



ऑफिस
में कई बार हम कुछ ऐसा
पहनकर चले जाते हैं जिससे हम
उपहास या गॉसिपिंग का पात्र बन जाते हैं।
शालीनता के साथ अगर आप ऑफिस में
अपने आपको कैरी करती हैं तो आपको
कपड़ों को लेकर कभी शर्मिंदगी उठानी
पड़ेगी। आपके ड्रेसिंग सेंस की
सब तारीफ करेंगे

ऑफिस में क्या पहनें... जरा ध्यान दें

हर चीज चाहे वो कपड़े ही क्यों न हों, समय और जगह के
माकूल होने चाहिए, नहीं तो वो खुरे लगने लगते हैं। यह
बात यूं तो हर जगह लागू होती है, पर अगर आप वकिंग
वुमन या गर्ल हैं तो फिर इस बात पर ज्यादा ध्यान देने की
जरूरत है। ऑफिस में कई बार हम कुछ ऐसा पहनकर
चले जाते हैं जिससे हम उपहास या गॉसिपिंग का पात्र
बन जाते हैं। शालीनता के साथ अगर आप ऑफिस में
अपने आपको कैरी करती हैं तो आपको कपड़ों को लेकर
कभी शर्मिंदगी उठानी पड़ेगी। आपके ड्रेसिंग सेंस की सब
तारीफ करेंगे, सो अलग।

ट्राउजर, जीन्स में फोन पिन न करें

अगर आप इंजीनियर या आर्किटेक्ट जैसे फील्ड वर्क में हैं तो
ट्राउजर, जीन्स आदि में फोन पिन करना ठीक भी है, लेकिन
ऑफिस में यह स्टाइल सही नहीं है। यह देखने में बिल्कुल
वाइल्डिंग लगता है। मोबाइल फोन को या तो अपने पर्स में या
फिर हाथ में ढंग से कैरी करें।

रिक्न रिवीलिंग ड्रेस को ना

बहुत ज्यादा रिक्न रिवीलिंग ड्रेस पहन कर भी ऑफिस में आना
अच्छी बात नहीं है। ऑफिस में इस तरह की ड्रेस न केवल खराब
लगती है, बल्कि छवि पर भी इसका खास असर पड़ता है।

लिविंग रूम

को बनाएं जानदार

कपड़े प्रेस करने वाले आयरन में
जंग लग जाती है, जिसे आप
नमक के घोल से साफ कर
सकती हैं।

लिविंग रूम में कई तरह के फूलों के गुलदस्ते भी
रखें। गुलदस्ते के लिए आप कृत्रिम के साथ-
साथ प्राकृतिक फूलों का भी इस्तेमाल कर
सकते हैं। लिविंग रूम को सजाने का यह
आसान तरीका है। लिविंग रूम में आप अपनी
दीवार के लिए सफेद और मटैलिक सिल्वर के
कांबीनेशन का इस्तेमाल कर सकती हैं।



बड़े काम का नमक

अगर कांच के गिलास साफ करने हैं तो उन्हें
नमक वाले पानी के घोल में दस मिनट के
लिए भिगो कर रखें और फिर उन्हें नींबू और
साफ पानी से धो लें। कपड़े प्रेस करने वाले
आयरन में जंग लग जाती है, जिसे आप नमक
के घोल से साफ कर सकती हैं। महीने में एक
बार नमक के घोल से चाँदी का सामान साफ
करें। चाँदी के गहनों को नमक वाले घोल में
15 मिनट के लिए भिगो कर बाद में साफ
पानी से धो लें।



ट्रेंडी प्रिंटेड ब्लेजर

मौसम को देखते हुए ब्लेजर और ट्रेंड को देखते हुए प्रिंट। यदि
इन दोनों चीजों को साथ मिलाया जाए, तो जो मसाला तैयार होगा,
वही लेटेस्ट ट्रेंड होगा। डिजाइनर इसी वजह से प्रिंटेड ब्लेजर ला
रहे हैं।

लार्ज प्रिंट

व्हाइट बैकग्राउंड के साथ यदि ब्ल्यू लार्ज प्रिंट आजमाया जाए, तो यह
सभी को पसंद आएगा। बूटेदार प्रिंट इस मामले में सबसे ज्यादा
चलन में है। जारा इंडिया पर इसकी कीमत 4790 रूपए है।

मोनो प्रिंटेड

यदि आपको मल्टीकलर प्रिंट पसंद नहीं, तो वर्कप्लेस पर
इसे आजमाएं। ये कई डिजाइन्स में अवेलेबल हैं। कूज
ऑनलाइन स्टोर पर इसकी प्राइस 945 रूपए है।



माना आजकल बहुत ज्यादा प्रदूषण हो गया है और
चेहरे को हमेशा साफ रखना चाहिए, पर इसका
मतलब यह बिल्कुल भी नहीं है कि आप हर घंटे ही
अपना चेहरा धोते रहें। दिन में चेहरे को दो बार
धोना चेहरे को साफ रखने के लिए पर्याप्त है।

चेहरे की त्वचा पर एक झुर्रि या फाइन लाइन क्या दिखी, महिलाएं परेशान हो जाती हैं,
क्योंकि हर कोई हमेशा जवां बना जो रहना चाहता है। लेकिन क्या आपको पता है कि हम
रोजाना ऐसी बहुत-सी हरकतें या आदतें दोहराते हैं जिस वजह से हम बहुत हद तक
खुद ही बुढ़ापे को न्योता देते हैं। आइए जानते हैं ऐसी ही छोट्टी पर महत्वपूर्ण आदतों के
बारे में, जो आप और हममें होती हैं, जिसका खामियाजा हमारी त्वचा को उठाना पड़ता है।

वजन कम करने की चाहत

आजकल तो वजन कम करने का एक ट्रेंड ही चल पड़ा है। कई बार तो कुछ महिलाएं
अपना वजन इतना ज्यादा कम कर लेती हैं कि बाद में उन्हें शरीर को सही रखने के
लिए वजन बढ़ाना पड़ता है। ऐसा करने से त्वचा अपनी कसावट खो देती है। जिस
वजह से त्वचा लटकती नजर आती है और उसका कसावट कम हो जाता है।

बहुत ज्यादा मुंह धोना

माना आजकल बहुत ज्यादा प्रदूषण हो गया है और चेहरे को हमेशा साफ रखना
चाहिए, पर इसका मतलब यह बिल्कुल भी नहीं है कि आप हर घंटे ही अपना चेहरा
धोते रहें। दिन में चेहरे को दो बार धोना चेहरे को साफ रखने के लिए पर्याप्त है। एक
बात का ध्यान रखें कि बार-बार चेहरे को धोने से चेहरे की त्वचा में मौजूद प्राकृतिक
तेल खत्म हो जाता है और त्वचा अपने आप रूखी हो जाती है। जिससे रिक्लस पड़ने
की आशंका रहती है

स्ट्रॉ से पेय पदार्थ पीना

आप इसे फैशन मानें या फिर कुछ और, पर अधिकतर महिलाएं सॉफ्ट ड्रिंक्स आदि
को पीने के लिए स्ट्रॉ का उपयोग ही करती हैं, पर स्ट्रॉ का उपयोग करते वक्त उन्हें यह
बिल्कुल ख्याल नहीं रहता है कि ऐसा करने से होंठों के चारों ओर की त्वचा सिक्कुड़
जाती है और इससे होंठों के आसपास की त्वचा में झुर्रियों की आशंका होती है।

बढ़ती है आपकी उम्र

कॉन्टेक्ट लेंस पहनना

कॉन्टेक्ट लेंसेस का कॉन्सेप्ट उन लोगों के लिए आया था, जिनकी आंखों में बहुत
ज्यादा पावर वाला चरमा होता था, लेकिन आज मामला थोड़ा उल्टा है। आजकल
बाजार में हर रंग के कॉन्टेक्ट लेंसेस मिलते हैं, जिन्हें अक्सर लड़कियां फैशन
स्टेटमेंट के चलते कैरी करती हैं। हमेशा कॉन्टेक्ट लेंसेस का इस्तेमाल करने से
आंखों को चोट भी पहुंच सकती है और आंखों के आसपास की त्वचा चूँकि
नाजुक होती है तो झुर्रियां पड़ने की आशंका भी होती है।

आंखें चेक कराएं

यूं तो कायदे से साल में एक से दो बार आंखों का चेकअप कराना बहुत ही
जरूरी है, पर अधिकतर महिलाएं ऐसा बिल्कुल नहीं करतीं। ऐसे में आंखों में
भैंगानप की समस्या हो सकती है और इस कारण आपकी खूबसूरती भी
जाती रहेगी और दोनों भौंहों के बीच झुर्रियों की समस्या भी हो सकती है,
इसलिए समय पर नियमित रूप से चेकअप कराना बहुत फायदेमंद रहता है

ज्यादा झाड़विंग से बचें

आपमें से अधिकतर महिलाएं ये
सोचती होंगी कि कार में
झाड़विंग करते वक्त वो
सूरज की अल्ट्रा वायलेट
किरणों से बची रहती है।



शॉर्ट कपड़े न ही पहनें तो अच्छा है

ऑफिस में कोई भी ड्रेस पहनने के लिए कुछ नियम-कायदे होते हैं। ऐसे में आप
उन्हें फॉलो न करके शॉर्ट कपड़े पहन कर अगर ऑफिस आती हैं तो एक तो यह
ऑफिस डेकोरम के खिलाफ बात होगी, दूसरे आप बिना मतलब के लोगों के बीच
चर्चा का विषय बन जाएंगी। इसलिए शॉर्ट ड्रेस से न ही पहनें तो ज्यादा सही रहेगा।

बहुत ज्यादा टाइट और पतला कपड़ा

बहुत-सी महिलाएं यह मानती हैं कि फिटिंग के कपड़े पहनने से एक कॉन्फिडेंस
आता है, यह कुछ हद तक सही है। लेकिन अगर आप ऑफिस में फिटिंग के कपड़े
की जगह बिल्कुल ही टाइट फिटिंग और बेहद पतले स्टाइल के कपड़े पहन कर आती
हैं तो हो सकता है कि आप लोगों के सेंटर ऑफ अट्रैक्शन का पार्ट बन जाएं, जो
पॉजिटिव वे में तो कम पर, निगेटिव वे में ज्यादा होगा।

हाई हिल्स पहन कर आना

माना कि हाई हिल्स पहनना आपको पसंद है, लेकिन ऑफिस में ये परफेक्ट नहीं।
हिल्स आवाज बहुत करती हैं, जो ऑफिस में अन्य लोगों को काम करने में बाधा
पहुंदा सकती हैं। इसलिए अगर आपको हील पहननी भी है तो फ्लैट हील या फिर
कम हील की सैंडल पहनें या फिर फ्लैट स्टाइलिश स्लीपर पहनें, पर जो भी पहनें,
वो आपकी ड्रेस के मुताबिक हो, यह जरूर देख लें।

ज्यादा चटकीले रंग के कपड़े

ऑफिस में सिम्पल और सोबर रंग के कपड़े पहनना ज्यादा सही रहता है। कुछ
महिलाएं होती हैं, जो ऑफिस में बहुत ज्यादा कलरफुल और चटकीले रंग के कपड़े
पहन कर आती हैं। उनका यह ड्रेसिंग सेंस न तो ऑफिस के लिहाज से अच्छा होता
है और न ही लोग उनके ड्रेसिंग सेंस की तारीफ करते हैं। हां उल्टे, वो मजाक का
पात्र जरूर बन जाती हैं।

नहीं दिखे स्पैगिटी की स्ट्रिप

अंडर समीज या स्पैगिटी की स्ट्रिप अगर बार-बार फिसल कर आपके कुर्ते आदि
की बाहों के नीचे आती है तो यह बहुत ही इम्बेरेसिंग मूमेंट हो सकता है आपके
लिए। इसलिए ऐसे कपड़े बिल्कुल भी न पहनें, जिनकी वजह से आपको शर्मिंदा होना
पड़े पूरे ऑफिस में।

वूलन चैवड

इसे किसी भी तरह की रेगुलर ड्रेस के साथ आजमाया जा सकता
है। वीकाइंड ब्रांड के इस ब्लेजर की प्राइस 1799 रूपए से शुरू
है।

लेपर्ड प्रिंटिंग

आप यदि इसे किसी पार्टी में पहन रही हैं, तो लेपर्ड प्रिंटिंग को
आजमा सकती हैं। साड़ी पर भी ये अच्छे लगते हैं। विवेशियस इन
वॉग ब्रांड ब्लेजर की प्राइस 2200 रूपए है।

पिक फ्लॉरल

यदि आप फ्लॉरल प्रिंट ही आजमाना चाहती हैं, तो पिक फ्लॉरल
को आजमाइए। कूज ऑनलाइन स्टोर पर प्राइस 1185 रूपए है।

केजुअल प्रिंटेड

सिम्पल और सांभर ब्लेजर के लिहाज से केजुअल प्रिंटेड ब्लेजर
बेस्ट ऑप्शन है। इन्हें किसी भी मौके पर कैरी किया जा सकता है।
स्टाइलर्टोस पर प्राइस 1399 रूपए से शुरू है

ब्राइट होलोग्राफ

यदि आप कॉलर लैस ब्लेजर पसंद करती हैं, तो यह ब्राइट ब्लेजर
आपको पसंद आएगा। ग्लेम एंड लक्स ब्रांड के ब्लेजर की कीमत
1999 रूपए है।



Dark spots on whites

Manish Mishra, his yellowing cricket whites, grimy gloves, pads and bats lying by, grins at you — but no one grins back at him because he's dead. The photograph suggests that he may have been happy once, but he chose the death considered most disgraceful — death by his own hand. He had found the answer to the eternal question — to be or not to be. He wasn't going to be thwarted, so the night he hanged himself, he dragged the bed across the door in his tiny second-floor room in the small house he shared with over 20 family members in Lucknow. Researching stories of cricketers who'd died by their own hand 15 years ago, Mishra's absolute determination to defy help struck one as particularly sad — he didn't want to be saved. Mishra, you'd never know, was a cricketer who played for Uttar Pradesh. Cricket didn't kill him — he killed himself because of marital discord and poverty and difficulties at work. But cricket defined his life, and he was scarred as a failure, for his talent was good enough for only a fourth-class job in the Railways.

Did David Johnson, who played two Test matches for India, think that he'd failed in cricket? Did he reach the conclusion that Mishra did in Lucknow? Johnson died after falling from the balcony of his fourth-floor apartment in Bengaluru. Police suspect it was suicide; the trigger seems to have been depression, debt, hallucinations, loss of income — but underlying it all seems to be frustration at being a failed cricketer. "Sometimes, he wished he could have played, you know... more... so that we could have had a better life," his wife said. When he 'fell' to his death, Johnson's wife had to borrow money for the ambulance; he had dreamt of a life of a star cricketer and saw genteel penury at the end — own apartment, a pension from BCCI, but with no money at all.

Uttar Pradesh's Obaid Kamal, who came close to playing for India, swears he was haunted by a 'chudail' when he had fallen into particularly hard times — one night in Chandigarh, outside his window was an old woman: "She was glancing at me, like a mother busy with chores glances at her sleeping child."

In his worst days, Kamal contemplated suicide; he was saved by the words his mother had uttered when he was a child — "suicide is 'haram', a sin that won't be forgiven".

The underbelly of cricket is dirty. Corruption and favouritism mar selection, and players can be destroyed by an antagonistic coach or captain — a batsman can be ordered to play slowly or to attack wildly, and this could later be held against him; a bowler might not be given the ball when the conditions are helpful, and asked to bowl when the batsmen are set — and failure would be held against him. Kamal, for instance, said that when he played for Punjab and lost the confidence of his coach/captain, he was asked to bowl only from the end which didn't offer pacers such as him assistance. Every cricketer knows there's grave injustice in cricket, every failed cricketer carries a heavy burden of injustice on his soul. Kamal or Mishra would have given their left hands to play just one Test — but one always wants more, doesn't one? Johnson played two Tests and that's far too few; it's unjust that a player who's deemed good enough to play for the country is dropped after just one match, as Johnson was, and that was an abiding complaint. British writer David Frith, whose seminal book 'The Silence of the Heart' details death by suicide of over 150 cricketers, says that cricket "is unique in its propensity to take over a man's psyche" and, thus, cricketers are more vulnerable to depression than other sportspersons. He writes that the suicide rate among British cricketers is nearly double the national average. Winter gloom could be a factor in Britain; the massive gulf between the superstars and those who've failed is an Indian trait.

The Siblings, and their many adventures

Two snow leopards, Chunnu and Munnu, and their mother are the stars of Kibber village in Spiti valley

Solitary, ghostly, shy, alone, hard-to-see, and even lonely, are some of the words that are often used to describe the snow leopard. But, the Siblings, as the two snow leopards of Kibber came to be known, were none of that.

Kibber is an idyllic village tucked on a rocky knoll at an elevation of 4,200m in the Spiti valley. To the north of it is the summit of Mt Kanamo, standing just 5m short of 6,000. To the south of it is the wide 'U-shaped' valley formed by the Spiti river. For the past 25 years, this village has been the epicentre of research on snow leopards and community-led efforts to conserve this species. Thanks to these efforts, Kibber is today one of the best places in the world to see snow leopards. This year, the stars of the show were the Siblings, or Chunnu and Munnu, as some of the local people and tourists had started calling them.

The first time I saw the siblings was in February last year. That winter was mild, and temperatures barely dipped below -15°C. There was little snow on the ground. My good friend, Prasenjeet Yadav, was filming for the BBC and I was playing an advisory role, given my 15 years of experience working in the region. The Siblings were then only a year old. We would see them almost every day. They spent most of their days sleeping under an overhanging rock or on a ledge high above a cliff. Their mother, also sleeping nearby, was always vigilant.

One evening, at around 4 pm, the mother and the Siblings twitched their ears, and all the tourists and filmmakers clicked away, which was the most exciting thing that had happened all day. Then, they woke up and stretched like house cats, and excitement built up in their audience. A cub walked a few steps and hunched down to poop, and only cats can look cute while pooping. I made a mental note to go down to that spot later and get a sample for genetic analysis. A half-frozen stream flowed past the three snow leopards. We watched them from a cliff high above. Across a bed in the river, on a small grassy meadow, a herd of ibex were grazing in the golden light of the evening sun. We could see the ibex and the snow leopards, but the ibex could not see the snow leopards.

The mother, however, seemed to know about the ibex, and she started walking deliberately and carefully towards them. She could not have seen them because of the bend in the cliff along the river. She either heard them or knew that they grazed there at that time. The Siblings followed her with equal care and attention. I was impressed with



the discipline the cubs were exhibiting. As they got closer, the mother got into stalking mode, and the cubs followed. This was the most important thing they would have to learn if they had to survive in the wild.

Tension built up, and we all watched it from across the bank from an overlooking cliff, as if watching a nail-biting cricket match from the high stands.

Now, the mother was within 30m of three big male ibex. With their scimitar-shaped horns, these goats are formidable prey even for a veteran snow leopard mother. The Siblings stayed back and watched their mother. I wondered how she communicated to them that they need to stay back now. She got closer, 20m; the cubs were watching, and all of us were holding our breath. The attack could come any moment now. This was going to be more spectacular than the cheetah coursing down

an impala in the Serengeti. Now, 5m, and the ibex have still not seen her, she is only one leap away from making a kill. She is being careful to avoid those big horns of the ibex which can cause a serious injury.

And just the moment when we expected her to commit to the leap, the Siblings got impatient and started chasing the rest of the ibex herd in the open meadow which was still 40m away from them. The element of surprise was lost. There was chaos, 25 ibex running around and two year-old snow leopards bounding ungainly after them. The mother sat glum. It was outrageous that the cubs had spoiled her hard work because of their impatience. After the dust had settled, the Siblings approached their mother with tentative steps. I was expecting her to reprimand them, but she was their mother after all. She licked them clean and the three walked away into the dusk that was spreading over the mountains.

Biden stumbles

Debate performance amplifies age concerns

JOE Biden is 81, his challenger Donald Trump 78. In the first debate between the US presidential candidates, the age gap seemed much larger. The most important job for President Biden was to put to rest concerns about his biggest vulnerability — his fitness for office, given his age. He failed, and badly at that. Trump pressed his case for a second term with limited resistance as Biden meandered and mumbled through answers. For someone who regularly attacks Biden on his age, Trump was restrained, as if allowing own goals. At one point, after Biden trailed off while defending his record on border security, Trump said, 'I really don't know what he said at the end of that sentence. I don't think he knows what he said, either.' The debate was a setback for the Democrats, who expected Biden to turn the election into a referendum on Trump, reminding voters of the chaotic nature of the latter's presidency.



It was the first time a sitting US President and his predecessor had debated. Analysts were quick to point

out the contrast from their meeting four years ago. At that time, Biden had put Trump's record under the microscope and offered a hopeful vision for the country. This time round, he was largely unable to corner the Republican challenger on his repeated assertions that weren't supported by facts. The President's dismal show is sure to lead to a blame game within the party over whether handing him a second nomination with only nominal opposition was the right move. Some may be thinking about how they still could put up a different nominee. The Biden campaign has two months to calm the waters before the second debate in September. For now, more people will be talking about Biden's performance in the debate than Trump's as President.

The two pillars of McLeodganj

When the Dalai Lama came to India, NN Nowrojee supposedly wrote to PM Nehru and offered the vast estates he was looking after

There have been repeated moments across history when people have had to leave their homes as a result of manmade scourge. Here is the result of one such. This, by fate, circumstance and event, has also bestowed an aura of sanctity upon a crowded hill.

Long before McLeodganj (Upper Dharamsala) became a smart city and a trash-maker's paradise, NN Nowrojee had a shop at the entrance to the bazaar. Even in the late 1990s, the shop lived in a world of its own and its owner, the affable Nauzer Nowrojee, carefully preserved a legacy that went back to the mid-19th century.

Placards of JB Mangaram's biscuits, cutouts endorsing Vimto, tins of Craven A cigarettes, all belonged to a time long gone. It was at the end of the Anglo-Sikh wars in 1849 that the lands that were to become the twin towns of Dharamsala and McLeodganj were absorbed into British India. When the Great Uprising of 1857 had come to an end, Nowrojee's ancestors moved up from Punjab to McLeodganj in 1860, with the British army. As the place steadily grew, for close to a century, the establishment of Nowrojee and Son were the primary purveyors of a variety of goods to the residents of the area. Nowrojee belonged to the fifth generation. With the end of the colonial rule in 1947, many of the area's European residents emigrated and most left the keys of their properties with the man they had grown to trust and like. For a couple of decades, Nowrojee kept watch over the bungalows in his charge and was often called the 'unofficial custodian of McLeodganj'.

When His Holiness the Dalai Lama was compelled to leave Tibet and came to India, he began searching for a place for himself and his people. Seeing something fall into place, Nowrojee supposedly wrote to the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, and suggested that the Dalai Lama take a look at McLeodganj. Soon after he had sent off that fateful missive, three large Landmaster cars drove up to his shop — and this was a time when a solitary vehicle in McLeodganj would have attracted



attention. The men in the cars are believed to have gone up to the now rather nervous Nowrojee.

"Did you write a letter to the Prime Minister?" asked one.

"Yes," replied Nowrojee, as he recounted to me in 1996.

"We are from the government," said one of the now very-obvious sleuths. They took a look at McLeodganj and returned to wherever they had come from. Then, the Dalai Lama himself came to inspect the place in 1960 and approved it. His Holiness, thus, became perhaps the most prominent of dignitaries that have made Himachal

Pradesh their home. Next came the issue of security. On July 11, 1963, a comprehensive set of standing orders was prepared by the SP of Kangra. In the normal course of things, a set of these orders was sent to the DIG, CID, of Punjab, as Kangra was still a part of that state.

These standing orders noted that His Holiness had taken up residence at a house known as 'Swarg Ashram' and noted: "In view of the widespread sympathy for the Dalai Lama and the present strained Sino-Indian relations, it is necessary that proper security

arrangements for the person of the Dalai Lama should be made." The basis for these standing orders were the 'Rules and Instructions for the Protection of the Dalai Lama when in Residence and on Tour' that had been formulated by the Intelligence Bureau and had been received by the SP, Kangra, in 1960. A noting by hand on the file observed that rooms to be occupied by His Holiness were to be searched by the Private Secretary or by the Confidential Secretary. All mail and parcels were to pass through the hands of the Security Officer before being handed over to the Private Secretary — who, in turn, was expected to open these before handing them over to His Holiness. A special note was to be made of persons who were granted interviews with His Holiness. Not unexpectedly, the officer was told to be extremely vigilant as once a visitor passed the Enquiry Office, he could move unchallenged right up to the security cordon. An unarmed constable was detailed on duty both day and night by this point.

This section of the file ended with the observation that "it is particularly necessary for the Enquiry Office staff to be polite, courteous and tactful in their dealings with visitors". It added that they should abstain from entering into an argument that could lead to an embarrassing situation. As 'Swarg Ashram' was surrounded on all sides by woods, for safety, an outer cordon was marked on the ground and was divided into four patrolling beats, each with an armed constable.

Today, the issues of security and the world's political contours are somewhat different. Yet, as the years have gone by, in more ways than one, Himachal and McLeodganj have come to be closely associated with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The man who was supposedly responsible for bringing him there, Nauzer Nowrojee, passed away on October 24, 2000. The shop has also gone. His Holiness, the second pillar, constantly challenged yet gently firm, unwaveringly wise and compassionate, still stands tall.

Commercial LPG cylinder price slashed by Rs 30 with immediate effect

NEW DELHI. The Oil Marketing Companies on Monday announced a reduction of Rs 30 in the prices of 19-kilogram commercial LPG cylinders across the country, including metro cities such as New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai. The revised rates have come into effect immediately. The revised price of a commercial cylinder in New Delhi is Rs 1,646, down from Rs 1,676 in the national capital. In Mumbai, the price has been reduced to Rs 1,598 from Rs 1,629. A commercial LPG cylinder will cost Rs 1,809 in Chennai and Rs 1,756 in Kolkata, down from Rs 1,840 and Rs 1,787, respectively.

On June 1, the commercial LPG rate was reduced by around Rs 69 and there was a reduction of Rs 19 per cylinder on May 1.

Do you want to really lock in your money

NEW DELHI. There is a big lure of investing in asset classes which have a degree of being difficult to access, and exclusive club privileges. Whenever a person is approached by a good marketing team selling things like private equity, high end unit linked plans, PMS, AIF, they have adequate budgets to guile you into signing the cheque.

I met a man who wanted to invest R1 crore in a private equity fund raising. This fund was being run by a person with a lot of qualification and was raising money for 7 years—with a clause saying it could be delayed by say 3 years. So this money was going to be locked in for 7 to 10 years. His net-worth was R4 crore and he already had R50 lakh in a PMS (Portfolio Management Service). I asked him to find out the status of that investment. He was gung ho about it. However, what he heard was bad news. The fund was stuck and he would be lucky to get 70% of the money over the next 3 years. So it was a case of 7 years—with negative returns. When your NW is R4 crore—and you are still building a nest egg does it make sense to lock up (and eventually lose) 15% of your portfolio?

NO. It makes no sense at all. Who are the people who should invest in schemes where money can be locked in for a decade... High net worth individuals—those who have at least R10 crore, have met all their goals have enough money for retirement.

Invest not more than 10% of your net-worth IN ALL SUCH ILLIQUID SCHEMES like unit-linked plans, PMS, AIF, Private equity, small cap funds, credit risk funds... all put together. The money you put in has to be money that you can afford to lose. You should know the fund manager either directly or through your friends

India's Manufacturing Sector Growth Ticks Higher In June; Record Upturn In Employment

New Delhi. India's manufacturing sector output increased at a sharp pace in June as new business continued to flow in amid favourable demand conditions and resulted in record upturn in employment, a monthly survey said on Monday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) increased from 57.5 in May to 58.3 in June, indicating a sharper improvement in business conditions. June data showed that the stronger expansion in sales at manufacturers in India was largely due to buoyant underlying demand, higher export volumes and successful advertising.

As a consequence of ongoing increases in new order



intakes, firms stepped up recruitment. The rate of job creation was sharp and the strongest seen since data collection started in March 2005. "... Firms increased their hiring at the fastest pace in over 19 years. Input buying activity also rose during the month," said Maiteyri Das, Global Economist at HSBC.

Staff expenses reportedly intensified in June, which coupled with rising material and transportation costs caused another overall increase in operating expenses, the survey said. Manufacturers in India were able to share additional cost burdens with their clients amid conducive demand conditions. Selling charges were raised to the greatest extent in over two years.

"On the price front, input costs moderated slightly in June, but remained at elevated levels. Manufacturers were able to pass on higher costs to customers, as demand remained robust, resulting in improved margin," Das said. Meanwhile, new export orders increased substantially in June. Companies attributed higher inflows of new work from overseas to better demand from Asia, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Europe and the US. The survey noted that the outlook for the manufacturing sector remained positive, with nearly 29 per cent of panellists expecting output growth over the coming year. Firms forecast further improvements in demand and order book volumes in the year ahead, with advertising and greater client enquiries also underpinning optimism, the survey said.

The HSBC India Manufacturing PMI® is compiled by S&P Global from responses to questionnaires sent to purchasing managers in a panel of around 400 manufacturers.

Essential tips and guidelines for Income Tax Return filing

For Financial Year 2023-24 and Assessment Year 2024-25, the deadline to file ITR is July 31, 2024, and taxpayers can choose either the old or new tax regime.

NEW DELHI. As the deadline for filing income tax returns on July 31 is approaching, it's essential for individual taxpayers to submit their ITR in advance to avoid last-minute rush. Filing your Income Tax Return (ITR) is essential for several reasons. It ensures compliance with the law, helping you avoid penalties for late submission. By filing on time, you can claim any eligible tax refunds while also providing important financial documentation for loans or other transactions. Additionally, regular filing builds a strong financial history, which can be beneficial in the long term. It is to be noted that under the new tax regime, individuals with a net taxable income of

up to R7 lakh are eligible for a tax rebate under section 87A. For those opting to pay taxes under the old regime, the rebate limit remains at R5 lakh.

Importance of filing ITR

In case an individual has no taxable income or when her total income is below the taxable threshold set by the government, even then she should file a Nil Return. It is important to file such a return to fulfil the legal requirement of submitting an ITR and to maintain a record with the tax authorities, even if no tax is payable. Filing a Nil Return ensures compliance with tax regulations and helps in documenting your financial status for that particular financial year. "It's preferable to file as IT returns also work as a document of history of a person's income and it can help in obtaining a loan," said Pritam Mahure, Partner with CA Pritam Mahure and Associates. The new tax regime has been made applicable as a default regime from the Financial Year 2023-24 and the Assessment Year 2024-25. However, taxpayers can choose the tax regime (old or new) that they think is beneficial to them. The Finance Ministry had clarified that the option for opting out from the new tax regime is available till



filing of return for the AY 2024-25. Eligible persons without any business income will have the option to choose the regime for each financial year. So, they can choose the new tax regime in one financial year and the old tax regime in another. To file your ITR, you typically need Form 16 (TDS certificate issued by your employer), details of other income sources (such as interest on FDs, rental income), and your PAN card. If your income is substantial, seeking the assistance of a tax professional can be beneficial to minimise errors and optimise tax planning. However, if you choose to file your own return, it's

important to reconcile your income details from TDS forms (such as Form 26AS) and your bank statements to ensure accuracy. "If your salary is running in millions then it is preferable that support of a tax professional is taken, as it could help in mitigating basic errors and optimising tax," said Mahure.

According to Manmeet Kaur, Partner at Karanjawala & Co, it is important to do the tax filing within deadlines given by authorities for individuals and register on the Income Tax e-filing portal, if not already done. "Calculate your total income from all sources such as rental income, capital returns etc. Also, gather all necessary documents such as bank and credit card statements including investments and deductions under sections 80C, 80D, 80E, 80TTA, etc. Further, collect relevant TDS certificates (Form 16, Form 16A, and Form 26AS). You should have bank account details for refund processing, if any." After taking into consideration all aspects, determine your tax liability and choose the appropriate ITR form and fill out the ITR form online or use tax filing software. One should double check the pre-filled details in the ITR form.

Reliance Industries market cap could soar by \$100 billion: Morgan Stanley

NEW DELHI. Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) is expected to see its market capitalisation (m-cap) rise by up to \$100 billion, according to Morgan Stanley. The expected boost is seen as part of what the brokerage calls RIL's fourth monetisation cycle of this century. Morgan Stanley believes that this growth will be driven by new business cycles, new cash flow streams, and increased valuation multiples. The cash flows from this latest monetisation are being invested in new energy and new chemicals. Morgan Stanley said that this monetisation cycle is different from previous ones because it is supported by a business upcycle, strong domestic demand, and lower competition.

Morgan Stanley highlighted that RIL's past monetisation cycles have created 2-3 times value for shareholders over the last three decades. Each decade has seen over \$60 billion added to RIL's m-cap. Key factors include RIL's market share gains, complete integration, and its ability to exceed investor expectations each time. "This monetisation follows the \$60 billion in

investments made between 2021 and 2023, which was the shortest investment cycle for RIL since the 1990s," said Morgan Stanley. "Investments in new energy, retail expansion, and repurposing of existing



energy businesses are expected to drive consistent earnings growth beyond the next three years if the return on capital employed (ROCE) remains above 10%. "The brokerage forecasts a 12% annual growth in earnings per share (EPS) from FY24 to FY27, with multiple growth triggers across various sectors." We have factored in recent telecom tariff hikes, oil prices, and refining margins, and have slightly

raised our EPS estimates for 2025 by 7%, and for 2026 and 2027 by 8%. Our price target for RIL has increased to Rs 3,540 from Rs 3,046. RIL has been a 'show me' story for the past decade and has seen significant m-cap growth with the introduction of new revenue streams like new energy and higher telecom tariffs," Morgan Stanley added. The valuation multiples for RIL have varied across the past three investment cycles. Morgan Stanley believes that RIL's return on equity (ROE) is likely to be higher than its cost of capital in the future.

This is because RIL is moving towards a more profitable, sustainable, and less cyclical growth model due to changes in its business and capital structure. "We have increased our valuation multiples by 0.5-1 times to reflect this monetisation cycle. RIL is catching up with domestic and global peers that have seen a 30% re-rating in their business upcycle and monetisation multiples over the past year," said Morgan Stanley.

Sensex, Nifty open flat amid rise in volatility; auto stocks in focus

NEW DELHI. Benchmark stock market indices opened Monday's trading session on a flat note despite gains in auto stocks. The S&P BSE Sensex was up 31.28 points at 79,064.01 at 9:24 am, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 25.55 points to trade at 24,036.15. All the other broader market indices, including Nifty small and midcaps, were trading in positive territory, even as volatility climbed. Nifty Auto was one of the top sectoral index gainers, rising 0.7%. Shares of auto companies are likely to remain in focus today, with June sales numbers to be released later in the day. The top five gainers on the Nifty50 were Hero MotoCorp, Bharti Airtel, Maruti, JSW Steel and Bajaj Auto. On the other hand, the top losers were NTPC, Power Grid, Apollo Hospitals, HDFC Life and Britannia. Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said, "Despite high valuations the market is likely to remain resilient. The healthy trend in the recent rally, which has pushed Nifty by 6.5% in June, is that it is being led by fundamentally strong largecaps like RIL, leading private sector banks and Bharti Airtel."

"The high delivery based buying in largecaps is a strong trend that will impart resilience to the market," he added. Vijayakumar went on to highlight that the June auto numbers are likely to be tepid and the "segment will not witness much market action in the coming days". "The Q1

Card dues & gold loans beat bank credit growth of 20%

MUMBAI. For banks, credit card outstanding and gold loans remain outliers in growth. The segments recorded a year-on-year increase of 26.2% and 29.7% respectively as of May 2024. This is much higher than the 19.8% growth in overall bank credit which - adjusting bank's books for the addition of loans due to HDFC's merger with HDFC Bank - shrinks down to 16.1%. The increase in credit card and gold loans comes at a time when RBI has expressed concerns over unsecured credit and is taking a hard look at the gold loan books of some lenders, given the surge in prices of the yellow metal.

Another segment that has been of concern to RBI - bank credit to non-banking financial companies - has moderated. But this segment's growth is still faster than overall bank credit growth at 16%. Monthly sectoral data

on bank credit released by RBI shows that credit card outstanding stood at Rs 2.7 lakh crore as of May, up from Rs 2.6 lakh crore at the end of March 2024 and



Rs 2.1 lakh crore a year ago.

Banks' gold loan books stood at Rs 1.2 lakh crore at the end of May, compared to Rs 1 lakh crore at the end of March and Rs 90,036 crore in the year-ago period. Bankers said that the increase could also have been due to an increase in market share from NBFCs. Credit

cards and gold loans are watched carefully because they reflect household indebtedness and at times financial distress. The personal segment, with a year-on-year growth rate of 28.7%, continues to be the fastest-growing among industry, agriculture, services and personal loans. However, this is due to the HDFC-HDFC Bank merger, which has resulted in home loans growing nearly 39% yearly (16.9% excluding the merger). Excluding the merger impact, services are the fastest-growing segment at 23.2% versus 17.8% in the personal segment. A large component of service industry loans comprises of providing loans to lenders. While the growth rate in credit to NBFCs has moderated from a high of 27% a year ago, the book size continues to remain large at nearly Rs 15.7 lakh crore - up 1.3% from Rs 15.5 lakh crore in March.



results of financials can turn out to be better than expected and this can sustain the rally in this segment. IT numbers will be tepid but the market response will depend on the management commentary. It is important to appreciate that the global support for the rally continues with the outperformance of the US market where the S&P 500 is up 14.4% YTD compared to 10.4% for the Nifty," he explained.

Delhi airport T1 incident: IIT Delhi's structural engineers likely to complete assessment in one month

NEW DELHI. Structural engineers from IIT Delhi, engaged by the civil aviation ministry, are expected to complete an independent assessment of the roof collapse incident at Delhi airport's T1 in a month's time, according to a senior official. After a thorough assessment of the findings and taking into consideration other aspects, the decision will be taken on restarting operations at the terminal.

All flights from T1 have been shifted to Terminal 2 (T2) and Terminal 3 (T3), and all of them were being operated, the senior government official said. On June 28, a canopy at the old departure forecourt of T1 partially collapsed amid heavy rains resulting in the death of a person and causing injuries to at least six people.

Following the incident, the civil aviation ministry said structural engineers from IIT Delhi have been asked to immediately assess the partial collapse of the canopy. The official said the ministry is engaging structural engineers from IIT Delhi to do an independent assessment of roof collapse incident at T1 and they are expected to complete the assessment in one month. After the findings come in, a decision will be taken about recommencing operations at T1, the official added. The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), operated by

a GMR Group-led consortium DIAL, has three terminals -- T1, T2 and T3 -- and handles around 1,400 flight movements daily. T1 was used for domestic flight operations by IndiGo and SpiceJet. From T1, the official said 72 flights of IndiGo have been shifted to T2 and T3, and 17 flights to T3, adding that all the flights are operational. Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu held a meeting with senior officials from regulators, airport operator DIAL and airlines to review the measures in place to ensure smooth functioning and deployment of additional manpower to manage the increased passenger movements at T2 and T3. Naidu visited the Airport Operations Control Centre (AOCC) on Sunday to review the operations at T2 and T3 are now handling the traffic of T1. As per an update provided by the ministry on Monday, the war rooms to help passengers have been activated and close coordination between DIAL and airlines is being facilitated.

"All SpiceJet flights to/from Delhi from 1st till 7th July 2024 will operate from Terminal 3, Delhi Airport. Necessary information has been communicated to all the passengers on their registered contact details (SMS/Email)," the airline said in a post on X on Sunday.



Two sources in the know said it might take a few months before operations can resume at T1. In response to a set of detailed queries related to T1, DIAL on Sunday said its cross-functional teams are actively evaluating the situation and engaging with various stakeholders to ensure passenger safety and convenience. "We remain committed to maintaining flight operations at T3 and T2, while operations at T1 are temporarily suspended. We appreciate the understanding and support of all stakeholders," a DIAL spokesperson said in a statement on Sunday.

To queries about business loss of concessionaries operating shops and services at T1, the spokesperson had said as the evaluation process is still ongoing, it is too early to provide specific inputs.

As a precautionary measure, all flight operations from T1 have been suspended till further notice. The expanded T1, the capacity of which has increased to handle 40 million passengers from 17 million, is yet to be fully operational.

While the cause for the collapse of the canopy is being assessed, the primary cause seems to be the heavy rainfall.

As per the Indian Meteorological Department on Friday, Delhi Safdarjung had recorded a massive 228.1mm of rain in 24 hours (mainly in the early morning hours of Friday). "This is the highest 24 hours of rain in Delhi in June in 85 years. The average rainfall in the area in the last 30 years is 75.2 mm," the spokesperson said in the statement on Sunday. The roof collapse incident will be probed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) as well as by a technical committee set up by DIAL. In June 28, the ministry announced that 24x7 war rooms will be set up under its close monitoring.

"The war room will ensure the full refund of cancelled flights or provide alternative travel route tickets as per availability. All refunds will be processed within a stipulated time of 7 days," the ministry had said in a statement.

2 women killed as overhead water tank collapses in UP's Mathura

At least two women were killed after being buried under the debris of an overhead water tank that collapsed in Mathura. The tank was constructed for Rs 6 crore in 2021 and it collapsed in just three years.

New Delhi: At least two people died and 11 others were injured after being buried under the debris of an overhead water tank that collapsed in a densely populated area of Uttar Pradesh's Mathura district on Sunday, police said. The incident, which occurred in Mathura's Krishna Vihar Colony, resulted in the deaths of two women identified as Sundari (65) and Sarita (27). The collapse of the overhead water tank also damaged nearby structures, and water entered houses. Several teams of Mathura Police reached the scene and conducted a rescue operation. At least 13 people, including five women, were rescued by the police and rushed to the District Hospital for treatment. The injured include Saraswati (45), Baby (52), Kamlesh (65), Nikunja (22), Mili (18), Prince (6), Gaurishankar (84), Mahavir (50), Vipindra (34), and Ramesh Chand (66). Later, one of the injured, identified as Nawab (35), was referred to Agra's SN Medical College as his condition



deteriorated. Teams of the Indian Army and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) were also called in by the district administration to expedite the rescue operation. Mathura's District Magistrate Shailendra Kumar Singh

said, "A 2,500-kilo litre overhead water tank collapsed in the Krishna Nagar colony of Mathura at around 5 pm amid rain. Two women died in the incident while 11 others were injured. One of them was referred to Agra in a serious condition. An Army team

has been called in. The local fire brigade team is already there for the rescue operations." He added that the work of removing the debris is still going on and several people are still likely to be trapped under it. The DM said the construction of the water tank was completed in 2021 and its collapse in just three years will be investigated.

He also said the tank was built by the Jal Nigam at a cost of Rs 6 crore under the Gangajal Drinking Water Project.

After the incident, BJP MLA from Mathura-Vrindavan, Shrikant Sharma, visited the hospital and spoke to the injured. On being asked about any action against the contractor who constructed the overhead tank, he said, "It is a very unfortunate incident. The District Magistrate (DM) has been directed to lodge an FIR in the matter and launch a probe. I want to assure people that strict action will be taken against the accused after the probe."

8-foot-long crocodile appears on Maharashtra street amid heavy rain



New Delhi: Locals in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri on Sunday spotted an unusual visitor after a crocodile came out of a river and was seen strolling on a rain-swept road. A video of the incident showed the 8-foot-long reptile roaming around on the road in Ratnagiri's Chiplun area. According to the news agency PTI, the video was shot by an autorickshaw driver in Chinchnaka area of Chiplun town in Ratnagiri district amid a steady downpour, an official said. A few other vehicles are also seen in the video, which shows an autorickshaw trying tail the crocodile with its headlight on. As per the locals, the Shiva River which flows through the city is the home of several crocodiles, and it is suspected that one of them had come out of the river amidst the heavy rainfall.

Earlier last year, in a similar incident, people in Vadodara spotted a crocodile on the road near the Vishwamitri river as the monsoon arrived in the state. The 12-foot crocodile had come out of Vadodara's Vishwamitri river, a usual occurrence in the area during the monsoon season. Later, the forest officials captured the reptile and released it back into the river.

Bengal assault case: Woman's commission asks accused to appear in court

New Delhi: The National Commission for Women has taken cognizance of the West Bengal incident, wherein a man and a woman were thrashed publicly over allegations of being in an illicit relationship. The incident happened last week in North Dinajpur. In an X post, the NCW said, "Disturbing report from Laxmikantapur, North Dinajpur, WB: A woman was brutally beaten by Tajemul, aka JCB, known for quick 'insaf' sabhas and ties with MLA Hamidur Rahaman. NCW is deeply concerned about rising violence against women in WB."

The commission also said a hearing on the matter would take place on July 4, at 2.30 pm. "Hearing scheduled on 4th July 2024 at 2:30PM. Tajemul has been sent a letter to appear in person or face action. The rising cases in West Bengal for crime against women remain a concern for the commission," (sic), it said.

In an X post, BJP chief JP Nadda also condemned the incident and slammed Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee-led government in the state. "A horrific video has come to light from West Bengal, reminding of the brutalities that exist only in theocracies. To make matters worse, the TMC cadre and MLAs are justifying the act," Nadda said. "Be it Sandeshkhali, Uttar Dinajpur or many other places, Didi's West Bengal is UNSAFE for women," he added.

On Sunday, the West Bengal Police registered a case over the incident, after a video of the assault was widely shared on social media. The man who was seen in the video beating up the two with a bamboo stick was allegedly a local Trinamool leader of Chopra in Uttar Dinajpur district where the incident occurred following a decision of a kangaroo court. The accused, Tajmul alias JCB, was arrested. Meanwhile, the ruling Trinamool Congress said the matter would be investigated. The man and the woman were provided with police security post the attack.

Anti-terror agency approves jailed MP Engineer Rashid to take oath in Parliament

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has given its nod for jailed Independent MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid Engineer to take oath in Parliament on July 5. The Patiala House Court in Delhi will issue an order on this matter on July 2. The anti-terror agency also said that approval for an interim bail to take oath is dependent on some conditions, which also include not talking to the media. Rashid Engineer, who won the Lok Sabha elections from Baramulla parliamentary constituency of Jammu and Kashmir, pleaded for interim bail or custody parole to take oath as MP.

Engineer Rashid is currently lodged in Delhi's Tihar Jail in a terror-funding



case. He was arrested by the NIA in 2019 on charges of terror-funding activities, becoming the first recognised leader to be held under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. Notably, some of the jailed MPs, including Rashid Engineer and Independent MP Amritpal Singh from Punjab, have not yet taken oath

of office. **WHO IS SHEIKH ABDUL RASHID?**

Abdul Rashid is the founder of the Jammu and Kashmir Awami Ittehad Party. He is a former two-time MLA from the Langate constituency of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir, which he won in 2008 and 2014. He also contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections but was defeated. He contested all these polls as an independent candidate. Abdul Rashid's 'Engineer Rashid' name goes way back to 2008 when he started his political career after resigning from his job as a construction engineer. He won the Langate constituency reportedly after a 17-day campaign.

"Indian Army Ready, Capable To Face All Challenges": New Army Chief

New Delhi: The Indian Army is ready and capable to face all current and future security challenges facing India, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi said on Monday a day after he assumed charge of the 1.3 million-strong force.

Gen Dwivedi said ensuring synergy among the Army, Air Force and the Navy would be one of his priorities. In remarks to the media after inspecting a guard of honour at the South Block in Raisina hills, the newly-appointed Army Chief also said that he will encourage induction of indigenously-built military hardware into the force to boost self-reliance in defence.

"I will try to achieve better synergy between the Indian Army, the Indian

Navy and the Indian Air Force. It will protect the national interest," he said. It



will be my effort that with the synergy between the Army, Navy and the Air Force and other stakeholders, we will always be prepared for operations under the full spectrum of conflict, he said. "I assure the country and all the

citizens that the Indian Army is ready and capable to face all current and future challenges," he said. The remarks came amid the lingering border row with China in eastern Ladakh.

Gen Dwivedi was serving as the Vice Chief of the Army since February 19. Before becoming the Vice Chief, he was serving as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Northern Command from 2022-2024. An alumnus of Sainik School, Rewa (MP), Gen Dwivedi was commissioned into regiment of Jammu and Kashmir Rifles in 1984. He has a unique distinction of balanced command as well as staff exposure across Northern, Eastern and Western theatres in varied operational environment.

People Like Venkaiah Naidu "Make Our Nation Better, More Vibrant": PM Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday greeted former vice president M Venkaiah Naidu on his 75th birthday, lauding his dedication, adaptability and unwavering commitment to public service. PM Modi shared an article he wrote on Mr Naidu, a seasoned BJP leader before becoming vice president, as he noted that his journey exemplifies his unique ability to navigate the complexities of Indian politics with ease and humility. He added, "I hope young karyakartas, elected representatives and all those who have a passion to serve learn from his life. It is people like him who make our nation better and more vibrant". Mr Naidu's birthday is an occasion to celebrate a leader whose life journey showcases dedication, adaptability and an unwavering commitment to public service, he said, adding that his eloquence, wit and steadfast focus on developmental issues have earned him respect across party

lines. PM Modi recalled their long association and said he had learnt a lot from him. He said if there is one thing that has remained common in Mr Naidu's life, it is his love for people. Lauding his ideological commitment, he said his brush with activism and politics began in Andhra Pradesh with student politics as a student leader. He said, "Considering his talent, oratory and organisational skills, he would have been welcomed in any political party but he preferred to work with the Sangh Parivar because he was inspired by the vision of Nation First. He was associated with the RSS, ABVP and then strengthened the Jana Sangh and the BJP." The prime minister also praised the former BJP president's role in the anti-Emergency movement and the agitation against the dismissal of the N T Ramarao government in Andhra Pradesh. PM Modi said Mr Naidu, known for his

witty wordplay, is certainly a wordsmith but is as "worksmith" as well. He said, "No less than a stalwart like NTR noted his talent and wanted him to join his party but



Venkaiah garu refused to deviate from his core ideology. He led the party on the floor of the Assembly and became the AP BJP president." In 2000, when the then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was keen on inducting Mr Naidu into the

government as a minister, the latter conveyed his preference for the Ministry of Rural Development. "This left everyone, including Atalji, puzzled. But Venkaiah garu was clear - he was a kisan putra (farmer's son); he spent his early days in villages. Hence, his area of interest was rural development," PM Modi said in the write-up. The prime minister said as vice president, he undertook various steps that enhanced the dignity of the office. He was an outstanding chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, ensuring that the young, women and first-time MPs get the opportunity to speak. When the decision to remove Articles 370 and 35(A) were placed on the floor of the Rajya Sabha, Mr Naidu was in the Chair, PM Modi recalled. "I am sure it was an emotional moment for him - the young boy who was drawn to Syama Prasad Mookerjee's dream of a united India, on the Chair, when this was finally achieved," he said.

First Case Under New Criminal Code Filed Against Street Vendor In Delhi

New Delhi: As the new criminal code, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, came into force today, the first FIR was filed against a street vendor for obstructing a road near the New Delhi Railway Station. The FIR was filed under Section 285 of the new criminal code that states, "Whoever, by doing any act, or by omitting to take order with any property in his possession or under his charge, causes danger, obstruction or injury to any person in any public way or public line of navigation, shall be punished with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees." The FIR was filed after a police personnel on patrol duty last night spotted the street vendor selling water bottles and gutkha on the road. His makeshift stall had obstructed the road and he was repeatedly asked to move it. When he did not, the police personnel moved to register an FIR. The copy of the FIR, which is with NDTV, states that the street vendor had parked his stall near under a foot over bridge near New Delhi Railway Station late last night. "The man was



selling water, bidi and cigarettes on the street and the obstruction was causing difficulty for the public. The sub-inspector asked the man several times to remove the stall from the road, but he did not comply. The sub-inspector asked several passers-by to join the probe, but they refused. Then the sub-inspector shot a video using the e-praman application," the FIR says.

The man has been identified as Pankaj Kumar from Patna in Bihar. Three new criminal codes -- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam -- have come into force today. They will replace the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, Indian Evidence Act and the Code of Criminal Procedure. The criminal codes have been changed with an objective of ensuring speedy justice and to tackle new kinds of crime. Judgments are now required within 45 days of completion of trial and charges must be framed within 60 days of first hearing.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said the change was made to ensure "speedy justice and justice to all". The Opposition parties, including the Congress, say the decision to implement the new criminal laws has been taken in haste.

NEWS BOX

Democrats rule out replacing Biden after his 'disastrous' debate with Trump

Washington Top Democrats on Sunday ruled out the possibility of replacing President Joe Biden as the Democratic nominee after a feeble debate performance and called on party members to focus instead on the consequences of a second Donald Trump presidency.

After days of hand-wringing about Biden's poor night on stage debating Trump, Democratic leaders firmly rejected calls for their party to choose a younger presidential candidate for the November 5 election.

Biden, 81, meanwhile, was huddling with family members at the Camp David presidential retreat on Sunday. The New York Times cited people close to the situation as saying that Biden's family were urging him to stay in the race and keep fighting. The paper said some members of his clan privately expressed exasperation at how his staff prepared him for Thursday night's event. A drumbeat of calls for Biden to step aside has continued since Thursday and a post-debate CBS poll showed a 10-point jump in the number of Democrats who believe Biden should not be running for president, to 46 per cent from 36 per cent in February. "The unfortunate truth is that Biden should withdraw from the race, for the good of the nation he has served so admirably for half a century," the Atlanta Journal-Constitution said in an editorial on Sunday. "The shade of retirement is now necessary for President Biden." Democratic leaders rejected this.

"Absolutely not," responded Georgia Democratic Senator Raphael Warnock, one of several Democrats seen as a possible replacement for Biden.

"Bad debates happen," he told NBC's Meet the Press program. "The question is, 'Who has Donald Trump ever shown up for other than himself and people like himself?' I'm with Joe Biden, and it's our assignment to make sure that he gets over the finish line come November." House of Representatives Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries, who could become speaker next year if his party can take control of the House in November, acknowledged that Biden had suffered a setback, but this was "nothing more than a setup for a comeback." "So the moment that we're in right now is a comeback moment," he told MSNBC.

Senator Chris Coons of Delaware, a leading Biden surrogate, told ABC's This Week program Biden needed to stay in the race to ensure Trump's defeat.

North Korea test-fires 2 missiles in response to US-South Korea-Japan drills

Seoul. North Korea test-fired two ballistic missile Monday, South Korea's military said, a day after the North vowed "offensive and overwhelming" responses to a new US military drill with South Korea and Japan.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missiles were launched 10 minutes apart in a northeastern direction from the town of Jangyon in southeastern North Korea. It said the first missile flew 600 kilometres (370 miles) and the second missile 120 kilometres (75 miles), but didn't say where they landed. North Korea typically test-fires missiles toward its eastern waters, but the second missile's flight distance was too short to reach those waters. South Korean media said an unidentified South Korean military source reported that it was highly likely the second missile crashed in an inland area of the North. Possible damages on the North's ground weren't immediately reported. The reports said the first missile landed in the waters off the North's eastern city of Chongjin.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff, which did not comment on the media reports, said South Korea maintains a firm readiness to repel any provocations by North Korea in conjunctions with the military alliance with the United States.

The launch came two days after South Korea, the U.S. and Japan ended their new multidomain trilateral drills in the region. In recent years, the three countries have been expanding their trilateral security partnership to better cope with North Korea's evolving nuclear threats and China's increasing assertiveness in the region.

Handover day: China gifts a pair of giant pandas to Hong Kong

World. John Lee, the city leader of Hong Kong, announced on Monday that China will present the city with a pair of giant pandas to commemorate the 27th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to Chinese control.

The pandas are anticipated to arrive within the next few months, marking a significant milestone since the city's handover from British rule in 1997. Under the "One Country, Two Systems" principle, Hong Kong was assured a high degree of autonomy and the maintenance of crucial freedoms following its transfer to China.

In a public statement, John emphasized that this gesture "fully demonstrates (China's) care and support for our city" and fulfils a "constitutional responsibility and historic mission." He also commended Article 23, a locally developed security law that coexists with a national security law implemented by Beijing in 2020.

Lee claimed that his policies have led to a "substantial rise in the registered number of property transactions and a stable property market." He further added that the city's GDP can surpass the previous year's 3.3% growth and may reach 2.5% to 3.5% this year.

In the past, July 1 was traditionally a day marked by civil society demonstrations throughout Hong Kong. However, these pro-democracy protests, which sometimes turned violent, were suppressed by the authorities. The South China Morning Post reported that the city deployed more than 4,000 police officers on Monday.

UK, British Airways face lawsuit against 1990 Kuwait hostage crisis

London. Passengers and crew of a British Airways flight who were taken hostage in Kuwait in 1990 have launched legal action against the UK government and the airline, a law firm said Monday.

People on BA flight 149 were taken off the Kuala Lumpur-bound plane when it landed in the Gulf state on August 2 that year, hours after Iraq's then leader Saddam Hussein invaded the country.

Some of the 367 passengers and crew spent more than four months in captivity, including as human shields against Western attacks on the Iraqi dictator's troops during the first Gulf war. Ninety-four of them have filed a civil claim at the High Court in London, accusing Britain's government and BA of "deliberately endangering" civilians, said McCue Jury & Partners. "All of the claimants suffered severe physical and psychiatric harm during their ordeal, the consequences of which are still felt today," the law firm added. The action claims that the UK government and the airline "knew the invasion had started" but allowed the



flight to land anyway. They did so because the flight was used to "insert a covert special ops team into occupied Kuwait", the firm added. "We were not treated as citizens but as expendable pawns for commercial and political gain," said Barry Manners, who was on the flight and

is taking part in the claim. "A victory over years of cover-up and bare-faced denial will help restore trust in our political and judicial process," he added. British government files released in November 2021 revealed that the UK ambassador to Kuwait informed London about reports of

an Iraqi incursion before the flight landed but the message was not passed on to BA. There have also been claims, denied by the government, that London knowingly put passengers at risk by using the flight to deploy undercover operatives and delayed take-off to allow them to board.

The UK government refused to comment on ongoing legal matters. British Airways has always denied accusations of negligence, conspiracy and a cover-up.

The airline did not respond to a request for comment from AFP but said last year that the records released in 2021 "confirmed British Airways was not warned about the invasion". McCue Jury & Partners had announced in September its intention to file the suit, saying then that the hostages "may claim an estimated average of £170,000 (\$213,000) each in damages".

In 2003, a French court ordered BA to pay 1.67 million euros to the flight's French hostages, saying it had "seriously failed in its obligations" to them by landing the plane.

Melania Trump 'won't be first lady 24x7' if Donald Trump is re-elected: Report

World. Melania Trump has reportedly made a deal with her husband, Donald Trump, that if he becomes the US President again, she will not be a full-time first lady, according to a Page Six report. It says the report states that Melania, who has kept a low profile during her husband's presidential campaign, wants to steer clear of performing traditional first lady duties 24x7 if Trump is re-elected. Instead, she will be prioritising their son, Barron, who may attend New York University later this year. The insider further said that Melania wants to be close to Barron as he begins college life. She reportedly feels safe in New York City and wants to be there for Barron to provide both emotional and physical support. She's a hands-on mother, and is already planning to

spend part of every month — and potentially every week — in NYC," the source said. His concern for Barron's



well-being is not new; in 2017, Melania delayed moving into the White House with her son for five months so he could finish the school year uninterrupted in New York City. Sources told the Daily Mail that if Donald Trump wins the presidency again, Melania may not make the

White House her home base, instead choosing to split her time between Palm Beach and New York City, attending ceremonial events at the White House only as needed. This would break a 250-year-old tradition for White House wives. Known to be a protective mother, Melania has tried to shield her son Barron from the public glare ever since Trump first took office. Insiders said she was not happy when the Florida Republican Party offered Barron a delegate position for the Republican National Convention. Melania's office had later announced that he would decline "due to prior commitments". Melania has also shown her reluctance to fully engage in political activities, having been absent from the campaign trail this year and her husband's ongoing court hearings.

Joe Biden's family blames top advisers for poor debate, pushes for their ouster

World. Days after US President Joe Biden's feeble performance at the US Presidential debate, his family members have reportedly privately trashed his top campaign advisers. According to media reports, Biden's family has blamed his advisers for the President's flop in the debate, urging Biden to fire or demote people in his political high command. A report with news agency Reuters suggests Biden's debate with Republican opponent Donald Trump followed a series of decisions by his most senior advisers that critics now point to as wrong-headed. Trump, 78, repeated a series of well-worn, glaring falsehoods during the 90-minute debate on June 27, including claims that he actually won the 2020 election. Biden's family complained about the debate practice and alleged the President was not prepared to pivot more to go on the attack.

They also said Biden was bogged down too much on defending his record rather than outlining a vision for a second term. The US President was overworked and not well-rested, his family reportedly alleged. "My only request was to ensure he rested before the debate, but he was exhausted. He was unwell," a person who said they appealed to Biden's top aides in the days before, to no avail, told Reuters. "What a bad decision to send him out looking sick and exhausted," he added. "I believe that he was over-coached, over-practiced. And I believe (senior aide) Anita Dunn put him in a venue conducive for Trump and not for him," Reuters quoted John Morgan, a Florida-based attorney and major Biden fundraiser, as saying. Morgan said Dunn and her husband, Bob Bauer, the President's attorney who played Trump in pre-debate rehearsals, should "be fired forever and never let back anywhere near the campaign." Biden's debate strategy was signed off on by campaign chair Jen O'Malley Dillon, who helped him win in 2020 and was appointed in January to boost an uneven re-election campaign. Dunn, a longtime Biden aide and former Barack Obama campaign strategist, backed that strategy. Confidence going into the event was high. Trump was convicted of falsifying documents by a jury in New York on May 31, while Biden held back-to-back visits in Europe. To the surprise of some Biden aides, his stubbornly low poll numbers began to inch up nationally in the weeks that followed. Advisers set up a rigorous debate prep calendar, with Biden sequestered at Camp David for six days. An inner circle, some close to Biden for decades, were involved: Ron Klain, his first White House chief of staff, Dunn, former White House counsel and long-time adviser Mike Donilon, as well as about a dozen other policy and political experts.

US to criminally charge Boeing, seek guilty plea over 2 fatal crashes: Sources

Washington. The US Justice Department will criminally charge Boeing with fraud over two fatal crashes and ask the planemaker to plead guilty or face a trial, two people familiar with the matter said on Sunday.

The Justice Department planned to formally offer a plea agreement to Boeing later in the day, which includes a financial penalty and imposition of an independent monitor to audit the company's safety and compliance practices for three years, the sources said. Justice Department officials plan to give Boeing until the end of the week to respond to the offer, which they will present as nonnegotiable, the sources said. Should Boeing refuse to plead guilty, prosecutors plan to take the company to trial, they said. Boeing and the Justice Department declined to comment. Reuters was first to report the Justice Department's decision to prosecute Boeing and seek a guilty plea. The Justice Department decided to charge Boeing after finding it violated a 2021 agreement that had shielded it from prosecution over the fatal crashes

involving 737 MAX jets. The deadly crashes took place in 2018 and 2019, killing 346 people. The decision to move toward criminally charging Boeing deepens an ongoing crisis



engulfing the planemaker, exposing the company to additional financial ramifications and tougher government oversight. A guilty plea could also carry implications for Boeing's ability to enter into government contracts such as those with the U.S. military that make up a significant portion of its revenue. Companies with felony convictions can receive waivers, and it remained unclear to what extent the

Justice Department's proposed plea deal addresses the issue.

Justice Department officials revealed their decision to victims' family members during a call earlier on Sunday. The proposal would require Boeing to plead guilty to conspiring to defraud the US Federal Aviation Administration in connection with the fatal crashes, the sources said.

The Justice Department's push for Boeing to plead guilty follows a separate January in-flight blowout that exposed continuing safety and quality issues at the planemaker.

A panel blew off a new Boeing 737 MAX 9 jet during a Jan. 5 Alaska Airlines (ALK.N), opens new tab flight, just two days before a 2021 deferred prosecution agreement with the Justice Department expired. That agreement had shielded Boeing from prosecution over the 2018 and 2019 fatal crashes. Boeing has previously said it "honored the terms" of the settlement and formally told prosecutors it disagrees with the finding that it violated the agreement.

6 Palestinians dead, homes destroyed as Israeli tanks advance further into Gaza

Cairo/ Gaza. Israeli forces advanced further on Sunday into the Shejaia neighbourhood of northern Gaza and also pushed deeper into western and central Rafah in the south, killing at least six Palestinians and destroying several homes, residents said.

Israeli tanks, which moved back into Shejaia four days ago, fired shells towards several houses, leaving families trapped inside and unable to leave, the residents said. Speaking at a weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu repeated his stance that there is no substitute for victory in the war against the Islamist militant group Hamas. "We are committed to fighting until we achieve all of our objectives: Eliminating Hamas, returning all of our hostages, ensuring that Gaza never again constitutes a threat to Israel and returning our residents securely to their homes in the south and the north," he said. While the offensive focused on Gaza, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, one man was killed and five were wounded in an Israeli strike near the city of Tulkarm, according to the Palestinian health ministry. The dead man was a member of militant group Islamic Jihad, the group said. The Israeli military issued no

comment. Hours after Netanyahu's comments about Gaza, the armed wing of Hamas released a video purporting to show weapons-making, in a show of defiance. The video, which was not immediately verified by Reuters, showed fighters preparing anti-tank rocket warheads. In the background a large TV screen showed recent news events to indicate the video was recent. Our preparation is continuing," said writing at the end of the short film.

The Israeli military said forces operating in Shejaia had killed several Palestinian gunmen over the past day and found military infrastructure inside a United Nations school as well as dozens of weapons and "valuable intelligence documents". On Saturday the military announced the death of two Israeli soldiers in northern Gaza.

In another raid in Shejaia, the forces located a "terrorist war room" at a clinic, said the military, which again accused Hamas of "embedding itself in civilian structures for terror purposes". Hamas denies using civilian sites such as schools and hospitals for military purposes. The armed wing of Hamas and the allied Islamic Jihad reported fierce fighting in both Shejaia and Rafah, saying their fighters had fired

anti-tank rockets and mortar bombs against Israeli forces operating there. More than eight months into Israel's air and ground war in Gaza, militants continue to stage attacks on Israeli forces, operating



in areas that the Israeli army said it had gained control over months ago. STALLED CEASEFIRE EFFORTS Arab mediators' efforts, backed by the United States, have stalled. Hamas says any deal must end the war and bring a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. Israel says it will accept only temporary pauses in the fighting until Hamas, which has governed Gaza since 2007, is eradicated. The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on October 7, killing

around 1,200 people and seizing more than 250 hostages, according to Israeli tallies. Israel's retaliatory offensive has so far killed nearly 38,000 people, according to the Gaza health ministry, and has left the heavily built-up coastal enclave in ruins. The ministry does not distinguish between combatants and non-combatants but officials say most of the dead are civilians. More than 300 Israeli soldiers have been killed in Gaza and Israel says at least a third of the Palestinian dead are fighters. Israeli tanks pushed deeper into several districts in the east, west and centre of Rafah, near the border with Egypt, on Sunday, and medics said six people had been killed in an Israeli strike on a house in Shaboura, in the heart of the city. The six bodies from the Zurub family were transferred to Nasser Hospital in the nearby city of Khan Younis, where dozens of relatives paid their respects.

Residents said the Israeli army had torched the Al-Awda mosque in the centre of Rafah, one of the city's best-known.

Israel has said its military operations in Rafah are aimed at eradicating the last armed battalions of Hamas.

NEWS BOX

In Pics: Rohit Sharma poses with T20 World Cup trophy in Captain's photoshoot



New Delhi. India skipper Rohit Sharma was finally able to pose with the T20 World Cup trophy in the captain's photoshoot as the BCCI released the pictures on social media on Monday, July 1. Rohit had been waiting for his chance to win the World Cup, after coming agonisingly close last year during the ODI edition of the ICC event. Rohit would then mastermind India's unbeaten run all the way to the title in the T20 World Cup 2024 campaign. The India skipper was in the official team jersey as he posed with the trophy on a beach in Barbados, possibly on Sunday, June 30. The BCCI also had a special message for the Indian skipper in their Instagram post, which you can see below: "A billion dreams, a billion emotions, and a billion smiles! Mission accomplished. World Cup conquered. We are World Champions. Hey, Captain! You've done it!" read the statement by the BCCI on social media. India had won the match by 7 runs against South Africa in Barbados to become 2-time T20 World Cup Champions. The team is yet to return home as the airport in the island nation has been shut due to the Hurricane Beryl. Rohit Sharma leaves T20I format Rohit would announce that he would be leaving the T20I format, soon after winning the T20 World Cup. The India skipper said it was the right time for him to leave the format as he always wanted to win the World Cup and sign off.

Team India forced to camp in Barbados as airport shuts due to Hurricane Beryl

New Delhi. Rahul Dravid backed India to win several trophies in the coming years. Dravid finished his career as the head coach on a high after the Men in Blue won the T20 World Cup 2024 title. On Saturday, June 29, India beat Aiden Markram's South Africa by 7 runs at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados and ended their 11-year-long wait to win an ICC title. Dravid took charge of the Indian team from November 2021 after Ravi Shastri stepped down. Under his tenure, India finished as the runners-up in the World Test Championship last year and the ODI World Cup. However, after a couple of disappointing finishes in 2023, Dravid and his men got their hands on the coveted T20 World Cup trophy. There is fantastic talent in the Indian cricket team. Their energy and confidence is on another level at this time. In the coming times, India will win so many trophies, in the next 5-6 years. This was a journey of 2 years. The construction of this team and the kind of skills we wanted, the players we wanted. The discussions started when I started in 2021 and this is not the work of just this World Cup. It feels like a journey of 2 years," Dravid said after the match.

"Been a great journey"

Back in 2003, Dravid missed out on winning the World Cup after India lost to Australia in the final. 4 years later, in 2007, India failed to go beyond the league stage. In 2018, he won the U19 World Cup with the Indian team in New Zealand back in 2018. "As a player, I was not lucky enough to win a trophy but I gave my best...I was lucky enough to be given an opportunity to coach a team. I was lucky that this bunch of boys made it possible for me to be able to win this trophy. It is a great feeling, it is not like I was aiming for some redemption, it was the job I was doing...it has been a great journey," Dravid added.

Euro 2024: Late Bellingham, Harry Kane goals help England survive Slovakia scare in R16

NEW DELHI. England survived a massive scare from Slovakia in the Round of 16 clash in Euro 2024 on Sunday, 30 June. Playing at the Veltins-Arena, England managed to sneak in a come-from-behind 2-1 victory against 45th ranked Slovakia with goals from Jude Bellingham and Harry Kane. It was a heartbreak for Slovakia who were ahead even till the 90 + 5th minute of the game when Bellingham stunned the crowd with the sensational bicycle kick to force the game into extra time. Harry Kane added to Bellingham's goal in the first half of extra time to see England through to the quarter-final of the tournament.

England came back from the brink of elimination on Sunday. England played poorly in both halves of the match. Much of the issues came from Gareth Southgate playing Kieran Trippier and Phil Foden on the left side of the pitch, which they do not do with their clubs in LaLiga and Premier League respectively. After not showing enough desire in front of the goal for the majority of the game, England found their hero in Jude Bellingham, whose last-gasp bicycle kick took the match to extra time, with Harry Kane heading the winner. England were unable to get a foothold against a Slovakia team who were aggressive from the start and pressed their opponents relentlessly, taking the lead with an Ivan Schranz strike from a counter attack in the 25th minute.

Euro 2024: Spain thrash Georgia 4-1 to set up mouthwatering Germany quarterfinal

Spain set up a mouthwatering quarterfinal clash against Germany as they thrashed Georgia 4-1 in the Euro 2024 on June 30, Sunday. After going behind, Spain turned the game around with their incredible attacking prowess.

New Delhi. Spain displayed impressive resilience and style as they overcame an early setback to defeat a determined Georgia 4-1 on Sunday, securing a thrilling Euro 2024 quarter-final match-up with Germany. Despite a strong early offensive from Georgia and several excellent saves by their keeper Giorgi Mamardashvili, Georgia took a surprising lead in the 18th minute. Otar Kakabadze's powerful cross was inadvertently deflected into Spain's net



by Robin Le Normand. Spain equalised in the 39th minute when Rodri scored from the edge of the box. Shortly after, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia nearly netted a sensational goal for Georgia from near the halfway line. However, Fabian Ruiz put Spain ahead with a header six minutes into the second half. Persistently attacking, Spain faced

fierce resistance from the tireless Georgians until Nico Williams broke through to score the third goal. Dani Olmo then added the fourth, sealing Spain's fourth victory of the tournament seven minutes from the final whistle. Spain had a remarkable 35 shots on goal against Georgia with 13 of them being on

target. This was also the first time that Spain had won a knockout stage match in normal time since their 4-0 thrashing of Italy in the 2012 final.

Germany will be very difficult Speaking after the win, as quoted by Reuters, Williams said the team was thrilled to reach the quarters and expects Germany to be a tough game for Spain. However the winger feels the Spain side is well-structured and can beat anyone.

"We are very happy to get through to the quarter-finals, very excited.

"Step-by-step we have shown that we are a great team and if we continue at this level we can do great things. Their goal was a mistake, it was unintentional, we all cheered Robin on and in the end we are all pleased and happy.

"(Germany will be) very difficult, they're a tough nut to crack, but we have a wonderful, well-structured team and if we play at this level we can win." Spain will now face Germany on Friday, July 5 in Stuttgart. The hosts had defeated Denmark in the Round Of 16 to make their way into the quarterfinals.

Hardik Pandya to replace Rohit Sharma as T20I captain BCCI secretary Jay Shah opens up

New Delhi. BCCI secretary Jay Shah opened up on the chances of Hardik Pandya replacing Rohit Sharma as the full-time skipper of the Indian team. On Saturday, Rohit decided to retire from T20Is after India won the T20 World Cup in the Caribbean and the United States of America (USA). Hardik only used to captain India whenever Rohit was away. With Rohit not being a part of the T20I setup anymore, the BCCI has their task cut out to select their new full-time skipper in T20Is. While Hardik is in the radar of taking over from Rohit, Jay Shah said that Rohit's replacement will be announced after discussions with the selectors. "Captaincy will be decided by the selectors, and we will announce it after discussing with them. You asked about



Hardik, there were lot of questions over his form but we and selectors showed faith in him and he proved himself," Jay Shah said. Shubman Gill to lead India in Zimbabwe After their T20 World Cup glory, India will play a 5-match T20I series against Zimbabwe from July 6 at the

Harare Sports Club. With several of their key players missing out, it is Shubman Gill, who will lead them in the bilateral series. Gill was a part of the travelling reserves for the World Cup along with Rinku Singh, Avesh Khan and Khaleel Ahmed. After the Zimbabwe tour, India will tour Sri Lanka later this month when they are set to play 3 T20Is. However, the skipper for the series is yet to be decided. As far as Hardik is concerned, he has captained India in 16 T20Is and led them to wins in 10 of them. He also donned the captain's hat 3 times in ODIs. In 2022, Hardik also succeeded as the captain of GT, leading them to their maiden IPL title.

Dinesh Karthik joins RCB as batting coach and mentor in IPL after retirement

UPDATED. Dinesh Karthik has joined RCB as their batting coach and mentor in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Earlier this year, Karthik decided to end his IPL career after an impressive season for the Faf du Plessis-led RCB. He finished IPL 2024 as one of their prolific run-scorers, having notched 326 runs from 15 matches at an average of 36.22 and a strike-rate of 187.35 with 2 half-centuries and a top score of 83 to his name.

Earlier, Karthik pulled the curtains down on his glittering career through an emotional statement on his 39th birthday. He expressed "deepest gratitude" to his near and dear ones for supporting him through thick and thin. Karthik said that he had been thinking about contemplating retirement for a while and giving a thought about "new challenges".

"I've been overwhelmed by the affection, support and love I have received in the last few days. My deepest gratitude and sincere thanks to all the fans who have made this feeling possible," Karthik said. "Having

given it plenty of thought for sometime now, I have decided to move on from playing representative cricket. I officially announce my retirement and put my playing days behind me as I square up for the new challenges that lie ahead," Karthik added. Speaking about Karthik's appointment, Mo Bobat, Director of Cricket, Royal Challengers Bengaluru, said, "DK is an excellent addition to our coaching group. He was thrilling to watch on the field, and I'm sure he will be just as impactful as a coach. His longevity and track record as a player speaks volumes about his skill and dedication. I know he will bring that same quality and commitment to this new professional chapter. DK's experiences across both international cricket and the IPL, make him a huge asset to RCB. I have no doubt that our players will benefit hugely from his expert support. As a player, DK demonstrated an elite mindset under pressure and a real drive to keep evolving his game. I'm looking forward to him instilling those

same qualities and values into our players, and in particular, our batters. We have exciting times ahead and it's great for us that we can retain DK's involvement, as someone who knows what it takes to play for RCB and our special fans," Bobat further added.

RCB's wait for title continues

As far as RCB was concerned, they had their fair share of troubles, having lost 6 matches in a row. However, they made a stunning comeback after winning 6 matches. They defeated CSK in their last league game at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru to sneak into the playoffs. The Challengers, however, crashed out of the tournament after losing to Sanju Samson's RR in the Eliminator. Karthik played quite a few match-winning knocks for them lower down the order and showed his utility. In 257 IPL matches since his debut back in 2008, Karthik scored 4842 runs at an average of 26.31 and a strike-rate of 135.36 with 22 half-centuries to show for his efforts.



much @narendramodi sir for your kind words. The team and I are very proud to be able to bring the cup home and are truly touched by how much happiness it has brought everyone back home." Rohit Sharma's delightful T20 World Cup Rohit, personally, had an impressive run as he finished second in the list of leading run-scorers in the tournament. In 8 matches, the veteran has scored 257 runs at an average of 36.71 and a strike-rate of 156.70 with 3 half-centuries and a top score of 92 to show for his efforts.

Jay Shah confirms 2 names shortlisted for India coach job after T20 World Cup win

The BCCI Secretary Jay Shah has confirmed that 2 names have been shortlisted for the India coach job. The new coach will take up the role during the Sri Lanka tour, according to Jay Shah.

NEW DELHI. The BCCI Secretary Jay Shah has confirmed that two names have been shortlisted for the role as the new India coach on July 1, Monday. Rahul Dravid's tenure as the India coach came to an end after the triumphant T20 World Cup campaign, with BCCI having started the process of taking in applications for the job from June 13. According to reports, Gautam Gambhir



has been considered to be the favourite to succeed Dravid as the new coach following his successful stint as mentor with KKR in IPL 2024. Gambhir himself has made it no secret he would be happy to take up the job recently. Reports also stated that Gambhir

had taken the interview for the role on June 18. Shah has now confirmed that a new coach will join the team before the Sri Lanka series and the CAC had interviewed and shortlisted two names for the job. The BCCI Secretary, who is with the team in Barbados

at the moment, also told PTI they would make the call after reaching Mumbai.

"Both coach and selector appointment will be made shortly. CAC has interviewed and shortlisted two names and after reaching Mumbai whatever they have decided we will go by that. VVS Laxman is going to Zimbabwe but new coach will join from Sri Lanka series," Shah told select media, referring to the Zimbabwe tour beginning July 6. According to the reports, Gambhir, WV Raman and an overseas candidate was shortlisted for the job.

Seniors to be there for the Champions Trophy Shah also hinted that the seniors would be present for the Champions Trophy, despite a new era kicking in Indian cricket. The BCCI Secretary said that the target is to win the World Test Championship and the Champions Trophy in 2025 and a similar squad would be fielded.

"The way this team is progressing, our target is to win World Test Championship final and Champions Trophy. There will be a similar squad playing there. The seniors will be there," said Shah.

Pashmina Roshan

Opens Up About Her Close Bond With Hrithik Roshan: 'I Have To Tell Duggu Bhaiya...'

The recently released film 'Ishq Vishk Rebound' has created quite a stir in Bollywood, with much attention on its leading lady, Pashmina Roshan. Sharing the screen with Rohit Saraf, Jibraan Khan, and Naila Grewal, Pashmina's debut has been eagerly awaited, particularly as she is the cousin of the renowned Hrithik Roshan. Fans have been buzzing with curiosity about the bond between the new starlet and the 'Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai' icon. In a candid interview, Pashmina shared insights into her relationship with Hrithik. She affectionately refers to him as "Duggu Bhaiya," underscoring the warmth and close-knit nature of their bond. She told Bollywood Hungama, "We have a family group chat named Real Deal, where Duggu bhaiya, Saba Azad (Hrithik's girlfriend), Ashu bhaiya, Hrehaan and Hridhaan are there," adding that, "We are obsessed with each other."



Pashmina Roshan, the rising star making waves with her debut in 'Ishq Vishk Rebound,' has a special connection to her cousin, Hrithik Roshan. For her auditions, she chose to wear an HRX T-shirt, a brand co-founded by Hrithik, dubbing it her "lucky charm." In an endearing revelation, Pashmina spoke about her close-knit relationship with Hrithik, sharing, "I cannot not tell him everything. I can tell anything to Duggu bhaiya. I am sure he keeps secrets for me," she added. Pashmina Roshan, daughter of renowned composer Rajesh Roshan, has opened up about the

deep bond she shares with her cousin Hrithik Roshan and their close-knit family. She revealed that their family often enjoys sleepovers where they share secrets and cherish quality time together. "Even when we are on a holiday, no one wants to be in their rooms, we put gaddas in the halls and sleep together and tell each other our secrets," she shared. Earlier, Pashmina also mentioned seeking invaluable advice from Hrithik before venturing into acting. "Yes, of course, I had his advice on how to improve as a performer and how to be better in life overall," she told Free Press Journal. News18 Showsha's review of the film read, "The disappointing camera work bogs down the film's viewing experience. But fortunately, the actors manage to hold our hands until the end. Ishq Vishk Rebound is out and out Rohit Saraf's film. He is the narrator of the film. His character, Raghav, often breaks the fourth wall to talk to the audience and share his thoughts. The approach is heavily inspired from Phoebe Waller-Bridge's Emmy-award winning show Fleabag. In India, Kader Khan had done it in the 1980s with Ghar Ho Toh Aisa."



Kareena Kapoor Khan Clocks 24 Years In Bollywood, Revisits Her Debut Film 'Refugee'



An accomplished and globally recognised personality, having a family lineage from the world of cinema, and the granddaughter of legendary actor Raj Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor Khan is surely gifted with the skills of a true artist for the Indian Film Industry. Today, as she completed 24 years in showbiz, the actress revisited her debut film Refugee. Sharing a bundle of snippets from the movie, Kareena wrote, "24 years of discovering myself and my characters...?? The best is yet to come...?? Love you all." In Refugee, Kareena played the role of 'Nazneen Ahmed', a village girl who had fallen in love with a refugee during the border tensions and terror attacks, between two countries. She was seen sharing screen space with Abhishek Bachchan who played the on-screen character of the refugee. She was only 18 when she was offered this role.

With JP Dutta's large-scale directorial vision and the lilting music by Anu Malik, Refugee made its space in Indian cinema. Refugee's music received two National Film Awards: one for Best Music Direction and the other for Best Lyrics (for the song "Panchi Nadiya"). The film also featured Suniel Shetty, Jackie Shroff, Anupam Kher, Kulbhushan Kharbanda and Reena Roy among others.

Kareena Kapoor Khan is surely a star, an epitome of expressions and has gifted her fans a filmography of nearly 70 films. She married Saif Ali Khan in 2012 and gave birth to two kids Taimur and Jeh. Work-wise, Kareena Kapoor Khan's last appearance was in Crew. Directed by Rajesh A Krishnan, the film also featured Tabu and Kriti Sanon in the lead roles. The heist comedy received rave reviews from the audience for its engaging storyline. Next, the actress is geared up to be seen in Rohit Shetty's highly-anticipated, Singham Again.

Munawar Faruqi Drops Photo With Wife Mehzabeen Coatwala From Dubai Trip



Munawar Faruqi recently took to Instagram to share glimpses of his Dubai trip through a carousel of photos. The stand-up comedian, who was in the city for a show, documented his days spent exploring and performing. In the first photo, Munawar is seen lounging comfortably on a couch, setting a relaxed tone for the rest of the series. The other photos include moments of tea time and breakfast, each highlighting the leisurely side of his trip. One of the standout photos captures Munawar delivering a speech to a packed audience during his show. The carousel ends with a heartwarming photo of Munawar and his wife, Mehzabeen, standing with their backs to the camera, taking in the stunning Dubai skyline. It was the first time that Munawar tagged Mehzabeen Coatwala in a photo. Meanwhile, weeks after reports of Munawar Faruqi's second marriage with Mehzabeen Coatwala made headlines, his Bigg Boss 17 co-contestant Firoza Khan aka Khanzaadi has made a shocking comment. In a recent interview, Khanzaadi shared that she does not believe Munawar has married for the second time and added that she will not accept it unless the stand-up comedian himself issues a statement. Yes, I got to know about the reports of his wedding. I am actually still not sure. I don't think that he (Munawar Faruqi) is married. Jab tak woh khud nahi bolta hai tab tak main nahi manane wali (Unless and until he himself confirms it, I will not believe that he is married)," Khanzaadi told Telly Talk as quoted by Hindustan Times. Reportedly, Munawar Faruqi married Mehzabeen Coatwala on May 26, 2024, in a close-knit affair which was attended by only their family members. Even though the comedian did not issue any official statement announcing his wedding, photos of the couple surfaced on social media in which they were seen cutting a cake together. Munawar sported a white shirt with brown pants. On the other hand, Mehzabeen looked prettiest in a purple sharara suit.

Triptii Dimri

Opens Up On 'National Crush' Tag: 'I Always Wanted People Should Talk About...'

Triptii Dimri, who became popular after the release of Ranbir Kapoor's Animal (2023), talked about being called India's 'crush.' She is all set for the release of Bad Newz, with Vicky Kaushal and Ammy Virk. At the trailer launch in Mumbai on Friday, she was asked about her 'national crush' title. When asked if it bothered her, she said, "In my experience, luckily, I would like to thank God, because in my experience, it has been the other way around, as many films I have done in my career, whether they are the older films that I did earlier, or the ones that have released recently, I have received a lot of love from my audience. People have liked my work and have spoken about it. Initially, when I came into the industry, I always wanted people should talk about my work and nothing else. Luckily, when my



films have released, they have spoken about my work. I think these things motivate us actors to do better in life and to keep working on our craft and I think, that way I have been very fortunate."

Triptii, known for her roles in films like Laila Majnu, Bulbul, and Qala, recently rose to prominence with her portrayal of Zoya in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Animal, starring Ranbir Kapoor. The action-packed film also featured Rashmika Mandanna, Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol, and Shakti Kapoor. Next, she will star opposite Kartik Aaryan in Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, directed by Anees Bazmee. The third installment of the popular franchise, also featuring Vidya Balan, is scheduled for a Diwali 2024 theatrical release. The upcoming entertainer, Bad Newz, is being helmed

by Bandish Bandits fame director Anand Tiwari. The film is the Dharma Productions venture. Last year, several photos of Vicky Kaushal and Triptii Dimri went viral when they were shooting in Croatia. In the pictures, Vicky Kaushal was seen holding Triptii close as they shot for a song. In one of the photos, the actor was also seen lifting the Animal star in his arms. The film will be released in theatres on July 19.

