesque Boulevard road witnessed sleek racing cars roaring against the backdrop of the majestic Zabarwan Hills, captivating spectators with a thrilling spectacle.

The racing demonstration along the banks of the Dal Lake was held to promote motorsports in Jammu and Kashmir. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a social media post, appreciated the efforts of the organisers of the racing event. "This is very heartening to see. It will help further showcase the beauty of Jammu and Kashmir. India offers great opportunities for motorsports to thrive and Srinagar is right on top of the places where it can happen!" PM Modi said in a post.

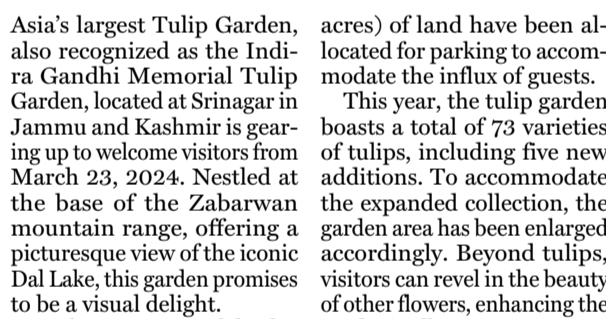
Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, lauded the occasion as a symbol of the Valley's progress, expressing optimism about its potential to elevate Kashmir's profile, attract tourists, and stimulate the local economy.

Director of Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob, echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the region's growing reputation as an adventure tourism destination and its commitment to nurturing local talent.

"With the introduction of high-octane events like this, we are not only entertaining but also investing in the future of Kashmir's youth and tourism industry," Yaqoob said.

He further highlighted that the race would serve as a platform for local talent, nurturing a new generation of sports enthusiasts with aspirations to compete on a global scale.

Srinagar's tulip garden, Asia's largest, set to open on March 23



Asia's largest Tulip Garden, also recognized as the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, located at Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir is gearing up to welcome visitors from March 23, 2024. Nestled at the base of the Zabarwan mountain range, offering a picturesque view of the iconic Dal Lake, this garden promises to be a visual delight.

With an anticipated display of 1.7 million tulips, the upcoming tulip festival 2024 in Srinagar is expected to draw crowds of both local and international tourists. The Department of Floriculture, headed by Commissioner Secretary Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad, has confirmed the completion of groundwork to ensure a seamless experience for visitors. An additional four kanals (0.5

acres) of land have been allocated for parking to accommodate the influx of guests.

This year, the tulip garden boasts a total of 73 varieties of tulips, including five new additions. To accommodate the expanded collection, the garden area has been enlarged accordingly. Beyond tulips, visitors can revel in the beauty of other flowers, enhancing the garden's allure.

Spanning approximately 15 hectares, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden first opened its gates to the public in 2008. Commonly referred to as 'Siraj Bagh', the garden, adorned with various unique tulip varieties, is poised to secure its place as the second-largest tulip garden globally after its inclusion in the World Book of Records (London).

been receiving for generations. Dosa has been a part of MTR's legacy from the very beginning and it continues to be one of the most loved products of MTR even today. From being a humble South Indian dish, it is now recognized and loved worldwide. The longest dosa world record is a celebration of our bond with our consumers and their favourite dish.

Chandra Mouli, MD, Lorman Kitchen Equipment Pvt. Ltd. added, "World's Longest Dosa is being cooked on a specially built induction stove, the biggest ever from Lorman. Induction cooking equipment are highly efficient, sustainable, and eco-friendly, creating a safer ecosystem for chefs, we are proud to be partnering with MTR on this remarkable event."

This creation also serves as a symbol of community spirit, bringing together food enthusiasts. This culinary marvel was shared not only with MTR's 39,393 dedicated employees but also with children from local schools and members of the surrounding communities. With this, MTR broke the previous world record title of longest dosa of 16.68 m (54 ft 8.69 in).

Vidya Balan, Ileana D'Cruz's Do Aur Do Pyaar teaser out now



MUMBAI: Makers of the upcoming film Do Aur Do Pyaar, starring Vidhya Balan and Ileana D'Cruz, unveiled its official trailer on Thursday.

On its official Instagram, Applause Entertainment released a video clip introducing the audience to the world of two couples, Vidya Balan-Sendhil Ramamurthy and Ileana D'Cruz-Pratik Gandhi. The video provides a peek into the dynamics of modern-day relationships with a perfect blend of romance, humour, and relatable storytelling.

Upassna B. Singh's training in the arena for Lifestyle and Business

She has been a catalyst in the life coaching space since her Establishment

Life is full of miracles and tribulation but it needs to be embraced to the fullest to eradicate the fear of striking out which is keeping you far away from the distorted game of time and money. The FOMO (fear of missing out) the idea of perfection is ugly and makes your anxiety go through the roof in this game as it is said that — time is the only penny of life. But Upassna says, we need to strike the right chords because physical and mental health is the only penny if you insert it in the narrow hole of your life bank will bring you peace and prosperity. The value of health plays a major role in determining how much wealth you can store in your kitty. Business and lifestyle coach Upassna can aid professionals in any number of leadership roles — from CEOs to CFOs, to department leaders etc.

Who helps you reach the newly attained upper-tier positions by boosting your self-worth and self-confidence.

So are you ready to get coached by Upassna??? And growing your funds in just a fraction of days??? Upassna is a right business and lifestyle coach with extensive decades of experience, has a power to breathe life into your ideas and has the ability to make all the table turns that drives strategic growth and positive financial outcome. The arena of business is ever-evolving, and achievements often hinge on the guidance one acquires along the way. In a country like India, with a booming spirit of entrepreneurship, the role and involvement of the coach is extremely critical than ever. It is all about conceptualizing the right coach who can make change and difference in the world of business and stereotypes and standstill during the battle you are enduring to come to terms with the arrow of time. Accord-



ing to Upassna - "This shall too pass", should not be the phrase to comfort yourself during difficult times. As a connoisseur, I'll put you through making the go-to choice of "evolve" — to seek to excel and to be the first-rate version of yourself.

If it is taking you quite a long-time to develop your own niche in the industry being a business and a lifestyle coach, Upassna will not only help you stand-out as a prominent figure but will make you achieve your goals and destiny. Here are some of the tips by Upassna how she can help business entrepreneurs going through a rough time in finding the phase in their life and

- business.
1. Sculpting high-end plan of action: A coach can help you improve operations, culture, financial performance and more. A coach can fabricate a plan to achieve your desired income level by initiating proper financial goals and reflecting upon challenges and doing in-depth research to discover vision and mission statement towards business.
 2. Concrete creativity: A coach can help in making you comprehend and understand your own skills, instill a marvel conscience and elevate your creative outlook as a leader.
 3. The art of communication to influence: A coach will help to channelise the art of communication by making a move towards explaining the value to subtle communication with stakeholders or clients without using any jargons and acronyms and speak fluently about the strategy and how they can make the company more powerful, competitive or implement a new business idea.
 4. Relationship management - At its core, a coach enables collaboration through relationship management expertise. And this aspect is at most imperative because the work needs to be done through other people or powerful executives. To sculpt that a coach examines issues through others' prisms, build a holistic environment and trust.
 5. Time Management - Remember one thing, there's always time to do our task even if we are late because the only thing you need is a smart plan and let go of any sort of fears or embarrassments that you are too late to take up a career endeavor. A coach will help you set some realistic goals with a self paced approach and eliminate unnecessary commitments.

Priyanka Chopra, Nick Jonas offer prayers at Ram Mandir with daughter Malti



AYODHYA: Priyanka Chopra, Nick Jonas offer prayers at Ram Mandir with daughter Malti

Priyanka Chopra, who is currently in India, offered prayers at Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya with her husband, singer Nick Jonas and daughter Malti Marie. In the videos captured by the paparazzi, Priyanka was seen inside the temple premises with her family.

The ace actor can be seen wearing a yellow sari. Nick, too, opted for the ethnic outfit.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Priyanka will be seen in Heads of State, alongside John Cena and Idris Elba. She is also set to lend her voice to Disney's upcoming film Tiger. She will also be seen in Farhan Akhtar directorial Jee Le Zaraa.



Kareena Kapoor lauds Kunal Khemu's directional debut film Madgaon Express

MUMBAI: Kareena Kapoor Khan shared her thoughts on brother-in-law Kunal Khemu's directorial debut, Madgaon Express. The Jab We Met actress posted the film's poster on her Instagram story and praised Kunal's directing skills.

"So, so funny and brilliantly directed. So, so proud of you, Kunal Khemu. Outstanding performances. Bravo, guys," she wrote.

The film marks Kunal's directorial debut. It features Divyendu, Pratik Gandhi and Nora Fatehi.

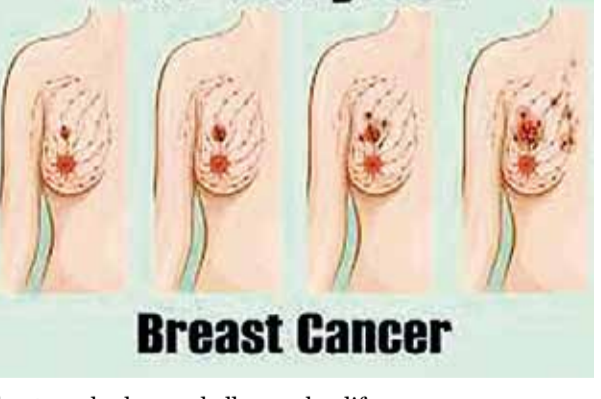
Diljit Dosanjh drops song 'Khutti' with 'ice girl' Saweetie: says she 'just landed in Panjab'



MUMBAI: Punjabi rapper and actor Diljit Dosanjh has joined forces with Saweetie for the song 'Khutti' and he quipped that the American rapper has 'just landed in Panjab'. Taking to Instagram, Diljit shared a glimpse of the music video, where the two are seen twinning in yellow and pink. Saweetie is seen rapping in English, while the 'Lover' hit maker is seen mouthing his lines in Punjabi. For the caption, Diljit wrote, 'Khutti out now with ice girl @saweetie. Just landed in Panjab. #bayaree.' On the work front, Diljit will be seen in 'Crew' alongside Kareena Kapoor Khan, Tabu and Kriti Sanon.

62 Year Old Woman, Given a Year to Live; Beats Stage 4 Cancer 100 Years, 123 Feet Dosa: MTR celebrates 100 years with a Guinness World Records title for the longest Dosa

OUR CORRESPONDENT New Delhi



In a remarkable story of courage and resilience, 62-year-old Sunita Chibber from Delhi has emerged victorious in her battle against cancer. Just one year ago, Sunita received a devastating prognosis from local doctors, who gave her a grim outlook with a life expectancy of not more than a year as her cancer was in stage 4. Despite the discouraging feedback, her determination to live and the intervention of a dedicated medical team led by Dr. Vineet Nakra at Max Hospital Delhi turned the tide in her favor.

Sunita's journey began when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Local doctors in her hometown painted a bleak picture, citing minimal chances of survival even with treatment. The demoralizing news could have crushed anyone's spirit, but Sunita found a glimmer of hope when she encountered Dr. Vineet Nakra and his team.

Dr. Vineet Nakra, Senior Radiation Oncologist at Max Hospital Delhi, became the beacon of hope for Sunita. His expertise and unique approach to patient care instilled confidence in her, motivating

her to embark on a challenging treatment journey. The comprehensive plan included surgery, chemotherapy, and sessions of radiation therapy, offering a holistic approach to combat the aggressive disease.

Sunita, a retired teacher with 35 years of teaching experience, faced the challenge head-on, driven by her self-motivation and the desire to overcome cancer. To maintain her spirits during the treatment, she immersed herself in various hobbies and activities, particularly art and craft. These pursuits not only served as a distraction but also fueled her determination to reclaim

combating cancer, targeting and destroying cancer cells while preserving surrounding healthy tissues. It is a vital component of our comprehensive approach to ensure the best possible outcomes for our patients. This patient was once declared incurable and was suggested for palliative care, but our efforts and use of latest technology in treating her cancer helped her beat cancer and win over it, we are happy that she is now cancer free and leading a normal and diseases free life.

Sunita, now cancer-free, has rediscovered her love for art and craft activities. Her journey serves as an inspiration to others, proving that even at an advanced age, overcoming cancer is possible with the right medical care, personal determination, and a supportive environment.

In conclusion, Sunita Chibber's triumphant story reminds us that hope and resilience can conquer even the most formidable challenges. Dr. Vineet Nakra and his team at Max Hospital Delhi have not only provided medical expertise but have also instilled a renewed sense of life in their patients, exemplified by Sunita's remarkable recovery.



ARUN KUMAR RAO

Celebrating its 100-year journey, MTR Foods announced that they are now the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title holder for the LONGEST Dosa in partnership with Lorman Kitchen Equipment's. MTR's signature Red Rice batter was used to prepare this monumental dosa at its Bommasandra Factory. The record was created by a team of 75 chefs, comprising of both seasoned experts and budding culinary talent, under the guidance of MTR's Cuisine Centre of Excellence. This

record-breaking endeavour epitomizes the brand's mastery of culinary craftsmanship and demonstrates its expertise in South Indian food.

The dosa holds a cherished place in the hearts and palates of people across India, serving as the perfect centerpiece for this historic occasion. As Mr. Sunay Bhasin, CEO of MTR, said, "This is a moment of immense pride for us. We were attempting for a 100 feet dosa, however, we have outdone ourselves and have created a 123 feet dosa. This monumental dosa is a celebration of our heritage and the love we have



been receiving for generations. Dosa has been a part of MTR's legacy from the very beginning and it continues to be one of the most loved products of MTR even today. From being a humble South Indian dish, it is now recognized and loved worldwide. The longest dosa world record is a celebration of our bond with our consumers and their favourite dish.

Chandra Mouli, MD, Lorman Kitchen Equipment Pvt. Ltd. added, "World's Longest Dosa is being cooked on a specially built induction stove, the biggest ever from Lorman. Induction cooking equipment