

**Alka India Limited**  
CIN: L99999MH1993PLC168521

<b>Reg. Office:</b> Gala No. D- 3/4/5, Hatkesh Udyog Nagar-1, Off. Mira Bhayandar Road, GCC Road, Mira Near Hatkesh Substation Thane - 401 107, MAHARASHTRA	<b>Address of IRP:</b> Dharmendra Dhelariya RP of Alka India Limited (In CIRP) B-605, Titanium Square, Thaltej Cross Road, Thaltej, Ahmedabad - 380 054 <b>Process specific Email Id:</b> <a href="mailto:cirp.alkaindia@gmail.com">cirp.alkaindia@gmail.com</a>
--	--

**AIL/BSE /2023-24**

**12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**

**To,**  
**The Corporate Relations Department,**  
**Bombay Stock Exchange Limited,**  
**PJ Tower, Dalal Street, Fort,**  
**Mumbai-400 001.**  
**Scrip Code: 530889**

**SUB: NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT - FINANCIAL RESULTS**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith the newspaper advertisement with regards to the Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended December 31, 2023, published on Sunday, February 11, 2024 and on Monday February 12, 2024 in the following newspapers:

- 1. News Hub (English) .**
- 2. Pratahkal (Marathi)**

This information is being submitted pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Kindly take the above information on your records and oblige.

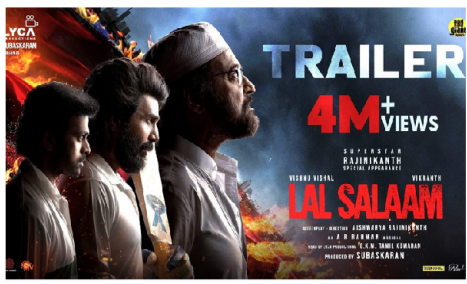
Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

**For and On Behalf of the Board**  
**Alka India Limited**

Dharmendra Takhatmal Dhelariya  
Digitally signed by  
Dharmendra  
Takhatmal Dhelariya  
Date: 2024.02.12  
11:26:02 +05'30'

**IP Dharmendra Dhelariya**  
**Resolution Professional**  
**Alka India Limited**  
**(IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00251/2017-18/10480)**  
**AFA Number: AA1/10480/02/290224/105506**  
**AFA valid upto 29/02/2024**



Lal Salaam ...  
...From pg 8

BORN TO FIGHT FOR RIGHT

# NEWS HUB

Circulation at : All Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, Palghar

Vol . No.04 ■ Issue No. 20 ■ RNI No - MAHENG/2021/80003 ■ SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2024 ■ EDITOR - MANISHA R. SAINI ■ PAGES 8 ■ RS. 3



**EXCHANGE OFFER**



**BACKPACK**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**



**BACK TO SCHOOL**

EARTH VINTAGE, SENAPATI BAPAT MARG.  
OPP. RAM GOPAL, DADAR (W)  
Tel.: 022 35418482

## Short News

**Man on the Run for Months Held for Repeatedly Raping His Daughter**

**PALGHAR:**  
**BAGHWANDAS VISHWAKARMA:**

Police have arrested a man, who had been on the run for the past few months after being booked for allegedly repeatedly raping his 22-year-old daughter and impregnating her in the Palghar district of Maharashtra, an official said on Saturday. His daughter, whom the accused raped multiple times in 2021, died in November last year at a hospital during her tuberculosis treatment, he said. "The 53-year-old accused resided in Nalasopara. He was on the run for the last several months after a case was registered against him for allegedly raping his daughter between 2021 and November 2023. He also impregnated the victim and thrashed her, which led to her miscarriage," senior inspector Pramod Badakh said. "The victim was admitted to a hospital in a serious condition on November 14 last year for treatment of tuberculosis. However, she died there on the same day," he said, adding that her mother then complained about the accused. The complainant alleged that besides her daughter, the accused beat her up as well. Based on a complaint, an offence was registered at the Nalasopara police station under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 376(2)(n) (repeated rape on the same woman), 354A (sexual harassment), 342 (wrongful confinement), 312 (causing miscarriage), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult) and 506 (criminal intimidation) in November last year, he said. The official said that the crime branch formed a special team to trace the accused, and the team members worked on several leads before finally capturing him from Virar township in the district on February 7. During his interrogation, it came to light that the accused kept changing places. He was hiding in Aurangabad and Mumbai, he added.

**10-time Odisha MLA V Sugnana Kumari Deo Dies at 87**

**BHUBANESWAR, B. BANERJEE:**

Veteran BJD leader and 10-time Odisha MLA V Sugnana Kumari Deo died at a private hospital in Chennai on Saturday while undergoing treatment, officials said. She was 87. Deo breathed her last at about 1 am after Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and other senior party leaders met her at the hospital on Friday night, they said. She belonged to the royal family of Khallikote. Odisha Governor Raghubar Das, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and many other dignitaries expressed their condolence on the demise of Deo. "Saddened to know about the demise of V Sugnana Kumar Deo. She was a very senior leader of BJD and she made a lot of contributions towards the party. She has left her mark in the public service by representing both Khallikote and Kabisuryanagar. She was elected to the Assembly 10 times. It is an irreparable loss. May her soul rest in peace and my deepest condolence to the bereaved family", Patnaik said in a post on X. Deo was first elected to the Odisha Assembly in 1963. She was an eight-time MLA from Khallikote and a two-time MLA from Kabisuryanagar. She was elected as MLA in 1963, 1974, 1977, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2004, 2009 and 2014.

## PM Modi to Give Appointment Letters in Port Blair 'Rozgar Mela' Virtually on February 12

**PORT BLAIR:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute appointment letters through video conferencing to newly recruited individuals of Andaman and Nicobar Islands at a 'Rozgar Mela' (employment fair) to be held here on February 12, an official said. All the selected candidates have been informed that offer of appointment orders will be issued during the 'Rozgar Mela' scheduled to be held on February 12 and they were requested

to be present at the Netaji Stadium, the official said. "ARozgarMela (employment fair) is scheduled to be held on February 12 at Netaji Stadium in Port Blair. All selected candidates to various Group C posts (lists issued by the local administration on January 24 and February 6, 2024) will be given their appointment letters", he said. A total of 2,721 people will be given appointment letters in the mela, the official said. Union Minister of State (Commerce and Industry)



SomPrakash will be the chief guest and the Lieutenant Governor and Vice Chairman of Islands Development Agency, Admiral (Retd) D K Joshi will be the guest of honour in the function. Andaman and Nicobar Island MP Kuldeep Rai Sharma and chief secretary, Keshav Chandra will also attend the function. The union

territory administration has arranged special bus service and ship service for candidates of North and Middle Andaman and the Southern group of Islands to reach Port Blair to attend the function. The administration has requested all senior officials of North, Middle and Southern group of Islands to provide ship tickets/helicopter tickets on a priority basis to the selected candidates to attend the Rozgar Mela' so that they could attend the programme.

► CONTINUE TO 2...

## Former SP MLA Roshan Lal Verma Claims He Received Death Threats

**SHAHJAHANPUR, B. B SINGH:**

Former Samajwadi Party MLA Roshan Lal Verma claimed that he has received death threats from callers using different numbers. He further claimed that abuses were also hurled at him, police said. The Superintendent of Police has handed over the investigation in the matter to the cyber cell. Verma told on Saturday that the "accused was calling me from different numbers, threatening to kill me and abusing me continuously when I said anything." He said that due to this, he has become "very much mentally disturbed". He added that till now, he has noted down 10 mobile numbers from which he is being allegedly harassed. The former MLA said that he has met Superintendent of Police



Ashok Kumar Meena and given his complaint in this regard. Even after this, he again received phone calls from two numbers on Saturday morning. When his daughter picked up the phone, the caller used abusive language. Meanwhile, SP Meena said that the complaint of the former MLA has been taken seriously and the cyber cell has been directed to investigate the matter.

## Violence Over Madrasa Demolition: Curfew Lifted from Outer Areas of Haldwani in Uttarakhand

**HALDWANITALLI, VIKRAM SINGH RAWAT:**

Curfew has been lifted from the outer areas of this violence-hit Uttarakhand town, but it remains in force in the Banbhoolpura area that witnessed arson and vandalism by a mob over the demolition of an illegally-built madrasa on Thursday. Shops on the outskirts of the town opened on Saturday but schools remain closed. "Patrolling is continuously being done in the affected area and the situation is under control," Additional Director General (ADG)



of Police, Law and Order, A P Anshuman, who is camping in Haldwani, said.

## Mayawati Demands Bharat Ratna for 'Messiah of Dalits' Kanshi Ram

**LUCKNOW, B. B SINGH:**

Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati welcomed the announcement of Bharat Ratna for former prime ministers P V Narasimha Rao and Chaudhary Charan Singh as well as agriculture scientist M S Swaminathan, and demanded that BSP founder Kanshi Ram should also be honoured with the highest civilian award. In a post on X, Mayawati said, "All the personalities who have been honoured with Bharat Ratna by the present BJP government are welcome. But in this matter, it is not appropriate to disrespect and ignore especially the Dalit personalities. The government must pay attention to this also." She further said, "After a long wait, Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar was honoured with the title of Bharat Ratna by the government of Shri VP Singh. After that, the struggle done by respected Shri Kanshiramji, the messiah of the Dalits and



the neglected, in their interests is no less. The government must pay attention to this also," she said. Rao and Singh as well as Swaminathan will be honoured with the Bharat Ratna, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Friday. Born in Punjab's Rupnagar on March 15, 1934, Kanshi Ram worked for the upliftment and political mobilisation of the backward classes. He founded Dalit

Shoshit Samaj Sangharsh Samiti (DS-4), All India Backwards (SC/ST/OBC) and Minorities Communities Employees' Federation (BAMCEF) in 1971 before the BSP in 1984. He died on October 9, 2006 in Delhi. Kanshi Ram was the Lok Sabha MP from Hoshiarpur in Punjab from 1996 to 1998 and from Etawah in Uttar Pradesh from 1991 to 1996. He was also a Rajya Sabha member from 1998 to 2004.

## Violence in UP's Bareilly as Supporters of Islamic Cleric Hit the Streets on 'Jail Bharo' Call



**BAREILLY, ASHOK SINGH:**

Bareilly town in Uttar Pradesh witnessed a few incidents of violence on Friday as thousands of supporters of Islamic cleric Tauqeer Raza Khan came out on streets in response to his call for "jail bharo" in protest against what he called "anti-Muslim policies of the government". At least two people were injured as the protesters pelted stones in the busy Shyamatganj market in the Baradari police station area, police said. In Shehdana area, the protesters attacked a person riding a motorcycle and damaged a few two-wheelers parked on the roadside. In both places, police used mild force to disperse the protesters, officials said. Thousands of Khan's supporters gathered near the Islamia College ground of Baharipur under Kotwali police station and raised slogans, officials said. "The government is treating Muslims as an enemy. We are against the anti-Muslim policies of the government," Raza told reporters outside his residence after the Friday prayers. He tried to join the protesters on streets but was stopped by the local administration. Inspector General of Police of Bareilly Range Rakesh Kumar

Singh told reporters, "Maulana Tauqeer Raza had announced that he would court arrest against the policies of the government. He was stopped and peacefully asked to return home. The condition is peaceful and under control. Sufficient police force has been deployed in the area." According to police sources, Khan had on Thursday sought permission from the district administration for his "jail bharo" call, but his request was declined citing the law and order situation. The district administration also sealed the Islamia College ground where Khan had asked his supporters to gather. District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar said some people pelted stones at the Shyamatganj market. Two people were injured in the incident and the administration is yet to identify them, officials said. Two FIRs have been registered regarding the matter and those responsible will be identified, the officials said. Maulana Tauqeer Raza Khan, a Bareilly cleric, is the head of the Ittehad-e-Millat Council (IMC), a political organisation. He is a direct descendant of Ahmed Raza Khan Bareilly, the founder of Bareilly sect of Sunni Islam.

## Alliance With TMC Out, Congress Keeps Up Talks With Left for Bengal Seat-Sharing Plan

**KOLKATA, B. BANERJEE:**

Alliance talks between the TMC and Congress may have failed in West Bengal but CNN-News18 has learnt that deliberations are on between the Grand Old Party and the Left to chalk out a seat-sharing plan for the 2024 polls. Sources in CPI(M) and Congress said while the Left plans to contest on 20 seats — with focus on South Bengal — the Congress is keen to fight on 22. A senior CPI(M) leader said: "We are strong in South Bengal but we should

get one seat from Murshidabad. Baharampur and North Bengal are Congress's strongholds, they will do well there. We hope talks start soon." There is a strong chance that Left and Congress will join hands with the Indian Secular Front (ISF) — a party that talks about minority rights. ISF leader Naushad Siddiqui holds sway in the minority belt of the state and has declared that he will contest from the high-profile seat of Diamond Harbour from where TMC's Abhishek Banerjee is the MP.

Left and Congress were in a seat-sharing arrangement in the 2021 assembly polls too with the ISF but the alliance tanked, winning just one seat in Bhangar. Sources said while Left plans to contest on 20 seats, Congress may agree to 20 too and two may be given to ISF. In North Bengal, sources in Congress said the party wants to contest from Darjeeling, Raigunj (old stronghold), North Malda, South Malda, Jangipur, Murshidabad, and Baharampur (Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's seat). In 2019,



Congress had won just two seats in Bengal — Baharampur and South Malda. In South Malda, the party's vote percentage was 34.73 per cent while BJP's was 34.09 per cent. Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra too travelled all across North Bengal as

Congress feels it is strong in the region and can win votes. The Raigunj seat may, however, prove to be a bone of contention between the Left and Congress. While the latter wants to contest from there as the seat once belonged to Priyaranjan Dasgupta and later his wife Dipa also won from it, in 2014, CP(M)'s Md Salim won from the seat. In North Bengal, six seats — Murshidabad, South Malda, North Malda, Jangipur, Baharampur, and Raigunj — have huge minority

presence and the fact that the Congress-TMC alliance did not take place may benefit any single party, including BJP, say experts. In 2019, Raigunj and North Malda went to BJP because of division of opposition vote. Experts say this could be repeated in the 2024 polls. In South Bengal, Congress wants to contest from Puruliya among other seats. Sources said since both the parties had chalked out their initial plan, the talks were expected to go on without too many hiccups.

# RLD's Jayant Singh Praises ModiGovt for Bharat Ratna to Chaudhary Charan Singh

**New Delhi:** Amid speculations of the RLD joining BJP-led NDA ahead of the general elections, the regional party leader Jayant Singh on Saturday praised the Modi government for honouring his grandfather and former prime minister Chaudhary Charan Singh with Bharat Ratna. He said that only a government "rooted to ground realities" could have taken such a decision. As soon as Singh started thanking the government for the honour in Rajya Sabha, Congress members objected and Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge wanted to know the rule under which the RLD leader was allowed to speak. Kharge said it is a matter of pride and he "salutes" former prime ministers P V Narasimha Rao and Charan Singh and agriculture scientist M S Swaminathan, all of whom are being conferred with Bharat Ratna. "There is no debate on honouring leaders with Bharat Ratna. I salute everyone. But if a member wants to raise an issue, you (chairman) ask 'under which rule'. (I want to know) under which rule he (Jayant Singh) has been allowed to speak. Give permission to us also. On one side you talk about rule... You have discretion... that discretion should be used judiciously and not when you want..." Kharge said, leading to a huge uproar in the House. Congress president Kharge also



accused the chairman of not following the rules. The chairman tried to bring order in the House. Amid uproar, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala expressed surprise why the Congress was opposing Bharat Ratna to Chaudhary Charan Singh. "The leader of opposition is challenging the Chair and that too on such an occasion (celebration awarding of Bharat Ratna)... this is the real face of the Congress... Congress has been exposed," Rupala said. Jayant Singh said he was shocked with the "disrespect" to Charan Singh being shown in the House by the Congress. He rued that honouring a personality like Charan Singh is being seen through a political prism and is being linked to formation of a political alliance and winning or losing elections. "I am indebted. Only a government which is rooted to ground realities understands the voices from the ground and strengthens them, can honour 'Dhartiputra' Charan Singh with Bharat Ratna," Jayant Chaudhary said. Leader of the House and Union Minister Piyush Goyal asked Leader of Opposition Kharge to apologise to the Chair as well as the nation for his remarks.

# 'CAA Will Be Implemented Before 2024 Lok Sabha Polls': Amit Shah

**New Delhi:** The BJP will get 370 seats and the NDA more than 400 in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and form the government for a third consecutive term under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said here on Saturday. Shah asserted that there is no suspense over the outcome of the Lok Sabha polls and even the Congress and other opposition parties have realised that they will again have to sit in the opposition benches. "We have abrogated Article 370 (of the Constitution, which gave a special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir). So we believe that the people of the country will bless the BJP with 370 seats and the NDA with over 400 seats," Mr Shah said at the ET NOW Global Business Summit 2024. Asked about the

possibility of the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), headed by Jayant Choudhary, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and some other regional parties joining the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), the home minister said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) "believes in family planning but not in politics", giving an indication that more parties may join the ruling coalition. When pressed further on the SAD, he said, "Talks are going on but nothing has been finalised." Mr Shah said the 2024 polls will not be an election between the NDA and the INDIA opposition bloc, but between development and those who give mere slogans. Asked about the Bharat Jodo Yatra of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, he said the Nehru-Gandhi scion has no right to go ahead with such a march as his party was responsible for the country's



partition in 1947. On the timing of a white paper tabled by the government in Parliament, Mr Shah said it was necessary as the country has full right to know what mess the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) left behind when it lost power in 2014. "At that time (2014), the economy was in a bad shape. There were scams everywhere. Foreign investment was not coming.

Had we taken out a white paper at that time, it would have given a wrong message to the world. "But after 10 years, our government has revived the economy, brought foreign investment and there is no corruption at all. So it is the right time to publish the white paper," he said. On the Ram temple in Ayodhya, the home minister said the people of the country believed for 500-550 years that the

temple should be built at the place where Lord Ram was born. "However, due to the politics of appeasement and citing law and order, the construction of the Ram temple was not allowed," he said. On the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), Mr Shah said the law, enacted in 2019, will be implemented before the Lok Sabha polls after issuing the rules in this regard. "Our Muslim brothers are being misled and instigated (against the CAA). The CAA is only meant to give citizenship to those who came to India after facing persecution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. It is not for snatching anyone's Indian citizenship," he said. On a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), Mr Shah said it is a constitutional agenda, signed by the country's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and others.

# Chhattisgarh: RPSF Jawan Killed, Passenger Injured in Accidental Firing at Raipur Railway Station

**Raipur:** A jawan of the Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) was killed and a passenger injured after the former's service weapon accidentally went off at the Raipur railway station in Chhattisgarh on Saturday, an official said. The incident took place around 6 am when a team

of the RPSF led by a sub-inspector was de-boarding Sarnath Express train after escort duty, the official here said. When constable Dinesh Chandra (30) was moving out from the S-2 coach of the train, his service weapon got accidentally discharged and a bullet hit his chest. A passenger, identified as



Mohammad Danish, who



was sleeping on an upper

berth, also sustained injuries in his abdomen, he said. The duo was shifted to a private hospital, where the constable succumbed to injuries, he said. The deceased jawan was a resident of Rajasthan, the official said, adding that investigation into the matter was underway.

## FROM 1 PAGE

### PM Modi...

The Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Som Prakash will arrive in Port Blair on February 10 on a three-day visit to Andaman and Nicobar Islands, an official said. The union minister will visit the Cellular Jail on Sunday. On February 12, he will attend the 'Rozgar Mela' at Netaji Stadium. Thereafter, he will hold a review meeting of the Logistic Policy of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. On February 13, the minister will visit the site of the Sagarmala Project at Swaraj Dweep, the official added.

### ACCOMMODATION

Commercial premise in Thane for Clinic, Labortory, B.P.O., Call Centre, Insurance Business, Bill Collection Centre, Courier, Laundry, Enterprise. Call-9987838777/9819032810

Commercial premise Thane (E) for Clinic, Labortory B.P.O., Call Centre, Insurance Business, E-Commerce, Courier, Laundry, Enterprise. Call-9987838777/9819032810

Commercial premises Thane (E) for Clinic, Dentist, Labortory, Call Centre, Distributor, Courier, Laundry, Saloon. Call-9987838777/9819032810

Chamber/Table Space near Thane Rly. Stn. for C.A., Advocate, Insurance, Business, Courier, Professional. Call-9987838777/9819032810

### PACKERS AND MOVER

DARAM PACKERS, AND, MOVERS, 9619079978, 9322783239, 9320657411 A ONE PACKERS AND MOVERS TOTAL SHIFTING EXPERTS 9967692953/9768885001

### PROPERTY

#### ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

BANGALORE REASONABLE RENT / SALE BUILT TO SUIT VACANT LAND COMMERCIAL SPACE INDUSTRIAL SHEDS GODOWN WAREHOUSE IN & AROUND HOSUR ROAD BANGALORE 560068 MEGHANA PROPERTIES SINCE 1999 CAL /WAT USP /MSG 9341111111

KANDIVALI EAST OWNER'S 1. BHK FOR SALE AT THAKUR COMPLEX - NEAR CAMBRIG SCHOOL. USABLE CARPET 400. SQUARE FEET. CALL - 9867314771 / 8779732961. WANTED/AVAILABLE INDL GALAS GODOWNS OFFICES FLATS AT ANDHERI EAST MAROL SAKINAKA CHAKALA MKALI JB NGR ONRS TEL: 9820667838 / 8080334348. 1 ROOM KITCHEN. CIDCO GR /1ST / 2ND FLOOR. WITHOUT LIFT. NEATLY PAINTED & CLEAN N TIDY STUDIO APARTMENT SUITABLE FOR BACHELORS @ SECTOR 9, VASHI. BROKERAGE APPLICABLE CALL 9322210951 / 7021570077

### SITUATION VACANT

REQUIRE FOR AC OPERATOR DIPLOMA /ITI IN REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING WORKS, REQUIRE FOR HELPER 10TH PASS, NATIONAL REFRIGERATION WORKS' MOB 8082037864.

MUMBAI-BASED ADVERTISING AGENCY IS LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCE CANDIDATES TO WORK FROM HOME (WFH) FOR THE POST OF COMMERCIAL ARTIST GRAPHIC DESIGNER/ VISUALIZER, WEB DESIGNER DEVELOPER, VIDEO EDITOR, CLIENT SERVICING EXECUTIVE WITH PHARMA BACKGROUND. MAIL YOUR RESUME TO RESUME4AGENCY@GMAIL.COM

REQUIRE IMMEDIATELY FEMALE COMMERCE GRADUATE FRESHER / EXPERIENCED OFFICE ASSISTANT FOR TAX CONSULTANT'S OFFICE AT VILE PARLE (E). SEND RESUME TO MANISH.TAX@GMAIL.COM (CANDIDATE FROM ANDHERI TO BANDRA PREFERABLE) CA FIRM IN VILE PARLE

REQUIRES BCOM/ IPCC CANDIDATE HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF AUDITING AND AUDIT REPORTS, FILING GST AND INCOME TAX RETURNS. REQUIRES INTERNS FOR CA COURSE EMAIL: CADIVYESHUAIN@GMAIL.COM WHATSAPP 9820300484.

WANTED MALE/FEMALE SUPERVISOR WITH COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE AT WAGLE ESTATE, THANE CONTACT NO - 808000700.

A LEADING DAILY NEWSPAPER REQUIRES D.T.P. OPERATOR, WITH KNOWLEDGE OF IN DESIGN & GRAPHIC DESIGNER. CONTACT : 9136706249. EMAIL US ON : NEWSHUB021@GMAIL.COM

**NEWS HUB** DISCLAIMER: Readers are recommended to make all enquiries and seek appropriate advice before acting on any advertisement appearing in this publication. Any subscriber sending money, incurring any expenses or acting on any medical recommendations or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this publication, shall do so entirely at his/her discretion, intelligence and risk. The Company, Publisher or any of its employees do not vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers of products and services and shall not be held liable for any damages, loss, consequences, suffered by any person on account of relying on such advertisements.

### Agartala :

The Tipra Motha, Tripura's main opposition party, has increased pressure on the state government on its demand to allow students to write their Kokborok language papers in Roman script in class 10 and 12 board examinations. Leader of the Opposition Animesh Debbarma of the Tipra Motha urged Chief Minister Manik Saha to provide examinees with this option, while the party's student wing announced an indefinite road-rail blockade from February 12 to press for the demand. Kokborok, an indigenous language spoken by nearly 24 per cent people of the northeastern state, does not have a script. Students generally write papers for the language in the Bengali script. Tripura Board of Secondary Education (TBSE) said the examinees will have to write that paper in Bengali

script in the exams next month, as it would be difficult for teachers to evaluate answer papers written in Roman script. Earlier, Tipra Motha supremo Pradyot Kishore Manikya had demanded the removal of TBSE President Dhananjay Gonchondhury if students were not allowed to write their Kokborok papers in both Bengali and Roman script. The Leader of the Opposition said, It is very unfortunate that the board sticks to its decision on allowing the students to write their Kokborok papers only in Bengali script citing resource constraints. The board had allowed students to write Kokborok in both Bengali and Roman scripts for 15 to 17 years and this means it has facilities to evaluate that paper in both languages, Debbarma told reporters. As the chief minister who also holds the education portfolio,



Manik Saha will be responsible if anything goes wrong during examinations, he said. There may be agitation, movement or road blockade by angry students. There is also apprehension of a law and order situation on the script issue, the Tipra Motha leader said on Thursday. The Tipra Indigenous Students' Federation (TISF) on Friday announced that it will resort to road-rail blockade for an indefinite period from February 12

demanding that the students be allowed to write kokborok papers in Roman script. TBSE President Dhananjay Gonchondhury had said that students will be allowed to use Roman and Bengali scripts for Kokborok paper. Now he took a U-turn saying that the students will not be allowed to write Roman script in the board's examinations, TISF president Sajra Debbarma said in a press conference. During the blockade, movement of

vehicles will not be allowed on national highways, state highways and railway tracks, he said adding that ambulances and cars used in wedding ceremonies can move without problem. Our agitational programme will continue till the chief minister or the education department gives written assurance on our demand for Kokborok in Roman script, he said. The Tipra Motha had promised to introduce the Kokborok language in Roman script in its election manifesto. The class 10 and 12 examinations conducted by the TBSE will begin on March 1. The Tipra Motha has 13 MLAs, mainly in tribal majority areas, in the 60-member state assembly. Nine sub-tribes of the Borok community speak this language. According to the 2011 census, 8,80,537 (23.97 per cent of the state's total population) people speak this language.

# 7 Killed in Accident Involving Two Trucks, Bus in A P

**Amaravati, Pramod Kumar :** The toll in the accident involving two trucks and a private bus at Musunuru in Nellore district early on Saturday rose to seven. The accident occurred around 2 am today when a truck transporting cattle to Srikalahasti was hit from behind by another truck

carrying iron, police said. "The driver of the iron-laden truck lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the private bus coming in the opposite direction," Kavali sub-divisional police officer Venkata Ramanasa said. Four people died on the spot, he said, adding that three more died in Nellore government



hospital. A case under IPC Section 304 was registered. Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer expressed anguish and profound grief over the mishap. The Governor offered his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members, said a press release from Raj Bhavan.

# MP Firecracker Unit Blast Toll Reaches 13 as Boy Succumbs to Injuries

**Harda, Raj Soni:** The death toll in a blast at a firecracker unit in Harda in Madhya Pradesh reached 13 on Friday after an 8-year-old boy succumbed to injuries in a hospital in Bhopal, an official said. A massive blast and subsequent blaze on Tuesday levelled a firecracker unit, leaving 11 dead at the time and more than 200 injured. "The toll in the tragedy has reached to 13 after a boy identified as Ashish Rajput succumbed to injuries in a hospital in



Bhopal," Harda district hospital's civil surgeon Manish Sharma said. The deceased's father Sanjay Rajput said they live close to



the site of the blast and Ashish was in a coma after being hit on the head by a stone during the explosion. More than 200 persons were



injured in the blast, of which 90 were discharged after treatment while 45 have been referred to hospitals in Bhopal, Indore and

Narmadapuram, an official earlier said. The rest are being treated in the Harda district hospital. Additional District Magistrate Sadanand Gauda had on Thursday said seven persons have been reported missing by the families following the incident.

**Read Daily News Hub**  
http://epaper.newshubpaper.com/

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to General Public that Flat No. 16, B Wing, on Ground Floor, admeasuring area about 310 Sq. ft. Built Up in building/Society known as Sai Baba Nagar/CHS LTD (Reg.No. TNA(VS)) HSG (TC) 9424/79-86, Tulj Road, Nalaspore East-401209 Constructed on S.No. 77, Village - Tulj, Nalaspore (E), Tal - Vasai, Dist- Palghar was standing in name of Mr. B. R. Parekh and Mr. Pravinbhai Ramanlal Parekh and they both are the Co-owner of said Flat. Whereas Mr. B. R. Parekh, expired on 22/08/2015 living behind Mr. Pravinbhai Ramanlal Parekh (Brother), Mr. Yogesh Ramanlal Parekh (Brother) and Mr. Niranjan Ramanlal Parekh (Brother) as their only legal heirs and representatives of Mr. B. R. Parekh, Mr. Pravinbhai Ramanlal Parekh (Brother), Mr. Yogesh Ramanlal Parekh (Brother) and Mr. Niranjan Ramanlal Parekh (Brother) are willing to sell the said Flat to Mr. Deepak Mani Tripathi (My Client). All public and institution are requested to demand or object any claim or right having in said Flat along with necessary documents at below mentioned address within a period of 14 days, thereafter No claim or objection will be entertained which may please take note of it and deal for sale will be proceeded.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC at large is hereby taken notice that my client Smt. SANJANA MANISH SAWANT, have purchased Flat bearing No. A-704, Shreeji Paradise CHS. Ltd. Jai Bhavani Mata Road, Next to Sari Park, Of. Ramesh Nagar, Amboli, Andheri (West), Mumbai-400058, adm. 405 sq. ft Carpet, and the Original 1st Agreement for sale dated 22/02/1999 executed Between Messrs Shree Enterprises and Santosh S. Palaw, duly stamped, in respect of abovesaid property has been lost/misplaced, and is not traceable. If any one has any objection, claim interest for the said original Agreement for Sale dated 22/02/1999, and flat, lodged within 14 days from the date of Publication of this notice at B-30, Shanti Shopping Centre, Mira Road (East)-401107, Mob: 90289-91942, failing which my client deal with the same.

PUBLIC NOTICE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that MRS. PRITHI HARISH PATEL is lawful owner of Flat No. 72, 7th Floor, Building No. 9, B-Wing, Jai Shival CHS. Ltd., MRFDA Colony, Sakhsagar Complex, J.V.R. Ancheri (East), Mumbai - 400083, adm. area 225 Sq. Ft., which was allotted to her by MRFDA authority under MUTP in lieu of her old room premises at Sarjap, Nagar, Ancheri, Mumbai in the year 2006 and since then MRS. PRITHI HARISH PATEL is in use, occupation of the said Flat premises as sole owner thereof. The Original Allotment Letter and Photo Identity Card have been lost / misplaced. That said MRS. PRITHI HARISH PATEL intends to sell / transfer the said flat premises to my client MRS. MEENA CHANDRAKANT KANTHARIA on ownership basis. Any persons claiming any right or share whatsoever by way of ownership, lease, tenancy, mortgage, pledge, lien, charge, inheritance, etc. in the said Flat or any part thereof, should intimate the undersigned in writing with supporting documents in respect of his/her claim, within 14 days of publication of this Public Notice, failing which, the claim or claims if any of such person or persons will be deemed to have waived and/or abandoned.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public enlarge by our client, 1) Shivam Jaiswal 2) Arjun Jaiswal Minor Through His Legal Guardian Kallu Devi Jaiswal, that presently our client is the owner of Flat No. 701, on the Seventh Floor, Bldg. No. X-20, in the Building known as Sai Plaza & Society known as Sai Plaza Co-Op. Hsg. Soc. Ltd., Situated at Shanti Park, Mira Road (E), Dist: Thane - 401107 (hereinafter referred as the said Flat), initially the said Flat was Purchased Reshma Prakash Jaiswal from Mr. Mohammad Faizee Mohammad Murtuja Hashmi, vide registered Agreement for Sale dated 15/11/2017 under Doc No. TNN-10-9615-2017 Dated-15/11/2017, whereas Late Reshma Prakash Jaiswal expired on 20/09/2018, leaving behind her clients 1) Shivam Jaiswal (Son) 2) Arjun Jaiswal (Minor Son) as her surviving legal heirs. Whereas ARJUN JAISWAL is minor, therefore his all the rightful decision will be taken by his legal Guardian his Grandmother KALLO DEVI JAISWAL. Therefore our clients have executed an indemnity bond in their favour for transferring the said Flat and its share on their name. herein making Shivam Jaiswal as 50% owner of the said Flat & Arjun Jaiswal as 50% owner of the said Flat. Our client through this Publication, hereby called upon the public enlarge that if any person/s have any claims or right, title, interest in respect of the said Flat and/or shares or any part or portion thereof by way of inheritance, share, sale, purchase, mortgage, lease, lien, license, gift, attachment, or, encumbrance howsoever or otherwise; shall lodge their respective claims at our office having address as mentioned below within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived and/or abandoned and not binding on our client.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given to the Public enlarge by our client, 1) Mr. Sunil Kumar Chhabra 2) Tina Kalra, that presently our clients are the joint owner of Flat No. 201, on the Second Floor, in the Building known as Jyoti Niwas Co. Op. Hsg. Soc. Ltd., situated at Plot No. 186, Preeti Puri, Sakhi, Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri East, Mumbai-400093 (hereinafter referred as the said Flat). Initially the said Flat was jointly purchased by Mrs. Manjubala Chhabra & Mr. Atam Prakash Chhabra from Smt. Chitra Roy vide Agreement for Sale Dated- 14/07/2006 under Doc No. BDR-9-6478-2006. Whereas Late Mrs. Manjubala Chhabra died on 25/05/2022 & Late Mr. Atam Prakash Chhabra died on 26/09/2023, leaving behind 1) Mr. Sunil Kumar Chhabra (Son) 2) Rita Chowdhary (Daughter) 3) Tina Kalra (Daughter) as their only surviving legal heirs. Whereas before demise of Late Mrs. Manjubala Chhabra she had made nominee to Sunil Kumar Chhabra (Son) for her 50% share. And before demise of Late Mr. Atam Prakash Chhabra, he had executed a registered Will dated- 19/06/2023 under Doc No. BDR-17-7500-2023 Dated-20/06/2023 in favour of 1) Mr. Sunil Kumar Chhabra (Son) 2) Tina Kalra (Daughter) for his 50% share. Also, Rita Chowdhary have decided to issue Affidavit Cum NOC in favour of our clients. Herein making Mr. Sunil Kumar Chhabra as the 75% owner of the said Flat & Tina Kalra as the 25% owner of the said Flat. Our client through this Publication, hereby called upon the public enlarge that if any person/s have any claims or right, title, interest in respect of the said Flat and/or shares or any part or portion thereof by way of inheritance, share, sale, purchase, mortgage, lease, lien, license, gift, attachment, or, encumbrance howsoever or otherwise; shall lodge their respective claims at our office having address as mentioned below within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived and/or abandoned and not binding on our client.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that under the instructions of my client, I am investigating the ownership, title, rights, entitlements and interest including FSI entitlements etc. of Shri Nandkishor Purushottam Thakur and Shri Dipak Purushottam Thakur (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Owners") over a building known as Saraswati House built on land bearing Survey No. 135-B, Plot No. 9 bearing City Survey No. 89/A Tika No. 22 at village Naupada, Taluka and District Thane (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"). Any person or persons firm, company, trust, bank, financial institution or any association of the persons or any legal heir having any right, title or interest by way of sale, transfer, exchange, mortgage, lease, gift, lien, mortgage, tenancy, inheritance, encumbrance, pending litigation, possession, agreement, development rights, decree or order of any court of law or of whatsoever nature should inform the undersigned in writing within 14 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which it would be presumed that no any claim or objection exists against the said property or if any, has been knowingly waived. No any claim would be entertained and taken into consideration and shall not be binding on my client. Date : 10/02/2024 P. G. GUPTA Thane Advocate High Court 405, Regalia, Casa Royale CHS Saket Road, Balkum, Thane 400608 Mob 8169686098 E-mail: prakash.gupte3@gmail.com

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that, my clients Mr. Pramod Ashok Rokade and Mrs. Anjali Pramod Rokade have agreed to purchase from Smt. Ambika S. Pillai, Mr. Venugopal S Pillai, Mrs. Lina Ravindran Nair and Mrs. Viju P. Kurpa Flat No. 4 admeasuring 576 Sq. Feet (Carpet) area, on Ground Floor, of the in the Building No. 5, of the "Jai Trimurti Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd.", standing on land bearing Survey No. 123/1, 2, lying, being and situated at Village - Kalva, Taluka and District Thane, (hereinafter referred to as "Said Property"), however previous owner Mr. P. G. Sukumaran expired on 24/05/1996. That any person / any other legal heirs of the deceased Mr. P. G. Sukumaran/ individual / firm / company/ Bank having rights, title, interest, benefit, objection, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in and upon in the said property by way of sale, transfer, contracts/ agreement, mortgage, charge, lien, legacy, licence, lease, sub-lease, assignment, trust, easement, exchange, inheritance, gift, succession, maintenance, occupation, possession or otherwise howsoever shall submit their grievance within a period of 15 days of this notice at 402, B-Wing, Shreenath Plaza Tower, Near Datta Mandir, Dhobi Ali, Charai, Thane (W) - 400 601 (Mob.9821093893), otherwise if the said grievance of obstacles or objections raised by them after the expiry of said period of 15 days shall not entertain, this notice is publish in general for the purpose of information that my client shall Complete further transaction after the expiry of the period of

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public enlarge by our client, Ruby G. Mendonca, that presently our client is the owner of Flat No. 003, on the Ground Floor, Bldg. No. P-12, in the Building known as Khushabu Co. Op. Hsg. Soc. Ltd., Situated at Noopur Palace, Mira Road (E), Dist: Thane - 401107, (hereinafter referred as the said Flat). The said Flat was jointly purchased by Mr. Gilbert F. Mendonca & Mrs. Ruby G. Mendonca from Mr. Tarranum Iqbal Merchant vide agreement for sale dated 12/04/2013. Whereas Late Mr. Gilbert F. Mendonca expired on 09/10/2015, also his Son Aaron G. Mendonca expired on 14/03/2018 leaving behind him 1) Ruby G. Mendonca (Wife) & 2) Rhea G. Mendonca (Daughter) as his surviving legal heirs. Whereas the heirs Rhea G. Mendonca (Daughter) released and relinquished her right, title and interest in respect of the said Flat in favour of our client Ruby G. Mendonca (Wife) vide Deed of Release dated 16/01/2024 bearing Registration TNN-7-985-2024 Dated-16/01/2024. Herein making our client as the present owner of the said Flat. Our client, through this Publication, hereby called upon the public enlarge that if any person having any claims or right, title, interest in respect of the said Flat and/or shares or any part or portion thereof by way of inheritance, share, sale, purchase, mortgage, lease, lien, license, gift, attachment, or, encumbrance howsoever or otherwise shall lodge their respective claims at our office having address as mentioned below within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived and/or abandoned and not binding on our client.

(Rajendra Singh Rajpurohit) Advocate High Court, Mumbai Shop No. 9, Asmita Orient Chs Ltd. Near Asmita Club, Mira Road (E), Thane: 401107

KSS LIMITED (Formerly Known as K SERA SERA LIMITED) CIN: L22100MH1999PLC092438 Registered Office : Unit No. 101A and 102, 1st Floor, Moory Landmark II, Plot B-17, Andheri (W), Mumbai-400053 Tel: 022 40427600/42088600 Fax: 022 40427601 Web: www.ksrasera.com Email: info@ksrasera.com

Statement of Unaudited Results for the Quarter Ended 31/12/2023 (₹ In Lakhs)

Table with columns: S. No., Particulars, CONSOLIDATED (Quarter Ended, Nine month ended, Year Ended), STANDALONE (Quarter Ended, Nine month ended, Year Ended). Rows include Revenue from Operations, Other Income, Total Income, Expenses, Profit/Loss before exceptional items, Profit/Loss after exceptional items, Total Comprehensive Income, etc.

See accompanying note to financial result. Notes: 1. The above Un-Audited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 31st December, 2023 were reviewed and approved by the Resolution Professional on 10th February 2024. 2. The consolidated results include the financial result of its Indian Subsidiaries (i.e. K Sera Sera Digital Cinema Private Limited, K Sera Sera Miriplex Limited, Birta Jewels Limited, Birta Gold and Precious Metals Limited and step down subsidiary (i.e. KSS E-Commerce Technologies Private Limited earlier known as KSS Speed Technology Private Limited). 3. The Parent Company has defaulted in conversion of convertible bond amounting to Rs. 67,11,68,217/-...

Place : Ahmedabad Date : February 10, 2024

Alka India Limited CIN: L99999MH1993PLC168521 Registered office: Gala No. D- 3/4/5, Hatkesh Udyog Nagar-1, Off. Mira Bhayandar Road, GCC Road, Mira Near Hatkesh Substation Thane - 401 107, MAHARASHTRA

Statement of Un-Audited consolidated Results for the Year ended 31st December, 2023 (Amount in Lakhs)

Table with columns: S. No., Particulars, CONSOLIDATED (Quarter Ended, Nine Months ended, Year Ended), STANDALONE (Quarter Ended, Nine Months ended, Year Ended). Rows include Revenue from Operations, Other Income, Total Income, Expenses, Profit/Loss before exceptional items, Profit/Loss after exceptional items, Total Comprehensive Income, etc.

Notes: 1. The above Un-Audited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 31st December, 2023 were reviewed and approved by the Resolution Professional on 10th February 2024. 2. The company has defaulted in payment of Rs. 5,26,84,473/- towards corporate guarantee given for loan availed by K Sera Sera & Vikram Bhatt Studio Virtual World Private Limited. 3. The Statement of financial result has been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the relevant rules issued thereunder and the recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.

Place : Ahmedabad Date : 10.02.2024

# SOPHISTICATED STYLE MEETS STATEMENT PIECES: 2024 LOOKBOOK BY MEN OF PLATINUM

Mumbai, Namrata Poddar:

As the return to work coincides with a resurgence of social engagements, there's no better time for men to elevate their style and make a lasting impression. Whether it's the first vacation of the year, a corporate event or a get-together with friends and family, these new trends promise to step up your look. The understated elegance of platinum jewellery, a mark of sophistication, married with these 2024 men's jewellery trend instantly sets you apart, placing you in a league of your own. This new year, let your jewellery be the finishing touch that sets



you apart in both the professional and personal sphere. The latest collection from Men of Platinum offers a variety of pieces across neckwear, wristwear and rings that seek inspiration from the global trends in men's jewellery. Crafted from 95% pure and rare platinum, each design can

be paired with a variety of outfits and styled in multiple ways. Commenting on these trends, shared Pallavi Sharma, Business Director, PGI India, "In 2024, the landscape of men's jewelry trends is evolving beyond traditional boundaries, extending far beyond the confines of a simple wedding

band or watch. We are witnessing a vibrant transformation toward versatile pieces that embrace individuality, as men playfully experiment with jewellery, including eclectic stacker collections featuring flexi or semi-flexi designs. The trend highlights a dynamic shift towards round wristwear looks, adorned with a single signet charm. This year is a celebration of the harmonious blend of minimalism and effortless elegance, giving rise to adornments that resonate with the diverse expressions of contemporary masculinity."

# Banking Sector Must Be Nimble To Adapt To Tech Changes: RBI Deputy Governor

New Delhi:

The banking sector needs to be more nimble to adapt to changes in technology, a senior central banker said here on Friday. Such technology adaptations will also need to take into consideration the changes in the legal framework, as the Digital Data Protection Act will come into effect soon, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar said while addressing a seminar organised by the Indian Banks' Association. "A standard response to new technology may be not the right thing to do because the nature of artificial intelligence and quantum computing is very, very different," Sankar said. He



further said "there is no reason for us to be complacent about technology adoption in banking", and that there was a need to be nimble to adapt to technological changes. Whether the technology will remain with the same set of skills that were there in the past or not is not

known, so a lot of focus needs to be given to technology, he said. According to him, another area bankers need to focus on is cyber risk. At some level every system can be breached, which is why everyone is preparing for how best to recover from a cyber-attack, he added.

# Bandhan Bank Q3 Profit Jumps Over Two-fold to Rs 733 Crore



New Delhi:

Private sector Bandhan Bank reported over two-fold increase in net profit at Rs 733 crore for the third quarter ended December 2023 on account of improvement in core income. The Kolkata-based new generation bank had posted a net profit of Rs 291 crore in the year-ago period. The bank's total income increased to Rs 5,210 crore in the latest December quarter from

Rs 4,840.94 crore a year-ago, the bank said in a regulatory filing. The interest income also improved to Rs 4,665 crore as against Rs 3,808 crore in the third quarter of the previous fiscal. Net interest income rose to Rs 2,530 crore from Rs 2,080 in the corresponding period of the preceding year. On the asset quality front, the bank recorded an improvement with gross NPAs (Non-Performing Assets) declining to 7 per

cent, as compared to 7.2 per cent at the end of October-December quarter of previous fiscal. However, net NPAs increased to 2.2 per cent as against 1.9 per cent in the previous year. Provision and contingencies nearly halved to Rs 684 crore over Rs 1,541 crore in FY23. However, the capital adequacy ratio declined to 17.86 per cent in the December quarter as against 19.10 per cent.

# Govt Takes Action Against Financial Frauds, Blocks 1.4 Lakh Mobile Numbers

New Delhi:

To control digital frauds, the government has blocked 1.4 lakh mobile numbers so far that were involved in financial frauds, according to an official release. Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi on Friday chaired a meeting on cyber security in the financial services sector in which various issues including onboarding of banks and financial institutions on the Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System (CFCFRMS) platform through API integration were discussed. Integration of CFCFRMS platform with the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) to centralise the platform that will enable effective collaboration between Police, Banks, and Financial Institutions, allowing for real-time monitoring and prevention of fraudulent activities was deliberated, an official release said. The banks and

financial institutions are required to phase out the use of regular 10-digit numbers and use specific number series such as '140xxx' for commercial or promotional activities as prescribed by TRAI, the statement said. The meeting took stock of the action points which emerged during the discussion in the last meeting held in November and reviewed the preparedness of the banks and other financial institutions in tackling the challenges arising from cyber security in the financial services sector, increasing trend of digital payment frauds, and readiness of all the concerned stakeholders in this regard. During the deliberation, it was noted that the Department of Telecom (DoT) has developed ASTR, an AI-machine learning-based engine, to detect mobile connections taken on fake/ forged documents. About 1.40 lakh mobile handsets either linked to disconnected mobile



connections or misused in cyber-crime or financial frauds have been blocked, it said. DoT analysed 35 lakh Principal Entities sending bulk SMSs. Out of these, 19,776 Principal Entities involved in sending malicious SMSs blacklisted and 30,700 SMS Headers and 1,95,766 SMS templates have been disconnected," it said. Till date, more than 500 arrests have been made around 3.08 lakh SIMS blocked, around 50,000 IMEI blocked, and 592 fake links/ APK and 2,194 URLs blocked since April 2023, it said. The meeting also discussed ensuring round-the-clock availability of resources to promptly address complaints will improve the fraud-to-hold ratio and formulating an action

plan/ SoPs for returning of funds to the victim from fraudulent accounts, it said. Banks and financial institutions are required to conduct additional customer awareness and sensitisation programmes in regional languages on the security of digital payments and sharing of information by Financial Institutions in a standardised format for ease of analysis by Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), it said. Besides officials of Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Department of Revenue (DoR), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), DoT, RBI, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), Indian Cyber Crime Co-ordination Center (I4C), National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Punjab National Bank (PNB) and State Bank of India (SBI) attended the meeting.

# Provident Fund Interest Rate Rises, EPFO Fixes 8.25% Rate On Employees' PF For FY24

New Delhi:

Retirement fund body EPFO fixed a three-year high interest rate of 8.25 per cent on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2023-24. According to a statement by the labour ministry, the decision to hike interest rate for 2023-24 was taken at 235th meeting of Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of EPFO on Saturday, under the chairmanship of Union Labour & Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav. "The CBT recommended an annual rate of interest of 8.25 per cent to be credited on EPF accumulations in members' accounts for 2023-24.

This interest rate will be officially notified in the government gazette after approval by Ministry of Finance. Subsequently, EPFO will credit the approved rate of interest into its subscribers' accounts," it stated. For FY24, the board recommended distribution of Rs 1,07,000 crore to EPF members' accounts on a total principal amount of Rs 13 lakh crore, which was Rs 91,151.66 crore and Rs 11.02 lakh crore, respectively in 2022-23. Total income recommended for distribution is the highest on record, it said. Comparing with the previous financial year, there has been a significant growth,

the statement said adding that the income grew by more than 17.39 per cent, while the principal amount increased by 17.97 per cent. This suggests a healthy financial performance and potentially strong returns for the members, it stated. EPFO has a strong track record of distributing higher income to its members over the years with prudence. The interest rate offered by EPFO tends to be higher compared to other investment avenues available to subscribers, it stated. This indicates confidence in the credit profile of EPFO's investments, as well as its ability to provide attractive returns to its



members, it stated. After the CBT's decision, the interest rate on EPF deposits for 2023-24 will be sent to the Ministry of Finance for concurrence. After the government's ratification, the interest rate on EPF for 2023-24 will be credited into accounts of over six crore subscribers of EPFO. EPFO provides

the rate of interest only after it is ratified by the government through the finance ministry.

EPF interest rate year wise In March 2023, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) had increased the interest rate on EPF marginally to 8.15 per cent for 2022-23 from 8.10 per cent in 2021-22. In March 2022, EPFO had lowered the interest on EPF for 2021-22 to an over four-decade low of 8.1 per cent for its over six crore subscribers, from 8.5 per cent in 2020-21. This was the lowest since 1977-78, when the EPF interest rate stood at 8 per cent. The 8.5 per cent interest rate on EPF deposits

for 2020-21 was decided by CBT in March 2021. In March 2020, EPFO had lowered the interest rate on provident fund deposits to a seven-year low of 8.5 per cent for 2019-20, from 8.65 per cent provided for 2018-19. EPFO had provided 8.65 per cent interest rate to its subscribers in 2016-17 and 8.55 per cent in 2017-18. The rate of interest was slightly higher at 8.8 per cent in 2015-16. The retirement fund body had given 8.75 per cent rate of interest in 2013-14 as well as 2014-15, higher than 8.5 per cent for 2012-13. The rate of interest was 8.25 per cent in 2011-12.

# OTM 2024 Asia's Largest Travel Trade Show starts with a bang showcasing 1600+ exhibitors from 60 countries and 30+ States

Mumbai, Abhishek Poddar:

Today marks the opening of OTM 2024, Asia's leading travel show, at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC). The show was inaugurated by H.E. Harin Fernando, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism & Land, Sports & Youth Affairs, Sri Lanka. H.E. Ni Made Ayu Marthini, Deputy Minister of Marketing, Ministry of Tourism & Creative Economy, Indonesia. Ms. Anmol Gagan Maan, Hon'ble Tourism Minister, Government of Punjab, and many other dignitaries and diplomats from the global travel and tourism industry. Widely recognized as the largest and most influential travel exhibition in the country, OTM 2024 sets the stage for an exceptional gathering, establishing new standards in the travel industry. The show's size has grown by 50 percent compared to its 2023 edition.

At OTM over 35,000 industry professionals and buyers will connect with more than 1600 exhibitors from 60 countries and 30 Indian States & Union Territories. Over three days, from February 8th to 10th, OTM is showcasing a sold-out event, emphasizing a commitment to fostering quality networking and connection. The exhibition spans two separate floors of over 250,000 sq. ft, including 35 country pavilions. There was a rush right from day one of the exhibition and the show floor was busy with B2B buyers and sellers meeting each other. The recent geopolitical events have put India in a sweet spot as an economy in general and tourism market in particular. Indian tourists are the most sought after by international and domestic destinations alike. The competition to get their attention is evident at OTM. Knowledge-sharing and



networking events are also being organised on the sides of OTM. The inaugural program included thought provoking sessions and a CEO's Lunch attended by a thousand senior persons from the travel trade. The largest international pavilion at OTM 2024 is from Saudi Arabia, with Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Qatar, Bahrain, Morocco, the Maldives, and Azerbaijan following suit. Among the Indian States, Uttarakhand takes the lead in size, closely followed by Kerala, Gujarat,



Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and others. In the private sector, some of the most substantial pavilions are from Travel Boutique Online, followed by NEOM and Tripjack. (Complete list of participating countries at the end). The OTM Forum, with its insightful panel discussions, workshops, and masterclasses, offers a valuable opportunity to delve into essential trends and strategies shaping the tourism landscape. Over the three days, industry experts will

share their insights, fostering meaningful partnerships within India's thriving \$50 billion travel market. The thought-provoking inaugural session, titled 'Is the World Ready for the Indian Traveller?' - 'Tourism Boards' Perspective', showcased invaluable insights from esteemed speakers, including H.E. Harin Fernando, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism and Lands, Sports and Youth Affairs, Sri Lanka; Philip Dickinson, Vice President of International Markets, Qatar Tourism; Ni Made Ayu Marthini,

Deputy Minister for Marketing, Ministry of Tourism & Creative Economy, Indonesia. The session was moderated by Kamiya Jani, Founder of Curly Tales. The success of OTM is attributed to strong support from industry associations and media partners. OTM 2024 aims to foster connections within the travel industry, offering a platform for exhibitors to engage with a diverse audience, including pre-qualified travel agents, tour operators, MICE & corporate buyers, wedding planners, and film, TV & OTT producers. The event hosts over 300 qualified trade buyers nationwide, showcasing its extensive reach. Sanjiv Agarwal, Chairman & CEO of Fairfest Media Ltd, expressed, "It is a matter of great satisfaction that travel & tourism sectors have come back with a bang

in the recent years after a rather tough patch during the pandemic. This is reflected in the growth of OTM." Reflecting on OTM's success, Agarwal noted, "In 2023, 98% of our exhibitors confirmed that OTM effectively connects them with their desired business audience. The event was voted not only as the leading travel trade show in India but also across all of Asia. OTM 2024 further cements this position, experiencing approximately a 50% growth in both area and revenues. The world-class facilities at the recently opened JWCC have significantly contributed to this success." OTM also highlights Mumbai's significance as the gateway to India travel markets, the city itself retaining the position of top source market for domestic as well as outbound travel.

Concept by Abhishek Poddar

## Organization of "NamoMaharozgar" program at Konkan departmental level on 24th and 25th February

**Bhiwandi, Anjali Swami :**

In a meeting held on January 29, 2024 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister EknathShinde at Sahyadri Guest House, Mumbai, the Chief Minister directed that Konkan departmental level "NamoMaharozgar" meeting organized in Thane district. Accordingly, a preliminary review meeting was organized on 9 February 2024 regarding pre-preparations under the chairmanship of Commissioner Ajay Vaidya in the Committee Hall of BhiwandiNizampur City Metropolitan Bhiwandi Headquarters. On this occasion, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ajay Vaidya said that on 24 and 25 February 2024, through the Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship Department of Maharashtra Government, "NamoMaharozgar" Konkan will be organized at the



departmental level in the district at Highland Ground, Dhokli, Majiwada, Thane (West). A fair will be organized. The objective of this job fair is to create employment opportunities for the youth of Maharashtra. All government, semi-government, private institutions entrepreneurs of the district have to register first on <https://rojgar.mahaswayam.gov.in> by Monday 12th February and notification/advertisement of vacancies as well as registration of candidates and registration for vacancies. It is

necessary to do. If there is any problem in this regard, then contact the nodal officer of the concerned district on the helpline number 1800 120 8040. For NamoMaharozgar Fair, 2 thousand 603 vacancies have been notified by 13 establishments till 3 February 2024. From the point of view of organizing the employment fair, Maharashtra State Skill Development Society/ Maharashtra State Innovation Society/Directorate of Vocational Education and Training under the Skill Development Department as

well as Industries and Labor Department under the Skill Development Department have been contacted. Instructions have been given regarding notification/ publication of vacancies. Additional Commissioner of Municipal Corporation Sanjay Herwade said that the institutions providing maximum employment and the youth who need employment. This is a golden opportunity for them. On this occasion, Additional Commissioner Sanjay Herwade, Additional Commissioner VitthalDake, Headquarters Deputy Commissioner Deepak Jhinjad, Deputy Commissioner of Social Welfare Department PranaliGhonge, all the heads of various departments along with businessmen like Dyeing, Sizing, Pearl Factory, ITI, Torrent Power, Amazon etc. Presidents of associations, officials etc. were present.

## Green Energy Initiative of Deepak Fertilizers



**Navi Mumbai, Pramod kumar:**

Deepak Fertilizers has launched Energy Initiative to green the energy grid while contributing to a cleaner and more sustainable energy ecosystem. Along with this it is also ensuring environment friendly service delivery. In doing so, the company is at the forefront of the industry's emphasis on sustainability, in addition to contributing to a greener future. Deepak Fertilizers' manufacturing plant at Talaja is an integral part of its own manufacturing portfolio

where it produces IPA, Nitric Acid, Ammonia, N.P.K. As well as ANP it includes a wide range of chemical products such as fertilizers and technical ammonium nitrate. The production facilities here make it the largest production center of the company and thus its importance. With the help of factories at Plot K1 - K8 located at Talaja, there is a facility of contracted power demand of 14 MVA from the grid. Deepak Fertilizers has recognized the opportunity to focus on the use of green

energy, given its commitment towards sustainable renewable energy adoption. Currently, the power demand of Deepak Fertilizer's factory in Talaja is effectively met by 40 per cent renewable energy sources. This achievement has been made possible through two key initiatives. The first initiative includes eight wind mills operated by Deepak Fertilizers in Dhule and Nandurbar in Maharashtra, with a combined installed capacity of 10 MW.

## Two thousand students of Bhiwandi did 108 Surya Namaskars

**Bhiwandi, Anjali Swami :**

On the occasion of the birthday of state Chief Minister EknathShinde, former Deputy Mayor of Bhiwandi and senior corporator Manoj Katekar organized a special program at Kamatghar to celebrate. 2071 students from 21 schools participated in it and celebrated the birthday by doing 108 Surya Namaskars. Students from private and municipal schools of the city participated in this program organized in collaboration with Patanjali Yoga Sansthan to make the students understand about the importance of health. Former



Deputy Mayor Manoj Katekar, former corporator VandanaKatekar along with Dr.TarulbhaiVyas of Patanjali Institute, Suresh Yadav, PopatraoKadam, former

principals PN Patil, Ram Patil, SheraoMhatre etc. were present in this program organized at late MotiramKatekar Sports Ground.

## Letters were issued in the names of 461 beneficiaries of BSUP

**Dombivli, Pramod kumar:**

Lottery was conducted on Thursday for 461 beneficiaries affected in the road expansion project. During this time, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr.Indurani Jakhar, Additional Commissioner Mangesh Chitale, City Engineer Arjun Ahire, Deputy Commissioner of Property Vandana Gulve and Chief Park Superintendent Sanjay Jadhav along with all the officials and beneficiaries of Municipal Corporation were present at Kalyan's Acharya Atre Rangamandir. Under the guidance of Kalyan Municipal Corporation Additional



Commissioner Mangesh Chitale and Deputy Commissioner of Property VandanaGulve, lottery of houses was conducted for 461 beneficiaries of BSUP project. Municipal Commissioner Dr.Indurani Jakhar said that it was being planned for two months.

Today, in the first phase, lottery has been conducted for 461 displaced people. Let us tell you that in the BSUP scheme, it was said that houses would be given for the rehabilitation of the people who were disrupted in the road expansion project in Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal

Corporation area. Although in the city for many years, BSUP buildings are ready, with a total of eight and a half thousand houses. According to Municipal Corporation, some people have already got houses before this, but till now hundreds of beneficiaries are deprived of their rights. From time to time, there was also a demand to provide houses to the deprived beneficiaries. Therefore, today Thursday, a lottery for houses was conducted in the presence of Municipal Corporation officials, in which lots were drawn in the names of 461 beneficiaries of BSUP.

## Railway passenger saved the life of a young man by pushing the local train



**Navi Mumbai, Pramod kumar:**

A terrible incident of local accident has come to light in Navi Mumbai. While boarding a local train at Vashi station on Harbor Line, a passenger went straight under the train. After this the passengers saw an amazing sight of humanity. The video of this incident is currently going viral on social media. A video of Vashi station in Navi Mumbai is going viral. In the video, railway passengers are seen pushing the local train. While boarding a local train, a young

man fell and got stuck between the platform and the train. After this, the passengers present there tried to take out the passenger by pushing the train. All the passengers gathered and started pushing the entire train. Everyone was trying to save the person trapped under the wheel. In this video available on social media, passengers are seen pushing the train to free the stranded passenger, but initially they fail in their attempt. Meanwhile, closed circuit TV footage of the railways

shows a man jumping the tracks to reach the front platform. The man was found under the tracks while crossing the tracks when the Panvel bound local train suddenly applied emergency brakes to avoid an accident. Other passengers present there used collective force to pull the 12-carriage engine aside to pull the man out. The person who posted the video said, "When I recorded it, people were pushing the local. Then, everyone pushed the local at the same time and it took him out."

## SP Leader Triggers Row by Raising Questions on Ram Temple Consecration Ceremony Again

**Lucknow, Ashok Singh:**

Samajwadi Party (SP) general secretary Swami Prasad Maurya has once again stirred up a controversy by raising questions on the consecration ceremony at the Ram temple in Ayodhya. Maurya's statement in the Uttar Pradesh legislative council on Wednesday drew sharp criticism by Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and BrajeshPathak, while SP leaders also came out openly against their party colleague. Speaking on the governor's address, Maurya raised questions on Ram Lalla's "Pran Pratishtha" (consecration) ceremony and said when Lord Ram has been worshipped in Ayodhya for thousands of years, what was the need to spend crores of rupees on the consecration ceremony on January 22. Talking to reporters in the VidhanBhawan complex on Thursday, Keshav Prasad Maurya held SP president Akhilesh Yadav responsible for his party leader's statements. "The Samajwadi Party is going to become the Samaptwadi party in 2024. It will be due to Akhilesh Yadav. Because if anyone says anything in this party, he cannot do so without the orders of the SP chief. Hence, I hold AkhileshYadav responsible for any such statement. "If he (Yadav) does not agree with anyone's statement, he should take action against him (Maurya). And if he does not take action, then only SP chief Akhilesh Yadav is responsible for whatever poisonous statements are coming," the deputy chief minister said. Pathak said, "The whole world is celebrating the inauguration of the grand temple of Lord Ram. God will never



forgive him (Maurya) for making such statements on such an occasion. The people of the country and the state will definitely teach them a lesson when the time comes." Maurya's statement was also condemned by his party colleagues. SP's chief whip in the Assembly Manoj Kumar Pandey condemned Maurya in very harsh words. Talking to reporters, he said, "I do not want to give any statement on what he (Maurya) has said. A person who does not have mental balance keeps making such statements. The party has repeatedly asked him not to do so, but when a deranged man does not want to listen to instructions, no one can do anything." Asked about Maurya's statement, SP general secretary Shivpal Singh Yadav said, "There should be no propaganda on religion, it should be practised," but did not elaborate. On the ruling BharatiyaJanata Party's (BJP) charge that Maurya is giving such statements at the behest of AkhileshYadav, ShivpalYadav accused the saffron party of always lying. Congress Legislature Party leader Aradhana Mishra said no one has the right to hurt anyone's religious beliefs. "Maurya's

statement may be his personal opinion," she added. In his address, Maurya had said, "In the governor's address, there has been a lot of applause regarding Ram Lalla'sPranPratishtha. It seems as if Ram Lalla did not exist before the BJP government came to power. On one hand, it is said that Shri Ram is the lord of crores of people in the country, on the other hand, the BJP is hurting the sentiments of people and enacting such a drama as if it has brought Ram. "While it is known to the world that Ram has been worshipped there (Ayodhya) for thousands of years, where does the question of PranPratishtha arise? When Ram Lalla has been worshipped there for thousands of years, what was the justification for spending billions and trillions of rupees on the consecration ceremony again? I question this. Ram Lalla, who was already there, should have been taken and installed in the temple. Where did this consecration come from?" The SP leader said the ceremony was a programme of the BJP. "The organiser of the program was the BJP, the chief guest was from the BJP, the arrangements were made by the Vishva Hindu Parishad and Rashtriya

Swayamsevak Sangh. Apart from these three, who else was there? It was not a cultural or government programme. It was a programme of the BJP, RSS and VHP," he said. Maurya had earlier stoked a controversy by alleging that certain verses in the Ramcharitmanas "insult" a large section of the society on the basis of caste and hence, those should be banned.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

All concerned are hereby informed that my clients MRS. GAURI JAIRAJ KALADI, & MR. DEVARAJ JAIRAJ KALADI, are the lawful owners of Flat No.2702 in Tower B on 27th Floor, addressing 705 square feet (Carpet area) 85.48 Sq. Mtrs. plus 1.56 Sq. Meters Utility area Alongwith 1 (ONE) Car Parking in the building DAFFODILS, Runwal Bilas (yng, being and situated at Kanjur Marg East, Mumbai 400 042, (hereinafter referred to as said Flat), standing on the land bearing City Survey No. 1004 1002(part), 1005/1, 1008, 1007/3(part), 1007(part 1002(part), 1009/5, 1009/6, 1010(part), 1013(part), 1014 1014/1 to 1014/6, 1017, 1017/1 to 1017/6, 1018, 1018/1 to 1018/9 of Village Kanjur, Taluka Mulund, Mumbai Suburban District. That the said flat purchased with LATE MR. JAIRAJ KALADI & MR. DEVARAJ JAIRAJ KALADI, from M/s. EVE REAL ESTATE PVT LTD. on Dated 18/04/2018 vide Documents No KR-4 43702/19, and LATE MR. JAIRAJ KALADI, expired on 02/05/2019, at Mumbai, after death we are the legal heirs of MRS. GAURI JAIRAJ KALADI (wife), (2) MR. DEVARAJ JAIRAJ KALADI (Son) & (3) MRS. DEVIKA KARAPURKAR, D/o. JAIRAJ KALADI (Daughter) as the only legal heirs representative of deceased. That MR. DEVARAJ JAIRAJ KALADI, & MRS. DEVIKA KARAPURKAR D/o. JAIRAJ KALADI, had released their undivided shares in respect of the said flat premises in favour of MRS. GAURI JAIRAJ KALADI (wife), by executing registered Release Deed vide document No KR-4 3032024 on Dated 02/02/2024. That the MRS. GAURI JAIRAJ KALADI, is owner of 50% share and MR. DEVARAJ JAIRAJ KALADI is owner of 50% share. That if any persons claiming any right, title or claim, objection of whatsoever in nature pertaining to the legal heirs slip in respect of the said flat is hereby called upon to inform and contact with me, alongwith relevant documents, within 14 Days of publication of this Public Notice, failing which, it will be presumed that there is no right, or claim by anyone and the same has been waived. Sd/- Anil Kumar Tiwari (Advocate High Court) Date: 11/02/2024 Safalya Society, Hanuman Nagar, Akurdi Road, Kandivli (E), Mumbai-101.

## Editor's Say

## How the BJP Has Changed Basics of Where It Stands Over the Decades

On its website, the BharatiyaJanata Party (BJP) says: "The philosophy of Integral Humanism looks at the individual not merely as a material object but one who has a spiritual dimension. It talks of integral approach to economic development that has the individual at its core, linked to the family, the society and the nation." What do these words mean? What does a government and political party have to do with the spiritual dimension, and even if this is possible, how can this spiritual dimension be tapped with the usual levers available to the State? How are these words reflected in the BJP's manifesto or in the BJP's budgets through actionable policies? If they are, in what way are they missing from the policies of other parties? Let us have a look at the manifestoes of the BJP/Jan Sangh, which were published by the party a few years ago. It may surprise readers to know that there is little or no continuity in the way that the party thinks and on critical issues it has reversed its position with no explanation for why. In its 1954 manifesto, and again in 1971, the Jan Sangh resolved to limit the maximum income of all Indian citizens to Rs 2,000 per month and the minimum to Rs 100, maintaining a 20:1 ratio. It would continue working on reducing this gap till it reached 10:1, which was the ideal gap and all Indians could only have incomes inside this range based on their position. Additional income earned by individuals over this limit would be appropriated by the State for development needs "through contribution, taxation, compulsory loans and investment". The party would also limit the size of residential houses in cities and not allow plots of more than 1,000 square yards (someone should tell the Ambanis and Adanis this). In 1954, it said that "tractors will be used only to break virgin soil. Their use for normal ploughing purposes will be discouraged." This was, of course, because it was trying to protect the bull and ox from slaughter. In 1951, prohibition of cow slaughter was explained as something needed "to make the cow an economic unit of agricultural life". In 1954, the text was more religious and called cow protection a "pious duty". Though it says it is today a champion of a uniform civil code, the party consistently opposed divorce and nuclear families. Its old manifestoes (1957 and 1958) say that the "joint family and indissoluble marriage have been the basis of Hindu society. Laws that alter this basis will ultimately lead to the disintegration of society. The Jan Sangh will, therefore, repeal the Hindu Marriage and Hindu Succession Acts". The Jan Sangh's 1973 analysis of caste violence "reveals that in most cases the conflict is not between Harijans and caste Hindus as such, but it is between Harijans and a set of people who are in power and who also happen to belong to the upper castes". Meaning that caste itself was not the source of the conflict. Culturally, the party stood firmly against alcohol and sought nationwide prohibition. And it wanted English to be replaced in all spheres by local languages, and especially Hindi. Most interestingly, the Jan Sangh said it would also repeal preventive detention laws, like the UAPA [Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act], which it was being absolutely in contradiction to individual liberty. This promise was made repeatedly in the 1950s. However, by 1967, it began to qualify the demand and said that "care will be taken to ensure that fifth columnists and disruptionist elements are not allowed to exploit the fundamental rights". In time, the Jan Sangh and the BJP became one of the most enthusiastic champions of preventive detention. In 1954, the party said it would repeal the first amendment to the constitution that curbed freedom of speech by imposing "reasonable restrictions". This amendment essentially took away freedom of expression because the list of what is seen as a reasonable restriction was far too wide and broad. The Jan Sangh sensed that it was not something that could be allowed to go unchallenged. However, after 1954, this demand that the first amendment be repealed and complete freedom of speech, association and assembly be restored to Indians disappeared from the Jan Sangh manifestoes without any explanation. "Integral Humanism" is, according to the BJP constitution, the party's "basic philosophy". It opposes the idea of linguistic states by saying (in Lecture 3, April 24, 1965): "The first para of the Constitution 'India that is Bharat will be a Federation of States', i.e. Bihar Mata, Banga Mata, Punjab Mata, Kannada Mata, Tamil Mata, are all put together to make Bharat Mata. This is ridiculous. We have thought of the provinces as limbs of Bharat Mata and not as individual mothers. Therefore, our Constitution should be unitary instead of federal." When was the last time we heard the BJP push for this? "Integral Humanism" is, according to the BJP constitution, the party's "basic philosophy". It opposes the idea of linguistic states by saying (in Lecture 3, April 24, 1965): "The first para of the Constitution 'India that is Bharat will be a Federation of States', i.e. Bihar Mata, Banga Mata, Punjab Mata, Kannada Mata, Tamil Mata, are all put together to make Bharat Mata. This is ridiculous. We have thought of the provinces as limbs of Bharat Mata and not as individual mothers. Therefore, our Constitution should be unitary instead of federal." When was the last time we heard the BJP push for this? The Jan Sangh was unable to express its majoritarianism as clearly and in as full-throated a fashion as the BJP was later able to. This was because it lacked a specific programme on the back of which to mobilise anti-Muslim sentiment, such as the campaign against the Babri Masjid. Even though the idols were smuggled into the mosque a few months before the Jan Sangh was formed, there was no reference to Ayodhya or a Ram temple there in any of the Jan Sangh manifestoes from 1951 to 1980. Once power was secured, all the things that the Jan Sangh claimed it stood for over the decades, including its manifestoes and its "basic philosophy", have been cast aside.

## As India Finds itself Lost in the Wider World, the Loss of Strategic Autonomy is Striking

There is a void in India's strategic thinking. In the last 10 years, there has been no release of a White Paper or strategy document by the NarendraModi government. As India Finds itself Lost in the Wider World, the Loss of Strategic Autonomy is Striking. In the last US elections, India served as a loud – if uninformed – cheerleader with NarendraModi standing next to Donald Trump to shout "Abkibaar, Trump sarkar." Fast forward to 2024. There is a huge silence, from both the government and commentators, on the upcoming US elections, which is striking. Both the cheerleading and the extreme discretion reveal the same thing, though, the erosion of Indian strategic autonomy and the increasing reliance on the US as India struggles even in its own neighbourhood and finds itself lost in the wider world. The challenge with assessing Indian strategic thinking under the Modi government is that there is almost no yardstick by which one can measure success or failure. In the last ten years, there has been no release of a White Paper or strategy document, despite some talk of a release of a National Security Strategy. Looking at the BharatiyaJanata Party's election manifestoes is similarly unhelpful. In the 2014 manifesto, we find the delightful phrase, "In our neighbourhood, we will pursue friendly relations. However, where required we will not hesitate from taking strong stand and steps," which tells us precisely nothing. The 2019 manifesto is hardly better. There is no mention of the Quad, potentially India's most prestigious new quasi-alliance, and the "Indo-Pacific", a term that inserts India into the naval powerplay with China, is striking in its absence. Where there are details, they are embarrassing. The 2014 manifesto mentions strengthening SAARC and engagement with ASEAN, but SAARC has not held a summit since 2014 since the next one would be in Pakistan and India is unwilling to go. The 2019 manifesto mentions the (unending) pursuit of a UN Security Council seat. It might be worthwhile to mention that in the two great wars currently raging in Ukraine and Gaza, the Indian contribution – even when it held the rotating presidency of the UNSC – has been precisely zero. In terms of the preservation of international law – the core role of the UN – the lead on Myanmar has been taken by Gabon.



The lead on Israel has been taken by South Africa. The lead on Russia has been taken by Ukraine and supported by the US. In all three cases, India is totally absent. In sum, like Modi's declaration to Putin that this not the era of war (in the face of devastating wars), or the slogan of India's G20 Presidency, "One earth, one family, one future", all we have to judge Indian foreign policy aspirations is rhetoric. Nonetheless, this does not mean that India has no strategic interests – the principal ones being able to manage its neighbourhood and influence global politics that would align with Indian interests. In more short-term and blunt terms, it means not being bullied by China. Unfortunately, it is increasingly clear that India cannot manage to do this on its own, and a simple assessment of what might happen if Trump emerges victorious in the upcoming US elections shows how this may turn out. While Trump was incredibly volatile in office, there is one foreign policy issue on which there is significant clarity: support for Zelensky or Ukraine. Not only has Trump stated recently that he would end the war in Ukraine "in 24 hours", but the first impeachment he faced was because he tried to pressure Zelensky to investigate Joe Biden in 2019 after pausing aid to Ukraine. Gallup reported that, by October 2023, 55% of Republicans felt

that the US was doing too much in Ukraine, and 43% of all Americans wanted the war to be quickly ended, even if it meant concessions to Russia, versus 54% who did not. That was a large change in these positions, which had been at 31% and 66%, respectively, in August 2022. Not everybody believes that Trump would cede space to Putin. A senior US CENTCOM official told me that the Trump administration had given the military far more freedom of action, and in Syria, they had wiped out a Wagner mercenary group after a single warning. But a clearer picture of Trump in action on wars emerges out of Afghanistan. There, too, the Trump administration had given the military freedom of action, allowing a massive bombardment campaign, including the most powerful non-nuclear bomb in the world. In the end, though, it was the Trump administration that agreed to the catastrophic troop withdrawal deal which handed Afghanistan over to the Taliban. It is hard to believe that Trump would do better against a nuclear-armed Russia, or be willing to do so on behalf of Zelensky, against whom he has a personal animus. A withdrawal of US support for Ukraine would have far-reaching consequences, not just for Europe, but for India as well. The European Union would have to decide whether to follow the US and save NATO, or to stand up to Russia on its

own and oppose the US. Either way, the future of NATO will be imperilled, especially as Trump has been critical of it in the past, and refused to explicitly support aid to NATO member-states if they were attacked, even if current NATO leadership downplays the threat. While the Indian foreign minister has downplayed the consequences of war on Ukraine, the example of the US abandoning yet another war will have severe consequences for Asia. Russia may be the most obvious beneficiary, but it is China – which, unlike Russia, has lost nothing in terms of men and material, much less prestige – which will stand to gain the most. The Trump administration may have promised to support Taiwanese deterrence and to work with India (with India as a decidedly junior partner) in its Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy paper, but a US withdrawal from the Ukraine war will render such promises meaningless – unless, of course, a second Trump administration wants to guarantee them through a shooting war with Beijing. In the face of such a challenge, what has India done that it would be able to deal as an equal with Beijing? The principal institution of transnational cooperation in the region – SAARC – has been reduced to a joke. The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) that India has pushed as an alternative continues to flounder, not least because two of the countries – Sri Lanka and Myanmar – are in crises about which India can do, and has done, little. The trade with its richest country per capita, Thailand, rose to \$15 billion in 2021-22. China-Thailand bilateral trade was around \$135 billion in 2022. China is, in fact, the largest exporter to South Asia. India does not even figure in the top 5. If Trump wins the US elections, and if he withdraws US support from Ukraine, damaging the deterrence capability of every alliance in which the US is a partner, what does India have, what has it nurtured – in terms of independent capability or in an alliance – that would allow it to chart an independent destiny? If the answer is nothing, then the chants of "not the era of war" or "one earth, one family, one future" become clear as not a strategic vision, or even empty slogans, but the desperate plea of a country reduced to second-rate status in its own neighbourhood, and capable of influencing nothing in the world.

## India's RWA Uncles Are Now Adding to the Intolerance Around Us

As a nation we have reached a stage where nothing really surprises us. The phrase, 'a new low' has lost all meaning, because the depths we have plumbed stretch into the dark. Even so, by asking the daughter of a Congress leader to 'move out' because of her views on the Ram temple, the Residents Welfare Association of a Delhi neighbourhood has crossed a dangerous Rubicon. Or Sarayu, they might insist we say. RWAs are supposed to look after the welfare of their residents in a colony. But over the years, many of them have become intoxicated with power and appointed themselves as the arbiter of not just rules but also morality. They decide what the rules of social behaviour are. In some neighbourhoods, RWA members have arrogated to themselves the right to interfere with the lives of young residents – especially single women – if they come home late. But the RWA of Jangpura Extension in Delhi has gone much further. Last week, its office holders wrote to Suranya Aiyar, daughter of Mani Shankar Aiyar, that her video post on the consecration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, where she had said she would go on a three day fast to protest against it, had "created tension and hatred". They said she should apologise or move out. RWA president Kapil Kakar, who signed the letter, asked the father and daughter to "kindly move out to another colony, where people and RWAs can turn a blind eye to such hatred." There is much more in the letter, including a reference to the residents of the colony "who came from Pakistan after losing their wealth and fortune", a clear suggestion that they had to move after Partition and the threat of violence by Muslims. The arrogance of this letter apart, never mind its faux formal politeness ('kindly move out'), the truly horrific part is their assumption that



her views amount to 'hatred' and worse, that there is no place for people with such views in this neighbourhood. What the RWA president implies is that in the pure, holy precincts of Jangpura Extension, anyone who does not conform to Hindutva views is not welcome. Needless to say, non-Hindus and presumably non-vegetarians won't be allowed in either. Nor has the RWA asked for her point of view – its decision is final and non-negotiable. One can see where this is heading – on days when round the clock 'jagrants' are held, will every resident will have to participate, will their visits to temples have to be recorded and will young folks have to get their romantic partners cleared by the RWA? It all sounds outlandish now, but no more than what regularly happens in Gujarat where the sale of property to a person of another faith has to be cleared by the Deputy Collector of a district and the neighbours! This is enshrined under law. What if one day Kakar Uncle's demand that a resident move out of a colony for holding contrary views to the 'majority' becomes legal? Isn't this how lynch mobs work, going after anyone who doesn't conform to their idea of what or who the ideal Indian should be? Not surprisingly, at least one

police complaint has been filed against Suranya by a BJP busybody though it is not clear if the police are going to convert it into an actual criminal case. Suranya's video is a longish explanation of why she finds the temple ceremony problematic and her reasons for going on a fast. It is definitely not a rant, which is what the worthies of the RWA have called it. In any other free society, which India claims it is, it would have got some attention as the pained cry of a secular citizen who was disturbed by not just the ceremony, which was clearly political, but the non-stop coverage by TV channels. And there the matter would have rested. So was she targeted because she was the daughter of a high-profile Congress politician known to be a critic of Prime Minister Narendra Modi? That has certainly been a major factor, but the RWA may have also gone after someone less known and connected, only there would have been no publicity. In which case the victim would have had no recourse and would have been unable to fight the powerful RWA machine and may have quietly succumbed to their bullying. Now, the

matter has blown up. Suranya has responded with a dignified video comment, noting that she does not live there but also that the RWA uncles have triggered a barrage of hate and threats at her and her family. In bigger cities, tenants face all kinds of hurdles while renting an apartment. In Mumbai, prospective landlords don't like bachelors. And as for Muslims, they get rejected outright. In Delhi, single women are a no-no and in Bangalore, tenants occasionally face bizarre conditions, such as the tenant who, after submitting a 200 word essay along with his KYC documents (including salary certificate from his company), was rejected because he had got only 75% in his school board exams! Now tenants as well as owners will have to either fit in with the religious, cultural and political views of the majority of residents or be discreet about expressing themselves. Even if this happens in a minuscule number of cases, it is still "terrifying", as Congressman Abhishek Manu Sanghvi has said. That may be an understatement. a

Concept By D S Rajkumar

# FIH Hockey Pro League: Indian Women Smash USA 3-1 With Strong Showing

**Odisha :** Indian women produced a flawless effort to outwit the United States 3-1 and end this leg of the Hockey Pro League on a winning note on Friday. VandanaKatiya (9th), Deepika (26th), and SamilaTete (56th) scored for the home side, while SanneCaarls (42nd) netted the consolation goal for the USA. India started the game with an opportunity to score through a penalty corner but Deepika's drag-flick sailed wide of the post. The USA answered back with a move of their own as Elizabeth Yeager shot from a tight angle, but India captain SavitaPunia diffused the situation with a save. But India soon



found the target. SangitaKumari ventured down the right wing and tried to find Sonika in the shooting circle but the ball bounced off the US goalkeeper. Kealsie Robles and Katiya tapped the ball in to score India's first goal. In the second quarter, Tete initiated a blazing run on the right

first half ended 2-0 in India's favour. In the third quarter, India continued to peg USA back in their own half and it wasn't long before they earned a penalty corner. However, NavneetKaur shot just wide of the post. With three minutes left in the quarter, Caarls picked up a loose ball outside the shooting circle and unleashed a tomahawk shot to beat keeper Savita and give USA a foothold. As the game drew to a close in the final quarter, Deepika went on a scintillating run across the left wing and crossed to Tete who deflected the ball into goal and restored India's two-goal lead. India will now travel to Rourkela to face China on February 12.

# Nirmala Sheoran Handed Eight-year Ban by NADA for Second Doping Violation

**New Delhi:** India's quarter-miler NirmalaSheoran has been handed an eight-year ban by National Anti-Doping Agency's (NADA) Disciplinary Panel after she returned positive for a banned substance in a test conducted last year. The 28-year-old Sheoran had returned to competition during the National Inter-State Championships in June last year in Bhubaneswar after serving a four-year ban for a dope offence in 2018. In an order passed by the NADA's Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel on December 27 and revealed only on Thursday, Sheoran has been banned for eight years, starting from



August 7, 2023. She had tested positive for "Anabolic Androgenic Steroids (AAS) and Testosterone (T)" according to the NADA website, which mentioned only her first name — Nirmala. Sheoran, the country's top quarter-miler at one time, had won women's

400m gold in the 2017 Asian Championships in Bhubaneswar. However a doping offence committed in 2018 resulted in her stripping of that gold as her results from August 2018 to November 2018 were struck off. She also ran in the 2016 Rio Olympics in 400m and

women's 4x400m relay. "Yes, the athlete in question is NirmalaSheoran. She (Nirmala) on the NADA website) is the same athlete (as Nirmala Sheoran). It's an out-of-competition test and her sample was taken in Jaipur," an athletics team source told on conditions of anonymity. This would mean that her sample which returned positive was not related to the National Inter-State Championships but collected later. The eight-year ban will also mean that Sheoran's career will be as good as over, unless she gets a favourable decision on appeal if at all she takes that route.

# 75th Strandja Memorial: Amit Panghal, Sachin, Rajat All Book Semifinal Berths

**Bulgaria:** Commonwealth Games gold medallist AmitPanghal and national champion Sachin entered the semifinals of the 75th Strandja Memorial boxing event here. Amit (51kg) continued his fine form to grab a 5-0 unanimous decision win over Aldarkhishig Battulga of Mongolia. Coming from a dominating win in his last match, Amit looked lethal. He controlled the

bout right from the start giving his opponent no chance to make a comeback. The boxer from Haryana continued to build on the momentum and did not lose the grip of the game even for a second. Amit was so dominant in the bout that he won each round with a 5-0 verdict en route to the semifinals on Saturday. Sachin (57kg) was equally dominating against KapanadzeGiorgi of Georgia. The

southpaw boxer took some time to find his rhythm but once settled, he was a force to reckon with. Sachin won the first round 4-1 and took the game heads on in the second one, using his counter-attacking game to strike some effective left hooks. The opponent tried to be more aggressive in the third round but Sachin comfortably won the bout with a 5-0 verdict. Sachin will now face Ukraine's Abduraimov



Aider in the semifinals on Saturday. Playing his first bout of the tournament after

receiving bye in the pre-quarters, Rajat (67kg) wasted no time and went into aggressive mode from the go. Within 37 seconds, Rajat delivered a straight jab, breaking his opponent's defence and disbalancing him, causing the referee to stop the bout and declare Rajat the winner by knockout. He will take on Georgia's GuruliLasha in the semifinals tomorrow. Lalit (54kg) made a quarter-

final exit after losing the bout against Uzbekistan's Nortojev Khujanazar. The Indian pugilist was put on the back foot from the start by the former world youth bronze medallist. His relentless attack combined with quick feet became lethal as the bout progressed, resulting in a 0-5 loss for Lalit. Late on Thursday, Naveen Kumar (92kg) made his way into the semifinals with a 4-1 win over KuttybekovAbzal of

Kazakhstan. He will be up against Georgia's GiorgiKushitashvili. Jugnoo (86kg) and Sagar (+92kg) bowed out of the tournament with an identical 0-5 loss against Uzbekistan's DjalolovSamandar and ZokirovJakhongir. The Strandja Memorial is one of Europe's oldest international sports competitions and is witnessing the participation of over 300 pugilists from 30 countries.

## INTERNATIONAL

# US Will Have a Female President in 2024, Says Nikki Haley, Either Her or Kamala Harris'

**Washington D.C.:** Former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley, the only Republican candidate left in the race for the party's nomination against Donald Trump, has said that the US would have a female president in 2024, and it would be either her or Kamala Harris, both of them Indian-origin. After wins on Thursday in Nevada and the US Virgin Islands, Trump remains undefeated in the primary race. Haley has said she will stay in the race for the White House even after the embarrassment in Nevada and with polling showing her trailing badly in her home state of South Carolina, which holds the next Republican primary on February 24. This is about the fact

that we are going to have a female president of the United States, and either it will be me or it will be Kamala Harris, the 52-year-old Indian-American Republican politician told Fox News. Haley said she voted for Trump twice and is proud to serve in his administration as the UN ambassador. But chaos follows him we can't be a country in disarray and a world on fire and go through four more years of chaos. We won't survive it, she said. She said: Trump cannot win a general election. That's a fact. We lost in 2018. We lost in 2020. We lost in 2022... he's got a year's worth of court cases yet... Everything he touches is chaos, and we continue to lose. Former president



Trump, 77, won Nevada's Republican presidential caucuses on Thursday after he was the only major candidate to compete. Haley skipped the caucuses, calling it an unfair process favouring Trump. Haley said, 'We knew that it was rigged from the start. In separate interviews, Haley emphasised that we knew

February 24 as well as on Super Tuesday, Michigan holds its primary on February 27, three days after the South Carolina Republican primary. As many as 15 states, including California and Texas, hold their contests a week later, on Super Tuesday. Haley was born Nimarata Nikki Randhawa in South Carolina to immigrant Sikh parents from Amritsar, Punjab. Kamala scripted history by becoming the first woman, as well as the first African-American and Asian-American, to be elected US Vice President, and assumed office on January 20, 2021. The 59-year-old was born in Oakland, California, to a Jamaican American father and a Tamil Indian mother.

# Nawaz Sharif Says His Govt Would Try to Improve Ties with Neighbouring Countries

**Islamabad:** In an indirect goodwill message to India, Pakistan's former premier Nawaz Sharif on Friday said that his government would try to improve relations with the neighbouring countries. Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) technically emerged the single largest party in the National Assembly despite the fact that the number of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf supported independent candidates was higher than any political party. "We would improve ties with the world and with our neighbours and try to solve all issues with them (neighbours)," the 74-year-old former three-time premier said. He asked his supporters if they agree with his point of view (regarding



ties with neighbours), and hundreds of supporters present to hear him apparently backed him with a roar. While Sharif stopped mentioning India directly in his speech, the use of word "neighbours" could hardly be missed as Sharif in his previous tenures also tried to mend ties with India. However, terror attacks on Indian defence installations by Pakistan-based

terrorists derailed the Indo-Pak relations. Sharif made the speech as the complete result of the 265 contested seats of the National Assembly was still awaited. According to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), the results of 224 constituencies have been declared, showing that independents won 92 seats, PML-N 63, PPP 50, MuttahidaQaumi Movement 12 and other parties got 7 seats.

# Pakistan Election 2024: How Does The Country's Electoral System Work?

**Islamabad:** Pakistan goes to the polls on Thursday in a widely watched national election that will lead to the formation of a new government to lead the crisis-ridden nation for the next five years. Here are some facts about how the electoral system works in Pakistan: - Pakistan is a parliamentary democracy and voting will take place for seats in the federal legislature, called the National Assembly, and four provincial, or state, legislatures. - 128 million Pakistanis out of a population of 241 million are eligible to vote - all those above 18. Polling booths are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (0300 GMT to 1200 GMT) usually but time can be extended in exceptional individual circumstances.



- On election day, voters will cast their ballots for two legislators to represent their constituency - one federally and the other provincially. There are 5,121 candidates contesting for the federal legislature and 12,695 for the provinces. - Unofficially, results begin coming a few hours after polls close, and there will be a clear idea of who would have won by early

Friday morning. Official results are likely to be announced by the Election Commission officers on Friday. - The National Assembly consists of 336 seats - 266 are decided through direct voting on polling day, while 70 reserved seats - 60 for women and 10 for non-Muslims - are allotted according to the strength of each party in the house. - Victorious candidates

become members of the National Assembly. Independent candidates have the option to join any party after the elections. - Once constituted, the National Assembly holds a parliamentary vote to select a leader of the house, who becomes the prime minister. - A successful candidate must show a simple majority in the house - that is, the support of at least 169 members. - Once a prime ministerial candidate wins the vote in the National Assembly, they are sworn in as prime minister. The new prime minister picks cabinet ministers, who form the federal government. - A similar process is followed at the provincial level to pick a chief minister and a provincial government. (Agencies).

# India Does Not Trust US to Lead; Played Smart by Staying Close with Russia: Nikki Haley

**Washington D.C.:** Aspiring Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley on Wednesday said that India wants to be a partner with the US, but as of now they don't trust Americans to lead. The Indian-American presidential aspirant also said that New Delhi has played smart in the current global situation and stayed close with Russia. In an interview with Fox Business News, Haley, 51, said that as of now India sees the United States as weak. "I have dealt with India too. I have got to say, I have dealt with India too. I have talked with Modi. India wants to be a partner with us. They don't want to be a partner with Russia," she said. "The problem is, India doesn't trust us to win. They don't trust us



to lead. They see right now that we're weak. India has always played it smart. They have played it smart, and they have stayed close with Russia, because that's where they get a lot of their military equipment," she said in response to a question. "When we start to lead again, when we start to get the weakness out and stop putting our

head in the sand, that's when our friends, India, Australia, New Zealand, all of them will - and Israel, Japan, South Korea - all of them want to do that. Japan gave themselves a billion-dollar stimulus to become less dependent on China, Haley said. "India gave themselves a billion-dollar stimulus to become less dependent on China," she told Fox

Business News adding that the US needs to start building up its alliances. Haley said China is not doing well economically and is preparing for a war with the US. "Financially, they're not doing well. You see their government has become more controlling. They have been preparing for war with us for years. That's their mistake, she said.



## Lal Salaam full movie leaked online: Menace of online piracy strikes the Rajinikanth film

Lal Salaam, the upcoming Tamil sports drama film directed by AishwaryaRajinikanth and starring Rajinikanth, Vishnu Vishal and Vikranth, has released on February 9, 2024. However, the film's excitement and anticipation got a little dampened on the day of release by the menace of online piracy, which has been plaguing the Indian film industry for years. The film is a special one as it marks AishwaryaaRajinikanth's comeback as a director and that too in a film where she is filming her father Rajinikanth. In one of her recent interviews, she called working with her 'Appa' a masterclass.

### Lal Salaam gets leaked

The trailer of the film which release recently, made the right waves and fans have been waiting to see Rajni is a new avatar after the superstar Jailer in 2023. Even though it is a cameo, it is said to be impactful and one that stays with you even after the movie



is over. Lal Salaam revolves around young and aspiring cricketers who are treated unfairly and ousted from the team despite being talented and deserving. How they overcome the various challenges and give wings to their dreams is what is movie is all about. The early reviews of the film are great and fans have found it quite inspiring, especially for the young generation. It talks about fighting for what is right and not giving up hope. The music of Lal Salaam is given by A R Rahman and it is produced by A Subaskaran.

### About Online Piracy of Films:

Lal Salaam is not the only movie that has been affected by piracy. The February 9 release Bhakshak starring BhumiPednekar, that releases on OTT platform Netflix and ShahidKapoor, KritiSanon starrer Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya that has hit theatres today have also leaked online. Online piracy refers to the unauthorized copying, distribution and sharing of films, whether in theaters, through physical copies or online platforms. It is a form of copyright infringement and intellectual property theft, which has several negative

consequences for the film industry, the economy and the society. According to a report by Ernst & Young, the Indian film industry loses about Rs. 20,000 crore every year due to piracy, which accounts for nearly 25% of its total revenue. Piracy not only reduces the box office collections and streaming revenues of the films, but also affects the employment opportunities, tax revenues, creativity and innovation of the industry. The Indian law on copyright provides for civil and criminal remedies against piracy, including injunctions, damages, confiscation and destruction of infringing copies, and imprisonment and fines. The Cinematograph (Amendment) Act, 2023, which was passed by the Parliament last year, has introduced stricter penalties for piracy, such as imprisonment of up to three years and fine of up to Rs. 10 lakh for anyone who records or transmits a film without authorization.

## Termed as a Panauti, this actress was thrown out of 13 films before she gave the first women led 100 crore film

Only if you wonder if being an actress is all about hair makeup and good looks. Well, they are more than this and this leading Bollywood actress has proven it. The was a time when VidyaBalan was struggling to make a mark in her filmy career and tried her luck in South Indian films also, but she couldn't find success. Recalling her struggling days, VidyaBalan revealed in one of her interviews that she was kicked out of 13 films, "I was kicked out of 13 films. When one producer replaced me in a film, their behaviour with me was very bad. They made me feel so ugly that for six months, I could not gather the courage to look at myself in the mirror."

### Why VidyaBalan was called panauti?

VidyaBalan in her initial days had signed a film



opposite south superstar Mohanlal titled Chakram, and due to that she signed more than 12 films, however, Chakram was shelved and later the producer blamed VidyaBalan and called her jinxed. And this is how she lost her 12 more films and she failed to make a mark in the Tamil industry. VidyaBalan's breakthrough in Bollywood was with Parineeta. The actress left fans impressed and how. Then slowly and

steadily Vidya proved her versatility in every genre until The Dirty Picture arrived. With The Dirty Picture, VidyaBalan broke all the shackles and it was her first women-oriented film to make a 100 crore mark. But did you Vidya was warned not to do Dirty Picture as it would ruin her career. In her interview she said, "There were some people who told me, 'Are you sure? It's going to ruin your career. It may actually spell the end of your career because you know you have been Miss Goody two shoes. I said, 'Miss Goody two shoes kakyamatlabhai (what does that mean)? I have hardly done 5-6 films. It's not like 30 years into films and then I'm trying something different.' This is why I'm an actor". VidyaBalan is the actress who dared the actresses to go solo and lead women-oriented films like in earlier days. She truly is an inspiration to millions.

## Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya leaked online: Shahid Kapoor, KritiSanon film

Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya, the latest release from the Indian film industry, has become the latest victim of online piracy. The film, which features a star-studded cast including A-list actors ShahidKapoor and KritiSanon has been leaked online on popular piracy websites such as Telegram and more. This unfortunate incident has raised concerns about the impact of piracy on the business of cinema and the measures being taken by the Indian government to combat this issue. The leak of Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya on these piracy websites may have an impact on the film's box office collection. With the movie being readily available, many potential viewers may fall in the trap and opt for pirated version instead of watching it legally in theatres or on authorized streaming platforms. This can result in a substantial loss of revenue for the producers, distributors, and other stakeholders associated with the film.

### Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya leaked online

Piracy not only affects the financial aspects of the film industry but also undermines the hard work and creativity of the filmmakers. Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya is a product of months of dedication and effort put in by the cast and crew. The leak of the film online not only



deprives them of their rightful earnings but also discourages future investment in quality cinema. To combat the menace of piracy, the Indian government has taken several steps. The Cinematograph Act, 1952, was amended in 2019 to introduce stricter penalties for piracy-related offenses. Under the amended act, individuals found guilty of recording and distributing copyrighted content without authorization can face imprisonment of up to three years and/or a fine of up to Rs 10 lakh. In addition to legal measures, the film industry has also been actively involved in raising awareness about the impact of piracy. Celebrities and filmmakers have taken to social media platforms to urge their fans and followers to support original content and refrain from engaging in piracy. Various anti-piracy campaigns and initiatives have been launched to educate the public about the

negative consequences of piracy. Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya, directed by first time directors Amit Joshi and AradhanaSah and produced by Maddock Films (Dinesh Vijan) and Jio Cinemas (JyotiDeshpande), deserves to be appreciated for its artistic merits. The film brings to us an innovative story where a human falls in love with a humanoid robot. It is a story of love, relationship dynamics in the modern world, emotions and heartbreaks. The film's trailer and songs have been well received and the chemistry of first time pair Shahid and Kriti is something that everyone is going gaga over. Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya has all the ingredients to appeal to the larger audience and it's a family film. We urge our readers to watch the film only in theatres or when it officially releases on OTT on one of the major online streaming platforms and stay away from watching pirated content.

## Article 370: Yami Gautam shares her experience of shooting the film while pregnant

At the trailer launch event of Article 370, YamiGautam and her filmmaker husband announced that they are expecting their first child. YamiGautam wore a pantsuit with a trench coat giving glimpse of her baby bump. The pregnancy glow on her face is already visible. The couple happily announced that their baby number one is on the way and they are quite happy. YamiGautam also shared her experience as she was pregnant while filming Article 370. The actress jokingly said that she can write thesis on how to work while pregnant.

However, she did say that it came with its challenges.

### YamiGautam gets candid about working through pregnancy

At the trailer launch of Article 370, YamiGautam quipped that she wouldn't have been able to pull off the film has her husband Aditya hadn't been by her side. She mentioned that firsts are always challenging. She also spoke about shooting the action and stunts while being pregnant. The actress revealed that most of the training and stunts were already done by the time she got pregnant. She said that a lot of precautions were taken and thankfully there were



doctors who monitored her secretly. YamiGautam mentioned that she sought inspiration from her mother as she has seen her working during her pregnancy. The actress was quoted saying, "It's surreal my baby was a part of this (film), it was

always two of us putting in the hard work. I was also inspired by my mother, I've seen her work through pregnancy. We Indian women are stronger than we give ourselves credit for." From the trailer launch event, a video of AdityaDhar and YamiGautam has gone viral on social media in which the filmmaker is seen handing over a pillow to his pregnant wife. Fans are adoring their chemistry. In the Article 370, YamiGautam plays an NIA officer who is fighting for Kashmir. The trailer of the film has already left many intrigued. The movie is going to release on February 23 in the theatres.

## The Immortal Ashwatthama: Aditya Dhar finally BREAKS SILENCE on why Vicky Kaushal's movie got shelved

The Immortal Ashwatthama was one ambitious project of AdityaDhar. Vicky Kaushal was going to play the leading role and a poster was also launched. However, the movie did not take off despite the announcement. There were a lot of rumours around the actor being replaced and more. Now, AdityaDhar has finally broken his silence on why The Immortal Ashwatthama could not see the light of the day. Today, he and wife YamiGautam launched the trailer of upcoming film Article 370. It was at this trailer launch

event that AdityaDhar spoke about The Immortal Ashwatthama and revealed the real reason why it has been put on backburner.

### Why did The Immortal Ashwatthama get shelved?

AdityaDhar stated that the vision the makers have for The Immortal Ashwatthama is too big to work for Indian Cinema. He mentioned that the quality of VFX they plan to bring, nobody has strived for it. Thus, he cannot make the film until the technology required to fulfil the vision becomes affordable in India. He gave an example of James Cameron and his movie Avatar. AdityaDhar said that



the Hollywood filmmaker had to wait for years to make The Avatar. AdityaDhar further added, "I'm, of course, not him, but if we have to achieve excellence, there can't be any mediocrity. I can't make it for the heck of it. Even if it takes five years of my prime time, the film has to be brilliant."

### YamiGautam, AdityaDhar expecting their first child

At the trailer launch event

of The Article 370, AdityaDhar and YamiGautam shared a good news with all. They revealed that they are expecting their first child. YamiGautam flaunted her cute baby bump and the pregnancy glow on her face was quite visible. The couple shared that they are quite excited for this new phase of life. AdityaDhar said that they are waiting to know whether it is Ganesh or Laxmi coming into their home. YamiGautam shared her experience of working while pregnant. She called it a 'surreal' experience and also mentioned that all the precautions were taken during the shoot.

## Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya Movie Review:

## Shahid Kapoor, KritiSanon's film is programmed to be the perfect breezy entertainer

Cast: ShahidKapoor, KritiSanon, Dimple Kapadia, Dharmendra, RakeshBedi, AshishVerma  
Director: Amit Joshi, AradhanaSah  
Release Date: February 9, 2024  
Rating: 4 out of 5 Star Rating

Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya is the Valentine's Day release of Bollywood. The movie brings together the fresh pair of ShahidKapoor and KritiSanon. The trailer of Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya intrigued netizens as we could see that the leading man falls in love with a robot. Fans of sitcoms might connect the base of the film with

shows like the global hit Small Wonder, BahuHamariRajnikanth and some Korean dramas. While those were ahead of their times, Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya comes when everyone is curious about concepts like AI and ChatGPT. It is produced by Maddock Films and Jio Cinemas.

### What's It About?

Aryan Agnihotri, is a wealthy Delhi boy who also happens to be a top-notch Robotics engineer. Like many young people, he too fears being wedded to the wrong person. He is deeply attached to his Maasi, Urmila (Dimple Kapadia) who is a pioneering tycoon in the world of Robotics. She aims to make machines

to ease human life. As he heads to the US for work, he meets Sifra (KritiSanon) who is his Maasi's labour of love in the field of almost-human robots. Aryan ends up falling helplessly in love with the robot Sifra. He brings her to Delhi with the goal to marry her, but will this unusual love story have a conventional ending?

### What's hot about Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya?

The movie comes at a time when people are quite hooked to artificial intelligence, robotics and technology than ever before. Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya delivers what it promises, a typical Bollywood rom-com entertainer but with a



hatke premise. The chemistry of ShahidKapoor and KritiSanon is superb for a movie where one is a robot. After a year loaded with action films, Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya comes like a breath of fresh air. Moreover, the film gets almost every element right, a feat few films have managed to achieve in the recent past.

### Fresh pairing

You will want to see more of ShahidKapoor and KritiSanon together after Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya. The two have an undeniable chemistry. KritiSanon is looking gorgeous in every frame while ShahidKapoor's charm makes you smile. They bring in the right vibe needed for a good rom-com.

### Ensemble cast

Dimple Kapadia, Dharmendra, AshishVerma, RakeshBedi and co are wonderful as the supporting cast. The makers have brought in actors with great comic timing, which elevates even the simplest of scenes.

### Music of Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya

This is a huge plus point of the film. AkhiyaanGulab by Mitraz sets the tone for the breezy movie. The lead pair looks amazing in the number. The songs Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya and LaalPeeliAkhiyaan are composed by TanishkBagchi. Both of them come at the right juncture and are nicely

shot. Sachin-Jigar's Tum Se is a lovely romantic ballad.

### Dialogues and direction

Amit Joshi and AradhanaSah have done a good job in the directorial department. The film has the right run-time and delivers what it promises. Some of the gags are terrific while some are predictable. But the timing of the dialogue delivery is exceptional. They have extracted a fabulous performance from KritiSanon, especially at the climax. The movie is filmed with rich frames set by LaxmanUtekar.

### What's Not

The basic premise of Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya might be indigestible to many. But

the movie is a good breezy watch if you can ignore that aspect. Some of the gags could have been better.

### NHVerdict

Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya is a great attempt to make a rom-com with a truly different premise. The movie is the perfect break from the deluge of action masala entertainers that made people complain if Bollywood has lost touch with other genres. With Teri Baaton Mein AisaUlJhaJiya, the makers have hit all the right buttons to make an entertaining but memorable rom-com. Plus, there is a cameo and surprise announcement at the end of the film.

