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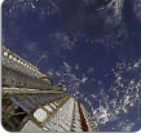
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Ambassador Kwatra also shared perspective on the developments in West



US Senator Jacky Rosen and Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra
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Asia with the President of the Middle East Institute, Ambassador Stuart E Jones. He wrote on X, "Had an engaging conversation with the President of @MiddleEastInst Amb Stuart E. Jones. Shared perspectives on recent geopolitical developments in the West Asia region."

Earlier on October 26, Ambassador Kwatra had met Senator Jeanne Shaheen and held discussions focused on arriving at a mutually beneficial trade arrangement, India's energy security and increasing oil and gas trade with the US.

He wrote on X, "Had a productive meet-

ing with @SenatorShaheen, Ranking Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee @SFRCDems. Our discussions focused on our work to arrive at a mutually beneficial trade arrangement, India's energy security and increasing oil and gas trade with the U.S, and shared geopolitical challenges in our region. Also reiterated our PM's stance for peaceful resolution of conflict in Ukraine through constructive dialogue and diplomacy."

In his wide-ranging interactions, earlier on October 25, Ambassador Kwatra, met Jim Taiclet, CEO of Lockheed Martin, and held discussions on the industrial cooperation between New Delhi and Washington DC, with a special focus on Atmanirbhar Bharat goals.

Ambassador Kwatra, held discussions on the India-US energy security partnership and discussed the recent developments in this area.

Sharing the details in a post on X, Ambassador Kwatra said, "Had a fruitful discussion with Deputy Secretary James Danly on the India-US energy security partnership and shared perspectives on recent developments in energy trade and ties." ANI

China extends 'warm welcome' as direct flight from Kolkata lands in Guangzhou

BEIJING/NEW DELHI: China extended a warm welcome to the passengers of an IndiGo Airlines flight that landed in Guangzhou on Monday (27 Oct), making it the first direct flight between both countries after a gap of over five years.

"On the morning of October 27, IndiGo Airlines flight 6E1703 arrived at Guangzhou, China safe and sound. Warm welcome to China," Yu Jing, spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in India, wrote on X.

Direct flights between Kolkata and China's Guangzhou city resumed as the first flight took off from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport late on 26 October.

"Direct flights between China and India are now a reality. Kolkata-Guangzhou launches today. Shanghai-New Delhi starts Nov 9, flying three times a week," the spokesperson posted on X.

The decision to resume direct flights

between the two countries was made earlier this year when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping met on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit, paving the way for a broader reset in flight operations.

Following the recent diplomatic initia-



tives, private carrier IndiGo announced that it will resume daily, non-stop flights connecting Kolkata to Guangzhou starting October 26. The low-cost airline had also announced new daily direct flights

between New Delhi and China's Guangzhou from November 10. The airline said that the route will be operated using Airbus A320 aircraft.

Meanwhile, China Eastern Airlines has announced the resumption of flights on its India route with direct flights between Shanghai and Delhi starting from

November 9, giving a fresh momentum for people-to-people exchanges and economic and trade collaboration between New Delhi and Beijing. The service will operate three times weekly - on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Earlier on October 24, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Guo Jiakun said that the resumption of direct flights between India and China is the latest progress in implementing the consensus reached between PM Modi and Xi Jinping during their meeting in Tianjin. IANS

Pak Defense Minister dares Taliban to test Islamabad's resolve at 'own peril and doom'

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Defense Minister Khawaja Asif recently issued a stern warning to Afghan Taliban, stating that they can test the resolve of Islamabad at their "own peril and doom", local media reported.

He added that Pakistan does not even need to use "a fraction" of its full arsenal to "completely obliterate" the Taliban and push them back to the caves for hiding, Pakistan-based Geo News reported.

In a statement shared on X, Pakistan's Defense Minister stated, "We have borne your treachery and mockery for too long, but no more. Any terrorist attack or any suicide bombing inside Pakistan shall give you the bitter taste of such misadventures. Be assured and test our resolve and capabilities, if you wish so, at your own peril and doom." IANS

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'Father, killer, tough as hell': Trump calls PM Modi "nicest-looking guy", hints at early trade deal

GYEONGJU: US President Donald Trump lavished praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the "nicest-looking guy" while describing him as a "father" but also calling him "a killer" and "tough as hell", while hinting at an imminent trade deal between the two countries.

While delivering his keynote remarks at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEOs Luncheon in Gyeongju, South Korea, the US President also reiterated his disputed claim of personally averting



ing a nuclear war between India and Pakistan in May.

Trump asserted that his intervention helped de-escalate tensions between the two nuclear-armed nations, claiming that seven planes were shot down during the conflict.

He said he personally contacted both PM Modi and Pakistan's leadership to halt the hostilities, linking the resolution to trade negotiations.

"I'm doing a trade deal with India, and I have great respect and love for Prime Minister Modi. We have a great relationship. Likewise, the Prime Minister of Pakistan is a great guy. They have a Field Marshal. You know why he's a Field Marshal? He's a great fighter. And I know them all. I'm reading that seven planes were shot down. These are two nuclear nations. And they're really going at it," Trump said.

"And I called Prime Minister Modi and said, 'We can't make a trade deal with

killer. He's tough as hell. 'No, we will fight,' [PM Modi said]. I said, 'Whoa, this is the same man that I know,'" he added.

The US President also compared his own handling of the situation to that of former US President Joe Biden, questioning if Biden could have achieved similar results.

"After literally two days, they called up and they said, 'We understand,' and they stopped fighting. How is that? Isn't that amazing? Now, do you think Biden would have done that? I

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you.' 'No, no, we must make a trade deal.' I said, 'No, we can't. You're starting a war with Pakistan. We're not going to do it.' And then I called Pakistan and said, 'We're not going to do trade with you because you're fighting with India.' They said, 'No, no, you should let us fight.' They both said that. They're strong people. Prime Minister Modi is the nicest-looking guy. He looks like you'd like to have your father, but he's a

don't think so," he concluded.

Trump's comments on the India-Pakistan conflict refer to the escalation in May following India's Operation Sindoor, a series of precision strikes on nine terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir that killed 26 civilians. ANI

'Going to have a very good outcome for our country and the world'

SEOUL: Ahead of the highly awaited meeting between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping recently, Trump expressed confidence and said that he is expecting a "very good outcome" out of the meeting with Xi.

He made the remarks to reporters while he was onboard Air Force One, enroute to South Korea.

Speaking about the highly anticipated meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Trump said, "Tomorrow morning is the one that most people find most interesting, and I think we're going to have a great meeting with President Xi of China and a lot of problems are going to be solved."

In his interaction with the press, he said that he is "optimistic" about the meeting.

"I know a little bit about what's going on because we have been talking to them. We're not just walking into a meeting cold. The relationship with China is very good. So I think we're going to have a very good outcome for our country and the world. I think it is important for the world," the US President remarked. ANI

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EAM Jaishankar meets Marco Rubio in Malaysia; appreciates discussion on US-India ties

KUALA LUMPUR: India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar, recently, met the US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and appreciated the discussion on bilateral ties as well as regional and global issues.

The meeting comes amid the ongoing trade talks between the two countries.

In a post on his official X account, EAM Jaishankar wrote: "Glad to meet @SecRubio this morning in Kuala Lumpur. Appreciated the discussion on our bilateral ties as well as regional and global issues."

"We are in dialogue with the United States of America. Our teams are engaged. We recently had the commerce secretary visit the US, and he met with his counterparts. We continue to engage with them, and talks are progressing. We hope to work towards a fair and equitable agreement in the near future," Union Minister Piyush Goyal said last week.

Earlier, Rubio dismissed growing concerns that Washington's growing strategic ties with Pakistan are meant to sideline India. He noted that the relationship with Islamabad would not undermine the US' "deep, historic, and important" partnership with New Delhi.

The US State Secretary, while address-

ing the press en route to Doha, Qatar, had asserted that New Delhi understands the necessity of engaging multiple nations in a mature diplomatic framework.

"I don't think anything we're doing with Pakistan comes at the expense of our re-

lationship or friendship with India, which is deep, historic, and important," Rubio told reporters when asked about India's apprehensions over the recent surge in the US-Pakistan relationship.

India and ASEAN nations strengthened

their bond at the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted key areas for collaboration, counter-terrorism, early review of the ASEAN-India FTA, and maritime security, among others. /ANS

India committed to further maritime ties in line with ASEAN's outlook on Indo-Pacific: EAM Jaishankar

KUALA LUMPUR: Highlighting India's intention to host the 7th East Asia Summit (EAS) Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar has expressed India's commitment to further strengthen maritime cooperation.

Delivering India's national statement at the East Asia Summit in Kuala Lumpur, EAM Jaishankar said, "India fully supports the activities of the EAS and its future directions. We recently hosted the EAS knowledge exchange workshop on energy efficiency policies and a conclave of higher educational institutions.

"Our commitment to furthering maritime cooperation remains strong, in line with the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific and our shared commitment to the 1982 UNCLOS. 2026 will be observed as the ASEAN-India year of maritime cooperation. Notably, more nations have joined the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative," he added. /ANS

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India, China stress "peace and tranquility" in border areas during 23rd Corps Commander-level meeting

NEW DELHI: India and China reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining peace and tranquility along the border, noting significant progress since last year's disengagement agreements, during the 23rd round of the Corps Commander Level Meeting held at the Chushul-Moldo border point, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

The talks, which took place last week, marked the first meeting of the General Level Mechanism in the Western Sector since the 24th round of Special Representatives Talks held in August this year.

According to the MEA, the discussions were conducted in a "friendly and cordial atmosphere".

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The statement further added that both delegations agreed to continue using existing mechanisms to address

any ground issues along the border and ensure continued stability.

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the India-China border areas," the statement read.

"Both sides agreed to continue to use existing mechanisms to resolve any ground issues along the border to maintain stability," it added.

The Chinese Ministry of National Defense also released a statement on the Commander level meeting, noting that both sides held "active and in-depth communication" on the management of the western section of the China-India border and exchanged views on ways to reduce friction in sensitive areas.

"On October 25, 2025, the Chinese and Indian militaries held the 23rd round of Corps Commander Level Meeting at the Moldo-Chushul border meeting point on the Indian side. The two sides engaged in active and in-depth communication on the management of the western section of the China-India border," the statement read. ANI

Japanese school children visit INS Sahyadri and witness India's rich maritime heritage, cutting-edge indigenous capabilities

YOKOSUKA: Japanese school children paid a visit to the Indian Navy's indigenous stealth frigate INS Sahyadri during its port call at Yokosuka and learnt about India's rich maritime heritage.

Sharing the details in a post on X, the Indian Navy spokesperson said, "Young minds bridging cultural ties in Japan. During the port call at Yokosuka, school children visited Indian Navy's indigenous stealth frigate INS Sahyadri, gaining valuable insights into India's rich maritime heritage and cutting-edge indigenous ca-

Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX-25).

Through a post on X, the Indian Embassy in Tokyo said, "INS Sahyadri arrived at Sasebo to a warm welcome ceremony by JMSDF Sasebo District. Sahyadri, commanded by Capt Rajat Kumar is participating in the Japan-India Maritime Exercise - JAIMEX 25."

As part of the two nations' defense cooperation, INS Sahyadri also made a port call at the Maritime Self-defense Force's Sasebo base in southwest Japan, accord-

essential to realize a free and open Indo-Pacific," said Captain Shingo Asari, who welcomed the Indian ship and its crew, Kyodo News reported.

The Indian and Japanese navies conducted the harbor phase of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX-25), featuring a series of activities including cross-deck visits, professional interactions and a combined yoga camp that strengthened camaraderie and cooperation between the two forces, the Indian Navy spokesperson said in an official statement.

The Indian Navy's indigenously built Shivalik-class guided missile stealth frigate INS Sahyadri participated in the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX-25) held from October 16 to 18 and arrived at Yokosuka Port, Japan, on October 21 for the harbor phase.

According to the Ministry of Defence, before arriving at Yokosuka, INS Sahyadri joined Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) ships Asahi, Oumi and the submarine Jinryu for the sea phase.

The ships conducted advanced anti-submarine warfare and missile defense drills, as well as flying operations and underway replenishment (refueling and supply operations at sea). These exercises helped improve coordination between the two navies and strengthened cooperation under the India-Japan Special Strategic



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ing to Japan's Kyodo News. After giving its crew a chance to rest and replenish their supplies, the frigate is expected to depart the port in Nagasaki Prefecture, Kyodo News added in its report.

"The improvement of interoperability between the MSDF and the Indian Navy is

Indian-origin businessman killed in Canada's Abbotsford, Lawrence Bishnoi Gang claims responsibility

ABBOTSFORD: A, 68-year-old Indian-origin businessman named Darshan Singh Sahsi was killed in Canada's Abbotsford on Monday (27 October), reported the Vancouver Sun.

In a news release by the Abbotsford Police, the patrol officers discovered the victim's body while he was suffering from life-threatening injuries. The victim was taken to the hospital, where he succumbed to death due to his wounds. The investigation into the matter is in the early stages, reported the Vancouver Sun.

"Despite life-saving medical efforts of first responders, the man succumbed to his injuries. No arrests have been made at this time. The investigation is still in its early stages, and additional resources have been deployed to support efforts in uncovering the full circumstances surrounding this incident," Sergeant Paul Walker said as per the Vancouver Sun.

The Police further said that the shooting of Sahsi doesn't appear to be linked to the continuing incidents of extortion-related violence targeting members of the South Asian business community. Investigators believe the suspected shooter was alone when he got out and shot Sahsi. Investigators also released a surveillance image of a silver Toyota Corolla allegedly involved in the shooting, the Vancouver Sun reported. ANI

Nepali security forces rescue over 1,500 tourists from Himalayas post heavy snowfall

KATHMANDU: Nepali security forces have rescued over 1,500 stranded tourists from the high-altitude areas of Manang following heavy snowfall and adverse weather. As per the Nepal Army's announcement, hundreds of tourists trekking towards Tilicho Lake (4,919 meters) have turned back from the base camp after heavy snowfall blocked trails and made conditions unsafe.



"Due to heavy snowfall in various areas of Manang district, a rescue team deployed from the New Bhairavidal Gulm has assisted approximately 1500 people, including more than 200 foreign tourists who were stranded, in reaching a safe place with the cooperation of the local administration, elected representatives, Armed Police

Force, Nepal, Nepal Police, and locals," the Nepal Army stated in a post on X. According to local officials, approximately 800 to 900 tourists have returned from Tilicho Base Camp in the past two days. "After the heavy snowfall in the high areas, nearly one thousand tourists have descended to the Khangsar- the last settlement before the Tilicho lake. Many others are descending following the heavy snowfall and adverse weather," Chyolpa Gurung, ward chair of Ngisyang Rural Municipality-9," told ANI over the phone. The District Administration Office of Manang has also stated that attempts are being made to clear the snow along the trails, while an announcement has been made to trekkers to cancel their visit. "Attempts are being made to clear the ways, but the snowfall is intense. We have requested trekkers and tourists who are still in low-lying areas to cancel their plans to visit until the end of this week," Naba Raj Poudyal, chief district officer (CDO) of Manang, confirmed ANI. A district-level security task force has been deployed for road clearance and rescue operations. Security personnel equipped with shovels and excavators are working to clear the blocked sections of the road, and motorcycles have begun moving in some areas. ANI

"Nothing is going to jeopardize" Gaza ceasefire deal: Trump after Israel's "powerful" strikes

TOKYO: US President Donald Trump has asserted that nothing would undermine the fragile Gaza ceasefire he brokered a few weeks ago, even after Israel launched deadly airstrikes in the enclave on 28 October, killing over 30 in response to the alleged killing of an Israeli soldier. Speaking to reporters during a gaggle aboard Air Force One, Trump justified Israel's retaliation, stating that Israel should "hit back". "They killed an Israeli soldier. So, the Israelis hit back, and they should hit back. When that happens they should hit," the US President said during the gaggle en route to South Korea. Pressed on whether the Israeli action risked undermining the ceasefire, Trump replied flatly, noting that "Nothing is going to jeopardize that." He sought to minimize Hamas's role in any broader peace process, calling the group "a very small part of peace in the Middle East" and warning that its members would face severe consequences if they failed to comply with ceasefire terms. "You have to understand, Hamas is a very small part of peace in the Middle East and they have to behave. They're on the rough side, but they said they would be good, and if they're good, they're going to be happy. And if they're not good, they're going to be terminated. Their lives will be terminated. And they understand that. And we have many countries that are willing to do that," he stated. ANI



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Gujarati Unity Festival Diwali Celebration illuminates Los Angeles with grandeur and pride



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LOS ANGELES, CA: October 26, Gujaratis of North America (GONA) and Love Sports proudly hosted the Gujarati Unity Festival Diwali Celebration at the Sanatan Dharma Temple Hall, bringing together the vibrant Gujarati community in a dazzling evening of culture, pride, and togetherness.

The grand event hosted by

GONA President, Pramod Mistry, and his dedicated team of volunteers, was generously sponsored by Dr. Jagdish & Harsha Patel along with several community philanthropists.

The celebration opened with a soul-stirring live bhajan performance by Bhavik Haria from the U.K., whose devotional melodies and garba tunes set the perfect festive mood. Mansi Mehra masterfully emceed the evening with grace and charm.

A highlight of the night was the recognition of "Eight Jewels of Los Angeles" - inspiring women behind successful men, honored with plaques and a standing ovation: Harsha Patel, Rika Shah, Pushpa Patel, Usha Wadher, Nalini Solanki, Rekha Bajaria, Dr. Daksha Jain Kapadia, and Preeti Shah.

The audience was captivated by a thought-provoking

presentation and interview with Shantanu Gupta, acclaimed writer, storyteller, and producer known for his works on Ramayana. The evening concluded with roaring laughter dur-

Harisinh Chauhan, Kanaksinh Zala, Dr. Anil Shah, Jawhar Shah, Ketan Sharma, Chatur Patel, Jagdish Purohit, Rasik Patel, Chiman Adial, Rashmi Gandhi, Varun Gandhi, Dr. Manoj Shah,



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ing a stand-up comedy act by U.S.-born Indian comedian Rajiv Satyal, leaving the crowd delighted.

The celebration drew an impressive lineup of dignitaries and community leaders, including Dr. Jaggi Patel, B.U. Patel, Manu Shah, Dr. Arvind Mehta, Dr.

Tulasi Savani, Smita Parmar, Sidd Shah, Adhir Shah, Bhavin Mehta, Dr. Gunvant & Ila Mehta and Shailesh Mehta.

The evening concluded with a sumptuous Gujarati dinner by Jaybharat, perfectly wrapping up a night that celebrated unity, culture, and the true festive spirit of Diwali.



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Why do families migrate? Children's education is the "Currency of Love"

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American Community Media (ACoM) held an online briefing on Oct 24th with Harvard School of Education professor Gabrielle Oliveira. She discussed the emotional and moral aspects behind immigrant families, pointing out that for most immigrants, education is not only a way out of poverty, but also a concrete manifestation of parental love and sacrifice.

In her new book "Now We Are Here", Oliveira uses a large number of interviews and surveys to reveal how parents regard their children's education as an investment of love. She said that traditional immigration narratives often focus on economic motivations, but in fact, "education becomes a stabilizing force and spiritual sustenance, making parents feel that all separation and sacrifices have meaning."

Oliveira pointed out that the current anti-immigration climate has left many families in fear. "Parents are worried

that their identities will be checked when driving their children to school. As a result, many students miss school and have to take the bus or take time off at home." She described that this era of high surveillance not only weakens the learning effect, but also puts children under great psychological pressure.

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17-year-old top student in Los Angeles who was deported and his mother died due to lack of medication, Oliveira criticized that the U.S. immigration policy has long neglected the well-being of

suggested that school teams should include psychologists, social workers and language counselors to jointly support students, rather than treating trauma issues as taboo.

When talking about educational and cultural differences, Oliveira pointed out that although parents in Asian countries such as China, South Korea, and Japan attach great importance to academic achievement, American education emphasizes creativity and diverse thinking, which is still attractive.

"The American dream is still there, and the belief that education brings opportunity is still strong." She called for the restoration of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the strengthening of training and support mechanisms.

Oliveira emphasized that the competitiveness of the United States depends on immigrant labor and education investment. Ignoring the education of immigrants' children will not only harm humanity, but will also weaken the country's economic future. She called on policymakers to stop viewing immigrants as a cost and see them as contributors and givers to society.

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City of Milpitas presents Proclamation to celebrate Diwali and Hindu Heritage month



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Speaking on the occasion, Founder and Chairman, of Americans4Hindus, Festival of Globe (FOG), and Fremont Hindu Temple, Dr. Romesh Japra, highlighted how Diwali is the largest celebrated Indian festival. Hindus stand for progress and



peace in the whole world and their contributions to the community at large. He said that it is time for the Hindu community to take the next step in their journey as proud Americans.
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Indian student who lost US visa status charged with stabbing 2 teens

NEW YORK: An Indian student who lost his visa status allegedly went berserk on a flight to Germany and has been charged with stabbing two teenagers and slapping a woman, according to federal prosecutor Leah Foley in Boston.

After meal service on the Chicago-Frankfurt flight, Praneeth Kumar Usiripalli (28) stabbed a 17-year-old boy on the shoulder and another 17-year-old in the back of the head with a metal fork, her office said on Monday. He also slapped a woman and tried to slap a flight crew, it said.

The flight was diverted to Boston, where Usiripalli was arrested.
"When flight crew members attempted to subdue Usiripalli, he allegedly raised his hand, formed a gun with his fingers, put it in his mouth and pulled an imaginary trigger," according to the prosecutor's office.
It did not give a motive for the attack, but said that Usiripalli, who came to the

US on a student visa, "presently does not have lawful status."
Without identifying the institution, it said he was enrolled in a master's program in biblical studies.
A person with the same name has a LinkedIn profile where he says he is a student at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.
On LinkedIn, the institute says it "exists to proclaim the gospel through equipping people to be biblically grounded, practically trained, and to engage the world through gospel-centered living."
On its website, it said that it "reflects our belief that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God essential to every area of life."
The prosecutor's office said that if Usiripalli is convicted on the charge of assault on an aircraft with a dangerous weapon with intent to do bodily harm, he could face a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. *IANs*



BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham in Robbinsville, NJ, celebrates Diwali with message of unity



ROBBINSVILLE, NJ: From October 18 to October 26, 2025, BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham in Robbinsville, New Jersey, radiated with the spirit of Diwali - the Hindu festival of lights - under this year's special theme: Unity. The celebrations highlighted the values of harmony, compassion, and togetherness that Diwali inspires, reminding all that when individuals and families come together, they strengthen not only their bonds but also the fabric of the wider community.

Thousands of devotees, well-wishers,

that followed were a dazzling symphony of color and sound, symbolizing the collective aspiration for unity and peace. Local dignitaries and public officials from Mercer County and beyond joined the gathering, witnessing first-hand the profound sense of togetherness that Diwali inspires.

In preparation for the celebration, volunteers dedicated weeks of effort to create a vibrant atmosphere at the mandir. The grounds were adorned with colorful decorations, intricate rangoli designs, and dis-



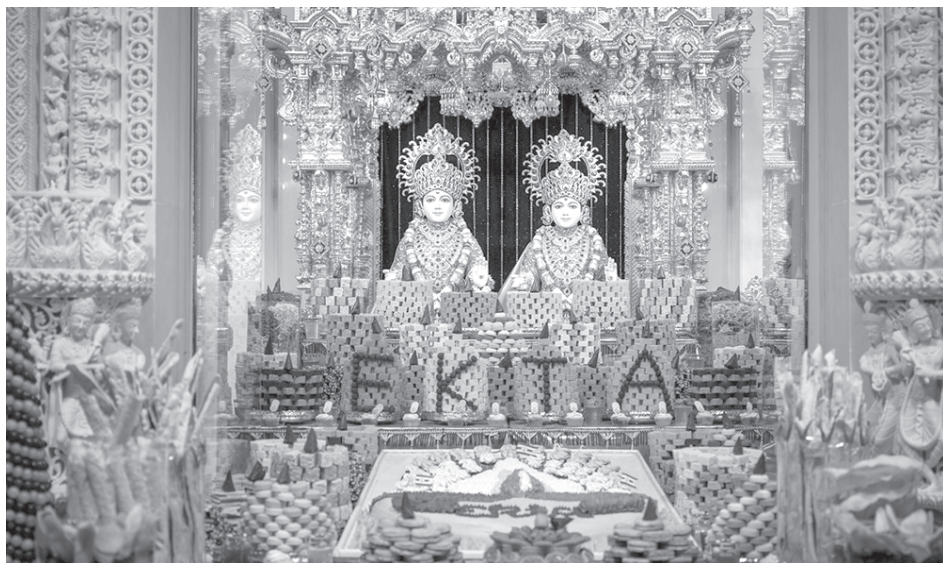
community.

"Working with so many dedicated volunteers to prepare for Diwali showed me how service can bring us closer together as a family and community," said Ami Shah.

Beyond the rituals, the celebration engaged families and guests of all ages with activities such as fireworks, interactive exhibits, and educational programs that conveyed the meaning of Diwali. These experiences fostered learning while building connections across generations.

ing together. In a world where differences often divide, our goal this year was to remind everyone that unity is our greatest strength and the light that dispels all darkness."

His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj shared his Diwali blessings, encouraging all to let the light of unity shine in their lives: "Our prayerful blessings that Bhagwan Swaminarayan may keep you all happy in body, mind and means; that you all may keep peace in your hearts; that unity increases in your family; faith



and visitors from across tri-state area gathered at the campus to celebrate the victory of light over darkness, goodness over evil, and harmony over division.

Among the many highlights of the multi-day festivities was a breathtaking fireworks display that illuminated the night sky over the Akshardham courtyard. The celebration began with a serene maha aarti - a collective offering of light and devotion - setting the tone for an evening that blended spirituality and spectacle. The fireworks

plays of light, offering visitors an immersive cultural and spiritual experience that reflected both devotion and artistry.

A central feature of the festival was the 'Annakut,' or "mountain of food," in which hundreds of vegetarian dishes prepared by devotees of all ages were beautifully arranged and offered to the Divine. The Annakut served as a symbol of gratitude and devotion while also showcasing the dedication and collective spirit of the



"Experiencing Diwali at the BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham, Robbinsville, NJ filled me with joy," said Rama Joshi. "I came from India and was looking forward to this celebration. The lights, the Annakut, and the sense of community remind me of the traditions I grew up with, while also creating new memories with my family here."

Speaking on the occasion, Hari Patel shared, "Diwali at Akshardham is more than a festival - it's an experience of com-

and devotion towards Bhagwan grow; and that the strength to follow the commandments of Satsang is obtained."

BAPS mandirs across North America joined in hosting Diwali celebrations, offering a space for spiritual reflection, cultural appreciation, and community unity. As the lights of Diwali continue to inspire, the BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham remains a place where individuals and families come together to celebrate tradition, strengthen values, and foster goodwill.

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Donny Shiu, Vision Program Chief, DHCS hat regular eye examinations are not only related to vision, but also an important step in detecting early signs of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and neurological diseases. "Vision care is the key gateway to overall health."

He said that white card members can receive a free eye examination and a pair of glasses, including frames and lenses, every 24 months. If you are blind due to illness or injury, you can also receive prosthetic eyes or special lens services. He pointed out that vision services have been included in White Card's "Innovation and

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Advancement Plan" (CalAIM), which allows optometrists, family physicians and mental health experts to work together to provide integrated care for patients through strengthened care management and interdisciplinary cooperation. This move espe-

cially benefits low-income adults, the elderly and people with disabilities.

Dana Durham, Dental Division Chief, DHCS said that the dental benefits of white cards have also been ignored. Both adults and children can enjoy comprehensive dental services, including teeth cleaning, fillings, root canal treatment, dentures,

gum care and children's orthodontics, etc. She emphasized: White card holders do not need to pay any fees for dental treatment. As long as it is medically necessary, the white card will fully bear it. However, Durham reminded that starting from July

1, 2026, non-pregnant adults over the age of 19 with some immigration status will no longer enjoy full dental benefits, only emergency treatment.

Eileen Espejo, Senior Managing Director of Health, Children Now, pointed out that oral health is closely related to children's academic performance and mental health. Tooth decay can make children unable to sleep well and eat well, and may also affect pronunciation and concentration.

Experts unanimously emphasize that the dental and vision services provided by the White Card are an important part of California's medical equity, but the low penetration rate is mainly because many people are unaware or have language and transportation barriers. To this end, the state has launched a multilingual service website and hotline, and has assisted residents in finding qualified ophthalmologists and dentists through multiple projects.

People in Mauritius, Australia celebrate Chhath Puja with vibrant festivities

PORT LOUIS: Chhath Puja was celebrated across Mauritius and Australia with utmost devotion and festivities, as people marked the conclusion of the four-day auspicious festival.

One of the most significant Hindu festivals, Chhath Puja, is primarily observed in Bihar, Jharkhand, and eastern Uttar Pradesh. It is also celebrated in parts of Nepal and among Indian communities worldwide.

Indian High Commissioner to Mauritius, Anurag Srivastava, joined in the Chhath Mahaparv celebration.

The event, organized by the Swastikam Foundation in Mauritius, was attended by the Mauritian President, Dharambeer Gokhool, Members of Parliament and, several other dignitaries.

Addressing the event, Srivasata underscored the Indian government's efforts to have Chhath Puja included in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list.

He also emphasized the festival's role in promoting environmental sustainability, gender participation, and social inclusion.

Meanwhile, in Australia's Melbourne, the Indian diaspora came out to celebrate the auspicious occasion.

The Indian Consul General in Melbourne, Sushil Kumar, local dignitaries,

including MP Lee Tarlamis and community members participated in the vibrant Chhath Puja celebrations and paid homage to the Sun God.

The event featured special cultural performances by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)-sponsored troupe led by Nitu Kumari Nootan, showcasing

(Shashthi Tithi) of the Kartik month's Shukla Paksha, usually occurring six days after Diwali. The celebration spans four days, beginning with Nahay Khay and concluding with Usha Arghya, the offering of prayers to the rising sun.

The festival commences with Nahay Khay (October 25), when devotees take

with offerings of rasiya (sweet porridge) and roti. The third day marks Sandhya Arghya, when the 'nirjala vrat' (fast without water) begins, continuing until the early hours of the fourth day (Usha Arghya).

Chhath Puja is believed to have originated in ancient times. According to leg-



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the rich traditions of Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.

According to the Hindu calendar, Chhath Puja falls on the sixth day

a holy dip and prepare a simple meal. On the second day, Kharna (October 26), a day-long fast from morning to evening is observed and later concluded

end, Lord Rama and Goddess Sita performed the first Chhath Puja after their return to Ayodhya to seek blessings from the Sun God for prosperity. IANS

Covered California kicks off Open Enrollment in Los Angeles with AANHPI community partners

Open Enrollment is here, and Covered California is partnering with AANHPI community and media leaders to share timely, in-language information about health coverage options ahead of the January 31 enrollment deadline.

At a time when many families are stretched thin, Covered California is creating a trusted space to connect with experts, ask questions, and get guidance in the languages our communities speak. With recent ACA changes that could double some premiums next year, we are partnering with local leaders and health experts to answer key questions and help Californians enroll.

WHO: Speakers will include:

- Jessica Altman, Executive Director, Covered California
- Dr. Monica Soni, Chief Medical Officer, Covered California
- Michael Truong, Executive Director, Chinese American Museum of Los Angeles
- Angela Chang, National ACE Board Member and Chief Strategy Officer, KCAL

WHEN: Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. PT

- Media arrival at 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. for check-in and setup.

WHERE: Chinese American Museum, 425 N Los Angeles St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

- Parking: El Pueblo Parking Lot 4, 426 N Los Angeles St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

WHY: Amid a government shutdown, uncertainty about renewing Enhanced Premium Tax Credits, and the biggest premium hikes in 15 years from this year's budget reconciliation bill, this Open Enrollment is different. Covered California will equip Los Angeles residents with the information they need to choose and enroll in affordable coverage.

ABOUT COVERED CALIFORNIA: Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace, where Californians can find affordable, high-quality insurance from top insurance companies. Covered California is the only place where individu-

als who qualify can get financial assistance on a sliding scale to reduce premium costs. Consumers can then compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget.

Depending on their income, some consumers may qualify for the low-cost or no-cost Medi-Cal program.

Covered California is an independent part of the state government whose job is to make the health insurance marketplace work for California's consumers. It is overseen by a five-member board appointed by the governor and the Legislature. For more information about Covered California, please visit www.CoveredCA.com.

Indian envoy attends foundation stone laying ceremony of Hindu temple in Canada

OTTAWA: Indian High Commissioner to Canada Dinesh K. Patnaik attended the foundation stone laying ceremony of the new BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Ottawa, underlining the mutual cultural values that connect India and Canada.

Addressing the event, Patnaik highlighted that the upcoming Hindu temple will stand as a symbol of peace, service, and unity.

He was accompanied by his wife on the occasion.

The Indian envoy lauded BAPS, a socio-spiritual Hindu organization, along with its volunteers, for their efforts in serving the community.

During the session, Acharya Umesh Dave shared insights on the Bhagavad Gita's spiritual teachings, recitations, and cultural significance

On the other hand, with the support of the Indian High Commission in Ottawa, the Hindu Mission of Canada and the Indo-Canadian Diaspora of Quebec in Montreal organized a profound talk on the Bhagavad Gita.

During the session, Acharya Umesh Dave shared insights on the Bhagavad Gita's spiritual teachings, recitations, and cultural significance.

He encouraged participants to embody the Gita's universal philosophy -- fostering self-discipline, duty, and inner harmony -- as guiding principles in modern life.

The attendees were also informed about the forthcoming 'International Gita Mahotsav 2025', scheduled in

Kurukshetra, Haryana, from November 15 to December 5.

Earlier in July, Canadian MP Jamil Jivani submitted a notice of motion to the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage, calling for the protection of the freedom to worship without fear of violence or criminal intimidation.

The motion called upon the Standing Committee to acknowledge that religious communities in Canada have faced increasing violence and criminal intimidation since 2021 and mentioned incidents involving attacks on Hindu Temples, churches, mosques and synagogues.

Additional security measures and legal protections are needed to stop criminals from targeting religious communities and attacking the freedom to worship in Canada, Jivani said.

The motion called upon the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage to recognize that protecting the freedom to worship without fear of violence or, criminal intimidation, is a fundamental part of Canadian Heritage and, acknowledge that religious communities in Canada have faced increasing violence and criminal intimidation since 2021.

It said over 100 churches were burnt down or desecrated, Hindu temples targeted by violent protests, Jewish schools and synagogues targeted by fire bombings and shootings, and mosques targeted by assaults and vandalism. *IANS*

Kashmiri diaspora angry over Pakistan's poor and authoritarian governance in PoK: Report

LONDON: The Kashmiri diaspora have expressed outrage against Pakistani authorities over poor and authoritarian governance in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), calling Pakistan as a "sinking Titanic" that no one wants to board.

Kashmiris have called their ties with Pakistan strained and mentioned that their cultural and ethnic identity do not align with Islamic ideology of Islamabad, which has resulted in some of them thinking to form a government-in-exile that represents Kashmiris from PoK, a report has stated.

Recently, British Kashmiris held a hunger strike outside the Pakistan High Commission in London to highlight the sufferings of Kashmiris, after their protests for basic rights were violently suppressed by Pakistani security forces in PoK, Sakariya Kareem wrote in a report in UK-based newspaper for British Asians, Asian Lite.

London-based journalist Abdul Rehman Khan revealed how Pakistani diaspora from PoK held protests, stopped the car of Pakistani diplomats, and shouted slogans in the UK, as they were frustrated over internet censorship and brutal crackdown. As per the report, Khan in a Facebook post wrote, "Kashmiris! You are not alone; this atrocity must be taken into account. A large number of Kashmiris participated in Sheffield, UK, in favor of the Public Action Committee. The hall became crowded, and there was a large number outside too."

Jamil Maqsood, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the United Kashmir People's National Party (UKPNP), said that Kashmiris living in PoK hate living there as they are deprived of health, education, development, and job opportunities. *IANS*

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'Chhath Puja festival witnesses trade worth over Rs 50,000 crore'

NEW DELHI: The grand festival of Chhath Puja generated trade worth more than Rs 50,000 crore nationwide, according to the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT).

CAIT's assessment, conducted after the festival, revealed that over 10 crore people across India participated in Chhath celebrations.

Bihar alone witnessed business activity worth about Rs 15,000 crore, followed by Delhi with Rs 8,000 crore and Jharkhand with Rs 5,000 crore.

The findings are part of CAIT's ongoing research on India's "Sanatan Economy," which studies the spending patterns during major festivals and wedding seasons.



CAIT Secretary General and Member of Parliament Praveen Khandelwal said that Bihar, Jharkhand, and eastern Uttar Pradesh, particularly the Purvanchal region, remained the main canter of Chhath celebrations, where large congregations gathered along rivers and ponds.

However, Delhi and the NCR region also saw a major business boom due to the large Purvanchali population.

The Delhi government constructed around 1,500 ghats and spent significantly on infrastructure, sanitation, and security arrangements.

Khandelwal said that other states, including West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan, also reported strong economic activity.

In metros and non-traditional states like Odisha, Karnataka, and Telangana, local markets saw brisk sales due to the presence of migrant communities who celebrated Chhath with great enthusiasm. *IANS*

India aims to become global solar energy hub by 2050: President Droupadi Murmu

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu said that by 2050, India aims not only to meet its clean energy targets but also to become a hub that aggregates global solar demand and drives innovation, manufacturing and knowledge exchange.



Addressing the eighth session of the assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) at the Bharat Mandapam here, President Murmu affirmed that India is on track to become a global solar energy hub. *IANS*

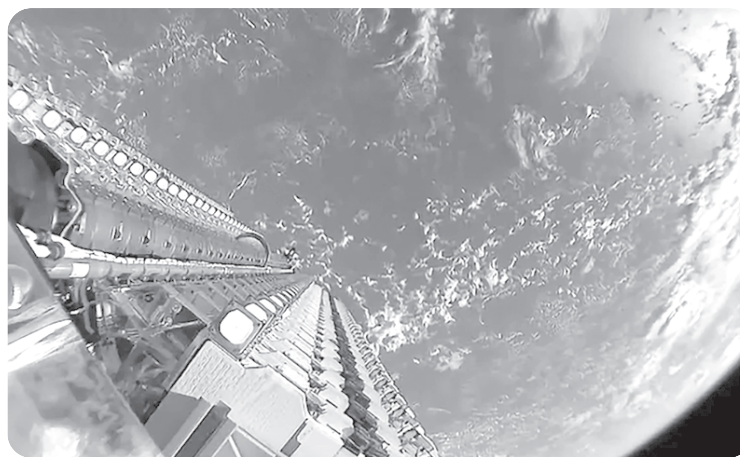
Elon Musk's Starlink to run technical, security demos in Mumbai from Oct 30

NEW DELHI: Tesla CEO Elon Musk-led Starlink is scheduled to conduct demonstration runs in Mumbai on October 30 and 31 to demonstrate compliance with India's security and technical requirements for satellite broadband services, according to people familiar with the developments.

The demos to be done before law enforcement agencies will be based on the provisional spectrum assigned to Starlink, which would mark a significant step ahead of its planned entry into the Indian satellite broadband market, they said.

This step is necessary for the company to obtain clearances to commence commercial operations in the country.

Starlink will run a demo to show compliance with the security and technical conditions of Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS)



authorization.

Over 10 satellite operators, including the licensed Starlink,

Elon Musk's Starlink is the world's dominant satcom operator with a constellation of 7,578

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have entered India, with the private sector permitted to hold up to 100 percent FDI.

satellites. India has currently provided necessary approvals to Starlink, Reliance Jio-SES JV,

and Bharti Group backed-Eutelsat OneWeb to offer satcom services in the country.

The opening up of direct-to-cell communications service, which refers to a signal from a satellite directly to a mobile phone, has strengthened the growing satcom market in India.

Internet penetration remains limited in certain regions of the country, underscoring the need for satellite internet to complement existing networks. Satellite internet refers to the internet service provided through satellites placed in Geostationary Orbits (GSO) or Non-Geostationary Orbits (NGSO).

The government had informed in August that the data, traffic and other details accumulated by Elon Musk's Starlink will be stored in India, and the domestic user traffic is not to be mirrored to any system/server located abroad. *IANS*

India's industrial production clocks 4 percent growth in September

NEW DELHI: India's industrial production recorded a 4 percent growth in September this year compared to the same month last year, driven by a strong performance in the manufacturing sector, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics recently.

The industrial growth rate, based on the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), had accelerated to 4 percent in August from a four-month high of 3.5 percent in July, which, in turn, had surged from 1.5 percent in June. The 4 percent growth rate has been maintained in Sep-

tember as well.

The data showed that the manufacturing sector, which provides quality jobs for the young graduates passing out of the country's universities and engineering institutes, registered a

sponding figure of 3.8 percent registered in August.

Within the manufacturing sector, 13 out of 23 industry groups recorded a positive growth in September this year compared to the same month of the previ-

ous year. The top three positive contributors for the month are - "Manufacture of basic metals" (12.3 percent), "Manufacture of electrical equipment" (28.7 percent), and "Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers" (14.6 percent).

Electricity generation recorded a 3.1 percent growth in September while the mining sector proved to be a laggard with a negative growth of are (-)0.4 percent during the month,

The figures on use-based classification show that the production of capital goods, which comprise machines used in factories, went up by 4.7 percent in September over the same month of the previous year. *IANS*

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Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles marks its biggest unveil in GCC, introduces Euro 6 trucks

NEW DELHI: Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles recently launched its biggest-ever product showcase in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region, introducing a full range of Euro 6-compliant trucks and buses designed specifically for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

The event, held in Dubai, marks a major milestone for Tata Motors as it strengthens its presence in the region.

The new lineup includes both passenger and cargo vehicles built to meet the growing transport and infrastruc-

"For over six decades, we have been partners in progress with the MENA region. As the region continues to grow and diversify, there is an increasing need for smarter and more efficient mobility solutions," he said.

Tata Motors unveiled several new buses under its passenger range. The LPO 1622 bus, available in both 11-meter and 12-meter versions, comes with multiple seating layouts suitable for school and staff transport.

It is powered by a Cummins engine and equipped with features like ABS, Electronic Stability Control, Cruise Control, and advanced air conditioning.

The Starbus Prime LP 716, a 28-seater model with a 3.3-litre engine, and the Ultra LPO 916, a 33-seater bus, were also introduced to offer safe and comfortable transport options for institutions and companies.

For cargo transport, Tata Motors presented its new Ultra range of trucks, which cover a range of 7-19 tons. These vehicles are designed for city logistics and last-mile delivery.

For heavy-duty and long-distance applications, the company showcased the Prima series.

The Prima 3430.T, with a 6.7L Cummins engine producing 300 HP, is built for long-haul operations.

The Prima 3330.K tipper is designed for construction and mining needs. The Prima 4440.S AMT, featuring an automatic transmission, offers a fatigue-free driving experience for long trips, while the Prima 4040.T is suited for logistics and equipment transport.

The launch comes at a time when Tata Motors is undergoing a corporate restructuring. Its commercial vehicle arm, TML Commercial Vehicles Limited, will soon be re-named Tata Motors Limited after receiving regulatory approvals. *IANS*



ture needs of the MENA market.

The company aims to support the region's development with cleaner, more efficient, and advanced mobility solutions.

Asif Shamim, Head of International Business at Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles, said the company shares a long-standing relationship with the region.

UPI transactions in India jump 35 pc in H1 2025, touch Rs 1 43 lakh crore: Report

NEW DELHI: India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) continues to dominate the country's digital payments landscape, with transactions surging 35 percent year-on-year (YoY) to reach 106.36 billion in the first half of 2025, data of 29 October showed.

The total value of these transactions stood at a massive Rs 143.34 lakh crore -- highlighting how deeply digital payments have become a part of everyday life in India, according to Worldline's India Digital Payments Report (1H 2025).

According to the report, the average UPI transaction size fell from Rs 1,478 in the first half of 2024 to Rs 1,348 in the same period of 2025.

This decline indicates that people are using UPI more frequently for small, daily purchases -- from tea stalls and grocery stores to online shopping.

Notably, person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions grew 37 percent to 67.01 billion, driven by what Worldline calls the "Kirana Effect," where small and micro businesses

have become the backbone of India's digital economy.

India's QR-based payment network also saw tremendous growth, more than doubling to 678 million by June 2025 -- a 111 percent rise from January 2024.

The number of Point-of-Sale (PoS) terminals grew 29 percent to 11.2 million, while Bharat QR touched 6.72 million.

With this, India now operates the world's largest merchant network, powered by small-business adoption and government-led inclusion programs.

Meanwhile, the report shows that credit cards are evolving into premium spending tools.

The number of active credit cards grew 23 percent between January 2024 and June 2025, while monthly spending crossed Rs 2.2 trillion.

Although the average transaction size fell by 6 percent, it shows that credit cards are increasingly being used for everyday purchases. In contrast, debit card usage at PoS fell nearly 8 percent as smaller payments shifted to UPI. *IANS*



India's IT sector expected to reach \$400 billion by 2030 amidst AI-related disruptions

NEW DELHI: India's information technology (IT) sector is projected to reach \$400 billion by 2030, led by firms delivering domain-specific automation that outperforms traditional service models on speed, quality, and cost, a recent report said.

The country's strong talent pool, global client trust, and cost efficiency will enable it to leverage the increased global demand for AI-driven solutions, a report by venture firm Bessemer Venture Partners indicated.

AI is automating tasks previously performed by humans and disrupting the billable-hour model that supports traditional Indian IT services, which makes deep strategic pivots crucial to stay competitive, the report noted.

The venture firm mentioned that agile, AI-native challengers are adapting more quickly to such changes than incumbent companies.

Three types of fast-moving AI-first challengers that will disrupt existing models are AI-enabled services, services built for AI, and pure software-led platforms, the report said.

The venture firm forecast that India's IT services industry will grow with margins intact despite challenges from AI-related disruptions.

It noted that three years after the launch of ChatGPT, India's IT revenues continue to climb, and margins remain surprisingly resilient because uptake of general-purpose large language models is concentrated in only two sectors- technology and media or advertising.

Incumbent IT firms continue to play a crucial role in solving complex business problems that are nuanced rather than providing one-size-fits-all SaaS deployments.

The strong balance sheets of these companies further strengthen client confidence, Bessemer Venture Partners said.

Fortune 500 companies still trust that IT services vendors can manage multi-year projects, absorb macro shocks, and deliver consistent execution, the report said.

The market capitalization of India's top ten IT firms has more than doubled from \$166 billion to \$354 billion in the past decade, driven by annual revenue growth exceeding 7 percent. *IANS*

Glimpses of the **GRAND OPENING** of Jay Bharat



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JAY BHARAT RESTAURANT REOPENS AFTER MAJOR EXPANSION, CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY

On September 9, 2025, Jay Bharat Restaurant in Artesia proudly reopened its doors following an extensive renovation and expansion project.

Originally established in 1985 by siblings Chandrakant Patel, Usha Master, Bharat Morari, and Bharat's wife, Nayana Morari, the restaurant has been a cornerstone of authentic Gujarati and Indian vegetarian cuisine in Southern California for four decades.

The family immigrated from South Gujarat to California in the early 1980s and, while building new lives and working other jobs, they pursued their dream of opening a restaurant that reflected their culinary heritage. Since then, Jay Bharat has grown steadily, offering both small- and large-scale catering services alongside its beloved restaurant operations.

This year marks a major milestone-the restaurant's 40th anniversary-with a refreshed brand identity and a doubled dining space. Still located

at its original site, 18701 Pioneer Blvd, the expansion was led by Chandrakant Patel and Bipin Morari, as well as Yogesh Morari and Ankita Morari. Chandrakant and Yogesh oversaw the new kitchen design, while Bipin and Ankita curated the elegant new interiors and ambiance.

Though the look is new, Jay Bharat remains committed to delivering the same high-quality, flavorful experience that has earned it a loyal following over the years.

With this new chapter, the Jay Bharat family aims to continue serving authentic Indian cuisine in a warm, welcoming space where families-across generations-can come together to share a meal and create lasting memories.

"We remain committed to delighting our guests with exceptional cuisine, outstanding service, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere," states Bipin Morari.

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**ICE raids arrest
9 illegal immigrants
in New York**

NEW YORK: The US Department of Homeland Security said its agents arrested nine men accused of living in the United States illegally, The New York Times reported.

The men, mostly from West Africa and some with prior arrests, were targeted in an operation "focused on criminal activity relating to selling counterfeit goods," the department said. The agents also arrested four protesters.

People across New York City appeared on edge after the raid, seemingly bracing for the activation of US President Donald Trump's threat to deploy military personnel and Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to New York City, which he often casts as lawless and dangerous. Trump has already moved to send troops to other Democratic-led cities -- Chicago, Washington, Memphis, Los Angeles and Portland, Ore.

Last week Wednesday evening, the depth of the anger over the raid was evident as several hundred demonstrators rallied at 26 Federal Plaza, the New York City headquarters of ICE. Lifting placards and their voices, the demonstrators chanted, "Vendor power!"

The demonstrators marched north from Foley Square to Canal Street, filling about five blocks as they walked, before turning onto Broadway. One woman climbed on a police car in front of the Manhattan Criminal Courthouse. ANI

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US deports 54 Haryana men, police probe 'Donkey Route' trail

NEW DELHI: The US has deported 54 youths from Haryana, India, for allegedly entering the country via the Donkey Route, an illegal pathway. They arrived 26 October at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, Terminal-3, on Flight OAE-4767, police said.

According to information received so far, 16 of these young people are from Karnal, 15 from Kaithal, 5 from Ambala, 4 from Yamuna Nagar, 4 from Kurukshetra, 3 from Jind, 2 from Sonipat and 1 each from Panchkula, Panipat, Rohtak and Fatehabad.

As per the data available, most of the deported youths are between 25 and 40 years of age. Karnal police handed them over to families; no agent complaints were received. The individuals were brought back to Delhi's IGI Airport and handed over to their families. The Trump administration's strict stance on illegal immigration has led to increased deportations.

Karnal DSP Sandeep Kumar said that these deported individuals entered the US via the illegal donkey route.



"Today, more Indians were deported from the United States, including 50 from Haryana, with approximately 16 from Karnal district. These individuals, from various villages and towns, had entered the US illegally via the 'donkey route' but were deported

deported. Karnal police brought them back and handed them over to their families. They stated that no complaint has been received regarding any agent. They also advised against anyone attempting to go abroad illegally, emphasizing

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today. Karnal police informed the media that about 16 people who had gone to America through the "donkey route" were

that it is the wrong method that leads to significant problems later on. The police further stated that an investigation is

underway, and if anyone has a criminal record, it will come to light during the investigation," he said.

Earlier this year, hundreds of people were deported to India by US authorities. The US government regularly deports individuals who violate immigration laws or have no valid basis to remain in the country. After Donald Trump assumed office as the US President in January this year, the country's law enforcement agencies have launched a crack-down against illegal immigrants.

Meanwhile, in a major breakthrough in its sustained campaign against organized crime, the Special Task Force (STF) of Haryana has arrested a close associate of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi.

The accused has been identified as Lakhwinder Singh, alias Lakha, a resident of Titram village in Kaithal district and a close aide of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, who has been deported from the United States of America and arrested by the STF Ambala Unit after completion of all legal formalities. ANI

Illegal Indian immigrant truck driver slams into traffic in California, kills 3

CALIFORNIA: A 21-year-old Indian man, identified as Jashanpreet Singh, has been arrested in the United States for allegedly causing a fiery semi-truck crash that killed three people in San Bernardino County, California, Fox News reported.

Police said Singh was driving a big rig on the I-10 Freeway when he rammed into slow-moving traffic without braking.

The impact caused a massive fire that left three people dead and several others injured, including Singh himself.

Investigators said toxicology tests confirmed that Singh was under the influence of drugs at the time of the crash. He has been charged with gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Earlier, US Attorney for Central California Bill Essayli told Fox

News that Singh was under the influence of some kind of "stimu-

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lant" and he did not apply his brakes at all, before crashing into the moving traffic.

"He was travelling at a fast rate of speed, and he did not apply his brakes at all. They do suspect he was under the influence of some type of stimulant. I do suspect he will be charged with vehicular homicide."

"We are also looking at charges. We are opening an investigation to understand how he

obtained a commercial driver's license from the state of California as an illegal immigrant. We want to understand if anyone in the DMV is complicit in issuing that driver's license to him."

According to US federal officials quoted by Fox News, Singh had crossed the southern US border illegally in 2022. He was first stopped by Border Patrol agents in California's El Centro Sector in March 2022. ANI

Rajasthan's ANTF tracks down Lawrence Bishnoi gang member, detained in US

JAIPUR: In a major breakthrough against organized crime, the Rajasthan Police Anti-Gangster Task Force (ANTF) has traced and detained Jagdeep Singh a.k.a. Jagga, an active member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang currently associated with the Rohit Godara gang, in the US, an official said.

Jagdeep Singh, a resident of Dhurkot village in Moga district of Punjab, had been running criminal activities in India while living abroad for several years.

Under the direction of Additional Director General of Police (Anti-Gangster Task Force/ATS/ANTF) Dinesh M.N., the ANTF had been closely monitoring the movements of the notorious gangster.

Jagga was actively involved in extortion and firing incidents for the Bishnoi gang in both Punjab and Rajasthan. Three years ago, he fled to Dubai on his passport and later illegally entered the US.

He had also jumped bail in multiple cases registered in Rajasthan, leading to the issuance of warrants against him. Jagdeep Singh has over a dozen criminal cases registered against him in Punjab and has been declared a proclaimed offender by the court. In Rajasthan, he faces cases in Pratap Nagar and Sardarpura police stations of Jodhpur.

He was accused in the March 2017 firing and death threat case against Dr. Sunil Chandak in Pratap Nagar.

Later, in September 2017, he was jailed along with Lawrence Bishnoi and Anmol Bishnoi in connection with the murder of Vasudev Israni in Sardarpura. The operation was executed under the supervision of former Deputy Inspector General of Police Yogesh Yadav and current DIG Deepak Bhargava.

The AGTF conducted multiple raids at Jagga's hide-outs in India and gathered intelligence on his foreign network. With the help of international law enforcement coordination, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detained Jagga near the Canada-US border.

Jagdeep Singh is currently in the custody of US authorities.

An official said that legal proceedings for his extradition to India have begun. Once extradited, the AGTF expects to obtain crucial information regarding other members and financial operations of the Bishnoi-Godara network.

Additional cases will be filed under relevant provisions, including Section 111 of the Indian Penal Code, and strict action will be taken against those aiding organized crime.

The operation was carried out by Additional Superintendent of Police Siddhant Sharma, along with officers Narottam Verma, Ravindra Pratap, Sunil Jangid, Manish Sharma, Kamal Puri, Head Constable Ramesh Kumar, and Constables Subhash Chand and Surendra Kumar. *IANS*

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Tibetan man sentenced to over two years in US prison for asylum fraud scheme: USCIS report

WASHINGTON, DC: A Tibetan man has received a prison sentence of over two years for his involvement in a scheme to submit false asylum applications for financial gain, according to a report released by US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), as reported by Phayul.

Tenzin Norbu, 56, was sentenced to 27 months in prison and mandated to pay \$170,000 in forfeiture for being part of a conspiracy to commit immigration fraud and for making false statements on asylum applications submitted to USCIS.

The sentence was handed down on October 15 by Judge Kimba M. Wood of the US District Court for the Southern District of New York, as highlighted by Phayul.

This conviction resulted from a collaborative investigation conducted by USCIS, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) under US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. These agencies worked together for over three years to expose the scheme.

Court documents state that between 2007 and 2018, Norbu and others prepared and submitted numerous asylum applications that contained fabricated stories claim-

ing the applicants were Tibetan and would face persecution if returned to Tibet, which is under Chinese control.

Investigators noted that Norbu charged approximately \$5,000 for these services and guided clients on how to respond to questions about the fabricated stories during interviews, as emphasized in the Phayul report.

As law enforcement began looking into the scheme, Norbu fled the US for Canada. After nearly five years of avoiding extradition, he was ultimately sent back to the US.

A federal grand jury indicted him in March 2024, and he entered a guilty plea in May 2025 to one charge of conspiracy to commit asylum fraud and make false statements, violating 18 United States Code, section 371, as cited by the Phayul report.

The US government estimated that Norbu profited around \$170,000 from

the fraudulent activities, which were forfeited as part of his sentence.

Officials indicated that the case impacted nearly 100 individuals, leaving some in a state of uncertain immigration status. Some applicants reportedly had legitimate asylum claims even without the fabricated narratives, while others may have received asylum based on the fraudulent applications. *ANI*

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"Criminal illegal aliens being issued commercial vehicle licenses": White House on California crash that killed 3

WASHINGTON, DC: White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt recently highlighted a disturbing pattern of criminal illegal aliens being issued commercial vehicle licenses.

She accused California of giving a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to an illegal alien who killed three people in a major crash, while intoxicated and driving under the influence, prompting an investigation by the Department of Transportation.

"I can confirm that California gave this individual a license, and it is something that the Department of Transportation has already looked into. I know Secretary Duffy, who is doing a phenomenal job, has spoken on this many times in the crackdown that the Department of Transportation is taking on these licenses that are being wrongfully issued to people who clearly do not deserve to uphold these positions," Leavitt said during the White House Press briefing.

A devastating crash in California resulted in the loss of three lives, allegedly caused by an undocumented immigrant driving under the influence, identified by authorities as 21-year-old Jashanpreet Singh. The individual, who entered the US in 2022 through the southern border, was released into the country by the previous administration.

She, however, did not confirm whether the illegal immigrant was an Indian or not, as was reported by certain news outlets earlier.

Highlighting concerns over licenses issued to undocumented immigrants, Leavitt said that Jashanpreet Singh entered the country in 2022 through the southern border and was "released" by the previous Biden administration. Leavitt said that this incident shows a "disturbing pattern" of "criminal illegal aliens" being issued commercial licenses.

"As for this case in California, on October 22, ICE lodged an immigration detainer for this individual following his arrest by local authorities in California on charges of manslaughter while intoxicated and driving under the influence. He killed three people. And he first entered the United States in 2022 through the southern border. And he was released into our country by the previous administration. ICE has lodged a separate detainer for this individual. And these tragedies are following a disturbing pattern of these criminal illegal aliens being issued commercial vehicle licenses. The Department of Transportation is absolutely cracking down on that...", she said.

The Department of Transportation is taking action, with Secretary Sean Duffy criticizing states like California for failing to enforce federal English-language requirements for commercial truck drivers. California risks losing over \$40 million in highway safety funding due to noncompliance.

"California's reckless disregard is frankly disgusting and an affront to the millions of Americans who expect us to keep them safe," Duffy stated in the September press release. *ANI*

How to handle lowball offers on your home professionally?

DHWANI MEHARCHANDANI

Selling a home is one of the most emotional and financially significant decisions a person makes. So when an offer comes in that's far below your asking price, it can feel insulting or discouraging. However, lowball offers are a common part of real estate negotiations and handling them professionally can often turn them into fair deals. The key is to respond strategically, not emotionally.

What is considered a lowball offer?

A lowball offer is an offer made by a buyer that is significantly below the property's listed price, often 15-25% less than the asking amount. For example, if your home is listed at ₹1 crore and a buyer offers ₹75 lakh, it's likely a lowball. While such offers may seem unreasonable, they're not always meant to offend. Some buyers start low to test a seller's flexibility, while others might be factoring in perceived flaws, renovation costs, or current market conditions. The way you respond can determine whether the negotiation progresses or collapses prematurely.

Why do lowball offers happen?

Understanding why lowball offers occur, can help you depersonalize the situation and plan a measured response.

Buyer's market dynamics: In a buyer's market, where housing inventory exceeds demand, buyers have the upper hand. They know sellers are competing for fewer buyers, so they often test the waters with lower bids.

Pricing mismatch: Sometimes, sellers overprice their homes, intentionally or unknowingly, based on emotional attachment or unrealistic expectations. Buyers who've researched comparable properties (comps) in the same locality may feel justified in offering a lower figure.

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TN: Rights body claims Rs 2,000cr housing project cleared illegally in Pallikarani Ramsar wetland

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu rights group 'Arappor Iyakkam' has alleged massive corruption in the granting of environmental clearance and building approval for a luxury residential project within the ecologically sensitive Pallikarani marshland - a Ramsar site and one of Chennai's last remaining wetlands. **IANS**

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Institutional investments in Indian Real Estate hit USD 1.76 billion in Q3 CY2025; Highest in four years: Report



NEW DELHI: The Indian real estate sector recorded institutional investments of USD 1.76 billion in the third quarter (Q3) of calendar year 2025, the highest quarterly inflow of funds compared to any Q3 in the past four years, according to a report by Vestian.

While investments saw a marginal dip of two percent from the previous quarter, they rose sharply by 83 percent over the same period a year earlier.

The report pointed out that the commercial segment continued to lead, accounting for 79 percent of total institutional inflows. This was higher than its share of 61 percent in the previous quarter

and 71 percent in Q3 2024. In value terms, commercial investments reached nearly USD 1.4 billion, showing a strong annual growth of 104 percent.

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The residential sector attracted investments worth USD 191.7 million, contributing 11 percent to the total inflow. However, this reflected a 49 percent drop compared to the last quarter,

though it was still six percent higher than the same time last year. The industrial and warehousing sector accounted for a modest five percent of total in-

vestments, but registered a significant 168 percent quarterly increase to reach USD 85.8 million, driven largely by rising demand for logistics and storage spaces.

Shrinivas Rao, FRICS, CEO of Vestian, said, "Driven largely by the commercial asset class, institutional investments in Indian real estate have surged by 83 percent year-on-year, reaffirming the sector's strong resilience amid global headwinds. While foreign investors adopt a cautious approach, the significant rise in the share of domestic investments and co-investments underscores the growing confidence of domestic investors in India's growth story."

Vestian's report also showed a shift in the investment mix. Foreign investment in Indian real estate fell to an annual low of 8 percent in Q3 2025, as overseas investors remained cautious amid uncertain global conditions. In contrast, domestic investors took a leading role, accounting for 51 percent of total inflows. This represented an annual growth of 115 percent and a quarterly growth of 166 percent in value terms.

Co-investments, where foreign and local players invest together, also gained momentum, rising to 41 percent this quarter from 15 percent in Q2 2025.

In terms of geography, multi-city investments accounted for 39 percent, followed by Mumbai (18 percent) and Chennai (16 percent), as per the report. **ANI**

Newmark hires Sathish Rajendren to lead growth in APAC region property and facilities management

NEW YORK: Newmark Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NMRK) ("Newmark" or "the Company"), a leading commercial real estate advisor and service provider to large institutional investors, global corporations, and other owners and occupiers, announces it has expanded its Property and Facilities

Management businesses into India, hiring Sathish Rajendren, FRICS, SLCR, MCR, as Executive Managing Director to head the operations across India and APAC. Based in Bangalore, Sathish will be responsible for ensuring consistent, best in class Property and Facilities Management solutions for owners and occupiers in the region.



Sathish Rajendren

"Newmark continues to evolve to meet clients' needs across every region and stage of the asset lifecycle," said Luis Alvarado, Chief Operating Officer. "Our growth in India exemplifies our continued delivery of holistic, end-to-end solutions that create long-term value for investors and occupiers alike, while advancing our strategy to grow recurring Management Services and Servicing revenue globally." **ANI**

Which Indian cities will offer max property appreciation by 2030? (Data-Driven Forecasts)

NEW DELHI: In a market where timing is everything, the right property in the right city can turn a homebuyer into a strategic investor. India's real estate landscape is buzzing with opportunity, and certain cities are emerging as the ultimate hotspots for investors, with a promise of high returns in the next five years. This forecast highlights the prime urban areas and emerging hotspots expected to see strong property value growth by 2030.

1. PUNE

Pune is all set to witness a significant appreciation in property values by 2030, catapulted by more than Rs. 50,000 crore of infrastructure development, such as the Ring Road, metro rail expansion, and airport upgradation.

The city, seeing a remarkable appreciation of about 80% in the previous decade, suggests excellent prospects for future appreciation. With ascending demand from IT and ed-tech industries, rental yields are projected to be in the range of 6-7%.

2. HYDERABAD

Hyderabad's property market is booming, especially in locations such as Gachibowli, HiTech City, and the Financial District. The Telangana government's step of investment of more than Rs. 25,000 crore towards infrastructure development, including water supply and sewerage facilities, is likely to enhance property values.

With appreciation in prices of as much as 20% year-on-year in certain areas, Hyderabad emerges as a strong real estate investment case.

3. NAVI MUMBAI & MUMBAI

Mumbai and its growing twin, Navi Mumbai, are among the best-performing realty segments, driven by mega-level infrastructure ventures like the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL), Navi Mumbai International Airport, and several metro corridors.

Enhanced connectivity within Thane, Kharghar, and Ulwe is opening up new opportunities for investment. With the city's strong demand, premium locational advantage, and seamless connectivity, Mumbai-Navi Mumbai is all set for long-term appreciation by 2030.

4. BENGALURU

Bengaluru's property is expected to grow steadily due to sustained IT expansion, global corporate investments, and developing residential pockets such as Whitefield, Sarjapur Road, and Hebbal.

With the Peripheral Ring Road, Bengaluru Metro Phase 2, and the Airport Corridor, Bengaluru's infrastructure is

growing exponentially. The steady rise of young working professionals and NRIs has rendered Bengaluru one of India's most solid and future-proof investment hubs.

5. CHENNAI

Chennai's real estate is witnessing resurgence with improved infrastructure, including the Chennai Metro Phase II, Outer Ring Road, and new industrial corridors.



ridors.

The growing IT-automobile ecosystem and focus on affordable housing have strengthened investor confidence. With increasing end-user demand and consistent infrastructure spending, Chennai is well positioned for steady appreciation through 2030.

6. GURGAON & NOIDA

Both Gurgaon and Noida are transforming the real estate potential of the National Capital Region. Gurgaon's high-end commercial requirements, driven by MNC clusters in Cyber City and Golf Course Road, are consistently driving residential rates upwards.

long-term investment.

Kolkata is also seeing new growth strength with projects such as the East-West Metro Corridor, reviving industrial nodes, and increasing IT hub presence in Rajarhat and New Town. All these are likely to improve property prices by 2030.

Investment Insights for Homebuyers and Investors

- Infrastructure as a Catalyst: Cities with strong infrastructure development are seeing substantial property value appreciation.

- Emerging Markets: Tier-2 cities have lower entry prices and greater appreciation value, which makes them suitable for long-term investment

- Government Initiatives: Friendly policies and improvements in infrastructure are responsible for fueling growth in different cities.

- NRI Investments: There is growing investment by Non-Resident Indians in Indian real estate, adding liquidity and stability to the market.

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Noida, meanwhile, is boosted by major government projects like the Noida International Airport, Film City, and several expressway projects.

7. LUCKNOW & KOLKATA

Lucknow has become one of the most promising Tier-2 investment areas, led by the Smart City Mission, new industrial parks, and airport development. Its low price point and swift infrastructural growth make it an investor's favorite for

As India's real estate market continues to change at lightning speed, Homebazaar remains steadfast in providing homebuyers and investors with trustworthy guidance, authenticated facts, and handpicked property listings.

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India's office leasing touches a record high, outperforms Asian peers

NEW DELHI: India's office market outperformed the Asia-Pacific region in Q3 2025, with 8.8 million square feet of leasing activity, defying broader slowdown trends, a recent report said.

Full-year leasing volumes of Bengaluru, NCR and Mumbai together are expected to touch 50 million sq ft, surpassing the previous record of 41 million sq ft set in 2024, the report from real estate services firm Knight Frank said.

This increase in leasing has driven prime rents higher, increasing 4.3 percent YoY across major cities, despite the arrival of new supply, it noted.

"Despite a supply influx of nearly 9 mn square feet during the quarter, prime office rents across India's three largest office markets - Bengaluru, NCR, and Mumbai - rose an average of 4.3 percent YoY, highlighting the market's enduring strength," the report said.



Across the APAC region, prime office rents fell 1.4 percent YoY, with rental growth flat lining at 0.0 percent QoQ, down from 0.2 percent in Q2 2025.

The surge in leasing volumes in India was also driven by commitments from global capability centers and a revival in third-party IT services.

Bengaluru led in performance, with prime rents increasing 8.8 percent year-over-year and 2 percent quarter-over-quarter, driven by demand in areas like Outer Ring Road and Whitefield. Delhi-NCR and Mumbai posted 2 percent QoQ growth, with YoY increases of 3 percent and 3.9 percent, respectively.

In comparison, several Asia-Pacific markets saw muted rental growth as landlords prioritized occupancy amid elevated vacancies. India's strong performance reflects a resilient occupier base, a diversified tenant profile, and a stable economic outlook, the report noted. IANS

'India's first free cancer vaccination program for girls aged 1-14 in TN soon'

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu is poised to script a national milestone by becoming the first state in India to roll out a free cancer vaccination program for girls aged between one and 14 years, state Health and Family Welfare Minister Ma. Subramanian announced.

Speaking at the 16th annual breast cancer awareness walkathon, titled 'Oru Nadai Oru Nambikkai' (One Step, One Hope), held at Island Grounds in Chennai, the Minister said the State government has allocated Rs 38 crore for the landmark preventive healthcare initiative.

"The tender process has been completed. Once launched, Tamil Nadu will be the first state in the country to provide the cancer-preventive vaccine entirely free of cost to girls aged one to fourteen," the Minister said, adding that the initiative would set a precedent for similar projects across India.

He also emphasized the growing importance of lifestyle and physical fitness in preventing cancer.

"Scientific studies have proven that those who walk or run daily face a significantly lower risk of developing cancer. Regular exercise is one of the most effective preventive measures," he said.

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India's gender pay gap narrows sharply, now among lowest worldwide: Report

NEW DELHI: India's gender pay gap has narrowed sharply, now ranking among the lowest worldwide, a recent report said.

According to a report from global payroll and compliance platform Deel, the median salaries for men and women in India are nearly equal, ranging from \$13,000 to \$23,000, reflecting "growing pay equity and the adoption of data-driven compensation models."

Deel analyzed internal platform data from over 1 million contracts and more than 35,000 customers in 150 countries to get insights into global pay trends, the report said.

The report also highlighted a 40 percent year-on-year (YoY) drop in median compensation for engineering and data professionals in India, decreasing from \$36,000 in 2024 to \$22,000 in 2025.

"India continues to show a hybrid workforce model, with 60



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percent-70 percent full-time employees and 30 percent to 40 percent contract workers, underscoring steady reliance on flexible work arrangements," the report noted.

"It's encouraging to see India

emerge as one of the few countries where the gender pay gap has narrowed significantly. This progress reflects a broader shift toward fairness, transparency, and data-driven compensation models that reward merit over

bias," says Mark Samlal, General Manager APAC at Deel.

The US, UK and Canada continue to offer the highest median compensation globally across job categories. Specialized roles in AI, cybersecurity, and digital marketing command 20 percent to 25 percent pay premiums due to skill scarcity and lack of established pay benchmarks.

Median equity grants for tech talent have grown consistently from 2021 to 2025 in emerging markets like Brazil and India, marking a global shift toward equity-heavy compensation models. The US leads in equity package size, followed by Canada and France, the report noted.

Globally gender pay gaps remain starker in tech and product roles compared to sales positions, with the largest gaps observed in Canada, France, and the United States, according to the report. *IANS*

Study shows eye scans may provide clues to ageing, heart disease risk

NEW DELHI: Canadian researchers have found that scanning the tiny blood vessels in the eyes may help predict a person's risk of developing heart disease and how fast they're biologically ageing.

The study, published in the journal *Science Advances*, suggests that retinal scans could one day serve as a noninvasive window into the body's overall vascular health and biological ageing status, offering new opportunities for early detection and intervention.

"By connecting retinal scans, genetics, and blood biomarkers, we have uncovered molecular pathways that

help explain how aging affects the vascular system," said Marie Pigeyre, Associate Professor at McMaster University's Department of Medicine in Canada.

"The eye provides a unique,

noninvasive view into the body's circulatory system. Changes in the retinal blood vessels often mirror changes occurring throughout the body's small vessels," added Pigeyre.

To conduct the study, the team combined retinal scans, genetic data, and blood sample analyses from over 74,000 participants.

People with simpler, less branched blood vessels were

found to be at increased risk of cardiovascular diseases and showed signs of biological ageing, such as higher inflammation and shorter lifespan.

Currently, assessing age-related diseases like heart disease, stroke, and dementia requires multiple tests. The hope is that retinal scans alone could eventually be used as a quick, accessible way to assess ageing and cardiovascular risk. However, more research is needed.

The team also reviewed blood biomarkers and genetic data and identified potential biological causes behind changes in the eye's blood vessels. *IANS*



Surging elderly population to boost silver economy in India: Govt

NEW DELHI: With an increasing population of senior citizens in India, the silver economy is set for a rapid expansion and growth, said the government.

'Silver economy' is an economy driven by goods and services designed to meet the needs of the elderly, typically those over 50 years of age.

As per the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare-led 'Population Projection' July 2020 report, the elderly population (60 years and above) in the country is projected to more than double from 100 million in 2011 to 230 million by 2036.

The 2021 Longitudinal Ageing Study of India (LASI) reveals that 12 percent of India's population comprises elderly individuals, a proportion projected to rise to 319 million by 2050, growing at an annual rate of approximately 3 percent.

This rapid demographic transition offers tremendous growth potential for health and wellness-focused enterprises.

It includes support that prioritizes family and community-led initiatives while ensuring financial security, digital literacy training, long-term care insurance,



digital healthcare access, assistive technologies, and engagement platforms are crucial for effectively integrating older adults into the silver economy.

"India's silver economy is valued at approximately Rs 73,000 crore in 2024, with projections indicating substantial multi-fold growth in the years ahead. Research identifies senior citizens, along with professionals in the 45 to 64 age bracket, as the 'wealthiest age cohort' globally," the statement said.

"This burgeoning silver economy creates substantial opportunities for businesses and organizations dedicated to addressing the needs and preferences of the elderly demographic. The market is poised for rapid expansion both domestically and internationally, presenting considerable scope for innovation and development within this sector," it added.

Meanwhile, in a bid to tackle the challenges encountered by the elderly population, the government has undertaken numerous initiatives, policies, and action plans.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) serves as the nodal ministry entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the welfare of senior citizens in India.

Key initiatives promoting the care, well-being, and dignity of senior citizens include the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY), the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC), and the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana. IANS



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Tiny metal particles show potential in targeting cancer cells: Study

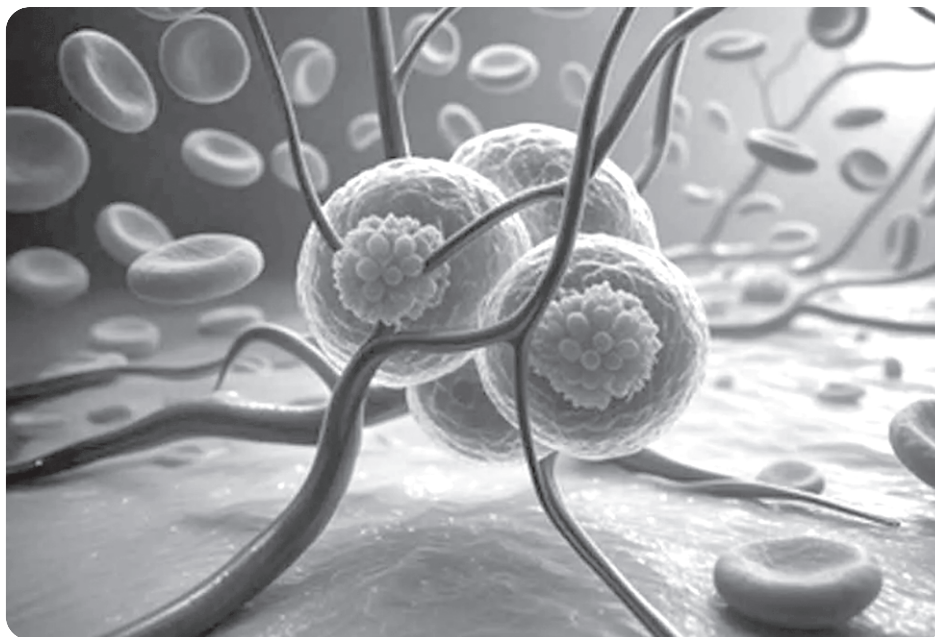
NEW DELHI: Researchers have developed microscopic metal particles that can kill cancer cells while sparing healthy tissue, offering a potential new direction for more targeted and less toxic cancer treatments.

The study by the team from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) in Australia remains at the cell-culture stage and has not been tested in animals or humans, Xinhua news agency reported.

However, it suggests a new strategy for designing cancer treatments that exploits cancer's own weaknesses.

The international team led by RMIT researchers created tiny particles, known as nanodots, from molybdenum oxide -- a compound based on a rare metal called molybdenum. It is often used in electronics and alloys.

By tweaking their chemical composition, the scientists enabled the particles



to release reactive oxygen molecules -- unstable forms of oxygen that damage cancer cells and trigger their self-destruction.

In tests, the particles killed three times more cervical cancer cells than healthy cells within 24 hours, without the need for light, unusual for technologies that rely on

oxidative stress, according to the study published in the journal Advanced Science.

"Cancer cells already live under higher stress than healthy ones. Our particles push that stress a little further, enough to trigger self-destruction in cancer cells, while healthy cells cope just fine," said Zhang Baoyue, first author from the RMIT School of Engineering.

"The result was particles that generate oxidative stress selectively in cancer cells under lab conditions," Zhang said.

Most cancer treatments affect both cancerous and healthy tissue, but technologies that selectively stress cancer cells could enable gentler, more targeted therapies, researchers said.

They added that these particles are made from common metal oxide instead of costly or toxic noble metals like gold or silver, making them likely cheaper and safer to develop. IANS

Bangladesh: Six more die of dengue, fatalities rise to 269 in 2025

DHAKA: As many as six people died due to dengue in Bangladesh in the 24 hours leading up to Monday morning (27 Oct), raising the total number of fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in the country to 269 in 2025.

During the same period, 983 people were admitted to hospitals with viral fever, increasing the total number of cases in Bangladesh to 66,423 in 2025. Four new fatalities were reported in Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), and one each in Dhaka South City Corporation and

Barishal Division, the United News of Bangladesh (UNB) reported.

Presently, 993 patients are undergoing treatment in Dhaka while 2,740 patients are receiving treatment at various hospitals in Bangladesh. Among this year's patients, 61.8 percent were male while 38.2 percent were female, according to the report. Among the total number of deaths reported due to dengue, 53.2 percent were men while 46.8 percent were women.

As many as 575 people died of dengue in 2024.

On October 9, Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) Director General Abu Jafor noted that the number of dengue cases in 2025 is higher than last year; however, the death rate is lower.

Speaking at a press briefing held over the 'Typhoid Vaccination Campaign-2025'

very difficult to eliminate dengue," he said.

Jafor said, "Our data shows that over 50 percent of dengue deaths in hospitals are occurring on the very first day of admission. This suggests that patients are seeking care too. We are doing our best to ensure proper management in hospitals."

Abu Jafor called early diagnosis important and mentioned that dengue, if detected in the initial stage, can be treated at home with proper medical care. He called lack of awareness, negligence and delay in seeking medical care as the main reasons for the increasing dengue death rate.

Dengue is a viral infection caused by the dengue virus (DENV), which is transmitted to humans

through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Dengue is found in tropical and sub-tropical climates across the world, mostly in urban and semi-urban areas, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) statement. Prevention and control of dengue depend on vector control. There is no specific treatment for dengue; however, early detection and access to proper medical care lower fatality rates of severe dengue. IANS



at the Health Ministry, Abu Jafor said: "This year, the number of dengue infections is higher than last year, but the death rate in proportion to infections is lower," United News of Bangladesh reported.

He called breeding of mosquitoes and the destruction of their larvae important for preventing dengue. "People must use mosquito nets and take protective measures. These are mostly individual responsibilities. If we neglect these, it will be

'India's first free cancer vaccination program for girls aged 1-14 in TN soon'

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Highlighting Chief Minister M. K. Stalin's personal commitment to public health and environment, Subramanian noted that the former had inspected the Adyar estuary for the second consecutive day, as part of the state's flood-preparedness efforts.

"I myself walked 13 kilometers this morning," he added, underscoring the event's theme of fitness and awareness.

The Minister also revealed that six districts in Tamil Nadu had been placed on alert following reports of a possible global resurgence of polio after two decades.

Precautionary vaccination drives, he said, were already underway to ensure continued immunity and public safety.

"With such sustained health initiatives, Tamil Nadu continues to lead India in ensuring every citizen's right to a healthy life," Subramanian remarked.

The awareness event drew over 500 participants, including actress Sanchita Shetty, cancer survivors, students, and volunteers. Participants carried placards urging early screening, fitness, and healthy living - reinforcing Tamil Nadu's growing reputation as a pioneer in preventive public health. IANS

Philosophy

PAUL BRUNTON

In India the traditional view has allotted women a role inferior to that of men. It is generally held that fewer women than men have ever attained the higher goals. Indeed, in some of the sacred works which have come down from ancient times and which still govern much of the thinking upon the subject today, the spiritual aspirant who has obtained a male birth is regarded as being much more fortunate than one who has obtained a female one.

One of the major reasons why women have been assigned a lower status for so long a time has been, aside from the selfish social exploitation of her physical weakness, the asceticism which belongs to the mystical stage of development.

Such asceticism has often taken an extreme and unbalanced form with the result that the values and virtues of monastic celibacy have been overrated and the dangers symbolized by women have been exaggerated.

On the philosophic level the balance is

Women have been exploited and subjected by men for ages past and it is only within recent times that they have begun to come into their own and claim the rights and privileges which are their just due. In the coming age, balance will be restored and woman will take her rightful place alongside of man in the leadership of the whole race.

To sum up, it is no longer a question of what the ancients believed about women or how the modern Indians regard them, but a question of accepting the evolutionary trend of things which is bringing the human race closer and closer to enlightenment and thus making it possible for every woman to claim and receive what is best in life if she wishes.

We hear much from the new moralists about the need of encouraging young men and young women to express themselves and of not letting society impose its will upon them, as we hear much from the psychoanalysts about the need of liberating them from secret inhibitions and of satisfying their repressed emotions. They are antidotes



Paul Brunton

Women will no longer be inferior to men
Asceticism has often taken an extreme and unbalanced form

restored, extreme fanatic views are dispelled, and the natural relationship between the sexes seen in its true light. Philosophy has no use for mere asceticism although it has plenty of use for self-discipline.

According to this teaching there are three states of spiritual development: first, religious; second, mystical or metaphysical; third, philosophical. In the first stage, women are overwhelmingly ahead of men. In the second stage, women and men are roughly equal in the success of their attainment. In the third and final stage, it is mostly men who succeed.

This said, all souls are of equal importance before God. The soul, in the sense of the true self, has no sex whatever. Personalities, which are its projections, may vary their sex from birth to birth, if we accept the theory of reincarnation, and therefore the important thing is not the sex to which we belong, but the inner mental being that we are. Of great importance are the evolutionary changes through which mankind in general has been passing during recent centuries.

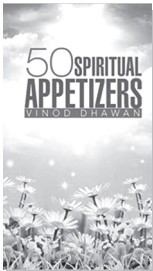
to the tyrannic soul-crushing, hypocrisy-breeding, and self-deceiving conventions of the old society.

Both these movements are excellent. But a good overdone may become an evil, a virtue stretched too far may become a vice, and a method which ignores all the facets of the diamond of psychological truth except a single one may become unbalanced.

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The Third Eye: India is global leader in Artificial Intelligence

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India remains on the forefront of the drive to ensure that Artificial Intelligence (AI) was transparent, oriented to public good and governed by international regulations. As the Lead Chair of the Global Partnership on AI (GPAI), India organized the Global India AI Summit in Delhi in July 2024 which focused on key pillars of AI eco-system including Computer Capacity, Data Sets, Application Development, Start Up Financing and Safe and Trustworthy AI.

India will now host the AI Impact Summit in Delhi in February next year where the theme will be 'the harnessing of AI for addressing real-world challenges' such as health care, education, agriculture, climate change and governance. Prime Minister Modi has taken a personal interest in promoting advancement of AI -he had foreseen the transformative role of AI for humanity. He has already earned the credit for putting India on the world map of 'digitalization'.

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Meanwhile, India has moved ahead with measures to fight misuse of AI on social media for producing deepfakes, videos with synthetic voices and manipulated images and tightened IT Rules 2021 in this regard. On October 21 the Centre released amendments to the Rules and invited public feedback on the same within a fortnight. This is a timely step considering the fact that a perceived unfair government control on social media was known to have evoked strong protests from youth in many areas in India's neighborhood.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in its official notice said that 'with the increasing availability of generative AI tools and the resulting proliferation of synthetically generated information (commonly known as deepfakes) the potential for misuse of such technologies to cause user harm, spread misinformation, manipulate elections or impersonate individuals, has grown significantly' and

added that it is on 'recognizing these risks and following extensive public discussions and parliamentary discussions' that MeitY had drawn up the amendments.

The framework of amended rules enjoins on the companies offering AI generation tools to embed permanent visible watermarks or metadata identifiers on all synthetic content prescribing coverage of at least 10 percent of the display area of images and videos. Likewise, audio content must carry identifiers during the first 10 percent of playback duration. The amendments formally set out to define -for the first time- a 'synthetically generated information' as content 'artificially or algorithmically created, generated, modified or altered using a computer resource in a manner that makes it appear as authentic or true'.

Significant social media intermediaries-large platforms designated under the IT Rules- will be prohibited from enabling users to suppress or remove the identifiers

making it harder to disguise the origin of AI generated material. The platform is obligated to ask the users to declare whether uploaded content is synthetically generated before publication and deploy

automated detection systems to verify such declarations. The rules, of course, apply only to publically available content and not to private or unpublished material.

In a further move the government has brought all digital services that use mobile numbers-from WhatsApp and payment apps to food delivery platforms-under telecom cybersecurity regulations and empowered the concerned authorities to order suspension of user accounts across multiple services. The Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber Security) Amendment Rules notified on October 22, establish a government-run mobile number verification (MNV) system and mandate database checks before buying or selling used phones.

(The writer is a former Director Intelligence Bureau) IANS

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Pakistan's Economic Revival: From Crisis Management to IMF-Supported Structural Consolidation

SARA NAZIR

In the last three years, Pakistan's economy has seen a significant metamorphosis, transitioning from near collapse in mid-2023 to a state of macroeconomic stability and incremental development by 2025. Supported by a \$7 billion International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout and a series of audacious internal reforms, the nation's leadership has effectively averted default, mitigated rampant inflation, and established the foundation for permanent recovery.

This resurgence occurs while some countries in South Asia contend with rising inflation, debt vulnerabilities, and disruptions to the global supply chain. The relative economic stability of Pakistan is hence of greater importance for regional financial stability and trust among investors in emerging economies.

In June 2023, Pakistan encountered one of Asia's most se-

vere economic catastrophes. Inflation exceeded 30 percent, foreign reserves fell significantly, and the government's debt load consumed a substantial portion of its earnings. The economy was perilously near default, with inflation reaching almost 40 percent in May 2023.

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IMF Bailout And Macroeconomic Stability

The tide begun to shift during the IMF's stabilization initiative. Economists see Pakistan's situation as a quintessential example of the "stabilization versus growth dilemma," wherein immediate austerity and stringent monetary policy are essential to reestablish equilibrium prior to achieving sustainable growth. By emphasizing macroeconomic stability rather than short-term

growth, the government facilitated inflation reduction, fiscal consolidation, and ultimately, investor confidence, establishing the foundation for a true economic recovery.

As of early 2025, the IMF observed that "Pakistan has achieved considerable advancement in reinstating macroeconomic stability and restoring confidence despite a difficult global context." Due to judicious monetary and fiscal policies, inflation consistently decreased, reaching 1.5 percent in February 2025 and plummeting to 0.3 percent in April 2025, down from 17.3 percent in April 2024. The Ministry of Finance anticipates inflation to stabilize between 1 and 1.5 percent in March 2025, representing the lowest rate in nearly a decade.

The alleviation of inflation has begun to alleviate the stress on households and small enter-

prises, while genuine wage growth and employment generation continue to be inconsistent. The government's emphasis on targeted subsidies and digital cash transfers is crucial in safeguarding vulnerable communities.

Foreign exchange reserves, after being exhausted, recovered to \$11 billion, offering 2.5 months of import coverage. The economy, currently valued at over \$350 billion, has not only steadied but actually commenced growth once more.

The Pakistan Economic Survey 2024-2025 indicated that Pakistan's economy exhibited significant stabilization and recovery, with Real GDP increasing by 2.68 percent in FY2025 and inflation declining markedly to 0.3 percent in April 2025 from

17.3 percent the previous year. Fiscal indicators significantly improved as the nation achieved its inaugural quarterly surplus in 24 years, with the primary balance attaining a historic 3.0 percent of GDP, driven by a 36.7 percent increase in revenues and enhanced spending control. The industrial and business sectors propelled development, with the IT and telecom industries serving as significant contributors; ICT exports increased by 23.7 percent, and freelancers generated US\$ 400 million in foreign money. The Survey observed enhancements in investment and savings ratios, increased provincial surpluses, and advancements in digital entrepreneurship, highlighting that Pakistan's fundamentals of the economy are fortifying, inflationary pressures are diminishing, and fiscal discipline is facilitating sustained recovery.

The Pakistan Economic Survey 2024-2025 states, "Pakistan's economy has entered a recovery phase supported by fiscal consolidation, disinflation, and enhanced investor sentiment."

Consolidating Achievements: Financial Robustness and External Resilience

In addition to headline statistics, the durability of Pakistan's recovery may be comprehensively assessed by its external and fiscal measures, which demonstrate a consistent rectification of enduring imbalances. The most notable transformation transpired in the external sector, as Pakistan achieved an annual current account surplus of around US\$ 2.1 billion (0.5 percent of GDP) in FY2024-25, overturning years of continuous deficits.

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TIME FOR INDIA TO INVEST

Last week a friend from JPL (NASA), located in Pasadena, California, called to say he and several other colleagues were laid-off due to cuts in federal funding. After serving for many years, sacrificing their youth, family and country of origin, suddenly they became victims of the recent policy to downsize R&D in several sectors across United States. Their search for deep learning in science led them to become part of America's superiority in technology and research. Most of these graduates were initially from institutions like IIT and other major engineering colleges across India. The main reason to leave the country was non-availability of work culture and growth. The era was known as the great brain drain of India, during 20th and 21st century. Many in India agreed that 'brain drain is better than brain in the drain'.

Today, the scenario has changed overnight. Their American dreams crushed, like a tornado has just struck.

Western Europe during the rise of colonial empires became the fertile ground for the intellect to pursue and migrate and later United States became the center for attracting the best talent from across continents after WW-II. Hard-working, creative and ambitious individuals left Europe for US followed by Indians and Chinese in the 70s. America's greatest achievements in science and industrial growth happened during these times.

This current scenario couldn't be better for India to dive in and take advantage of. India should accelerate with all major corporations to contribute in R&D to attract the talent pool that is available. China is already ahead in and continues to advance in R&D. In manufacturing they are already ahead of US and rest of the world. India could be the only other country, with a young population that can forge ahead besides China. With this golden opportunity and advent of AI, India can solve major employment problems and can setup the eco-system to woo the trained intellect pool available. By investing in high-tech industry will not only benefit the highly educated workforce but the effect can reach the entire employment eco- system.

None of this implies that India should ignore low-value manufacturing, especially given the underlying geopolitical risks. Modi government's, 'Viksit Bharat' will remain a hollow slogan unless the country shifts from 'Make in India' to 'Innovate in India.' Beyond job creation, innovation can advance India's strategic goal of atmanirbharta by reducing dependence on others for critical technologies.

Top-end innovation depends on attracting the very best human capital, which will now be available from the best of talent willing to move to India. Building more IITs or modestly raising PhD stipends, while worthwhile, will not move the needle. What will is massive investment in R&D. The government must provide equal or better incentives, intellectual freedom, and world-class civic amenities. Incentives could entail inviting global universities to launch and operate freely in India without regulatory and taxation-related challenges, and providing civic amenities like townships with clean air, water, quality schools, and open spaces. Gurgaon, Hyderabad and Bangalore are simply not enough, to woo the best.

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All the Beauty in the World

CAPT KRISHAN SHARMA
India Post News Service

All the Beauty in the world" an art exhibition that took place in Delhi this month, was not an ordinary exhibition. The artist tries to venture the duplicit world with an expression thru art and sculpture. He explains that as are we living today in a time when clarity and focus have been traded for the half-baked, the ridiculous, and the incoherent. An ever-present defeat and despair lends a shrill stagnant air to daily life. The morning news, the TV refrains, the fearful headlines, the statements and rebuttals and arguments, each day begins in myopic hallucinations. What is real, what is fake, what is a mirage is clouded into claims and counter claims, rage and outrage. Every aspect of exaggerated reality is condensed into multiple oppositions.

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tion; is it possible to place it in a physical context? Through a union of conflicting items, All the Beauty... examines something of its daily paradoxes - examining so to say, the difference between an object's original intent and its eventual

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form - between the individual object as noun and the dual object as verb. When daily items are absolved of function what they lose in usefulness they gain in new unintended meaning. A cricket bat extends into a rifle; a clothes iron supports an axe

as handle; a chair merges with a table, another emerges from the root of a tree... When things are provoked into accidental fusion - obsolescence, exaggeration and subversion are but expected. Does the axe on the iron herald domestic violence? Does a rifle turn the cricket bat into blood sport? Is the bicycle pump as thoughtful a performer of the trumpet as a musician? He fused objects hint at old endings, or new beginnings, at familiar sights or strange places, common people or those with mutilated faculties and extreme habits. Is it in this conflicted ambiguous purpose that the work finds meaning? Objects in denial, objects in dysfunction, objects in unrealized potential, objects in mistaken context, and others in subverted identity, so to say, function without form, form matched by dysfunction, form in new form - All the Beauty... attempts to explore the contradictory reawakening of things that do not seem what they are.

(Gautam Bhatia graduated as an architect from US is also an artist, sculptor and author now based in Delhi. His drawings have been exhibited in New York and Berlin, besides several shows in India.)

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Where Cultures Collide: Lakme Fashion Week X FDCI X Moscow Presented 'Hatsibana' By Fatima Shogenova

NEW DELHI: The Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) continues to champion cultural exchange through its designer exchange program with the Russian Fashion Council. As part of this ongoing initiative, FDCI is delighted to welcome Russian designer Fatima Shogenova, founder of the label Hatsibana, to showcase at the upcoming edition of Lakme Fashion Week in partnership with FDCI. The presentation will be held on 10th October 2025 at 9:30 PM at The Grand, New Delhi.

Earlier this year, in the March 2025 season, FDCI hosted Russian designer ZAZA, whose showcase received an enthusiastic response from attendees and highlighted the success of this cultural collaboration. The October edition builds on that momentum, further strengthening ties between the Indian and Russian fashion communities.

Commenting on the initiative, Sunil Sethi, Chairman, FDCl, said: "At FDCl, we see cultural exchange as a vital part of our



mission to position Indian fashion within a larger global dialogue. Our partnership with the Russian Fashion Council allows us to celebrate diversity, creativity, and mutual respect between our industries.

We are excited to welcome Fatima Shogenova to New Delhi and look forward to her showcase this season."

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Anupama Parameswaran calls Bison 'a quiet shift within'

Actress Anupama Parameswaran cannot contain her emotions after receiving all the love for her recent release "Bison Kaalamaadan".

Calling the project 'a quiet shift within,' Anupama penned a heartfelt note on social media that read, "10 days of Bison... and my heart is still learning how to hold all the love it has received (sic)."

"Some films are not just projects, they become a feeling, a season, a quiet shift within. Bison is that for me. A film that has impacted me in ways I will cherish for a lifetime. I feel blessed, fortunate, and humbled to have lived inside this world," she added.

Thanking director Mari Selvaraj, Anupama went on to write, "To @mariselvaraj84 sir, thank you for choosing me and for seeing a place for me in this story. Your faith is something I will always carry with gratitude. (White heart emoji)."

Praising co-stars Dhruv Vikram and Rajisha Vijayan, she shared, "To our superstar (? Military medal emoji) @dhruv.vikram congratulations. Watching your journey unfold with such honesty, passion, endurance, and heart has been inspiring. This wasn't luck... this was earned, breath by breath. You deserve every bit of this light. (sparkles emoji) @rajishavijayan thank you for being more than a co-actor... thank you for the warmth of a sister. @nivas.k.prasanna what a beautiful beginning. Hold on to this magic, it will take you far."

Showering love on the makers and the entire team of "Bison", Anupama's social media post went, "My heartfelt thanks to @applausesocial and @neelamstudiosoffl for letting me be a small part of a big, meaningful dream. IANS

'Anupamaa' actress Adrija Roy: 'IT'S NOT ABOUT FAME...'

Anupamaa' actress Adrija Roy has opened up about her approach to choosing roles and how she views her journey as an artist.

In exclusive quotes shared with IANS, the actress shared that for her, acting goes beyond fame and recognition - it's about personal growth, learning, and evolving with every character she portrays. Reflecting on her journey, Adrija stated, "I always try to pick characters that push me to grow. It's not just about fame or popularity it's about learning and evolving with every role I take. Each character teaches me something new about myself and the world around me."

She also spoke about the importance of maintaining

balance amid a demanding career, emphasizing how self-care and introspection help her stay grounded and connected to her craft. "Every day brings new challenges and new lessons. Whether it's

preparing for a role, handling recognition, or reflecting on a tough day, I remind myself to stay grounded, be kind to myself, and cherish every experience because that's what truly shapes you, both as an artist and as a human being."

Talking about her fan base, Adrija shared that they have always been an inseparable part of her journey. IANS

TOP TEN HINDI FILM SONGS

- 1 Saiyaara: Saiyaara
- 2 Barbaad: Saiyaara
- 3 Pardesiya: Param Sundari
- 4 Qayde Se: Metro ... In Dino
- 5 Dhun: Saiyaara
- 6 Janaab-e-Aali: WAR 2
- 7 Deewaniyat: Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat
- 8 Tum Ho Toh: Saiyaara
- 9 Raanjhan: Do Patti
- 10 Zamaana Lage: Metro ... In Dino



WAMIQA GABBI'S NEW CHALLENGE FOR HER TRAINER



Actress Wamiqa Gabbi has a new challenge for her trainer. The 'Bhool Chuk Maaf' actress asked her trainer to get her back into shape within 3 months. Inspiring herself and her trainer some more, Wamiqa dropped a couple of snaps of her chiseled physique on her official Instagram handle, where her abs were visible. The post also included a video of one of her workout sessions. Wishing her trainer all the best, she

penned on the photo-sharing app, "Hey Vailly @iarjun93, you need to get me back in this shape in 3 months. We can start in December.... All the best for your journey Guruji ...hehe (Winking Face with Tongue Emoji and Face with Peeking Eye Emoji) (sic)" Earlier, Wamiqa talked about finding sense amidst the random chaos of life. She uploaded a random selfie from her phone on her X (Earlier known as Twitter) handle, she asked, "What do I call these set

of random photos I have in my phone?" "Random? Does everything in life happen randomly? This chaos that we create or encounter with, is it a random chaos? It's an organized chaos. It's a journey that is the most beautiful and the most unpredictable- impossible to predict. The journey of becoming one with the universe. It's as exciting as it can get. The magic of learning that it offers beats every other desire in life. It's life itself. IANS

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BHAGYASHREE ON STARTING THE DAY WITH A BULLET COFFEE

Eating all those Diwali delicacies may lead to a clogged digestive system, and in order to get back on track, actress Bhagyashree relies on Bullet coffee.

According to the 'Maine Pyar Kiya' actress, the various benefits of starting your morning with a Bullet coffee include sustained energy, better gut health, enhanced mental health and cognitive functions, improved energy levels, increased satiety, and weight loss.

In order to make this, put one spoon of ghee in 2 spoons of coffee and add hot water to it.

Explaining the multiple health benefits of Bullet Coffee, Bhagyashree mentioned in the caption, "#tuesdaytipswithb Combat the diwali indulgence with a bullet proof method. Bulletproof coffee ! Coffee + Ghee + Hot Water Use A2 cow ghee for full benefits and have first thing in the morning on an empty stomach. Will improve gut health, gives a feeling of satiety promoting weightloss, improves mental clarity and cognitive function, and gives you sustained energy throughout the day. (sic)."

"Do regularly for a month and see the difference. For those wanting to know what I take....I love the taste and texture of A2 ghee from @samvedana_foundation," she added.

Bhagyashree recently revealed she is dreaming of a winter getaway with husband Himalaya Dassani as she misses the mountains.

The 'Humko Deewana Kar Gaye' actress dropped a video of some romantic moments with husband Himalaya, striking joyful poses against stunning scenic backdrops. She added Lata Mangeshkar and Suresh Wadkar's timeless track "Husn Pahadon Ka" in the backdrop. *IAN S*



Malaika Arora's funny dig at Mumbai's unpredictable rains

Bollywood diva Malaika Arora seems to have been annoyed with the unpredictable rains that have gripped the city of Mumbai for the last couple of days.

The actress took to her social media account in expressing her annoyance and sharing a funny yet relevant meme. Malaika wrote, "I'm looking out for that geography teacher who taught me; monsoon is only 4 months," with an angry emoticon. Talking about Malaika, the actress recently clocked the big 50 and rang in her birthday. *IAN S*

Avneet Kaur's inner 'WATER BABY'

Popular television actress Avneet Kaur took to social media to share a poetic reflection about her love for the ocean.

Taking to Instagram, the 'Aladdin' actress dropped stunning beachside pictures along with a heartfelt caption, expressing how the sea has always been her place of peace and self-discovery. In her post, Avneet conveyed how reconnecting with nature helps her find balance and inspiration. Sharing series of her images by the ocean, Kaur wrote, "For her, the ocean was more than a dream, it was a place she needed to visit to find herself. And when she returned to the city, You could see the sun in her eyes, the wind in her hair, and taste the infinite salt on her lips. #waterbaby #takemeback."

In the pictures, the actress is seen flaunting her radiant smile while posing for the camera. Avneet's hair flows beautifully in the wind as she stands by the ocean, soaking in the serene vibe. She also captured a stunning shot of the waves crashing gently along the shore.

Meanwhile, back in May, Avneet Kaur grabbed headlines when she met Hollywood superstar Tom Cruise. She shared a series of pictures from their encounter on social media.

In an interview with *IAN S*, the actress opened up on her one-of-a-kind experience of meeting Tom Cruise. She shared, "I met him twice, and I can't explain in words what the experience was. *IAN S*

Nikita Dutta DESIRES TO WORK WITH SRK, her 'dream co-star'

Actress Nikita Dutta recently shared her dream of working with Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan.

Expressing her admiration, the 'Kabir Singh' actress, while speaking to IANS, revealed that it has been her long-standing wish since the beginning of her career to share screen space with SRK. Calling him her "one and only" dream co-star, Nikita said that her desire to work with Shah Rukh remains as strong as ever.

When asked about her dream co-star, actress Nikita Dutta stated, "Without a doubt, Shah Rukh Khan. It has been my dream since I started working in this industry. It's still the same - one and only Shah Rukh Khan!"

Furthermore, speaking about her transition from television to films, Nikita shared that the shift happened gradually and with careful choices. She explained, "The switch I was eagerly waiting for came with Kabir Singh. That film gave me immense love and recognition from the audience. Everywhere I went, people appreciated my work. It will always remain a special film for me because it was my first big step into cinema and brought me unforgettable memories."

The 'Jewel Thief - The Heist Begins' actress also spoke about her experience working in Marathi cinema, highlighting how it differs from Bollywood. She shared, "Apart from the budget difference, there's not much change. The shooting style, atmosphere on set, and work ethic are similar. But what stood out to me while shooting Gharat Ganpati was the closeness among the crew - it felt like a family. Marathi films also connect more deeply with their audience because they create stories specifically for them. Whereas in Bollywood, you're catering to a much larger, more diverse audience."

Nikita Dutta is known for her stint in projects like "Gold," "Kabir Singh," "The Big Bull," the supernatural horror "Dybbuk," and web series, "Khakee: The Bihar Chapter." IANS



Aastha Gill: 'Learnt it the hard way'

Singer-songwriter Aastha Gill, who is known for tracks like 'Kamariya', 'DJ Wale Babu' and others, has shared that she has changed her thought-process as an artiste, and to navigate the industry and its dynamics.

The singer spoke with IANS during the promotional run of her new streaming music reality show 'I-popstar', on which she serves as one of the mentors.

For any artiste, there is a responsibility on them to deliver a hit. Their teams constantly feed them with what is happening in the market, what should be the output, how it should be made.

When asked if it is very tough to keep yourself away from the temptation which the market forces put on her, she told IANS, "Honestly, it took me a lot of time to understand.

I used to get stuck while making mu-

sic because my commercial mind as a musician over-powered the artiste in me. For almost two years, I have been changing my thought-process. I have cut myself from this noise, knowingly. I realized two years ago that I was lost. In my own art, I could not understand how to process". IANS



Shehnaaz Gill: 'Ikk Kudi' especially made for Punjab

Actress Shehnaaz Gill sought blessings at the Golden Temple ahead of the release of "Ikk Kudi" and said that the film is made especially for Punjab.

Talking about her visit Shehnaaz told IANS: "I have come here to take God's blessings. Our film is about to be released, and I pray to God that our film will be a success."

Shot in Chandigarh, Ikk Kudi was first scheduled to hit the screens on September 19 and was later pushed for an October 31 release.

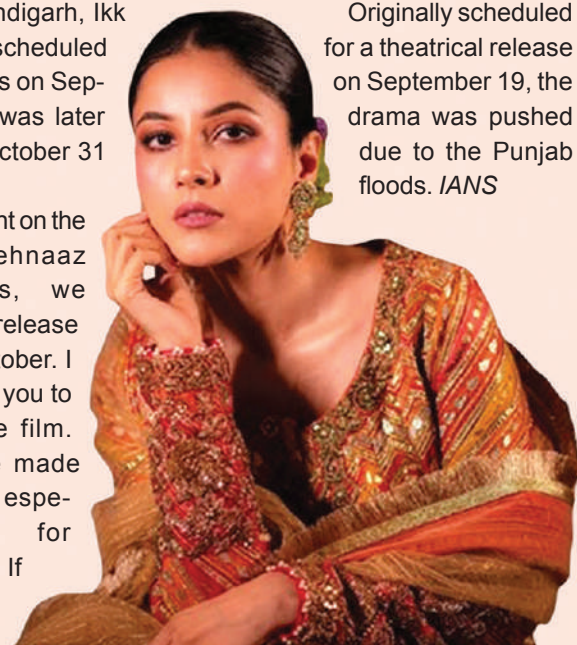
Shedding light on the same, Shehnaaz said: "Yes, we shifted the release to 31st October. I want all of you to watch the film. We have made this film especially for Punjab. If Punjabis

don't watch the film, it won't be fun."

"The name of the film is Ikk Kudi. It will be released on 31st October. I hope all of you will love the film. We have made a very good film," she added.

Ikk Kudi, which marks Shehnaaz's debut as a producer, showcases the journey of a girl's struggle to find the right partner. Written and directed by Amarjit Singh Saron, "Ikk Kudi" is scheduled to be out in the cinema halls on October 31.

Originally scheduled for a theatrical release on September 19, the drama was pushed due to the Punjab floods. IANS





Hampi, the city of ruins, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Situated in the shadowed depth of hills and valleys in the state of Karnataka, this place is a historical delight for travellers. Surrounded by 500 ancient monuments, beautiful temples, bustling street markets, bastions, treasury building and captivating remains of Vijayanagar Empire, Hampi is a backpacker's delight. Hampi is an open museum with 100+ locations to explore and a favorite way to see the city from the perspective of its history.

Hampi was the capital of the Vijayanagar Empire around 1500 AD, and by some accounts, the second largest city in the world at that time. Over the next centuries it fell out of importance, and now you can explore the ruins of a lot of temples and other structures spread out over a vast area. The terrain around Hampi is as mysterious as the ruins itself - the city is surrounded by boulders of different sizes, and you can climb to the top of them with a little effort to get a stunning view of the entire city and the geography. It is located on the banks of the Tungabhadra River. Famous for its massive, beautifully carved temples, especially the Virupaksha Temple, dedicated to the patron deity of the empire. You can also find remains of the old aqueducts, canals and military barracks and stables here. Hampi was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1986 and many efforts have been taken to restore the lost glory of the place - very limited (if any) modern establishments are allowed in the main area, which gives an authentic feel to the ruins.

PLACES TO VISIT IN HAMPI

Virupaksha Temple: The Virupaksha temple (or Prasanna Virupaksha temple) is located on the banks of the Tungabhadra river at Hampi. Built during the 7th

century, the beautiful architecture and history of the temple have made it a UNESCO World Heritage site. The temple is abode to one of the forms of Lord Shiva called Lord Virupaksha. While it is located at present-day Hampi, it was once a smaller shrine in the middle of the ancient and majestic Vijayanagara Empire. You will find beautiful stone inscriptions dating back to the 7th century on the walls of the temple as proof of its rich heritage. Architecture-lovers and history-buffs, do visit the temple when you are in

Hampi Vithala Temple: Lotus Palace: The Lotus Palace in Hampi is one of the most iconic landmarks in the town. Named so for the way the structure looks like a lotus in bloom, this

Hampi

'Ruins of Vijayanagara Empire'

palace was the designated area for the royal women of the Vijayanagara Empire and is found within the Zenana Enclosure. Known widely as one of the few edifices in Hampi that was not lost either to the Mughal raids of the town or to the ravages of time, the Lotus Mahal stands tall in its courtyard.

Yantroddharaka Hanuman Temple: On top of the Anjaneya Hill, at a distance of 2 kilometers from the Virupaksha Temple, the beautiful Yantradharaka Hanuman Temple also known as the Monkey Temple is present inside a cave. The temple being 500 years old is dedicated to Lord Hanuman. Sri Vyasaraja, who was the Rajaguru of the Vijayanagara Kingdom and a Dwaita philosopher, was the one to install the idol of Lord Hanuman in the temple.

Being one of the most famous attractions of the Anjanadri Hill, the Monkey Temple is considered as a sacred spot for Hindus.

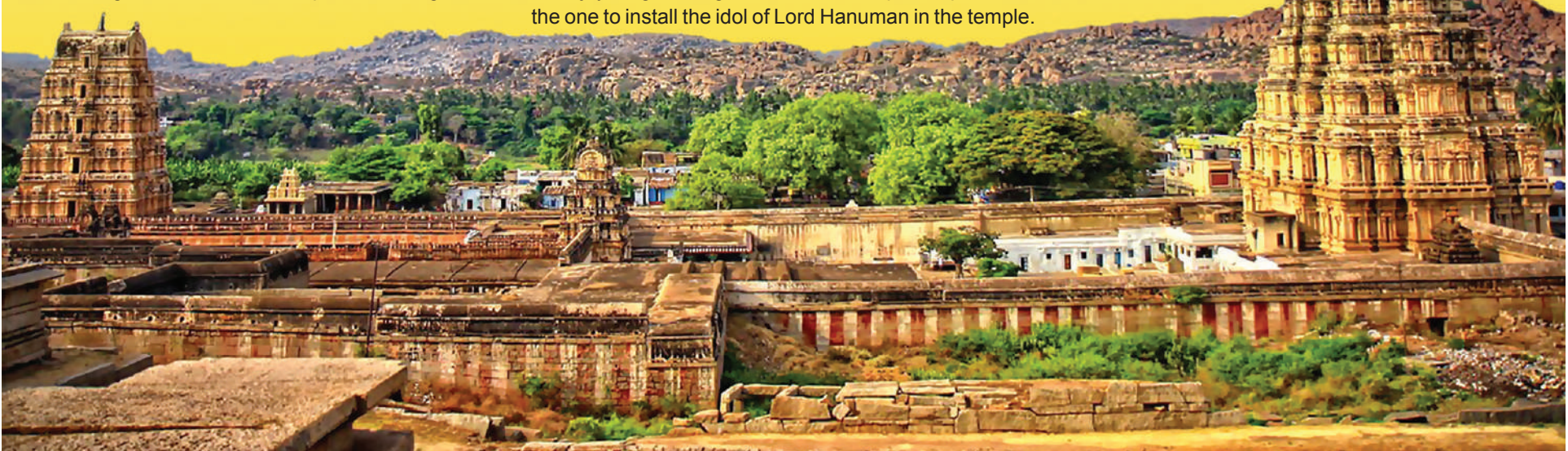
Hippie Island: While most tourists stay to the south of Tungabhadra where most of the ruins are located, some prefer the north banks which have a vibrant hippie culture. Virapapur Gadde or Hippie Island is a small island situated across the Tungabhadra river. It takes 5 minutes to travel to the island via coracle or boat. The last boat for the island leaves at 5.30 pm. The backpacker's delight.

Hampi Bazaar: Also known as the Virupaksha Bazaar, the Hampi Bazaar is the place to go to pick up knick-knacks, souvenirs, cheap clothes and trinkets to remember your trip to Hampi by. Situated right in front of Virupaksha temple, hence its alternate name, this bazaar that stretches for over a kilometer long is one of the main landmarks of Hampi. From embroidered shawls, fiber handicrafts, to stone carvings, this is the place to pick up anything Hampi-related.

Queen's Bath: A part of the Royal Enclosure, this aquatic enclosure was the Royal bath during the times of the Vijayanagara Empire. It was built in such a way that no outsiders could enter the bath. Over 500 years old, the Royal Bath continues to draw tourists to it and is famous for its intricately designed balconies and other features. A notable design feature of the Royal Bath is that it has no ceiling and it is open to the elements.

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