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A ray of hope in Manipur

After two years of ethnic violence, misgovernance and official apathy, there is finally a ray of hope emerging in Manipur. The recent tripartite agreement between the Centre, the Manipur government and two prominent Kuki-Zo insurgent groups is expected to spur efforts for restoring peace and normalcy in strife-torn Manipur. Moreover, the proposed visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi next week, his first since the ethnic violence broke out between Meiteis and Kukis in May 2023, has also created a positive atmosphere, which will hopefully lead to finding a lasting political solution. BJP Chief Minister N Biren Singh, who came under severe criticism for his inept handling of the situation, finally resigned in February this year, and since then, the State has been under the President's rule. The relative calm in recent months is largely attributed to the fact that many militants have returned some of the poached firearms to law enforcement agencies in response to appeals from the authorities.

The Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and United People's Front (UPF) have signed a Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement with the government on re-negotiated terms and conditions under which they agreed on maintaining the territorial integrity of Manipur, relocating designated camps away from vulnerable areas and working for a solution to bring lasting peace and stability in the State. Also, the opening of the national highway is seen as a positive step after a prolonged period of stalemate in Manipur. For two years, blockades have effectively partitioned Manipur between the Meitei-dominated valley districts and the Kuki-Zo hill areas. The restoration of movement on the National Highway is a crucial step toward normalising daily life and economic activity. But these steps alone cannot heal ethnic wounds. Manipur needs a political solution. For that, a popular government needs to be installed first.

JSW MG Motor India Extends Full GST Benefits to Customers



Hyderabad:JSW MG Motor India today announced that it has passed on the full benefits of the recent GST reduction to customers across its entire ICE SUV portfolio including Astor, Hector and Gloster. The benefits on booking the popular MG SUVs came into effect from September 07, 2025.

"The government's decision to rationalise GST is a good move that directly addresses the affordability challenge for car buyers and builds positive consumer sentiment. By extending the full benefit of this reform across our SUV portfolio, we want to ensure customers experience the immediate value of this change. At a time when demand is set to strengthen, especially around the festive season, our focus is on making our SUVs — Astor, Hector, and Gloster — more accessible and attractive. More

than just passing on the benefits, this move reinforces trust, enables easier ownership, and encourages more customers to embrace MG." — shared, Vinay Raina, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India.

Revised Price Chart is mentioned as under:

Models	Current		Full GST Benefits	
GST + Cess New GST Starting 7th Sept, 2025				
(Up to INR Lakh) *				
ASTOR	45	40	54,000/-	
HECTOR	45 (Petrol)		40	1,49,000/-
	50 (Diesel)			
GLOSTER	50	40	3,04,000/-	

The price mentioned above is of a specific model. Benefits will vary depending on the model and variant. * The carmaker is also offering 100% on-road funding and 03-Months EMI holiday options with added financial flexibility and peace-of-mind. About JSW MG Motor IndiaSAIC Motor, a global Fortune 500 company with a presence in over 100 countries and JSW Group (India's leading conglomerate with interests across B2B and B2C sectors) formed a joint venture - JSW MG Motor India Pvt. Ltd. in 2023. The joint venture aims to build a smart and sustainable automotive ecosystem while staying focused on developing a diverse portfolio of vehicles to give car buyers better access to advanced technologies and futuristic products with attractive value propositions. JSW MG Motor India Pvt. Ltd. is committed to introducing world-class technology, strengthening the manufacturing landscape, bringing the best of innovation across its business operations, and generating significant employment opportunities through extensive localisation.

Asaduddin Owaisi Flags Off Grand Launch of Nilufer Luxury Fashion Store

Hyderabad:"Nilufer," a premium luxury women's clothing and lifestyle brand, celebrated the grand opening of its flagship store on 7th September 2025 at KHR Building, Masab Tank Road, MehdiPatnam, Hyderabad. The event was a grand affair, graced by the presence of Mr. Asaduddin Owaisi, MP and President of AIMIM, who inaugurated the store as the Chief Guest, along with Ms. Nilufer, Founder of Nilufer Luxury Women's Clothing Store. The occasion was further honored by Mr. Majid Hussain, MLA, Nampally, who attended as the Guest of Honor.

Rooted in the philosophy of "Embrace the Luxury," Nilufer seeks to redefine women's fashion with timeless elegance, refined craftsmanship, and the use of ultra-soft fabrics sourced from around the world. Every design reflects sophistication and comfort, ensuring that when a woman chooses Nilufer, she is not just wearing a garment but embracing a lifestyle. The store offers a diverse range of collections, including everyday luxury wear, bridal couture, and exclusive perfumes. The bridal line, with customized ensembles priced between ₹1,000 and ₹30 Lakhs, is tailored to suit the dreams of every bride. Adding to its appeal, Nilufer also brings premium non-alcoholic perfumes celebrated for their purity and sophistication, alongside a unique collection



tion of outfits representing styles from every state of India, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. Speaking at the launch, Ms. Nilufer expressed her vision for the brand, stating that Nilufer is more than just a fashion label; it is a statement of luxury made accessible to all. "Our philosophy is that true luxury should not be reserved for a select few—it should be experienced and celebrated by every woman," she said.

7th All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025 in TelanganaOver 1,300 prison staff from across the country to participate



Hyderabad:The 7th All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025, organized by the Telangana Prisons and Correctional Services Department, will be held from September 9 to 11 at RBVRR Telangana Police Academy, Hyderabad. More than 1,300 prison staff (including 184 women) from 21 states and 3 union territories will showcase their talent across 36 categories.

The competitions include professional events such as first aid, welfare schemes, quiz, and computer skills, along with sports and cultural contests like athletics, volleyball, kabaddi, basketball, karate, krav maga, music, dance, and painting. This prestigious national-level event is being hosted

Medchal Press Club (Print Media) to Hold New Committee Election Meeting“

"NSR, Medchal - Malkajigiri Staff Reporter, A.S Rao Nagar, September 8, Indian Chronicle: The Medchal District Press Club (Print Media) has scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at 11 a.m. at Dr. A.S. Rao Centenary Bhavan, A.S. Raonagar. Senior leader Merugu Chandramohan announced that the press club is being set up beyond union affiliations and called on all district-level journalists to participate. During the meeting, a new executive committee of the press club will be elected.



Make Use of National Lok Adalat – District Legal Services



Authority Secretary""Kukkadapu Naresh Kumar, Kothagudem constituency, Septmber 6, Indian Chronicle:District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Secretary M. Rajender has appealed to the public to make the best use of the upcoming National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on September 13 at the Bhadradri Kothagudem District Court. ""In a statement, he informed that individuals who are facing cases, or whose relatives and acquaintances have cases pending in various courts, can utilize this opportunity to resolve them through compromise and settlement. Cases related to motor accident claims, civil disputes, cheating, chit funds, property issues, matrimonial and family matters, minor thefts, traffic challans, drunk and drive, domestic conflicts, banking transactions, telephone bill arrears, assault, cybercrimes, cheque bounce, and disputes through mediation can all be settled in this Lok Adalat. ""Secretary Rajender emphasized that once a case is settled in the Lok Adalat, it is completely closed and no further litigation will continue. He urged litigants to take advantage of this golden opportunity to resolve their disputes amicably, save time, and reduce legal expenses

Man Attempts Suicide After Being Harassed By Finance Staff“

""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,"08. ""A man attempted suicide due to harassment by a private finance company.Details given by the victim's son..Ashok,a resident of Jendaguda, Asifabad (Mandal), bought a lorry in 2008.He took a loan from a private finance company. He paid installments for 4 years. Later, when he did not pay, they took the lorry away in 2013. After 12 years, the finance company came again and threatened him to pay Rs. 6.74 lakhs,so Ashok drank insecticide.

Meeting of political party representatives chaired by Aswaraopet MPDO“

"Aswaraopet, S NAGA MANOJ KUMAR, September (08): A meeting was held at the Aswaraopet Mandal Praja Parishad office under the chairmanship of the MPDO with representatives of all recognized political parties in the mandal on the draft water list and objections to draft polling stations during the MPTC/ZPTC 2025 elections. In the context of local body elections in Telangana, the Panchayat Raj department is ready for arrangements. Because the government has recently taken a key decision regarding ZPTC, MPTC, and Panchayat seats. On this occasion, the state government has finalized the number of Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituencies, Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies, and Panchayat seats. The government has issued official orders to hold elections for a total of 566 ZPTC and Mandal Praja Parishad seats, as well as 5,773 MPTC seats. At the same time, the number of gram panchayats in the state is 12,778, and the number of wards is 112,000.



Panchayat elections have been held only once since the formation of Telangana, in 2019. In that election, there were 570 MPP and ZPTC seats, 5,817 MPTC seats, and 12,848 gram panchayats. This decision can be said to have paved the way for local body elections in the state. The Congress government led by Chief Minister

A. Revanth Reddy has decided to implement a 42% reservation for BCs in local body elections. This decision can be said to be a step taken to provide appropriate representation to BCs, who constitute 56% of the state's population. Under this reservation system, Gram Panchayat Sarpanchs and MPTCs are considered as Mandal units, MPPs and ZPTCs are considered as District units, and ZP Chairpersons are considered as State units. Thus, a meeting was held in each Mandal Parishad office to discuss these objections. Representatives of political parties participated in this meeting.

Even Though Generations Change, People Change!“



"Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,"08. ""Even though generations change, people change!Even after generations,"caste discrimination has not diminished among some people. Dalits are still being treated badly in some places. Some people are opposing a Dalit Anganwadi teacher who was transferred to Chinna Bendaram in Wankidi mandal of Asifabad district.The victim expressed her grief that since she is a Dalit woman, her children have not been sent to Anganwadi for five years.She said that she works in a rented building and she asked the authorities to take justice for this discrimination.

Waste Of Public Money: Built... Abandoned“

""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,"08. ""Wankidi Public money is being wasted.Is that what they are doing..without a plan.. spending lakhs of rupees of public money.. building buildings and leaving them to rot..! RTC officials spent Rs.5 lakh rupees to build a bus stop for the convenience of 2005 to passengers in the Wankidi mandal center of Komuram Bheem Asifabad district. It has been 20 years since it was built.it has not been used till today.Due to the negligence of the concerned authorities and the indifference of the rulers, buses do not come to this bus stop located adjacent to the National Highway Road. Buses do not stop here..! Due to this, the bus stop built by the passengers has become a haven for beggars. Now, passengers have to stand on the road and wait for the bus, whether it is the dry season or the rainy season. RTC officials have responded and have taken the unused bus pass.

Supreme Court Ruling: 50,000 Fine and Five Years Jail for Threatening or Assaulting Journalists“



""NSR, Medchal - Malkajigiri Staff Reporter, Uppal, September 8, Indian Chronicle: The Supreme Court has ruled that anyone who threatens, abuses, or physically assaults working journalists will face a fine of ₹50,000 and up to five years of rigorous imprisonment. This ruling came during a hearing on Thursday. With this judgment, several journalist associations and senior journalists expressed that the profession will now have stronger protection, allowing media professionals to carry out their duties without fear or intimidation while delivering factual information to the public.

Scientists Crucial for Nation’s Development: District Collector Jitesh V Patil““



“Kranthi Kumar Dasari | Pinapaka Constituency | Indian Chronicle |”Kothagudem, September 8 – District Collector Jitesh V Patil emphasized that scientists play a vital role in the nation’s development and in shaping the future of its citizens. On Monday, the Collector conducted a surprise inspection of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Karakagudem, reviewing the school’s infrastructure, facilities, and overall environment. “During the inspection, he visited classrooms, kitchen sheds, storerooms, dining halls, washrooms, and the school surroundings, interacting with students and staff. While speaking with students, he inquired about their career aspirations. Many students expressed their ambitions to become doctors, engineers, IAS, and IPS officers. Addressing them, the Collector advised that along with personal success, students should focus on contributing to nation-building through education, innovation, and scientific research. “India needs scientists who can address societal challenges and develop innovative solutions, he said, urging students to work towards research and inventions that benefit the country’s progress. “Later, the Collector inspected the dining hall and instructed the contractor to install protective mesh to prevent flies and mosquitoes from

entering. Responding to the staff’s request for a refrigerator to store vegetables and dairy products, he directed officials to take immediate action. He stressed the need to maintain a clean and hygienic environment to ensure students have access to healthy and nutritious meals. “Highlighting the prestige of Navodaya Vidyalayas across the nation, the Collector stated that these institutions have earned a unique reputation and that authorities must maintain their standards. He instructed the school administration to keep the premises clean, provide essential facilities, and ensure students have the resources they need. He also assured that sports equipment and library books would soon be provided to support the students’ physical and mental development. “The Collector held a detailed review meeting with the school staff, discussing existing facilities and addressing concerns raised by teachers. He assured them that any issues related to students’ welfare and school development would be resolved on a priority basis. “School Principal Bhaskarachari, along with teachers Nayanadevi, Chanchal, and Anita, staff nurse Radhika, and other department officials, accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

GHMC Standing Committee Member Reviews Development Works in Charlapally Division



“NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Cherlapally, September 8, Indian Chronicle: GHMC Standing Committee member and Charlapally Division corporator Bonthu Sridevi Yadav held a review meeting with officials on development works in the division. During the meeting, she appreciated the officials for ensuring the recent Ganesh immersion program was completed smoothly and peacefully. She also conducted a detailed review of the pending devel-

opment works, particularly roads, drainage, streetlights, and sanitation. Bonthu Sridevi Yadav instructed officials to immediately resume and complete the stalled works to avoid inconvenience to the public. She emphasized that urgent measures must be taken to improve civic amenities in the division. The meeting was attended by DE D. Balakrishna, AE Abhishek, and officials from the concerned departments including Praveen and Prashanth.

Minor Fire Accident in Bhagat Singh Colony“



““NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Peerzadiguda, September 8, Indian Chronicle: A minor fire accident occurred in Bhagat Singh Colony under Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation, Division-1, when flames broke out in a hut due to a lamp lit during a prayer. Some essential household items were partially damaged in the incident. Upon learning about the accident, Peerzadiguda Congress president and R.V. Foundation chairman Tungaturthi Ravi visited the site, enquired about the cause of the fire, and consoled the affected family. As immediate relief, R.V. Foundation provided 50 kilograms of rice to the family. Ravi noted that timely intervention by local residents

helped prevent the fire from spreading further and causing major damage. During his visit, Ravi also observed several civic issues in Bhagat Singh Colony, including drinking water shortages, poor drainage facilities, lack of streetlights, and tree branches hanging over electricity lines. He contacted the concerned officials over phone and appealed for urgent action to resolve these problems. Congress Division-1 in-charge M.D. Mazar, Barre Nagaraju, colony residents, and others participated in the program.

Fake Gold Stir In Kerameri.. Two Lakhs Found“

““Indian Chronicle” k u m r a m b h e e m , Asifabad.District Reporter J a d e Srinivas.September, “08. “An unidentified person cheated a tribal family from Kerameri mandal of Komuram Bheem Asifabad district with fake gold. He tricked the victims for months, making them believe that it was ancient gold found in excavations, and finally stole Rs. 2 lakh by attaching fake gold. When it was tested at a gold shop, it was found to be fake, and the victims approached the police. District National Human Rights Committee Chairman Rathod Ramesh



appealed on Monday to the people to be vigilant so as not to fall prey to such fraudsters. Show less

Draft Voter Lists and Polling Stations Reviewed Ahead of 2025 MPTC/ZPTC Elections““““

“““Bhukya Ranjith Naik,Bhadradi Kothagudem, September 8,Indian Chronicle:In preparation for the upcoming second ordinary MPTC/ZPTC elections 2025, District Collector Jitesh V. Patil held a review meeting with recognized political party leaders on Monday at the IDOC conference hall. The meeting, conducted alongside Additional Collector Venugopal, focused on finalizing draft voter lists and polling station arrangements across the district. “Addressing the gathering, the Collector informed that the district comprises 471 panchayats with a total of 6,69,048 registered voters, including 3,25,045 men, 3,43,979 women, and 24 others. To facilitate smooth polling, 4,242 polling stations have been set up across 4,168 wards. “Collector Patil stressed that eligible voters should register immediately as no new names will be added after the election notification is issued. He clarified that transferring votes from one village to another will not be permitted and confirmed that all previously identified polling stations will remain unchanged. “

“Emphasizing the importance of a free, fair, and peaceful election, the Collector appealed to all political parties to extend full cooperation. He assured that necessary measures are being taken to ensure that every eligible voter can exercise their right to vote. “The meeting was attended by Additional Collector for Local Bodies Vidyachandana, ZP CEO Nagalakshmi, Deputy ZP CEO Chandrasekhar, and representatives from various political parties, including Bal Prasad (INC), Anudeep (BRS), S. Srinivas (CPI), A. Satyanarayana (CPM), Nomula Ramesh (BJP), and A. Rambabu (AAP), among others.



Road Works Inspected at Parvatapur Pochammakunta““



“NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Pavatapur, September 8, Indian Chronicle: Former Peerzadiguda Ex Mayor Amar Singh, senior Congress leaders Bodige Krishna Goud, Bandari Ravinder, and Yasaram Mahesh, along with the road contractor and colony members, inspected the ongoing road works at Parvatapur Pochammakunta. This long-pending road project, once completed, will establish

direct connectivity between Parvatapur, Medipally, and Peerzadiguda. The new road is expected to ease transportation, reduce travel time, and provide residents with smoother and more convenient commuting options. During the visit, the leaders interacted with local residents and reviewed the progress of the works, stressing the need for timely completion so that the road can be opened for public use as early as possible.

Medchal Constituency Congress In-Charge Totakura Vajresh Yadav congratulates TPCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud on completing one year in office““



assuming charge, Mahesh Kumar Goud has been actively working to strengthen and rebuild the party across the state. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the Congress government’s development and welfare programs are being widely promoted among the people, with Mahesh Kumar Goud providing direction to party cadres to take these initiatives to the grassroots. They expressed confidence that the measures being taken by Mahesh Kumar Goud to consolidate the party at the village level will yield even stronger results in the coming days.

DIABETES COMPLICATIONS 2025 - CLINICAL UPDATE

Hyderabad, Sept.8 : The Dear Diabetes Academy on Sunday evening successfully hosted "Diabetes Complications 2025 – Clinical Update" along with the Clinical excellence awards 2025 at Hyatt Place, Banjara Hills in the city. The event brought together leading physicians, healthcare professionals and organizations committed to advancing diabetes care, research and innovation.

2 members of Lawrence Bishnoi gang arrested in Delhi after exchange of gunfire



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Hours after India pulls diplomats, Canadian Police allege Indian govt 'agents' collaborated with Lawrence Bishnoi gang. Bishnoi, 31 is a gangster from Punjab, and is currently lodged in the Sabarmati Central jail in Ahmedabad. Two members of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang were arrested after a brief exchange of fire in Delhi's New Ashok Vihar area late Wednesday night, the police said.

The police identified the arrested men as Kartik Jhakkad and Kavish, who allegedly work for US-based Harry Boxer, who claimed to have commissioned the recent firing outside comedian Kapil Sharma's cafe in Canada's Surrey. According to the police, Sub Inspector Vijender received information about the presence of Jhakkad, a key

henchman of Boxer. "A team led by Inspector Sanjay Gupta and Inspector Pawan reached the area and spotted two suspicious men on a bike. When they were asked to stop, the pillion rider opened fire," a Special Cell officer said. The police recognised the man on the pillion as Jhakkad and fired back in self-defence as the accused tried to escape. "One of the bullets struck Jhakkad's left leg, causing the bike to become unbalanced. Both accused were then detained. The bike rider was identified as Kavish, who had recently joined the Boxer gang," the officer said. Jhakkad, the police said, has more than 10 cases against him, including that of extortion. "He recently demanded Rs 2 crore from a businessman at Ganga Nagar in the New Ashok Vihar area. The reason for the presence of the two in the capital is being probed," the officer added. Boxer, who hails from the Alwar district in Rajasthan, is known to be close to Bishnoi's brother Anmol and is believed to have reached the United States via 'dunkney' route in 2024. "The Bishnoi gang has used him to oversee their extortion business both in the US and in Punjab, Delhi and Rajasthan. He allegedly called a businessman in GTB Enclave on August 23 and on August 25 to demand an extortion payment of Rs 5 crore," the officer said. Bishnoi is currently housed in a high-security cell at Sabarmati Central Jail in Ahmedabad. Despite being imprisoned, he has been connected to several high-profile crimes, including the murder of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moose Wala in 2022 and threats against actor Salman Khan.

Valmiki Corporation case: ED attaches Rs 5-crore worth properties, including assets of ex-Karnataka minister Nagendra's aides

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ED initiated an investigation based on the cases registered by the Karnataka Police and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). ED initiated an investigation based on the cases registered by the Karnataka Police and the CBI. The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, has provisionally attached properties, in the form of immovable properties and bank balance, worth Rs 5 crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the Valmiki Corporation Valmi scam case, in which two aides of former Karnataka minister B Nagendra are allegedly involved.

ED stated on Wednesday that the attached immovable properties are in the form of land and flats worth Rs 4.45 crore belonging to Nekkenti Nagaraj, Chandra Mohan, Golapalli Kishore Reddy, Etakeri Satyanarayana, and movable property is in the form of bank accounts to the extent of Rs 50 lakh in First Finance Credit Cooperative Bank Limited. Nagaraj was identified as the personal assistant of Nagendra, while ED had mentioned Etakeri Satyanarayana as his "key associate". The scam in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited (KMVSTDCL) came to light after an officer died by suicide on May 26, 2024, alleging pressure from a minister to divert funds. The ED's chargesheet in the case named Nagendra as the mastermind behind the scam. ED initiated an investigation based on the cases registered by the Karnataka Police and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). It was alleged that the accused people illegally transferred the money from the account of KMVSTDCL and misappropriated the funds to defraud the Corporation of public money worth Rs 89.63 crore by forging valuable securities and documents. ED investigation revealed that KMVSTDCL's account was transferred to a fraudulently opened account at the MG Road branch of Union Bank of



India in collusion with bank officers. Subsequently, funds from other accounts and the treasury were pooled into this account. From the pooled funds, Rs 89.63 crore was allegedly diverted from this fraudulently opened Corporation's accounts to 18 fake bank accounts opened with First Finance Credit Cooperative Bank Limited in Hyderabad, in connivance with the bank's chairman. The diverted funds were then allegedly layered through fictitious and shell accounts, with cash and bullion distributed among the accused.

ED said that a significant portion of these funds was used in the general elections. Additionally, luxury vehicles, including a Lamborghini, were bought using proceeds from the scam. These facts were corroborated by the accommodation entry providers, bullion traders, gift card traders, and luxury car dealers. Moreover, the Proceeds of Crime acquired by the accused out of the siphoning off of funds have been utilised by them for personal purposes. Further investigation is in progress. Last year, ED arrested Nagendra, who was the minister for Scheduled Tribes Development, for allegedly misappropriating the Corporation's funds.

Final List Of Polling Stations For Territorial Voters On The 10th



"District Election Officer, Collector Venkatesh Dhotre" "Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad. District Reporter Jade Srinivas. September, '08. "In the context of the local body elections, the final list of territorial voters and polling stations will be published on the 10th of this month, said Komaram Bheem District Election Officer and Collector Venkatesh Dhotre. Komaram Bheem, along with Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officer Lakshminarayana, at the conference hall of the Integrated District Collectorate Building in Asifabad district center. Speaking on the occasion of a review meeting with officials and representatives of recognized political parties along with the Chief Executive Officer of the Parishad, Lakshminarayana, the District Election Officer and Collector of Komuram Bheem said that the



list of territorial voters and the list of polling stations will be prepared clearly without any mistakes and the final list will be announced on the 10th of this month. He said that there are 15 3.2.6.2., 127 2.2.3.2. territorial constituencies in the district, and there are a total of 3 lakh 53 thousand 895 voters. He said that 708 polling stations have been set up in the district for the local body elections, and the draft voters list will be sent to the polling stations on the 6th. and the objections received on these lists will be examined and the final list will be announced on the 10th of this month. He said that officials and representatives of political parties should work in coordination and take steps to prepare a clear list. The concerned officials, representatives of recognized political parties and others participated in this program."

Srihari Enclave Ganesh Laddu Goes to Rajneekar Reddy-Rajitha Family for 78,000



"NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Chengicherla, September 8, Indian Chronicle: Srihari Enclave Colony witnessed vibrant Ganesh Navaratri celebrations organized by the Bhagavan Utsav Committee. As part of the festivities, the traditional Ganesh laddu auction was conducted with enthusiastic participation from residents and devotees. This year, the highest bid was made by Rajneekar Reddy Rajitha's family, who successfully secured the laddu for 78,000. The auction created a festive atmosphere, with community members actively taking part in the spirited bidding. Organizers expressed happiness over the overwhelming response, noting that the funds raised through the laddu auction would be utilized for community welfare and future religious events. The celebrations highlighted unity and devotion among the residents of Srihari Enclave.

Swept away, 'Sher-e-Punjab' was once residential premises that took a beating in 1995 flash floods



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A strong water current from the swollen Beas river swept away the iconic 'Sher-e-Punjab', a two-storey restaurant on Rohtang Road near Manali, leaving only the front wall bearing its name as a testament to its presence. The washed-away restaurant was an extension of the renowned 'Sher-e-Punjab' on the Mall Road in Manali, which had been in operation for over three decades. The two-storey building, where the restaurant opened in 2021, was a residential structure and had faced calamities earlier, too. In 1995, when floods hit the Manali valley, the building took a beating from the raging Beas. Then, during the flash-floods of 2023, too, the overflowing Beas had hit the rear boundary wall of the structure, but didn't cause any harm. The Sher-e-Punjab's building had a basement, a ground floor, and an upper floor with six rooms, and had the capacity to serve food to as

many as 125 people at a time. Videos and photos of the standing lone restaurant wall went viral on social media. Saravjeet Singh Gulati, 58, who runs Sher-e-Punjab in Manali, had hired the two-storey building on Rohtang road for the restaurant. Gulati, the third generation of a family which migrated from Peshawar in Pakistan to Mandi, then undivided Punjab, in 1947, said, "I opened a branch on Rohtang road in 2021 after hiring the property from Sukhbir Mehta in 2020. My daughter Sehaj was managing the branch. "Usually, staff close the restaurant by 10 pm, but on Monday, they shut it around 8.30 pm. The last customers were a senior administrative officer and his driver, who were on a routine patrol. Luckily, no one was inside when the building collapsed in the early hours of Tuesday." Gulati said in 2023, the Beas had hit the rear boundary wall of the building, but no damage was done. "The landowner informed us that the property was severely damaged by the flash floods in 1995." Gulati, who used to pay an annual rent of Rs 3.5 lakh, claimed that he suffered a loss of around Rs 1 crore in the tragedy.

Along with Sher-e-Punjab, two more shops — a snow-dress rental outlet and a daily-needs store — were also swept away by the river. The two adjoining stores were makeshift structures, but 'Sher-e-Punjab' was a concrete building. Gulati said, "My grandfather migrated from Peshawar (Pakistan) to Mandi (undivided Punjab) in 1947. My father Amar Singh Gulati started selling various things, including shoes, umbrellas, slipper, etc. Later, we also moved to Manali, and I established myself here." Gulati said, "The telecommunication connectivity in Manali was hit severely. I am talking to you over the phone because I am in Mumbai with my relatives. I am unable to contact my children and staff since Tuesday evening." A senior district administration officer from Kullu told The Indian Express, "The two adjoining shops were temporary structures. All three were located on the Rohtang road in Bahang village of Manali sub-division, which is part of the National Highway. We will determine whether these swept-away structures were within the permissible limits after our revenue teams submit their report. For now, our priority is to restore connectivity. Indeed, the restaurant building was severely damaged by the Beas in 1995, and compensation was provided." In September 1995, flash floods claimed 65 lives and caused severe damage across Himachal Pradesh, especially in Kullu and Manali and Mandi.

Discussion on revenue and forest land disputes in Ramannagudem



Aswaraopet Naga Manoj Kumar, September (08): A discussion was held today on the forest and revenue land disputes that have been going on in Ramannagudem village of Aswaraopet mandal for the past few days. The discussion on these land disputes was held under the auspices of the police department. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kothagudem; the Forest Divisional Officer, Palvancha; the Tahsildar, Aswaraopet; the Forest Range Officer,



Ashwaraopet; the Plantation Manager (TSFDCL), Ashwaraopet Range; and the Circle Inspector of Police, Ashwaraopet, discussed with the villagers of Ramannagudem the forest and revenue disputed lands in survey numbers 30, 36 & 39 and said that they will take appropriate steps to resolve the land issue by bringing it to the notice of the District Collector for a joint survey. Revenue, Forest, and Police personnel and Ramannagudem villagers participated in this program.

Man attacked on suspicion of practicing black magic in Nandipadu

"Aswaraopet, Naga Manoj Kumar, September (08): An incident took place in Nandipadu village of Aswaraopet mandal where a tribal man was attacked on suspicion of practicing black magic. Bhayam Venkateswara Rao, a resident of the village, alleged that some people deliberately attacked him and injured him. He was seriously injured in the attack and approached the Aswaraopet police and filed a complaint. The police have registered a case and are investigating. I request the people to create awareness about superstitions.



Bhu Bharati Applications Should Be Resolved Quickly



District Collector Venkatesh Dhotre "Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad. District Reporter Jade Srinivas. September, '08. "Komuram Bheem District Collector Venkatesh Dhotre said that the concerned authorities should take steps to resolve the applications received in the Bhu Bharati Act Revenue Conferences quickly. District Additional Collector (Revenue) David, Kagaznagar Sub-

Collector Shraddha Shukla, Asifabad Revenue Mandal Officer Lokeshwar Rao, Land Survey Officer Someshwar along with Tahsildars, Nayab Tahsildars, Girdhawars, Mandal Surveyors and Data Entry Operators held a review meeting on the resolution of the applications received in the Bhu Bharati Revenue Conferences at the Integrated District Collectorate Building Conference Hall in the Komaram Bheem Asifabad district center. Speaking on the occasion, Komuram Bheem Asifabad District Collector said. Bhu Bharati Act Revenue Conferences and the Bhu Bharati Portal, and each application should be checked with the records, examined at the field level and steps should be taken towards its resolution immediately. He said that more services will be provided to the people by appointing village administrators and licensed surveyors at the village level. He said that a full investigation should be conducted on each application and reports should be submitted, and the officials should work to resolve 100 percent of the applications received in the Bhu Bharati Revenue Conferences for the past 10 days.

Putin, Kim Jong Un to attend Chinese parade in show of defiance to the West



BEIJING, -NS News Agency, Sept 8 Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korea's Kim Jong Un will attend a military parade in Beijing, marking the first public appearance of the two leaders alongside President Xi Jinping in a show of collective defiance amid Western pressure.

No Western leaders will be among the 26 foreign heads of state and government attending the parade next week with the exception of Robert Fico, prime minister of Slovakia, a European Union member state, according to the Chinese foreign ministry on Thursday.Make sense of the latest ESG trends affecting companies and governments with the Reuters Sustainable Switch newsletter. Sign up here.

Shooter kills two Minneapolis school children in Catholic church, wounds 17 others

MINNEAPOLIS, GNS News Agency, Sept 8- An assailant armed with three guns fired through stained-glass windows into a Catholic church where parish school students were attending Mass on Wednesday, killing two children and wounding 17 other people, officials said.The shooting ended when the lone suspect, identified as Robin Westman, 23, "took his own life" at the rear of the church, according to Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara, who declined to offer a possible motive for the attack.The Reuters Tariff Watch newsletter is your daily guide to the latest global trade and tariff news. Sign up here.

A videotaped message by the suspect showed Westman struggled with depression and was fascinated by the perpetrators of past mass shootings.FBI Director Kash Patel said his agency was investigating the attack as an "act of domestic terrorism and hate crime targeting Catholics."Two victims, aged 8 and 10, were slain where they sat as the gunfire turned the morning Mass into pandemonium. It sent worshipers diving behind pews for cover while older children scrambled to shield younger ones, officials said. At least two of the church exits were blocked by wooden planks barricaded outside the doors, O'Hara said.The violence struck at the start of an all-school Mass held annually on the first Wednesday of the academic year at Annunciation Catholic School."This was a deliberate act of violence against innocent children and other people worshipping. The sheer cruelty and cowardice of firing into a church full of children is absolutely incomprehensible," O'Hara said.In addition to the two children killed, 17 other people were struck by gunfire - 14 of them students ages 6 to 18 and three parishioners in their 80s, O'Hara said. All the injured were expected to recover, according to the chief.

A 2017 yearbook from the school showed that Westman, who went by the first name Robert at the time, had been a student there, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported."I have no information to share on a motive, other than to say there was some kind of manifesto timed to come out on YouTube," O'Hara said, adding that it had been taken down by authorities.Online videos reviewed by Reuters showed the text of a suicide note in which the shooter expressed feeling depressed and wanting to carry out a mass shooting. Names of previous school shooters were scrawled on a rifle magazine, along with erratic and wide-ranging political grievances.In a statement on X, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristie Noem said the suspect was "claiming to be transgender." She continued: "This deranged monster targeted our most vulnerable: young children praying in their first morning Mass of the school year."Court records showed Westman's name was changed from Robert in 2020 because Westman identified as female.Appearing with the police chief and other officials at a news conference on Wednesday afternoon, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey cautioned against bringing gender politics into the

Two Microsoft workers fired after occupying president's office to protest ties to Israel

WASHINGTON,GNS News Agency, Sept 8 Two Microsoftemployees were fired on Wednesday after taking part in a sit-in at the office of the company's president to protest the firm's ties to Israel as it wages war in Gaza.A Microsoft spokesperson said the workers were terminated following "serious breaches of company policies and our code of conduct" stemming from "the break-in at the executive offices."Anna Hattle and Riki Fameli received voicemails informing them that they were fired, the protest group No Azure for Apartheid said in a statement.They were among seven protesters who were arrested on Tuesday after occupying the office of company President Brad Smith. The other five were former Microsoft workers and people outside the company."We are here because Microsoft continues to provide Israel with the tools it needs to commit genocide while gaslighting and misdirecting its own workers about this reality," Hattle said in a statement on Wednesday.No Azure for Apartheid, whose name references Microsoft's Azure software, has demanded that the company cut its ties to Israel and pay reparations to Palestinians. Smith said on Tuesday: "we respect the freedom of expression that everyone in this country enjoys as long as they do it lawfully."has said an Israeli military surveillance agency was making use of Microsoft's Azure software to store countless recordings of mobile phone calls made by Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza. The investigation, conducted by the Guardian, Israeli-Palestinian publication +972 Magazine and Hebrew-language outlet Local Call, also said Israel relied on Microsoft cloud for expansive surveillance of Palestinians.

In April, Microsoft AI CEO Mustafa Suleyman's remarks were interrupted by a pro-Palestinian protesting

the backdrop of China's growing military might during the "Victory Day" parade on September 3, the three leaders will project a major show of solidarity not just between China and the Global South, but also with sanctions-hit Russia and North Korea.

Russia, which Beijing counts as a strategic partner, has been battered by multiple rounds of Western sanctions imposed after its invasion of Ukraine in 2022, with its economy on the brink of slipping into recession. Putin, wanted by the International Criminal Court, last travelled in China in 2024.North Korea, a formal treaty ally of China's, has been under United Nations Security Council sanctions since 2006 over its development of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles. Kim last visited China in January 2019.Those attending the parade marking the formal surrender of Japan during World War II will include Belarus President Aleksandr Lukashenko, Iran's President Masoud Pezashkian, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto and South Korea's National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik, said Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Hong Lei at a news conference.

The United Nations will be represented by Under-Secretary-General Li Junhua, who previously served in various capacities at the Chinese foreign ministry, including time as the Chinese ambassador to Italy, San Marino and Myanmar.On the day, President Xi Jinping will survey tens of thousands of troops at Tiananmen Square alongside the foreign dignitaries and senior Chinese leaders.The highly choreographed parade, to be one of China's largest in years, will showcase cutting-edge equipment like fighter jets, missile defence systems and hypersonic weapons.



tragedy."Anybody who is using this as an opportunity to villainize our trans community, or any other community out there, has lost their sense of common humanity," he said.Frey also cited the easy availability of firearms as a root cause of the mass shootings that are commonplace in the United States.The shooting at Annunciation, a parochial school with about 395 students, marked the 146th incident of gun violence at a place of primary or secondary education since January, according to the K-12 School Shooting Database.But Wednesday's carnage differed in one notable respect from most school shootings: The assailant fired from outside into the building.Westman fired dozens of rounds with a rifle, shotgun and pistol, all legally and recently purchased, O'Hara said. Authorities said more weapons were recovered at other locations associated with the suspect.Fifth-grader Weston Halsne told CBS News his friend was wounded while trying to protect him."The shots were like, right next to me," Halsne said. "I think I got like gunpowder on my neck."Public records showed Westman's mother, Mary Westman, had worked as an administrative assistant at Annunciation Church. Relatives contacted by Reuters declined to comment.Officials said Westman did not have a criminal record and appeared to have acted alone. The suspect was employed for several months this year at a Minnesota cannabis dispensary, but was no longer working there, the company, RISE, said.

U.S. President Donald Trump ordered U.S. flags to be flown at half-staff nationwide as a sign of mourning.Authorities said the attack did not appear to be related to three other shootings over the past 24 hours in Minneapolis, including one at a Jesuit high school.Homicides have risen in Minneapolis since the 2020 police killing there of George Floyd, which prompted nationwide civil disturbances and staff shortages in the city's police department.Minnesota experienced political violence in May. A gunman posing as a police officer killed the Democratic state House speaker and her husband and wounded a Democratic state senator and his wife, in what authorities said were targeted assassinations. The suspect has pleaded not guilty to federal murder charges.



employee during the technology company's 50th anniversary celebration over the firm's ties with Israel. That employee and another protesting employee were also fired.Other firms and educational institutions have faced protests over ties with Israel as the humanitarian crisis in Gaza from Israel's military assault has mounted, and images of starving Palestinians, including children, have sparked global outrage.

The latest bloodshed in the decades-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict was triggered in October 2023 when Hamas militants attacked Israel, killing 1,200 people and taking about 250 hostages, Israeli tallies show.Israel's subsequent assault on Gaza has killed tens of thousands of Palestinians, caused a hunger crisis, internally displaced Gaza's entire population and prompted accusations of genocide and war crimes at international courts that Israel denies.

Trump administration moves to tighten duration of visas for students and media



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The Trump administration aims to tighten the duration of visas for students, cultural exchange visitors and members of the media, according to a proposed government regulation issued on Wednesday (August 27, 2025), part of a broader crackdown on legal immigration.President Donald Trump, a Republican, kicked off a wide-ranging immigration crackdown after taking office in January. The latest move would create new hurdles for international students, exchange workers and foreign journalists who would have to apply to extend their stay in the U.S. rather than maintain a more flexible legal status.The proposed regulation would create a fixed time period for F visas for international students, J visas that allow visitors on cultural exchange programs to work in the U.S., and I visas for members of the media. Those visas are currently available for the duration

Iran says return of IAEA inspectors not full resumption of cooperation

GNS News Agency, Sept 8Iran said that the return of U.N. nuclear inspectors did not represent a full resumption of cooperation, which was suspended in the aftermath of June attacks by Israel and the United States.

Inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency began work at the key nuclear site of Bushehr in southwestern Iran, the nuclear watchdog's chief Rafael Grossi said, the first team to enter the country since Tehran formally suspended cooperation with the U.N. agency last month."No final text has yet been approved on the new co-operation framework with the IAEA and views are being exchanged," Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said, quoted by state television.

The agency's inspectors left Iran after Israel launched its unprecedented attack on June 13, striking nuclear and military facilities as well as residential areas and killing more than 1,000 people.Washington later joined in with strikes on nuclear facilities at Fordo, Isfahan and Natanz.Iran retaliated with missile and drone attacks that killed dozens in Israel. A ceasefire between Iran and Israel has been in place since June 24.Iran subsequently suspended its cooperation with the IAEA, citing the agency's failure to condemn the Israeli and US attacks.

But on Wednesday Mr. Grossi said the inspectors were "there now", adding: "Today they are inspecting Bushehr."Under the law suspending cooperation, inspectors may access Iranian nuclear sites only with the approval of the country's top security body, the Supreme National Security Council.Tehran has said repeatedly that future co-operation with the agency will take "a new form".The spokesman for Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Behrouz Kamalvandi, said the IAEA inspectors would oversee the replacement of fuel at the Bushehr nuclear power plant.He made no mention of whether inspectors would be allowed access to other sites, including Fordo and Natanz, which were hit during the war.Threats of reimposition of U.N. sanctionsMr. Grossi, on a visit to Washington, said discussions about inspecting other sites were underway with no immediate agreement."We are continuing the conversation so that we can go to all places, including the facilities that have been impacted," he said.He said that Iran cannot restrict inspectors only to "non-attacked facilities."

"There is no such thing as a la carte inspection work."The return of inspectors came after Iranian diplomats

of the program or U.S.-based employment.

There were about 1.6 million international students on F visas in the U.S. in 2024, according to U.S. government data. The U.S. granted visas to about 355,000 exchange visitors and 13,000 members of the media in fiscal year 2024, which began on October 1, 2023. The student and exchange visa periods would be no longer than four years, the proposed regulation said. The visa for journalists - which currently can last years - would be up to 240 days or, in the case of Chinese nationals, 90 days. The visa holders could apply for extensions, the proposal said.The Trump administration said in the proposed regulation that the change was needed to better "monitor and oversee" the visa holders while they were in the United States.The public will have 30 days to comment on the measure, which mirrors a proposal put forward in 2020 at the end of Trump's first term in office.NAFSA, a non-profit organization representing international educators at more than 4,300 institutions worldwide, opposed the 2020 proposal and called on the Trump administration to scrap it. The Democratic administration of then-President Joe Biden withdrew it in 2021. The Trump administration has increased scrutiny of legal immigration, revoking student visas and green cards of university students over their ideological views and stripping legal status from hundreds of thousands of migrants.In an August 22 memo, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said it would resume long-dormant visits to citizenship applicants' neighborhoods to check what it termed residency, moral character and commitment to American ideals.



held talks with counterparts from Britain, France and Germany in Geneva on Tuesday.Their second round of talks since the Israeli attacks included discussion of European threats to trigger the reimposition of U.N. sanctions against Iran before they are permanently lifted in mid-October.The window for triggering the so-called "snapback mechanism" of a moribund 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and major powers closes on October 18.During their previous meeting with Iran in July, the three European powers suggested extending the snapback deadline if Tehran resumed negotiations with the United States and cooperation with the IAEA, the Financial Times reported.Iran later dismissed the Europeans' right to extend the deadline, and said it was working with its allies China and Russia to prevent the reimposition of sanctions.Iran's deputy foreign minister Karim Gharibabadi on Wednesday said that if the snapback is triggered, "the path of interaction that we have now opened with the International Atomic Energy Agency will also be completely affected and will probably stop."On Tuesday, Russia circulated a draft U.N. Security Council resolution aimed at pushing back the deadline for triggering snapback sanctions by six months, according to the text seen by AFP.The Russian proposal does not set preconditions for the deadline extension.Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador, Dmitry Polyanskiy, said that the updated proposal was designed to "give more breathing space for diplomacy", adding that he hoped it "will be acceptable". "It will be kind of a litmus test for those who really want to uphold diplomatic efforts, and for those who don't want any diplomatic solution, but just want to pursue their own nationalist, selfish agendas against Iran," he told media.

Denmark summons U.S. diplomat over Greenland 'interference'

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Since returning to the White House in January, Mr. Trump has repeatedly said the United States needs the strategically located, resource-rich island for security reasons, and has refused to rule out the use of force to secure it.At least three U.S. officials close to Mr. Trump have been noticed in Greenland's capital Nuuk trying to identify people they could use in anti-Denmark influence campaigns, according to Danish public television network DR.Foreign Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen said in a statement to AFP he was aware of "foreign actors" showing an interest in Greenland's position within Denmark."Any attempt to interfere in the internal affairs of the Kingdom will of course be unacceptable," he said, adding that he had "asked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to summon the U.S. charge d'affaires for a meeting at the Ministry".Most of Greenland's 57,000 people want to become independent from Denmark, according to a January poll, but do not wish to become part of the U.S.Both Denmark and Greenland have repeatedly insisted the Arctic island is not for sale and that it will decide its future itself.Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said she was taking the matter seriously."I note that the Americans have not clearly rejected the DR report today, and that is of course serious," she told Danish television.The Wall Street Journal reported in May that U.S. intelligence agencies had been ordered to find out more about Greenland's independence movement and opinions on American exploitation of resources.According to the newspaper, intelligence agencies had been asked to identify people in Greenland and Denmark who supported U.S. objectives.Ms. Frederiksen reacted angrily to that report at the time, saying: "You cannot spy against an ally."Like the United States, Denmark is a founding member of NATO and has recently fought alongside America in its wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.Sowing discord

According to the DR report on Wednesday, the U.S. officials were trying to gather information on issues that have created tension between Greenland and Denmark — which could be used to present Denmark in a bad light.These include Denmark's forced removal of Greenlandic Inuit children from their families, as well as its forced contraception of at least half of all fertile Inuit women from the 1960s until 1992.Ms. Frederiksen on Wednesday presented a long-awaited apology to the 4,500 Inuit women who had to wear

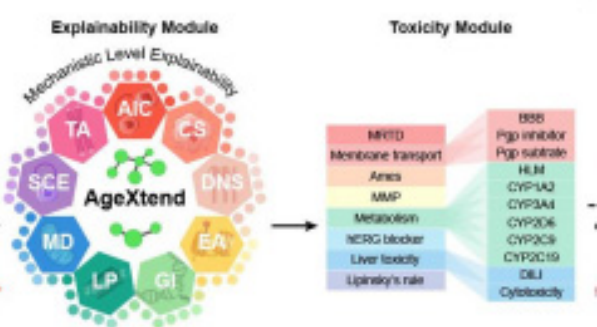


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a contraceptive coil — or intrauterine device (IUD) — without their or their family's consent."We cannot change what has happened. But we can take responsibility. Therefore, on behalf of Denmark, I would like to say: I am sorry," she said in a statement.

In March, U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance made an uninvited visit to Greenland that was widely seen as a provocation both on the island and in Copenhagen.He was initially due to tour several towns but following angry reactions across Europe, he shortened his itinerary to a one-day visit of the U.S. Pituffik military base.During a speech there, Mr. Vance castigated Denmark for not having "done a good job by the people of Greenland", alleging it had neglected security.The Pituffik base is an essential part of Washington's missile-defence infrastructure, its location putting it on the shortest route for missiles fired from Russia at the United States.The Arctic has gained geostrategic importance as the race for rare earths heats up and as melting ice caused by global warming opens up new shipping routes.Copenhagen in January announced a \$2-billion plan to boost its military presence in the Arctic region.Ahead of Greenland's March 11 general election, Denmark's intelligence service said it was concerned about possible foreign interference, particularly from Russia, but said no attempts were ever detected.

Indian researchers develop AI-based platform to identify age-defying molecules rapidly



Longevity has always been the Holy Grail of medicine, and extending life beyond its conceivable end has driven kings, researchers and pharma companies alike through a roller-coaster ride that invariably stops at ground level, no wonder the search continues. Now, it is an Indian group from the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi that has used a platform based on Artificial Intelligence to discover molecules that promote healthy ageing. Researchers at IIIT-Delhi have developed AgeXtend as a tool to efficiently cut down the time taken to identify viable molecules with geroprotectors, or age defying properties, through conventional research. The authors who have published the experiment in a recent issue of Nature Aging, have said that they screened over 1.1 billion compounds, over a period of two years, and the platform had uncovered several promising candidates validated through experiments on yeast, worms (*C. elegans*), and human cell models. A fraction of them, less than 1%, have been identified with anti-ageing properties.

Marius, the man who named Jupiter’s Galilean moons

Plagiarism is a big area of concern that is rearing its ugly head worldwide. The act of representing someone else’s ideas, thoughts, language, or expression as original work, plagiarism not only discourages creativity, but also steals from the actual creators. In a world with artificial intelligence (AI) that we live in, more checks and balances are currently being sought after as it has become easier than ever to plagiarise. Plagiarism, however, hasn’t been a concern just now and has probably been around for as long as ideas and expressions have been exchanged. Charges of plagiarism, when proven, can tarnish a person’s reputation, dealing them a blow from which they can probably never stand up again. On some occasions, just the charges are enough to sideline someone, even if they aren’t proven beyond doubt. German astronomer Simon Marius was at the receiving end of one such episode over 400 years ago.

This portrait of Marius appeared as a frontispiece (illustration facing the title page of a book) to the *Mundus Iovialis*. In addition to containing the first printed image of a telescope, it also shows Jupiter’s moons in orbit around the planet – something that Galileo didn’t include in his book. This portrait of Marius appeared as a frontispiece (illustration facing the title page of a book) to the *Mundus Iovialis*. In addition to containing the first printed image of a telescope, it also shows Jupiter’s moons in orbit around the planet – something that Galileo didn’t include in his book. | Photo Credit: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS An astronomer, mathematician, physician, and calendar maker, Simon Mayr was born in Gunzenhausen in 1573. Marius was his Latinised name for the international scientific community, as was the fashion of the times. Starts with a song The story goes that when George Frederick, Margrave of Brandenburg-Ansbach, heard young Marius singing, the regent took a liking to him. As a result of this, Marius was enrolled in the Fürstenschule at Heilsbronn, where he studied until 1601. Even though his plans to study at Königsberg didn’t fruition, he managed to meet celebrated Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe at Prague in 1601. His career also took shape through the time he spent south of the Alps, as he studied medicine in Padua until 1605 before becoming a medical practitioner. It was probably during his time at Padua that his path first crossed with Galileo Galilei and the two men might have met. From 1606, until his death in 1624, Marius served as the court mathematician at Ansbach in Germany. Belgian spyglass Having settled in Ansbach in 1606, Marius’ first attempts to construct a telescope weren’t successful owing to the poor quality of the glass. By 1609, however, he possessed a Belgian spyglass, thanks to his friend and military man Johannes Philipp Fuchs von Bimbach. As

Magnets deliver shot in the arm for making oxygen in space

Wherever humans go, they need oxygen to breathe — and soon enough humans are going to go to new parts of space and stay there for longer. On long-term space missions like the International Space Station (ISS), the gas is stored in tanks carried from the earth or made by passing a large current through water, splitting it into hydrogen and oxygen.

In a study in Nature Chemistry on August 18, scientists from Germany, the UK, and the US have reported a way to use a certain kind of magnet to make this process, called electrolysis, a lot more efficient. The electrolyser device has electrodes at two ends, one positively charged (anode) and the other negatively charged (cathode). Water is a poor conductor of electricity, so it’s mixed with a small amount of a substance that helps electrons pass through it. This substance is called the electrolyte and is usually some salt, acid or base. The scientists wanted to check how magnetic fields influence water electrolysis in microgravity. To this end they conducted an experiment at the Centre of Applied Space Technology and Microgravity in Bremen, where there are facilities to simulate these conditions.

They studied two reactions: one that produced hydrogen using platinum electrodes and another that produced oxygen using iridium oxide electrodes, both in a liquid electrolyte solution. They compared how the reactions worked with and without microgravity and with and without a powerful neodymium magnet placed beneath the electrode. Neodymium magnets are strong, permanent magnets made of the rare earth metal along with iron and boron. The magnet was oriented to maximise its effect on the setup.

The main problem with electrolysis in microgravity is that a ‘lack’ of gravity causes gas bubbles to stick to electrodes instead of rising to the water’s surface and away from the electric apparatus. Thus operators resort to complicated, energy-intensive processes to remove these

Gaurav Ahuja, one of the authors, from the department of Computational Biology, IIIT- Delhi, says, “AgeXtend uses AI to predict and identify compounds with anti-ageing properties, assess their safety, and understand their biological effects. It looks at the structure of new molecules and can predict accurately if they have gero-protective characteristics. But where this product diverges from others that might already have been employed by researchers is that it can explain why it considers certain compounds as anti-ageing, it reveals why it chose these components — the mechanisms. This will help to guide further research and indicate the particular direction in which validation needs to proceed.” How exactly does it work? “The chemical space is like a universe, and I do not know the co-ordinates for my intended destination. What AgeXtend does is to serve as the GPS, pointing out to us where exactly we need to go,” Dr. Ahuja explained. Apparently, it had successfully identified the benefits of well-known molecules like metformin and taurine, even without prior knowledge of these compounds, he added. IIIT-D PhD scholar Sakshi Arora who is also the lead author in the journal paper, described AgeXtend as “a discovery engine unlocking new possibilities for promoting health and longevity.” Scanning 1.2 billion molecules makes this the largest study so far on the subject, Dr. Ahuja claimed. Candidates scanned included compounds from commercial drugs, Chinese drugs, ayurveda and molecules approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The research team has made available its code and data on open source on the website, free for researchers and students, and at a charge for companies. They have also reached out to pharma companies to further investigate the viable compounds. Dr. Ahuja added.

someone who had already observed the comet of 1596 and established the position of a supernova in 1604 with his unaided eye, Marius didn’t need telling twice to employ the telescope for astronomy. He took a look at Jupiter using this on December 29, 1609 according to the Julian calendar in use in his region (January 8, 1610 according to the Gregorian calendar) and saw “... four tiny stars, sometimes behind, sometimes in front of Jupiter, aligned in a straight line with the planet.” If this were true, Marius had, in fact, independently discovered the four major moons of Jupiter. Flame of a candle Nearly three years later, on December 15, 1612, Marius became the first person to use a telescope to observe the Andromeda Galaxy. In the interim years, he had observed the phases of Venus and also sun spots. He published his scientific results in his 1614 *Mundus Iovialis* (The World of Jupiter). In this, he described his sighting of the Andromeda Galaxy as “like a candle seen at night through a horn” – the horn being a reference to the horn lanterns that were in common usage back then. Additionally, the book also mentioned his sightings of the Jovian satellites, including the dates. Galileo’s outrage Galileo, who had observed Jupiter’s four major moons (now also called as the Galilean moons) on January 7, 1610 (Gregorian calendar), had already published *Sidereus Nuncius* (The Sidereal Messenger) in Venice in 1610 and was the first to announce the discovery. He was incensed by Marius’ claims four years later of observing these moons just a day after him and saw it as an attempt to usurp his priority. He retaliated in his 1623 book *Il Saggiatore* (The Assayer), accusing Marius of plagiarism. More than four centuries on, debate on the validity of Marius’ claims still persists. The shadow of plagiarism looms so large over Marius’ works that credit isn’t given even where it is due. This not only includes his observation of the Andromeda Galaxy, but also the accuracy of his tables of the moons of Jupiter. While it is nigh impossible for us to determine if Marius does deserve credit for independently discovering the four major satellites of Jupiter, there’s no doubt that he was the one who gave them the names that are now in use. Galileo had called them the Medicean moons in honour of his patrons (the Medici family), but Marius mulled on the suggestions provided to him by renowned German astronomer and mathematician Johannes Kepler and decided on calling them Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto – Jupiter’s companions from Greek mythology. While astronomers preferred calling them as just I, II, III, and IV – just as Galileo had referred to them numerically – for over 300 years, the names that Marius suggested finally won over when these moons got more character thanks to advances in astronomy.



gases. During their tests, the scientists found that for hydrogen production, the magnet’s presence increased the density of current through the electrolyte by 25% with microgravity conditions and 26% without. When they used platinum mesh electrodes in the electrolyser, the current density increased by around 240% in microgravity conditions. This meant the bubbles could detach and move away much faster.

The team reported similar results for the oxygen-producing reaction, although they were less pronounced. With the magnetic field, the current density in microgravity conditions increased by about 23%. Using a magnetic field during electrolysis also significantly slowed the rate at which electrical current passing through the electrolyte decreased over time.

“The demonstrators provide a proof-of-concept for the utilisation of magnetically induced flow control as a lightweight, energy-efficient and reliable phase-separation approach in electrolytic cells that pave the way for the development of next-generation electrolytic water-splitting devices for application in space environments,” the scientists wrote in their paper.

Poliovirus found in wastewater in Spain, Germany, and Poland



In 1988, the World Health Organization (WHO) called for the global eradication of polio. Within a decade, one of the three poliovirus strains was already virtually eradicated — meaning a permanent reduction of the disease to zero new cases worldwide. Polio, also known as poliomyelitis, is an extremely contagious disease caused by the poliovirus. It attacks the nervous system and can lead to full paralysis within hours. The virus enters through the mouth and multiplies in the intestine. Infected people shed poliovirus into the environment by the faecal-oral route. About one in every 200 infections results in irreversible paralysis (usually affecting the legs). Of those who become paralysed, 5–10% die due to immobilised breathing muscles.

Since 1988, the global number of poliovirus cases has decreased by over 99%. Today, only two countries — Pakistan and Afghanistan — are considered “endemic” for polio. This means that the disease is regularly transmitted in the country. Yet in recent months, poliovirus has been detected in wastewater in Germany, Spain and Poland. This discovery does not confirm infections in the population, but it is a wake-up call for Europe, which was declared polio free in 2002. Any gaps in vaccination coverage could see a resurgence of the disease. Poliovirus strains originating from regions where the virus remained in circulation led to outbreaks among unvaccinated people in Tajikistan and Ukraine in 2021, and Israel in 2022. By contrast, in the UK — where poliovirus was detected in wastewater in 2022 — no cases of paralytic disease were recorded. This information highlights the varied effect of poliovirus detection. Why? In areas with under-immunised populations, the virus can circulate widely and cause paralysis. But in communities with strong vaccination coverage, the virus often remains limited to symptomless (“asymptomatic”) infections or is detectable only in wastewater. In this sense, the mere detection of the virus in the environment can serve as a canary in the coal mine. It warns public health officials to check vaccination coverage and take measures such as boosting vaccination campaigns, improving access to healthcare and enhancing disease surveillance to prevent outbreaks. Rich source of information

Wastewater surveillance, an approach reinvigorated during the COVID pandemic, has proven invaluable for early detection of disease outbreaks. Wastewater is a rich source of information. It contains a blend of human excrement, including viruses, bacteria, fungi and chemical traces. Analysing this mixture offers valuable insights for public health officials. Routine wastewater testing in the three countries revealed a specific vaccine-derived strain. No polio cases were reported in any of the three countries. Vaccine-derived poliovirus strains emerge from the weakened live poliovirus contained in oral polio vaccines. If this weakened

Play-based learning for India’s future

If we are to build a Viksit Bharat, we must start where life begins — by nurturing the potential of our youngest citizens. It is in the joyful laughter of a child at an Anganwadi centre, in the rhymes they sing and the blocks they build, that the promise of our nation’s future takes shape. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has placed its youngest citizens at the heart of its development journey. Mr. Modi has redefined our national priorities — not only by investing in universities and digital infrastructure, but by recognising the critical importance of the first classroom a child steps into: the Anganwadi. In today’s India, play is no longer just a pastime; it is policy. And the results speak for themselves. Over the past decade, the Modi government has fundamentally reimaged its approach to early childhood development. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recognises that 85% of brain development occurs before the age of six. If we seek a smarter, healthier, and more productive population, we must invest where in the first six years of life.

Scientific evidence supports this shift. A study by the Department of Clinical Epidemiology at CMC Vellore found that children who received 18 to 24 months of structured early childhood care and education (ECCE) showed significant and lasting IQ gains — up to 19 points by age five, and 5 to 9 points by age nine. These findings are aligned with global research. As Nobel Laureate Dr. James Heckman famously said, “The earlier, the better — and the smarter the return.” His research estimates that investments in early childhood yield returns of 13-18%. A child’s first school Recognising both the economic and social importance of ECCE, the Ministry of Women and Child Development launched Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi — an initiative that transforms Anganwadi Centres into vibrant early learning hubs. For the first time, Anganwadi workers are being systematically trained in ECCE, focusing on activity-based and play-oriented approaches using local and indigenous materials. Budget allocations for teaching-learning materials have also been significantly enhanced, and monthly ECCE days have been institutionalised. Today, the Anganwadi Centre is not just a place for nutrition — it is every child’s first school, nurturing curiosity, creativity, and holistic development in the most critical years of life. Holistic development

To guide this transformation, the Ministry has introduced Aadharshila, the National Curriculum for Early Child-



hood Care and Education for children aged 3-6 years. Aadharshila focuses on the holistic development of children — emphasising not only intellectual growth but also emotional, physical, and social well-being. It approaches learning through structured play, allowing children to grow and thrive in a nurturing environment. Children are instinctively drawn to play — turning every corner of their world into a space for discovery and joy. With the right environment, this instinct becomes the foundation for lifelong learning. Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi nurtures this spirit by providing safe, structured, and stimulating settings where children can thrive through guided play and learning. ECCE plays a foundational role in shaping the future of our nation.

Under the Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi initiative, Anganwadi Centres across the nation are being transformed into nurturing spaces for holistic early learning. A structured Aadharshila’s 5+1 weekly plan ensures that the day begins with 30 minutes of free play, followed by structured activities that enhance language, creativity, motor skills, and social interaction. After a nutritious lunch and rest time, the day concludes with outdoor play and conversation that reinforce values and build emotional connections. This balanced approach to structured and unstructured play is critical, especially in the light of NEP 2020 which has raised the formal school entry age to six years. Structured ECCE ensures that children are ready for school — emotionally, socially, and cognitively. What is truly heartening is the growing trust of parents across the country. Families who once viewed Anganwadis as just nutrition centres now see them as the first stepping stones in their child’s educational journey.

Trump aide Peter Navarro dubs Ukraine conflict ‘Modi’s war’, says peace runs through New Delhi



US President Donald Trump’s trade adviser Peter Navarro on Tuesday dubbed the Russia-Ukraine war “Modi’s war”, adding that the road to peace between Russia and Ukraine partly runs through New Delhi. This comes a day after the US dramatically raised tariffs on Indian products to 50 per cent, leaving low-margin products such as textiles and footwear unavailable in the US market.

“Everybody in America loses because of what India is doing. Consumers, businesses and workers lose because India’s high tariffs cost us jobs, factories and income. And then the taxpayers lose because we’ve got to fund Modi’s war. The road to peace runs at least partly right through New Delhi,” Navarro said in an interview with Bloomberg TV. Navarro reiterated “Modi’s war” after the interviewer said “you mean Putin’s war”. Responding to a question on whether or not India is sending signals that it is going to stop buying Russian oil, Navarro said, “They [India] are not,” adding that he is “puzzled” because Prime Minister

Narendra Modi is a “great leader”. “Look, it’s really easy. India can get 25 per cent off tomorrow if it stops buying Russian oil,” Navarro said. Reiterating US concerns over India’s purchase of Russian oil, Navarro said: “When Indian refiners, in partnership with Russian refiners, sell oil at a premium to the rest of the world, Russia uses the money it gets to fund its war machine to kill more Ukrainians. And then the next thing that happens, of course, is Ukraine comes to the US and Europe and says, give us some more money. So everybody in America loses because of what India is doing.” Meanwhile, officials in the Indian government have maintained that India will buy energy from wherever it gets the best deal. Vinay Kumar, Delhi’s Ambassador to Moscow, said: “We have clearly stated that our objective is the energy security of 1.4 billion people of India, and India’s cooperation with Russia, as with several other countries, has helped to bring about stability in the global oil market,” Kumar told Russian news agency TASS.

His remarks follow those of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar who, while in Moscow earlier this month, said he was “very perplexed” by the additional 25 per cent US tariff on India because “it was the Americans” who said, “we should do everything to stabilise the world’s energy markets, including buying oil from Russia”. Echoing Jaishankar, Kumar reiterated that “the US decision is unfair, unreasonable and unjustified”, adding that the Indian government will continue taking measures to protect the national interest. “Trade takes place on a commercial basis. So if the basis of commercial transactions is right, Indian companies will continue buying from wherever they get the best deal. So that’s what the current situation is,” he was quoted as saying by TASS.

Govt extends import duty exemption on cotton till Dec 31 as 50% US tariffs come into effect

A day after steep 50 per cent US tariffs came into effect that has raised concerns of job losses in the textile industry, the Finance Ministry on Thursday extended the exemption on cotton import duty till December 31, a move that would help the Indian textile industry place long-term cotton import orders. The move comes after manufacturers flagged that the duty exemption given till September 30 was too short a window to place fresh orders and would only help in-transit shipments.

“To augment the availability of cotton for the Indian textile sector, the Central Government had temporarily exempted the import duty on cotton from 19 August 2025 till 30 September 2025. In order to support exporters further, the Central Government has decided to extend the import duty exemption on cotton (HS 5201) from 30 September 2025 till 31 December 2025,” the Ministry of Finance said in a statement. The import duty exemption on cotton has been a long-standing demand of the Indian industry, but the government has maintained an 11 per cent duty largely to protect small cotton farmers. Notably, cotton was among the four items that saw the sharpest increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) by the government in May this year as cotton production has been declining over the years.

However, the exemption extended till December 31 would impact farmers as plucking of cotton starts from October and is offloaded in the market by March. The period between October and March is known as the peak season. While the elimination of duty is largely aimed at addressing the challenges faced by the industry—ranging from steep US tariffs to high cotton prices—it could also act as a signal to US negotiators that India may be willing to negotiate imports of cotton from Washington, an industry executive said. In a letter to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPIC) chairman, Sudhir Sekhri, on Wednesday said that the recent tariff hike by the US, doubling the duties on the export of apparel and other goods to 50 percent, is indeed a “huge challenge for merchandise exporters”.

“However, we are of the firm belief that India’s principled and measured stand will ultimately benefit our nation’s economic interests in the long term. Your government’s commitment to safeguarding the nation’s progress and self-reliance is commendable. Our industry is already experiencing the effects of the tariff hike, with potential losses and order cancellations. We are exploring alternate markets and



strategies to mitigate the impact of the US tariffs. We are also in active discussions with the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and have been assured of their best possible support,” the letter read. New Delhi-based think tank Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said that almost all of India’s \$1.20 billion cotton imports in FY2025 were of staple length 28 mm or above, and that under the India–Australia ECTA, 51,000 MT of such cotton already enters duty-free. This means the biggest winner from India’s new duty-free window will be the US, GTRI said.

An analysis by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) said that US textile and apparel imports have begun surging from countries such as Vietnam and Bangladesh. “In June 2025, the USA’s textile and apparel (T&A) imports from Vietnam and Bangladesh surged significantly by 26.2 per cent and 44.6 per cent, respectively, over June 2024, reflecting strong momentum in sourcing from these countries,” CITI said. India, after a promising performance in the first quarter of 2025, witnessed a notable slowdown in T&A exports to the USA. In June 2025, India’s exports grew by only 3.3 per cent compared to June 2024—much lower than its earlier growth trajectory and significantly below competitors such as Vietnam and Bangladesh, CITI said. Meanwhile, China continued to see a sharp decline in June 2025, with imports from China dropping by 41 per cent compared to June 2024—extending the downward trend observed since April 2025, the industry body said. India’s textile sector is dominated by cotton. The cotton value chain provides direct employment to nearly 35 million people and contributes around 80 per cent to India’s total textile exports. India aims to more than double textile and apparel exports to \$100 billion by 2030.

Almost half of all Class 11th and 12th students in urban areas take private coaching

Almost half of all urban Indian students in the 11th and 12th standard have taken private coaching classes in the current academic year, according to a new survey by the statistics ministry released. As per the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation’s (MoSPI) Comprehensive Modular Survey: Education, released on Tuesday, 44.6 per cent of all urban students in the higher secondary segment were taking or had taken private coaching during the year, with the proportion for rural areas lower at 33.1 per cent. On the whole, 37 per cent of all Indian students in classes 11th and 12th took private coaching this year.

In terms of expenditure, urban students in classes 11th and 12th are spending Rs 9,950 per year on average on private coaching, more than twice as much as their rural counterparts, who are spending Rs 4,548. At an all-India level, the average expenditure per student on private coaching in the higher secondary segment is Rs 6,384, survey data showed. The amount of money being spent on private coaching by Indian households will be a concern to policymakers, with India seeing a boom in online and offline classes in recent years amid a race to secure high marks and coveted seats in the top educational institutions of the country. As per data provided by the education ministry in July 2024 to the Rajya Sabha, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) from coaching institutions had risen to Rs 5,517.45 crore in 2023-24, more than double the Rs 2,240.73 crore collected in 2019-20. Big chunk of household spending

As per MoSPI’s most recent Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (HCES), released last year, the annual consumption expenditure of Indian households in rural areas in 2023-24 was Rs 49,464. Urban households, meanwhile, spent Rs 83,952 on average in a year on all goods and services. As such, households whose children are in 11th and 12th may be spending as much as 9-12 per cent of their annual consumption expenditure just on private coaching classes, per calculations by The Indian Express. As per the 2023-24 HCES, ‘education’ accounted for 3.24 per cent of rural households’ monthly per capita consumption expenditure, almost half the urban households’ figure of 5.97 per cent.

Across all levels, the MoSPI survey data released on Tuesday showed 27 per cent of all Indian students were taking or had taken private coaching during the year, with the proportion being higher in urban areas at 30.7 per cent compared to 25.5 per cent in rural areas. In terms of the costs, the average annual household expenditure on private coaching per student in urban areas was Rs 3,988, Rs 1,793 in rural areas, and Rs 2,409 at a national level. The survey, part of the 80th round of the National Sample Survey (NSS), was conducted during April-June and covered 52,085 households in total – 28,401 in rural areas and 23,684 in urban areas – with data collected from 57,742 students currently enrolled in schools across India. “Although the survey mainly aims to generate national-level estimates to support the requirements of the Department of School Education and Literacy, wherever possible, disaggregated estimates at the sub-national level have also been presented in the report,” MoSPI said. To be sure, the survey does not cover private coaching for skills such as coding and foreign language classes or extracurricular activities like art, dance, music, and sports. The last time a survey on household consumption of education was conducted was from July 2017 to June 2018, which showed that 19.8 per cent of students attended private coaching centres. However, the statistics ministry cautioned on Tuesday that the findings of that survey “cannot be directly compared” with those of the latest one as anganwadi centres were previously not classified under pre-primary education and expenditures on school education earlier included private coaching. Private coaching classes apart, school-going children spent as little as Rs 2,639 in a year on a government school education in rural areas to as high as Rs 35,758 in unaided private schools in urban areas. “Across all types of schools, the highest average expenditure per student during the current academic year was on course fees (Rs 7,111), followed by textbooks and stationery (Rs 2,002) at the all-India level,” MoSPI said, adding that urban households pay “significantly more across all categories”. Parents, interestingly, spend more on getting their kids to and from school than on uniforms.

18-year-old dies after taking period-delaying pills, says Bengaluru vascular surgeon: Why taking them without medical advice can be risky



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Bengaluru-based vascular surgeon Dr Vivekanand, while explaining the many reasons that cause blood clots in the veins or thrombosis, recently recounted the case of an 18-year-old girl who died of such complications. In a podcast, he said the girl came in with severe leg pain and swelling, the result of her taking hormonal pills to delay her periods for a ceremony. This condition usually becomes life-threatening when a part of the clot can break off and travel to the lungs or brain, preventing blood flow there.

Many women make similar requests for period-delaying medication to Dr Neelam Suri, senior consultant, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, Delhi. “Hormonal medicines that can delay or reschedule periods are widely available and often used before exams, weddings, travel or a big event. But while these pills may seem like a convenient option, they are not free from risk. Their unsupervised use can lead to serious complications, including blood clots in the vein or what we call deep vein thrombosis,” she says.

How do period-delaying pills work?

Most pills prescribed to postpone periods contain synthetic hormones, either progesterone alone or in combination with estrogen. These artificially maintain levels of progesterone in your body, which prevents the womb lining from shedding and starting your period. By taking these pills a few days before your expected period, you keep your progesterone levels high, mimicking a pregnancy state and delaying menstruation. These tablets, therefore, shift the timing of bleeding.

What is the hormonal effect on blood clotting?

A key side effect of hormonal pills is their influence on

the blood. These can increase clotting tendency, thickening blood and coagulating it inside veins. In most healthy women, this risk remains low. But in some individuals with hidden health issues or family history, the clotting can become dangerous. If a clot blocks a deep vein, the condition is called deep vein thrombosis (DVT). If part of the clot breaks off and travels to the lungs, it can cause pulmonary embolism—a sudden blockage of blood flow in the lungs. This may result in chest pain, severe breathlessness, collapse, or in extreme cases, sudden cardiac arrest.

What are hidden risk factors you must know about before taking such pills?

The risk is not uniform for everyone. The vulnerable groups include those with a personal or family history of clotting disorders, obesity and sedentary lifestyle, smoking, which further damages blood vessels, uncontrolled diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, hormonal conditions like polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), liver disease, heart disease and stroke. Because these risks are not always obvious, doctors review medical history and sometimes order tests before deciding whether period-delaying pills can be safely prescribed.

Are they safe?

If prescribed in the right way, they can be effective and safe for short-term use. But when taken without medical guidance, they can affect the body in ways that are hard to predict.

What about self-medication?

In India, women buy hormonal tablets directly from chemists without consultation. But unlike common over-the-counter medicines, hormonal drugs affect multiple organ systems including blood vessels, liver and the body’s hormonal balance. Doctors tailor the dosage and duration depending on an individual’s profile. What may be safe for one person could be harmful for another. That is why unmonitored self-medication increases the chances of complications.

Are there warning signs of side effects?

Women taking hormonal pills should be aware of danger signals like sudden swelling, pain or redness in the leg (possible clot in deep veins), sharp chest pain or difficulty breathing (possible pulmonary embolism) and severe headache, dizziness, or blurred vision (possible clot in the brain). If any of these occur, urgent medical attention is required, as delays can be life-threatening. Doctors may also suggest alternatives for those who frequently need to manage their cycle. For example, regulated contraceptive pills can provide more controlled cycle management. In addition, adopting lifestyle changes—such as a healthy diet, exercise and stress management—helps improve menstrual regularity.

16-year-old took loans to play games, 13-year-old used mom’s UPI PIN: Inside teen online gaming addiction

A 16-year-old girl from Indore had signed up for a fantasy gaming app as it was a free download. But as she topped every score in the free games, it whetted her appetite for more. She borrowed money, joined paid contests with entry fees and won prizes, albeit virtual money. She made in-app purchases to buy virtual tools to enhance her gameplay. Then she began losing and suffered the casino syndrome, where she gambled away more money to play the next levels, make up for her losses and pay back her lenders. In six months, the teen had accumulated a debt of Rs 80,000.

By the time her parents got her to Urvashi Musale, the Mumbai-based child and teen psychologist and parental coach, she had lost weight, skipped meals, stopped studies and was on the verge of an emotional breakdown. “First, she would ask money from her parents on one pretext or the other. Such was her greed and addiction to win more games that she asked money from friends and relatives, playing the victim card by saying her parents were too strict and never understood her. Then she took loans from small-time loan apps into her student account and used it to play more games. She did it because her wins gave her validation among her peers and co-players, made her feel good,” says Musale, who took months to get her back on rails. But the one patient who shocked her most was a 13-year-old boy from Pune, who had memorised his mother’s UPI PIN number, and cleaned her account of Rs 2 lakh to buy virtual weapons for gaming apps.

It is because of the thin line between addictive gaming and obsessive gambling among young people that the government’s new Online Gaming Bill has been enacted to protect young citizens from both financial and psychological risks. “In fact, studies have shown that gaming gives a dopamine hit similar to substance abuse. The brain’s pleasure pathway is activated and creates a loop of repetitive behaviour. With excess gaming, everyday activity loses meaning for teens,” says Musale, who has seen a sharp spike in teen gambling online over the last one year though it has been picking up pace since the Covid years.

How gaming impacts the brain Dr Harsha GT, psychiatrist at Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru has seen gaming addiction wreak havoc among engineering students in their early 20s over the last five years. “Playing games, especially violent ones or those that encourage betting and risk-taking behaviour, are as powerful as opioids in changing your brain. They can result in lower activation in limbic areas, the part of the brain that regulates your emotions, behaviour, motivation and memory. Long-term or pathological gaming has been linked to changes in brain regions and its reward pathways. Addiction then leads to emotional and social detachment, ultimately sinking the person into depression,” he says. The triggers behind a kick “For teens, it is about getting socially acclaimed within a small amount of time. And the monetary gains, albeit virtual, give them power,” says Rituparna Ghosh, clinical psychologist at Apollo Hospital, Mumbai. Musale says none of her student patients had self-esteem issues or were lacking something in their lives. “In fact, they are smart-brained but in that small community of gaming, they are fiercely competitive. Gaming is just an extension of a social media boast. Since most games are played in a group, with most provisioning for in-app voice chats with your squad, peer superiority is what every teenager is seeking. They make fake IDs, fake their age, fool their families,” she adds. In fact, the 16-year-old confessed to Musale that she knew she was going too far but winning a game was a bigger emotion that made her feel euphoric and in control. Worst of all, she saw the mon-



etary gains as a ticket to a luxurious lifestyle. That’s because she had seen her favourite Bollywood icon endorse the game, which is why the Bill clamps down on “misdirectional advertising.” This is what gaming companies thrive on. Besides, they first let you win easy and once you are hooked, make it tough for you to win while they keep earning. But the gamer is then in a vicious trap, thinking they can replenish that money only by playing more,” she says. The 13-year-old boy from Pune, who cleaned out his mother’s account, told Musale he wanted the money to upgrade virtual weapons, kill his targets faster in the game and acquire badges. “He told me, ‘I feel strong with these weapons and they seem real to me.’ It had warped his mind and sense of reality. This is what we call dissociative personality disorder, where your altered identity can control your real world behaviour,” says Musale.

What about therapies?

Musale first used empathy to get through to the 16-year-old. They are very vulnerable at the time and blame themselves, so first is to get them back from that zone. Both Dr Ghosh and Dr Harsha have seen older addicts gravitating towards self-harm. Musale used cognitive behavioural therapy to help the girl challenge her beliefs and restructure thought patterns. “Since gaming addiction is equivalent to a dopamine hit, the affected person has similar withdrawal symptoms. That’s why we made her mother sleep in her room at night for the initial weeks as she would play at night. It is important to negate the denial by absorbing an alternate interest. She liked music, so we replaced gaming with music therapy. We also let her see how her parents struggled to repay her loans, so that she could realise the value of money,” says Musale. For the 13-year-old boy, she focussed on building the boy’s confidence in the real world by counting all his good qualities, made him aware of what people appreciated in him. He played football, so developing that skill and appreciation from his football coach moved the needle away from online to offline. “All youngsters are looking for is validation of who they are. So once they get social recognition through positive behavioural patterns like art, dance, blogs and even taking up community causes, it builds their self-worth,” says Ghosh.

What should parents do?

Can parents do the gatekeeping themselves? First, Musale advises all of them to block their child’s digital access to their account apps. “The cardinal mistake that parents make is to ask them to replace addiction with studies. First find the next best healthy source of entertainment. Do not stop their tech access but explain the risks and educate them about red flags.

he met with the physio to have his left thigh massaged briefly before the third set and again after the third and fifth games, while his on-court speed diminished. Djokovic got the critical break from the baseline in the seventh game of the third set with a well-placed forehand winner down the line and ran away with the contest from there. He converted on his fourth break point in the second game of the fourth set and broke again for a 5-1 lead before wrapping up the win.

Govinda's wife Sunita Ahuja says even God can't separate them, shuts down divorce rumours for good: 'Govinda sirf mera hai, kisi aur ka nahi'



Actor Govinda and his wife, Sunita Ahuja, have been making headlines for months. They've been rumoured to be going through a difficult patch in their marriage, and it was recently reported that Sunita filed for divorce for the second time, alleging adultery, cruelty and desertion. Now, on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, the couple made a joint appearance and had an interaction with the media to shut down the speculation.

On Wednesday, Govinda and Sunita interacted with the media, and confirmed that everything is fine between

them. She said, "Aaj itna close, close... agar kuch hota toh hum itne nazdeek hotey? Humaari dooriyan hoti! Koi hum dono ko alag nahi kar sakta hain, chahe upar se koi aa jaaye bhagwan aa jaaye, koi shaitaan aa jaaye. Koi nahi alag kar sakta hai (If something had happened between us, would we be so close today? There would have been distance between us. No one can separate us, not even if God or a devil comes down)."

"Ek picture tha na Mera Pati Sirf Mera Hai, waise hi mera Govinda sirf mera hi hai aur kisi ka nahi hai. Jab tak hum moonh na khole tab tak aap log please koi bhi cheez mein na boliye. (My Govinda is only mine and no one else's. Until we speak up, please don't say anything on this matter)," she added. Meanwhile, in a video, Govinda promoted Sunita's recently launched YouTube vlog. "She has started her vlog and it is successful. I wish her well. I request you all to keep supporting her vlogs," he mentioned. In her latest vlog, Sunita Ahuja had addressed the divorce rumours while breaking down in tears. She said, "When I met Govinda, I prayed to the Goddess that I should get married to him and have a good life. The Goddess fulfilled all my wishes—she even blessed me with two children. But not every truth in life is easy; there are always ups and downs. Still, I have so much faith in the Goddess that whatever I am witnessing today, I know that whoever tries to break my home, Maa Kaali is there."

Maa: In case you didn't know killing babies is wrong, Kajol's movie is here to educate you; phew

The problem with Hindi horror movies used to be that they'd sabotage their scares with music and romance. This was done mainly as a promotional tactic to lure (family) audiences to theatres, and to then give them an opportunity to use the washroom or get a popcorn refill during the interval. Neither the music nor the romance had any business being in those movies, but they were left intact anyway. They contributed nothing to the plot; in fact, they actually brought it to a standstill. The music and romance issue with Hindi horror has now been replaced with an even more irritating trend: social messaging. The latest film to fall prey to this bizarre, self-defeating strategy is Maa.

It would, however, be a stretch to even describe it as a horror film, seeing how far it strays from the genre in its final act. This is when Kajol's grieving single mother, Ambika, discovers that her teenage daughter has been kidnapped by a forest-dwelling demon, who intends on impregnating her to carry forward his 'vansh' or some nonsense. Ambika rushes into the lion's den, so to speak, determined to rescue her daughter from the demon's clutches. But before she leaves on her mission, she is told by the superstitious locals that she must perform a ritual, and seek the blessings of Goddess Kali. Kali is the only one who can vanquish the demon, she is told. And so, Ambika... does a song-and-dance number.

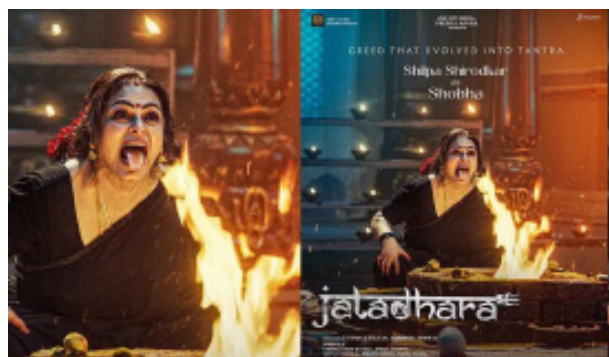
This is where the concept of internal logic comes into play. Why do we forgive gravity-defying car stunts in the films of Rohit Shetty? Why do we anticipate a joke in even the most serious moments of a Marvel movie? Why is it okay for Tamannaah Bhatia to dance in the middle of Stree 2, but not for Kajol to in Maa? The answer: internal logic. In Stree 2, it is established that the protagonists will try and lure the Sarkata demon by essentially using Tamannaah as bait, and so, when she dances seductively, you buy it. Not because something like this could happen in the real world, but because it is consistent with the movie's internal logic. However, when Maa teases a ritual and gives us a song-and-dance number instead, the only thing you're going to feel is narrative whiplash.

It takes you out of the film immediately, whereas a scary ritual sequence might have been the perfect appetiser for a final-act showdown. The climax itself is watered down because of director Vishal Furia's habitual instinct to lecture his audience. He broke out with the Prime Video film Chhori, which was a remake of his Marathi horror movie Lapachhapi. For the third time, Furia allows a social message that should've remained in the subtext to take the centre stage. During the climax — an ugly, CGI mess — Ambika delivers a sermon to the villain (and us) about what a terrible thing it is to murder young girls. In its final moments, you see, Maa reveals itself to be a film about female infanticide; it's like a spiritual sequel to Chhori, which was about female feticide. It is one thing to make a movie like Pad Man, and hope that it would be watched in remote villages where menstrual hygiene isn't commonly practiced. Perhaps some of the folks who come across it might even be guilted into buying pads for the women of the family. But ask yourself this, could a baby murderer's mind be changed by the second instalment of a horror movie franchise? Bizarrely, it seems as if the intended audience for this movie isn't fans of scary movies, but potential baby murderers. This is the

Shilpa Shirodkar on Jatadhara: it's so complex and intriguing

Mumbai: The makers of Jatadhara have unveiled Shilpa Shirodkar's look from the upcoming film, and the actress said that her character is "complex and intriguing." Shilpa said: "I am so happy and thrilled to be a part of Jatadhara. It's a film that will surely take the audience on a supernatural and mysterious ride! It has incredible, stunning visuals and a storyline that will definitely leave an impact on all of you!" She added: "One can tell how passionate she is about storytelling! My character, Shobha, is quite a powerful one. It's so complex and intriguing. I have put my heart and soul into bringing this character to life and I am excited for everybody to watch it on screens!" Shilpa noted that everyone is unique and has their own quirks.

"It feels amazing to be in front of the camera and portraying such a unique and powerful character. I'm sure it will leave you shocked, surprised and will shine!" she said. Going by the first look, the actress seems to play a tantric. She is seen dressed in a black saree, sitting in front of a fire pit. Shilpa looks fierce and has an intense expres-



sion, with her mouth wide open and tongue sticking out, giving a powerful and almost supernatural aura. The makers took to Instagram, where they shared the poster and wrote: "She isn't just driven by greed, she defines it. Presenting @shilpashirodkar73 as Shobha."

Param Sundari advance booking: Sidharth Malhotra, Janhvi Kapoor's romantic comedy sells 10,000 tickets in the first 24 hours, likely to open at Rs 10 cr



It's been raining romances at the box office over the past couple of months. After Mohit Suri's Saiyaara, starring Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda, made history last month by becoming the highest grossing Indian film with newcomers, Shazia Iqbal's Dhadak 2, starring Siddhant Chaturvedi and Tripti Dimri, received wide critical acclaim despite its lacklustre commercial performance. Now, after multiple delays, Tushar Jalota's romantic comedy Param Sundari is finally set to hit cinemas this Friday.

Param Sundari revolves around the blossoming cross-cultural love story of a North Indian Punjabi man Param (Sidharth Malhotra) and a half-Tamilian, half-Malayali woman Sundari (Janhvi Kapoor). It's produced by Dinesh Vijan's Maddock Films, which has doled out memorable romances over the years, including Love Aaj Kal (2009), Cocktail (2012), Luka Chuppi (2019), Zara Hatke Zara Bachke

(2023), and most recently, Bhool Chuk Maaf earlier this year. It's also the production house which has delivered two of Hindi cinema's biggest domestic hits in Stree 2 last year and Chhaava earlier this year. But don't expect Param Sundari to open at those gigantic numbers this week. While Stree 2 opened at Rs 51.80 crore last August, Chhaava scored Rs 31 crore on its opening day back in February. As per trade tracker Sacnilk, Param Sundari is likely to open at a fraction of both these figures, at around Rs 10 crore this Friday.

The advance booking of the film kicked off three days before the release on Tuesday, August 26. Param Sundari sold over 10,000 tickets in the first 24 hours. But even within the confines of its genre, it's no Saiyaara. That film, backed by Aditya Chopra's Yash Raj Films, opened at Rs 21.50 crore, which is more than twice of Param Sundari's estimated box office opening. If compared to the last romance produced by Maddock Films, Param Sundari is likely to gain an edge over Karan Sharma's Bhool Chuk Maaf, starring Rajkumar Rao and Wamiqa Gabbi, which earned Rs 7 crore on its opening day back in May. It's also more than twice of the opening day earnings of Sidharth's last release, the 2024 action thriller Yodha, which collected Rs 4.10 crore on its day 1. It's also higher than how much Janhvi Kapoor's last release, Koratala Siva's pan-India action thriller Devara: Part 1, made on its opening day in the Hindi market. The Hindi version of the Jr NTR tentpole opened at only Rs 7.50 crore. Interestingly, the teaser of Janhvi's next, also a romance, Shashank Khaitan's Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari, will be dropped this Friday, coinciding with the release of Param Sundari. Param Sundari will also mark director Tushar Jalota's maiden theatrical release. His directorial debut, Dasvi, released directly on Netflix in 2022. The movie will enjoy an opening week sans any major competition, before new entrants will enter the market on September 5 in the form of Vivek Agnihotri's The Bengal Files and Ahmed Khan's Baaghi 4.

boAT CEO Aman Gupta says becoming rich strained relationships with family, friends; Kapil Sharma explains why he moved to Netflix from 'the other channel'

The latest episode of The Great Indian Kapil Show featured some of the country's top entrepreneurs — Vijay Shekhar Sharma (CEO of Paytm), Aman Gupta (Co-Founder & CMO of boAt), Ritesh Agarwal (CEO of OYO Rooms), and Ghazal Alagh (Co-Founder of Mamaearth). During the interaction, they opened up about the judgments they face from relatives and friends for being rich. Kapil recently shared a behind-the-scenes clip from the show on his YouTube channel, where he asked the entrepreneurs if relationships get sour after money comes in and if people and family members change after seeing their success. Aman Gupta took this up and said, "When money starts coming in people around you start judging you, they say, 'ab to yeh bada aadmi ban gaya hai.' They don't know that I was always a bada aadmi in my eyes. But you should not be pompous, my mother says that even Ravan's pride did not last. This keeps me down to earth. It is important to stay humble. Your downfall starts when you let it get to your head."

During the conversation, the show's director interrupted the chat so the crew could fix Vijay's shirt. In that moment, Kapil jokingly reprimanded the director and said, "Don't take cut for all these things like something is stuck on the shirt, nobody will even see that. They will be calculating how much money these people have. Don't take break for all these things, it is because of these things that I came



here from the other channel." Later in the chat, Vijay also spoke about his love for pani puri. He shared that people often get surprised after looking at the place he eats golgappas from, but he tells them, "I grew up eating here and that's why my immunity is so strong." He also revealed that he is a pani puri enthusiast and has tried the much-loved chaat at several places, but he declared, "Delhi ki golgappe best hai."

Sonu Sood sells his luxury apartment for Rs. 8.10 crore in Mumbai, makes a neat Rs 3 cr profit



Actor Sonu Sood has sold his apartment in Mahalaxmi, Mumbai, for Rs. 8.10 crore. He earned a profit of Rs 3 crore by selling the high-end property, that spans 1247 sq ft. According to property registration documents reviewed by SquareYards, the transaction was registered in August 2025. As per the documents from the Inspector General of Registration (IGR), the apartment sold by the actor is located in Lokhandwala Minerva. It has a carpet area of 1,247 sq.ft. (116 sq.m.) and built-up area of 139.07 sq. m. (~1,497 sq. ft.). The deal also includes two car parking spaces. The transaction includes a stamp duty amount of Rs. 48.60 lakh and registration payment of Rs. 30,000. The analysed documents also suggested that he bought the apartment in 2012 for Rs. 5.16 crore, so now, after 13 years, he earned a profit of Rs. 2.94 crore.

Square Yards' analysis of IGR property registration documents suggests that Sood bought the property in 2012 for Rs. 5.16 crore, the documents showed. The area of Mahalaxmi is well-established in South Mumbai, and is known for its residential, commercial, and cultural landmarks. The locality also has connectivity with Lower Parel, Worli, and Nariman Point. It has many luxury high-rise developments, featuring amazing views of the Arabian Sea and the racecourse. On the professional front, Sonu Sood was last seen in Fateh, which hit the big screens in January this year. The film is now available to watch on Netflix. It was written, produced, and directed by the actor himself. It received mixed reviews from critics and earned a total of

Rs. 13.35 crore at the box office. Currently, Sonu has no films lined up that have been officially announced. While talking about his directorial debut with the film, the actor had told ANI, "I truly enjoyed directing the film, and it is about the experience and satisfaction you get as a director, so of course, get ready for the second soon." Meanwhile, he recently welcomed Ganpati Bappa to his house and dropped pictures from his Ganesh Chaturthi celebration.

Trailer of Mirai promises a gripping fantasy thriller in store

Chennai: The makers of director Karthik Gattamaneni's eagerly awaited pan-Indian film Mirai, featuring actor Teja Sajja in the lead, on Thursday released a trailer that promises an exciting and gripping film.

Taking to its X timeline, People Media Factory, the production house backing the film, wrote: "

The trailer of the fantasy action thriller begins with a voice-over warning that the nine books are now at risk. Fascinating and intriguing visuals showing dark powers in action follow. We then see a young woman telling Teja Sajja, "Before you get it, you must first reach the Mirai."

Initially, Teja Sajja refuses to acknowledge that he is the Superyodha destined to take on the dark forces. He believes nothing in this world belongs to anyone as everything keeps changing hands. Over time, he comes to terms with the fact that he is indeed the Superyodha. The woman is again seen approaching Teja Sajja, saying: "You have helped several people without even knowing it. Now, help those who trust in you."

We then realise that an evil person (Manchu Manoj), who wields control over dark powers, is looking to claim the nine books. "If the antagonist gets all nine books, what will run in the Ganges is blood," a sage warns the Superyodha.

The Superyodha is told that he must first attain a weapon forged during the time of Lord Sri Rama. "If you need to succeed in this mission, you will need the help of someone who will exceed your strength," he is advised, as the trailer promises a fascinating film with a gripping story.