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Disappointed Balineni meets Jagan, what's up?

Kurnool, May 02 (GNS) Former minister Balineni Srinivasa Reddy met chief minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy in Tadepalli on Tuesday. The meeting was overdue as Balineni had been avoiding appointment with the chief minister. Balineni is not happy with the way things are happening in Prakasam district of late. He alleges that some of the party leaders were not giving him due recognition and the party leadership too is supporting them. The former minister walked out of the chief minister's recent visit

Srikanth as incharge

for the Kuppam As-

sembly constitu-

ency. Chandrababu Naidu also ap-

pointed a 23-mem-

ber committee to assist Srikanth in the

constituency. The

move was to check

the ruling YSR Con-

gress which has



shouting at the police. On past some time and is not this backdrop, the chief min- Parakasam district and the first five positions. Andhra minister personally called programmes. He is also not and invited Balineni for a ers against him. Sources say Balineni and requested him taking part in the party's chat with him in the camp that he had complained to attend the programme, door-to-door campaign or office. The disappointed against a senior leader who promising to settle the is- any other progrmame. former minister had finally was behind the denial of persues. Though the former Though he was recently reached the chief minister's mission to him to enter the

minister attended the chief made the regional coordina- camp office on Tuesday and helipad in Markapur.

quired support. tion.

Chandrababu

With the new initiatives

position with 33940 Crores to Markapur as the police minister's programme, he did tor of the party for Nellore, closeted with Jagan Mohan FDI which is again 2.52% of stopped him from going to not visit him in Tadepalli de- Tirupati and Kadapa dis- Reddy. Sources say that the total FDIs of the coun- small states and under-de- Pradesh used to be in the gime is the single largest FDI the helipad to receive Jagan spite repeated phone calls. tricts, the former minister had former minister is said to try. Maharashtra, Karnataka, veloped North Eastern Top 6 positions frequently India has got till date. Invest-Mohan Reddy. The angry The former minister is stay- not visited any of these dis- have explained the adverse Gujarat, Delhi, and the neigh- states at the bottom of the but priorities have changed ments and Job Creation are Balineni left the venue after ing in Hyderabad for the tricts in the recent past. In situations in the party in his boring Tamil Nadu are in the table.

in this new government. Kia no longer a priority and the During Chandrababu Motors in Anantapur during complete focus is on free-

AP Ranks 14th, Telangana 7th Guntur, May 02 (GNS)

Central Government's Department For Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) released the statewise FDI equity inflow (foreign investments) details from October 2019 to December 2022. This is around the time Jagan Government won and settled down in Andhra Pradesh to recent.

Andhra Pradesh is ranked fourteenth in the list of 5,751 Crore FDIs which is a mere 0.42% of the total investments the country got during that time.

Neighboring Telangana is at a comfortable seventh

of damaged crop to KCR

Hyderabad, May 02 harvest.

Exhibiting the truck to been claiming that it would of party activists and the Naidu had given a fitting and measures, the TDP cadre the media, the YSR defeat Naidu in Kuppam in general public participating. counter to the ruling party in Kuppam is confident now Telangana Party chief said the next election. The TDP The electrifying rally in- leaders on Kuppam and gave of retaining the seat and that her party is sending this in the newly built Secretariat there is no crop insurance, and less than 2500 were set chief had already con- fused new lease of life into a counter call to his TDP sending him to the Assem- load of damaged crop to structed a house in Kuppam the party who were upset ranks asking why not bly from here for the eight KCR so that, at least during a shame that the farmers had should extend compensatives be established on an the election year, he will to raise loans at high inter-tion. KCR promised Rs emergency basis." She compensation to farmers. busy clicking photographs of crop insurance. "When 7500 IKP centres also failed ers?," she asked.

that cost Rs 1600 crore, it is at least the government up. We demand that the cen-

significant as the input costs 'Raithu bharosa and ab ki This truck bears farmers' rose unprecedentedly," she baar kisan sarkar' catchcrop insurance, doesn't ex-"The paddy procurement tend input subsidies, and

learning about it, the chief active in the party ister took personal interest activities of some of the lead- Pradesh is competing with Naidu's regime, Andhra Chandrababu Naidu's re- bies. Sharmila sends truck load

Kuppam, May 02 (GNS) Lokesh are in constant touch municipal and local body Naidu had set his eyes on Former chief minister and with the party leaders in the elections. Chandrababu Pulivendula Assembly con- (GNS) Y.S.R. Telangana Party president N constituency. Naidu's recent Naidu had toured Kuppam stituency which is now rep- (YSRTP) leader Y.S. Sharmila Chandrababu Naidu ap- visit to the constituency was for five times in the last three resented by chief minister on Tuesday sent a truck pointed MLC Kancharla a big hit with a large number years and is in touch with the Jagan Mohan Reddy. The loaded with damaged crops local party lead- party had registered its first to Chief Minister K. Even victory in Pulivendula with Chandrasekhar Rao to draw Naidu's wife the election of Graduate his attention towards the Bhuvaneswari MLC from here. Local former losses suffered by farmers in and Lokesh's MLC B Tech Ravi is in full several districts of Telangana wife Brahmani control of the party in due to untimely rains. She are also in touch Pulivendula and he is said to said the recent rains left the with the local be getting ready to challenge farmers with unprecedented leaders, giving Jagan Mohan Reddy from losses, and inflicted a major them the re- Pulivendula in the next elec- blow to their hopes of a good

wake up from "deep slum- ests, sell their spouses' 10,000 per acre, which is in- slammed KCR and his ber" and extend appropriate jewellery for crops. Sharmila said that the crop tears," she said. YSRTP said. Sharmila demanded words. "Is this the bharosa loss due to unseasonal rains leader said that in the past that KCR pay at least Rs and is this the kisan sarkar? has been put at around 10 nine years, the cumulative 30,000 per acre as compen- A sarkar that doesn't give lakh acres, but not a single crop loss has been estimated sation. official or MLA has visited to be more than Rs 14,000 the farmers and inspected crores, but this "reckless" should begin immediately. fails on every front when it the loss. "While they are all government has no concept The assurance to set up comes to the rescue of farm-

Congress accuses PM of hurting religious sentiments by equating Lord Hanuman with Bajrang Dal

New Delhi, May 02 (GNS) The Congress on Tuesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of hurting religious sentiments of devotees by equating Lord all communities) includes KPCC President DK Dal, and demanded an apol-

Congress spokesperson Karnataka will go to As- Pawan Khera said it is Dal, the Popular Front of In- Kharge in the presence of in regular KSRTC/ BMTC sembly polls on May 10 and shameful that the Prime Minthe state unit chief D K buses and the Gruha the counting of votes will ister has drawn such a parallel which is an insult to Other takeaways from crores of devotees of Lord Hanuman.

insulting our faith in Lord the Congress for promising to lock up those who chant caste and religion, the party

"We believe that law and manifesto promised to "re- be implemented in the first Rs 1,500 for diploma holders the country as he has hurt festo. our religious sentiments. No Free bus travel for Bajrang Bali," he told report- Hanuman. ers.



"The Prime Minister is Modi on Tuesday hit out at Lord Ram and now it wanted communities on grounds of He should apologise to Karnataka election mani- Hanuman).

He called it the party's ted to take firm and decisive Tuesday. Women/homemakers to one has given the Prime attempt at trying to lock up action against individuals Minister the right to insult those who worship Lord and organisations such as "ban"

He claimed that the Con- Popular Front of India (PFI) promised.

Prime Minister Narendra gress had earlier locked up "spreading hatred" among to ban the Bajrang Dal in its Jai Bajrang Bali (Hail said in its election manifesto for the May 10 Karnataka The Congress is commit- Assembly polls released on

> The action will include a against such the Bajrang Dal and the organisations, the party

Congress releases Karnataka manifesto, promises action against Bajrang Dal, PFI

town and he and his son with the party's defeat in the Pulivendula. Chandrababu consecutive term.

Naidu appoints MLC Srikanth as incharge of Kuppam

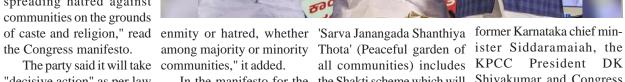
Bengaluru, May 02 (GNS) The Congress on Tuesday promised in its manifesto for the May 10 Assembly elections to repeal all unjust laws and anti-people laws passed by the BJP government in Karnataka within one year of coming to power in the state.

The Congress party is committed to taking firm and decisive action against individuals and organisations spreading hatred against communities on the grounds the Congress manifesto.

"decisive action" as per law including dia and others.

organisations," read the antees: Gruha Jyothi, Gruha 2,000. Congress manifesto released Lakshmi, Anna Bhagya, by the party president Yuva Nidhi and Shakti. Mallikarjun Kharge here.

individuals Organisations like Bajrang year of coming to power." Dal, PFI or others promoting



and BJP government within one mation."

among majority or minority Thota' (Peaceful garden of ister Siddaramaiah, the Hanuman with the Bajrang In the manifesto for the the Shakti scheme which will Shivakumar and Congress ogy from him. banning polls released here by Con- provide free travel to all spokesperson Pawan Khera. organisations like Bajrang gress president Mallikarjun women throughout the state "We will take decisive Shivakumar and CLP leader Lakshmi scheme under take place on May 13. action as per law including Siddaramaiah and others, the which each woman head of imposing a ban on any such party reiterated its five guar- the family will receive Rs Manifesto

Kharge said, "I am giv- supply ing the sixth guarantee that The Congress in the these guarantees will surely $\,$ ance-Rs 3000 for graduates; Constitution are sacrosanct peal all unjust laws and anti- cabinet meeting on the first and cannot be violated by people laws passed by the day of the government for-

The manifesto was re-The manifesto called leased in the presence of women

200 units of free power

Unemployment allow- Hanuman. 10 kg of rice free

get Rs 2000

insult the BJP, Hindus and

the Sikhs to draw in their

GOOD MORNING ANDHRA **EDITORIAL**

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Why Pawar Resigned?

Has Sharad Pawar taken a gamble of sorts by resigning as the chief of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) when the regional outfit is battling internal unrest, oneupmanship and ideological challenges? Pawar's sudden decision to step down as a head of the party he had formed in June 1999, is aimed at giving a shock treatment to his cadre. Pawar, informed sources say, for the past few weeks, has been trying to restore a semblance of unity among NCP leaders without much success. The issue of Pawar's successor, therefore, is the key in pointing which way the breakaway Congress is going to head. At a broader level, the NCP internal dynamics would have a crucial bearing on 2024 Lok Sabha polls too. For instance, if Pawar is forced to take back his resignation, the longevity of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition consisting of the Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena [Udhav] may survive till 2024. On the other hand, post-Pawar succession is set to split the NCP among those who are itching to move closer to the Narendra Modi-led NDA or away from it. While there is no empirical evidence or a formal head count, the possibility of bulk of NCP MLAs and MPs siding with the Narendra Modi and BJP-Shinde led Sena are far greater than those opting for Udhav Thackeray and Rahul Gandhi. In the 2019 Lok Sabha, the BJP and Sena had netted 42 out of 48 Lok Sabha seats, an impressive figure that the prime minister desperately hopes to retain in 2024. Pawar chose to make the dramatic announcement at an event in Mumbai saying. "After a long period of public life from May 1, 1960, to May 1, 2023, it is necessary to take a step back. Hence, I have decided to step down as President of the Nationalist Congress Party," Pawar said at the launch of his autobiography in Mumbai. Significantly, his nephew Ajit Pawar was present there. Ajit Pawar is seen as a strong contender to succeed Pawar. He figures in the list of names Pawar suggested who would be deciding about the next president. Ajit Pawar is said to be nursing an ambition to take the NCP away from MVA to NDA but for the record, he has been denying it. Ajit, NCP sources say, may see a challenger in Pawar's daughter Supriya Sule who is keen to stay on in MVA. If Sule stakes her claim, the NCP may see a vertical split. Some NCP insiders suggest either Praful Patel or Jayant Patil taking over as interim chief. But such a move would not solve NCP's ideological dilemmas. Praful Patel, a former Union minister, is known for his proximity to Ajit Pawar and Jayant Patil is tipped to plug the Sule line.

Pawar has been a seasoned campaigner in the art of double-speak. Barely a month ago, he had stunned the Congress and non-NDA opposition when Pawar had abruptly opposed Rahul Gandhi's call for a parliamentary probe into the Adani Group over a report by US short-seller Hindenburg Research. The move had come barely days after Rahul had haphazardly accepted Pawar's advice not to target Hindutva icon Veer Savarkar, ostensibly, for the sake of Opposition unity for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The precarious compromise has left Rahul with eggs on his face. A politician among poliicians, Pawar, 82 now, holds a record of sorts having never lost an electoral battle, a distinction that eluded even former prime ministers like Indira Gandhi and Atal Bihari Vajpayee. As I had mentioned in an earlier News 18 article, looking back at Pawar's impressive political career, the politician offers a bag full of turning the tables on friends and associates. He became Maharashtra chief minister for the first time aged just 38 in 1978 when he treacherously toppled the Congress government of Vasantdada Patil, split the party, and formed a government in coalition with the Janata Party under the banner of the Progressive Democratic Front. In 1997-98, the emergence of Sonia Gandhi as supreme leader of the Congress rattled Pawar. A few days before he, PA Sanghma and Tariq Anwar revolted against Sonia on grounds of her foreign origins in May 1999, Pawar had hosted a soiree on the rear lawns of his Gurdwara Rakabgani Road bungalow which most thought, quite mistakenly, was in celebration of Sonia handing him charge of negotiations with J Jayalalithaa and other potential allies. Pawar in crisp white bush-shirt chose to serve burgundy Baramati wine with a tale. "Actually, I told my leader (till then, still Sonia) that I am a visionary because I signed up an Italian collaborator for producing this wine 20 years ago." He revealed that for the past many years he was growing a variety of grape called Sharad Seedless named after him and has been championing the cause of wine.

On May 17, 1999, everyone in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting called to finalise candidates for the Goa assembly polls was growing restless, dying to catch up with India's cricket World Cup opener in England. Then Sharad Pawar smiled and PA Sangma stood up. When the mighty Maratha signalled, the diminutive Samurai with a swish of his razor-sharp tongue built a case for how the BJP campaign against Sonia Gandhi's foreign origin was seeping deep down to even remote villages. Then came the unkindest cut. "We know very little about you, about your parents," Sangma told her. Mastermind Pawar had planned revolt when a woman bureaucrat from Maharashtra had told Pawar that she had got a survey done which revealed that if he revolts against Sonia on grounds of her foreign origins, he would be hailed as "second Lokmanya Tilak." It is a different story that when the Maharashtra assembly polls were held, Pawar's newly formed Nationalist Party of India finished behind the Congress and the rebel had to form a coalition government playing the role of a minor partner in the state that he once considered his fiefdom. Having failed to emerge as "second Lokmanya Tilak" then, what is Pawar up to in 2023. We would have an answer perhaps in a fortnight from now.

West Insists On Earning Bad Karma By Insulting Hindu Gods Thinking No Harm Will Come Its Way

New Delhi, May 02 (GNS) Kali. Of course, it is not just tensible Hindu names out to and prejudice. Maa Kali. The West has dishave provided an insight.

derstand our ancient religion which many of us call a way of life as well. Except, that is, tenets of Hinduism. These Mohammedan diaspora. few people know it is a loosely woven repository of backed to an extent by a wisdom and spiritual knowltaking to the sword or trying to convert anyone. And there are many paths to sal-

vation within its teachings. To Hindus these aware or dormant religious beliefs reincarnations of Hindus.

10,000 years, in contrast to in the deserts around prese nt-day Jerusalem and Mec ago. At its core, the Hindu relusion it calls Maya, redemp- enough Hindu-hating sub- not so sure nowadays. tion, contradiction, all to the continentals to take a cue 'either-or' binary thinking, it Aga Khan's followers, some West. 20 percent of the Indian populikewise.

most Westerners given to by ethnic sub-continentals. stepped upon her Lord, red different aspects, is yet an- knowledge that Hindu out- Defence Ministry did delete is just so much horrifying lim preachers in India at- man heads around her torso consort. She is almost al- ing beheaded. But the bad pose did it then serve? and self-serving paganism, tempt to look down on Hin- and waist, proud breasts ex- ways depicted fighting evil, Karma that comes from this practised by India's caste- duism as just so much sacri- posed, hair worn long and killing demons called asuras, kind of thing is undeniable ism are too deep and ancient ridden teeming millions, at legious activity of unbeliev- open. She is standing with riding a lion, weaponry in and that she will have to pay for these cheap shots to least by over 75 percent of ers destined to never be ad- one leg on her husband Lord several of her hands. It goes for. them. The Abrahamic Musmitted to Heaven. The same Shiva, lying prone at her feet. on and on. lims, converted largely by song is sung in mosques and force in the subcontinent, churches frequented by sub-times the burning ghats Maa Lord Kartikeya, a bold war-insults to its Gods in the in the only country with a

lation, are schooled to think these blasphemers, because benevolent consort Parvati Saraswati, The Goddess of late, several have been boy-population, is going to take that is what they are from the as well as Maa Durga, is lost Learning, Lord Ganesha, the cotted involving some of its a lot of work to set right.

If they belong to Oppo- Hindu perspective, that it is on these people of little learned one, who wrote storied Muslim and Woke There is basic incomprehen- sition political parties, they not at all a good idea to in- knowledge. The same deities down the epic Mahabharata stars. sion in the largely Abrahamic regularly insult Hindu Gods. sult or denigrate Ma Kali, with equally valid and myriad as the sage Vyasa recited the West when it comes to Maa This includes many with ose even if it is born of ignorance forms, is a concept hard to verses, is the auspicious God Hindus in a bad light, or

Karmic retribution, Hin-thought. carded the large pantheon of Hindutva, while pandering dus believe, will certainly Roman and Greek Gods of to their own minority vote follow. This is a grand belief paganda-soaked White man, deep and abiding belief in such as Tanishq and old, with their passions and banks. This is, after all, a very that does not involve the brought up on racist ideas, reincarnation, the quality of Fabindia have also faced the contradictions that might large number of people, slaughter of the Kafir or non- this striking depiction of a subsequent life based on brunt of public disapproval. given India's population is believer in the Abrahamic Maa Kali in her retributive one's deeds, the indestructa Very few in the West un- now around 1.42 billion style. Not a finger needs to form, is conveniently repre- bility of the soul. The con- cious and predatory phepeople. Their notions, of be lifted against the culprit, sentative of innate Hindu cept is shared by spin-off nomena recently is the prac-'animal worshipping' Hindus because he will be made to bloodthirstiness. It can there religions like Buddhism and tice of 'Love Jihad' that coldthat drink cow urine, with pay for his sins automati- fore always be used against Jainism as well. The Abraha bloodedly lures Hindu and for a most respectful sliver 33,000 crore Gods to their cally by the workings of his the Hindu religion and its mic religions have sup- Christian girls into converof those who are aware of one, are also upheld and Karma and the 'Akashic practitioners. We are meant pressed the doctrine of rein- sion and often grisly ends the nuances, subtleties and used by the subcontinental Record' of his deeds. Particuto be savages beyond re-carnation, though the doc-thereafter. A famous Sufi larly, it is said, the motiva- demption because of our re- trine of the resurrection ex- shrine in Ajmer has lost a lot This sort of prejudice is tions behind them.

smattering of erstwhile sub- Brexit Britain finds itself in It is another matter that Hin- understand when it depicts gratuitous insults to Hinduedge combined with science, continental Roman Catholics these days, its reduction to duism spread across a large our Gods on underwear, ism, and support in the beyoga, meditation and astroland Protestants, perhaps a middle grade power, that part of the Asia-Pacific along floor-mats, chappals, um-heading of a Hindu tailor in ogy. It has survived thou- frustrated in their attempts to too in terminal decline, many with Buddhism without any brellas and so forth, and Udaipur by ISI-trained and sands of years without ever convert more and more Hin- Hindus believe, is because attempt at conquest. dus. Recent legislation the British are now paying against forcible or induce- for their atrocities in India do much better with the in the main here, it is clear jected to Muslim stone-peltment-based conversions has during their colonial domina- Pashupati Lord Shiva in his that when the West wants to ing on a routine basis these cramped their style. Clamp tion. They are finding diffi- animal skins and his neck- be particularly malicious days, though the converse downs on illegal NGO fund- culty in feeding themselves lace of cobras, Lord Ganesha about Hinduism, Maa Kali in is much more rare. The same people in the West are born ing is another flashpoint. and paying their day-to-day with his elephant's head, her retributive form, is the applies to cattle smuggling again Hindus in the Western However, this evangelising bills. Karmic retribution, it is Lord Hanuman in his form of chosen deity. There's and illegal slaughtering. sense of having found new and conversion does not known works for centuries, the celestial monkey, even enough blood and gore hesitate to incorporate is carried over from past Buddha, his ribs showing, there to titillate Western sense is that the Hindu ma-

That the British inflicted der a Bodhi tree. It is the oldest religion in prospects. Bhagwa and tilaks great hardship on many

embrace, and take for poison pen pieces are writ- tongue sticking out in error

That Maa Kali, some-

To the ignorant and pro-

grasp for occidental of all new beginnings. He is nudge them towards Islamic always prayed to first.

when in civilised mode, on T radicalised terrorists. The White man does not shirts? Sticking to Maa Kali Abrahamic religions, all born siderably Indianised, con- Hindus believe, will also be often with his wife the God- who depicted Maa Kali with as a deterrent. gregations are called counted and duly punished. dess Lakshmi. And another a Pride flag in the back-

Maa Durga's children — tated also at the constant ity to Hinduism, Hindutva, Shia, Sunni, Ahmadia, Bohra, continentals abroad in the Kali, sometimes worshipped rior and epitome of male largely ISI, Qatar and other massive Hindu population, by bandits and thugees, is beauty, Maa Lakshmi, the elements antithetical to India under siege to an extent by But any Hindu will tell also Lord Shiva's generally Goddess of Wealth, Maa financed Bollywood films. Of rapid increases in Muslim

Companies that show cultural mores in their adver-And then there is the tisements at Diwali and Holi,

One of the most pernigressive religion without ists in Christianity to this of its Hindu worshippers The plight that post- borders, beginning, or end. day. So what does the West because of relentless and

Hindu festivals are sub-

The good thing in a in adulthood, or are simply Hindu symbolism and that of lives. It is also inescapable. meditating interminably un- audiences. The irony is, jority has awakened at last, sometimes there are sub- and it is no longer an easy There's Lord Vishnu, ly-continentals, even putative one-way street. If nothing the world, going back over are used, Christ and the Vir- other countries during their ing on a raft made of the di- Hindus, living in Canada, for else, the enormous buying gin Mary are depicted con- imperial period, the same vine snake Sheshnag, quite example, Leena Manimekalai, power of the Hindu is acting

The latest effort at forsatsangs. All this influences Of course, the West as a blue-hued Sri Krishna play- ground, drinking, smoking, eign denigration has come ca, at around 2,000 years and confounds the surface whole, thinks all this is so ing his flute surrounded by street walking in Toronto, in from Ukraine, which is slowly skimming White man in his much esoteric mumbo jumbo, cows and his band of loving a film launched at the Aga being demolished by Russia. ligion embraces paradox, il-views on Hinduism. He has but a few amongst them are Gopikas. And this is just a Khan Museum there. The The perpetrators may be ansampling, without going into Museum took the film down noyed with Indian neutrality The White man is gener- the avataras of each God, after the ensuing outrage in the Russia-Ukraine War. utter exasperation of the from. The virulence against ally caught up in Maa Kali's and indeed our 33,000 crore from Indian lawyers and oth- And so, let us insult Maa Western mind. It is very hard is even more pronounced popular depiction. There she deities. There is nothing ri- ers, but the filmmaker re- Kali!Ukraine's Defence Minfor a superficial appreciation amongst the Pakistanis is, nude and blue, with a diculous about it but it is too mained unrepentant. She istry tweeted an image of of it to make its way in the abroad, brainwashed to hate Kharga dripping with blood much to expect Abrahamic proceeded to brazen it out. Maa Kali over a blast fume maze most Hindus proudly Hindus from birth. So many in one of her hands, her religions to understand this. Its free publicity, after all, for and labelled it 'Work of Art'. Maa Durga, again de- the woman who had made an Following outrage from Ingranted since birth. So, for ten and TV shows anchored at having accidentally picted in multiple forms with execrable film, safe in the dian tweeters, the Ukraine Most Christian and Mus- and vivid, a garland of hu- other form of Lord Shiva's rage won't result in her be- it fairly rapidly. What pur-

> The concepts of Hindumake any difference. How-The Hindu public is agi- ever, the problem of hostil-

Go First passenger? Here's what you should (

New Delhi, May 02 (GNS) Another one bites the dust. In a tweet on Monday evening, news agency PTI reported that the Wadia Group-backed Go First has filed "voluntary insolvency proceedings" before the National Company Law Tribunal, quoting the airline's CEO, Kaushik Khona.

The development comes just when the country was celebrating its highest-ever single-day domestic passenger traffic and a never-before-seen April. Earlier, media reports had suggested that Go First had stopped the sale of all flights for May 3 and May 4. This came amid the airline facing significant challenges in fleet availability as it battles the non-avail-Pratt & Whitney.

clearer with the airline releasing a formal statement on its request for voluntary admission into the NCLT's insolvency process, which squarely blamed Pratt & Whitney for its woes. All of Whitney.

Who will be impacted? impacted by this decision over flight cancellations over the two days. Go First are powered by Pratt & for emerging economies to tion (DGCA). Whitney engines unlike become engines of growth,

(airlines data for April is anger over flight cancella-

The airline had the worst has been operating around On-Time Performance (OTP) do? 200 daily departures in do- in March, at 49.2 percent at mestic skies and has ap- four metro airports, shows First flights for May 3 or 4, the busiest route in the coun- have made it clear Go FIRST proval for around 220 daily data released by the Direc- ensure that your contact de- try, for May 3 is selling at is facing severe turbulence. Go First's A320neo aircraft flights this summer. Essential torate General of Civil Avia- tails are updated with the air- over Rs 10,000 while the

IndiGo, which had placed an help resolve global crisis: two days comes a day after that this might be delayed, at a little over Rs 5,000. order with CFM after its ini- Sitharaman Essential for the Mumbai airport was assuming the airline tries to tial order with Pratt & emerging economies to be- closed for six hours owing get in touch with you. Hav- Go First has a presence, such pens, passengers should come engines of growth, to pre-monsoon mainte- ing an alternative plan could as Mumbai to Lucknow, the wait and watch.

The airline carried 8.95 Sitharaman Is this a joke': Go capacity from Mumbai and has picked up and last- have been able to recover ability of spare engines from lakh passengers in March First passengers vent out will see a spillover of traffic minute airfares are sky high. from such a situation. When tomorrow (May 3). If the Things are becoming awaited). Between 55,000- tions 'Is this a joke': Go First grounding goes beyond two a cancelled flight requires the shrinking, promoter Vijay 60,000, passengers will be passengers vent out anger days, Indian aviation will see airline to make a full refund. Mallya famously called it a a major impact.

That may not be enough to "holding pattern". SpiceJet, What should passengers book a last-minute flight with in 2014, was grounded for a any airline. The cheapest day, before changing own-If you are booked on Go flight from Mumbai to Delhi, ership. The NCLT filings line so that it can reach out. cheapest flight between and the regulator and civil The closure of flights for There is also a possibility Delhi to Mumbai was selling aviation ministry may very

cheapest fare is in excess of Rs 18,000 for May 3.

Tail Note

Go FIRST's financial and operational woes will see it struggle for a while. Passengers will think twice before booking trips with the airline and it may have to lower fares. That would mean it does not make as much revenue as the competition in the best of periods for Indian aviation.

The airline has not been

able to deploy as much capacity as it may have desired, leading to a case where its liabilities are far higher than its revenue. But nothing does as much damage as not operating. History help resolve global crisis: nance, which has already cut be expensive since air traffic shows that very few airlines The DGCA's charter for Kingfisher Airlines was

It is peak travel season well step in to control the In other sectors where situation. Until that hap3 Kurnool GOOD MORNING ANDHRA Wednesday,03,May, 2023

Rs 2 crore theft at SoBo businessman's house: 5 held, valuables worth Rs 1.71 crore recovered



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Ten days after a theft was reported at the house of a South Mumbai-based businessman, the Gamdevi police in Mumbai have arrested five people, including the house help, and recovered 90 per cent of the stolen valuables, worth Rs 2 crore. According to the complaint filed by the businessman, a resident of Carmichael Road in the Cumbala Hill area, on April 14, he and his wife observed that some jewellery was missing from the locker of their wardrobe. They suspected three people who worked in their house and approached the Gamdevi police. Additional Commissioner of Police, South Region, Abhinav Deshmukh said that during sustained interrogation, Milane James Suren alias Mona, 37, who had been

working at the businessman's house for the past 10 years, admitted to having committed the theft.south bombay theft. The police team managed to recover stolen valuables worth Rs 1.71 crore from the jewellery shops where the stolen articles were sold. "She admitted to stealing an expensive watch, a diamond necklace, diamond earrings, a diamond-studded bracelet, a gold necklace, a gold chain, and other diamond jewellery, totalling Rs 1.98 crore, since February 2023," Police Inspector Shashikant Yadav, in-charge of Gamdevi police station, said.

Mona was arrested, and during the probe, she allegedly revealed that her friend Abdul Shaikh, 38, made her steal the valuables. Later, Abdul, with the help of other accused Hasmukh Bagda, 52, Nuruddin Shaikh, 45, and Sangeeta Kambale, 42, allegedly sold the stolen gold and diamond jewellery in the market. "Our teams first arrested Abdul from Jogeshwari while he was planning to escape to another state, and later three others were arrested too," said Assistant Police Inspector Shriniwas Darade, who is also the investigating officer in the case.

All five accused were arrested under sections 381 (theft by a servant) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code, Darade said. The police team managed to recover stolen valuables worth Rs 1.71 crore from the jewellery shops where the stolen articles were sold.

The best laid designs: Sustainability, inclusivity, user experience, innovation, ethics were at the heart of this design fest at Chitkara School

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What does a world design organisation head, a fashionista cum eco warrior, an indi design maverick, an innovation agent, a user experience expert, an intrepid researcher and a queen of prints have in common? Design, and how they are the catalysts of change spotting problems and offering solutions in this space. David Kusuma, President of the World Design Organisation, minces no words when he points out that technology is coming faster and faster, and one shouldn't be afraid. "As designers, we have the distinct role of play in tech maximise human benefit and ensure design ethics. Technology brings new solutions, but with it temptations of misuse. Smartphones today are the plastic of tomorrow, adding to waste. As designers we have to do a better job at finding better, sustainable solutions." He made incisive remarks at the two-day Chandigarh Design Festival at Chitkara International School, Sector 25 Chandigarh.

Some of the sharpest and brightest minds from the design industry came together to discuss the future of design in India and the world. "The tenets of design are no longer confined to merely the aesthetics of objects or their functional purposes; it has become a driving force in shaping the future of our society. By bringing together experts from all fields of design, we can create a collaborative environment that encourages experimentation, innovation, and creativity," says Dr. Madhu Chitkara, Pro-Chancellor, Chitkara University. .While on 'Designing a New Era: India's Impact on the Global Design Landscape' Kusuma emphasized the need for India to lead the way in design and how design can be used as a tool for social change, Azmina Poddar, MD at Accenture Song, emphasized the need for designers to create sustainable solutions that are centered around people's needs during the discussion on 'Putting Life Centricity and Sustainability at the heart of your choices'

The panel discussion on 'Designing a Bold Future: Opportunities and Innovations in India's Design Landscape' by Ramneek Majithia, Kusuma and Poddar deliberated on the importance of innovation and how design can be used to create new opportunities in India's rapidly evolving design landscape. It was Nepalese born and award-winning British fashion designer known worldwide for her sustainable and ethical bridal wear, Sanyukta Shrestha, that caught our attention with her work. Sanyukta was barely 17 when her bespoke designs were show-



cased on Miss World, Miss Asia Pacific and Miss Earth. The 'Youngest Celebrated designer', Sanyukta made her mark in home country Nepal before moving to the London College of Fashion in 2005. Today. Her boutique has been nominated as the best boutique in the UK. "I come from a simple middle class family, my father is a businessman and my mother a teacher. I've always loved art, sketching and drawing, and wanted to be an artist, and my love for nature has always been something natural," shares Sanyukta, whose designs revolve around sustainability, circularity, community, compassion, comfort. An eco warrior in her own right, she is also called 'Green Goddess and the Greta of the Wedding World' who has a zero waste approach, a slow and transparent supply chain, minimal carbon footprint, and high-end designs that prove her simple philosophy that "fashion should feel, look, and do good". Her designs pays tribute to the 1000 years old Nepalese craftsmanship, and she creates luxurious, sustainable, and ethically made "one of a kind" piece using materials from apple, nettle, milk, hemp, recycled plastic bottles etc. The two day festival raised many topics, including 'Design, Tech, and Culture: Future of Indian Design' where Sudhir Sharma, Founder and CEO of Indi Design discussed the need for designers to embrace technology and how Indian culture can be used as a source of inspiration in design. His million dollar advise to the students was to take life as research. "Work should take place from 11 to 4, rest of the time should be used to eat, pray, cook, play, observing, living, experiencing life, people, because there lies the problem, and the solution. Observe humanity, and your will understand the issue and come up with answers." Now, that's the best laid design

Surrogacy case: Karnataka HC sets 'triple test' to check eligibility of parents

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In a case heard by the Karnataka High Court on April 21, a single-judge bench has set a test with three conditions to check the eligibility of surrogacy, as one of the parents has crossed the age limit. The bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna noted that the issues facing the petitioners were that the husband has exceeded the age limit, and the family friend who would act as a surrogate was not genetically related as per the statutory requirements. It proposed a triple test, which included a genetic test, a physical test, and an economic test.

The wife in the case was 45 years old, while the husband was 57 (two years past the age limit for surrogacy). Their son had passed away in a road accident after completing his MBBS, and they found out that there would be a long waiting period to adopt another child. The wife had also earlier had a hysterectomy. In the case of surrogacy, the sister-in-law of the husband was willing to donate the egg cell while a 25-year-old family friend was willing to act as a surrogate to give birth to the child. The court, further, directed the couple to approach the relevant Surrogacy Board or Authority, which was in turn directed to pass appropriate orders for eligibility certificate within four weeks, bearing in mind the observations of the court.Referring to the case of Seaford Estate v Asher, the bench pointed out that this was a fit case to exercise judicial review, as the present circumstances could not have been foreseen by lawmakers. To resolve this, a "triple test" was proposed by the bench. The genetic test is being conducted to confirm whether the embryo could be genetically healthy in the context of sperm and egg cells which would contribute genetic material to it. Thus the petitioner would have to undergo testing to ensure that the embryo would not suffer from deformity, as he was aged 57 years. The physical test will check if the couple is physically able to raise the child. The economic test is being done to verify if the prospective parents are economically sound so as to not put the child in financial difficulty.oting the provisions of the Surrogacy Act which allowed surrogacy only if the surrogate mother



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was genetically related and without a commercial element (altruistic surrogacy), the bench observed that altruism is illusory if everything happens within the family. "In the considered view of this court, Altruistic 35 surrogacy should mean surrogacy by an outsider. Therefore, the provision runs counter to the philosophy or principle behind the enactment. The words "genetically related" appearing can only mean that the child to be born through surrogacy should be genetically related to the intending couple, failing which, the words genetically related would not have any meaning if it were to be said that the surrogate mother should be genetically related to the intending couple. That defeats both altruism and logic," the court

'Help us, India': Visa, cash big worries for students in Pune from strife-torn Sudan



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It was Ramzan. Like any other day, Mohammed Khalifa Hassan woke up and checked his phone. But that morning, he saw something that made him freeze. He ran and woke his mum. They started calling their loved ones, who were still back home - in Sudan. And who were now in the middle of a war between the military and the paramilitary RSF (Rapid Support Forces). Then, they started watching the news, trying to figure out what had happened. "Things are still messy back home. You don't know if your family is safe. Mostly they don't tell, because they know that we are scared. So they don't tell us. We have to figure it out," says Khalifa. He is a first-year MBA student at VIT in Pune. "I am more scared because I have my own family involved in politics. I have uncles in the army — friends and classmates, too. I am scared that this will become a civil war," he adds.

But then, for the 60 or so Sudanese students living in Pune, like Khalifa, the war back home is not just about their families. They are also worried that they might be kicked out of college here or their rented homes because the banking services are down. Most of these students receive money from back home and haven't gotten anything in the past two weeks. Some of their (mid-term students) visas are expiring and they fear deportation. They can't go back to Sudan, either. The airport is destroyed. Yassin Adam, president of the Sudanese Students' Association in Pune, says, "We just request the Indian government and the foreign services to make some exceptions — like they did for Afghanistan students." Adam is one of the many who didn't receive his monthly stipend because of the conflict. Fortunately, his mother came to Pune a month ago to undergo medical treatment, and thus he is able to manage expenses. "You can only leave Sudan. There's no way in. I have a simple request. India is one of the best places for us to be. All I ask is people to cooperate with us for sometime. We don't want to be a burden. We have our dignity but the situation is out of our hands," says Khalifa, who aspires to study International Relations and become a politician.

Many families like Khalifa's have been caught in the midst of strife in Sudan. His family is living 3 kilometres away from Khartoum, the capital. His father was a former Sudanese ambassador to Germany and now runs a con-

struction business, and his mother is a former journalist. The fighting is mainly in the capital, he says. Other cities aren't as affected. "My mother's brother is in the army. He says they're taking over the city now. The army is strong enough to take over. Most of the RSF commanders have been killed or arrested by them. But RSF belongs to one of the strongest Arab tribes in West Sudan so it might take time," says Khalifa. Mohammed Tarig, a final-year student at Ajeenkya DY Patil University, says, "The last time I went to Sudan was in August. Everything was normal back then." His family - two sisters and their father live in Khartoum but have been unaffected by the violence so far. "They go out once or twice a week, only to get food. They have to store it now. I am afraid for them," Tarig adds. His father works for the UN (Mission of Sudan) but has been unable to go to work. "He's working from home now. He's the one who convinced me to come to Pune actually," he adds with a smile. "He is an ex-Symbiosis student."

Like many others, Tarig, too, saw the news of the attacks on the internet. He says the violence has seen "the end of Ramadan in the worst way", but believes the conflict won't last long. He says, "The war is between the army and the RSF. I don't think the RSF will last long. The army can finish the war in 10 days or so. But RSF hides in neighbourhoods so the army keeps firing at the location or bombs it. They (army) also make use of aircrafts which the RSF doesn't have access to."Khalifa adds that the army made his friends move out of their houses because the RSF was hiding in the neighbourhood. "The army was planning to bomb the place. A couple of my friends were really sad. Even though Eid came, nobody enjoyed it," he says.

Yassin Adam is the youngest of six siblings and is in his third year of engineering at Symbiosis Institute of Technology. The rest of his family lives in Khartoum. He says they live far from army camps and the fighting hasn't touched them yet. Some of his relatives and friends haven't been so lucky and "almost everyone has left the capital and gone back to the village." His dad runs a car business at a place that was at the epicentre of the conflict. "My family is unable to work, they have been at home ever since the conflict started. We don't know what's happened to our shop — if the cars are safe or if everything is burnt. The ceasefire was only in the media, the fighting continued and didn't help them (his family) at all," he says."In the end, both of them are fighting for nothing and people are running away. They (people) are just suffering. There is no food, no water even though we have the longest river in the world, people are thirsty. There's no electricity, people are not safe. Citizens are becoming refugees- and I can't imagine seeing my own people become refugees. That's what hurts me the most. People are leaving the city, leaving their houses, leaving the place where they grew up. Back home we are very social. So families are hosting unknown people in their houses - people are opening their houses for strangers, giving them food," Khalifa says.

Partap Singh Bajwa slams Kejriwal, Mann: Maharajas, not aam aadmi

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The Congress on Thursday launched a scathing attack on Delhi Chief Minister Arvid Kejriwal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann over the alleged expenditure of Rs 45 crore on AAP national convenor's official residence in Delhi, saying it was "shameful" and that both the "aam aadmis (common men)" were living the life of "Maharajas" (kings). Punjab's Leader of Opposition, Partap Singh Bajwa said that during Covid when people were suffering and there was shortage of oxygen cylinders, Kejriwal spent Rs 45 crore on renovating his residence, including Rs 20 crore fort building a swimming pool. "What kind of Aam Aadmi is he," asked Bajwa. The Congress leader said that Kejriwal is the only chief minister who is enjoying "Double Z plus security", including one issued by the Centre and another by the Punjab government. "He uses two Land Cruisers provided by Mann apart from 80 Commandos of Punjab Police. Besides, Punjab government has provided another 50 commandos and a Land Cruiser to Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha," Bajwa alleged.

Taking on Mann, he said that "this aam aadmi is moving along with 122 vehicles, including 42 provided by the state transport department and 67 by Punjab Po-



lice, has five houses in his name including two under the head 'camp office; he has security cover of 900 while, 50 security personnel have been assigned to his wife, and , 30 each to his mother and sister.

Out of eight Land Cruisers, he is using four". He said that Jalandhar, which has a population of 25 lakh, has only 2,500 security personnel. "I want to warn the people of Jalandhar to use their vote judiciously. They (AAP leaders) are neither common people like you nor have they fulfilled the promises made to women, Dalits and farmers." said Baiwa.

Files of looters of Punjab are being prepared, says CM Bhagwant Mann

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Congress, Akali Dal and BJP had looted Punjab during their tenures in the state, said Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday. He was addressing a gathering during a roadshow in Phillaur assembly constituency, which is a part of the Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat that goes to by-election on May 10. "Unahan ne tuhade Baccheyan di padai kha lai, bajurgan di dawai kha lai, Jawani kha lai, kisani kha lai, the hor sarkar bhi kha gaye (They have robbed the education of your children, medicine of the elderly, destroyed Punjab's agriculture, youth and looted the government as well)," the CM said while campaigning for AAP candidate for the bypoll.

He said that the files of all these looters are being prepared, and soon they will be behind bars - irrespec-

tive of whether they had looted the state five years or 10 years ago, the CM added.Referring to former Hoshiarpur Congress minister Sundar Sham Arora, the CM said that during a search of his house, a currency note counting machine was found from his house, and one can guess by that how much money would have been there.

Mocking at Congress leaders, Mann said that they do not meet people. They come only once in five years to ask for votes. "Even if you come and shake hands with them, you have to count your fingers later, because just like they take money out of people's pockets, in the same way, they may steal a finger and take it away."Lashing out at the VVIP culture of the Akali Dal, Mann said that the common men don't have access to them. They can't meet them at all. These leaders sanitise their hands after shaking hands with commoners like you," the CM said.

RPG attack on Punjab Police Intelligence HQ: Supplementary chargesheet filed; Landa, Rinda, Ranga

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Mohali police on Thursday submitted a supplementary chargesheet against four people in connection to the Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) attack case that took place at the Intelligence Wing Headquarter of Punjab Police last year. The four accused named in the case include Harvinder Singh Rinda and Lakhbir Singh Landa, both of whom have already been declared Proclaimed Offender (PO)s by a court. Apart from Rinda and Landa,

police have named Deepak Ranga and Gurpinder Singh alias Pindu in the supplementary chargesheet. Both Ranga and Pindu had already been arrested by the police. Thursday's supplementary chargesheet was filed under sections 307 (attempt to murder), 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 212 (harbouring an offender), and 216 (harbouring an offender who has escaped from custody or whose apprehension has been ordered) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Explosives Act.

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'Supreme Court order will help Punjab, Haryana on their stand of 100 m ESZ of Sukhna sanctuary'



GNS News Agency, May 1 The judgment of the Supreme Court modifying its June 2022 order - that ruled each national park and wildlife sanctuary must have an eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of minimum 1 km, measured from the demarcated boundary of such protected forest - will help Haryana and Punjab Forest departments, which are firm to declare only 100 metres as ESZ of the Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary (Chandigarh). The apex court on Wednesday had modified its earlier judgment saying it would have prevented the government from building roads and other important infrastructure in those areas which fall within 1 km of ESZ. The apex court has restricted mining in any case within these areas. Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, which is in Chandigarh, shares boundaries with Punjab and Haryana from the side of Mohali and Panchkula, respectively. Though the UT Forest and Wildlife department has declared its 2.0 to 2.75 km area as ESZ of the sanctuary, it expects a similar area of ESZ from Haryana and Punjab. Although the two states have only agreed to declare merely 100 metres of their area as ESZ, their proposals are pending before the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). Villages, including Kansal, Naya Gaon in Mohali (Punjab) and Saketri, Mahadev Pura, Bhainsa Tibba in Panchkula (Haryana), are within a limit of 1 km to 2.05 km of Sukhna

Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Haryana, M L Rajvanshi, says, "Wednesday's judgment of the apex court will definitely assist us in our stance to declare just 100 metres of the area in our jurisdiction as ESZ pertaining to Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary of Chandigarh. The judgment allows developmental activities within 1 km area of national parks and sanctuaries. We have been arguing with the Chandigarh administration that many of our villages are located within 1 km area of Sukhna sanctuary."Meanwhile, PCCF, Punjab, Dharmendar Sharma, said, "Though I am yet to read the full judgment, it will definitely benefit us on our stance that development work should not be affected in our area close to the Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary. The judgment also talks about the sanctuaries, which share boundaries with many states/ UTs like Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary."In 2021, the UT administration had urged Punjab and Haryana governments to review the plans for the area falling in Kansal village in the development plan of NAC, Naya Gaon 2021, and the Mansa Devi Urban Complex in Haryana according to the requirements specified for the ESZ of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary. Debendra Dalia, CCF, UT, said, "We have a clear ESZ of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary in our area. Punjab and Haryana will definitely benefit with Wednesday's judgment which allows development activities, except mining, within 1 km area of protected parks, sanctuaries."4 wildlife sanctuaries in Chandigarh and PanchkulaAccording to the wildlife departments of Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali, there are at least four protected sanctuaries, that is, two in Chandigarh and two in Panchkula, and the ESZs of all these four protected sites were declared many years ago. Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, Chandigarh, has an ESZ area up to 1.75 km, and Bird Sanctuary, Sector 21, has ESZ of around 100 metres. The two wildlife sanctuaries in Panchkula including Khol-Hai-Raitan, Morni, and Bir Shikargha, near Pinjore, has also well-marked ESZ of 0 to 2200 metres. Indeed, Haryana proposed 100 metres of area in its jurisdiction around Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary to be declared as ESZ, but the proposal is still pending before the au-

After Rahul Gandhi, Al Jawahar to now play host to BJP event: 'We welcome leaders from all political parties'

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As evening falls, the narrow lanes around Jama Masjid in the Old Delhi light up, inviting people from all over the world to try heirloom recipes. One such eatery is the popular Al-Jawahar Restaurant, which is located opposite Jama Masjid and has been serving authentic Mughlai food since Independence. At the entrance of the restaurant, customers are greeted with a huge tandoor and large, heavy-bottomed vessels. With origins as old as the country itself, Al-Jawahar has been a favourite among politicians and celebrities alike. Recently, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visited the restaurant to enjoy its food. "We were proud to have Mr Gandhi make a surprise visit to the restaurant. As we served his greatgrandfather, Pandit Nehru, we were also happy to serve the third-generation leader of the family. We welcome leaders from all political parties," said Akram Qureshi, the third-generation owner of Al-Jawahar.

Interestingly, on Thursday, BJP announced that it will organise a public programme to commemorate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 100th Mann Ki Baat near Jama Masjid and include the same restaurant in the celebration as chosen by Gandhi to savour a meal. The posters with Modi's photo and titled '100th Mann Ki Baat Muslim Samaj ke Saath' were put up for the April 30 event. The restaurant was founded by Akram's great grandfather Badruddin Qureshi in 1947. He was also a freedom fighter and, according to Akram, was very close to Nehru, who inaugurated the restaurant. My great-grandfather, in a gesture of faith and friendship, had named the restaurant Al-Jawahar, after Nehru, said Akram. He adds that Al-Jawahar has not compromised on the quality of its food since it started in 1947. It sources the mutton from its own meat shop and buys chicken from the market, instead of depending on a supplier. "The secret of our success is our quality," he added.



Even the preparation of the food hasn't changed since the inception of the restaurant. "If we change the preparation, then the food will no longer remain Mughlai. Today's generation doesn't prefer more ghee or oil in their food. Those who don't want to eat it can remove the excess oil or ghee," he said. When it first began, the restaurant had several private cabins with curtains for customers to enjoy their food in privacy. "But ever since the advent of smartphones, these cabins were used for the wrong reasons. Therefore, we redesigned the restaurant's seating arrangement. Nobody can enter our restaurant with an open cold drink bottle, only sealed bottles are allowed as we do not want people to consume alcohol in the restaurant," said Akram. While Akram feels that all their dishes are popular, the mutton stew is up there in the list. "Apart from that, people like mutton korma. Our speciality, the mutton nihari, used to be prepared only in the morning. Due to customer demand, we now prepare it throughout the day. Among the roasted items, we have mutton and chicken barda. Recently, we have also started to prepare Afghani chicken tikka and customers seem to like that too," said Akram.

SC directs activist Gautam Navlakha to pay Rs 8 lakh as expense for police protection during house arrest



The direction by a bench of Justices K M Joseph and B V Nagarathna was passed after Additional Solicitor General (ASG) S V Raju submitted that a total bill of Rs 66 lakh was pending.

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The Supreme Court on Friday directed activist Gautam Navlakha, who is under house arrest in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case, to deposit another Rs 8 lakh as an expense for making available police personnel for his security. While ordering his house arrest on November 10 last year, the apex court had initially directed Navlakha to deposit Rs 2.4 lakh as the expenses to be borne by the state for making available police personnel to effectively facilitate placing the petitioner under house

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tor General (ASG) S V Raju submitted that a total bill of Rs 66 lakh was pending. The top court also directed Raju to file reply within two weeks on Navlaka's plea seeking to be shifted from the public library in Mumbai, where he is under house arrest in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case, to some other place in the city as the public library needed to be vacated. On Navlakha's request to walk for 45 minutes, Raju said he would seek instructions. The ASG said even the police personnel are forced to walk with him. The apex court remarked, "Instructions for walk. He is doing them a favour. They will become more trim. Most are out of shape otherwise." On November 10, 2022, the top court had allowed Navlakha, who was then lodged in Navi Mumbai's Taloja prison in connection with the case, to be placed under house arrest owing to his deteriorating health. Noting that the activist has been in custody since April 14, 2020, and prima facie there is no reason to reject his medical report, it had said Navlakha does not have any criminal background except for this case and even the government of India had appointed him as an interlocutor to hold talks with Maoists. Putting a number of conditions, including a deposit of Rs 2.4 lakh as security expenses, the top court had said the order to place the 70-year-old activist under house arrest for a month in Mumbai should be implemented within 48 hours.

Since the November 10, 2022 order, the top court has extended the activist's tenure of his house arrest several times. On February 17, Navlakha had withdrawn from the apex court his application seeking to be shifted to Delhi from Mumbai under house arrest. Navlakha has told the top court through his counsel that he will look for some other place to stay in Mumbai.On January 9, the Supreme Court had said its interim order placing Navlakha under house arrest will continue till the next date of hearing. The case relates to alleged inflammatory speeches made at the Elgar Parishad conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017, which police claim triggered violence the next day near the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial on the outskirts of the city

Amit Shah asks Dairy Board to take lead in establishing cooperatives in panchayats with potential



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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah Thursday held a meeting with board members of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) which owns Mother Dairy. In a statement later, the board said he sought to establish viable dairy cooperatives in panchayats that have the potential. According to an official, Shah, along with top officials of the Ministry of Cooperation, visited NDDB's office in Delhi and held a meeting with the board members. "He discussed future roadmap and various issues related to the dairy sector," the official said.

After the meeting, the NDDB issued a statement and said that Shah appreciated NDDB's initiatives in the Indian dairy sector and asked the Dairy Board to further strengthen cooperative dairying by playing a major role in establishing viable dairy cooperatives in uncovered panchayats/ villages having potential for dairying. As per the statement, the minister also highlighted the need for multi-commodity cooperatives, a common brand for the

export of cooperatives' produce, promotion of organic produce, better capacity utilisation of milk processing facilities by cooperation among cooperatives, self-reliance in manufacturing dairy machinery and export of indigenous dairy equipment though IDMC Ltd, a subsidiary of

According to the statement, the minister said India needs to become "Dairy to the World" through the export of quality milk and milk products to further enhance farmers' income.During the meeting, Meenesh Shah, Chairman, NDDB; Gyanesh Kumar, Secretary, Cooperation; Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Joint Secretary, Cooperation; and NDDB Board of Directors including Varsha Joshi, Additional Secretary (Dairy Development), Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Shamalbhai Balabhai Patel, Chairman, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd.; Nihal Chand Sharma, Chairman, Himachal Pradesh Co-operative Milk Producers Federation Ltd; and Dr NH Kelawala, Vice Chancellor, Kamdhenu University were present. According to the statement, the NDDB chairman briefed the minister about India's dairy sector, the board's 'Farmers First' vision for all its initiatives following cooperative strategies, scientific dairy husbandry practices adopted by farmers, efforts of NDDB's subsidiaries to strengthening dairy cooperatives thereby improving the livelihood of crores of farmers and thus furthering the objectives of the NDDB.The NDDB, a statutory body under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, was established in 1965. It has several subsidiaries, including Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Pvt Ltd, Indian Immunologicals Ltd, IDMC Ltd, NDDB Dairy Services, NDDB Mrida Ltd and

SC quashes criminal case against Parkash Singh Badal, his son; says summons issued was 'abuse of process of law'

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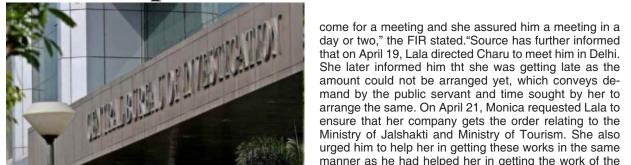
The Supreme Court Friday quashed criminal proceedings against Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) patriarch Parkash Singh Badal, who died two days ago, and his son Sukhbir Singh Badal in a forgery case, saying the summons issued by the trial court was "nothing but abuse of process of law". A bench of Justices MR Shah and CT Ravikumar, which had reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas filed by Badals and senior Akali leader Daljit Singh Cheema on April 11, quashed the summons issued by the Hoshiarpur trial court in Punjab and upheld by the Punjab and Haryana High Court."The summoning order passed by the trial court against the appellants (Badals and Cheema) is nothing but abuse of process of law," Justice Shah, who pronounced the verdict on behalf of

Akali stalwart Parkash Singh Badal died on Wednesday at a private hospital in Mohali. He was 95. The Badals and Cheema had moved the top court challenging the August 2021 order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court refusing to quash the summons against them by additional chief judicial magistrate, Hoshiarpur in a private complaint filed by Social activist Balwant Singh Khera on



the charges of forgery, cheating and concealing facts.Khera had filed a complaint in 2009 alleging that the SAD has two constitutions — one that it submitted to the Gurdwara Election Commission for registration as a party to manage gurdwaras and the other to the Election Commission of India (ECI) to seek recognition as a political party. He contended it amounted to cheating. On April 11, the top court had said merely being religious does not mean a person cannot be secular. It had reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas filed by Badals challenging summons issued against them in an alleged forgery case.

CBI books BECIL GM, others for corruption in tender allocation



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The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered an FIR against six people, including the general manager of Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL) and others, for alleged corruption in social media and website-related works of different ministries.BECIL is a public sector undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and provides project consultancy services and turnkey solutions of radio and television broadcast engineering by subletting jobs to private contractors and consultants, according to the CBI. The FIR has been registered after the CBI received reliable source-based information.

"A reliable source information has been received to the effect that Ramit Lala, GM of BECIL, was indulging in corrupt practices and in collusion with other unknown officials, extending undue favours to private companies in tender process. They are providing favour by framing and changing the eligibility criteria and by expeditious payment of their pending bills, in exchange of huge bribe money from the representatives of those private companies," the FIR states.

"Source has informed that one Monica Dhawan, who is a managing director of Fusion Corporate Solutions Private Limited, along with her sister Charu Khanna, who is the business head, and her father J M P Khanna, who is a director in the company, are pursuing various tenders of different ministries and government departments floated by BECIL for clearing of their pending bills for the already executed works awarded by BECIL, with Lala," the FIR further stated. "The source has further informed that Charu [is] not only assisting her sister Monica in managing business affairs, but also in negotiation for bribe money with public servants to obtain favours in award of work orders/ tenders and expeditious clearing of pending bills of their company. Monica has been paying huge bribe amounts to Lala and other unknown public servants of BECIL," according to the FIR.

Source has further informed that Monica approached Lala for favours in getting work orders in respect of social media and website-related works of the different ministries, which were being floated through BECIL. On April 17, Lala enquired from Monica about pending bills of her company with BECIL and she informed that all her bills have been cleared except for those pertaining to the works of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA). On this, he asked her to

day or two," the FIR stated. "Source has further informed that on April 19, Lala directed Charu to meet him in Delhi. She later informed him tht she was getting late as the amount could not be arranged yet, which conveys demand by the public servant and time sought by her to arrange the same. On April 21, Monica requested Lala to ensure that her company gets the order relating to the Ministry of Jalshakti and Ministry of Tourism. She also urged him to help her in getting these works in the same manner as he had helped her in getting the work of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MOHUA)," the FIR alleged."On April 24, Charu told her sister that Lala was pestering her for payment of the bribe amount and she was tired of making excuses. Monica later told her father to arrange the money and told Charu that she would send the cash to him through their driver Vishnu," the FIR

Army to 'test bed' niche technologies; operationalise command cyber operations

The Army on Thursday said it has decided to operationalise Command Cyber Operations and Support Wings (CCOSW) as part of an overall approach to absorb niche technologies and modernise its online networks. The decision to have dedicated cyber operations wings was taken at the Army Commanders Conference that took place from April 17 to 21. The conference is an apex-level biannual event that is held in April and October every year.

The conference is an institutional platform for conceptual-level deliberations, culminating in making important policy decisions for the Indian Army. A wide-ranging strategic, training, human resource and administrative aspects were discussed in the conference, the Army said on Thursday. As per defence sources, cyberspace is important both in grey zone warfare as well as in conventional operations. "The expansion of cyber warfare capabilities by our adversaries has made the cyber domain more competitive and contested than ever before," a source said, adding that the Army is rapidly migrating towards net centricity and this entails an increased reliance on modern communication systems at all levels.

'To safeguard the networks and increase the preparedness levels in this niche domain, CCOSW are being raised in the Army. These organisations will assist the formations to undertake the mandated functions to strengthen the cyber security posture of the Indian Army," a source said. Sources said a large number of niche technology-enabled equipment are being inducted into the Indian Army including swarm drones, loitering weapon systems and anti-drone equipment.

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Dantewada attack: Initial assessment suggests Maoists received signals on DRG jawans' presence in the van



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naxal attack dantewada 10 security personnel killed Huge cache of arms and ammunition were recovered in a search operation conducted by security forces after at least ten police personnel and a driver were killed in a blast carried out by Naxalites in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district, Wednesday, Minutes before the blast, another vehicle in the convoy, carrying two arrested Maoists, had crossed the same point safely, it has been learnt. The IED blast was triggered between 1 pm and 1.30 pm on Wednesday on the Aranpur road, around 50 km from the district headquarters. The events that led to Wednesday's attack started on April 18, when a convoy of Congress MLA Vikram Mandavi from Bijapur district came under Maoists' fire. No one was injured in the attack which was carried out on the Gangaloor-Padeda road when the MLA's convoy was returning to Bijapur city from a visit to a village in Gangaloor tehsil.

"Investigation has revealed that the weapon of the assailant got jammed when they attacked Mandavi; his driver in the meantime managed to speed away from the spot," a source said. After this incident, a special operation was launched and DRG personnel came from their headquarters in Dantewada town in civil hired vehicles to Aranpur. "After reaching Aranpur police station on April 24, they parked their vehicles for 48 hours and got on with the operation," the source said. IED blast chhattisgarh

Wrecked remains of a vehicle after a blast carried out by Naxalites, in which at least ten police personnel and a driver were killed, in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district, Wednesday, An officer said they received information about the presence of armed Maoists near Aranpur and the team immediately swung into action. "On Wednesday morning, there was an exchange of fire between the patrolling team and the Maoists near Nahadi village, around 7 km from Aranpur, following which two suspected Maoists suffered gunshot wounds. They were rounded up and were being brought back to the district headquarters in a convoy," the source said. According to a Central intelligence officer, protocol dictates that security forces move forward during an operation only after receiving specific intelligence inputs and sanitisation of the route. Security forces sometimes take the help of Road Opening Party (ROP) to make sure that there is no threat to the convoy. "When they (DRG personnel) were returning, there was no ROP in place and the first vehicle, in which the two suspected Maoists were travelling, crossed the first (IED) point. The second vehicle (a private van) was stopped by the locals on the pretext of asking for some donation for Aamaa festival," a source said, citing the preliminary assessment report, which was sent to senior officials on Thursday.In the preliminary assessment, it also came to the fore that the driver, Dhaniram Yadav, had stopped the vehicle just 100 meters before the IED point. "There is a strong possibility that the locals signalled the Maoists that the DRG jawans were present and they were also carrying weapons. As soon as the van reached the point, the blast occurred and the vehicle flew some 50 metres," the source said. "Minutes after the Maoists set off the IED, they ran towards the van and tried to snatch the weapons. The DRG jawans in the next vehicle opened fire and the Maoists escaped from the spot," the source said.n the preliminary assessment, the officers have also mentioned that this incident is a repeat of the 2021 Bukintor attack when an IED blast between Camp Kadenar and Kanhargaon killed five jawans and injured 13 others.

U.S. wants to de-risk not decouple from China: Jake Sullivan

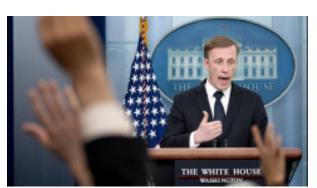
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In a speech that outlined the Biden administration's international economic policy, U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said the U.S. was not looking to decouple from China, but to de-risk from it. Mr. Sullivan also highlighted the need for World Trade Organisation (WTO) reform and said the primacy of tariff reduction as the driving force of the global trade agenda was over. He emphasized instead a paradigm where the U.S. was working with its allies to building manufacturing capacity in key sectors and the resiliance, via supply chains, to withstand shocks such as climate change, wars and pandemics. Speaking at the Brookings Institution, a Washington DC-based think tank, on Thursday, Mr. Sullivan echoed European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen's March 30 message on China, by saying, "We are for de-risking and diversifying, not decoupling". He said export controls would remain narrowly focused on technologies that could tilt the military balance.

"We are not cutting off trade," Mr. Sullivan said, adding that there was a record level of trade between the U.S. and China last year. Beyond the economic relationship, Mr. Sullivan repeated the Biden administration's position on it's China policy of managed competition. "We are not looking for confrontation or conflict," he said.

"We're looking to manage competition responsibly and seeking to work together with China where we can," Mr. Sullivan said, adding that managing competition requires two willing parties and the "maturity" to keep communication lines open. During his speech, Mr. Sullivan cited examples to show the U.S. was not only working with other advanced economies but also emerging ones - such as India , with which the U.S. was working "on everything from hydrogen to semiconductors", or Indonesia, Angola, and Brazil. He quoted his counterpart, U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai and said the U.S. had not "sworn off trade liberalisation" but suggested that tariff reduction, which he called the main economic project of the 1990s , was over, and that the U.S. was looking at how its trade policy fits with its international economic policy, answering current challenges.

These challenges, according to Mr. Sullivan, included creating diversified and resilient supply chains, mobilizing investment for a "just" clean energy transition and sustainable economic growth, an agreement on corporate taxation, labour and environmental standards and supporting jobs that supported the middle class. His speech made several references to policies whose objective it was to support the U.S. middle class and "working people" in other countries. In his speech, Mr. Sullivan tried to cast some of more internationally controversial parts of the Biden administration's recent economic policy - such as the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) - in a better



light. He described cooperation with Canada, Japan and said that U.S. President Joe Biden and Ms. Van der Leyen had launched talks on supply chains for critical minerals and batteries. "So we are leveraging the Inflation Reduction Act to build a clean energy manufacturing ecosystem rooted in supply chains here in North America, extending to Europe, Japan and elsewhere. This is how we will turn the IRA from a source of friction into a source of strength and reliability," Mr. Sullvan said. The Biden administration "is still committed to the WTO", Mr. Sullivan said, adding that its underlying values were threatened by non-market economic practices. He said the U.S. was therefore working with other countries to reform the trading system.Biden administration's global strategy to advance workers' rights is comingMr. Sullivan said that in "the weeks ahead", the Biden administration would be unveiling a new global strategy that advances workers' rights through diplomacy. He said the negotiations with the E.U. on steel and aluminium could be the first major trade deal to tackle both emissions intensity and overcapacity. The E.U. and U.S. are working on an agreement to impose tariffs on steel. More than half the world's steel is produced by China, although a negligible amount is shipped to the U.S., owing to existing duties and tariffs.Mr. Sullivan reiterated the administration's position that the operating model of multilateral development banks (MDBs), especially the World Bank, needed to be reformed to address climate change, conflict and fragility. "And we're very excited for [incoming World Bank President] Ajay Banga's new leadership at the World Bank to make this vision a reality," he said.Mr. Sullivan called for debt relief for vulnerable countries, many of which are in debt distress, following the pandemic. He called on China - the world's largest official creditor - to "step up' and play a constructive role in relief for debt-distressed countries. Addressing the debt distress of vulnerable countries was a theme of the international finance community as it met in Washington earlier this month for the World Bank IMF Spring Meetings. It is also on the agenda of the G20 talks headed by India this year.

Jerry Springer, TV show host dies at 79

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Jerry Springer, the onetime mayor and news anchor whose namesake TV show featured a three-ring circus of dysfunctional families willing to bare all on weekday afternoons including brawls, obscenities and blurred images of nudity, died Thursday at 79.At its peak, "The Jerry Springer Show" was a ratings powerhouse and a U.S. cultural pariah, synonymous with lurid drama. Known for chair-throwing and bleep-filled arguments, the daytime talk show was a favorite American guilty pleasure over its 27-year run, at one point topping Oprah Winfrey's show. Springer called it "escapist entertainment," while others saw the show as contributing to a dumbing-down decline in American social values. "Jerry's ability to connect with people was at the heart of his success in everything he tried whether that was politics, broadcasting or just joking with people on the street who wanted a photo or a word," said Jene Galvin, a family spokesperson and friend of Springer's since 1970, in a statement. "He's irreplaceable and his loss hurts immensely, but memories of his intellect, heart and humor will live on."Springer died peacefully at home in suburban Chicago after a brief illness, the statement said

On his Twitter profile, Springer jokingly declared himself as "Talk show host, ringmaster of civilization's end." He also often had told people, tongue in cheek, that his

wish for them was "may you never be on my show." After more than 4,000 episodes, the show ended in 2018, never straying from its core salaciousness: Some of its last episodes had such titles as "Stripper Sex Turned Me Straight," "Stop Pimpin' My Twin Sister," and "Hooking Up With My Therapist."

In a "Too Hot For TV" video released as his daily show neared 7 million viewers in the late 1990s, Springer offered a defense against disgust. "Look, television does not and must not create values, it's merely a picture of all that's out there — the good, the bad, the ugly," Springer said, adding: "Believe this: The politicians and companies that seek to control what each of us may watch are a far greater danger to America and our treasured freedom than any of our guests ever were or could be." He also contended that the people on his show volunteered to be subjected to whatever ridicule or humiliation awaited them

Gerald Norman Springer was born Feb. 13, 1944, in a London underground railway station being used as a bomb shelter. His parents, Richard and Margot, were German Jews who fled to England during the Holocaust, in which other relatives were killed in Nazi gas chambers. They arrived in the United States when their son was 5 and settled in the Queens borough of New York City, where Springer got his first Yankees baseball gear on his way to becoming a lifelong fan.

Iran's navy seizes oil tanker with 24 Indian crew members near Oman, heading for Houston



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Iran's navy seized a Marshall Islands-flagged oil tanker with 24 Indian crew members in the Gulf of Oman on April 28 heading to the U.S. amid wider tensions over Tehran's nuclear programme, the latest-such capture in a waterway crucial for global energy supplies. The U.S. Navy's Mideast-based 5th Fleet identified the vessel as the Advantage Sweet. Satellite tracking data for the vessel from Marine Traffic.com showed it in the Gulf of Oman, just north of Oman's capital, Muscat, on April 27 afternoon. It had just come from Kuwait and listed its destination as Houston. The Advantage Sweet issued a distress call at 1:15 p.m. while in international waters as Iran seized the vessel, the Navy said.

"Iran's actions are contrary to international law and disruptive to regional security and stability," the 5th Fleet said in a statement. "Iran should immediately release the oil tanker." The Navy initially said Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard seized the vessel, but an American naval aircraft later confirmed that Iran's navy captured the ship, 5th Fleet spokesman Cmdr. Timothy Hawkins told The Associated Press.Iran's state-run IRNA news agency said the seizure came after an "unknown ship collided with an Iranian vessel last night in the Persian Gulf, causing several Iranian crew members to go missing and get injured." It did not identify the other ship involved in the alleged collision. The Advantage Sweet had been in the Persian Gulf on April 26, but its track showed no unusual behaviour as it transited through the Strait of Hormuz, where a fifth of all traded oil passes.Iran has made allegations in other seizures that later fell apart as it became clear Tehran was trying to leverage the capture as a chip to negotiate with foreign nations. Iran's "harassing activity within the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman is commensurate with an established pattern of behaviour that has seen Iran target vessels as a result of ongoing disputes," maritime security firm Dryad Global said. The 5th Fleet said the Iranian seizure was at least the fifth commercial vessel taken by Tehran in the last two years.

"Iran's continued harassment of vessels and interference with navigational rights in regional waters are a threat to maritime security and the global economy," it added.U.S. Army Gen. Erik Kurilla, the top U.S. commander for the Middle East, said in a statement that the "illegal seizure" of the tanker was " another in a continuing series of violations by Iran of the international rulesbased order." The vessel's manager, a Turkish firm called Advantage Tankers, issued a statement acknowledging the Advantage Sweet was "being escorted by the Iranian navy to a port on the basis of an international dispute." All the ship's 24 crew members are Indian."The safety and welfare of our valued crew members is our No. 1 priority," the firm said. "Similar experiences show that crew members of vessels taken under such circumstances are in no danger." The ship's listed owner appeared to be a Chinese company.

Manifest information from data firm Refinitiv showed the Advantage Sweet carried Kuwaiti crude oil for American energy firm Chevron Corp. of San Ramon, California. Chevron said it was "aware of the situation." "We are in contact with the vessel operator with the hope of resolving this situation as soon as possible," Chevron spokesperson Christine Dobbyn said in a statement. April 28th's seizure by Iran was the latest in a string of ship seizures and explosions to roil the region. The incidents began after then-President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew the United States from Iran's nuclear deal with world powers, which saw Tehran drastically limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. Also, the U.S. Navy has blamed Iran for a series of limpet mine attacks on vessels that damaged tankers in 2019, as well as for a fatal drone attack on an Israeli-linked oil tanker that killed two European crew members in 2021. Tehran denies carrying out the attacks, but a wider shadow war between Iran and the West has played out in the region's volatile waters. Iranian tanker seizures have been a part of it since 2019. The last major seizure came when Iran took two Greek tankers in May and held them until November.In the wider Mideast, Iranian-backed militias in Syria have carried out attacks on U.S. forces, including one that killed a contractor in March. The U.S. responded with airstrikes. Meanwhile, talks over Iran's tattered nuclear deal have been stalled for a year. Since the deal's collapse, Iran runs advanced centrifuges and has a rapidly growing stockpile of enriched uranium. The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency has warned Iran has enriched enough up to 60% purity — a short technical step from weapons-grade levels of 90%. That would be sufficient for Iran to make several nuclear weapons if it chooses to do so.

Renewed air strikes hit Khartoum as clock ticks down on Sudan truce

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The Sudanese army pounded paramilitaries in the capital Khartoum with air strikes Thursday while deadly fighting flared in Darfur as the clock ticked down on a fragile U.S.-brokered ceasefire now in its final full day.Late Wednesday, the army said it had agreed to talks in Juba, capital of neighbouring South Sudan, on extending the three-day truce which expires on Friday "at the initiative of IGAD", the East African regional bloc. There have been multiple truce efforts since fighting broke out on April 15 between Sudan's regular army led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) commanded by his deputy turned rival, Mohamed Hamdan Daglo. All have failed. The fighting has continued despite the U.S.-brokered ceasefire that took effect on Tuesday, with warplanes patrolling the skies over the capital's northern suburbs as fighters on the ground have exchanged artillery and heavy machine gun fire, witnesses said. Burhan agreed on Wednesday to the IGAD proposal for talks on extending the truce by a further 72 hours, the army added. The RSF's response to the proposal remains unclear.

At least 512 people have been killed and 4,193 wounded in the fighting, according to health ministry figures, although the real death toll is likely much higher. The doctors' union said at least eight civilians had been killed in Khartoum alone on Wednesday despite the truce. More than two thirds of hospitals in the country were out of service, the union said Thursday, including 14 that had been struck during the fighting. Beyond the capital, fighting has flared in the provinces, particularly in the wartorn western region of Darfur. Clashes between the army and the RSF raged for a second day in the West Darfur capital Geneina, witnesses said, adding that civilians were seen fleeing to the nearby border with Chad.

On Wednesday, the United Nations humanitarian agency reported killings, looting and arson in Geneina."An estimated 50,000 acutely malnourished children have had nutrition support disrupted due to the fighting," it added in a statement. The heavy fighting has trapped many civilians in their homes, where they have endured severe shortages of food, water and electricity. The UN has warned that as many as 270,000 people could flee into Sudan's poorer neighbours South Sudan and Chad. Other Sudanese have sought refuge in Egypt to the north and Ethiopia to the east, but both entail long and potentially dangerous journeys overland. Speaking at the Egyptian border, 50-year-old refugee Ashraf called on the warring sides to "end the war... because this is your own conflict, not that of the Sudanese people". In Port Sudan on the Red Sea coast, Syrian evacuee Khalil Ibrahim told AFP: "We just want to get away from this war. "Cambridge University academic Sharath Srinivasan warned the mass movement of people across Sudan's borders threatened



to destabilise already fragile governments in neighbouring countries.

"If the armed confrontation between these two forces protracts — or worse, if it draws in other armed rebel groups across the country — this could quickly become one of the worst humanitarian crises in the region and risk spilling over," he told U.S. news outlet Politico. Foreign governments have taken advantage of the fragile truce to organise road convoys, aircraft and ships to get thousands of their citizens out but some have warned their evacuation efforts are dependent on the lull in fighting holding. A Saudi evacuation ship docked in the Red Sea port of Jeddah Thursday carrying 187 Sudan evacuees from 25 countries, including the United States, Russia and Turkey, the Saudi foreign ministry said.

It was the eighth such crossing organised by the Saudi authorities since the start of the fighting and took the total evacuated to the kingdom so far to 2,544, only 119 of them Saudis, the ministry said. As lawlessness has gripped Sudan, there have been several jailbreaks, including from the high security Kober prison where top aides of ousted dictator Omar al-Bashir were held. Among those who have escaped is Ahmed Haroun, wanted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity for his role in the 2003 Darfur conflict.

Haroun's escape sparked fears of the involvement of Bashir loyalists in the ongoing fighting. The army said the ousted dictator was not among those who escaped but had been moved to a military hospital before the fighting erupted. Daglo's RSF emerged from the Janjaweed militia, accused of carrying out atrocities against civilians during Bashir's brutal suppression of ethnic minority rebels in Darfur in the mid-2000s. Bashir was toppled by the military in April 2019 following civilian mass protests that raised hopes for a transition to democracy. The two generals had together seized power in a 2021 coup, but later fell out, most recently over the planned integration of the RSF into the regular army.

Russian missile and drone attack in Ukraine kills 8 people

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Russia fired more than 20 cruise missiles and two drones at Kyiv and other parts of Ukraine early Friday, killing at least eight people and striking a residential building in central Ukraine, officials said. Air raid sirens sounded around the capital in the first attack against the city in nearly two months and Ukraine's air force intercepted 11 cruise missiles and two unmanned aerial vehicles over Kyiv, according to the Kyiv City Administration. There were no immediate reports of any missiles hitting targets in Kyiv but fragments from inter-

cepted missiles or drones damaged power lines and a road in one neighborhood. No casualties were reported. But in Uman, around 215 kilometers (134 miles) south of Kyiv, two cruise missiles hit a nine-story residential building, killing at least six people and wounding 17, according to Ukrainian national police. Three children were rescued from the rubble, police said. One of the people killed was a 75-year-old who was in her apartment in a neighboring building and suffered internal bleeding from the shockwave of the blast, according to emergency personnel on the scene.

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Godrej Consumer to buy Raymond's FMCG business for Rs2,825 crore

Godrej Consumer Products Ltd. will acquire the FMCG business of Raymond Consumer Care Ltd. (RCCL) for 2,825 crore. The FMCG business which includes brands such as Park Avenue Deo, KS Deo, Kamasutra and Premium have been sold through slump sale.RCCL would, however, retain its condom manufacturing facility and continue contract manufacturing in Aurangabad, Maharashtra for both domestic and international markets.

Raymond Ltd. meanwhile has demerged the lifestyle business and merged it with RCCL. "The move to demerge the lifestyle business from Raymond Ltd. will enable the business to be net debt free and become an independently listed entity," the company said in a statement. "Post demerger of the lifestyle business, Raymond Ltd. would primarily be a listed real estate company with investments in engineering and denim business," the company said in a statement. The lifestyle business comprises suiting business with manufacturing plants, B2C shirting and

MTM businesses, branded apparel with a portfolio of brands and subsidiaries, including garment business with manufacturing facilities and B2B shirting business with manufacturing plants. These units would be merged into RCCL.Gautam Hari Singhania, CMD, Raymond Ltd. said, "In line with our commitment for creating shareholder value, we have taken an affirmative action by demerging our lifestyle business that will be a separate listed entity with zero net debt. The realty business will also be the listed entity through Raymond Ltd." "At promoter level, we continue to remain committed, and the efforts have been demonstrated by infusing funds generated from monetization of assets," he addedGoing forward, the lifestyle business that now moves under RCCL would be listed and each shareholder of Raymond Ltd. will get 4 shares of RCCL for every 5 shares held based on the swap ratio suggested by independent valuers KPMG and

'Eased norms for gold imports from UAE; no jeweller favoured': DGFT

The government on Thursday decided to call for fresh applications to import gold at concessional tariffs from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), after changes were made to the eligibility norms that allowed just manufacturers and jewellers to use this window. Director General of Foreign Trade Santosh Sarangi said on Thursday that easing these restrictions was already under discussion with the Department of Revenue when an export facilitation committee (EFC) met to consider applicants for availing the 140 metric tonnes of gold import quota available for this year, on March 23.

With the new import norms notified on March 31, a public notice was issued on April 17 and the minutes of the March meeting were only finalised on April 18 "as it as felt prudent to incorporate necessary changes... in the interest of greater transparency". The EFC met again on Thursday and decided that a fresh window for applications shall be notified and allocations will be made to all applicants as per the revised norms. The provisional allocations made during that meeting to 78 applicants will now stand scrapped and will be reconsidered along with other bids, for which the process is expected to be opened on Friday. "Any apprehension that 78 jewellers have been favoured is unfounded," Mr. Sarangi said. Under the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partner-



ship Agreement (CEPA) that kicked in last May, UAE has allowed duty-free imports of Indian gems and jewellery and was granted a 1% import duty concession on their gold exports to India. The UAE had requested India to review the restrictions on gold imports by non-manufacturing players as they were posing a trade barrier even after a bilateral free trade pact. Last year, of the 110 metric tonnes of gold imports from UAE permitted under the CEPA, just about eight tonnes were imported, while India's gems and jewellery exports to UAE in the ten months of June 2022 to March 2023 were 17% higher than a year agoThe cap on such imports will be raised every year, with an ultimate cap of 200 metric tonnes under the CEPA.

RBI looking at Indian banks' business models "more closely", says Shaktikanta Das

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on April 27 said the Reserve Bank is having a closer look at domestic lenders' business models as it feels that poor strategies can trigger a crisis. The RBI Governor also said that the recent developments in the U.S., which has seen the implosion of lenders like Silicon Valley Bank and a rush to limit the contagion of stress across the system, may be because of poor business models.

He added that Indian banks have been able to stay resilient and have not been impacted adversely by the "recent sparks of financial instability seen in some advanced economies" courtesy the work done in this aspect by RBI and the banks themselves. "The recent developments in the US raise a question whether the business model of individual banks that have faced challenges whether the business models were right," Mr. Das said.

"The RBI has started looking at the business models of banks more closely ... deficiencies (in it) can spark a crisis," Mr. Das said, speaking at the inaugural global conference on financial resilience organised by the College of Supervisors which the central bank started last year. Business models can sometimes create risks in certain parts of the balance sheet of a bank which going forward can blow up into a bigger crisis, Mr. Das said. Recent events in the banking landscape of the U.S. and Europe suggest that risks could crop up from segments of its balance sheet which might have been considered relatively safer, Mr. Das said, amid several analysts suggesting the implosion of Silicon Valley Bank was triggered by lapses on something as basic as asset liability mismatches. He urged the management and bank boards to continually assess the financial risks and focus on building up adequate capital and liquidity buffers even beyond the regulatory minimum for continued resilience and sustainable growth.Mr. Das said financial resilience is closely linked to a bank's business model and strategy, and added that among other aspects, RBI has prescribed capital and liquidity buffers, and also nudged the lenders to strengthen capital buffers in times of plenty availability like the COVID-19 crisis. The Governor apprised the audience that Indian banks have shown improvements in the quantum of stress and also capital buffers in the recent past. The gross non-performing assets ratio has decreased to 4.41% as of December 2022, down from 5.8% in March 2022 and 7.3% in March 31, 2021. The overall capital adequacy was at 16.1% for Indian banks in December 2022, he said, adding that it is much above mini-

Apart from that, macro stress tests for credit risks indicate that scheduled commercial banks would be able to comply with the minimum capital requirements even under severe stress situations, Mr. Das informed. The RBI is also working to up organizational resilience within banks, Das said, adding that strengthening the governance and assurance functions is a key focus. He said over-aggressive growth strategies or mindless pursuit of profits are often a precursor to future problems at banks, and asked banks to demonstrate adequacy of internal controls and loss absorption capacity to match the risks that their business models may generate. "Our approach is to flag deficiencies in this area to the senior management or to the board of directors of individual institutions for remedial action. Remedial action is to be taken by them, our role as the supervisor or as the regulator is to point out the concern on certain aspects of their business model which may become a bigger risk, challenge, threat going forward," he said. The RBI is using data analytics, artificial intelligence and machine learning tools to capture potential and emerging risks, identify outlier entities and the vulnerable large exposures of banks, and its onsite supervisors deep dive into areas red flagged by offsite supervision teams. Das said. It is also monitoring liquidity positions very closely to ensure that aberrations, if any,



whole approach to Supervision has been proactive for minimising surprises, spotting concerns and addressing vulnerabilities early," he added. The RBI also wishes that the statutory auditors of the regulated entities function properly and engages with them wherever necessary, Mr. Das said. Informing that from FY24 onwards, staterun lenders' boards will be able to decide on the coverage of branch audit and selection of branches, Mr. Das said the RBI is presently doing a fresh assessment of the quality and coverage of such audits for the private sector lenders. The advent of digital lending by non-banks and fintechs has led to the flagging of issues regarding fair practices and consumer protection, Mr. Das said, adding that its comprehensive guidelines on digital lending released last year seek to address concerns. On the operational resilience front, Das quoted a survey which called out cybersecurity among the top-10 risks in 2022.

NLCIL signs MoU with TNC India for repurposing mined-out lands

Rajasekhara Reddy, Executive Director (Mines), NLCIL and Dr. Annapurna Vancheswaran, Managing Director, TNC India exchanging the MoU document in the presence of Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, Chairmancum-Managing Director of NLCIL in Neyveli.Rajasekhara Reddy, Executive Director (Mines), NLCIL and Dr. Annapurna Vancheswaran, Managing Director, TNC India exchanging the MoU document in the presence of Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, Chairman-cum-Managing Director of NLCIL in Neyveli. | Photo Credit: Special Arrangement

NLC India Ltd (NLCIL), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE), has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nature Conservancy India Solutions Private Ltd. (TNC India) to collaborate on research work related to repurposing mined-out lands for establishment of renewable energy projects. According to a press note, the MoU was signed by Rajasekhara Reddy, Executive Director (Mines) of NLCIL, and Annapurna Vancheswaran, Managing Director of TNC India in the presence of Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, Chairman-cum-Managing Director of NLCIL at Neyveli recently.

The MoU would further strengthen the endeavour of NLCIL to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change in line with India's commitment under CoP 26 for a transition to a low-carbon economy and increased use of renewable energy sources. According to an official, the NLCIL has planned to repurpose its mined-out lands by establishing renewable energy projects and to take actions for mitigating carbon emissions. The SiteRight tool developed by TNC and its partner will help in determining the suitability of the land to be used for renewable energy projects.

Priyanka Chopra reveals what surprised her about being a mother: 'Just how much...'



Priyanka Chopra, who has carved her niche as a global star with an array of acclaimed performances to her credit, is also a doting mother to one-year-old Malti Marie Chopra Jonas, who was born via surrogacy in January 2022. On several occasions, the actor has opened up about the complications during her daughter's early birth and her experience raising her. Now, in a recent interview with Elle USA, Priyanka has revealed what surprised her about being a mother. "Just how much you can love something and how viciously you'll protect it," she said. "I've seen my mom rip people when I've been hurt and I just never understood it. I was like, 'Mom, chill out. What are you doing?' Now I get it. I would take someone out."

This, however, doesn't mean that the actor wants to shield her daughter from the outside world. "I was never left at home with a nanny; I was always with family and friends. I think I had a sense of confidence because I was always around people who loved me, so we've really tried to emulate that. Malti is always with her family and she can go anywhere with us. It was very important to us to be able to expose her to just life and its beautiful gifts," Priyanka said. She added that her daughter has her "wrapped around her finger". "I don't even know how I'll ever discipline her because I just don't have it in me. I

was so close to losing her so many times that she can get away with anything and I just want to see her happy. I want her to be the happiest. She's a super smiley, happy baby, and that's all my goal is—to see her joyous. Every time she smiles, it lights up my world, and that's all I want to do," she said. Further during the interaction, Priyanka also revealed how she and her husband Nick Jonas split the domestic load. "We just feel a sense of contribution when it comes to the not-fun stuff. I don't remember having a conversation where I'm like, 'I need you to do more of this'," she said, adding that couple split their time in a way that one of them is able to do the house chores or be with their daughter.

For the actor, acts of service are her love language. "When you really care about someone, you try to alleviate whatever pressure is on them by doing some of the chores or by taking on something that they always do. It's simple things: I love coffee in bed, and my husband realized that, and now I always have coffee in bed. That support is tremendously important, but it's a two-way street. You have to be able to give that love and support to the people that also give you that kind of support. If you see your partner doing something every day that seems boring for them, just surprise them by doing it. It's the sweetest thing in a marriage," she said. Priyanka then opened up about something she has been "thinking of lately". She shared, "How many women out there who balance work and life forget about doing something that is just for themselves because they're so consumed by having that work-life balance? I realized my husband plays golf and sports and has all of these hobbies. Why don't I want more for myself?" As such, on the sets Citadel, she decided to use her downtime to knit a sweater for Nick. But the resultant effort was, "I swear to God, like seven times his size," she revealed. "I have no concept of sizing. He was so sweet. He tried it on and was like, 'Oh, it's lovely.' And it's falling off of him.'

All your questions about compression socks answered: What they are, who needs them, and why

Venous disorders — that affect the veins — can lead to many conditions such as blood clots, deep vein thrombosis, varicose veins, among others. Usually caused by an injury to the blood vessel or decreased or stagnant blood flow, these can be managed by medication, surgery, making certain lifestyle changes, and wearing compression socks or stockings. But how can wearing a type of sock help manage the condition which, if not treated on time, can lead to complications?

What are compression socks?

Compression socks or compression stockings are crucial tools in the prevention and treatment of venous disorders. They work by applying graduated pressure on the lower limbs, reducing swelling and promoting healthy blood flow, said Dr. Pankaj Hans, Associate Director of Minimal Invasive Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Asian Hospital Faridabad. Adding, Dr Rahul Kumar, Senior Consultant, Joint Replacement & Sports Injury, Paras Health, Gurugram explained that compression socks are specialised hosiery designed to improve blood circulation in the legs and feet. "They are made of elastic materials that provide graduated compression, which means that they exert the greatest pressure around the ankles and gradually decrease pressure up the leg. This compression helps improve blood flow, preventing blood clots, reducing swelling, and alleviating discomfort and fatigue in the legs and feet," he said, adding that these socks come in different sizes, styles, and compression levels, ranging from mild to extra-firm compression. They are typically worn snugly but not too tight and should be removed and washed regularly to maintain their effectiveness, he

How exactly do they work?

Compression socks work by applying graduated pressure to the legs, with the greatest pressure at the ankle and decreasing upward towards the leg and thighs. This pressure helps to promote healthy blood flow and prevent blood from pooling in the lower legs, reducing swelling and discomfort. The pressure applied by compression socks can also help to reduce the diameter of the veins, which increases the velocity of blood flow. This increased blood flow can help to reduce the risk of blood

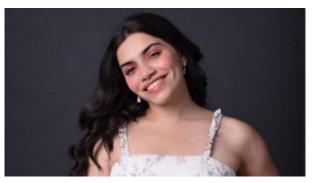


clots and other circulatory problems," Dr Kumar told indianexpress.com.deep vein thrombosis Some disadvantages of wearing compression socks include itching, redness and patches in skin, inflammation, flare and skin ulcers. (Photo: Getty Images/Thinkstock)

Who needs such socks?

According to Dr Hans, compression socks are recommended for people who experience leg pain, swelling, or other symptoms related to poor blood circulation. They can be beneficial for individuals who spend prolonged periods sitting or standing, as well as those who have medical conditions such as varicose veins, deep vein thrombosis (DVT), or lymphedema. Athletes and travelers may also benefit from wearing compression socks to improve performance and prevent blood clots," he continued. However, Dr D K Jhamb, Director and HOD, Interventional Cardiology, Sanar International Hospitals, Gurugram, stressed that there are some disadvantages too, especially if worn continuously without proper consultation. These disadvantages, he said, include itching, redness and patches in skin, inflammation, flare and skin ulcers."These symptoms can especially be experienced by people with blood pressure issues. Hence, they must only be worn as advised by a doctor and also be careful about the gaps of wearing them. Although they can be worn daily, but in intermittent periods, and should be removed if causing discomfort. However, patients who are advised blood thinners and those with a history of DVT may have to wear them for lifetime," Dr Jhamb explained.

Actor Chrisann Pereira recalls washing hair with detergent powder in Sharjah prison; dermatologists weigh in



Actor Chrisann Pereira, who was lodged in Sharjah jail since April 1 after being allegedly framed in a narcotics case, was released from prison on Wednesday. According to Joint Commissioner of Police (crime) Lakhmi Gautam, who oversaw the probe, she is expected to return to India within 48 hours. In a letter, Chrisann, who has worked in movies like Sadak 2 and Batla House, recounted the harrowing time she went through in prison. The actor revealed that during her 26 days in jail, she washed her hair with laundry detergent powder Tide and made coffee using toilet water. "Dear Warriors, it took me three weeks and five days to find pen and paper in jail. After I washed my hair with Tide and made coffee using toilet water, I watched Bollywood movies, sometimes with tears in my eyes knowing my ambition brought me here. I sometimes smile at our culture, our movies, and the familiar faces on TV. I feel proud to be an Indian and belong to the Indian film industry," the letter read.

But, how safe is it to wash your hair with detergent

Dr Rinky Kapoor, Consultant Dermatologist, Cosmetic Dermatologist and Dermato-Surgeon, The Esthetic Clinics said that while washing your hair with laundry

detergent will clean it, it can be harmful."It also puts you in danger of skin irritation, eye damage, and developing sensitivities to the detergent's chemicals. A small amount of detergent in a child's mouth or eyes can cause major breathing or stomach difficulties, eye irritation, and even coma and death," she told indianexpress.com, adding that conventional laundry detergents and cleaning products can include chemicals linked to health issues, ranging from hormone disruption to cancer. Agreeing, Dr Pawan Singh, Consultant, Dermatology, Regency Health, Kanpur said, "Detergent should not be used to wash your hair because it can have a number of negative effects on your hair and scalp." He shared the following harmful effects of washing your hair with detergent powder.Irritation and dehydration: Powder for laundry detergent is made to remove oils and dirt from clothes, not hair. It contains harsh chemicals that can dry out your hair and cause irritation and dryness on your scalp.Damaged hair: Your hair can become brittle, dry, and prone to breakage due to the harsh chemicals in laundry detergent.Inflamed Scalp: Due to its harsh ingredients, laundry detergent can cause inflammation on your scalp. Redness, itchiness, and even dandruff can result from this.Balding: Prolonged use of detergent powder on your hair can make you bald due to its harmful impacts on the scalp and hair follicles. Detergent is alkaline in nature while the body is neutral to acidic, thus, it causes severe damage to scalp skin as well in the form of dehydration, irritation and may even cause wounds.

Dr Singh asked everyone to stop using powder laundry detergent to wash their hair right away. "Switch to a shampoo that is made just for your hair's needs and type. Give your hair a deep treatment to restore moisture to your hair, use a deep conditioning treatment. "Dr Kapoor suggested putting an end to the use of harmful chemi-

Go First Airways files for insolvency, Here's a look at Sharad Pawar's blames Pratt & Whitney engines

New Delhi, May 02 (GNS) Cash-strapped Indian airline Go First Airways filed for insolvency proceedings with the National Company Law Tribunal on Tuesday, blaming Pratt & Whitney engines for the grounding of about half its fleet.

The insolvency filing marks the first major airline collapse in the country since Jet Airways filed for bankruptcy in 2019, and underscores the fierce competition in the sector.

Go First's filing comes after Pratt & Whitney, the available for comment. exclusive engine supplier for the airline's Airbus A320neo Go First had suspended its 50% in December 2022, the aircraft fleet, refused to com- flights for May 3 and 4. ply with an order to release engines to the airline that unaware of the airline's plan First Rs 10,800 crore (\$1.32 not a case of mismanage-sembly election in 1967 from minister until the 1995 aswould have allowed it return to file for voluntary insol- billion) in lost revenues and ment by promoters. to full operations, the com- vency, two bankers aware of additional expenses, it said. pany said.

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with the order issued by the was given, said one of the aviation regulator showed. emergency arbitrator, Go bankers. Lenders will meet tion to continue to meet its tion and decide on the future ruptcy and proceed for IBC," actions has also driven

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Local media reported that 31% in December 2020 and somebody new to take over." joined Youth Congress four chief minister Sudhakarrao Manmohan Singh. He re- and NCP continued negotia-

"I am a little stunned to

shareholding.

First is no longer in a posi- shortly to assess the situa- hear of them file for bank- quence of Pratt & Whitney's in power for two years. financial obligations," the course of action, they said Mark Martin, CEO at some lessors to repossess the chief minister of aviation consultancy Martin aircraft, draw down letters of Maharashtra for the second The number of grounded Consulting LLC. "I still feel credit and notify further with- time. In 1990, he became chief Raytheon Technologies aircraft due to the engine is- that this might not be the end drawal of aircraft," the airline minister of for the third time.

eventful journey in Indian politics

Mumbai, May 02(GNS) Sharad Pawar's dramatic announcement to quit as president of NCP, the party he founded 24 years ago, has put the focus on the over five decade-long career of the 82-year-old veteran in Indian politics.

From student politics to becoming Maharasthra's chief minister four times, and a decade-long stint as Union minister, Pawar has been a master at political moves.

Pawar began his political fleet in December 2019 to vehicle and a means for journey in 1958 when he Martin blamed 80% of Go years later became Pune dis-First's financial woes on Pratt trict Youth Congress The groundings cost Go & Whitney and said it was president. He won the Ashis home turf Baramati con-The airline was seeking stituency and since then has The grounded flights re- to raise funds and Indian been a member of either the sulted in Go First's market conglomerate Wadia Group state legislature or Parlia The lenders met Go share falling to 6.9% in was reported to be in talks ment.In 1978, Pawar, then 38, the required number of spare First's management a few March from 8.4% in January, to either sell a majority stake became the youngest Chief leased engines in accordance weeks ago, but no intimation latest data from the Indian or completely exit its Minister of Maharashtra. His Progressive Democratic "The additional conse- Front (PDF) government was

In 1988, Pawar became

the defence minister in the mentary Party leader post starting negotiations with role in installing Thackeray government headed by that prompted him to form the Congress and NCP. Narasimha Rao and handled NCP, Pawar said in his autothe portfolio till March 1993, biography. when he became the chief minister of Maharashtra for agriculture minister in the Maharashtra on November the fourth time after then UPA government headed by 12. The Shiv Sena, Congress the Rajva Sabha.

Naik stepped down follow- tained the Union cabinet tions to form an alliance, and ing riots in Mumbai.

Pawar remained chief general elections win. Joshi becoming the chief terms from 1999 to 2014. minister.

sembly elections that saw and Congress were in ruling mously chosen to head the Shiv Sena-BJP combine com- alliance in the state govern- new government. ing to power and Manohar ment for three consecutive

In 1999, Sharad Pawar, sembly elections, BJP won Pawar on November 23 came along with PA Sangma and 105 seats. The Shiv Sena, as a surprise as then Gover-Tariq Anwar were expelled which was in an alliance with nor Bhagat Singh Koshvari from Congress. The same the BJP, won 56 seats. De-swore in Fadnavis as the CM year, Pawar founded Nation- spite having enough seats to and Ajit Pawar as Deputy alist Congress Party (NCP). form a government together, CM. The ministry lasted It was not only Sonia the two allies bickered over three days, after which Gandhi's foreign origin but power-sharing who will get Uddhav Thackerav was instances of his decisions the chief minister's post be- sworn in as the chief minisbeing overruled and the de- ing the bone of contention ter. In 1991, Pawar became nial of the Congress Parlia- resulting in the Shiv Sena

> then, the Centre imposed not as party chief but as an In 2004, Pawar became President's Rule in elder to guide them.

berth after the UPA's 2009 Sharad Pawar later announced that Uddhav In Maharashtra, NCP Thackeray had been unani-

However, the early morning oath-taking ceremony of In 2014 Maharashtra As- Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit

Pawar, who played a key as CM, has said he will be With no outcome in sight available for NCP workers

He remains a member of

Sebi fines Future Corporate Resources, 14 others for open offer lapses

New Delhi, May 02 (GNS) Sebi has imposed a penalty totalling Rs 20 lakh on Future Corporate Resources, Kishore Biyani and 13 others for failing to make a public announcement of an open offer to the shareholders of Praxis Home Retail.

They have been asked to pay the fine within 45 days, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in its order.

Sebi found that Future Corporate Resources Pvt Ltd (FCRL) along with 14 open offer following the in- February 11, 2020. crease in the shareholding of FCRL in Praxis.

exercise of the conversion (PACs) allegedly were re- acquirer and persons acting Gopikishan (CCDs) by FCRL, out of the fer under...SAST 7,500 CCDs initially allotted to it.

version option, the order passed on Friday. shareholding of FCRL in Praxis rose from 47.43 per "Noticees (15 entities) did ers other than the promoters ment of the shares pursuant book. cent in the quarter ended not make a public announce- of the target company, Sebi to the exercise of conversion December 2019 to 53.13 per ment of the open offer, till said.

period.

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"As the increase in

(Substantial Acquisition obligation. of Shares and Takeovers) After exercising the con- Regulations," Sebi said in its obligations in respect of an tute the promoter and pro- amount of investment into will enable us to facilitate ing small business loans as serves 1 crore merchants

APSEZ cargo handling up 9% in FY23.

India's largest transport util- time to upgrade infrastruc- pany. In FY21, customs re- 14,034 crore in FY23. In FY21,

lic announcement of an cent in shareholding as of and violated the provisions levied a fine of Rs 10 lakh on veteran banker Ravindra of SAST norms.

One of the purposes of

Accordingly, Sebi has sible for the fulfilment of the Biyani, Sunil Biyani, Vijay vision of the board. Biyani and Vivek Biyani.

Fintech firm BharatPe acquires **controlling stake in NBFC Trillion Loans**

New Delhi, May 02 (GNS) Full-stack fintech services provider BharatPe Group on Tuesday announced it has completed a majority stake (51 per cent) acquisition in Trillion Loans, a Mumbaibased non-banking financial company (NBFC), for an undisclosed sum.

The company appointed FCRL and Rs 10 lakh to- Pandey, CFO and interim SAST regulations were gether on 14 entities -- CEO of BharatPe Nalin Negi shareholding of FCRL in triggered in respect of the Kishore Biyani, Akar Estate and Sabyasachi Senapati, Praxis' equity shares ag- Praxis post-allotment is 5.71 allotment of shares and the and Finance, Surplus part of the leadership team gregating to 30 lakh were al- per cent, which is more than subsequent increase in the Finvest, Retail Trust, Anil at BharatPe who heads its facilitate loans of over Rs 500 will be open to partner with Loans to further grow and lotted to one of its promoter five per cent, FCRL along shareholding of FCRL. The Biyani, Ashni Kishore banking vertical, on the crore every month to our other fintechs and startups, address the close to US\$ 380 entities FCRL, following the with the other Noticees rule mandates that the Biyani, Avni Biyani, board of Trillion Loans merchant partners," said so as to offer their custom- billion MSME credit gap as Biyani, which will operate as an in- Shashvat Nakrani, Founder ers a quick and streamlined well as meet the diverse conoption of 3,180 compulsorily quired to make a public an- in concert with it will be Laxminarayan Biyani, dependent entity with its and COO, BharatPe. convertible debentures nouncement of the open of- jointly and severally respon- Rakesh Biyani, Sangita own team under the super-

These 15 entities consti- infused a substantial Group's larger purpose and cured loans to SMEs, includopen offer is to provide an moter group entities of Praxis Trillion Loans to enable the access to capital to a wider well as working capital loans. across more than 400 cities, However, Sebi noted that exit option to the sharehold- before and after the allot- NBFC to grow its loan set of underserved and Additionally, the company is a leader in

> merchant lending vertical in added. 2019 and it has grown exponentially over the course of independently and will be

"Acquiring controlling added. stake in Trillion Loans is

Trillion Loans will work loans. the last 3+ years. Today, we technology-driven NBFC. It huge opportunity for Trillion lion in payments).

experience,"

BharatPe said it has also aligned to the BharatPe range of secured and unse-world," said Nakrani. unbanked businesses as also offers a range of prod- UPI offline transactions, "We had launched our well as customers," he ucts for consumers, such as processing over 30 crore UPI

Nakrani sumer credit demand in the country that has the largest Trillion Loans offers a youth population in the

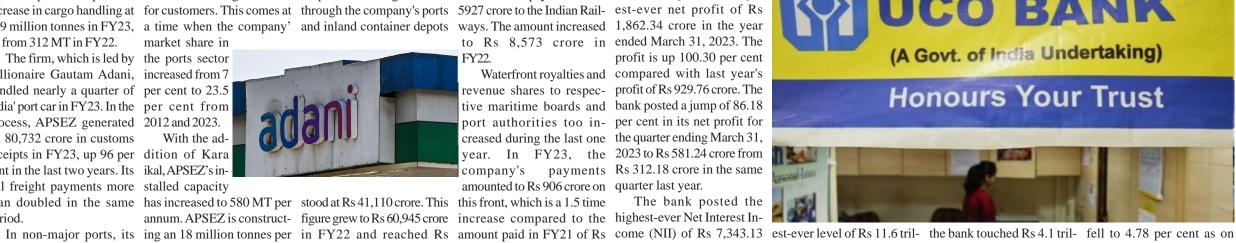
BharatPe currently auto, gold, and education transactions per month (annualised transaction pro-"I believe that there is a cessed value of over \$24 bil-

customs receipts rise 96% in 2 yrs **UCO Bank Q4 net profit rises 86% to** Chennai, May 02 (GNS) Company Law Tribunal government revenue has in-years, the company's rail **Rs 581.24 cr, NPA down to 4.78%** Adani Ports and Special (NCLT) approval. APSEZ creased considerably in re- freight payments have more Economic Zone (APSEZ), will spend Rs 850 crore over cent years, said the com- than doubled, reaching Rs

New Delhi, May 02 (GNS) to Rs 8,573 crore in ended March 31, 2023. The profit is up 100.30 per cent Waterfront royalties and compared with last year's revenue shares to respec- profit of Rs 929.76 crore. The tive maritime boards and bank posted a jump of 86.18 port authorities too in- per cent in its net profit for creased during the last one the quarter ending March 31, year. In FY23, the 2023 to Rs 581.24 crore from company's payments Rs 312.18 crore in the same

The bank posted the $annum.\,APSEZ\,is\,construct-\quad figure\,grew\,to\,Rs\,60,\!945\,crore\quad increase\ compared\ to\ the\quad highest-ever\,Net\,Interest\,In$ In FY22, this figure stood 13.44 per cent when com- Rs 12.9 trillion in FY22. Further, APSEZ has also $\,$ at Rs 807 crore. APSEZ saw $\,$ pared to Rs 6,472.95 crore in

> The loan book of UCO (YoY). Bank also reached its high-



crore in FY23. This is up lion against a loan book of lion as on March 31, 2023 March 31, 2023 as against

This marks a growth of more than 16 per cent. 24.54 per cent year-on-year

The global business of assets (GNPAs) of the bank March 31, 2023.

registering a YoY growth of 7.89 per cent in FY22. Net NPA also went down by 141 On the asset quality basis points from 2.70 per front, gross non-performing cent to 1.29 per cent as on

ity, has reported a 9 per cent ture to reduce logistics cost ceipts from cargo routed APSEZ made payments of Rs UCO Bank posted the highincrease in cargo handling at for customers. This comes at through the company's ports 5927 crore to the Indian Rail- est-ever net profit of Rs 339 million tonnes in FY23, a time when the company' and inland container depots ways. The amount increased 1,862.34 crore in the year up from 312 MT in FY22. market share in The firm, which is led by the ports sector FY22. Billionaire Gautam Adani, increased from 7 handled nearly a quarter of per cent to 23.5 India' port car in FY23. In the per cent from process, APSEZ generated 2012 and 2023. Rs 80,732 crore in customs

With the adreceipts in FY23, up 96 per dition of Kara cent in the last two years. Its ikal, APSEZ's inrail freight payments more stalled capacity

19 per cent in 2012 to 49 per ment container terminal at ended. cent in FY23. Last month, Kerala's Vizhinjam and a 4

Port Private (KPPL) for Rs Haldia Dock Complex.

than doubled in the same has increased to 580 MT per stood at Rs 41,110 crore. This this front, which is a 1.5 time market share increased from annum (MTPA) transship- 80,732 crore in the year just 622.

APSEZ acquired Karaikal MPTA bulk terminal at the made substantial rail freight an increase in the number of FY22. payments to the Indian Rail- vessels handled from 6,485 APSEZ's contribution to ways. Over the last two in FY21 to 8,538 in FY23.

amounted to Rs 906 crore on quarter last year.

IBM to pause hiring for jobs that Al could do, says CEO Arvind Krishna

New Delhi, May 02 (GNS) International Business Machines Corp. Chief Executive Officer Arvind Krishna said the company expects to pause hiring for roles it thinks could be replaced with artificial intelligence in the coming years.

Hiring in back-office functions — such as human resources — will be suspended or slowed, Krishna said in an interview. These non-customer-facing roles amount to roughly 26,000 workers, Krishna said. "I could easily see 30% of that period."

roughly 7,800 jobs lost. Part fully automated, Krishna spokesperson said.

tools have captured the pub- decade, he added. lic imagination for their abilcode, many observers have ware development and cus- The company is currently company's strong software worried about their potential tomer-facing roles. Finding considering selling its portfolio, including acquired to disrupt the labor market. talent is easier today than a weather unit. Krishna's plan marks one of year ago, Krishna said. The the largest workforce strate- company announced job based IBM topped profit es- spite worsening macroecogies announced in response cuts earlier this year, which timates in its most recent nomic concerns, wrote cluding employees and lesto the rapidly advancing may amount to about 5,000 quarter due to expense man- Bloomberg Intelligence's sors.



getting replaced by AI and such as providing employ- added to its workforce over- New productivity and effiautomation over a five-year ment verification letters or all, bringing on about 7,000 ciency steps are expected to moving employees between people in the first qua drive \$2 billion a year in sav-That would mean departments will likely be rter. of any reduction would in- said. Some HR functions, CEO since 2020, has worked Kavanaugh said on the day munication informing that it gines has grown from 7 per- ing out of cash to airlines, Indian aviation? clude not replacing roles va- such as evaluating to focus the century-old of earnings. cated by attrition, an IBM workforce composition and company around software productivity, probably won't and services such as hybrid said he believed the US Company Law Tribunal 50 percent in December 2022.

workers once completed. agement, including the ear- Anurag Rana last week.

As artificial intelligence be replaced over the next cloud. He has divested could avoid a recession. IBM currently employs like managed infrastructure for a "shallow and short" re-

More mundane tasks Still, Krishna said IBM has lier-announced job cuts. ings by the end of 2024, Chief

> lower-growth businesses Now, he sees the potential Armonk, New York- maintain steady growth de-

Welspun India zooms 20% as investors cheer buyback plan, strong Q4 results

WELSPUN

Mumbai, May 02 (GNS) Shares of Welspun India hit a 52-week high of Rs 104.90, zooming 20 per cent on the BSE in Tuesday's intra-day trade, lifted by heavy volumes. Last week, the company's board had approved buyback proposal at Rs 120 per share via tender

The stock surpassed its previous high of Rs 89.95, touched on April 28, 2023. At 02:07 PM, it was quoting 15 per cent higher at Rs 100.80, as compared to 0.48 per cent rise in the S&P BSE Sensex. lion shares at an offer price before interest, taxes, depre-mance in Q4FY23, the man-Trading volumes on the of Rs 120. counter jumped over 15-fold with a combined 43.56 million May 10, 2023 as the record 14.6 per cent from 11.0 per added that the company's equity shares having date for the purpose of as- cent in the year-ago quarter. relentless efforts to innovate changed hands on the NSE certaining the eligibility of Total income, however, de-through value engineering and BSE.

The board of Welspun equity shares. India approved a proposal

shareholders for buyback of clined 2.3 per cent YoY at Rs and cost rationalization

Meanwhile, for the Janu-

ciation, and amortization) agement said. 2,196 crore.

The company has fixed margin improved 361 bps to The management further across board helped achieve FY23, though a challeng- the highest Ebitda margin in for purchase of 16.25 million ary-March quarter (Q4FY23), ing year due to historical six quarters in Q4FY23. All equity shares worth Rs 195 Welspun India's consoli- high input costs and demand emerging businesses, incrore through a tender offer. dated net profit more-than-slowdown in key global mar-cluding flooring business, The company, engaged in double at Rs 125.4 crore, as kets, ended with a positive have given superior results home textiles business, said against Rs 52.2 crore in note with all the businesses in Q4FY23, growing by 24 per

aviation was looking forward to a change of fortunes. A COVID-induced lockdown had all but grounded airlines from March 25 to May 24, 2020. Subsequent waves of COVID led to a significant impact on recovery, until this year when revenge tourism led a comeback. As April came to a close, the industry recorded the highest ever traffic in any April in the past,

tomorrow and beyond.

New Delhi, May 02(GNS)

From a May to forget to a

May to remember, Indian

Krishna, who has been Financial Officer James lowed up with a formal com- Pratt & Whitney's faulty en- stayed away from direct dol-Until late 2022, Krishna ruptcy with the National percent in December 2020 to ways to help the industry. ation on Pratt & Whitney not engine maker has not com- line going down will not bode for salaries and minimum flyadhering to the arbitration plied with the arbitrator's well for the government ing hours guarantee, an airity to automate customer ser- about 260,000 workers and unit Kyndryl Inc. and part of cession toward the end of award. As a best-case sce- award and if it does then it which has successfully line getting into bankruptcy vice, write text and generate continues to hire for soft- the Watson Health business. this year. Though the nario, the airline expects that would be in a position to taken the privatisation of Air resolution would mean that it could start operations by start services again later this India to its logical end. His- there is likely to be a sudden August or September this year. The promoters have tory is a witness of how air-availability of workforce at all unit Red Hat, should help it year if the situation resolves induced close to Rs 300 lines have always managed levels. Pilots, crew, planning by then. This will lead to a crore in April this year. frenzy amongst many, in-

results yet.

NCLT

What happened?

ing headwinds with unavail- tomers who were booked in ter a weekend raid of the s o p h i s t i c a t e d ability of aircraft for many the next three days. How- education company's of- counterparties," quarters. All its A320neo air- ever, it is unclear on the path fices by the agency that in- Raveendran, the startup's craft are powered by Pratt & forward. Whitney and the engine manufacturer has had issues ment do? supplying replacement engines to Go First as well as government's first term Bengaluru-based startup's at a time when the company,

other two A320neo family ment stared at a crisis brew- agency said in a Twitter post. funds to address a liquidity operators in India, are powing at SpiceJet in December The probe is happening uncrunch. The firm had also ered by CFM. IndiGo opted that year. The airline changed der the Foreign Exchange been trying to appease credifor CFM as part of its follow- hands within days and sur- Management Act, it said. tors seeking restructuring of on order, while Go First se-vived, even though it conlected Pratt & Whitney for tinues to be on the tenter- forts to fully comply with all the once high-flying startup its second round of orders hooks with a financial applicable foreign exchange missed deadlines to file fi-



Go First insolvency: What does

mean for Indian aviation?

did quarter - until Go First awaiting engines, which went down in April 2019. The sible, formally and informally. stopped bookings for flights comprises about 50 percent pandemic since 2020 saw Interestingly, there has not of its fleet. The percentage many airlines worldwide re- been any word on this whole The airline soon fol- of grounded aircraft due to ceive state aid, but India saga from Pratt & Whitney. is voluntarily filing for bank-cent in December 2019 to 31 instead relying on other (NCLT) and blaming the situ- The airline also said that the the next election and an air- into a corner by pilot bodies

What happens now?

No airline in India has terim resolution professional ment. been able to start operations will take over and operate Go after grounding. The pro- First. The airline's website work on a resolution at gov- expand. longed efforts to revive Jet talks about cancellation for ernment-to-government 'Severe fund crunch': Go than answers any. How will enforcement of arbitration be impacted. First files for voluntary insol- customers trust the airline? NCLT 'Severe fund crunch': credit? How will airports Go First files for voluntary handle the chaos and allow insolvency resolution before the airline to operate on credit?

The airline has been fac- does mention refund to cus- employees and partners af- investment funds and other

What will the govern- in the country.

Air India and VIstara, the within months the governments and digital data, the talks with investors to raise crunch. In the days leading laws and all our cross-bor- nancial accounts for the year The airline has said that up to the Lok Sabha elec- der transactions have been to March 31, last year.

to sustain the downturn but and revenue management gone down later due to a professionals and engineer-Once the application is combination of high oil ing resources have been in admitted under NCLT, an in- prices and difficult environ- short supply as airlines in

What does it mean for

Just when the demand for pilots was picking up and We are a year away from airlines were being pushed India, led by IndiGo and the Can the government Tata group airlines, look to

Will anybody cash in? Airways, a first under Insolthree days and flights are level to ensure that Go First Who will be impacted? The vency and Bankruptcy Code open for sale beyond May is supported on priority by airports, passengers, em-(IBC) have not borne any 6, but this puts many ques- Pratt & Whitney? Can the ployees and just about evtions out in the open rather government work towards eryone in the ecosystem will

vency resolution before Will suppliers provide any EdTech startup Byju's seeks to reassure workers after office raid

Byju's, India's most valuable fessional advisors/counsel The website of the airline startup, sought to reassure and advisors/counsel of the vestigates money laundering founder and chief executive

Enforcement Directorate employees. The Narendra Modi-led officials searched the

started in May 2014 and offices and seized docu-valued at \$22 billion, is in

Mumbai, May 02 (GNS) duly vetted by both its proofficer, wrote in a letter to

The investigations come "Byju's has taken all ef- a \$1.2 billion term loan after

Uber confident on profit as ride-sharing

New Delhi, May 02 (GNS) Uber Technologies Inc forecast quarterly core earnings Shares of Mahindra & of continued buoyancy in across geographies. In the cost) was up 10 per cent YoY day, after a surge in demand

Shares of the company

Uber is benefiting from

"Our clear lead on driver loans & LAP for micro and demand: 5.7 million drivers ortization (EBITDA) - one of lion.

faster in 2023," he said.

Dara was higher than analysts' driven by a 72% growth in

tal dollar value from its ser-Uber expects adjusted vices, between \$33 billion EBITDA came in at \$761 mil-

However, its gross The dominant U.S. ride-bookings of \$31.41 billion

Uber said adjusted

has been reporting a posi-For the first quarter, tive figure since the third

it will buyback up to 16.2 mil- Q4FY22. Ebitda (earnings showing improved perforcent, it added. **M&M Financial Services soars 7%, hits makes strong start to 2023 52-week high on strong 04 results** Mumbai, May 02 (GNS) 82,770 crore came on the back and demand remains strong from operations and finance above estimates on Tues-

The AUM growth to Rs each of its product offerings loans was maintained at 59.5 said the macro-economy IndoStar Home Finance Private Limited MODISTAR Regd. Office: - Unit No. 305, 3rd Floor, Wing 2/E, Corporate Avenue, Andheri- Ghatkopar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400093 **CIN**: U65990MH2016PTC271587 **Tel**: +91 22 45107701

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other income.

ference between revenue vendor bill discounting.

Mahindra Financial Services rural demand.Rural cash January-March quarter at Rs 1,660 crore versus Rs for travel and food delivery rallied 7 per cent to hit a 52- flows will further improve as (Q4FY23), the company's 1,507 crore in the year ago helped the U.S. ride-sharing week high of Rs 277.95 on normal monsoon is expected gross net performing assets quarter. The board has recgiant report better-than-exthe BSE in Tuesday's intra- and infrastructure spends (GS-3) improved to 4.5 per ommended a dividend of Rs pected results for the Januday trade as the company's are rising. The company be- cent from 5.9 per cent in 6 per equity share of face ary-March period. assets under management lieves rural cash flow will Q3FY23, supported by fo-value of Rs 2 each or 300 per (AUM) grew 27 per cent continue to do well in the cused collection initiatives cent for the financial year rose 10%, while those of year-on-year (YoY) as at next 3 years. Also, company and macro tailwinds. Proviewhed March 31, 2023. On smaller peer Lyft Inc gained has gained market share in sion coverage on stage-3 outlook, the management 4% in pre-market trading. tailwinds should help the its dominant position in key Credit cost was negli- sector and the company to global markets as travel regible during the quarter as continue its growth journey. bounds from a pandemic-in- Uber during the quarter, both million to \$850 million for the to \$8.83 billion, beating estiasset quality improvement The company will focus on duced lull. A jump in the all-time highs," said Chief quarter ending June. That mates of \$8.72 billion, mainly and resumption of reposses- protecting and growing its number of people looking to Executive sion activity led to provision market shares in vehicle seg- gain additional income is also Khosrowshahi. After a tepid projection of \$749.1 million, the ride-hailing segment. reversal in stage 2 and stage ments – both new and pre- helping platforms such as performance in the last two according to Refinitiv. 3 assets. The company re- owned. Recent partnerships Uber squeeze out higher years, "the rideshare catported a 14 per cent YoY in- as mentioned above are ex- profit by offering lower in- egory in the United States sharing company also fore- came in slightly below the crease in the standalone net pected to aid company im- centives to gig workers, ana- and Canada is now growing cast gross bookings, the to- estimate of \$31.49 billion. profit at Rs 684 crore against prove its penetration in re- lysts have said. Rs 601 crore in the year ago spective segments. In SME, quarter mainly due to a sharp the company said it will con- preference has allowed us to earnings before interest, and \$34 billion, compared lion, its highest on record as fall in provisions and better tinue its focus on business better serve this growing taxes, depreciation and am- with expectations of \$33 bil- a public company. The firm Net interest income (dif-small industry segments and and couriers earned \$13.7 its closely watched financial

billion (including tips) on metrics - in the range of \$800 Uber's revenue jumped 29% quarter of fiscal 2021.

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