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'If whole world followed Shiva...': Errol Musk hails Sanatan Dharam's inclusivity



Father of Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Servotech's Global Advisor, Errol Musk, greets the gathering upon his arrival, in Ayodhya on June 4 (ANI Photo)

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Mahakumbh to nurture cross-cultural ties and demonstrate unity in diversity and to project India's spiritual and cultural vitality on the global stage. The South American businessman's adulation for Shiva and Hinduism is also an indication of how India has successfully used Sanatan Dharam for promoting its spiritual traditions, leveraging large-scale



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religious events, empowering its diaspora, and integrating cultural diplomacy into its foreign policy, thereby enhancing its global image and influence. In recent times, India's foreign policy has also increasingly integrated cultural and spiritual diplomacy, using its civilizational ethos as a tool to build goodwill, counter negative narratives, and position itself as a cultural superpower. IANS



All-party delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor meets the members India Caucus in the House of Representatives, Bipartisan co-chairs, Ro Khanna, Marc Veasey, and vice co-chairs Andy Barr and Marc Veasey for Operation Sindoor global outreach, in Washington DC



All-party delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, in a group picture with US Chair of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs (HFAC), Representative Brian Mast, Representative Gregory Meeks, Ambassador of India to the United States of America Vinay Mohan Kwatra and other delegation members in Washington, D.C (ANI Photo)

60 million Baloch people 'deeply appreciate' India's unwavering resolve to expose Pakistan: Leading activist

QUETTA: Leading Baloch human rights defender Mir Yar Baloch recently wrote an 'open letter' to the Indian all-party Parliamentary delegations requesting them to include Pakistan's Baloch genocide in their agenda during their global visits aimed at exposing Pakistan's cross border terrorism.

"We, the sixty million Baloch people, deeply appreciate and commend your unwavering resolve, national unity, and collective efforts in exposing Pakistan's cross terrorism and its full scale support to Jihadists and extremists, on the international stage. Your mission, undertaken with determination and solidarity, is a beacon of hope for those who have long suffered under oppression and illegal occupation of Pakistan," read the letter

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Writing "on the behalf of the Baloch community", Mir urged the Indian delegations to use their voices to inform the world about the atrocities committed against the Baloch people by Pakistan, the same enemy that India has faced for the past seven decades and has been ter-

rorizing Balochistan since 1948.

"We want the world to hear our cries; the oppression and brutality have surpassed all limits. Tragically, we are now deprived of the freedom to speak. To share our suffering, we must rely on social media, as our population of sixty million lacks a single national language television channel, a national newspaper, or even a radio station to tell our stories. Meanwhile, Pakistan's Punjab province operates two hundred TV channels, publishes nine hundred newspapers, and runs hundreds of FM and international frequency radio stations, all funded by looting our national wealth," the letter stated.

Appreciating the Indian delegates for exposing Pakistan on the global stage with evidence and reasoning, the human rights activist called the efforts commendable.

"We believe that more should be done. We wish for your delegations to travel the world, representing India, and we, the Baloch people, want to join you in informing the world about the ongoing oppres-

sion, military operations, and extrajudicial killings in occupied Balochistan," the letter mentioned.

"India and Balochistan have both suffered from the religious extremism of a common enemy for the past seven decades. When our enemy is the same, and our national interests align, we should support each other rather than struggle separately. We are ready to meet with India's foreign delegations and brief them on Pakistan's atrocities in Balochistan so that our contribution can aid in bringing Pakistan to justice for its war crimes on the international stage. Your global reach and influence can significantly amplify our efforts," it further detailed. *IANS*

Elon Musk slams Trump's funding bill, calls it 'disgusting abomination'

WASHINGTON, DC: Tesla Chief Executive Elon Musk has intensified his criticism of US President Donald Trump's legislative agenda, describing a major spending bill as a "disgusting abomination" in a series of posts on the social media platform X.

The tech billionaire, who recently departed his role overseeing government efficiency reforms, condemned the House-passed legislation, writing: "This massive, outrageous, pork-filled Congressional spending bill is a disgusting abomination. Shame on those who voted for it: you know you did wrong."

Musk followed his initial criticism with additional posts claiming the bill would "massively increase the already gigantic budget deficit to USD 2.5 trillion" and suggesting "Congress is making America bankrupt."

The "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" extends Trump's 2017 tax cuts whilst increasing military and border security spending. However, it also makes reductions to

Medicaid, food assistance programs and other social support schemes.

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the legislation would add approximately USD 3.8 trillion to the federal government's existing USD 36.2 trillion debt over the next decade.



Elon Musk

Senate negotiations on the bill are currently underway, with Trump personally lobbying senators to support his sweeping legislative package.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt downplayed the significance of Musk's criticism during a recent briefing.

"The president already knows where Elon Musk stood on this bill. It doesn't change the president's opinion. This is one big, beautiful bill, and he's sticking to it," she said.

Musk had initially expressed disappointment with the spending package, citing concerns about budget deficits and its impact on government efficiency efforts. *ANI*

US lawmakers urge AI Safety Institute to counter China's growing AI Threat, citing DeepSeek risks

WASHINGTON DC: Chairman John Moolenaar (R-MI) and Ranking Member Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) of the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) are calling on the Department of Commerce to enhance the responsibilities of the U.S. AI Safety Institute (AIS) to tackle the growing national security challenges posed by China's advancements in artificial intelligence, as stated in the release from the Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party (SCCCP).

In a correspondence to Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, the legislators stressed that "there is a strong national security need for better understanding, predicting, and preparing for the PRC's AI progress." They pointed out the approaching January 2025 introduction of DeepSeek's large language model, R1, as a significant alert. The Committee's probe into DeepSeek uncovered "multiple national security risks, including the funneling of Americans' private data to the PRC, manipulation of the model's outputs according to PRC law, and the potential theft of U.S. AI technology through model distillation," as noted in the release.

As AI technologies advance further, the lawmakers cautioned, "the need to anticipate and prepare for PRC AI developments and to prevent strategic surprises will only become more pressing," according to Moolenaar and Krishnamoorthi, as cited by the SCCC's release.

As per the SCCC statement, the Committee has urged AISI to broaden its goals to address PRC AI growth, emphasizing that "a comprehensive government strategy will be necessary to ensure sustained U.S. leadership in cutting-edge AI innovation." They also pointed out AISI's "distinct technical expertise, robust collaborations with the industry, and experience in testing and evaluation" as important resources in the U.S. initiative to remain ahead of the CCP.

Moolenaar and Krishnamoorthi specified certain domains where AISI could assist in safeguarding U.S. national security, including assessing the national security strengths and weaknesses of leading PRC AI models, comparing and evaluating PRC models against U.S. models to understand the competitive scenario, aiding industry efforts to thwart PRC theft of AI technology, and formulating responses to potential shifts in the U.S.-PRC AI rivalry. The lawmakers concluded the letter by stating: "We look forward to collaborating with the AI Safety Institute to better comprehend its ongoing projects and resource requirements regarding these issues," as mentioned in the SCCC release. *ANI*

Discussed shared determination to combat terrorism: UK MP Priti Patel after meeting Indian delegation

LONDON: UK Conservative Party MP and Shadow Foreign Secretary Priti Patel has reaffirmed the shared commitment to combat terrorism during a meeting with the all-party Indian Parliamentary delegation.

The delegation, led by BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad, met Patel and discussed mutual commitment to fight terrorism, UK-India defense and security links, enhancement of economic ties and the vibrant Indian diaspora, which serves as the living bridge connecting the two countries.

During the meeting with Patel, the delegation shared India's firm resolve in combating cross-border terrorism, conveying how Operation Sindoor exemplifies the new normal set by India in fighting terrorism.

"A pleasure to meet with a cross-party delegation of senior Indian MPs. Significant areas of discussion covered our shared determination to combating terrorism, to UK-India defense and security links, our economic ties, and the living bridge between our two countries," Priti Patel posted on X.

Meanwhile, Ravi Shankar Prasad took to social media, highlighting the engagements with the Indian diaspora in which the delegation shed light on the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack and the subsequent launch of Operation Sindoor affirm-

ing India's resolute stance against terrorism.

"Today, alongside my esteemed colleagues from the all-party delegation, I engaged with representatives of the vibrant and diverse Indian Diaspora at India

House in London. We conveyed India's unwavering stance against terrorism, shedding light on the tragic Pahalgam attack," he said.



All-party delegation led by MP Ravi Shankar Prasad with delegation members pose for a picture with British Shadow Foreign Secretary, Priti Patel, during their visit for Operation Sindoor Global Outreach, in London. ANI Photo

House in London. We conveyed India's unwavering stance against terrorism, shedding light on the tragic Pahalgam attack," he said.

"Additionally, we briefed them on Operation Sindoor, underscoring India's resolute policy of combating terrorism in all its forms. We emphasized India's united

stance and unwavering commitment to decisively counter terrorism, making it clear that any acts of terror will be punished with utmost resolve," Prasad posted on X.

Following the delegation's interaction

Purandeswari (BJP), Priyanka Chaturvedi (Shiv Sena-UBT), Ghulam Ali Khatana (BJP), Amar Singh (Congress), Samik Bhattacharya (BJP), M. Thambidurai (AIADMK), former Union Minister M.J. Akbar, and former Ambassador Pankaj

with the Indian community in London, last Sunday afternoon, the members of the diaspora praised Operation Sindoor and the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government's leadership.

The nine-member delegation includes a diverse political representation: Ravi Shankar Prasad (BJP), Daggubati

Saran.

After concluding visits to France, Italy, and Denmark, the Indian delegation arrived in London as a part of India's global diplomatic outreach campaign to highlight the significance of Operation Sindoor and India's continued fight against Pakistan-sponsored cross-border terrorism. IANS

India reaffirms commitment to space, digital tech and sustainability at BRICS meet

BRASILIA: India has reaffirmed its commitment to long-standing diplomatic ties with the BRICS nations during a multilateral meeting of communications ministers in Brazil.

Union Minister of State (MoS) for Rural Development and Communications Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, representing India at the 11th BRICS Communication Ministers' Meeting in Brazil, highlighted pioneering Digital Public Infrastructure -- from Aadhaar to UPI, which is now a global model for inclusive tech-led growth.

He shared India's progress on four pillars -- Universal and Meaningful Connectivity, Space and Environmental Sustainability, and Digital Ecosystems -- under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the recent meeting in Brasilia.

BRICS members include 11 nations -- Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Egypt, Africa, the United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia,

Iran, Indonesia, and Saudi Arabia.

"Productive bilateral talks with Brazil towards strengthening digital ties for a smarter, secure future. Discussed India's strides in indigenous 4G/5G development, and domestic manufacturing and explored cooperation in 6G, Quantum Tech and Satcom. Also, discussed Brazil's 6GHz tri-

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als and satcom needs, telecom security and global DPI cooperation," Pemmasani posted on X.

He also held a constructive interaction with the South African counterpart on the sidelines of the BRICS Communication Ministers' meeting, appreciating their con-

tinued support at global forums.

They discussed deeper cooperation in areas such as skill development to bridge the digital divide, digital banking, including UPI-based cashless payment systems, and digital public infrastructure.

Both sides explored the potential for greater collaboration at multilateral plat-

forms and assured every possible support to strengthen our digital partnership.

Speaking to IANS, the MoS said, "The meeting was quite successful. Around 10 countries participated in the process, with each sharing their experiences and learning from one another. IANS

"India peace-loving country, but will respond firmly to provocation": Anurag Thakur

CAIRO: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Anurag Thakur, who is part of the all-party delegation led by Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) or NCP SP MP Supriya Sule, reaffirmed India's commitment to peace and issued a stern warning that any provocation or threat to the nation's security will be met with firm and decisive action.

He emphasized that while India stands as a peace-loving nation, it will not hesitate to act decisively if its sovereignty or the safety of its citizens is threatened.

"The safety of 140 crore Indians and the security of our country's borders is our utmost priority. We have delivered a clear message to the world that India will take every step necessary to safeguard its citizens, its unity, and its territorial integrity," Anurag Thakur told ANI. ANI

Kids found a 'grandfather' in the Prime Minister, says Usha Vance

WASHINGTON: US Second Lady Usha Vance has said that this was a time of opportunity in the bilateral relationship with India and spoke effusively of her recent visit to India along with her husband, Vice-President J.D. Vance, and their three children for whom, she added, it was a "mindblowing" experience.

The Second Lady, who participated in a rare public interview at an event hosted by the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum recently, spoke feelingly about the bond her three children forged with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a grandfather figure.

"This is a time of great opportunity. And I think if my husband were here, he'd say the same thing," she said when asked by the interviewer for her personal take on the bilateral relationship.

"Obviously, the US and India, their relationship has ebbed and flowed at times. There are times when one country's needs and one country's goals are different from the other. But right now, I think in the next four years and in the future, the fact that there is this established Indian-American population here and so many people in India who know the country and know the people who are here doing great things, having great opportunities."

She added: "When we were visiting recently, I was just struck by the number of people who came up to me to say how much they loved our country, how they visited family, how they visited just for pleasure, that they were hoping for a close relationship. Looking forward, and I think these personal ties actually really have something to do with it."

The Vances were in India in April for the first vice-presi-



File photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US Vice President JD Vance, Second Lady Usha Vance and their children Ewan, Vivek & Mirabel to his official residence 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, in New Delhi (ANI Photo)

dential visit in 13 years, coming after Vice-President Joe Biden's in 2013, when he was a part of the then President Barack Obama's administration.

The succeeding two Vice-Presidents -- Mike Pence and Kamala Harris, who is also of Indian descent, never got around to make the trip.

"It really was the trip of a lifetime for us, my children had never been to India. What would the pandemic and J.D. century mean to politics and all that, and so they'd grown up just knowing so much about this country, the stories, the food, the relationships with grandparents and friends, but they had never actually seen it. So it was just sort of mindblowing from their perspective. And then for me and J.D., I think it just could not have been any more special," Usha Vance said.

"We had the opportunity to see some of the greatest sights in north India. We're looking forward to our next trip and trying to get to the parts of the country where my family is from as well. And it just was sort of one hit after another, right? The most incredible food, the peacocks that we got to see everywhere we went, getting to see the Taj Mahal in the morning and appreciate it as the sun was just sort of coming up, and the cool skies and blue skies over in the background. And of course, as you mentioned, meeting the Prime Minister was really very special."

The Vances had met the Prime Minister Modi by this time.

Their first meeting was in Paris on the sidelines of an AI summit in February.

"They were sort of sleep deprived in Paris, and they saw an Indian man with a white beard and white hair, and they just put him the grandfather category immediately. So they are very into him. They just love him. And he really cemented his status by giving our five-year-old a birthday present that day. So when we were able to visit his home, they just sort of ran up. They were hugging him. He was just incredibly kind and generous to them." IANS

Misinformation circulating, lot of work to be done in Washington: Shashi Tharoor

BRASILIA: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, who is currently leading the all-party Indian parliamentary delegation in Brazil, has said that the upcoming visit to the United States will be a crucial opportunity to counter misinformation and competing narratives surrounding Operation Sindoor.

His remarks come amid ongoing assertions by US President Donald Trump that his administration helped broker the ceasefire understanding between India and Pakistan -- claims New Delhi firmly denies.

According to Indian officials, it was Pakistan that reached out to India with a request to halt military action following the Pahalgam terror attack, not the other way around.

Tharoor underlined the importance of setting the record straight during the delegation's final leg of international outreach, which will take them to Washington.

Speaking to IANS on the sidelines of engagements in Brazil, Tharoor said, "Washington is a particularly interesting case because it is a large country, a superpower with enormous influence in the world, and there are many crosscurrents of information, misinformation, and other

narratives circulating. So, we have quite a lot of work to do there."

He added that the delegation will engage a broad spectrum of stakeholders in the US capital.

"We are engaging with a range of audiences, including government officials, senators, and congressmen on Capitol Hill. We are also meeting with think tanks and organizations specializing in foreign policy, and also the media," Tharoor said.

The Congress MP also said that several countries need to understand that dialogue is not possible with the nations that facilitate cross-border terrorism.

Emphasizing the importance of international solidarity against terrorism, he noted,

"We're looking for solidarity in our struggle against terrorism. What is very clear in these countries is that some of these issues they understand, some they don't fully understand. And the natural instinct in many countries is to say -- why not have a dialogue? But it's very difficult to have a dialogue with people who are pointing a gun at your head, who are sending terrorists across your border. That becomes a problem." IANS



Shashi Tharoor

PM Modi congratulates Lee Jae-myung on being elected as South Korea's President

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his best wishes to newly-elected South Korean President Lee Jae-myung for winning the top post and expressed his eagerness to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two nations.

Democratic Party (DP) candidate Lee Jae-myung was elected President on Wednesday (June 4), after months of turmoil surrounding the impeachment and ouster of his former opponent over a botched attempt to impose martial law.

Taking to X, PM Modi posted, "Congratulations to Mr Lee Jae-Myung on being elected as the President of the Republic of Korea. Look forward to working together to further expand and strengthen the India-ROK Special Strategic Partnership."

Lee's win was a remarkable comeback after having lost to former President Yoon Suk Yeol by a razor-thin margin of less than one percentage point in the previous election in 2022.

While Yoon's attempt to impose martial law in December paved the way for Lee's rise to the presidency, it also deepened the nation's political divide and increased the challenges posed by everything from the United States' tariff policies to North Korea's advancing nuclear weapons program. IANS



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United Hindu Council condemns Pahalgam terror attack; launches billboard campaign in Bay Area to raise awareness

India Post News Service

BAY AREA, CALIFORNIA: The United Hindu Council (UHC) strongly condemns the barbaric attack on innocent tourists in Pahalgam, Kashmir, carried out by Pakistan-based terrorists. In this heinous act of terror, 26 Hindu men, were brutally murdered-targeted solely based on their Hindu religious identity.

This deliberate and religiously motivated slaughter has deeply shaken the Hindu-American community, prompting a unified response to raise awareness about Pakistan's ongoing support for terrorism.

In a powerful public outreach initiative that will be viewed by tens of thousands of commuters in the Bay Area, the Hindu-American community of the Bay Area has sponsored a billboard campaign, with the first billboard that went live on June 2nd near the San Mateo Bridge. The campaign's message is unambiguous:

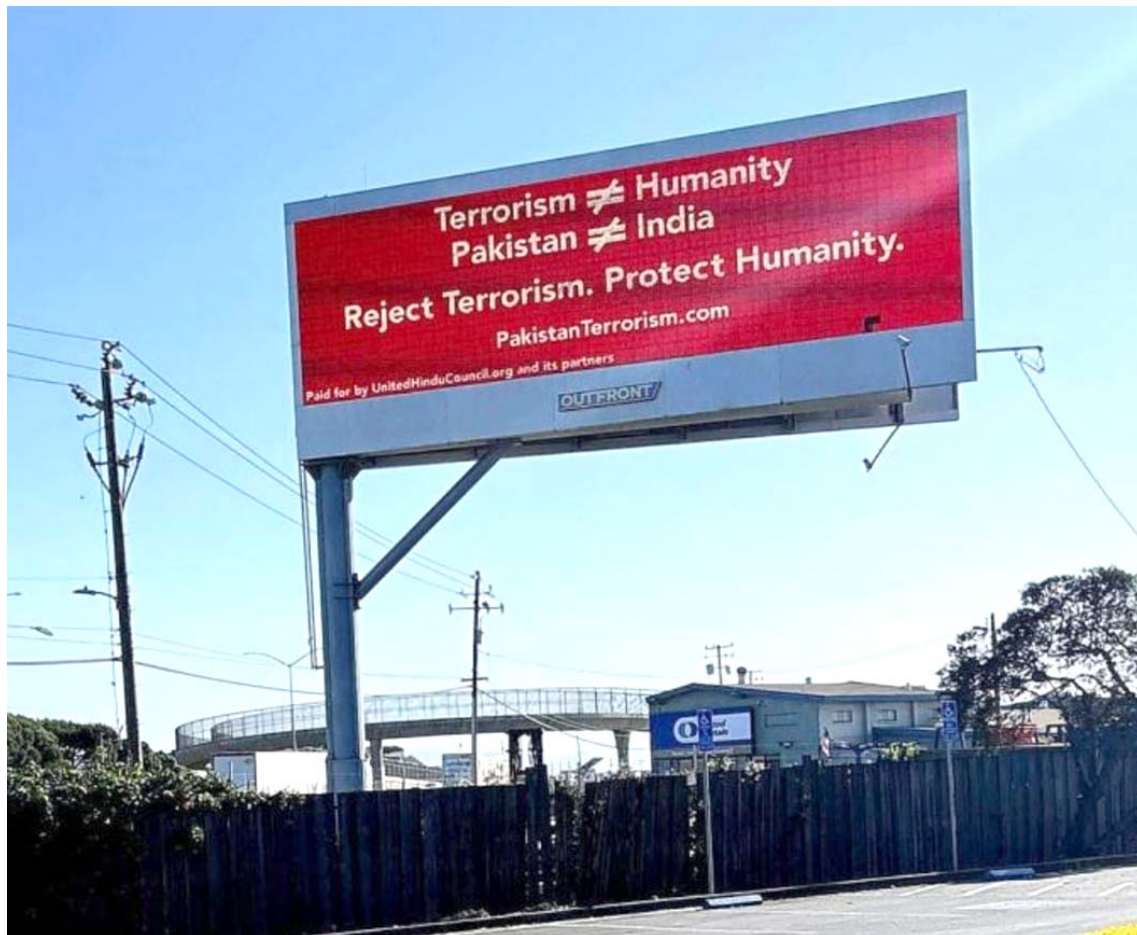
"India stands for Humanity and Pakistan for Terrorism. Do not equate a terror-sponsoring state like Pakistan, which harbored Osama Bin Laden, with India - the world's largest and most diverse democracy."

Another key message challenges the global conscience:

"The victims in Pahalgam were killed because they were Hindus, so does terrorism have a religion?"

These messages are not just slogans-they are expressions of anguish and truth, calling on the global community to acknowledge the religious targeting of Hindus and to reject false narratives that seek to morally equate the aggressor with the victim.

The billboard campaign directs viewers to www.PakistanTerrorism.com, a



comprehensive resource detailing:

- The facts of the Pahalgam attack;
- Pakistan's historical complicity in sponsoring terrorism against India and the world;
- The systematic persecution and genocide of Kashmiri Hindus under centuries of foreign occu-

pation.

"The global silence on the targeting of Hindus in Kashmir is unacceptable," said a UHC spokesperson. "We will not let the memory of those killed in Pahalgam be erased by propaganda or political expediency. The world must confront the reality of Pakistan's role as a state

sponsor of terror."

The United Hindu Council calls upon Indian-American organizations, human rights groups, policymakers, and the media to join this effort to shed light on a pattern of terror that has for too long gone unchallenged in Western discourse.

About United Hindu Council

The United Hindu Council is an organization dedicated to fostering awareness and appreciation of Hindu values while addressing critical issues faced by Hindu communities in the US and globally. With its motto to educate, elevate, and energize, the Council highlights Hinduism's ethos of peace, inclusivity, and mutual respect. Central to its mission is promoting the principles of Universal Oneness and removing misconceptions related to Hinduism, to bridge cultural and communal divides.

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Indian Actresses at Cannes 2025 Debut - Jo Sharma, Indian American actress, along with Bollywood stars Alia Bhatt, Janhvi Kapoor, Urvashi Rautela, Natasha made a striking appearance at the Cannes Film Festival 2025. All three actresses graced the red carpet debut, drawing attention with their elegant fashion choices and confident presence. Their appearance underscored the increasing global influence of Indian and South Asian talent in the entertainment industry.

Jo Sharma's M4M Movie "Motive for Murder" Telugu film received standing ovation 'claps' from the international audiences at the Cannes Film festival which featured a world premiere screening of the Telugu film M4M, directed by Mohan Vadlapatla and Heroine Jo Sharma. Notably, M4M was the only Telugu-language film showcased at Cannes this year, marking a proud moment for Telugu cinema on the international stage. The M4M movie screening was well-received with great reviews and praises from international audiences, further highlighting the diversity of voices represented at the pres-



tigious event. The movie was offering 1 lakh rupees, if you can guess the killer.

Janhvi Kapoor witnessed a massive achievement as her Bollywood film Homebound was screened at the Cannes 2025 Film Festival. Accompanied by the director Neeraj Ghaywan, and co-stars Ishaan Khatter and Vishal Jethwa, the film received a 9-minute standing ovation after it was over. Producer Karan Johar was also present and grew immensely emotional upon receiving a thunderous response.

Hindu Jewish Wing of Americans4Hindus condemns boulder terror attack and stands with Jewish community in the fight against hate

India Post News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The Hindu Jewish Wing of Americans4Hindus (A4H) unequivocally condemns the brutal act of violence that recently occurred in Boulder, Colorado, reportedly carried out by a radical Islamic extremist. This alarming incident adds to a troubling series of targeted attacks against Jewish and Hindu communities across the globe.

From the October 7 massacre in Israel, to the murder of 26 Hindus in Pahalgam, Kashmir, to the cold-blooded killing of a young Jewish couple in Washington, D.C., the pattern is unmistakable: Jews and Hindus are being deliberately targeted by extremist ideologies. These acts are not random-they are part of a coordinated and dangerous trend of hate-fueled violence.

A4H mourns the lives hurt and lost in Boulder and beyond, and calls for justice and systemic change to protect vulnerable communities.

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gether with resolve and clarity. This is not just about mourning, it's about mobilizing. Together, we will confront hate, expose radicalism, and defend our right to live in peace." Said Dr. Romesh Japra, Founder and Chairman, Americans4Hindus

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We urge U.S. lawmakers, law enforcement, and civic institutions to treat these targeted attacks with the seriousness they demand. Efforts must include stronger hate crime legislation, intelligence coordination, and public education to root out extremism and prevent future violence.

Americans4Hindus remains committed to building bridges between Hindu and Jewish communities and to working hand-in-hand with all those who seek to pre-

serve human dignity and shared humanity in the face of hatred.

About Americans4Hindus

Americans4Hindus (A4H) is a nationwide advocacy organization devoted to promoting the civil liberties, cultural identity, and social well-being of Hindu Americans. Through education, community engagement, and policy advocacy, A4H works to protect all communities from religiously motivated hatred. Its Hindu Jewish Wing champions interfaith solidarity and joint action between the Hindu and Jewish communities across the United States and around the world.

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InSyncKathak's performance "Prakriti - An Ode to Mother Nature" at SFIAF 2025

MANASI MADIWALE

Photo Credit: Kyle Adler

In late 2024, at InSyncKathak Dance School's annual holiday party, our esteemed Guru, Anupama Srivastava, informed us all to block our calendars for Mother's Day 2025. The InSyncKathak dancers, along with Guru Anupama Srivastava, were going to be performing at the highly prestigious San Francisco International Arts Festival (SFIAF).

Kathak is an ancient Indian classical dance form renowned for its intricate footwork, spins (chakkars) but above all, its vivid story-telling. I went to the SFIAF performance, with starry eyes and hopes of an enchanted Mother's Day afternoon. Little did I know that I was in for a real treat.

The SFIAF performance was choreographed by Anupama Ji, who is a distinguished disciple of Padmashri Guru Shovana Narayan. It was aptly titled



to the audience. Their well-coordinated fast chakkars (spins) may have thrown the audience in a tizzy, but the young skilled dancers maintained their gaze razor-sharp, their feet light and well-balanced.

The third piece of the afternoon was Panchtatva- honoring the five elements of Sky, Air, Water, Fire and Earth. The dancers were very appropriately dressed in col-

ity strikes in the form of floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, wildfires and earthquakes, Mother Nature's creations were shown to be disturbed and destroyed. The panic and fear of these natural calamities was expertly demonstrated by the dancers through their emotions and movements.

The fourth performance of the afternoon was Dishaantar - Embracing the

change and deforestation in the modern environment. Anupama Ji and the InSyncKathak dancers skillfully showed a village transforming into a concrete jungle with unfortunate consequences for its residents such as, health scares and even death. The poignant emotions of the dancers could be felt reverberating through the audience. It was an excellent demonstration of Abhinaya, the art of skilled emoting and expressions.

The grand finale was a true show-stopper- a Tarana set in Raag Yaman. The dancers resembled blooming flowers, spinning around in their colorful costumes, perfectly in sync with each other. Anupama Ji's students are reputed to be extremely well-coordinated with each other, and her choreography highlighted this, replete with complex patterns and dancers seamlessly moving from one corner of the stage to another. The dance reached its crescendo in the Lari, a fast-paced culmination of the dancer's feet chiming together in unison.

With a splendid combination of strong technique, intricate story-telling, jaw-dropping lighting effects, and dynamic stage movements, the InSyncKathak performance truly stood out for showcasing innovative ideas of harmony with Nature, sustainability, and spirituality and carrying forward the legacy of the legendary Kathak Guru Padmashri Shovana Narayan ji. It acknowledged several natural calamities, including the recent wildfires in California, a lived reality for many amongst us. And it left the audience enthralled, the auditorium echoing with loud applause at the end in praise of the majestic art they had just witnessed.

(The Author Manasi Madiwale MD, is a Pediatrician and Kathak student)



Prakriti, and delved into the intricate relationship between the human world and Mother Nature. It was an ode to Guru Shovana Narayan Ji's 75th birth year, and featured some of her classic choreographies, albeit with a modern-day California outlook.

The performance started with an ode to Mother Nature, titled Dhvani-Pratidhwani (Sound-Echo). True to its name, the dancers' footwork echoed through the auditorium, precise and timed accurately, following the rhythm of the percussion down to the microsecond. The footwork was the real star of this dance, a pure Nritya piece.

This was followed by OM- the cosmic dance of creation, honoring the vibrations of Om and the creation and sustenance of the cosmos. The young students, all dressed in white angarakhas, started the dance with their back to the audience, slowly unfolding and revealing their faces



ors representing their respective elements. All five elements were seen to be initially contributing positively towards Mother Nature, coming together in harmony to create life. However, when calam-

Change towards Sustainability, a novel piece conceived and produced by Guru Shovana Narayan in India the early 80's and restaged after almost four decades in the US, that showcased the ills of climate



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also criticized that the mRNA vaccine has been questioned and resource investment has been reduced, which will seriously affect the preparedness for future influenza and emerging epidemics. He emphasized that mRNA technology has been developed since the 1960s and has the advan-

re-conducted with a placebo-controlled trial, which may significantly delay the development and release of the vaccine and increase the risk of the disease to the public.

Dr. William Schaffner, Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine pointed out that so far, 35 states in the United States have reported measles outbreaks, with the total number of cases exceeding 1,079, and the number of whooping cough cases has doubled from last year. He warned that diseases that vaccines have successfully eradicated, such as measles, polio and diphtheria, are now posing a renewed threat to public health due to society forgetting their dangers, the proliferation of false information and vaccine hesitancy. Taking the epidemic in the Mennonite community in western Texas as an example, he pointed out that this group may not necessarily oppose vaccines, but because they believe in natural life and reject modern medical treatment, most children are not vaccinated. Once the virus invades, it spreads rapidly, and several people have died from pneumonia.

Indian diaspora in UK lauds Op Sindoor; PM Modi's leadership against terrorism

LONDON: Members of the Indian diaspora in the UK have lauded the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Union government's decisive action against cross-border terrorism through Operation Sindoor and expressed pride in India giving a befitting reply to Pakistan-sponsored terror.

The sentiments were echoed during an outreach program organized by the Indian Embassy in the UK here on Sunday (June 1), where an all-party Parliamentary delegation led by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Ravi Shankar Prasad engaged with the diaspora, highlighting India's unequivocal, unified and assertive stance against terrorism.

The nine-member delegation includes - Ravi Shankar Prasad (BJP), Daggubati Purandeswari (BJP), Priyanka Chaturvedi (Shiv Sena-UBT), Ghulam Ali Khatana (BJP), Amar Singh (Congress), Samik Bhattacharya (BJP), M. Thambidurai (AIADMK), former Union Minister M.J. Akbar and former Ambassador Pankaj Saran, arrived in the UK capital late Saturday evening.

The delegation was received by the High Commissioner of India to the UK, Vivek Doraiswami.

Following the delegation's interaction with the Indian community in London, the

members of the diaspora praised Operation Sindoor and PM Modi-led government's leadership.

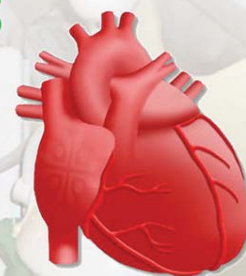
An Indian community member, while praising the Indian Armed forces for successfully carrying out 'Operation Sindoor', said: "This (Operation Sindoor) is a huge success. We (India) showed Pakistan in just five days what we are capable of doing and its impact has been felt in the whole world. As you can see Pakistan's military requested India to announce ceasefire so this operation is a great success. India has given a befitting reply to Pakistan and if the latter commits any misadventure then India will again enter Pakistan and give a fitting response. In a conflict, you never know on which side a bomb will explode but I think whatever happened is a lesson for Pakistan."

Another community member said: "I hail Operation Sindoor and Sindoor is not just an ornament for a married woman but is a symbol of India's unity and for safeguarding our husband's life. I hail Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and support him. Violence and terrorism should not be tolerated at any cost... India has never attacked any country but if someone attacks us then we need to give a befitting response to them which is the right and fair thing to do." *IAN*

tages of rapid production and flexible response to virus mutations. However, it is now questioned by the political atmosphere, which is worrying.

Dr. Benjamin Neuman, Professor of Biology, Texas A&M University said that vaccines and herd immunity are the cornerstones of the normal functioning of modern society. He criticized the current anti-vaccination claims as lacking scientific basis, and some politicians even advocated that each vaccine revision should be

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Trinidad and Tobago celebrates 180 years of Indian Arrival Day

PORT OF SPAIN: Indian Arrival Day was organized by the Indian High Commission at Nelson Island of Trinidad and Tobago to mark 180 years since the arrival of the first group of immigrants from India at the shores of the Caribbean nation in 1845.

The event held on Sunday (Jun 1), filled with music and culture celebrating Indian Arrival Day, was attended by a diverse audience, including Speaker of the House of Representatives of T&T Jagdeo Singh, Deputy Speaker Aiyana Ali, senior Cabinet Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, Members of Parliament, Mayors, and community leaders of the Caribbean country.

Minister of Foreign and Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Affairs Sean Sobers was the Chief Guest of the event.

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All the dignitaries were welcomed by the Indian High Commissioner Pradeep Rajpurohit in a traditional manner.

The attendees toured the ruins and exhibits on the island.

The Indian Arrival Day is marked on 30th May, when the first ship 'Fatel Razack' carrying 225 Indian indentured workers reached the shores of Trinidad, then a British colony.

"The 225 passengers who disembarked from the Fatel

Razack that day could hardly have known the transformative impact their arrival would have on the country. They came as immigrants, with the understanding that they would have the opportunity to return to India after five years of indentureship. Happily for Trinidad and Tobago, very few returned. The vast majority of them elected to remain in the country. And their courageous decision changed the course of our history, forever," read a statement issued by the office of the President of Trinidad and Tobago.

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rich cultural heritage which has enriched and strengthened the fabric of Trinbagonian society beyond measure," the statement added.

India enjoys traditionally warm and cordial relations with Trinidad and Tobago.

The bilateral relations were established on August 31, 1962. Since then, bilateral relations between the two countries have witnessed continued momentum with engagement at different levels.

India has also conferred the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award on Christine Carla Kangaloo, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, recognizing her outstanding achievements in public affairs and her contributions to enhancing India's global prestige.

Kangaloo, an Indo-Trinidadian President, served as the

chief guest for the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from January 8-10, 2025. She delivered a virtual address that received widespread applause across India and beyond. /ANS

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Reciting from Brahadaranyakopanishad, Rajan Zed plans to say "Asato ma sad gamaya, Tamaso ma jyotir gamaya, Mrtyor mamrtam gamaya"; which he will then interpret as "Lead us from the unreal to the real, Lead us from darkness to light, and Lead us from death to immortality." Reciting from Bhagavad-Gita, he proposes to urge the council-members and others present to keep the welfare of others always in mind.

Rajan has been bestowed with the World Interfaith Leader Award. He is on the Advisory Board of The Interfaith Peace Project, Senior Fellow and Religious Advisor to Foundation for Religious Diplomacy, etc. He has been a panelist for "On Faith", a prestigious interactive conversation on religion produced by The Washington Post; and leads a weekly interfaith panel "Faith Forum" in a Gannett publication for over 14 years.

Hinduism, oldest and third largest religion of the world, has about 1.2 billion adherents and moksh (liberation) is its ultimate goal. There are about 3.2 million Hindus in the USA.



Indian-origin man fights for life after Australian police officials 'kneed him on neck'

CANBERRA: A 42-year-old Indian-origin man, Gaurav Kundi, is battling for life after a brutal arrest where he was kneed in the neck to the ground by the Australian police in Adelaide's eastern suburbs.

He is currently at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and on life support with severe brain and neck injuries, according to local media reports.

His family claimed that excessive force was used during the arrest, due to which the father-of-two lost consciousness with severe injuries.

The video, which was filmed by Kundi's wife, Amritpal Kaur, shows him being forced onto Payneham Road. Pundi can be heard shouting, "I've done nothing wrong," while Kaur is also crying and claiming his innocence.

"Just 19 seconds of video because I got panicked, and I sat on the ground with Gaurav. I kept saying he's not well, he's not well, please don't do this, just call the ambulance," she said, speaking to local Aus-

tralian media outlet 9News.

"Doctors are saying his brain is totally damaged. Maybe he will wake up if his brain works, or maybe he will not," she added.

Recalling the incident, Kaur stated that their loud argument caught the attention of a passing police patrol, and they mistakenly interpreted it as a case of domestic violence.

"I just went out and followed him. What are you doing here? Let's get back home. You are drunk. You are not well. We will go home," she recalled.

"He just pushed me a little bit... The policeman thought he was assaulting me and doing domestic violence on the road, but the policeman was wrong. He was just drunk, and that's why he was loud, nothing else," she further stated

Kaur alleged that her husband was injured when his head was slammed into the police car and the road and that while he was on the ground; he was kneed in the neck. /ANS

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Tesla India leases Rs 25-crore service center in Mumbai

MUMBAI: Tesla India Motor and Energy Private Ltd has leased a 24,500-square-foot space in Mumbai's Kurla West to set up a service center, located close to its upcoming showroom in the Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC).

This move marks a significant step in Tesla's plans to enter the Indian electric vehicle (EV) market, although the company does not currently intend to manufacture vehicles in the country.

According to real estate documents sourced by CRE Matrix, a property data analytics firm, Tesla has signed a lease and license agreement with Bellissimo in City FC Mumbai I Private to rent the space in Lodha Logistics Park.

The agreement is for a five-year period, with a starting monthly rent of Rs 37.53 lakh. Over the duration of the lease, Tesla will pay nearly Rs 25 crore in total, including a security deposit of Rs 2.25 crore, as per the documents.

Tesla has made it clear that its current interest lies only in selling its vehicles in India, not in manufacturing them at the moment.

"They are not interested in manufacturing in India," Union Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said on Monday. He added that Tesla is planning to open showrooms in India purely for sales. *IANS*

Turkish firm Celebi's arbitration application rejected in India

NEW DELHI: Celebi Ground Handling India's arbitration application for interim measures against Ahmedabad International Airport over the cancellation of security permits has been dismissed, according to an exchange filing by the Turkish firm's parent company.

"The arbitration application filed by our company, Celebi Ground Handling India Pvt Ltd, in which our company owns 61 percent of the capital, against Adani Ahmedabad International Airport Limited in the Ahmedabad Commercial Court on 27.05.2025, seeking interim measures due to the cancellation of security clearances *IANS*

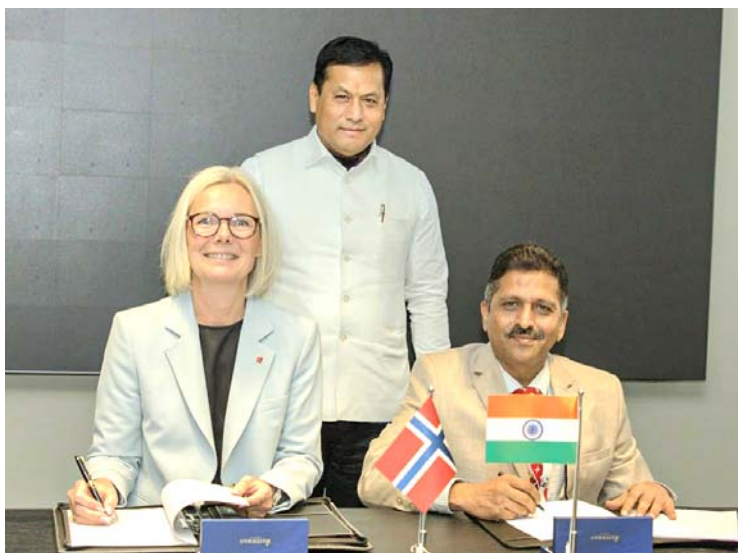


First India-made Polar Research Vessel to be built at Kolkata, pact signed with Norway

OSLO: Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited and Norway's Kongsberg signed a MoU here on Tuesday (Jun. 3) to pave the way for India to indigenously build its first-ever Polar Research Vessel (PRV).

The MoU marks an important milestone for India's shipbuilding sector as it will receive design expertise for developing the PRV, while taking into account the requirement of National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCOPR), which will use it for research activities in the polar and southern ocean realms.

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), with its experience in constructing complex maritime platforms like warships, survey & research vessels, will build this PRV in its yard in Kolkata, ensuring a boost the 'Make In India' initiative.



Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), Sarbananda Sonowal attends an MoU Signing Ceremony between Norway's Kongsberg Oslo and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) from Kolkata, in New Delhi. The MoU paves the way for India to build its first ever Polar Research Vessel (PRV) indigenously. *(ANI Photo)*

India's Minister of Ports & Shipping, Sarbananda Sonowal, the leadership of Kongsberg, as well as GRSE and senior government officials from Norway and India, were present at the event.

In his remarks on the occasion, Sonowal said: "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this MoU is a commitment to fostering scientific discovery, advancing India's

capabilities in polar and ocean research, and contributing to global efforts to address pressing challenges like climate change. The vessel will be equipped with the latest scientific equipment, enabling our researchers to explore the oceans' depths, study marine ecosystems, and unlock new insights into our planet's past, present, and future."

Sonowal also represented India at a high-level ministerial meeting on the 'Role of Shipping in Shaping the Future'. The meet emphasized the need of the industry to align towards a stable, long-term regulatory environment supporting an inclusive and decarbonized ocean-based trade. Ministers from Brazil, Japan, the US, China, and Norway and UN officials were present at the meeting.

Addressing the meet, Sonowal said: "Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced India's vision of 'Growth for All', articulated as SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region). The overarching aim of this vision leverages India's vast coastline, strategic location, and maritime heritage to drive economic prosperity, enhance regional security, and ensure sustainable development for all stakeholders. Upgrading from the SAGAR initiative, PM Modi has also announced MAHASAGAR - which is Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security Across the Regions, signaling further consolidation and an expanded approach to holistic maritime engagement & growth."

Sonowal also invited Norwegian ship-owners to invest in India's growing maritime sector during a roundtable with the Norwegian Shipowners' Association (NSA) recently. *IANS*

India, US and Mexico emerge as most balanced GCC ecosystems: BCG

MUMBAI: India, the US and Mexico have emerged as the most balanced global capability center (GCC) ecosystems globally - with India uniquely combining scale, innovation and efficiency, a recent report showed.

The report highlights AI - notably advanced AI use cases including GenAI, NLP and AI agents - as a critical accelerator of GCC maturity. While top performers have moved beyond pilots to embed AI across core workflows, most GCCs remain trapped in early-stage experimentation, said the report from Boston Consulting

Group (BCG).

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AI has brought fresh momentum - enabling GCCs to lead transformation, not just support it. Over 90 percent of top performers have set up or expanded AI-

led Centers of Excellence in the past 18 months, a trend consistent across industries and geographies, he mentioned.

The report outlines a three-step playbook for GCCs to accelerate maturity and have an in-

creased role in enterprise impact: define a bold North Star aligned with the enterprise vision, prioritize high-impact value pools based on differentiating factors

for top performers, and conduct structured diagnostics to benchmark capability gaps and build a roadmap for scaled transformation.

The report said that GCCs poised to lead are those that reimagine their role - not just as delivery arms, but as capability centers driving innovation, enterprise agility, and competitive advantage.

Those that invest in talent, embed AI deeply, and take co-ownership of outcomes are best positioned to shape the next wave of global enterprise transformation. *IANS*

Over 3.8 MT of non-biodegradable plastic waste recycled in last 3 fiscals: Adani Electricity

MUMBAI: Reaffirming its commitments towards sustainability, Adani Electricity recently said that it has channelized over 3.8 metric tons (MT) of non-biodegradable plastic waste for recycling in the last three financial years.

Ahead of World Environment Day, observed every year on June 5, Adani Electricity stated a remarkable progress in its commitment to environmental stewardship.

It particularly emphasized a drastic reduction and elimination of single-use plastics (SUP) across its operations.

"As the world observes World Environment Day -- this

waste in FY23 to 1940 kg of non-biodegradable plastic waste in FY24, the company demonstrated a consistent upward trend in channelizing non-biodegradable plastic waste for recycling. In FY25, the figure stood at 1230 kg of non-biodegradable plastic waste recycled.

"This impressive cumulative figure of 3802.15 kilograms highlights the effectiveness of Adani Electricity's robust environmental initiatives," the company said.

The phased-out single-use plastic items include drinking water bottles and cups, as well as plastic cutlery such as forks, knives, spoons, glasses, plates, chopsticks, and thermocol cups.

It has also eliminated plastic garbage bags (less than 75 microns), gift wrapping papers, and plastic used during Diwali decorations.

Furthermore, plastic food packaging boxes, lamination sheets for office cubicles, cello tapes and brown tapes, and various packaging materials for stores (including lugs, glands, wires, pillars, panels, ring main units (RMUs), cables, poles, ferrules, and fuse units) are no longer in use, Adani Electricity said.

Meanwhile, the company also said that it has successfully replaced single-use

plastics with more sustainable alternatives across its operations. For instance, the packaging material for pillars, panels, and RMUs has been replaced with multiple-use plastic.

Additionally, lugs, ferrules, and wires are now received in eco-friendly gunny bags, and jointing kits are received in cardboard boxes.

"Adani Electricity remains dedicated to leading the charge in environmental sustainability, constantly striving for innovative solutions to minimize its ecological footprint and inspire a greener future for all," the company said. *IANS*



year's theme of #BeatPlasticPollution, we at Adani Electricity reaffirm our unwavering dedication to environmental responsibility," said an Adani Electricity spokesperson.

"Sustainability isn't just a buzzword; it's a core principle guiding our every action. The significant reduction in single-use plastics across our operations underscores our deep commitment to building a greener future. We believe that every step, no matter how small, contributes to a larger, more impactful change for our planet and communities," the spokesperson added.

Ranging from 632.15 kg of non-biodegradable plastic

PM Modi highlights 11 years of transformative reforms in energy sector

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted the transformative reforms in the renewable energy sector and the strong push for clean and affordable energy in the hydrocarbon sector in India over the last 11 years.

The reforms have been elaborated in two separate articles written by Minister for New & Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi and Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri, respectively.

Responding to the article written by Pralhad Joshi, the Prime Minister's Office posted on X: "Union Minister Pralhad Joshi highlights 11 transformative reforms in the renewable energy sector over the last 11 years - Have a read!"

Joshi has stated that India stands as one of the world's foremost clean energy leaders, ranked third in solar energy, fourth in wind power, and fourth in

total renewable energy capacity. With over 232 GW of renewable capacity installed and another 176 GW under construction, we are not just meeting our energy needs but actively shaping the global discourse on energy transition.

This progress is the outcome of bold reforms, timely decisions, and a clear long-term vision pursued consistently under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past 11 years

This progress is the outcome of bold reforms, timely decisions, and a clear long-term vision pursued consistently under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past 11 years. He had a clear vision to build a robust renewable energy ecosystem, and even as the Gujarat chief minister, he had pioneered large-scale solar projects long before clean energy became a global priority, Joshi explained.

But to appreciate the scale of this transformation, we must remember where we began. In 2014, India's power sector was in deep crisis. Electricity shortages were chronic. *IANS*

Robust infra demand to propel investment growth in India, private sector vital: Moody's

MUMBAI: India will need massive investment to achieve its 2070 net-zero pledge as it balances energy security, affordability and transition, Moody's Ratings said on 4 June.

Achieving this pledge will necessitate substantial investment, particularly in the power sector, which is a material contributor to the nation's carbon emissions.

Over the next decade, these investments are projected to constitute 2 percent of real GDP for the electricity value chain, encompassing power generation, storage, transmission and distribution, the report mentioned.

The government's plan to reach net-zero emissions by 2070 will be contingent upon a shift in the fuel mix from the current predominantly coal-fired power toward clean and renewable energy.

However, strong economic growth implies India will also expand its coal-based power generation capacity by 32-35 percent (or around 70GW-75GW) over the next 10 years, even as it adds around 450GW of renewable energy over the same period.

"We expect the private sector to remain active in India's renewable energy sector, while government-

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owned companies will also increase their role," said Abhishek Tyagi, a Moody's Vice President and Senior Credit Officer.

Solar and wind power will dominate new generation capacity additions over the next 20-25 years, with smaller nuclear and hydropower additions, he added.

Securing diverse sources of capital, including foreign investments (both debt and equity), will be crucial to bridge the funding gap for energy transition-related infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the government has planned sizeable capex under its 'Maritime India Vision 2030' to augment port capacity and infrastructure over the course of next few years.

Moody's Indian affiliate ICRA expects cargo volumes to rise by 3-5 percent in FY26, driven largely by the growth in the container, petroleum products and the fertilizer segment.

Apart from the traditional segments like transportation and energy within infrastructure space, data center is emerging as a new hotspot for infrastructure investment.

ICRA expects significant investment pipeline of Rs 1.6-1.8 trillion in data center (DC) capacity addition over next 5-6 years in India, supported by rapid digitalization along with favorable policy measures. *IANS*

Study reinforces need for vaccines to help prevent hearing loss

NEW DELHI: Vaccination may play a significant role in preventing hearing loss in children and adolescents, according to a study that identified 26 infectious pathogens that can potentially cause hearing loss.

Over 1.5 billion people worldwide are affected by some degree of hearing loss. While it is often linked to ageing, a lesser known but significant cause is infections contracted during childhood and adolescence, many of which are preventable.

According to the World Health Organization, nearly 60 percent of childhood hearing loss could be prevented through public health measures such as vaccination against rubella and certain forms of meningitis.

To probe further, a team of researchers, including from Université de Montréal in Canada conducted an in-depth review of the scientific literature.

The study, published in the journal Communications Medicine, identified 26 infectious agents that can potentially cause hearing loss, including the virus responsible for common diseases such as measles as well as rubella, which is especially dangerous if contracted during pregnancy because it can harm the developing auditory system and cause congenital deafness.

The list also includes the virus that causes mumps, which can lead to sensorineural hearing loss by damaging the inner ear or auditory nerve. *IANS*

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Covid cases rise in India; govt says monitoring the situation

NEW DELHI: Amid the latest wave of Covid-19, the number of SARS-CoV2 infections in the country has risen to 2,170. As many as, 511 new cases were recorded from the previous day, according to an update by the Health Ministry last Saturday. Meanwhile, 255 patients were discharged or migrated in the last 24 hours, indicating an improvement in recovery.

As per the data, the number of deaths across multiple states, since January 1, 2025, surged to 22.

Kerala with 1,147 cases is the worst-hit state, followed by Maharashtra (424), Delhi (294), and Gujarat (223).

The highest number of deaths have been reported from Maharashtra (7), followed by Kerala (5), and Delhi (2).

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Delhi (77), and Maharashtra (34) contributed the highest number of recoveries on the day.

As per the latest data from the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG), set up under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, NB.1.8.1 and LF.7 -- descendants of JN.1

Covid variant in the country --are responsible for the rise in SARS-CoV-2 cases in the country.

So far, the World Health Organization (WHO) has not classified either LF.7 or NB.1.8 as Variants of Concern (VOCs) or Variants of Interest (VOIs).

While these variants may

have the capability to evade immunity, there is currently no evidence to suggest they could cause severe long-term infection.

Common symptoms associated with these variants include fever, runny nose, sore throat, headaches, fatigue, and exhaustion.

Recently, Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Director General at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) assured the country that there is nothing to worry about as the infections are not severe.

Bahl also assured that the government is actively monitoring the cases.

At the same time, he stressed the need for "increasing vigilance, and to be prepared" in case of a surge in cases.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has issued guidelines to all hospitals in the national Capital to ensure the availability of beds, oxygen, medicines, and vaccines.

She stated that the government is closely monitoring Covid cases and "there is no panic situation". *IANS*

Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla to conduct key food, nutrition experiments in space

NEW DELHI: Indian astronaut and Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is set to conduct exclusive food and nutrition-related experiments onboard the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the upcoming Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4), Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said recently.

The experiments - developed

under a collaboration between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), with support from NASA - aim to pioneer space nutrition and self-sustaining life support systems vital for future long-duration space travel.

Dr Singh said the first ISS experiment will examine the impact



of microgravity and space radiation on edible microalgae - a high-potential, nutrient-rich food source.

The study will focus on key growth parameters and the changes in transcriptomes, proteomes, and metabolomes of various algal species in space compared to Earth conditions. *IANS*

People with irritable bowel syndrome can find relief with Mediterranean diet: Study

NEW DELHI: A team of US researchers has found that the Mediterranean diet may provide symptom relief for people with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

Irritable bowel syndrome affects an estimated 4-11 percent of all people, and a majority of patients prefer dietary interventions to medication.

The low FODMAP diet leads to symptom improvement in more than half of patients, but is restrictive and hard to follow.

Previous investigations from Michigan Medicine researchers in the US into more accessible alternative diets led to a proposed "FODMAP simple," which attempted to only restrict the food groups in the FODMAP acronym that are most likely to cause symptoms.

In the new study published in the journal Neurogastroenterology & Motility, participants were randomized into two groups, one following the Mediterranean diet and the other following the low FODMAP diet, a common restrictive diet for IBS.

In the Mediterranean diet group, 73 percent of the patients met the primary endpoint for symptom improvement, versus 81.8 percent in the low FODMAP group.



"Restrictive diets, such as low FODMAP, can be difficult for patients to adopt," said Prashant Singh, Michigan Medicine gastroenterologist and lead author on the paper.

"In addition to the issue of being costly and time-consuming, there are concerns about nutrient deficiencies and disordered eating when trying a low FODMAP diet. The Mediterranean diet interested us as an alternative that is not an elimination diet and overcomes several of these limitations related to a low FODMAP diet," Kumar added.

The Mediterranean diet is already popular among physicians for its benefits to cardiovascular, cognitive, and general health. Previous research on the effect of the Mediterranean diet on IBS, however, had yielded conflicting results.

While the Mediterranean diet did provide symptom relief, the low FODMAP group experienced a greater improvement measured by both abdominal pain intensity and IBS symptom severity score.

"This study adds to a growing body of evidence which suggests that a Mediterranean diet might be a useful addition to the menu of evidence-based dietary interventions for patients with IBS," said William Chey, chief of Gastroenterology at the University of Michigan. IANS

Covid-19: Current infection wave unlikely to cause higher burden on hospitals, say doctors

NEW DELHI: Amid nearly 4,000 active cases of Covid-19 disease in the country, health experts on Monday (02 June) assured there is no need to panic, as the current infection wave is unlikely to cause a higher burden on hospitals.

According to the latest update, shared by the Ministry of Health, there are 3,961 active Covid cases. The number of deaths across multiple states, since January 1, 2025, surged to 32. Meanwhile, 2,188 patients were discharged or migrated in the last 24 hours, indicating an improvement in recovery.

"It is highly unlikely that the current infection can cause a higher burden on the hospitals. Hence, there is no need to panic. However, the sentinel surveillance system needs to be strengthened in order to catch the outbreak in the earlier phase," Dr Harshal R. Salve, Additional Professor at the Centre for Community Medicine at AIIMS, New Delhi, told IANS.

Kerala (1,435), Maharashtra (506), Delhi (483), Gujarat (338), and West Bengal (331) have reported the highest number of cases so far.

This fresh wave has been caused by two new coronavirus variants, NB.1.8.1 and LF.7, mutations of the Omicron offspring JN.1 variant. Both were found in India, as per data from the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG), set up under the Ministry of Health. IANS



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Colombian national charged with voter fraud

BOSTON: A Colombian woman unlawfully residing in Boston has been indicted by a federal grand jury for identity theft offenses-including receiving rental assistance, Social Security, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits-as well as voter fraud under the stolen identity. The defendant also allegedly applied for a U.S passport and obtained a Massachusetts Real ID and eight other state IDs. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services provided valuable assistance to the investigation.

The U.S. Attorney announced Lina Maria Orovio-Hernandez, 59, was charged in a superseding indictment with one count of false representation of a Social Security number; one count of making a false statement in an application for a U.S. passport; one count of aggravated identity theft; three counts of receiving stolen government money or property; one count of fraudulent voter registration; and one count of fraudulent voting. Orovio-Hernandez was previously charged in an indictment in February 2025 and has remained in federal custody since that time.

According to court filings, Orovio-Hernandez, a Colombian national without lawful status in the United States, has lived under a stolen identity for more than 20 years. Using this stolen identity, Orovio-Hernandez allegedly obtained nine state IDs, including a Massachusetts Real ID and applied for a U.S. passport. *USCIS*

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US student visa interview pause expected to end soon

WASHINGTON: The United States stated that the pause on student visa interviews will end "sooner than later" and encouraged applicants to continue the application process while frequently checking for the resumption of regular services.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio has ordered US missions around the world to pause student visa interviews to incorporate expanded scrutiny of the social media footprints of applicants.

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"So right now, there might be some delay. And what I'm told to encourage people to do is to regularly check to see when those spaces open," said Bruce at the daily news briefing. "So as opposed to, let me just say I



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would not be recommending that if this was going to be weeks or months. So if you're if you've ap-

plied for a visa and you want to please do so then there's no if you're not getting an appoint-

ment, just there's this online system you continually recheck to see when those spots might open."

"I can't tell you immediately after some, you know, undetermined moment of an action, but I can tell you that it's something that will happen, perhaps sooner than later," she added.

The Trump administration has expanded scrutiny of foreign students in US colleges and universities in the wake of political unrest that swept through campuses against Israel's invasion of Gaza in response to the terrorist strike by Hamas in 2023 October.

The administration has targeted college authorities for not doing enough to prevent them and protect Jewish students and foreign students from participating in them. *IANS*

16 illegal Bangladeshi Nationals apprehended in Delhi's Seemapuri area

NEW DELHI: In a significant action against illegal immigration, a joint team from the Foreigner Cell and Special Staff of Shahdara District Police apprehended 16 Bangladeshi nationals from Delhi's Seemapuri area.

As per the police, the operation was launched following credible intelligence about the movement of illegal immigrants across the Uttar Pradesh-Delhi border near the Shaheed Nagar area.

Acting swiftly on the tip-off, the police team conducted initial verification and, after confirming the information, formulated an immediate action plan. Based on surveillance and identification by the informer, the joint team intercepted the group as they attempted to enter the Seemapuri area in Delhi.

A total of 16 individuals were detained, including four adult males, five adult females, and seven minor children. All were identified as Bangladeshi nationals who had entered India without valid documents and were attempting to settle in Delhi illegally. Deputy Commissioner of Po-

licies in their native villages, located about 40 to 50 kilometers from the India-Bangladesh border."

"They claimed to have entered Indian territory during the night without encountering any Border Security Force personnel. After initially settling in the Cooch Behar area of West Bengal, they later

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lice, Shahdara District, Prashant Gautam said, "During interrogation, the detainees revealed that they had crossed into India nearly 18 to 19 years ago, driven by poverty and lack of livelihood opportu-

travelled by train to Delhi in search of employment. Eventually, they found work in rural areas of Haryana, primarily at brick kilns (locally known as bhatta), where they engaged in brick-making. *ANI*

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Chandigarh University fulfills dreams of 388 students for Study in USA

CHANDIGARH: Chandigarh: With a vision to provide Global Exposure to its students, Chandigarh University have fulfilled academic dreams of more than 2,000 students by offering them academic learning opportunities in world's top global universities. Infact, Chandigarh University has highest visa success rate for students visiting USA for their higher studies and out of these 2,000 students more than 388 Chandigarh University students have

America, Australia, Canada and UK among other European countries and other nation all across the world through semester exchange, international programs and internships. CU has more than 1300 visiting international faculty members including 560 international research network scholars and more than 3,000 international students from 65 countries study at Chandigarh University.

CU students visited Deakin University, Australia,



pursued their higher education in prestigious universities in America. Apart from this, as part of International Study Program of Chandigarh University as many as 59 Chandigarh University students pursued their education at prestigious universities in Australia, 48 students in Canada and 13 students have studied in top global universities in United Kingdom.

Moreover, as many as 160 students have visited University of North Alabama for their higher education alone under ISP of Chandigarh University. Many students visited University of Newcastle, University of Wollongong in Australia, Okanagan College in Canada and Lincoln University in, New Zealand. These students received scholarships worth Rs 82 crores (including Rs 12 crore stipend) and amongst them the highest scholarship of Rs 1.28 crores has been given to one of the students.

CU Established 515 Collaborations with Top International Universities to Enhance Global Academic & Employment Opportunities for Students

Fulfilling academic dreams of its students to study in international universities, Chandigarh University's international transfer and semester exchange program facilitates international visits of its students to the renowned academic institutions and top universities in the world every year as part of academic

(semester) exchange program and internships in a hassle-free manner. Providing global academic and research exposure to its students has been the major cornerstone of the academic ethos nurtured here at Chandigarh University and to that effect CU has established 515 international collaborations with prestigious global universities in more than 100 countries, as a result more than 2000 CU students got the opportunity to study at prestigious global universities in United States of

Vancouver Island University, Canada, University of New Castle, Australia, Saint Petersburg University, Russia, University of North America, USA and Park Royal Penang, Malaysia among other premiere universities in across six continents of the world.

To enrich academic exposure of students through research-driven education, CU has established an international research network with more than 250 prestigious universities in 60 countries in various fields such as Engineering, Hospitality, Management and Sciences among other domains.

With these global collaborations, Chandigarh University provides its students various study abroad opportunities, including student exchange programs, summer training, semester exchanges, master's degrees or PhDs abroad, joint workshops, conferences, research projects, faculty exchanges, dual degree programs, and international employment prospects.

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quire to pay tuition fees abroad and the fee only has to be paid at Chandigarh University. Under semester abroad programs to USA, UK, Australia, a reduced semester fee has to be paid in international university, while no fee is to be paid at Chandigarh University.

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DuDigital Global Launches Indian Consular Application Centre in Seoul, South Korea

NEW DELHI: DuDigital Global Limited (NSE: DUGLOBAL), India's leading provider of visa and consular outsourcing services, is proud to announce the official inauguration of the Indian Consular Application Centre (ICAC) in Seoul, South Korea. The center, launched in partnership with the Embassy of India in the Republic of Korea, will streamline the delivery of visa, passport, and consular services for Indian nationals and foreign applicants residing in South Korea.

The opening ceremony was graced by H.E. Mr. Amit Kumar, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea, underscoring the growing strategic and, people-to-people cooperation between the two nations.

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Operated and fully managed by DuDigital Global, the new ICAC offers a secure, technology-driven, and applicant-friendly experience--reinforcing India's commitment to citizen services abroad.

Mr. Manoj Dharmani, Group CEO, DuDigital Global Limited, stated, "The launch of our new ICAC in Seoul is a proud moment for us. South Korea is a strategically important region, and we are committed to offering efficient, secure, and applicant-centric services that simplify travel and consular processes. This move aligns with our vision to empower global mobility and deliver excellence through innovation and reliability."

Mr. Shivaz Rai, Director, DuDigital Global Limited, added, "Our partnership with the Indian Embassy in Seoul underscores DuDigital's growing role as a trusted facilitator of global mobility. We are confident that this center will bring convenience and professionalism to thousands of applicants while reinforcing people-to-people connections between India and South Korea."

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Sector 89 is Gurugram's Hottest Property Destination in 2025

DELHI NCR: In the ever-expanding real estate landscape of Gurugram, Sector 89 is fast emerging as a future-ready destination that offers the perfect blend of urban convenience, infrastructure growth, and investment potential. Tucked within the city's evolving sectors, this locality is being quietly transformed into a hub of modern living and long-term promise.

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One of Sector 89's greatest strengths lies in its strategic location. Flanked by major thoroughfares, including the NH-48 and NH-352W, and located par-



allel to the Dwarka Expressway, the sector is at the crossroads of some of Gurugram's most important infrastructure networks. The presence of the Multi Utility Corridor (MUC) ensures quick access to neighboring business and residential districts, reducing travel time and boosting daily convenience.

It's this web of connectivity that places Sector 89 just 15 minutes from IMT Manesar and within easy reach of key employment zones like DLF Corporate Greens, making it a preferred choice for working professionals and families alike. ANI

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'Cement demand to grow 6-7.5% in FY26 amid recovery in infrastructure and housing'

NEW DELHI: The Indian cement industry is likely to see a demand growth of 6 to 7.5 percent in the current financial year (FY26), according to a report by Systematix Research.

The report highlighted that with consolidation-led discipline taking hold and strong momentum in infrastructure and housing sectors, the industry is entering a more stable and profitable phase. ANI



Tech-savvy construction firms attract global interest as India goes big on infrastructure

NEW DELHI: As government-led infrastructure initiatives reshape India's urban and industrial landscape, tech-savvy Indian construction players are drawing the attention of global companies involved in the planning, designing, building and managing of infrastructure and real estate.

The global players are increasingly deploying their capital and establishing Indian arms to cater to the needs of the infrastructure and construction sector.

"India is a market on today's date that cannot be ignored globally because, in a construction aspect, India is the third largest global construction market. So that is something huge," said Nirmalya Chatterjee, India head of Nemetschek, a Germany-based company.

"Hopefully, in the next two years' time, we will be the third largest economy in the world too. So this is a scale of India as a market. Quite obviously, it has a huge, huge potential," said Chatterjee.

India has embarked on an ambitious journey to revolutionize the country's infrastructure landscape, aiming to bolster economic growth, enhance connectivity, and improve the quality of

life for its citizens.

With a focus on modernizing transportation networks, upgrading urban amenities, and expanding digital infrastructure, the government has launched several transformative initiatives, with

panies, overseas companies - all are looking into this market and how they can be a part of this growth journey. And this momentum is going to continue in the coming days," he added.

The total infrastructure invest-

ment has huge potential.

Another major challenge for global companies is the fear of escalating expenses tied to new technology; however, Chatterjee says that the condi-

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Capex Expenditure of Rs 11.21 lakh crore (3.1 percent of GDP) earmarked in the financial year 2025-26.

He further added that construction is the second-largest sector GDP contributor after agriculture, and that makes it a center of attraction for global companies.

"So construction is a huge kind of potential. Technology companies, engineering compa-

nies in India has significantly increased, with public and private sector contributions shaping the growth trajectory.

India's total infrastructure spending has grown exponentially, with budget allocations rising to Rs 10 lakh crore in 2023-24, as per the official figures.

However, the fragmented nature of the construction markets is causing a challenge, despite

improving.

As the states and educational institutions are ramping up the infrastructure projects, the German company official said that they have been able to secure projects from various states such as Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, IITs and other universities, demonstrating the wider adoption of global technology. ANI

Another RBI rate cut to spark affordable real estate momentum: Experts

NEW DELHI: As the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) prepares for its monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting this week, industry experts said the transmission of rate cuts into lower borrowing costs is vital to sustain residential real estate demand - particularly in the affordable housing segment, which is sensitive to interest rate movements.

Given the prevailing benign inflation environment and the GDP growth of 6.5 percent recorded in FY2025, the Reserve Bank is likely to proceed with a 25-bps repo rate cut this Friday (June 6).

"The case for a rate cut is further supported by the revival in the liquidity conditions to a surplus of Rs 3.6 lakh crore, which enhances the effectiveness of

monetary transmission. Additionally, the softening of G-sec yields reflects bond market confidence in the RBI's inflation and liquidity management and strengthens the rationale for easing rates," said Shishir Baijal, Chairman and Managing Director, Knight Frank India.

With the anticipated rate cut, the cumulative reduction in the policy rate in this cycle would be 75 bps.

However, the focus must now shift to the pace and breadth of transmission.

"While some commercial banks have begun to lower their MCLR and base rates, the adjustments have been modest. With liquidity conditions stabilizing, there is now greater scope for commercial banks to accelerate the pass-through of policy easing

to borrowers. This will be key to spurring consumer demand and private investment, ultimately supporting economic growth," Baijal noted.

The Central Bank is projected to cut the repo rate by another 50 basis points (bps) this fiscal (FY26), after the 50 bps cut until April this year. IANS

BHARAT 2030: Tier-II & III cities will shape India's Rs. 10 lakh crore real estate future

NEW DELHI: As India's real estate growth enters a new phase; a silent but significant transformation is underway that is shifting the center of gravity away from the country's traditional metros. In his latest strategic report titled "BHARAT 2030: The Silent Surge of Tier-II and Tier-III Cities", Ashwinder R. Singh--Chairman of the CII Real Estate Committee (North), Vice Chairman of BCD Group,



and Advisor to NAR India- maps the future trajectory of growth and inclusion in Indian real estate.

As per the report, the new wave of expansion is not driven by temporary demand overflow, but by long-term structural shifts in aspirations, affordability, and accessibility. Tier II cities like Raipur, Salem, Belagavi, Hosur, Jabalpur, Aurangabad, Tirunelveli, Siliguri, Baddi, Udaipur, and Warangal are emerging as the real engines of India's next growth story.

Tier III cities like Ayodhya, Dharwad, Sangli, Haldwani, Ajmer, Barshi, Kharagpur, Nanded, Agartala, and Kollam have historically remained under the radar but are now stepping into the spotlight, building the next Rs. 10 lakh crore of India's real estate economy.

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Advisor to NAR India, states, "For decades, India's real estate narrative revolved around the top 7-8 metro cities. But that story is being rewritten. What we're witnessing is not just spillover from saturated metros; it's a fundamental reshaping of the growth landscape. Cities once considered peripheral are now emerging as vibrant hubs for housing, employment, infrastructure, and investment."

The report identifies this shift not as a cyclical deviation from the dominance of metros like Delhi, Mumbai, or Bengaluru, but as a deeper reordering of India's urban development model. It pinpoints the specific growth corridors that exemplify this transformation.

Bhubaneswar is leading the way with walkable neighborhoods rooted in smart city design and cultural context.

Jabalpur and Gwalior are witnessing township-led growth spurred by improved highway networks and air connectivity. Cities like Salem and Tirunelveli are becoming health-tech magnets, following the lead of Coimbatore.

In central India, warehousing hubs are emerging in Raipur, Siliguri, and Belagavi, driven by their strategic locations and enhanced connectivity. Industrial corridors in

Hosur, Aurangabad, and Pithampur are evolving into EV manufacturing zones, generating demand for both workforce and executive housing.

Even the knowledge suburbs of Chandigarh, such as Baddi, Barotiwala, and Derabassi, are transforming from industrial satellites into

integrated living ecosystems. Meanwhile, cities like Lucknow and Ayodhya are undergoing a renaissance, fuelled by government investment, institutional development, and spiritual tourism.

One of the most powerful insights from Singh's report is that infrastructure in these cities is leading development. Infrastructure in Tier-II and Tier-III cities is becoming the new imperative for Indian real estate, with expressways, regional airports, railways, and metro lines laying the groundwork for expansion. Corporates are entering early, drawn by cost advantages and access to local talent. Land remains both affordable and available, enabling large-scale, community-led developments. Rising household incomes, improved education, and digital reach are driving aspirations upward. Besides, local governments are offering faster approvals and policy support, making

these cities more investor-friendly. The growing trend of reverse migration is further accelerating this shift, as people return home in search of a better quality of life.

In terms of strategy, the report encourages developers to enter early, focusing

on plotted developments, affordable housing, and township models, while partnering with local players and ensuring timely delivery to build trust and value. Investors need to look beyond the herd, identifying locations where infrastructure aligns with policy intent, signaled by upcoming highways, GCCs, rail links, and institutional projects. Policymakers must treat these cities as testing grounds for reform, enabling faster digital approvals, promoting sustainable urban mobility, and incentivizing ESG-led development for long-term impact.

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Housing registration in Mumbai decline 4% YoY, mortgage rate cut likely to improve sales: Report

MUMBAI: The house registrations in Mumbai decline 4 percent YoY in May and down 12 percent MoM to 11,565 units, says a report by Nuvama Research.

According to report, despite the decline in the number of registrations, the total value of registrations rose 3 percent YoY to Rs 177 billion. On a monthly basis, the registration value dropped 5 percent.

In the first five months of 2025 (January to May), Mumbai recorded 61,461 housing unit registrations, which is 6 percent higher compared to the same period last year.

By value, registrations rose 17 percent YoY to Rs 949 billion. The average ticket size of the registered properties also increased 11 percent YoY to Rs 14.7 million.

In Maharashtra, the number of property registrations in May 2025 stood at 148,080 units. This is a 2 percent decline YoY but a 2 percent increase compared to April 2025.

The report also said that 80 percent of the total registrations in Mumbai were residential properties. Compact homes,

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those below 1,000 square feet, continued to dominate the market.

Among these, homes sized between 500 and 1,000 square feet were the most preferred, accounting for about 44 percent

of all registrations.

Larger homes, those above 1,000 square feet, made up 17 percent of total registrations in May 2025, compared to 15 percent in May 2024. This share remained flat on a monthly basis.

The report also highlighted that the central and western suburbs were the most active areas, contributing to 87 percent of the total registrations during the month.

The report noted a 1 percent YoY increase in the share of registrations from central and south Mumbai. This indicates a rise in demand for premium homes in these areas, likely due to new project launches and ongoing infrastructure development.

Highlighting the outlook of the sector the report added that "A robust launch trajectory and mortgage rate cut are likely to improve sales in Mumbai going ahead".

Overall, year-to-date registrations in 2025 stood at 64,461 units, up 6 percent YoY. Looking ahead, the report said that a strong pipeline of upcoming housing projects and a possible reduction in mortgage rates could lead to better sales in Mumbai in the coming months. ANI

Philosophy

RAMESH BALSEKAR

Everything in the universe is based on opposites. Nothing in the world, nothing in the universe is static; the universe is moving all the time. The universe is always changing from one opposite to the other.

The opposites are interconnected. In reality, we can only go along with them. But the human intellect compares the opposites, wants to choose between the opposites and it just can't be done. Opposites are inter-related polarities. One cannot exist without the other.

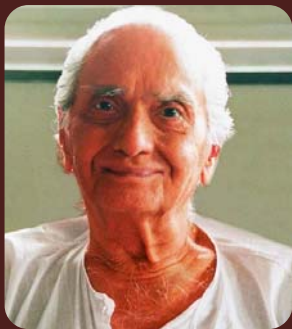
The human being is unhappy because he seeks security. Security means no change, and nothing in the universe can remain unchanged. The human being's search for security must necessarily end in frustration. The human being has to accept that insecurity. The changing from one opposite into the other is the very basis of life and existence.

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choice. We feel that we can exercise our volition and yet, deep down, we know that there is an order infinitely more powerful which seems to dictate our life.

We have the deep feeling, a deep intuitive feeling, that while our choices are merely superficial, our lives are actually being lived by a totally different power, an infinitely more powerful principle - a universal Consciousness before which the individual Consciousness is like a candle compared to the sun. So the metaphysical aspects of this understanding are astonishing.

All opposites are polaric. Neither of the two opposites could exist without the other. Lao Tzu has put it beautifully, "As soon as you talk of beauty, the ugliness is already there, as soon as you talk of good, the evil is already there." So when you remember this, then you will understand that everything is interrelated, there is nothing which is totally separate from its opposite. When you think of something, don't forget its polaric opposite. Then you will understand that there is nothing in the



Ramesh Balsekar

Search for security must end in frustration

The universe is always changing from one opposite to the other

drawing of more than one cube. One moment it will look as if there are three cubes, but if you keep looking at it the three cubes turn into five cubes. This flip-flop, this change from one face to the other, is a clear indication of this basic duality. The human processes of perceiving are such that you cannot see both the faces at the same time.

So, it is really in how you look at the processes of life. Human beings compare, judge and prefer, they want to keep on knowing the why of it, always involved in the process of looking and interpreting. According to the physicist, this is misinterpretation. The question is, "If I don't see it and understand it, how can I accept it?"

The mystic and the physicist both say, "accept it, and then you will see it," not with your intellectual perception, but from a different dimension altogether. In fact it is not really seeing. It will be felt; it will be experienced.

It is for this reason, failing to see the inherent polarity in life, that we seem to have a feeling of having some kind of

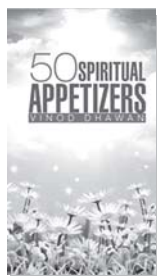
world which can stand by itself.

Modern art is considered beautiful, worth millions of dollars. A few years ago, nobody would have touched it. Abortion, a few years ago was a crime. Today, the third world governments are sponsoring abortion in order to check population explosion. What is good? What is evil? What is beautiful? What is ugly? Who decides? On what basis do you decide?

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Can India ever catch up with China? Third-largest economy is stuck in middle-income trap

AJIT RANADE

Around 1990, India and China had roughly the same economic size and per capita income in dollar terms. China's per capita income was lower than that of India. Both were ranked between 140 to 145 out of 190 odd countries. China's economic reforms had started in 1978, but the real momentum to their growth was yet to kick in. India's reforms started in the next year i.e. 1991, thirteen years behind that of China. Fast forward to the present. These two are now the second and fourth largest economies in the world. China became the second largest economy back in 2010. India has attained the fourth rank just this past week as per the International Monetary Fund, and this was proudly announced by the Chief Executive of Niti Aayog, on the sidelines of the meeting of the Governing Council of Niti, chaired by the Prime Minister. The CEO was confident that India would overtake Germany to become the third largest economy in the next three years.

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13000 dollars, almost five times that of India. That's mostly because China's economy expanded by 51 times over the past 35 years. China was able to maintain a real growth rate of 10 percent per annum for three decades. The two countries were ranked similarly in 1990 in per capita income. But India is now rank 141 out of 197 whereas China's rank is 70. India is now firmly in the middle income bracket, as defined by the World Bank, whereas China has moved close to being considered a high income country (which is defined as above 14000 dollars per capita).

Above that threshold the World Bank lingo refers to the grouping as developed economies. India is aiming to achieve that status by 2047. For that to happen India's growth rate has to accelerate and maintain an average of 7.8 percent in dollar terms for the next twenty years. It is slightly higher than the average that has been achieved in recent years, i.e. 7.3.

Why did India fare poorly as compared to China over the period 1990 to 2025? Is it because of ignoring the potential of export led growth dominated by labor-intensive exports? Is it because of low investment in primary health and education? Is it because of the inspector raj which re-

placed the license raj which was dismantled in 1991? Is it because of India's three-tiered system of governance which hinders the ease of doing business? Or is it because India's democratic system has a cost to pay in terms of slower growth? There are many more questions regarding India's poor performance when compared to China but pursuit of these is fruitless for now. It is time to focus on what needs to be done to achieve a high growth which is sustained for two decades, and also inclusive, so that it leads to growth in per capita incomes as well. This would mean growth of productivity, wages, household incomes and high quality jobs. If that is not achieved, then India might very well become the third largest economy by 2047, but will be stuck in the middle income trap, and per capita income may stagnate well below 10,000 dollars.

Contrasting growth paths

The contrast with China is most telling. Back in 1990 both countries had similar per capita incomes, but in 2025 China's per capita income has raced ahead to

The rise of India and China in the past three decades is nothing short of spectacular, historic and unprecedented. Together the two giants of Asia represent 40 percent of humanity. India's economic size is presently about 4.1 trillion dollars, while China is 19 trillion which is five times bigger. India's economy has grown at 6.3 percent per annum from the year 2000 till 2024 in real terms, as per World Bank. This is the fastest growth rate among large economies. In recent years the average rate of growth of India has gone up to about 7.3 percent. As compared to 1990 India's economy is now 11.5 times bigger, while the population is only 1.6 times larger. This means that the per person or per capita income has grown substantially from about 360 dollars in 1990 to 2700 dollars in 2025.

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Nestled amidst the pine-clad hills, Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya, unfolds like a picturesque canvas at an elevation of 1496 meters. Revered as the 'Scotland of the East,' the city offers a delightful blend of captivating landscapes, pleasant weather, and rich traditions. Shillong derives its name from Lei Shyllong, an idol worshipped at the Shillong Peak, and is home to diverse tribal communities like Khyrim, Myliem, Maharam, Mallaisohmat, Bhowal, and Langrim, each contributing to the vibrant cultural tapestry.

One of the city's prominent attractions is Umiam Lake, a sprawling reservoir surrounded by hills that offer a serene escape. The tranquility of the Elephant Falls, cascading gracefully amidst lush greenery, adds to Shillong's natural allure. For those seeking adventure, the Laitlum Canyons unveil breathtaking panoramic views, making it a must-visit for trekking enthusiasts.

Shillong is not just a haven for nature lovers; it boasts museums and cultural gems like the Don Bosco Museum, showcasing the indigenous cultures of the North-east. The Meghalaya State Museum is another treasure trove, delving into the state's heritage through artifacts and exhibits. The bustling Police Bazar, a vibrant market, captures the pulse of Shillong with its lively atmosphere and diverse shopping experiences.

Venturing beyond the city limits, Mawphlang stands as a testament to Meghalaya's cultural heritage, known for its sacred groves and traditional rituals. On the other hand, Mawlynnong, acclaimed as the cleanest village in Asia, beckons with its living root bridges and pristine landscapes.

Shillong's musical heartbeat resonates through its title as the "music capital of India." The city's westernized culture and youthful vibe contribute to its dynamic music scene. Throughout the year, music events and festivals celebrate Shillong's rich musical heritage. The city's charm lies not just in its natural beauty but also in the warmth of its people, making it a destination that lingers in the hearts of those who explore its scenic wonders and cultural richness.

PLACES TO VISIT IN SHILLONG

Umiam Lake: Umiam Lake, a mesmerizing man-made reservoir, is located at a distance of 15 kilometers north of Shillong which is the capital of the north-eastern Indian state of Meghalaya. The lake was formed after a dam was constructed to generate hydroelectric power. The scenic Umiam Lake is encircled by lush green East Khasi hills that form one of the best panoramic sights for

nature-lovers in the country.

Elephant Falls: Named after an Elephant like stone at its foot, the Elephant Falls are amongst the most popular falls in the North-East, situated next to Shillong. It is a tourists' paradise with three layers of the falls accessible to the layman from different vantage points. The Britishers named this fall so owing to the presence of an elephant-shaped rock on one side of the fall. However, the stone disintegrated and was washed away due to an earthquake in 1897. Elephant Waterfalls is a superb place for spending some time in the midst of nature while capturing the incredible moments for your keepsake.

Shillong Peak: At the height of 6449 ft or 1965 m above sea level, Shillong Peak is the highest point of Shillong. It offers a breathtaking panoramic view of the entire city, the Himalayas, its waterfalls as well as of the Bangladesh plains. A telescope is available for tourists to get a bird's eye view. Trekking up to this semi-circular Shillong Peak is highly recommended for the best views but it is often bounded by heavy fog.

Laitlum Canyons: Perched on the East Khasi Hills, Laitlum Canyons is a less explored but one of the most picturesque tourist and trekking destinations in Shillong. The canyons are located about 21 Kms south of Shillong, which is about a half-hour drive away. www.holidify.com

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Cyber Violence Is Silencing Women in Bangladesh

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There's no denying that Bangladesh has stepped firmly into the digital age. Mobile screens now light up village homes; remote banking, online education, telemedicine—what once felt futuristic is now ordinary. The country, once constrained by analog limitations, has rapidly built its digital scaffolding. And yet, in the spaces between the milestones, something unsettling is happening.

Women, far from being lifted equally by this transformation, are increasingly under threat. Not from the technology itself, but from how it's being weaponized. Cyber violence against women isn't just a growing problem—it's a

significant number of cases, the attacker is someone the victim once trusted. A partner. An acquaintance met online. A former classmate. A 2021-2022 study found that ex-boyfriends were behind one-third of cyber violence incidents involving women. Another 20 percent stemmed from digital 'friendships.' Trust is being turned into a trap. And the silence that follows is deafening.

Digital abuse and its toll

The damage doesn't remain online. It travels. It spills into classrooms, offices, and family circles. Some women face public shame. Others leave school or change jobs. Nearly half suffer social humiliation; many face financial con-

problem it's trying to solve.

Between 2014 and 2022, Dhaka's cyber tribunal delivered verdicts in just over 200 cases—out of more than 2,000 filed. That's a conviction rate of under 10 percent. Some cases drag on for years. Others quietly fade out. The justice system, as it stands, is not built to handle the velocity or complexity of digital abuse.

Part of the issue lies in training. Officers and investigators are often not equipped to understand how cybercrimes unfold. Victims are left explaining how platforms work or why online threats matter. Legal expert Salma Ali points to a critical gap: digital cases are handled like physical crimes, using tools and thinking that don't fit. As a result, victims are retraumatized, and offenders walk free.

The legal language, too, hasn't kept pace. The Information Communication Technology Act, while containing provisions on digital offenses, often falls back on general terms like "defamation." But this isn't about reputational damage in the abstract. This is about targeted, gendered harm—about control, humiliation, and coercion. Without specific laws addressing issues like non-consensual image sharing or online stalking, most cases fall through the cracks.

All of this feeds into a larger, more insidious outcome: women retreating from digital life. Some leave social media entirely. Others think twice before expressing an opinion, posting a photo, or joining a group. And as they pull back, opportunities narrow. Education, job access, civic participation—all of it increasingly runs through digital spaces. When women exit those spaces for safety, they're not just losing platforms. They're losing possibilities.

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quiet epidemic. Recent figures from the Cyber Crime Awareness Foundation show a sharp spike: cybercrime more than doubled in a single year, and nearly 60 percent of the victims were women. The Police Cyber Support for Women (PCSW) received over 9,000 harassment complaints in 2024. And those numbers barely scratch the surface. Most cases never make it to any formal system. Many women don't report—some fear retaliation; others have simply stopped expecting justice.

The forms of abuse are not abstract. They are precise and deeply personal. Hacked profiles, revenge porn, doctored images, threats delivered through messaging apps—each method tailored to degrade and control. For many women, the screen has become a source of dread, not freedom.

A closer look reveals something even more troubling: in a

sequences. But the emotional toll—while harder to measure—is often the most lasting. In a culture that still holds women responsible for their own victimhood, a single leaked photo or false rumor can dismantle years of effort.

One high-profile case involving a Bangladeshi actress made this painfully clear. When private videos of her were leaked by a former fiancé, the fallout was swift—but not for the man who betrayed her. The scrutiny, the mockery, the moral judgment—it all landed squarely on her shoulders. The technology was modern; the public reaction was anything but.

And yet, despite the rising numbers and devastating outcomes, the system charged with addressing these crimes is deeply underprepared. PCSW, while a meaningful initiative, operates within a legal and institutional structure that lags far behind the



AMERICA'S FOUNDATIONS SHAKEN

The very foundations, on which the country was built and envisaged by the founding fathers, seemed a bit shaken today after nearly 250 yrs since it was founded. The country formed mainly by immigrants who came with not only new found dreams but also a willingness to work hard and make things happen, which they were unable to do so in their home countries. The continuous immigration of young and talented individuals, more recent examples like Elon Musk, Sundar Pichai and millions others like them have made things happen here.

One of the main foundational pillars were the higher educational institutions like Princeton, Harvard, Stanford, M.I.T., Cal Tech and such, which were supported greatly by federal grants and private endowments from the industry. United States economy and leadership mainly came from its investments in R & D through these very institutions, which were well funded to continue among the world's best and also attracts the best of the world's brains.

Trump administration's recent move to cut funding across the board of such institutions may be too harsh and is likely to cause harm for development of the country as a whole. However, the use of free speech to cause harm by students to the very country they come to seek education and progress should not be allowed. In this respect, Trump is totally right on the action taken against them and the institutions that supports them. While taking such actions Trump administration must vet carefully not to harm the very foundations. Not only does it take years to build such institutions but the country too needs people who are ready to work day and night to reach those heights and, immigrant communities have consistently provided America with the mission they needed. No country is perfect and no institution is perfect but due to the well-founded environment of freedom created by successive administrations to excel in almost everything from a pin to engine, America continues to lead rest of the world.

During the 1930's and soon after World War II several eminent scientists from Europe fled for the very freedom America provided, which they did not get in their home countries. Amongst them which include Einstein and Oppenheimer, father of nuclear bomb, and many other immigrants became the foundation for America's leadership in science and, several important industries and thereby growth of the nation. Today countries around the world try to imitate what America has achieved but most of them lack the environment needed to take the leap forward.

America was known around the world and respected as the country, which stands for freedom and democratic values not only for its citizens but also to support and fight for other nations around the world. The very reason so many continue to flock to the U.S. giving up their roots and families, to search for their dreams. Today these dreams seem shattered by some of the actions taken by the administration but they must not give up so easily and stay united to protect the principles America stood for so many years. Those who came to disturb the peace and harmony of the nation should no doubt be deported back to their respective countries.

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MISS WORLD OPAL SUCHATA CHUANGSRI opens up on her plans of visiting Ram Mandir, Ayodhya

MUMBAI: Opal Suchata Chuangsri from Thailand, who has been crowned the Miss World 2025, has shared that she plans to visit many temples in India, and the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya is on her list.

Chuangsri spoke with IANS after her massive win, and spoke about the cultural ties between India and Thailand.

She said, "I would love to visit so many temples here in India. I think it's very charming and like I said that we share a lot of cultures and traditions between India and Thailand. So it would be great to visit and to know those places".

India and Thailand share a long history of cultural and commercial relations. In Thailand, the 'Ramayana' is known as 'Ramakien'. The Indian epic profoundly influenced Thai literature, art, and royal traditions. The story, while based on the original Indian Ramayana, has been adapted into a distinctive Thai version with its own interpretations and cultural nuances.

Lord Hanuman is given a more prominent role in the Thai version and is sometimes portrayed with a more playful character.

Chuangsri also shared her message for the women of Telangana, the state where the Miss World 2025 grand finale was held.

She said, "I would say that first meeting all of the women here in Telangana, India. You all have really inspired me on this journey with

all your strength and resilience and the beauty from within all of you. IANS

Opal Suchata Chuangsri of Thailand crowned Miss World 2025, in Hyderabad. (ANI Photo)

Sonu dedicates Miss World Humanitarian Award to resilient mothers, students and migrants

MUMBAI: Bollywood actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood, who has been feted with the Miss World Humanitarian Award, dedicated it to countless unsung heroes - mothers praying for their children, students striving for education despite hardship who couldn't afford to study, and resilient migrants who walked for miles.

Sonu took to Instagram, where he shared a string of pictures of him getting honored by actor Rana Daggubatti and posing with the award.

For the caption, he wrote: This award belongs to every mother who prayed for a bus to take her child home, to every student who couldn't afford education but never gave up dreaming, and to every migrant who walked miles yet never lost faith. Grateful and humbled to receive the Miss World Humanitarian Award. This is for every heart that cares."

Sonu is known for his humanitarian work, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In July 2016, he established the production house Shakti Sagar Productions, which is named after his father, Shakti Sagar Sood. In September 2020, Sood was chosen for the 'SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award' by United Nations Development Program (UNDP), for his humanitarian works. In June 2022, he launched his social media app called Explurger.

The actor through his Sood Charity Foundation launched the Sonu Sood

Scholarship to help the economically backward section of society students.

As per reports, under this scheme, financial assistance will be provided to the economically backward students of India to continue higher education without worrying about any financial hurdles.

On the work front, the actor was recently seen in Fateh, an action thriller film written and directed by him. It also stars Naseeruddin Shah, Jacqueline Fernandez, Vijay Raaz and Dibyendu Bhattacharya.

It follows Fateh, an ex-agent who comes out of his tranquil life in order to bring down the entire cyber mafia syndicate when a local girl falls victim to it and goes missing. IANS



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ADITYA ROY KAPUR: EVERYDAY A DISCOVERY, WORKING WITH ANURAG BASU

Bollywood actor Aditya Roy Kapur, who is gearing up for the release of his upcoming musical 'Metro In Dino', has shared his experience of working with filmmaker Anurag Basu.

The film marks Aditya's 2nd collaboration with Anurag after 'Ludo'. It was the freshness of the narrative and the uniqueness of the musical storytelling that drew him in. The actor found himself intrigued by the film's attempt to blend conversations with music, a challenge he hadn't quite taken on before.

Sharing his experience of working with the director, Aditya said, "With Dada everything and everyday is a discovery, everyday is a fun challenge. It is unpredictable, you don't know what new idea he is gonna throw your way and that's the most fun part of the process".

He further mentioned, "I think with this project there is a musical element to it, one is trying to blend in music into the scene, in and out of the scene. So I think this was a new thing to try and figure out how to go from talking into singing and then back to talking. And how to kind of navigate that was challenging but also rewarding and that was a new thing for me".

For him, the joy was in the unpredictability, both in Anurag Basu's vision and in the musical rhythm of the film.

The film also stars Anupam Kher, Pankaj Tripathi, Konkona Sen Sharma, Sara Ali Khan, Fatima Sana Shaikh, Ali Fazal, and Neena Gupta.

'Metro In Dino' features music by Pritam, and marks another collaboration between the composer and Anurag after 5 years with 'Ludo' being their last collaborative venture. **IANS**

Kritika Kamra completes shoot for Anusha Rizvi's drama

Actress Kritika Kamra has concluded shooting for filmmaker Anusha Rizvi's upcoming female led dramedy in New Delhi, right after she wrapped up "Matka King".

The upcoming film, stars Kritika in the lead role, also features Farida Jalal, Juhi Babbar and Shreya Dhanwanthary in prominent parts.

Shot entirely in Delhi, the film brings together a compelling cast under the sharp and distinctive direction of Rizvi, known for her critically acclaimed Peepli Live. The project marks a significant milestone for Kritika as she headlines this unique completely female dominant narrative laced with touches of comedy.

"Shooting in Delhi brought an authenticity to the film that would have been hard to replicate elsewhere. Kritika, Juhi, and Shreya brought incredible energy to the set, and Anusha's vision for this project is both bold and refreshing," says a source close to the production. **IANS**

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- 2 Aaj Ki Raat : **Stree 2**
- 3 Tainu Khabar Nahi: **Munjya**
- 4 Jaane Tu: **Chhaava**
- 5 Ishq Hai: **Mismatched - Season 3**
- 6 Millionaire: **GLORY**
- 7 Aayi Nai: **Stree 2**
- 8 Uyi Amma: **Azaad**
- 9 Tumhare Hi Rahenge Hum: **Stree 2**
- 10 Maniac - Bonus Track: **Glory**



Huma Qureshi treats her 'pretty boys'

Huma Qureshi took to social media to share a heartwarming video of her beloved pet dogs, Toosh and Kishmish, enjoying a luxurious grooming and spa session.

Calling them her "pretty boys," the actress gave a delightful glimpse into how she pampers her furry companions. Taking to Instagram, Huma posted an adorable video featuring herself with her furry companions, Toosh and Kishmish, as they enjoyed a pampering grooming session.

The video features the adorable duo getting the royal treatment - from gentle brushing to a soothing wash and all the love that comes with a spa day for pets. The clip captured the gentle brushing, relaxing wash, and loving attention that made Toosh and Kishmish look their best. In the video, the actress is seen posing proudly with her pets, who look neat, clean, and absolutely adorable following their spa treatment.

Sharing the clip, Qureshi wrote in the caption, "My Pretty Boys ... Toosh & Kishmish #spa #doglover #haicare #grooming #humaqureshi #trending." **IANS**

Nargis Fakhri is 'back' like she 'never left'

Actress Nargis Fakhri, who is all set to be seen on the silver screen after two years with "Housefull 5", says she is "back" like she "never left."

Nargis took to Instagram recently, where she shared a string of pictures from a photo-shoot she did during the trailer launch of the fifth installment of the "Housefull" franchise, which is directed by Tarun Mansukhani.

Talking about her "comeback" like never before, she wrote in the caption: "Back like I never left-louder, bolder, and too hot to handle #forceofnature."

The actress was last seen in "Shiv Shastri Balboa", which released in 2023. The comedy film is directed by Ajayan Venugopalan. The film stars Anupam Kher, Neena Gupta and Jugal Hansraj in lead roles.

Talking about "Housefull 5", the film boasts an exciting cast with Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, Jacqueline Fernandez, Sonam Bajwa, Nargis Fakhri, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff, Nana Patekar, Chitrangada Singh, Fardeen Khan, Chunky Pandey, Johnny Lever, Shreyas Talpade, Dino Morea, Ranjeet, Soundarya Sharma, Nikitin Dheer, and Akashdeep Sabir. IANS

Shweta Tiwari swoons over Mumbai, despite 'Traffic everywhere'

Actress Shweta Tiwari expresses her deep love for Mumbai, agreeing with its constant traffic but cherishing the city's spirit.

Shweta took to Instagram, where she shared a string of car selfies. In the image, the actress is seen sitting in the backseat of a car and posing for selfies. In one image, the mother of actress Palak Tiwari is seen posing with a flower bouquet.

For the caption: "Traffic traffic everywhere, but still can't help loving you...Mumbai meri Jaan."

Shweta, one of the highest paid television actresses, is widely known for her portrayal of Perna Sharma in Kasautii Zindagii Kay. In 2010, she participated in Bigg Boss 4 and emerged as the winner, thus becoming the first female winner of the series.

She has also worked in several other television shows and is known for playing Sweetie Ahluwalia in Parvarish, Bindiya Thakur in Begusarai, Guneet Sikka Sharma in Mere Dad Ki Dulhan and Aparajita Singh in Main Hoon Aparajita. Other reality shows to her credit include Nach Baliye, Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa and Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi.

She made her debut in Hindi films in 2004 with Madhoshi, a psychological thriller film. It was directed by Tanveer Khan in his directorial debut, and stars Bipasha Basu, John Abraham, Shweta Tiwari and Priyanshu Chatterjee.

Her latest work includes the web series "Indian Police Force," an action thriller directed by Rohit Shetty and Sushwanth Prakash. IANS

Triptii Dimri reveals where her 'heart feels most at ease'

Bollywood actress Triptii Dimri opened up about the special place where she finds true peace and comfort.

Sharing heartfelt moments from her recent trip to the hills, the 'Animal' actress revealed that the hills and mountains hold a deep connection to her soul and offer her a sanctuary away from the hustle of daily life. Triptii Dimri shared a video capturing serene moments from her trip to the hills. In the video, she is seen enjoying the gentle rain while sitting on a rock, peacefully gazing at the lush green hills surrounding her. She also delights in making and savoring a simple meal of Maggi amidst the tranquil natural setting, embracing the calm and simplicity that the hills offer. IANS





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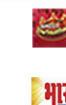
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