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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on
Congress has tried to
extend reservation on
the basis of religion and
give it to Muslims, and
accused the party again
of hatching a "deep conspiracy" to snatch people's wealth and distribute it among a "select"

up. n a blistering attack

In a blistering attack on the opposition party, he charged that it is difficult to follow one's faith under the Congress rule and even listening to Hanuman Chalisa becomes a crime.

His remarks at an election rally in Rajasthan's Tonk carpe on the day.

tion rally in Rajasthan's Tonk came on the day the country celebrated Hanuman Jayanti. "Modi is giving you a guarantee that reservation for Dalits and the backward tribals will neither end nor allowed to be divided in the name of religion," he said.

He said the then prime minister Manmo-han Singh had given a speech in which he had

New Delhi "We can't let the be taken for a

"We can't let the public be taken for a ride," the Supreme Court said on Tuesday while asking the Centre and state li-censing authorities to "activate" themselves to deal with misleading ad-

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While questioning the Centre over an August 2023 letter by the Ministry of Ayush asking the licensing authorities not to initiate or take any action under rule 170 of Drugs and Cosmeties. Pulses 1025 the anex.

Rules, 1945, the apex court also pulled up the Indian Medical Associ-



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Outcome of election shows Maldivians want to preserve sovereignty freedom: Muizzu

Kajal Aggarwal starrer Satyabhama to release on this date



INDIA bloc not a front it is a platform against BJP: Vijayan



AAP, BJP invoke Lord Hanuman processions 'chalisa' recitals held



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#### 7 Business

Strong domestic demand supporting India's growth: Morgan Stanley

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sanuddin Amanullah, while hearing the case related to mislead-ing advertisements by retated to initial advertisements by Patanjali Ayurved Ltd, said there are several other Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCGs) companies going that way and the Centre has

Muslims by reducing SC/ST quota: Modi

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in 2004, one of the first things it did was to re-duce the SC/ST reserva-tion in Andhra Pradesh and give it to Muslims," Modi said.

"This was a pilot project which the Congress wanted to try in the entire country," he charged.
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reservation in Andhra Pradesh four times but due to legal hurdles and the awareness of the Supreme Court, it could

Supreme Court, it could not fulfil its intention," he claimed.

"In 2011, the Congress tried to implement it throughout the country. They played the game of snatching away the rights provided to the SC, ST

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"As soon as the Congres formed the governme at the Centre in 2004, one of the first things it did was to reduce the SC/ ST reservation in Andhra Pradesh and give It to Muslims,

#### -Narendra Modi

and OBC and giving them to others for vote bank politics," he said. "The Congress did this deliberately and without

deliberately and without caring about the Consti-tution and B R Ambed-kar," he added.

Modi's speech at a ral-ly in Rajasthan's Ban-swara had triggered a political row Sunday when he referred to the Congress naufestn and Congress manifesto and charged that the party was set to redistribute

#### Cong will implement Sharia, steal your property: Yogi

The Triangle of the Constitution of the Constitution of the Congress and said the grand old party has in its election manifesto expressed its intention to implement the "Sharia law" in the country and redistribute people's property.

Addressing an election rally in Amroba, addressing an election rally in Addressing and its allies have betrayed the country and have once again come to you with their false manifesto. If you look at the Congress manifesto, they say that if they form a government, we will implement Sharia law.

"You tell me, will this country be run by the Constitution made by Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar or by Sharias."

at?" he asked.
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has in his
election rallies said the
Congress has included
redistribution of people's property in its
manifesto.
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they will implement 'vyaktigat kanoon' (per-sonal laws). That means Sharia law will be imple-mented because Modi ji stopped the practice of triple talaq," Adityanath said

said.
"They say that we will again restore personal law. These people will implement Sharia law...," he added.
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Escalating his attack,
Adityanath alleged, "The
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New Delhi
A Delhi court on Tucsday extended the judicial
custody of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and
BRS leader K Kavitha in
a money laundering case
related to the alleged excise scan till May 7.
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and ED matters Kaveri
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The judge also extended the judicial custody of Kavitha, a Telangana MLC and daughter of former chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao, till May 7 in the related corruption case being probed by the CBI.

Kavitha was arrested by the ED from her residence in Hyderabad on March 15 and was subsequently arrested by the CBI on April 11.

Meanwhile, Kejriwal was arrested on March 21 by the ED and has been lodged in Tihar jail saince April 1.

Earlier in the day, Kejriwal was administered a "low dose" of insulin after his blood sugar level spiked, as per Tihar jail authorities.

"Kejriwal was given two units of low-dose insulin on Monday evening on the advice of AIIMS doctors," a Tihar official said.

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## India to get 2 more S-400 missile systems next year

New Delhi

India is set to receive the remaining two regiments of \$5.400 Triumf surface-to-air missile systems from Russia by next year under a new timeline that was firmed up following some delays in the supplies in view of the war in Ultraine, authoritative sources said on Tuesday.

Russia has already supplied three units of the long-range missile systems to India under a USD 5.5 billion deal.

India is also expected to take delivery of warship Tushil, the first of the two Russian-built frigates, in September, the sources said.

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The second warship Tamal will be supplied by Russia in January, they said.

According to the orig-inal timeline, the ships were to be delivered by 2022, they said, attrib-

uting the delays in the delivery to Russia's war

delivery to Russias in Ukraine.
Russia is supplying the stealth frigates under a four-frigates deal firmed up in 2018. The remaining two ships are being made in India.
On S-400 missile systems, the sources said

tems, the sources said the deliveries will be completed by next year. India is procuring the

of efforts to bolster its air power capabilities primarily to deal with security challenges ema-aring from China. In October 2018, In-dia signed the USD 5-5 billion deal with Russia to buy five units of the S-qoo air defence mis-sile systems notwithsile systems, notwith-standing a warning by the US that going ahead

missile systems as part of efforts to bolster its

# defence and intelligence sectors. Russia started delivery of the first regiment of the missile systems in December 2021 and it has been deployed to cover parts of the border with China in the northern sector as well as the ern sector as well as the frontier with Pakistan.

#### BJP won't let Cong touch CAA: Amit Shah

Akola

Jinon Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the Modi government will never change the Constitution or serap reservations for Dalits, tribals and OBCs, and asserted as long as the BJP is around, it will not allow the Congress to touch the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). Shah noted the BJP-led government used its majority in Parliament to nullify Article 370 (which provided special status to J&K), end terrorism and ban the practice of instant triple talaq, and accused the opposition of creating a false narrative that the saffron party will change the Constitution if it wins more than 400



Lok Sabha seats.
Addressing an election rally in Akola in eastern Maharashtan in support of BJP candidate Anup Dhotre, the BJP stalwart accused the Congress and its allies of putting hurdles in the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

It was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who en-sured that a grand and magnificent temple ded-icated to Lord Ram was built in Ayodhya, he said. Referring to the tradi-tional 'Kawad Yatra' tak-en out annually in Akola by Lord Shiva devotees, Shah said likewise Modi

has embarked on a jour-ney for the country's development. The BJP's star cam

The BJP's star campaigner sought votes for a third term in office for Modi and said during his next tenure. India will become the third largest world economy, a status which will benefit all sections of society. Shah attacked Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge over his statement questioning relevance of BJP leaders talking about the Article 270 revocation in states like Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

like Managama.

The Modi government, by removing Article 370, has integrated Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country, emphasised the home minister.

Agency

#### Kejriwal given insulin after sugar level spikes: Tihar

New Delhi

Chii Chief Minister Arvind Rejriwal was administered a "low dose" of insulin after his blood sugar level spiked, officials of Thar jail said on Tuesday, with the AAP commenting that it was because of the blessings of Lord Hanuman.

Tuesday is being celebrated as Hanuman Janmotsav, the Lord's birthday.

According to a Thar official, Rejriwal was given two units of low dose insulin on Monday evening on the advice of the AIIMS doctors.

His blood sugar level reading was found to be 217 around 7 pm, follow-

ing which the doctors at the Tihar looking after him decided to give him the insulin dose, the offi-cial said. The AIIMS specialists, during a video confer-ence with the chief min-ister on April 20, had ad-vised the Tihar doctors that insulin could be given to him if his sag-ar level crosses a certain

level, he added.

Delhi Cabinet minister Saurabh Bharadwaj participated in an event in his constituency to celebrate Hanuman Jayanti. A person dressed as Lord Hanuman was carrying value of insulin with Bharadwaj carrying a mace (\*gadaa') as they travelled in the area atop a vehicle. Vials of insulin were stuck on the mace. "Hanumanji has given insulin to his devotee Arvind Kejriwal, The court passed the order, the jail denied, but due to Hanumanji, Kejriwal got the insulin. We pray for his good health, long life, and may he soon be released," he told PTI Videos. Agency

#### Congress tried to give reservation to Muslims by reducing SC/ST quota: Modi

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He made a similar remark — but skipped the direct reference to Muslims — at an Uttar Pradesh rally on Monday. And he returned to the theme in Tonk on Tuesday. the then Tuesday.

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The prime minister dared the Congress to "declare" openly that if it comes to power it would provide reservation to Muslims out of the quotator to the prime minister said when the BJP government in Karnataka got an opportunity, it abolished the Muslim quota created by the Congress government out of the reservation for the Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

He said the constitutional limit for reservation—in education and government jobs—was ending in 2020 and he extended it for Dalits and the tribals for another 10 years.

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tics.
"I have put forth the truth before the country that the Congress is hatching a deep conspiracy to snatch your wealth and distribute it among select people," he said

e said. He claimed that when He claimed that when he exposed the vote bank politics of Congress, it angered the Congress and its INDI Alliance so much that they have started abusing him everywhere. Why is the Congress seared of the truth and "hiding" its policies, the prime minister asked.

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people's property and
distribute it. Do you
want to allow the Congress and Samajwadi
Party to loot your prop-

erty?"
"Look at the condition of these shameless people. On one hand, they are eying on your property and on the other hand they are making the matia and criminals their necklace and reciting Fatiha in their name," he added.

Referring to a comment

Referring to a com-ment made by former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh in 2006, Adityanath said, "When Dr Manmohan Singh ji was the Prime Min-ister, he had said that Muslims have the first right on the country's re-

"So where will our Dalits, backward class-es, Kharagvanshis, Pals, poor and farmers go? Where will the mothers and sisters go, where will the youth go?" he asked.

and sisters go, where will the youth go?" he asked.

The chief minister claimed that terrorism has been finished in In-dia during the tenure of the Modi government.

There was an atmosphere of fear and terror in the country 10 years ago, people were afraid. After 2014, terrorism was controlled and by 2019, Modi ji did such a thing that the root of terrorism Jammu Kashmir's Article 370 was abolished. Today terrorism has been destroyed in India," he said.

Adityanath claimed that now whenever there is a loud burst of firecrackers somewhere, Pakitsan elaifies that if

firecrackers somewhere, Pakistan clarifies that it

## PM slams Congress over its Goa leader's remark on Constitution says it's ploy to break country

Sakti (Chhattisgarh):
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on
Tuesday hit out at Congress over a remark by its Goa candidate that the Constitution was imposed on the coastal state, and said it was a "ploy" to break the coun-

"ploy" to break the country.

Speaking at an election rally in Chhattisgarh's Sakti district, Modi said Congress, which 'divides the country in the name of religion', has been in-dulging in appeasement since day one after independence.

"Congress is not able to digest the perticipation of Dalits, Adivasis and backward classes in power. Now the party has started a big game. Earlier a Congress MP from Karmataka said south India should be declared a separate country, now a Congress. south India should be declared a separate country, now a Congress candidate from Goa said the Indian Constitution is not applicable in Goa," he said.

"He is saying the Constitution was forced on Goa. He has told this to 'shehzade' (apparently referring to Rahul Gam-germity feering to Rahul Gam-germity referring to Rahul Gam-

'shehzade' (apparently referring to Rahul Gan-dhi)...Isn't this an insult to Babasaheb Ambedto Babasaheb Ambed-kar? Isn't this an insult to the Constitution? Is this not tampering with

BJP: Vijayan

Kannur (Kerala): rala Chief Minister Pi-

narayi Vijayan on Tues-day said the INDIA bloc was not a front, but a sys-tem of opposition politi-cal parties that has come up as a platform against the ruling BJP at the Cen-

the ruling BP at the Centre.

The statement by Vijayan comes amidst an intense fight between the CPI(M)-led LDF and the CONGRESS-led UDF - both NDLA bloc partners - in Kerala ahead of the Lok Sabha polls in the state on April 26.

He said, during a press meet here, that during the LS polls, alliances were being formed in various states as part of the platform and its result was that the LBP was being largely isolated.

"There is also a strong public sentiment against the BJP in the country," he added.

A final decision would

A final decision would

be taken regarding the bloc's next step only after



the Constitution of In-dia?" the prime minister

"People of Jammu and Kashmir also used and Kashmir also used to say...You gave bless-ings (to BJP), now their mouths are shut. Now the Constitution of India is in force there (after

the abrogation of Article 370), "he said. The Congress candi-date (in Goa) made this said he told his leader about it, which means his leader has given a tacit consent to it, Modi said, in apparent swipe at Rahul Gandhi.

the polls after analysing

the prevailing situation, the Marxist veteran said in response to a query as to whether the partners in the INDIA bloc were moving towards the goal for which the front was created.

lor when a created.
On being asked whether Rahul Gandhi was the Prime Ministerial candidate of the bloc, Vijayan said that the Congress has not made any decision about it yet.
He said that in the last

LS polls in 2019, the Con-gress had sought votes by projecting Gandhi as the PM candidate.

PM candidate.

"Since people in Keralahave had the experience of that, I do not think they will do that again this time," he said.

Vijayan said as far as the Left front was concerned, after all the parties against the BJP win in the polls, at that time a decision would be taken on who would be the

en on who would be the leader of the INDIA bloc.

INDIA bloc not a front

it is a platform against

the country. A huge part of the country has rejected Congress, and therefore the party wants to create such small islands, 'be claimed. The prime minister was referring to Congress candidate from South Goa, Viriato Fernandes, who said on Monday that then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had said that Goa will decide its own destiny after it was liberated from Portuguese rule, but 'this did not happen', and the and the not happen", and the Indian Constitution was

forced" on the state. Modi further said that

today Congress was re jecting the Constitution Goa, and to ing the sa

ing the same in the control of the opposition party neither has a vision for the country, nor does it know "the ABCD" of welfare of the poor, he

na. The PM also countered The PM also countered Congress' allegation that the BJP was planning to change the Constitution if voted to power for a third term, saying, "Leave aside Modi and BJP, even Babasaheb Ambedkar himself can not abolish the Consti-

"Appensement and vote-bank politics are in the DNA of Congress. For appeasement, they will not wait for a second to snatch rights of adivasis, Dalits and backwards," he said.

BJP works on the mantra of Sabka sath, sabka vikas'. Our priority is welfare of the poor, women, youth and immers. Congress gave slogans of 'garibi hatao' (remove poverty) for 60 years and kept on filling coffers of its leaders. Modi did not give any hara' (slogan), rather he established 'nata' (relation). In the last 10 years, 25 crore poor were brought out of poverty, he added.

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Modi said, everyone thought and the label.

was built.
"...The country had lost hope that the Ram temple will be built. Everyone thought that this matter had ended.

this hope was done by those belonging to lotus (BJP symbol). Congress

those belonging to lotus (BJP symbol). Congress leaders used to taunt us in every election and asked about the date of construction of Ram temple. We told them the date, time and even invited them to the consecration of Ram Mandir (in Ayodhya). But Congress is so arrogant that it considers itself to be bigger than Lord Ram. They rejected the invitation, he said. Isn't this an insult of Shabri? Chhattisgarh is 'nani-hal' (birth place of Lord Ram and place of Mata Shabri. Congress has insulted Chhattisgarh by skipping Ram temple consecration evenous.

When a tribal woman

When a tribal woman became our country's President, Congress in-sulted her, the PM said. "During the BJP-led Centre, the son of a Dalit family became President (Ramnath Kovind). Congress opposed that. Then we decided to make first tribal President of the country. Congress also opposed her and insult-ed her," he said.

#### BJP will stop TMC's corruption and cut money culture: Amit Shah

Malda/Karandighi:
Union Home Minister
Amit Shah on Tuesday
launched a scathing aitack on the Trinamool
Congress government in
West Bengal over issues
of corruption, including
the school jobs scam,
and asserted that only
the BJP can eradicate
corruption and eatt moneey culture of the TMC in
the state.
Addressing a rally at

ev culture of the TMC in the state. Addressing a rally at Karandighi in the Raiganj constituency, Shah said the party has set a target of winning 35 Lok Sabha seats from West Bengal.

"The Calcutta High Court yesterday gave a judgment cancelling thousands of appointments made through the 2016 teacher recruitment test. It is a matter of shame that jobs were sold for lakhs of rupees. They have taken 10 lakhs, and 15 lakhs as bribes for jobs. It means if you do not have ta lakh rupees, how will you get taken 10 lakhs, and 15 lakhs as bribes for jobs. It means if you do not have ta lakh rupees, how will you get taken 10 lakhs, and 15 lakhs as bribes for jobs. It means if you do not have ta lakh rupees, how will you get taken for your brestees. if you do not have 15 lakin rupees, how will you get a job for your brothers and sons?" he said. The Calcutta High Court on Monday or-dered the cancellation of

dered the cancellation of appointments of 25,753 teachers and non-teach-ing staff made through the State Level Selec-tion Test-2016 (SLST) in West Bengal govern-ment-sponsored and aided schools, declaring the selection process as

aided schools, declaring the selection process as "null and void."
West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Baner-jee had termed the high court order "illegal" and said her government will challenge the verdict in the Supreme Court.
Shah said, "Rs 51 crore were recovered from the residence of TMC minister Partha Chatterjee. What action was taken against him?" education

against him?"
Former education
minister Partha Chatterjee was suspended from
the party and removed
from the state cabinet in
July 2022, days after his
arrest in the school jobs
seam.

scam.
This cut-money cul-This cut-money cul-ture and corruption must end in West Bengal. I want to know whether this should stop or not. The TMC can never stop it; only the BJP can stop it," he said.

it," he said.

Hitting out at the Congress over remarks by its leaders that the CAA would be repealed if they were voted to power. Shah said, "Neither Congress nor Mamata Baneriee can dare to touch the CAA."

#### Bajaj Foundation Partners with Yuwaah India, a UNICEF Initiative, to Empower Youth on Earth Day ing The Voices of Tomorrow

New Delhi:

In a significant collaboration aimed at harnessing the potential of young minds and fostering cnvironmental consciousness, the Bajaj Foundation has joined forces with Yuwaah India, a proud member forces with Yuwaah India, a proud member of the UNICEF India family. This partnership underscores a shared commitment to enable all young people to realize their full potential, perticularly in advocating for sustainable practices & Climate Volunteering, Yuwaah has launched a 7 day challenge #ekearthekchance campaign on the Meri Life app.

"As we celebrate Earth

campaign on the Meri Life app.
"As we celebrate Earth Day, we recognize the urgent need to address the growing stream of e-waste in Asia. Our partnership with young leaders of tomorrow is paramount in spreading awareness and tostering sustainable practices. Through engaging acsustainable practices. Through engaging ac-tivities like street plays,

talk shows, and eco-art exhibitions, we empower students to become cata-lysts for change, forging a brighter, greener fu-ture for generations to come." – Pankaj Bajaj, Founder of Bajaj Foun-dation

uon "#EkEarthEkChance #IREARTHEEChance
is not just a campaign,
it's our mission. If all
of us collectively work
towards taking up
pro-planet actions, we
can make a difference.
At YuWaah at UNICEF, we look upto young people in India for their leadership and solu-

tions. This is a chance for every young person to come together and use this chance to take action on the MeriLiFE app." - Dhuwarakha Sriram, Chief of YuWaah (Generation Unlimited in India) at UNICEF

The Earthday event organised by Bajaj Foundation for students of Delhi was a great one.

Gayatri Raghwa, Part-erships, UNEP On the occasion of Gayatri Raghwa, Partmerships, UNEP
On the occasion of Earth Day, the Bajaj Foundation proudly launched "Earth Day, a multifaceted initiative dedicated to tackling the pressing issue of electronic waste (e-waste). With the theme of environmental stewardship at its core, Earth Day Day will feature a range of engaging activities designed to raise awareness and promote responsible consumption habits among youth.

Foundation for students of Delhi was a great one. The event showcased the power of youth through their voices, All we need is to give a platform for youth , rest they can take care of They are the true changemakers."

#### Military strength capabilities necessary to prevent wars says Army chief

New Delhi:

The current geo-strategic landscape is characterised by a change that is taking place at an "un-precedented" scale and speed, Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande said on Tuesday while asserting that military strength and capabilities are necessary to prevent wars.

Recent geopolitical powerplays have displayed, that where national interests are concerned, countries will "not hesitati" to go to war. These developments have reaffirmed the relevance of hard power, he said this during an event here.

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said this during an event here.

The Army chief took part in the AIMA Nation-al Leadership Conclave and spoke on 'Hard Pow-err Modernising Forces through Self-reliance'.

He said the overall rise of a nation can be said to occur when there is a sig-nificant and continuous increase in its "compre-hensive national power".

While "economic pow-er" is the fountainhead of the growth of the na-tion, it is the "military strength" that lends it the ability to "affect the outcomes", necessary to outcomes", necessary to protect and further its multifarious interests, in

protect and turner its multifarious interests, in expanding strategic horizons, the Army chief said. The current geo-strategic landscape is characterised by change, mking place at unprecedented scale and speed. Recent geopolitical powerplays have displayed, that where national interests are concerned, countries will not hesitate to go to war. These developments have reaffirmed the relevance of hard power, Gen Pande added. Military strength and Apabilities are necessary to prevent war or to present a "tredible deterrence" as well as to enable a robust response to threats and winning wars, when required, across the "entire spectrum of conflict", he said.

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#### Desh Bhagat University collaborates with Washington University for Academic Partnership

Chandigarh:
Desh Bhagat University (DBU), Mandi
Gobindgarh, Punjab,
India a premier institution dedicated to ac-India a premier institution dedicated to academic excellence and global engagement, proudly announces its collaboration with the esteemed Washington University of Science & Technology (WUST), Virginia, USA. This partnership significs a significant step forward in DBU's mission to cultivate international eacademic alliances and foster cross-cultural learning opportunities. Dr Sandeep Singh, President Deah Bhagat University & Eng. Abubokor Hantp, CEO & Chairman of Board of Governance, Alexandria, Virginia, USA agreed to engage in scientific ecooperation in selected research projects and also WUST allow its students to pursue doctoral level studies at DBU and its international campus-es. Washington University services and also wUST allow its students to pursue doctoral level studies at DBU and its international campus-es. Washington Univer-



sity of Science & Technology (WUST) will assist with the faculty and student exchanges between the cultural exchanges between the two nations. DBU has been known for academic excellence, research, and innovation for the last three decades. Desh Bhagat University India offers 200 plus programs leading to a diploma, UG, PG, and PhD. Desh Bhagat University Americas offers MD 5 years known as MBBS 5 years at St Vincent and Grenadines.

The collaboration between DBU and WUST encompasses a wide range of initiatives aimed at promoting academic exchanges, joint research endeavors, and collaborative programs across various disciplines. Through tibis partnership, students, faculty, and researchers from both institutions will have the opportunity to

both institutions will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue, share exper-tise, and collaborate on innovative projects. Washington Uni-versity of Science &

Technology (WUST), renowned for its commitment to excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, brings a wealth of knowledge and resources to this partmership. By joining forces with WUST, DBU reaffirms its dedication to providing world-class education and preparing students for success in an ever-evolving global landscape.

Dr. Sandeep Singh, President of Desh Bhagat University, expressed his enthusiasm about the collaboration, stating, "We are thrilled to parmer with Washington University of Science & Technology, a prestigious institution known for its dedication to advancing scientific knowledge and technological innovation. This collaboration will create valuable opportunities for our students and faculty to collaborate, learn, and grow together."

# Workshop

Staff Reporter
New Delhi
A workshop was organised
by the department of official
language, the MCD here on
Tuesday to promote the official language Hindi and to
increase interest in this language among the officers. guage among the officers and employees

On this occasion, various On this occasion, various competitions were held in Hindi language. Hindi gen-eral knowledge quiz compe-tition, Hindi poetry, song competition were also or-ranised

commissioner B. P. waj was also present. Besides, corporation em-ployees also participated in

Speaking on the occasion, deputy deputy commissioner Bhardwai said that Hindi is the vehicle of our life values culture, civilisations and rit

culture, civilisations and rit-nals.

He said that language is the basis of ideological and social unity of any country. He expressed gratitude for the successful organisation of the programme. He asked all the corporation employ-ees to use Hindi language as much as possible in govern-ment work.

me winning teams of var-ious competitions held on this occasion were encour-aged by giving them certifi-cates. The winning teams of var

#### AICC urged to take disciplinary action against Chauhan

Staff Reporter

Staff Reporter New Delhi The disciplinary committee of the Delhi Pradesh Con-gress Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr Naren-dra Nath in a meeting here on Tuesday left it to the AICC to decide on the com-paint against former Delhi plaint against former Delhi and AICC mem ministe ber Raj Kumar Chauhan

ber Raj Kumar Chauhan.
It was unanimously de-cided in the meeting that AICC should decide on the complaint against former Delhi Minister and All India Congress Committee member Rajkumar Chauhan.
The other members presentat the meeting were vice-chairman of the disciplinary committee Shoaib Danish.

committee Shoaib Danish Varyam Kaur, Onika Mal-hotra and Ashwani

It was also decided in the It was also decided in the meeting that the disciplinary committee will identify those who shouted slogans when the three Congress candidates for the Lok Sabha elections were being introduced to the media at a press conference by the PCC president and issue show cause notice to them to maintain discipline in the party.

party.
The disciplinary committee requested all the party workers of the Delhi Con-gress to work for the victory

# News IN BRIEF AAP, BJP invoke Lord Hanuman held to promote Hindi processions 'chalisa' recitals held



invoked Lord Hamman on the festival commemorat-ing the birth of the deity. With Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal receiving the first dose of insulin in Ti-har Jail on Monday evening since his arrest on March 21. AAP leaders said that it han. AAP leaders said that it hap-pened due to the blessings of Lord Hanuman, while his wife Sunita Keiriwal offered prayers at the Hanuman Temple in Conn oht Place

Temple in Connaught Place on the ocasion of Hanuman Jammotsav and said she hopes to visit again soon with her husband. The party leaders had accused the Tihar administration of denying insulin to Kejriwal who suffers from diabetes and had daimed it was a "conspiracy" to killthe chief minister who was showing a spike in his sugar levels.

ar levels.

Kejriwal is currently lodged in Tihar Jail in connection with a money laundering-linked excise policy

case. "May Hanuman Baba give wisdom and prosperity to all. May Hanuman Baba take away everyone's trouble and mine too. I will come

Noida Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed a public meeting in support of BJP candidate from Gautm Bud-dha Nagar Dr. Mahesh Shar-

ma at Bishara in Dadri as-

sembly constituency. Rajnath said in the public

Rajnath campaigns

for Mahesh Sharma



ck with sir (Arvind Kejri-

Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj organ ised a 'Shobhayatra' of Lord Hanuman in his Greater Kailash constituency

"Delhi Chief Minister "Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is an im-mense 'Bhakt' of Hanuman ji. Today Hanuman ji has once again come to alleviate the trouble of his 'Bhakt'. On this auspicious occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, Kejriwal received insulin.

"The jail administration was denying him insulin. This shows that whenever the devotees of Lord Hanu-

the devotees of Lord Hamman are in trouble, he comes to their rescue," the senior party leader said. The procession featured artistes dressed as Lord Ram, Sita, Lakshman, and Hamuman. During the 'shobhayatra', the person posing as Lord Hamuman was seen carrying props of

insulin vials while Bharad-waj held a mace with stick-ers that had 'insulin' written n them

The procession comenced from the 'Prachin Shiy Mandir' of Chirag Delhi and toured areas such as Chirag Delhi and Sheikh

Sarai.

Aam Aadmi Party leaders including Kejriwal have in the past also invoked Hindu gods which had led its critics to charge it with peddling "soft Hindutva".

Last week, the party

Last week, the party launched its "AAP Ka Ram Raiva" website to sho Rajan "website to showcase the party's concept of "Ram Rajan", saying Delhi Chief Minister Kejriwal tried to re-alise the ideals of Lord Ram in the national capital. In 2022, Kejriwal Sug-gested printing images of Goddess Laxmi and Lord Ganesh on currency notes to hoost the conours.

boost the economy. Amid the Lok Sabha elec-tion campaigning, AAP can-

didates -- Somnath Bharti, Kuldeep Kumar, Mahabal Mishra and Sahiram Pehel-wan -- too sought the bless-ings of the deity on Tuesday, Delhi minister Atishi vis-

ited Hanuman temples in the Kalkaji assembly con-stituency and prayed for the good health of Kejriwal.

stituency and prayed for the good health of Kejriwal.

"Today I visited various Hanuman temples in Kalkain and participated in the Bhandara and prayed to Barangball to keep the popular Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal, healthy.

"This holy occasion of Hanuman Jayanti has proved to be very auspicious for the people of Delhi, Due to the prayers of the people of Delhi, Due to the prayers of the people of Delhi for their brother, their son and the blessings of Bajrangbal, Kejriwal ji finally got insulin ijail today," she said in a post on X in Hindi.

Delhi Bal? leaders said that they held mass recitals of 'Hanuman Chalisa' at temples and other places across 13,657 polling booths across the city. Many senior party leaders and candidates in Lok Sabha polls at tended the programmes at various locations. In-charge of Delhi i Br for Lok Sabha polls OP Dhankhar attended Hanuman Chalisa poath Hanuman Chalisa poath and Hanuman Chalisa poath olls OP Dhankhar attendpolls OP Dhankhar attend-ed Hanuman Chalisa paath (recital) at Dwarka while state president Virendra Sachdeva attended the event at Prachin Hanuman temple in Connaught Place. "We prayed for the health

Gurugram Police Collaborate to

and happiness of the Delhi people. We also prayed that just like a Ram Bhakt Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working at the Centre, there should also be an end to corruption in Delhi and a Ram Bhakt should govern here also," Sachdeva said.

State general secretary State general secretary (organisation) Pawan Rana recited Hanuman Chalisa at a temple near Rouse Av-enue court. New Delhi Lok Sabha candidate Bansuri Swaraj attended the proaraj attended the pro-mme at a park in Chirag gramme at a Dilli under th

Other candidates include ing Ramvir Singh Bidhuri (South Delhi), Yogendra Chandolia (North West Delhi), Harsh Malhotra (East hi), riam Delhi) and Kamanes Sehrawat (West Delhi, Khandelwal

Sehrawat (West Delhi, Praveen Khandelwal (Chandni Chowk) also at-tended Hamuman Chalisa recitals in their respective constituencies. Meanwhile, the Delhi Po-lice said that the Hanuman Jayanti processions at dif-ferent parts of the national capital, including Jahangir-puri where a communal puri where a communal clash had broke out two years ago, were taken out peacefully amid tight secu-

Delhi Police had beefed up security and paramili-tary forces were deployed in Jahangirpuri on Tuesday to keep vigil during the Shob-hayatra on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti.

#### MCD ropes in businesses to woo voters with discounts



New Delhi In a bid to encourage New Delhi
In abid to encourage voters, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has roped in businesses, including hotels and enteries, who are offering discounts to those who will cast their ballots in the Lok Sabha elections.

Sabha elections. Delhi will go to the polls in the sixth phase of the general elections on May 25

Restaurants across the city affiliated with the National affiliated with the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) will give a 20 per cent discount to cus-tomers dining in after cast-ing their votes, a statement released by the Delhi civic body said on Tuesday. The beneficiaries can avail this discount upon present-ing their voter ID and their graphic propersional propersion.

ing their voter ID and their inked finger, it added. The statement said that various eateries and hotels in different zones of the city different zones of the city — West, Keshavpuram, Najaf-garh, City SP and Karol Bagh — will also offer discounts to those participating in the elections.

elections.

The Chandni Chowk Sarv
Vyapar Mandal has also extended a 10 per cent discount to shoppers displaying

collaboratively with True caller to ensure the safety of citizens in Gurugram and across the state."

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Sharing his thoughts on
the partnership, Mr Rishit
Jhunjhunwala, Chief Product Officer and Managing
Director at Truecaller is
committed to working with
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and the government to curb online frauds and ensure

cyber safety of citizens. This MoU marks a sig-nificant stride in our ef-

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the indelible ink mark on their finger at establishments registered with the mandal. Shoppers can avail this one-time offer on May 27, ac-cording to the statement. Similarly, the Vyapar Mandal C-4-E Janashpuri Market will offer a 5 per cent discount to shoppers with thevotine markon their

with the voting mark on their fingers, the statement said

The establishments in the The establishments in the West zone have decided to give discounts varying from 10 per cent to 20 per cent to patrons who exercise their right to vote in the elections.

The Select City Walk Mall is Salest been also wheel was

in Saket has also asked var-ious establishments in the mall to offer discounts to eligible voters.
The establishments in the

Keshavpuram zone will offer a 20 to 30 per cent discount to voters who cast their bal-

lots, the statement stated.
The Radisson Blu Hotel in
Dwarka area of Najafgarh
Zone has announced discounts of 50 per cent on
lunch buffets and 30 per
cent on dinner buffets for those exercising their right to vote on May 25, it added.

#### Nasir gang member wanted murder held

New Delhi The special cell of Delhi Po-lice has arrested a member of Nasir gang who was want-ed under the MCOC Act and for murder, police said or

Tuesday.

A few months ago, the city police received information about the movements of Danish Jamal in

ments of Danish Jamal in Delhi, they said. Jamal is the cousin of gangster Nasir, who is also lodged in jail under the Ma-harashtra Control of Or-ganised Crime (MCOC) Act. Jamal, Adil and Badar were

running the gang. Police said that he was arrested from Bhopal along

arrested from Bhopal along with his associate Gaurav on April 16.

"After getting information, it was revealed that Jamal had been hiding in Uttar Pradesh and will be in Delhi. But later we got to know that Jamal alongwith Gaurav went to Bhopal. Team arrested him from Bhopal on April 16." Deputy 16." Bhopal on April 16," Deputy Commissioner of Police (special cell) Pratiksha Go-dara said.

#### enhance Safety in Digital Communication in MCOC Act knowledge and skills need-ed to make informed choic-es for their protection while truecaller ( harnessing opportunities in the digital world. We look forward to working Truecaller & Gurugram Police

Rajnath said in the public meeting that at one time Noida was a big center of corruption for the leaders and officials of Uttar Pradesh, but today under the leadership of PM Name-dra Modi and CM Vogi Adityanath, Noida is not a center of corruption but has become a business center of India. of India. There was fear of criminals and the rule of mafias, but all this is a thing of the past now. Today, not only in Uttar Pradesh but in entire India, if any place is known for tourism and better law

known.
Regarding Jewar Airport
in his address, he said that I
remember when I was the
chief minister of Uttar
Pradesh, I took up the proposal of Jewar Airport with
the Centre, but it was put on
hold because of change of governments at the Centre in between. But I, Prime Minister Modi and Chief



ready.

Defence Minister Rajnath said that Uttar Pradesh was counted among the poor states but today you can say with a sigh of relief that a miracle has happened due to the double engine govern-ment. Today Uttar Pradesh is not counted among the is not counted among the poor states, within a few years the size of the econo-my of Uttar Pradesh will reach one trillion dollar. This is no small achieve-ment, Uttar Pradesh will ac-count for one-fifth of the country's economy.

count for one-fifth of the country's economy. BJP candidate Sharma in his address said that I owe you a lot. You brought the master's son till here and got the opportunity to work in four ministries in the Modi government. I can government. I can never re-pay my debt to you all. I am saying that if you give me a third chance, I will work and serve you with full hon-esty.

New Delhi
Gurugram Police has joined
forces with Truecaller, the
global Caller ID and Spam
Blocking app, to build safety in digital communication, combating cybercrime, and raising cyber safety awareness among citizens. The memorandum citizens. The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed in the presence of Shri. Vikas Kumar Arora, IPS, Commissioner of Police. Through proactive measures against evolving fraud and seams in the digital space, this partnership seeks to collectively work towards establishing a safe evberspace for citizens.

collaboration in cludes CyberWise training sessions led by Truecaller sessions led by Truccaller in partnership with Guru-gram Police to educate citizens on preventing cyber fraud and reporting online harms. Furthermore, True-caller has expanded its Government Directory Services in Gurugram, by incorporating verified police contact numbers to combat impersonation fraud.

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aud. This integration will em-Ins integration will em-power users to easily iden-tify verified numbers, thereby reducing the risk of falling victim to imperson-ation scams. In a bid to promote online safety awareness, Truecaller and



Gungram Police will fur-ther extend the initiative across the state and sup-port the Udrisht Society for Safety, a non-profit ini-tiative by Haryana Police. Truecaller is committed to adding in fostering safety in communication and com-bating spam and fraud, thereby contributing to a safer digital ecosystem. safer digital ecosystem. Sharing his thoughts on

the partnership, the com-missioner of Police, Guru-gram, Shri Siddhant Jain, gram, Shri Siduian ..... Deputy Commissioner of Police (Cyber Staff), South Gurugram said, "Gurugram Police is actively dedicated to increasing cyber safety awareness and empowering citizens to stay safe orline. The ongoing challenges of cyber fraud are concerning, as Gurugram Police receives around 100-120 complaints daily, with an average monthly loss of \$40 crore due to cyber fraud. To combat this, our collaborative efforts with Truccaller aim to reduce the impersonation of Gurugram Police officials by verifying official numbers awareness and empowerrugram Ponce official numbers through Truecaller's Gov-ernment Directory Servic-es. Through the cyber safe-ty training sessions, our mission is to provide citi-

forts to work alongside law enforcement in addressing the escalating number of fraud cases, including pre-venting the impersonation of police officials through verification on the Gov-ernment Directory Servic-es. We have previously also partnered with other law enforcement asencies such enforcement agencies such as Delhi Police and Assam Police as part of our initia-tives to combat online

Moreover, we are active ly engaged in enhancing citizens' cyber fraud pre-vention capabilities through cyber safety train-ing programs."

## DDA directs to agencies to remove waste debris from Yamuna floodplain

The DDA has issued notices to agencies, asking those to remove waste and debris accumulated during construction on the Yamuna floodplain by the end of June, it said in a statement on Tuesday.

According to the land own-ing agency, the notice is in compliance with directions of the Delhi High Court issued

on April 8.
The notices were issued to



agencies, including the Na-tional Highways Authority of India, Public Works Department, National Capital Re gion Transport Corporation Delhi Metro Rail Corpora

tion, and the Delhi Jal Board. tion, and the Delhi Jal Board, to ensure removal of waste and debris accumulated during the construction of bridges, railway lines, and regional railway networks, among others, on the Yamuna floodplain by June 30, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) statement said

To ensure the high court orders are complied with in letter and spirit, in case of any default from any recognisable stakeholders, the DDA will undertake the

DDA will undertake the task of cleaning of such construction waste and debris by itself imposing suitable cost on the defaulter(s), it stated. The DDA is also nominating nodal officers for each stretch of the floodplain who would be responsible for sustained upkeep of the area under their jurisdiction and keep if free from enrousdkeep it free from encroach-ment and construction and demolition waste.

## Light rain in parts of Delhi IMD issues advisory

New Delhi
Gusty winds swept the national capital as parts of
Delhi received light rain
on Tuesday, bringing
respite to people.
The weather experienced a sudden change in
the evening, with the maximum temperature set-

imum temperature set-tling a notch below normal at 36.8 degrees Celsius, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in a bulletin.

It said strong winds It said strong winds pose a threat to planta-tions, horticulture and standing crops and warned that vulnerable structures and kutcha houses may suffer partial to minor damage. "Residents are urged to stay indoors, secure win-

stay indoors, secure win-dows and doors and re-frain from unnecessary travel. Seeking safe shelter and avoiding tree cover are recommended to mitigate risks. Stay tuned for

igate risks. Stay tuned for further updates as the sit-uation develops," the IMD said in its advisory issued before the rainfall began. "A dust storm followed by a thunderstorm with rain and gusty winds, with speeds ranging from 40 to 70 kilometres per hour, is expected to occur, ower. is expected to occur over and adjoining areas of en-tire Delhi and NCR within the next two hours," the weather office said.

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**Breaking Time** Sudoku

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## India's constructive revisionism

Dialogue 2024, fairs Minister (EAM) Dr S. Jaishankar reiterated India's perceptions of the current international system. He asserted that the post-1945 international order, while not broken, is certainly less effective and needs to be changed. However, changing the world order is often seen as revisionism—a taboo in the International Relations (IR) lexicon. It is often equated to the destruction of the existing international order, overshadowing the fact that revisionism can be constructive, and can usher in a positive change. In this context, this article focuses on how India, under the Modi government, is constructively changing the international order by making it more representative, legitimate, and solution-orierned.

Revisionism and its constructive side

The word revisionism in IR refers to a state(s)<sup>i</sup> intent to alter or recon-stitute the international order to its benefit. The revisionism of the or-der is considered taboo because states pursuing such a strategy have, in the past and current such a strategy have, in the past and current times, sought the de-struction of the existing order. While pre-1945 illustrations include Napoleonic France and the erstwhile Soviet Un-ion, currently China and Russia pare considered ion, currently China and Russia are considered revisionist powers be-cause of their aggressive actions threatening the norms of sovereignty and international law. This can be seen in Chi-na's grey-zone warfare in the South China Sea and against India, and Russia's annexation of Crimea and the war

However, the destruc-tive revisionist tenden-cies of these powers often overshadow the



constructive side of re-visionism. For example, India is not taking ag-gressive actions against the norms and institu-tions of the internation-al order to promote its interests, which at the interentational level is to international level is to become a leading pow-er of the Global South. Instead, India is trying to bring changes to the West-dominated order in a constructive man-ner so that it accommodates India's ambitions Towards this end, India Towards this end, India envisions changing the current West-led order into a multipolar one where India could act as one of the poles. In this endeavour, India is not only shouldering greater global responsibilities to showcase its capacities but also working with other states to make positive contribuing with other states to make positive contribu-tions to the world order. Thus, India is collabo-rating with like-minded countries to make in-ternational institutions more representative and evolve new mechanisms that can find solutions to challenges facing na-tion-states.

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India's constructive revisionism was reflect-ed during the early years

of the Modi government when the international discourse was filled with the crists that the international order was facing. Prime Minister Modi and EAM's speeches at the United Nations in 2014 and 2015, respectively, conveyed India's problems with the international system, particularly the need to update the post-1945 architecture of the United Nations and its decision-making body—the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), making it more representative and legitimate. Even in the current, times, the the current times, the UN has failed to end the conflict in Ukraine or between Israel and the conflict in Okraine or between Israel and Palestine. Institutions of global economic governance have failed to cater to the developmental needs of the Global South when globalisation has increased wealth inequalities and created undesimble dependencies. Issues such as climate change, terrorism and nuclear security continue to be deprived of solutions and coordination. In view of the problems caused by the current order, it is countries like India that have expressed the need to rise above divisions and competition to work together for the global

good. For example, In-dia has made crucial efforts to combat terror-ism through sponsoring the draft legal frame-work of the Compre-hensive Convention on International Terrorism.

India has also sought to create alternative systems and norms that benefit all stakeholders in the international system. Since no single country can alone create such systems, India has promoted or created coalitions/partnerships with like-minded countries on issues of mutual importance. Since 2014, India has joined or initiated 36 groupings India has also sought tual importance. Since 2014, India has joined or initiated 36 groupings in different domains. Against the power-centrism of the current IO, India seeks to build 'offering solutions to humanity's problems' as the new norm or agenda of these coalitions', partnerships. Through institutions such as G20, International Solar Alliance, Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), India is actively reconstructing the world order by offering sustainable solutions to challenges faced by humanity.

Regarding climate

change and energy security, India and France launched the International Solar Alliance in 2015 to facilitate energy access, security and transition worldwide by providing clean electricity to all by 2030. This coalition of 90 member states has set up Solar Technology and Application Resource Centres (STAR-C), which builds human capacity and skills within member countries to undertake energy transitions. At COP26, India and the UK partnered with ISA and the World Bank to launch the Green Grids Initiative—One Sun, One World, One Grid, which aims to connect 140 countries and develop infrastructure for clean energy.

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India is also actively working to ensure maritime security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific, and the Indian Ocean region in particular, which accounts for around So percent of maritime oil trade and around US\$10 billion tons of commerce. In line with its Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) policy, India has established the Information Pasion Centered in Pa formation Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Re-gion (IFC-IOR), which provides real-time in-formation to its partformation to its para-ners to ensure maritime security. Moreover, the Indian Navy frequent-ly conducts anti-piracy operations in the region extending from the Gulf extending from the Gulf of Aden to the Malacca Straits, the latest be-Straits, the latest being operations to save MV Lila Norfolk and MV Ruen from Somalipirates. India is also working with countries such as Bangladesh, Myanmar, Mauritius, Kenya, and Mozambique to boost the Blue Economy by sustainably extracting ocean-based resources for the mutual development of regional economies.

still stands today and has not become a victim of the region's ongoing conflagrations.

Then what explains kinetic action-led chase for deterrence? There are two aspects to this. First, from an Israeli point of view, maintaining not just deterrence, but an upper hand against its validation.

#### CHANGE

# BY SUVEEN KUMAR

THE WISDOM TREE

The biggest reason why you should never belong to anything because nothing belongs to you changing with the change brings a lot of happiness and trying to remain constant brings a lot of pain, if attachment is natural so is the change, if happiness is natural so is the pain. One of the happiest ways to live the life is, to live for nothing and die for nothing and die for nothing also with the change is beginning of happiness, practicing the change is living in happiness and accepting the change is living in happiness, nothing ever will make you anything ever will make to a spiritual or philosophical talk, it is simply a sensible talk, the kingdom of change or philosophical talk, it is simply a sensible talk the kingdom of change is from slums to palace, from ocean to cosmos, from life to death, from

pure mode of goodness to worst mode of badness, a friendship with change will make you king and camity with it will make you beggar.

it is sad to see good time changing, it's sad to see good people changing, git's sad to see good people changing, git's sad to see your loved ones loving someone else, it's sad to see your friend becoming others friend, it's sad to see that nothing seems, it's sad to see that nothing remains the same change teaches you not to be dependent, change the same change teaches you not to be dependent, change the same change the same change the same change the same style. it is sad to see good time

Moral: change is a boat that can take you any-where you wish, constant is graveyard once you are in, you are dead.



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# Israel, Iran, and shadowboxing for deterrence nomic or political inter-est. Such a hypothesis is further cemented by the fact that the Abraham Accords, which normal-ised political ties be-tween Israel and a group of Arab states in 2020, still stands today and

n the sidelines of the ongoing war in Gaza, Paki-stan reportedly banned the Zainebiyoun Bri-gade—a Pakistan-based Iran-backed Shia militia group which fought on behalf of Iran's powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corno (IRGC) in

The chase for strategic

one-upmanship by Iran

and Israel could lead to

an expanded regional

war with global, long-

Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Syria and beyond. The news came at a time when Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi is expected to visit Islamabad in late April while Pakistan's Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif was to Saudi Arabia on his first international visit.

The Zainebiyoun Brigade, along with its sister Shia-militia Fatemiyoun Brigade from Afghanistan, is part of what is seen as a construct known as the 'Axis of Resistance'. Supported by Iran, both militia groups are small but important parts of the Iranian construct which uses such proxy groups as a core strategy for deterrence across the region. In both Syria and Iraq, the likes of Hezbollah, Hezbollah da-Nujaba, Kata'ib Hezbollah, Hezbollah da-Nujaba, Kata'ib Hezbollah, Hezbollah da-Nujaba, Kata'ib Hezbollah al-Nujaba, Kata'ib Hezbollah al-Nujaba, Kata'ib da Shuhada, Ansar Allah (the Houthis) and now even Hamas, have been a part of Iran's strategy of deterrence from en engaging in a conventional, full-scale conflict with both Israel and the wide er Arab world. And these till now have allowed lill now have allowed lill now have allowed lill now have allowed lill now have allowed. till now have allowed Iran a level of plausible deniability, maintaining that all these political



entities are independent groups and make their decisions and

decisions autonomously.

Arguably, over the past few years, the Iranian push to surround its interests with these proxies has worked out well. Tehran's argument justifying its action against Israel was cushioned by invoking Artiele 51 of the United Nations Charter which outlines the rules and right to self-defence. The Iranian action was packaged as a response to Israel's strike against its consulate in Darnascus, Syria, where a senior IRGC military leader was killed. According to former Iranian diplomat Nosratollah Tajik, the cost of deterrence is considered a kind of investment. The operation vestment. The operation was for deterrence.

However, the idea of determee, both a conventional and theoretical terminology when studying wars and conflict, seems a little out of place as far as how the Israel-Iran tensions have played out. In fact, determee conceptually often works far better on paper than in practice. It can be argued that Iranian blueptints had already been paying large dividends across the region for their strategic interests. The drone artucks on Saudi Arabia's oil installations in 2019 by the Houthis saw a delayed, and less-than-desired response from the United States (US) to act against such aggressions. This further led to a re-culibration of not just Rivally was considered to the supposition of the state of the supposition of the supposition of the supposition of the supposition of not just Rivally's war in or times Rivalle and the supposition of not just Rivally's war in or times Rivalle and the supposition of not just Rivally's war in or times Rivalle and the supposition of not just Rivalle and the supposition of not supposition of not supposition led to a re-calibration of not just Riyadh's war in Yemen, where it is now

holding direct talks with the Houthis to find a way out, but also for Saudi Arabia and Iran to end their diplomatic thaw and resume relations in a détente brokered by China last year.

China last year.

Beyond the Saudis, Iran already has working relationships with the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Oman, and even Kuwait, building bridges via diplomacy to have cordial relations. This, of course, does not mean that there are no more fundamental divergences between these Arab states and the seat of power for Shia Islam, but an acceptance for many, that back-sliding towards a wider regional conflict is not in anyone's long-term eco-

point of view, maintaining not just deterrence, but an upper hand against its main regional foe is unanimously seen by the country's polity as critical and existential. This directly feeds into a sense of security for the Jewish state, something which needs to be urgently rebuilt after the 7 October terror attack by Hamas. The recent retaliatory strikes inside Iran stand as a testament to this view. However, the overarching question remains, whose idea of deterrence prevails, and who sets the agenda for the same? For the moment, Israel has demonstrated its capacity to both clandestinely, and now also conventionally, target deep into Iranian berritory successfully. Targeting radar defence sites in Isfahan, for example, is being seen as messaging from Israel that it can reach Iranian nuclear infrastructure.

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## Mayawati promises to work for separate state comprising districts of western UP

■ BSP chief attacked the Congress and BJP and also targeted the Samajwadi Party (SP) on the issue of reservation, alleging the SP does not want the people belonging to SC/ST communities to get quota benefits.

Meerut (UP)
SP chief Mayawati
on Tuesday promised to work for a
separate state comprising districts of western Uttar Pradesh and fulfil the longstanding dem

"longstanding, demand" of setting up a bench of the Al-lahabad. High. Court in Meerut, if voted to power at the Centre. Addressing an election ral-ly in support of her party nominee from the Meerut Lok. Sabha seat, the BSP chief attacked the Congress and RIP and also tareated and BJP and also targeted the Samajwadi Party (SP) on the issue of reservation alleging the SP does not want

alleging the SP does not want the people belonging to SC/ST communities to get quota benefits. She also said that her par-ty, if voted to power, will work to fulfil the demands and address problems of the region. We will take positive steps with regards to your longstanding demand of a Allahabad High Court bench here in Meertu like that in here in Meerut like that in Lucknow," she said.

"The central government has not been paying atten-tion to it but when we com-to power at the Centre, w



will take positive steps in this regard," Mayawati said. Referring to how her gov-

rnment in Uttar Pradesh had passed a resolution for a rate state, which was at to the Centre, she said sent to the Centre, she said,
"Since the beginning, our
party has been of the view
that the western region
should be made a separate
state for better development
of the region.
"We had not a resolution

"We had got a resolution passed by the state assembly and sent to the central government but they did not act on it. When our party comes to power at the Cen-tre, your western UP will be made a separate state," she

The former Littar Pradesh

chief minister alleged that the quota facility meant for the Dalits, adivasis (STs) and OBCs in government jobs has not been filled up in the country for years and the quota in promotions for the SCs/STs has also been made

reservation in promotions. Will the members of these sections give even a single vote to them and waste it on a party which is bent upon finishing their reservation. The SP does not want SC/ST eople to get full benefits of eservation," she said. She also alleged that when

nendment bill for re vation in promotions was presented in the Rajya Sab-ha, the SP MPs had torn it.

ent," she said. She also alleged that like

the Congress, the BJP's casteist and pro-capitalist thinking and policies have not helped in ensuring the

nonthelped in ensuring the real development and uplift of the poor, Dalits, adivasis, backwards, Muslims and other religious minorities among the "sarv samaj". Telling her voters that in these Lok Sabha elections, the Congress, BJP and their supporting parties have to be stopped from coming to power, she alleged their wrong policies and working style has been tried by all. She also warmed against

She also warned as the "saam, daam, dand, bhed" policies allegedly being adopted by these parties to

Seeking vote for h nominee from Meerut, Mayawati said unlike the past elections when her par-ty had fielded Muslim can-Will such Samaiwadi Party do good for the Dalits and shoshits (exploited class)? didates, it has this time giv shoshits (exploited class)?
"Not only this, the dis-tricts, parks, universities that we (BSP government) had made in the name of great men belonging to these sec-tions of society were mostly changed by the subsequent Samajwadi Party govern-ment," she said. en ticket to Devvrat TV

en ticket to Devvrat Tyagi.

In Meerut, the BJP has
fielded Arun Govil. Sama-jwadi Party's Sunita Verma
and BSP's Devvrat Kumar
Tyagi are the other promi-nent candidates in the fray.
The BSP chief, who
reached Aligarh several
bours late due to had weath

er, said that voters from the Aligarh Lok Sabha seat had many times made BJP's Brahmin community candidate successful, but the

care successin, but the public was not satisfied with his working style. She said that had the public not got an alternative, they would have be him (BP) MP from Aligarh, Satish Gautam) win out of 'compulsion', but by giving a candidate from the Brahmin community, 'we have given an alternative to them, who stands with the public during their happiness and sorrows." Regarding Aligarh's BSP candidate Hitendra Upadhyay, she said that not

from all sections of society and the Muslim community also came to Lucknow and recommended his name for the party's ticket.

In the Aligarh meeting itself, she also appealed for the victory of Hathras (SC) Lok Sabha seat candidate Hem Babu of the Dhangar com-

munity.

Also, explaining the reason for fielding a Jat candidate from Mathura, Mayawati said the people of the consaid the people of the con-stituency wanted that an ed-ucated local person should be their candidate, and not an outsider, "so we have made Suresh Singh the candidate

Suresh Singh the candidate from Mathura."

In Aligarh, there are 14 candidates in the fray, including BJP Satish Kumar Guutan, SP's Bjendra Singh and Hitendra Kumar Upadhyay of the BSP.

Voting in the second phase will take place on April 26 and it will cover eight parliamentary constituencies of

liamentary constituencies of Amroha, Meerut, Baghpat, Ghaziabad, Gautambuddh Nagar, Bulandshahr (SC), Aligarh and Mathura. Count-ing of votes will be held on June 4.

#### Anil Vij kicked off door-todoor campaign in Ambala

Komal Ramola
Chandigarh
Former Home and Health
Minister Anil Vij from
Haryana today took a jab
at the Congress party, saying, "There's a shop in
Ambala where baratis are
available for rent. If Congress does not have a Lok
Sabha candidate, they can
contact this shop. Similarly, when questioned larly, when questioned about the fake list issued of Congress candidates, he sarcastically stated that the viral spread of fake lists by fake parties is

lists by fake parties is nothing new. Vij today began a door-to-door election campaign in Ambala Cantonment to ensure a landslide victory for BJP candidate Banto Katariya. It's notable that while BJP is conducting a vigorous election cam aign nationwide. Congress is vet to annou candidates in Harvana candidates in Haryana. Taking a swipe at Con-gress, Vij advised, "If there are no Lok Sabha candi-dates in Congress, they can rent candidates from the shop in Ambala where baratis are available." He also emphasized that the viral spread of fake lists by fake natties in at rare.

fake parties is not new. Today, former minister Anil Vij campaigned door-to-door with BJP Ambala Lok Sabba candidate Ban



date. During this, Vij stat-ed that our campaign is at ed that our campaign is at its peak; we are going door-to-door and shop-to-shop, conveying the message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to voters. He remarked, "What Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done for the country, no one else could

Speaking to the media, Katariya from Ambala Lok Sabha constituency said Sabha constituency said, We are campaigning ex-tensively and receiving overwhelming support from the people." It's worth noting that under the leadership of former Home and Health Minis-ter Anil Vij, a program has been scheduled at 10 m todes to pitch many m todes to pitch m to pitch m to pitch m todes to pitch m to pitch m to pitch m todes to pitch m to pitch m todes to pitch m to pitch m todes to pitch m am today to visit major markets in Ambala Can-tonment from the BJP of-fice, with BJP candidate Banto Katariya from Am-bala Lok Sabha also pres-

#### Trends of election results are visible in BIP leaders' speeches: Akhilesh Yadav

Aligarh (UP)
In an obvious reference to
Prime Minister Narendra
Modi's speech in which he
said the Congress wants to
redistribute people's property, Samajwadi Party (SP) redistribute people's prop-erty, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday said the trends of election results are visible from the BJP leaders' speeches. He said if the INDIA bloc

government is formed after the elections, the poor will not only get the ration they are currently getting but will also be given nutritious food

Addressing a rally in sup-et of the INDIA bloc canport of the INDIA bloc ean-didates of Aligarh and Hathras, Yadav said, "Al-though the election trends come later but nowyou must have heard the speech of the people of Delhi (PM) and the people of Luckrow (CM).



The trends of the election re sults are visible in the speeches of those who are about to go out of power."

The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister said the "BJP's position has wors-ened in the recently held first phase of the Lok Sabha

"The things that are com-ing and are being imposed on others are actually their (BJP's) 'mann ki baat' (in

them (BJP) that now the time has come to talk about the Constitution," he added. Though Yadav did not take

Though Yadav did not take mass, it was an obvious reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech in Banswara, Rajasthan, in which he slammed the Congress manifesto and alleged that it was planning to give people's hard-earned money and valuables to "infiltrators" and "those who have more children" and referred to his predecessor Dr Manto his predecessor Dr Man mohan Singh's speech in 2006 to contend he had said that Muslims have the first claim on the country's re

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had earlier in the day claimed that the

## BJP government is half helpless, half callous & completely useless, says Hooda

Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda has said that the Haryana's BJP government is half helpless, half callous and completely

useless.
Commenting on the entire tenure of the state government, Hooda said that instead of asking for votes, BJP in Haryana seek forgiveness of the public. "In-stead of making empty speeches from the platforms, the government should look at the their own statistics. Statistics show that BJP Statistics show that BJP made the most prosperous state in the country before 2014, to a state number one in poverty," he said.

"The data of Family ID prepared by BJP itself shows that 63% of the population



of Haryana is trapped in the quagmire of poverty. Out of the 2.86 crore population of Haryana, 1.8 crore i.e. about 45 lakh families have reached below the poverty line," he stated. "In such a situation, the question arises whether BJP is going among the people in the elections with the achievement of making the quagmire of poverty. Out of

people of Haryana poor? Is BJP asking for votes from the public with the promise of taking the state further into the abyss in future," be questioned. Hooda said not only poverty, the unemployment figures released by the cen-tral government itself ex-pose the state government. "Central government data

tenure, unemployment in Harvana has increased three Hanyana has increased three times as compared to the Congress government. Data from different agencies have repeatedly revealed that Hanyana is number one in unemployment," he pointed out.

Talking about unc trolled crime, he said the Social Progress Index of the Central Government itself describes Haryana as the most unsafe state in the most unsafe state in the country. The question arises whether BIP is seeking to the bytaking advantage of putting people's life and property at risk," he asked.

Hooda said even on the economic front, BIP's achievement has been zero.

'In the year 2014-15, Haryana's GSDP was Rs 4.5

deht was Rs 70,931 crore. Whereas in the year 2023-24, GSDP has almost doubled to 10 lakh crores, but if all the debts and liabilities are added, the debt figure has increased by 7 and a half times, to about Rs 4.5 lakh crore.

That is, during the BJP tenure, the GDP of the state barely doubled and the debt

barely doubled and the debt increased many times over. he pointed out

The former Chief Minister said BJP has no work to show, in any area. "BJP, which makes tall claims, which makes tail claims, should explain why its works are not benefiting the pub-lic? Why are poverty, un-employment, crime and debt increasing instead of de-creasing in Haryana," he demanded.

## Will support any non-BJP govt at Centre unconditionally AIUDF

Guwahati The AIUDF on Tuesday as-serted that after the first phase of Lok Sabha elections, it is sensing that the BJP will not be able to retain power, and vowed to extend unconditional support to any non-BJP government at the

The Badruddin Aimal-led The Badruddun Ajmai-led party released its election manifesto for the Lok Sabha polls, reaffirming its opposi-tion to Citizenship (Amend-ment) Act and Uniform Civ-il Code.

il Code. Addressing a press con-ference after releasing the party's election manif AIUDF legislator I AIUDF legislator Hafiz Rafiqul Islam said, "After the first phase of polling, we are sensing that the BJP will

are sensing that the RIF will not retain power. We want a non-BIP government in De-hi and we will support it un-conditionally. The party, in its mani-festo, said it will pressurise the new government at the Centre to declare recurring Assam Hoods a national calanity, work for land rights of dwellers of riverine isof dwellers of riverine is-lands and called for equitable development of Barak Valley at par with Brahma-



It has fielded its candi-dates in Dhubri, Nagaon and Karimganj seats that are go-ing to polls in the second

se on April 26. "We are against the CAA "We are against the CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act). Assum Accord, which has been accepted by all sections of people of the state, is in force here and the CAA practically negates it. Weare fighting the CAA in the Supreme Court as well," Islam said.

The party also highlighted its opposition to the NDA government's support for

government's support for Uniform Civil Code (UCC),

"All communities, religions have their own personal laws, customs and the Constitution allows it. Through the UCC,

the BJP wants to impose its thoughts. We will never ac-cept that, the MIA added. Islam exuded confidence that the AIUDF will win all the three constituencies it is contesting, pointing out that it had three MPs in the Lok Sabha in 2014, which came down to one in 2019, with Aj-

mal representing Dhubri, He maintained that the He maintained that the focus of the party's manifesto was comprehensive development of all sections, particularly the religious minorities, and various underrepresented communities.

Alleging that the BJP gov emment has been acting in a discriminatory manner against Muslims, he said, "Muslims are not been given land pattas (documents) even though we are citizens

and have equal rights. We will conduct survey of land in char (riverine island) areas and give pattas there." He said AIUDF will also

push for similar surveys in non-char areas and allot-ment of land to landless local communities.

communities: Islam also accused the government of discriminating against Bengali-dominated Barnk Valley, which has a substantial Muslim population, in southern Assam. "There should be equitable development of Barak and Brahmaputra valleys. The kind of communication."

The kind of communication network and industrialisation is happening in Brahma-putra Valley should happen in Barak Valley as well," he

Barak Valley comprises

Barak Valley comprises of three districts of Cachar, Hailakandi and Karinganj, with Silchar being the largest city in the valley. A majority of the state's population, however, live in Brahmaputra Valley and ma-jor cities and economic and cultural hubs, including Guwahati, Bongaigaon, Jorhat, Tepper, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar and Tirsukia, are located in this region. Sivasagar and Tinsuk located in this region.

#### PDP has become BIP's C-team says Omar Abdullah

Kokemag (J-K)
The PDP has become the
BJP's C-team and people
should only look towards
INDIA bloc candidates in
the Lok Sabha elections to defeat the communal forces, National Conference leader Omar Abdullah said on

Abdullah made the remarks while speaking to re-porters after an election ral-ly in south Kashmir's Kok-

ernag.

He said, "We have said from the start. If we have to defeat the BJP in Jammu and Kashmir, if we have to defeat the communal forces trying to spread poison across the country, people should only look towards candidates of the INDIA bloc -- National Conference candidates on three seats of Kashmir and Congress can-didates on two seats in Jam

mu. The National Conference, The National Conference, People's Democratic Party (PDP) and the Congress are constituents of the opposi-tion RDIA bloe. However, the PDP is contesting the Lok Sabha elections inde-pendently while the Con-gress and the National Con-ference have joined hands for the polls.



Abdullah further said, The rest have connections with the BJP somewhere be it B-team or A-team who hold late-night meetings with (BJP leader) Tarun Chugh or the PDP, (BJP leader) Mushtaq Bukhari has openly announced to cast his vote in favour of (PDP chief) Mehbooba Mufti."

The National Conference vice-president said he un-derstands the PDP chief will put pressure on the BJP to make Bukhari change his

statement.
"I take it that Mehbooba Mufti will put pressure on the BJP to get Mushtaq Bukhari to change his statement but the cat is out of the bag now. After the A-team and the B-team, the PDP

has now joined as the C-team of the BJP," Abdullah added.

Mehbooba joined the elec-toral fray from the Anantnag-Rajouri seat after the National Conference refused to accommodate the PDP chief, citing its victory from all three Lok Sabha con-

all three Lok Sabha con-stituencies in the Kashmir Valley in 2019.

Asked about the BJP not fielding incumbent Ladakh MP Jamyang Namgyal, Ab-chillah said it does not con-cern him.

\*It is an internal matter of the BJP. I am only con-cerned that the Congress should field the right candi-date from Ladakh as we are contesting there together. contesting there together. There should be no room for a BJP win there," he added.

Terror module

#### member held in Punjab

Chandigarh
The Punjab Police has arrested a member of a terror
module who was allegedly
being handled by Pakistanbased operatives, officials
said on Tuesday.
The Director General of

Police, Punjab, Gaurav Ya day, said preliminary in-vestigations reveal that the accused was tasked to caraccused was tasked to car-ry out target killings in Jam-mu and Kashmir to create fear and unrest. Pakistan-based opera-tives were allegedly han-dling the accused, the DGP eabl

Acting swiftly in an intelligence-based operation, Counter Intelligence (of Punjab Police) #Jalandhar averts target killings planned by cross-border operatives. One member of operatives. One member of the terror module arrested with a #Chinese pistol and cartridges, "Yadav wrote in a post on X. According to a Punjab Police statement, the arrested accused has been identified as Luceprete Singh alias Picho of Udho Nangal village in Amritsar. Police teams have also

Police teams have also recovered one .30-bore au tomatic Chinese pistol along with a magazine and four live cartridges from his pos-session, it said.

## Who knows if I will get as other chance to play": Novak

## Pant's captaincy under lens as DC eye Once we got Hasaranga improved bowling effort against GT

New Delhi
ishabh Pant's leadership skills
will be under scrutiny as a
struggling Delhi Capitals
would seek a much-improved

Awould seek a much-improved performance from their bowlers when they take on an inconsistent Gujarat Titars in the IPL here on Wednesday. It was not an ideal homeooming for Pant as after two consecutive wins, DC slumped to a 67-run loss against a manuding Sunrisers Hyderabad at home on Saturday.

The loss saws DC eling to the activity.

The loss saw DC slip to the eighth pone loss saw DC sap to the eighth po-sition with three wins and five de-feats. They very well know they can't af-ford to falter if they want to keep their play-off hopes alive.

Against SRH. Pant erred in his de-Against SRH, Pant erred in his de-cisions a few times, starting from the toss as he misjudged the dew factor at the Arun Jaitley Stadium and decided to bowl first. Pant's decision to hand the second over to Lalit Yadav, was even more one tentious as SRH were off to a blazing start, scoring a record 125 for no loss in the power/ball.

start, scoring a record 125 for no loss in the powerplay.

On the presconal front, Pant wasn't in his element as he struggled for timing en route a painstaking 44 off 25 hells while chasing a mammoth score.

To chase a tanget of 267, a team needs its openers to fire from hell one but Prithiv shaw and David Warner haven't been too successful.

Young Jake Fraser-McGurk smashed 65 off just 18 balls to keep DC in the

#### Indian athletes ready to showcase their potential in Asian U-20 meet

Dubai
Promising thrower Siddharth Choudhary and middle distance rumer Last Sandikes will look to defend their shot put and 1500m titles in men and women's group, respectively, in the Asian U-20 Athletics Championships starting here from Wednesday.
The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has shortlisted a 60-member team, including 31 male to compete at the Asian U-20 meet that will also act as a qualifying event for the August 27-

as a qualifying event for the August 27-31 World U-20 Athletics Champiship in Lima. Peru.

onship in Lima, Peru.

At the 2023 edition of Asian U-20
meet in Yee-boon, Korea, the Indian
contingent claimed 19 medals, six of
them gold. The Indian team also won
seven silver and six brozze medals to
finish third behind Japan and China.

N Ramesh, chief junior athleties
coach, was confident of improving the
overall medal tally in this edition of the
tournament.

'Last year the men's 4x100m relay

team won bronze while the 4x400m squad claimed silver," the coach said. "This time we have good chances of winning gold medals in both the relays."

Men: Abiram Pramod (400 Men: Abiram Pramod (400, 4x400m relay), Aman Choudhary (4x400m relay), Amurag Singh Kaler (shot put), Bapi Hansda (400m, 4x400m relay), Dev Kumar Meena (polevault), Diparashu Shamma (aswein throw), Mrutyam Jayaram Dondapati (200m, 4x400m relay), Gauraw Bhaskar Bhossle (2,000m, 5,000m), Harshit Kumar (hammer throw), Harshit Kumar (hammer throw), Histophu (100 000m rese walk). Hims manshu (10,000m race walk), Hima Vallipi (4x100m rela keyan Soundararajan (4x100 Karthikeyan Soundararajan (42100m relay), Kuldeep Kumar (pole wait), Mahendra Santa (4x100m relay), Mohd Atta Sazid (long jump), Navpreet Singh (4x400m relay), Nilshil Sathas Dhake (4x400m relay), Prateek (hammer throw), Priyunshu (1500m), Rahul Sarnaliya (1500m), Ramyir Ajay Singh (3,000m steeplechase), Rithi (discus throw), Roban Chosh (4x400m relay), Roban Yadav (juvelin throw), Sachin (10,000m race walk), Sahil Sachin (10,000m race walk), Sahil Sachin (10,000m race walk), Sahil

Sachin (10,000m race walk), Sahil Malik (4x400m relay), Shahnavaz Khan (10ng jump), Sharuak Khan (3,000m steeplechase), Siddharth (5,000m), Vinod Singh (5,000m), Winod Singh (5,000m), Amsarta Kamboj (discus firovo), Amsarta Karaboj (discus firovo), Amsarta Yadav (hammer throw), Amsarta Yadav (hammer throw), Amsarta Singhay (400m, 4x400m relay), Ekta Dey (3,000m relay), Ekta Dey (3,000m), Shanista Teena Maria Deva Shekhar (4x400m relay), Laxia Vinod Sandilea (800m).



hunt but he lacked support from the other end, even though Abhishek Porel (42 off 22) tried his hest.

DC howlers were taken to the cleaners by SRH and they need to pull up heir sooks.

Left-arm seamer Khaleel Ahmed's, whose career has been dogged by inconsistency, decision to employ short to the first the energial source regulated. stuff in the opening over completely

With short boundaries at the Kotla,

With short boundaries at the Kotia, DC bowlers need to pitch it up. Pace spearhead Anrich Nortje has been completely off-colour this season and DC would be desperately hoping veteran Ishant Sharma returns after missing the last game due to a back

Kuldeep Yadav has been DC's best bowler in the season so far with 10 wickets from five games at an economy rate of 7.60. But he didn't have a very good outing against SRH. Even though he had the highest number of dot balls (8) among DC bowlers, he also conceded the maxi-mum numbers of sixes -- 7.

mum numbers of sixes -- 7.
GT have also been equally inconsistent under new skipper Shubman Gill.
But the three-wicket win over Punjab
Kings in their last game has helped the
former champions move up slightly in
the pecking order at sixth spot from
four wins and as many losses.
They would be hoping to continue
the winning momentum to scale up the
leaderboard and be in contention for a

The onus would be on Gill to lead

from the front. The likes of Sai Sudharsan, David Miller and Azmatullah Omarzai also Miller and Azmatullah Omarzai also need to let their willow do the talking while Rahul Tewatia would look to continue his prote chnics towards to end stage of their innings. On the bowling front, the likes of vet-eran Mohit Sharma, Moor Ahmad and Rashid Khan will be expected to deliver the goods.

Teams (from):
Delhi Capitals: Rishabh Pant
(c&wk), David Warner, Abishek Porel,
Ricky Bhui, Yash Dhull, Shai Hope, Prithyi Shaw, Tristan Stubbs, Kun Prithry Shaw, Tristan Stubbs, Kumar, Kushagra (wk), swastik Chikara, Ishant Sharma, Jhye Richardson, Rasikh Dar, Vicky Ostwal, Anrich Nortje, Mukesh Kumar, Kuldeep Yadav, Praveen Dubey, Khaleel Ahmed, Sumit Kumar, Axar Patel, Lalif Yadav, Juke Fraser-McGurk Guizrat Titans: Shubman Gill (c).

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Gujarat Titans: Shubman Gill (c),
David Miller, Wriddhiman Saha, Sai
Sudharsan, Shahrukh Khan, Matthew
Wade, Kare Williamson, Azmatullah
Omarzai, Abhinav Manohar, Rashid
Khan, Vijay Shankar, Rahul Tewatia,
Spencer Johnson, Karilik Tyagi, Joshua
Little, Darshan Nalkande, Noor Ahmad, Ravisrinivasan Sai Kishore, Mohit Sharma, Jayant Yadav, Umash Yadaw, Sushant Mishra, Sandeep Warrier, Sharath BR, Manav Suthar.
Match starts at 7,30 PM.

## that meant we could not go for Yuzi Mike Hesson

New Delhi
Letting go of Yuzvendra Chahal is something Royal Challengers Bengaluru could regret for the longest time and the franchise's former director of cricket, Mike Hesson on Tuesday insisted they failed to retain the leg-spinner due to a miscalculation at the last IPL auction. On Monday, Chahal scripted history by becoming the first player in IPL to have taken 200 wickets.
Yuzi is one I will be frustrated with until I have finished my career and

until I have finished my career and probably beyond. He is an outstanding bowler. I guess when it comes to every cycle, you have got to decide who you ing to retain.

"It was one of those things where if you only retain three players, you give yourself an extra 4 crore in the auction. That potentially gave us the chance to get both Harshal and Yuzi." Hesson told former India batter Robin Uthappa on Jio Cinema.

Hesson sald Chahal's name came pretty late in the auction and by that time, the franchise had already bought acc Sri Lankan spinner Wanindu Hasaranga. "It was one of those things where if

Hasaranga.
"... Then the order of the auction
Chahal was at came up and Yuzvendra Chahal was at no. 65. Because we had retained that many players we were going to get bul-lied. After Yuzi there was no other spin-ner we were interested in. "We were obviously interested in Hasaranga as another option if we did



not get Yuzi. So we bid for him upfront and then once we got Hasaranga that meant we could not go for Yuzi," he

meant we could not go for Yuzh, ne added.

In 153 matches, Chahal has taken 200 wickets at an average of 21.60, with the best figures of 5/40. He has taken six four-wicket hauls and a five-wicket haul in his IPL career.

Chahal reached the milestone during the match against Mumbail indians in Jaipur on Monday.

Hesson served as the franchise's director of cricket from 2019-2023.

Meanwhile, former Australia pacer Fert Lee praised RR seamer Sandeep Sharma for returning excellent figures of 5/18 against MI and said picking a five-for in a T20 match is equivalent to scoring 120 runs with the bat.

#### Indian team owner faces indictment for match-fixing in Sri Lankan Legends League

Colombo

Indian national Yoni Patel, who owns a cricket team in the unsanctioned Legends Cricket League here, is set to be indicted for match-fixing along with compartior P Akash, a Colombo magistrate's court official has said.

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This was after Patel's application for bail was refused by the court last Friday and the travel ban imposed on the duo was extended by one month, the official revealed.

official revealed. The Indians have been accused of trying to fix matches in the Legends Cricket League which was held between March 8 and 19 at central Kandy district's Pallekele international statistics. A compared to the compared to th

wns the Kandy Swamp Army

team in the event.
Officials said Akash, who is the manager of Punjab Royals, too would be indicted as the case progresses

Former Sri Lanka ODI captain Upul Former Sr Lanka ODI captain Upul Tharanga, who is currently the chair-man of national selectors, and ex-New Zealand player Neil Broom had complained to the Special Investigation Unit of the Ministry of Sports about the



approaches by Patel and Akash to fix games by under-performing in the

bague. Patel and Akash were subsequently samed from leaving the country by the nagistrate's court until the investigations could be completed. The league is neither recognised by the ICC, nor Sri Lanka Cricket. Sri Lanka was the first South Asian country to criminalise match-fixing.

country to criminalise match-fixing and corruption in sports when it passed law against the menace in 2019

Anyone found guilty can be jailed for p to 10 years and also be required to

pay fines.

The law also seeks to punish acts of omission such as failure to report corrupt approaches.

#### I didn't have much guidance during KKR days now I am matured to dictate terms: Kuldeep

New Delhi
A reinforced skillsets and the ability to
perfectly read the ebbs and flows of
match have made Kuldeep Yadav a
tough customer, but back in 2019 the
left-arm wrist spinner felt he need of
a guiding force around him as his
form went south while playing for
Kolkata Knight Riders.
Kuldeep had an Anterior Cruciate
Ligament (AGL) surgery in 2020 but
once he joined Delhi Capitals, his performance both for the national team

formance both for the national team and in IPL improved significantly, making him the first-choice spinner

making him the mist-curve spanish across formats.

He has taken 41 wickets in 33 matches since joining DC and he spoke how things transformed since he worked for months under coach Kapil Pandey to develop new skills post the

surgery.
"In KKR, I needed guidance but now I don't need it, as now I dictate terms. In 2019, Mahi bhai (MS Dhoni, his national team mentor) had re-tired that year and I needed guidance. The idea that I have now, has comwith experience," Kuldeep said about his success in the last one and half

years.

Kuldeep bowls the most chal-lenging overs, including Powerplay, and when asked about his recipe of



ess, he attributed it to taking chal-

success, ne attributed it to taking chal-lenges head or.

"I still regret my time in KKR (from 2016-2020) and feel whatever I am doing now, wish I could have done it back then.

"It still hurts me that had I worked on those skills back then, I

could have dominated even more," Kuldeep said during a select media interaction

"But it didn't happen back then as But it didn't happen back then as experience is something that you get only when you play a lot. When you en-counter failure in life, then only you learn and now I am more confident about my skills and at the same time

respectful of the fact that opposition can be good too," the wily spinner said.

Maturity is something that has had its positive effect over the years on him.

"Back in the day, I didn't do (respect to the proposition) that. I believed in my spect opposition) that I believed in my spect opposition) that the same time you need to understand how the batter is obtained and that the study in the course of the proposition of the pro playing and that maturity has come knowing my strength and where to bowl so that it is difficult to hit, and I bowl so that it is difficult to bit, and I am working on that," said the Kanpur man. Post surgery, Kuldeep changed his run-up from diagonal to a much straighter one and also increased the pace on his delivery with more drift and prodigious turn in his break-backs.

#### Winning Worlds in Olympic category was huge feel stronger in 75kg: Lovlina

New Delhi
Lovlina Borgohain is aware that fierce
competition awaits her at the Paris
Olympics but the ace Indian boxer is
quietly confident of snaring a second
successive Games metal, having found
considerable success in her new category, which is also closer to her natural body weight.
Following her bronze medal-winning feat at the Tokyo Olympics, Borgohain endured a tumultuous period

gohain endured a tumultuous period when she made early exits from the World Championships and Com-monwealth Games.

She eventually moved up to 75kg as

She eventually moved up to 75kg as her original 69kg category was scrapped from the Paris program. Since then, the ace Indian boxer scaimed gold at the 2022 Asian Championship and the 2023 World Championship and the 2023 World Championship and the Asian Games last year.

"My performance overall after changing the weight has been good. Winning the World Championship the Olympic category was huge. I had to control weight before (for 69kg) but how I am set in this weight. I have parnow I am set in this weight. I have par-ticipated in competitions and done well," Borgohain said in an interview.



One of the reasons for her good run in the higher weight class is that the As-sam boxer, who weighs between 70kg to 75kg even out of competition, does-n't have to shed much before a tour-nament, a painstaking process that may also sometimes lead to loss of streagth. strength.

"Yes, the opponents (in 75kg) are strong but I fit well in this category. I am more comfortable in this category than 69kg because I can eat properly, so the energy level is high. I feel stronger and I am able to train better, increase muscle and power," she

The 75kg category has been on the Olympic roster since the inclusion of women's boxing in the 2012 London Games and the 26-year-old will have her task cut out as she faces boxers who have been plying their trade in the weight class much before her. "75kg is no doubt challenging because it has always been an Olympic category; 65kg was new but 75kg has been there for years so there are a lot of old, good boxers already competing in it. The 75kg category has been on the

So, that is one challenge, But I am 'So, that is one challenge. But I am confident because I have had good per-formances and I feel comfortable in 'Sykg.' Borgohain, who is managed by 108 Sports, said. While the three-time world medal-list is working on her power, she counts agility and speed as one of her strengths.

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"I am tall for a 69kg category boxer and I had to control my weight. When I had to control weight I had to stop eating, I didn't feel that strong then. But in 75kg, I feel stronger. The speed which I already had helps."

#### Jaiswal batted with maturity against MI played cricketing shots: Lara



New Delhi sed with the maturity shown by Yashasvi Jaiswal, West Indies cricket Yashasvi Jaiswal, West Indies cricket legend Brian Lara said the youngster's knock against Mumbai Indians was well put together as he perfectly balanced taking his time with shots while still maintaining a high strike-rate. Jaiswal ended a barren run by his lofty standards with his first ton of this IPL to power Rainsthan Rowals to a

IPL to power Rajasthan Royals to a

nine-wicket win over MI here.
"Yeah, beautiful. But the fact of the matter is, he's taking his time, looking at the ball right from up at the back, and he's playing cricketing shots. He's got all the stuff, he doesn't have to worry about it," Lara said on Star Sport Cricket Live.

Jaiswal struck nine fours and sever

Jaiswal struck nine fours and seven sixes to make an unbeaten 104 from only 60 balls, a knock which was replete with powerful shots on the leg side and crispy drives.

"And when you do get on top of the bowlers, that's when you take it back, because that's what I love about Yashasai."

Yashasvi. "It was well put together, great crick-eting shots, he's managed throughout the innings, and anyone knows, if you're chasing such a good total, at Jaipur and you bounce through the in-nings, you're soon as going to get there.

#### The UK pledges 620 million in new military aid for Ukraine

Warsaw:
The UK on Tuesday pledged an additional 8620 million in new military supplies for Ukraine, including long-range missiles and four millions rounds of ammunition, at a time when Ukraine is struggling to hold off advancing Russian forces on the eastern front line of the war, now in its third year.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak

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British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke with Ukraime's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Tuesday morning to confirm the assistance and "assure him of the UK's steadfast support for Ukraine's defence against Russia's brutal and expansionist ambitions," Sunak's office said. said

Sunak was travel Sunak was traveling to Warsaw later Tuesday to meet with Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg for talks about further aid for Ukraine.

Ahead of the visit,

Ahead of the visit, the UK government said Sunak would ansaid Sunak would an-nounce 500 million pounds (\$620 million, 580 million euros) in new British military supplies, including 400 vehicles, 60 boats, 1,600 munitions and 4 million rounds of ammunition. The shipment will include British Storm Shadow long-range missiles which have a range of some 150 miles and have proved effective at hitting Russian tar

#### Business

## Outcome of election shows Maldivians want 2 Indian students killed in to preserve sovereignty freedom: Muizzu

Male:

Armed with a 'staper majority' in the parliamentary polls, Maldives President Mohamed Murzu has said the international community will now understand where the Moldivians stand, especially on the issue of sovereignty and freedom. The pro-China Maldivian president's statement came at a celebratory event on Monday, a day after the People's National Congress (PNC), led by him, won 68 out of 93 seats in Sunday's polls and its coalition partners Maldives National Party (MNP) and Maldives Development Alliance (MDA) won one and two seats, respectively, taking the total to more than two-thirds in the People's Majlis.

A majority in Parliament would mean that Muizzu's party has control not just over law-making but also over the legislature which ratifies the laws; which till now had two opposing coalitions and saw several



instances of a conflict between the government and the legislature. The PNCs 'super majority' in parliamentary elections is being seen as a strong endorsement of his pro-Beijing foreign policy, as both India and China closely waterbed the outcome of the polls in the strategically-located archipelago nation in the Indian Ocean. Muizzu. 45, rode to power last year on the Tindie Out' plank and since assuming office

in November 2023, has visited China and ce-mented Male's ties with Beijing, including in the defence sector. Ahead of the parlia-plations, the

Ahead of the parlia-mentary elections, the main opposition Mal-divian Democratic Party (MDP), led by pro-India former president Ibra-him Mohamed Solih had advocated restoring ties with India. The MDP, ver, won only 15

attempting to depart in

cion," President Muizzu said, without naming any country, according to the Sun.mv news por-

to the Sun.mv news por-tal.

"It has also become ev-ident for those with oth-er hidden agendas, what the Maldivians want. So, I urge them to let go of dissidence, now that the elections are over," the president said.
"To everyone outside

president said.

"To everyone outside of Maldives... To everyone in the international community.... It must be clear now. That we want to decide our own matters by ourselves." he was quoted as saying by Adhadhu.com.

Even when he did not name any country during the victory speech, in the run-up to Sunday's polls, Muizzu and other leaders from his PNC had repeatedly claimed that India influenced internal affairs in the past; in the past;

that India influenced internal affairs in the past.

The President said he and his team "would use the majority in Parliament to fulfil the demands of the people and fulfil the pledges made by the government," the portal said.

## traffic collision in US' Arizona

Washington:
Two Indian students in
the United States were
killed on the spot in a
head-on traffic collision
near Lake Pleasant in
Arizona, according to
rollice.

Arizona, according to police.

The victims, reportedly from Telangana, have been identified as 19-year-old Nivesh Mukka and 19-year-old Goutham Parsi.

The two Indians were enrolled as international students at Arizona State University.

According to the Peoria Police, officers responded to a report of a collision around 6:18 pm on April 20 on Castle Hot Springs Road, just north of State Route 74.

The multiple-vehicle collision involved two vehicles — a white 2024 For F150 — that had collided head-on.

Preliminary investigation shows that the driver of the red F150 was travelling southbound on Castle Hot Springs Road while the white Kia Forte was travelling northbound.

Mukka and Parsi "died bound. Mukka and Parsi "died

from their injuries on (the) scene", while the

driver of the car in which they were travelling was transported to a local hospital with serious in-juries and has since been released.

released.

The other car's driver, the sole occupant of the vehicle, was also taken to a local hospital with serious injuries and has been released, the statement cold.

said.
The area was closed for

several hours during the investigation but was reo-pened for normal traffic Sunday morning. "The cause of this col-lision is still being in-vestigated," the police said.

"Our thoughts are with the victims, their fami-lies, and everybody who rendered aid during this tragic incident," the Peo-ria Police Department enid.

ria Police Department said.

The Arizona State University said the International Students and Scholars Centre is working with the dean of students, counselling services and housing representatives to identify the student groups, friends and roommates of the victims so that they can offer any needed support.

# election result was also to prove that the Mal-divians want "autonomy in choosing their future, without foreign coer-Five migrants died while crossing the English Channel hours

and freedom, which we have shown to the inter-national community as well."

parliamentary

Five people, including a child, died while tr

ing to cross the English Channel from France to the UK, French author-ities said Tuesday, just hours after the British government approved a migrant bill to deport some of those who en-tered the country illegal-ly to Rwanda.

The prefecture re sponsible for the north of France said in a state



ment authorities spotted several boats, packed with migrants, off the coast of Pas-de-Calais,

tance and rescue tug Abeille Normandie, in-tervened to rescue "a very overcrowded boat carrying more than carrying more than one hundred people on board," the statement emailed to The Associated Press said.

ed Press said.

"They rescued several people, but unfortunately, five people have died despite the emergency services' swift intervention," it said.

The regional prefect

Jacques Billant said a woman, three men and a 7-year-old girl died. He also said the boat attempted to sail off the beach in Wimereux and carried 112 people. The statement added that the rescue operation was ongoing and helicopters and boats were already deployed on scene.

on scene.

The Voix du Nord, a regional newspaper, said the bodies were dis-

covered at the Wimere ux beach in northern France on Tuesday morning. About 100 migrants

have been rescued and placed aboard a French navy ship. They will be taken to the port of Bou-

logne, the paper said.

This came only hours after British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's latest effort to send some migrants to Rwanda finally won approval from Par-

liament. The UK gov-ernment plans to deport some of those who enter the country illegally as a deterrent to migrants who risk their lives in who risk their lives in leaky, inflatable boats in hopes that they will be able to claim asylum once they reach Britain. Human rights groups have described the leg-

islation as inhumane and cruel. Both the United Nations refugee agency and the Council

Extreme weather

may pose risk

RBI Bulletin

to inflation says

Mumbai:
Extreme weather conditions may pose a risk to inflation, along with prolonged geopolitical tensions that could keep erude oil prices volatile, the Reserve Bank's April Bulletin said on Tuesday.

The retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has eased to 4.9 per cent in March after averag-ing 5.1 per cent in the

in March after averaging 5.1 per cent in the preceding two months.

The Reserve Bank, which mainly factors in CPI while arriving at its bi-monthly monetary policy, has kept the key interest rate unchanged

interest rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent since Feb-ruary 2023, citing con-cerns on the inflation

An article on 'State of

#### India's sugar demand surges in heat wave and election season



New Delhi:
India's sugar consumption this year is poised to hit a record high as demand during the peak summer season gets a boost from heat waves and the mobilisation of and the mobilisation of millions for elections in the scorching tempera-

the scotching temperatures.

Higher consumption would lift local prices and boost margins of sugar producers such as Balrampur Chini, Shree Remuka Sugars. Bajaj Hindusthan, and Dwarikesh Sugar and help them in making cane payments on time to farmers. Consumption of cold drinks and ice cream, and as a result demand for sugar, rises in India during the summer months roughly from mid-March to mid-June.

But this year demand is above average as heat

waves and election rallies boost c lies boost consumption of ice-cream and soft drinks, said Avantika Saraogi, executive director at Balrampur Chini Mills. Maximum temperatures in many parts of India have ris-en above 40 degrees paris of India have risen above 40 degrees Celsius, and the weather department has fore-casted that the country is likely to experience more heat-wave days than normal between April and June.

During the harsh summer, India is hosting the world's largest

summer, India is hosting the world's largest election, in which nearly a billion people will be eligible to vote. Political parties hold huge rallies, some attended by as many as 200,000 people, undeterred by the sweltering heat, which only intensifies as the campaign picks up pace.

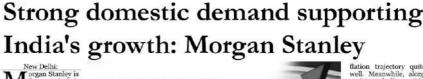
New Delhi:

In organ Stanley is firm on India's growth outlook, given the support it is getting from domestic demand. Citing high-frequency data, the global investment banking firm said it remains constructive on the growth outlook. Against that backdrop, it expects India's GDP growth to be at 6.8 per cent in the current inancial year 2024-25 and 6.5 per cent in 2025-26.

26.
On the macro side, it anticipates headline inflation to remain supported by favourable base effects. It projected inflation to remain in a range of around 5 per cent in the second quarter, before moderating to 4.1 per cent year-onyear in the second half of 2024. For the next financial year, it expects retail cial year, it expects retail inflation to average 4.5

inflation to average 4-5 per cent.

Similarly, the current account deficit is likely to remain benign, supported by strength in service exports, and remain within the policy-makers comfort zone at 1-1-5 per cent of GDP in 2025-26. On monetary





policy, it expects policy 6.5 per cent in the hori-

"This is on the back "This is on the back of a shallower and deferred rate cut cycle for the Fed on the global front and improving productivity growth, a rising investment rate and inflation tracking above the target of 4 per cent on the domestic cent on the domestic front," it explained. Inflation continues to re-main the main concern for the Reserve Bank of India's monetary poli-

cy committee members before it goes ahead and loosens its stance on key interest rates. As per the minutes of the latest the minutes of the latest moleculary policy meeting released on Friday, there have been several mentions of uncertainties around inflation. Going ahead, food price uncertainties would continue to weigh on the inflation outlook, it said.

Pressure in food prices has been interrupting the ongoing disinflation process in India, and posing challenges for

the final descent of inflation trajectory to the 4 per cent target. The RBI is currently focused on bringing down the inflation to 4 per cent target on a durable basis.

on a durable basis.

Retail inflation in India is in RBI's two-six per cent comfort level but is above the ideal out is above the ideal
4 per cent scenario. In
March, it was 4.85 per
cent. Inflation has been
a concern for many
countries, including
advanced economies,
but India has largely
managed to steer its inflation trajectory quite well. Meanwhile, along anticipated lines, RBI kept the policy repo rate unchanged at 6-50 per cent earlier this month, the seventh time in a row. The repo rate is the rate of interest at which the RBI lends to other benks.

encs.
Barring the latest causes, the RBI raised pauses, the RBI raised the repo rate by 250 ba-sis points cumulatively to 6.5 per cent since May 2022 in the fight against inflation. Raising inter-est rates is a monetary policy instrument that est rates is be policy instrument that typically helps suppress demand in the economy, thereby helping the inflation rate decline. inflation rate decline. Inflatis economy grew 7.2 per cent in 2022-23 and 8.7 per cent in 2021-22, respectively. As per the second advance estimates, real gross domestic product (GDP) expanded at 7.6 per cent in 2023-24 on the back of buoyant domestic demand.

India is set to remain India is set to remain the fastest-growing among major economies in 2024, according to the International Monetary Fund's latest World Eco-nomie Outlook. An article on State on the Economy' published in the Bulletin further said global growth momentum has been sustained in the first quartical of 2004 and the ter of 2024, and the outlook for world trade

ter of 2024, and the outlook for world trade is turning positive. Treasury yields and mortgage rates are ticking up in major economies as expectations of interest rate cuts are being pared. To India, conditions are shaping up for an extension of a trend upshift in real GDP growth, backed by strong investment demand and upbeat business and consumer sentiments," the article said. The RBI, however, said the views expressed in the Bulletin article are of the authors and do not represent the views of the Reserve Bank of India.

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#### Shriram automall's Vibha Prabhakar bags woman customer experience of the year award

New Delhi:

Ms Vibha Sarin Prabhakar has bagged the Woman Customer Experience (CX) award of the year award for her exceptional leadership, innovative strucigies, and dedication to enhancing customer experience.

Vibha Sarin Prabhakar presently working as Chief Experience Officer at Shriram Automall Limited, India's leading pre-owned marketplace for vehicles and equip-



award at the 5th Digital CX Conference & awards

Vibba Vibha has about 23 ars of Global Expoyears of Global Expo-sure across India, the

US, UK, Europe, and the Middle East, she brings to the table her notewor-thy accomplishments as

a Digital Transforma-tion Expert, excelling in paving growth paths for various Global MNCs and Indian Brands along with implementing Gov-ernance, Branding and Service Management ca-pabilities.

pabilities.

In her present capacity as a Chief Experience Officer, she brings credibility and viewpoints in key areas of growing a revenue-driven business, cultivation of relationships with the

stakeholders, investors, customers, and management while driving Marketing initiatives, Innovation & Change. As a pragmatic leader, she has served as an Advisor to a Startups, she is a TEDS Speaker, and Panellist representing companies at several industry forums, conferences, professional and networking events in order to drive customer and stakeholder value and stakeholder value

stakeholders, investor

"This recognition is a testament to years of continued efforts and innovative strategies in the digital customer experience space. It's not just my achievement but a milestone that underscores my commitment to enhancing customer experience and leading in the digital CX land-scape. Wasn't possible without the support of all my Mentors (past & present), team members & colleagues. present), & colleag

Kajal Aggarwal starrer Satyabhama to release on this date

tion-thriller film Satyab-hama unveiled its release date featuring Kajal Aggarwal in a never-before seen avatar.
The makers took to their

official Instagram account on Monday to share a new poster of Kajal Aggarwal with a caption that read. "Gear up to celebrate 'The Queen of Masses' @MSKa ialAggarwal like never be-

Apart from this, the takers released an intriguing video starring Kajal Aggarwal.

In the video, Kajal is

seen stepping forward. grabbing a gun, loading it, and then aiming at the cal-endar. Bullet shells reveal the release date, which is May 17. The video also of-fers a sneak peek of Kajal in her role as ACP Satyab-

Satyabhama follows ACP Satyabhama as she investigates a missing person case, revealing dark seBattling her own past, she rushes to uncover the truth and seek redemption in a high-stakes investigation

Besides Kajal Aggarwal, Chandra, Prakash Raj, Nagineedu, Harshavard-han, Ravi Varma, Ankith Kovya, Sampada N. Prajwal Yadma, Neha Pathan, Anirudh Pavithran, Satya Pradeepti, Rohit Satyan, and Kodati Pavan Kalyan in pivotal roles. Produced by Bobby Tikka and Srinivasa Rao Takkalapalli un-der Aurum Arts, this sus-

lease in theaters on May 17, 2024. Kajal Aggarwal will also appear in Indian 2 a sequel to the 1996 action thriller Indian The movie stars Kamal Haasan, Kajal Aggarwal, Siddharth, Aggarwal, Siddharth, Rakul Preet Singh, SJ Survah, Priva Bha-It also feature



'The Legend of Hanuman' to return with season four on Disney+ Hotstar



Tuesday annual the fourth season of of Hanuman".

Narrated by actor Sharad Kelkar, the series is billed as the story of a superhero, the protector and the ultimate guardian. It follows Hanuman's jour-

nev of self discovery, the story of a humble vaanara who forgot about his divinity, and how the people around him helped him discover the god within him.

According to the streamer. the new chapter will chron-icle the "legendary battle between the good and evil as the mighty Hamuman along with mythical legends Sugreev and Angad prepares to

front it once again".
"We are thrilled to once again partner with Disney-Hotstar to continue 'The Leg-end of Hanuman' with this new season. The heroism of Lord Hanuman means so much to the world and it has been our personal mison to share that strength in

Narrated by acto Sharad Kelkar, billed as the story of a superhero, the protector and the guardian

ourportrayal of this timeless legend loved by millions, Sharad Devarajan, creato and executive producer, said

"He has inspired genera tions for thousands of years and his morals, lessons and universal truths of right eousness remain more rele-vant today than ever before. I am grateful to the millions of fans who have supported the series and excited to share this new action-packed on with the world," he

Produced by Graphic In dia, Devarajan and Jeevan J Kang, "The Legend of Hanu-man" also features the voice of actor Daman Baggan.

## Yami Gautam gets hailed by fans for her versatile performance on Article 370

is one of the most talented actresses in today's time. The actress known for her dominating screen presence and versatility, has captured fans and the audiences with her remarkable perform-ances. In her recently re-leased successful film 'Article 370', she has won every-one's hearts with to her solid performance. The actress with her performance in the character of Zooni Haksar made it the nation's favourite character in no time and added another layer of depth. While she was widely ac-

claimed for her perform-ance during the theatrical release, the love and the praises for Yami Gautam continued during the digital release too. The film is trending on No.1 on the digital platform and the audiences response is widely positive. A netizen wrote,

"@yamigautam it's your choice of work and act-ing,there is always a sense of satisfaction that if it's ur movie it will be by default outstanding. You have maintained the same with #Article370

That trust u hav build, earned by your skill. The silent but powerful per-former then any"

A netizen praised Yami's performance in the film and wrote, "Article 370" movie, is an eye-opener. Based on ...History, the complex situation in #Kash-mir & the groundwork that vent into the abrogation of



Stellar performance by

Streaming on #Netflix \*Article370OnNetflix Another user wrote,

"@vamigantam sunerh film #Article370, watched with the entire family on Netflix... acting+content =

lethal combination... Good luck for the future assignments'

A user hailed Yami Gautam's script selection and wrote.

"@yamigautam, one of the few actors who knows how to select movies.

She is just amazing. I was impressed when I saw that vein in her head. Just shows how dedicated she was in

this movie.

Hats off to the whole

#Article370OnNetflix "Yamigautam"

Another social media user ared his view after watch ing the film and wrote,

"Saw #Article370 again

in the theatre & I just want to say that @yamigautan deserves more opportuni A Must Watch for every ties after consistently prov ing herself. Immaculate script selection, on point acting & she is versatile.

#Article370OnNetflix"

Watched #Article370 movie @yamigautam you nailed it people should know what the previous #govt did to the India."

Another user wrote, "#Article370 4.9/5 Review coming tomorrow

We got our action hero! @yamigautam" Yami Gautam is truly the

nation's star. Be it theat releases or the digital releases, she has that unmatchable star power and the audiences trust which can drive the audiences in large chunk to watch the film. She delivered a stellar performance in 'Article 370'. The actress carried the en-tire film on her shoulder and stood out brilliantly in the dramatic portions.

celebrated Earth

Day by dropping an adorable

video on her social media

platform, where she ex-pressed her affection for

The actress on Monday took to her Instagram sto-

ries to share a beautiful

video with a little note that read, "There is only one

Earth, that gives us plenty

of reasons to be full of mirth with its beauty; we

feel blessed in its care, and forever we find rest

in a flowing, multicoloured dress. Her wavy hair danced in the breeze, en-

enjoyed a leisurely walk

#HappyEarthDay." Alia appeared stunning

Mother Nature.

Alia Bhatt celebrates

On the work front, Alia Bhatt will be seen in Vasan Bala's 'Jigra', which is co-produced by Karan Johar and Alia herself. The film is all set to hit theatres on

September 27, this year. She is also set to play the lead in a Spy Universe film, with filming scheduled to kick off

hancing her overall ap-pearance. Sporting one of her brightest smiles, she

y the bay. Rashmika Mandanna The shooting for 'Pushalso posted her video un-der a waterfall with the



Rashmika Mandan na, on the other hand, will star in 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' alongside Allu Arjun, one of the most antici-pated films of the year. Scheduled for release on August 15, 2024, the film features Allu Arjun, Rashmika Mandanna and Fahadh Faasil in lead roles

pa 2' is ongoing and ex-

# Earth Day with

#### Rajinikanth's 171st movie is titled 'Coolie'

Mumbai uperstar Ra-jinikanth's upcoming film with Lokesh Kanagaraj has been titled "Coolie", the director has announced.

The movie, which is backed by Chennai-based production house Sun Pictures, is the 171st film of Rajinikanth's

career.
"We love you Thalaiva @rajinikanth #Coolie," Kana-garaj posted on social media platform X on Monday vening alongside a tease



for delivering Tamil hits like "Master", "Kaithi", "Vikram"

and "Leo"

Anirudh Ravichander will compose music for the upcoming film which will have stunts by action choreograand Arivumani popularly known as Anbariy"

Rajinikanth was nost recently seen in "Lal Salaam", directed by daughter warya Rajinikanth His upcoming movie is T J

Gnanavel's "Vet-Faasil, Rana Daggubati and