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Police ensures foolproof security for elections : DGP

Hyderabad, May 11 (NSS): "Conducting a fair election is the fundamental duty of the police in a democracy," emphasized DGP Ravi Gupta. "With the aim of ensuring a free and fair election in the 17 constituencies of the Lok

Sabha in the State of Telangana scheduled for May 13, 2024, elaborate police arrangements have been put in place." DGP said to ensure the sanctity of the electoral process and to uphold peace. **Continued on pg 02**



Election campaign for Lok Sabha polls in Telangana ends

Hyderabad, May 11 (NSS): The election campaign for 17 Lok Sabha constituencies in Telangana ended on Saturday. Chief Electoral Officer Vikas Raj has informed that 90,000 employees are participating in the election duties and a holiday is declared with pay on May 13. Speaking at a press conference here

on Saturday, Vikas Raj said that non-locals should not be in the constituencies after 5 PM from Saturday and warned that action will be taken against those who do not follow the rules. "Section 144 will be imposed across the Telangana State. 160 central forces have come to Telangana for security and 60,000 police personal are on duty. Symbols of any political

parties should not be broadcast on TV channels," the CEO informed. He said the bulk SMS related to elections is banned and exit polls are banned till June 1. All the private organisations in Telangana must give paid leave to their employees on May 13.



PM Modi spreading hatred in society, alleges Priyanka Gandhi

Hyderabad, May 11 (IANS) : Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi has accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of spreading hatred in the society. She claimed that PM Modi's truth has come out before the people as he can't seek votes on the basis of his performance. "He seeks votes only in the name of religion. He only spreads hatred in the society for

his political gains," she said. On the last day of the election campaign in Telangana, she addressed the public at Tandru in Chevella constituency and a roadshow in Kamareddy in Zaheerabad constituency. She said if PM Modi had worked, laid roads, built schools.

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Congress will be defeated in Lok Sabha elections: KCR

Hyderabad, May 11 (NSS): Telangana former chief minister and BRS party chief K Chandrababhan Naidu today said the people of Telangana were going to defeat the Congress party in this parliamentary elections and added that the Congress party was sure to be defeated. KCR made it clear that the people of the State were also very angry with the Congress

party. Speaking to media persons at Telangana Bhavan today, he said as part of the parliamentary election campaign, he undertook a 17-day bus yatra and added that subsequent responses from the people and the information given by them indicate that the BRS would win more seats than the two national parties in these elections.

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Komatireddy asks Congress workers to be alert for next 48 hours

Nalgonda, May 11 (NSS): Minister for Roads and Buildings Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said that the Congress-led INDIA bloc is going to come to power at the Centre and asked the party workers to be alert for the next 48 hours until the completion of polling in Telangana. He interacted with the Congress party workers of Bhongir and Nalgonda Lok Sabha constituencies on Saturday and gave several suggestions on the strategy to be followed during the polling.



BJP will win in South India : Amit Shah

Hyderabad, May 11 (NSS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said in the June 4 Lok Sabha elections results, the BJP was going to win majority number of MP seats in Karnataka, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala States of South India. Addressing media persons, he said in Telangana, they were going to win more than

10 MP seats. He said the fight was between the India Alliance and the NDA. He also said on the one hand, they have a ? 12 lakh crore corruption alliance and on the other, Modi's alliance, which has no corruption of even 25 paise. "For the past 23 years, Modi's alliance, celebrated Diwali without a holiday among soldiers. In the last 10 years, we have made significant

progress in the areas of internal security, economy, infrastructure development, Digital India and start-ups. Stating that in 2014, there was revenue surplus in Telangana, he said in these ten years, the State had been economically backward due to the attitude of the State governments.

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Vijayamma appeals to Kadapa voters to support Sharmila

Kadapa (Andhra Pradesh), May 11 (IANS) : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's mother Y. S. Vijayamma on Saturday appealed to people of Kadapa Lok Sabha constituency to vote for her daughter and state Congress President Y. S. Sharmila Reddy, who is contesting from Kadapa Lok Sabha constituency. Breaking her silence on

the last day of the campaign, Vijayamma released a video appealing to voters of Kadapa to elect her daughter with a huge majority.





BRS grabs Dalit lands and does not give compensation

Rajanna Sirisilla, May 11 (TIM Bureau) : President of Sirisilla Division Ambedkar Sangham Kattera Devdas accused that the BJP party has been in power for the last ten years and the BRS party rulers in the state have been oppressing the Dalits by grabbing their lands and subjecting them to injustice.

Dalit leaders held a media conference on behalf of Ambedkar Sangha at Sirisilla Press Club on Saturday. "Dalits, Dalit communities and youth have called on these two parties to teach a proper lesson to these two parties in the current parliamentary elections." Kattera Devdas declared that he supports the Congress party for the survival and protection of Dalits.

It is alleged that the Deputy Chief Minister was given to a Dalit and then snatched away again. BRS

- Small contractors were trampled and the system taken over
- BRS who have charged the district activists with baton and attempted murder cases have no right to talk about the district.
- Kattera Devdas, President of Ambedkar Sanghas in a media conference
- Declaration of support to Congress in Parliament elections

rulers who claim to have developed Sirisilla said that Sirisilla is drowning only if it rains a little. Devdas questioned why Dalits' lands have not been taken away from the landlords' lands for Rythu Vedikas and they have not been compensated till now.

They questioned why they are not paying 120 acres of Dalit land under Mid Maneru, who has been following them for 8 years. In this program, Presidents of Ambedkar Sanghas sup-

ported the Congress Party under the leadership of Zilla Kattera Devdasu. Leaders of Dalit communities in this meeting were Neduru Laxman, Tunga Shivraj, Kothapalli Sudhakar, Gaddam Kiran, Akunuru Balakishan, Gollapalli Parashuram, Nizambad Prabhakar, Neella Venu, Nagunuri Abhilash. Vadluri Naresh, Festival Suresh, Boddu Raju and others participated.



Bike rally in support of Congress Party under the auspices of Sirisilla Powerloom Textile Industry Affiliated Unions

Rajanna Sirisilla, May 11 (TIM Bureau) : Under the auspices of Sirisilla Powerlooms textile industry and allied industries associations, a large scale bike rally was organized in Sirisilla town on Saturday in support of the Congress party. The bike rally will start at the new bus stand in Sirisilla town and will proceed from B.Y. Nagar, Ganesh Nagar, Sundarayya Nagar via Venkampeta, Padma Nagar, Sardar Nagar via the old bus stand Netanna Chowk, Pedda Bazar, Gandhinagar, Subhash Nagar, Nehru Nagar, Venkatarao Nagar and the evening ended at the new bus stand. Padmasali Association President Goli Venkataramana, Polyester Association President Mandal Satyam.

Voting percentage should be recorded in full : Collector Anurag Jayanthi



Rajanna Sirisilla, May 11 (TIM Bureau) : Collector Anurag Jayanthi ordered to record the voting percentage of the Lok Sabha elections on the 13th of this month from time to time. Sirisilla, Vemulawada, AROs, election nodal officers and data entry operators were briefed on the registration of voting percentage in the conference hall of the district integrated office complex on Saturday. Collector Anurag Jayanthi spoke on the occasion. It is advised to use technology and record the election poll-

ing percentage as per the prescribed time. It has been directed to ensure that the data entry operators are available in the morning and at night and to provide internet and other facilities.

He called for successful completion of the election process. Additional Collectors Pujari Gautami, Khemya Naik, Sirisilla, Vemulawada RDOs Ramesh, Rajeshwar, ZDP CEO Umarani, DRDO Seshadri, Nodal Officer Rafi, CPO Srinivasachari, AO Ram Reddy and others participated here.

PM Modi spreading hatred in society, alleges Priyanka Gandhi

Continued From pg 01 hospitals and industries, he would have sought votes on the basis of these issues. She alleged that, in 10 years of his rule, PM Modi did nothing for the poor, farmers, workers, women and small traders. "What has he given you? Demonetisation, GST, price-rise, unemployment and the gift of hatred," she remarked. Asserting that the country was formed on the basis of love, non-violence and truth, the

Congress General Secretary said that all countrymen are brothers and sisters. She also accused PM Modi of giving away the country's resources to a few friends. "He waived off loans of 16 lakh crore of a few billionaires," she said. Priyanka Gandhi said the people of the country have awakened. "They don't want hatred. They want employment and development. Farmers need support, women need to stand on their feet and workers need fair wages," she

said. The Congress leader appealed to people to bring a change. "Tell Modiji and his every candidate that enough is enough. We don't need your government. We don't need your anti-constitutional ideology," she said. "Bring a government which can re-establish politics of honesty and democracy. Send a message from here that we will save democracy and Constitution and fight to protect reservation," she added. The Congress leader urged people to bring a government

which does not misguide them but serves them. "You have to decide whether you want a leader who never went to a poor's house or a leader who walked 4,000 km and met the poor. Do you need a leader who utters lies or a leader who never retreats from the path of truth," she said. With Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy by her side, she asked people if they were happy with his government.

Let's make Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister

Hyderabad, May 11 (TIM Bureau) : As part of the last day of campaigning for the parliamentary elections on Saturday, Parliament candidate Patnam Sunitha Mahender Reddy along with the Congress party held a road show and padayatra in Vasantha Nagar, NRSA Colony and CBCID Colony in the Kukat Pally Constituency KPHB Division to vote for Patnam Sunitha Mahender Reddy, the candidate of the Parliament of Malkajgiri Parliament. constituency in-charge Bandi Ramesh, TPCC spokesperson Dr. Satyam Srirangam. Later, they organized a padayatra in Balanagar division and participated in a bike rally organized under the leadership of division president KrishnaRajputh in Balaji Nagar division. On this occasion, Bandi Ramesh said that the Malkaj Giri seat won by Chief Minister

Make win Sunitha And protect the Constitution: TPCC Dr Srirangam

Revanth Reddy will be retained with the support of all the people. On this occasion Dr Satyam Srirangam expressed hope that the Congress will win more seats in the elections to be held on Monday. He said that in the upcoming elections Sunitha should win with a huge majority by voting on the hand symbol. State women general secretary Pushpa Reddy, former TPCC secretary Gali Balaji, former Congress party town president Sheri Satish Reddy, division president Madhu Goud, B block president Tumu Venu and Congress party leaders, workers and women participated in this programme.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Nandula Venkata Nagasai Pavan Jagadeeswar Nikhil, S/o. Nandula Bhavani Sankar, R/o. H.No.2-17-57, Bank Colony, Street No.3, Survey of India, Beside Srihari Apartments, Uppal, Ranga Reddy District-500039, T.S. Herein after my name will be called as Nandula Jagadeeswar Nikhil. For all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I MARAM SARITA (Old name) D/o. MARAM RAMREDDY H-no:12-1-79/4, Padmavathi colony bandlaguda Nago le, nayathanagar Rangareddy District. Telangana State. I have changed my name as THANGELLA SARITHA. Here after my name known as THANGELLA SARITHA W/o. THANGELLA MADHU SUDHAN REDDY.

CHANGE OF NAME
GINJALA VANITHA (Old name) D/o. GINJALA NARSIREDDY H-no:1-33/A, Ponnekal (Village) Kamapalli (Mandal) Khammam District, Telangana State. I have changed my name as GINJALA VARSHA. Here after my name known as GINJALA VARSHA W/o. GUJJULA SUCHAN REDDY.

CHANGE OF NAME
I GADE SUDHAKARA REDDY (Old name) S/o. GADE CHANDRA REDDY H-no: 3-47/c, Peruvancha (Village) Kalluru (Mandal) Khammam District. State Telangana. I have changed my name as GADE SUDHAKAR REDDY. Here after my name known as GADE SUDHAKAR REDDY S/o. GADE CHANDRA REDDY.

Police ensures foolproof security for elections : DGP

Continued From pg 01 and order during the polling activities, the Telangana State Police has made comprehensive security arrangements. He said this comprises a strategic deployment of various law enforcement agencies, including 73,414 ranks of Civil Police, 500 Sections of TS Special Police, 164 Companies of Central Armed Police Force, 3 Companies of Tamil Nadu SAP, 2088 ranks from Other Departments, and 7,000 Home Guards sourced from other States.

The DGP reiterated that with strict adherence to the Model Code of Conduct, as mandated by the Election Commission of India, the Telangana State Police has established a network of security checkpoints. This network encompasses 482 Fixed Static Teams (FSTs), 462 Static Surveillance Teams (SSTs), 89 Inter-State Border Check posts, and 173 Inter-District Check Posts. Sri Ravi Gupta said that additionally, mobile police units have been mobilized to intercept and thwart any attempts of illegal transportation of money, liquor, or other illicit materials. DGP said since the announcement of the Model Code of Conduct on March 16, 2024, Telangana State po-

lice seized cash amounting to Rs 186.14 Crores, along with substantial confiscations of liquor, narcotic drugs, precious metals, and other inducements.

The DGP described that during this period, the Telangana State Police has registered a total of 8863 FIRs, for offences under the Excise Act, Narcotics Act, Indian Penal Code (IPC), and Representation of the People Act (RP Act). He also said to ensure peace, 34,526 individuals, identified as rowdies, bad characters, election offenders, or potential troublemakers, have been bound over to ensure their compliance with legal norms.

Ravi Gupta emphasized a zero-tolerance stance towards any disruption to the electoral process.

The Telangana State Police has issued stern warnings to all potential troublemakers. In anticipation of any exigencies during the polling period.

Congress will be defeated in Lok Sabha elections : KCR

Continued From pg 01 He said the practice of the State and the Central governments and the wrong policies adopted by them had gone to the people. "We were able to tell them. As a result of this, the BRS is going to be a phenomenal success," KCR said. He alleged that the State government had made a lot of mistakes under the leadership of the poor Chief Minister of the Congress Party.

"Whenever the previous government is replaced and another government comes into being, there should be an internal review of the policies adopted by the previous government and show better performance. This seems to be natural. On the contrary, the State government without a policy and in unpleasant methods, had wasted precious time of the farmers by doing petty politics and by sidelining the industry, power and irrigation sector".

He said that pranks were also made in the State Legislative Assembly.

BJP will win in South India : Amit Shah

Continued From pg 01 "If undivided Andhra Pradesh gets Rs 15,000 crore, today Telangana alone is getting Rs 60,000 crore as grant-in-aid. For infrastructure, airports and national highways, more funds received since independence till 2014. In these 10 years, Modi has given double the funds," Shah claimed.

He alleged that Telangana politics had been corrupted by corruption, irregularities and family politics. "The people who understand this situation will win as many seats as possible for the BJP this time. Whoever is in power in Telangana whether it is the BRS or the Congress, it is the

Majlis party that runs it," he alleged. Commenting on 4% Muslim reservation in Telangana, he said it was a violation of the rights of SCs, STs and BCs and added that when they come to power, the Muslim reservations would be removed. He alleged that the ruling Congress party failed to implement six guarantees in Telangana. He also alleged that the Congress party failed to implement Rs 15,000 Rythu Bandhu financial assistance promise to the farmers. He alleged that the Congress party leaders were collecting money in the State and were sending it from Telangana for elections across the country.

Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar indulged in petty politics over sex scandal video: Union Min Joshi

Hubballi, (Karnataka) May 11 (IANS): Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on Saturday accused the Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar of indulging in petty politics over the

sex scandal video involving JD-SMP Prajwal Revanna. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar are not interested in justice but have indulged themselves in petty politics," Joshi said. He asked why did the Karnataka government

not lodge a FIR against Prajwal Revanna and did not arrest him immediately after the scandal became public. "They are carrying out only politics and there is no effort to give justice by constituting a high-level committee," he said. JD-SMLA H.D.

Revanna, the father of the prime accused in the sex video scandal, Prajwal Revanna, has been arrested by the SIT. H.D. Revanna was arrested on charges of kidnapping a woman victim in the sex video scandal while Prajwal Revanna is absconding.



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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Vara Prasad Vootla S/o. Ezekal Raju, Age:41 Years, Occ:Business(M/S. Vootla Traders), H.No:6-109, Pragathinagar, Sulthanabad, Karimnagar, Pincode:505185. 2) Vootla Vanajadevi W/o. Ezekal Raju, Age:60 Years, Occ:House Wife, H.No:6-109, Pragathinagar, Sulthanabad, Karimnagar, Pincode:505185. And Also At Vootla Vanajadevi W/o. Ezekal Raju, Age:60 Years, Vill & Md: Sulthanabad, Dist: Peddapalli. 3) Vootla Varaprashanth S/o. Ezekal Raju, Age:37 Years, Occ:Business(M/S. Vootla Traders), H.No:6-109, Pragathinagar, Sulthanabad, Karimnagar, Pincode:505185. 4) Vootla Varapradeep S/o. Ezekal Raju, Age:39 Years, Occ:Business(M/S. Vootla Traders), H.No:6-109, Pragathinagar, Karimnagar, Pincode:505185. 5) Mohammad Azharuddin S/o. Mohammad Tajuddin, Age:40 Years, Occ: Business(M/S.Siri Poultry Form), H.No:6-116, Sulthanabad, Karimnagar, Pincode:505185.	Rs. 28,95,117/- (Twenty Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred and Seventeen Rupees only)

KMNGRTF2104240005- Description of the Immovable Property : (Property holder Name is VOOTLA VANAJADEVI, Mortgage deed dated 28.04.2021 Registered as Document No 649/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Sulthanabad) Schedule of Immovable property RCC roofed, Bangalore tiled roofed and A.C. Sheets roofed house bearing No. 6-109, admeasuring to an extent of 153.66 Sq. yards or 128.47 Sq. Mtrs., out of Sy.No.846, situated at Sulthanabad Village & Mandal, Peddapalli District, Registration District: Karimnagar & Sub-District: Peddapalli having the following boundaries: East: H.No. 6-109/1 of Vootla Moses West: Road leading to Neerukulla Village & H.No. 6-109/1 of Vootla Moses North : R & B Road leading Srirampur South: H.No. 6-106 of Md. Tajuddin & H.No.6-109/1 of Vootla Moses

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: Sulthanabad - Sd/- Authorized Officer Shiriram Finance Limited
Date: 08-05-2024

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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Azeez Ahmed S/o. Khaleeq Ahmed, Age:55 Years, Occ:Sales(M/S. Azeez Industries Poultry Farm), H.No:2-666/B, Thurkala Maddikunta, Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Pincode:505172. And Also At Azeez Ahmed S/o. Khaleeq Ahmed, Age:55 Years, Occ:Sales(M/S. Azeez Industries Poultry Farm), Mtr Roofed House Bearing No.2-1-334/1, Admeasuring To An Extent Of 335.00 Sq.Yards Or 280.09 Sq. Mtrs. Out Of Sy.No.306, Harjiyanwada, Bandarikunta Locality of Peddapalli Town & District 2) Mohin Sulthana W/o. Azeez Ahmed, Age:44 Years, Occ:House Wife, H.No:2-666/B, Thurkala Maddikunta, Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Pincode:505172. 3) Md Mosin S/o.Yaseen, Age:35 Years, Occ:Artisan (Gr-II), (TSPCL), H.No:6-93, Hanman Street, Sulthanabad, Karimnagar, Pincode:505185.	Rs. 32,98,663/- (Thirty Two Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Three Rupees Only)

GDVVRTF2209290006- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: (Property holder Name is AZEEZ AHMED, Mortgage deed dated 11.10.2022 Registered as Document No 7493/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Peddapalli) Schedule of Immovable Property : MTR roofed house bearing No. 2-1-334/1, admeasuring to an extent of 335.00 Sq. Yards or 280.09 Sq. Mtrs, out of Sy.No.306. Situated at Harjiyanwada, Bandarikunta locality of Peddapalli Town & District., Registration District: Karimnagar & Sub-District: Peddapalli having the following boundaries: East :Schedule "B" property allotted to Ajaz Ahmed West: 30 Feet wide Road, North:Open land of Nasreen Sulthana, South: 2 feet wide joint common way.

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Place: Peddapalli - Sd/- Authorized Officer Shiriram Finance Limited
Date: 08-05-2024

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgagee/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price, the Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increments are also mentioned hereunder:

Date & Time of E-Auction: 29-05-2024 & From 12.00 Noon to 05.00 PM (with 10 minutes unlimited auto extensions)

Borrower: M/s. Transstroy (India) Ltd., The Liquidator of M/s. Transstroy (India) Ltd. Dr. Govindarajula Venkata Narasimha Rao. **Guarantors:** 1) Mr. Rayapati Jagadeesh, S/o. Rayapati Gopala Krishna, 2) Mr. Rayapati Jeevan, S/o. Rayapati Gopala Krishna, 3) Mr. Cherukuri Sridhar, S/o. Jagannath Rao Cherukuri, 4) Rayapati Ranga Rao, S/o. Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, 5) Mr. Ranga Rao (Legal heir of Mrs. Leela Kumari), S/o. Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, 6) Mrs. Devika Rani D/o. Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, 7) Mrs. Devika Rani (Legal heir of Mrs. Leela Kumari), D/o. Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, 8) Mrs. Lakshmi (Legal heir of Mrs. Leela Kumari), D/o. Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, 9) Mrs. Ch Vani, W/o. CH. Sridhar, 10) Mr. Yalamanchili Ajay (legal heir of Yalamanchili Jagannohan Rao), S/o. Mr. Jagannohanrao Yalamanchili (late), 11) Mr. Yalamanchili Vijay (legal heir of Yalamanchili Jagannohanrao), S/o. Mr. Jagannohanrao Yalamanchili (late), 12) Mr. Yalamanchili Sanjay (legal heir of Yalamanchili Jagannohanrao), S/o. Mr. Jagannohanrao Yalamanchili (late), 13) Mr. Narayana Chowdary, S/o. Late Veeriah Chowdary. **Amount Due:** Rs.968.48 Crore as on 31.12.2020 of e-AB (before amalgamation into UBI) and with subsequent interest, charges and costs.

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SC disposes of Hemant Soren's plea seeking interim release

New Delhi, May 11 (IANS) : The Supreme Court on Saturday disposed of a plea filed by former Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren seeking release in view of the elections. A bench presided over by Justice Sanjiv Khanna said that Soren's prayer has become infructuous in view of the May 3 order passed by the Jharkhand High Court dismissing his plea against arrest. The Bench, also comprising Justice Dipankar Datta, noted that the subsequent special leave petition filed by the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader (challenging the dismissal of his writ petition by the Jharkhand High Court against his arrest in connection with a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam), including the prayer for interim relief, is scheduled for hearing on Monday. On April 29, the top court issued a notice to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Soren's plea seeking interim bail on the ground of delay in delivery of judgment by the Jharkhand High Court despite reserving an order on his petition challenging ED arrest in the last week of February.

Battleground Bengal: TMC heavily banking on perception-oriented campaigning as 4 poll phases remain

Kolkata, May 11 (IANS) : With four phases of the Lok Sabha polls in West Bengal remaining, the Trinamool Congress seems to be heavily banking on perception-oriented campaigning to tide over the anti-incumbency factor. When the Calcutta High Court's Division Bench cancelled 25,753 teaching and non-teaching jobs in state-run schools the Trinamool Congress leadership, including Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, accused a section of the judiciary of operating in a biased manner in the interest of a particular political party. The Trinamool Congress' General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee described the Calcutta High Court verdict as 'order-fixing' and 'court-fixing'. In fact, the Calcutta High Court's Division Bench of Chief Justice TS Sivagnanam recently admitted a petition filed by CPI(M) Rajya Sabha member and senior advocate Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya requesting the court to take suo motu cognisance of the anti-judiciary comments made by Mamata Banerjee in the last couple of days. Political observers say that the exercise is aimed at projecting a section of the judiciary as "villains" with an understanding that the court verdict can be a major blow to the ruling party in the midst of polls. As part of the same perception-oriented campaign, the judiciary was projected as a messiah after the apex court Division Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India, DY Chandrachud, put an interim stay on the order nixing jobs by the Calcutta High Court. The Trinamool Congress leadership, including the Chief Minister, conveniently ignored the loaded observations of the Supreme Court that pertained to "systemic fraud" in the recruitment process. They highlighted only the interim-stay and described the order as a "great relief". Legal minds say that this is an attempt to deliberately misinterpret the top court's order where an "interim stay" is projected as "setting aside" of the order. Legal experts point out that the Supreme Court directed the West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) to check out if there was any secondary material available to segregate



gate valid appointments of the 25,753 people. Legally this means that the future of the valid appointees will be secured only if the WBSSC can establish in court that it has been able to segregate the valid appointments through a justified method. The second issue being highlighted by the ruling party is the successive sting-operation videos released recently where people can be seen and heard saying that the protests by Sandeshkhali women against sexual harassment by a section of Trinamool Congress leaders were orchestrated by the BJP in West Bengal. In one of the videos, a local BJP leader Gangadhar Kayal was seen and heard saying that he was assigned to persuade some local women to orchestrate the movement, by Leader of the Opposition in West Bengal Assembly, Suwendu Adhikari. Kayal was prompt in claiming that the video was fake and modulation of his voice was done using Artificial Intelligence.

Domestic air traffic marginally came down in April: ICRA

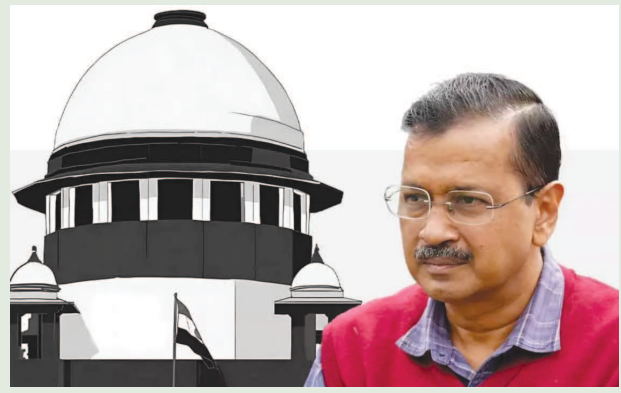
Chennai, May 11 (IANS) : The domestic air passenger traffic last month marginally came down to about 132.8 lakh from about 133.7 lakh logged in March 2024, said ICRA in a research report. ICRA report also said the domestic aviation industry is likely to close FY25 with a net loss of Rs 30-40 billion in FY2025. According to the report, the April 2024 domestic air passenger traffic was higher by about 3.1 per cent on a year-on-year (YoY) basis and by about 21 per cent than pre-Covid levels. For FY2024, domestic air passenger traffic was about 154 million with YoY growth of about 13 per cent, in line with its estimates, ICRA said. The domestic air passenger traffic in FY2024, thus, surpassed the pre-Covid levels of about 142 million in FY2020. Further, for FY2024, the international passenger traffic for Indian carriers stood at about 296.8 lakh, a YoY growth of about 24 per cent, and higher than the pre-COVID levels of about 227.3 lakh by 30 per cent.



Kerala BJP wants EC to take action against KPCC's fake video against PM Modi

Thiruvananthapuram, May 11 (IANS) : The State BJP President K. Surendran, on Saturday, asked the Election Commission (EC) to take action against the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) for coming out with a fake video which compromises the security of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Surendran said that the video came out on the official X account of the KPCC. "Incidentally, this same video first came out in 2019 on the official account of KPCC. It says that money is being carried in helicopters which accompany PM Modi. Then it was proved that it is a fake video, but instead of apologising for the wrong, they (KPCC) have resorted to it again," said Surendran.

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SUPREME COURT'S INTERIM
BAIL ORDER ON ARVIND KEJRIWAL
WILL BE KEENLY AWAITED

In the beginning, Narendra Modi promised “good days”, but it didn’t come even after 10 long years of his rule in India. Then there was opposition’s hue and cry against him. General Election 2024 was knocking at the door. Under his nose, in the capital city, his seat of power, the most vociferous noises against him were being heard, being made by Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal, the Chief Minister of Delhi. Then Modi said. Let there be actions, and there were actions. Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested Arvind Kejriwal on March 21, barely days after the Model Code of Conduct for the General Election 2024, which was announced on March 16. He is currently detained in the Tihar Jail for money laundering. Now he is alleged to have got funding from terrorist organisation. Election is the occasion on which Modi’s officials were able to find out all sorts of criminal activity of Arvind Kejriwal in the name of national interest, which remained secret for “super active officials” of Modi government for years. Only four days ago on May 3, the Supreme Court of India, while hearing his case of alleged “illegal detention”, has said that it was inclined to consider granting interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on account of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. The court asked the Additional Solicitor General S V Raju appearing on behalf of the ED to come prepared on this aspect when it takes up the matter on May 7. The bench comprised of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta had informed the ED, “Let me make it clear, we may consider interim bail because of election.” The judges underscored that they did want to catch the law enforcement agency by surprise on the next day of hearing.

We all know how intrigues and villainy operate when the governments are hell bent on keeping any adversary in jail for an indefinite period of time. They are simply detained under some draconian law. The government machineries are always ready with other cases too, so that they may rearrest them if any court gives them bail. Just when the detained persons come out of jail, they are arrested again, and put again behind the bar. This cycle goes on depending the sweet will of the ruler. Courts are found themselves helpless under such a cycle of intrigues and villainy, and rarely it is broken. In only a few cases, we find a judge committed to delivering justice, who breaks such a vicious cycle of villainy and intrigue.

One can see the intrigue and villainy in the LG’s latest order against Kejriwal, after the Supreme Court bench had informed the ED that they intend to consider interim bail to Kejriwal. Only a day before hearing on May 7 in the Supreme Court, a case has been readied so that in case of Kejriwal getting bail, he can be rearrested in the new case. Out poor Lieutenant General, has exposed himself of his complicity in the intrigue and the villainy of the ruling establishment. LG V K Saxena has recommended a National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe against the AAP Supremo Arvind Kejriwal for getting terror funding from a banned terrorist organisation “Sikh for Justice”. His recommendation is based on a complaint made by the World Hindu Federation India (WHFI). It should be noted that the AAP Supremo Kejriwal has been put in jail, just before election in Delhi’s liquor policy 2021-22 case. Though the policy was cleared by LG V K Saxena, he had recommended a CBI inquiry in July 2022 for alleged bribe in policy making. CBI made several arrests in this case including ministers in Delhi government. ED also made several arrests on the basis of CBI case for money laundering. The entire case depended on the statements of an accused who was arrested by ED. After his arrest, his company donated BJP electoral bonds worth cores of rupees. Then, his status of an “accused” was changed to an “approver” after giving him pardon. A photograph has appeared in the media of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the father of the “approver” who has been given parliamentary ticket by BJP’s ally TDP, indicating a thread that connects the entire episode.

(By Dr. Gyan Pathak)

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FOR GOVT FORMATION

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laughs at politicians you never think he thinks of. Like for example, Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha, the quietest politician in the hemisphere and not even remotely a threat. But Prime Minister Modi sees an adversary and Patnaik gets Modi’s goat, even when he is minding his own business and doing a swell job of it. Not all politicians are in the business of yakking for a living. But it was time Patnaik rose to the bait. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was phishing for trouble, believing himself clever by half. On May 6, Prime Minister Modi suddenly “ups” and declares Patnaik’s governing days are “numbered”. The Prime Minister declares that Odisha should have a Chief Minister who knows Odia and Odisha culture.

BSP SUPREMO MAYAWATI HAS
CHANGED SOME PARTY CANDIDATES TO HELP BJP

Bahujan Samaj Party national president Mayawati is under tremendous pressure to retain 10 Lok Sabha seats won in 2019 and also to help BJP. In the beginning the manner in which Mayawati fielded candidates and announced her nephew Akash Anand to be national coordinator and her successor to launch the campaign it appeared that she was serious to regain the lost ground in Uttar Pradesh. Mayawati launched her campaign from western UP where she distributed tickets through social engineering giving representation to all castes. She ensured that pictures of former Prime Minister

Charan Singh were also placed with BSP founder Kansiram and Dr BR Ambedkar. She appealed to dalits, backwards and Muslims to join hands for more seats for her party. During her campaign and election speeches, Mayawati was very critical of BJP, Congress and Samajwadi Party. So much so Akash Anand political heir of Mayawati also launched attack against BJP governments at the centre as well in state and criticised government policies.

SUNITA WILLIAMS' SPACE MISSION
DELAYED, NEW LAUNCH DATES EXPLORED

The launch of Boeing’s new CST-100 Starliner spacecraft, which was scheduled to carry astronaut Sunita Williams, an astronaut of Indian descent, into space for her third mission, has been delayed because of a technical issue. No new launch date has been announced. This was set to be the third space mission for Williams, who has spent 322 days in space and previously held the record for the most

spacewalk hours by a woman, a title now held by Peggy Whitson. Williams, 59, an inspiration for women aiming for space careers, was scheduled to fly again on Tuesday (May 7, 2024) in the new Boeing Starliner spacecraft. The launch was planned to take place at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, at 8:04 am (IST). However, with just 90 minutes left for launch, the Atlas V rocket’s liftoff was called off. NASA identified an issue with an oxygen relief valve on the rocket’s Centaur upper stages as the reason



for the postponement. Sunita Williams and NASA’s Barry Wilmore, who were scheduled to fly the Starliner to the International Space Station (ISS), have safely left the spacecraft. Although no new launch

date has been announced, there are several backup options for rescheduling the launch as early as on Tuesday (May 7—May 8 in India), or Friday (May 10—May 11 in India).

CANADIAN PM
TRUDEAU IS REGAINING
GROUND IN A FIERCELY
FOUGHT ELECTION

Recently, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was interviewed by Rebel News and the interviewer asked him: why people don’t like you. Trudeau replied: “I think there is a lot of frustration with the way the world is unfolding and the frustration is being taken out on people in positions of power. I get that. That’s part of my job. But my job is to stay focused on the solutions that people are going to need. There is a level of polarization and toxicity in a very visible way on social media and in real life most Canadians remain powerful and open and decent and yes frustrated and worried about the future. But I also know Canadians are good people who are willing to work together for their future and I am part of that.” (IPA Service)

JOSE RAUL MULINO ELECTED NEW
PRESIDENT OF PANAMA IN PREZ POLLS ON SUNDAY

Jose Raul Mulino was elected as the new president of the Central American country Panama in the national polls held on Sunday May 5. He got 34.35 per cent of the votes as against 24.83 per cent received by his closest rival Ricardo Lombana. There were five more candidates. Mulino will take over the presidency on July 1 this year for a period of five years. Mulino, whose last position

in politics was as minister of security in then president Ricardo Martinelli’s 2009-2014 administration, was initially set to be the former leader’s running mate. But Martinelli was disqualified from running for the presidential elections after he was sentenced to prison for ten years for a money laundering case. Mulino then replaced him and got the full backing of his former president. Mulino became known as a successful businessman who took

part in a civil movement against the dictatorship of General Manuel Antonio Noriega, who was ousted by the U.S. on December 20, 1989. He has been active in politics all through. As president, he has promised to stop rising levels of migration through the Darien forests- the only land route connecting the American continents. More than half a million Panamians crossed last year to other countries.

(IPA Service)



Ukrainian secret service uncovers 'Russian plots' against Zelensky

Kiev, May 11 (IANS/DPA) : Ukrainian security authorities have claimed that they had uncovered Russian attack plans against President Volodymyr Zelensky and other politicians. The Ukrainian secret service SBU on Saturday said that two officers from the Ukrainian State Security Department responsible for the president's personal protection had been detained in connection with possible attacks. They are said to have provided the Russian domestic intelligence service FSB with information in return for money and were supposed to have taken part in the attack themselves. "One of the tasks of the

FSB network was to find assassins among the military who were close to the president's personal security so that they could take the head of state hostage and then kill him," the SBU statement in Kiev said. According to the information, the officers held the rank of colonels. The Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office confirmed the investigation and the arrests. However, there was no independent confirmation of the incident outside the Ukrainian security authorities. SBU chief Vasyl Malyuk and the head of Ukrainian military intelligence, Kyrylo Budanov, were also named as possible targets.

Hamas did not agree to draft for ceasefire before Rafah assault : US

Washington, May 11 (IANS/DPA) : The US government contradicted reports that Hamas had agreed to a proposal for a ceasefire in the Gaza war shortly before the Israeli army started a military operation in the city of Rafah. "Hamas did not accept the ceasefire proposal. Hamas responded, and in their response, made several suggestions. It's not the same as accepting," said US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller in

Washington. Miller explained that the draft under discussion was an offer made at the end of April. "That's the offer that was on the table," he said. "Hamas seemed to make clear... in their public statements that they accepted that offer yesterday. That is not what they did. They responded with amendments - call it a counter proposal if you want - and we're working through the details of that now."



Baltimore bridge collapse: Body of last missing worker recovered

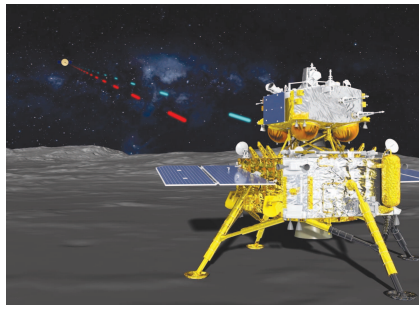
Washington, May 11 (IANS) : The body of the sixth and final worker who was missing after a bridge collapse in the US city of Baltimore more than one month ago has been recovered, officials have said. Unified Command salvage teams located the victim and promptly notified the Maryland Department of State Police. State police investigators along with officers from the Maryland Transportation Authority Police and the FBI responded to the scene and recovered the body of a sixth construction worker,

Xinhua news agency reported, citing an official statement posted online. The victim is identified as Jose Mynor Lopez, 37, of Baltimore, Maryland, said the statement. "With heavy hearts, today marks a significant milestone in our recovery efforts and providing closure to the loved ones of the six workers who lost their lives in this tragic event," said Colonel Roland L. Butler, Jr., Superintendent of the Maryland Department of State Police, in the statement. The 2.6-km-long Francis Scott Key Bridge, a major bridge that



held Interstate 695, collapsed on March 26 after being hit by a large container ship, which experienced a power failure before the collision. Eight people initially went into the water after the incident occurred and two of them were rescued from the Patapsco River,

with one in critical condition. The six individuals who went missing, all road maintenance workers, were reportedly on the bridge repairing potholes. They were all presumed dead after the US Coast Guard suspended days of search and rescue efforts.



China's Chang'e-6 enters lunar orbit after near-moon braking

Beijing, May 11 (IANS) : China's Chang'e-6 lunar probe has successfully entered its circumlunar orbit, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) said on Saturday. According to the CNSA, at 10:12 a.m. (local time) on Saturday, Chang'e-6 successfully performed a near-moon braking procedure before entering the circumlunar orbit, Xinhua news agency reported. The near-moon braking procedure is a key orbital control for Chang'e-6 during its flight. The braking makes its relative speed lower than the lunar escape velocity so that it can be captured by the Moon's gravity and fly around the Moon. Supported by the Queqiao-2 relay satellite, Chang'e-6 will later adjust the altitude and inclination of the orbit around the Moon and choose a proper time to carry out the separation of the orbiter-returner combination and the lander-ascender combination. Later, the lander-ascender combination will conduct a soft landing on the South Pole-Aitken Basin to carry out the sampling and return mission on the far side of the Moon as planned, the report said. The spacecraft, comprising an orbiter, a lander, an ascender, and a returner, aims to become the first to collect and bring back samples from the far side of the lunar surface.



London plans future flood defence as Thames Barrier turns 40

London, May 11 (IANS/DPA) : Flood defence walls through London will need to be half a metre higher in the future to protect against climate change, officials said as they marked the 40th anniversary of the Thames Barrier. The barrier, officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II, on May 8, 1984, and operated by the Environment Agency, was designed to protect London from flooding until 2030, but the "sleeping giant" is now expected to function until 2070. The structure took eight years to construct, at 535 million pounds (\$668 million) -- 2.4 billion pounds in today's money -- and consists of 10 steel gates, with the main gates each as wide as the opening of Tower Bridge, weighing 3,300 ton, and as high as a five-storey building when raised. Since its construction, it has been closed 221 times to prevent flooding of the capital, working with other flood defences along the Thames to protect 1.42 million people, residential property worth 321 billion pounds, hundreds of schools, hospitals, railway and train stations, and four World Heritage sites. Without the barrier, officials said storm surges and frequent tidal flooding of the Thames would submerge buildings along the river -- with only the city of London itself standing on high ground -- risking lives and livelihoods and causing huge amounts of damage. In the absence of the barrier, which is downstream from Greenwich and close to the city airport, the flood defence walls that line the Thames through central Lon-

don would have to have been built up by another three metres, cutting off the city from its river. However, with sea levels expected to rise by a metre by 2,100, along with increasingly intense storms driven by climate change, officials say that greater defences against flooding will be needed in the coming decades. These include raising the flood walls and defences that line the Thames downriver of the barrier by half a metre by 2040 and then by the same amount by 2050, to the west, through central London. A decision will need to be made by 2040 on what to do with the barrier itself, with options, including upgrading the existing barrier by 2070, so that the gates are not overtopped by rising seas and storm surges or installing a series of flood storage "reservoirs" downstream.

After hearing testimony by porn star in New York case, Trump gets reprieve in Florida

New York, May 11 (IANS) : After having been made to sit through a salacious narrative by a porn star in a court here about her alleged tryst with him, former President Donald Trump received a reprieve in the secret document litigation in Florida where the judge indefinitely postponed the case. The trial in the Florida case -- or a verdict in it -- may be delayed beyond the November election. The judge in the case, Aileen M. Cannon, who was appointed to the bench by Trump, cited on Saturday the complicated nature of the case accusing him of mishandling top secret documents that he allegedly retained illegally after leaving office. She said that it would not be proper for the court to set a date for the trial because of "the myriad and interconnected"

matters that include pretrial motions by Trump's lawyers and dealing with secret documents as the trial proceeds. Of the four criminal cases against him, only the New York case accusing him of falsifying business records to cover up payment to the porn star Stormy Daniels, who alleged that she had a sexual encounter with him while his current wife Ivana was pregnant, has gotten underway. Trump has denied that he had sex with Daniels. Prosecutors say that he arranged the payment before the 2016 election because he was afraid it would create a scandal during the campaign. Daniels took the witness stand on Tuesday and sprinkled her testimony with such tawdry details like her undressing, the "missionary position" they used on the hotel bed during the alleged tryst, Trump not wearing a condom, his saying afterward it

was "great", and before that she reminded him of his daughter, hitting him with a rolled-up magazine with him on the cover, and about her having her period during another encounter. As Daniels babbled on, Judge Juan Merchan said some of it was "unnecessary narrative". He told the prosecution lawyer, who had made her their witness, to ensure that Daniels "stays focused on the question, gives the answer and does not give any unnecessary narrative". Trump was "cursing audibly" and "shaking his visibly" during her testimony, the judge observed his lawyers and asked them to request him to tone down his behaviour as it could be seen as intimidating the witness and affect the jurors, Trump's lawyers asked the judge to declare a mistrial because Daniels' testimony was "extraordinarily prejudicial" and it consti-



tuted a "high risk" of turning the jury's attention away from the substance of the case. While Merchan denied the request, it could open the way for Trump's lawyers to appeal to higher courts introducing delays. During the cross-examination, Trump's lawyers picked on contradictions between her testimony and her book, and her statements to impugn her credibility. Trump told reporters after the day's proceedings ended that it was a "very revealing day in court" and asserted that the case was falling apart.

The former President, who is given to making outrageous statements, has already earned the wrath of Merchan for defying his orders and commenting about his daughter, witnesses, and others linked to the case in a manner that could prejudice the case. He imposed a fine of \$1,000 on Monday for violating the gag order by telling an interviewer that the jurors were mostly Democrats and it was unfair and threatened him with the possibility of jail for future violations.

Japan's real wages down for 24th straight month

Tokyo, May 11 (IANS) : Japan's average monthly wages in inflation-adjusted terms logged the 24th straight month of decline in March, marking the longest period of continuous wage decline since comparable statistics began in 1991, official data showed on Saturday. Inflation-adjusted real wages, a barometer of consumer purchasing power, fell 2.5 per cent from the same month last year, larger than the 1.8 percent fall in February, according to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, Xinhua news agency reported. Nominal monthly earnings, including base pay and overtime, rose 0.6 per cent from a year ago to reach 301,193 yen (about 1,932.5 U.S. dollars).



After Maha polls, Sharad Pawar to campaign in other states from May 20

Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), May 11 (IANS) : Nationalist Congress Party-SP President Sharad Pawar on Saturday announced that after the polling in Maharashtra for the Lok Sabha elections ends on May 20, he will undertake extensive campaign tours in other parts of India. Addressing a rally here, Pawar, 83, said that after the completion of elections for the remaining 24 of 48 LS seats in the state, he will embark on a tour of several other states where the parliamentary elections shall be in the final two phases on May 25 and June 1. As per the Election Commission of India (ECI) schedule, elections for 57 LS constituencies each (total 114) – spread across 15 states – shall be conducted in the two final phases. These include Bihar (16), Haryana (10), Himachal Pradesh (4), Jharkhand (7), Odisha (12), Punjab (13), Uttar Pradesh (27), West Bengal (17), Chandigarh (1), and Delhi (7).



Delhi HC rejects PIL seeking sewage, garbage disposal facilities at unauthorised colony

New Delhi, May 11 (IANS) : The Delhi High Court dismissed a public interest litigation (PIL) petition for authorities to provide sewage and garbage disposal facilities at an unauthorised colony in the national capital. A division bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora rejected the PIL filed by Sarva Seva Trust as it questioned the legitimacy of providing facilities to encroachers of government land. "Tomorrow someone will encroach on High Court land, are we going to provide them sewage facility?" it asked. The PIL had urged the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)

and the Delhi government to arrange sewage facilities and garbage disposal measures for the colony. However, the court was informed that the colony in question is unauthorised, and attempts by the MCD to provide facilities have been met with objections from residents of nearby areas. In light of these circumstances, the bench concluded that the residents of the unauthorised colony were encroachers of government land, and therefore, the court cannot issue directives on the matter. Remedies like writ petitions cannot be utilised by encroachers of government land, it held.

Eknath Shinde hails HC decision to validate Maha govt's notification on renaming Aurangabad & Osmanabad

Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, May 11 (IANS) : Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Saturday hailed the Bombay High Court's decision to validate the Maharashtra government's notification on renaming of Aurangabad as Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar and Osmanabad as Dharashiv saying that it was a major slap for the Maha Vikas Aghadi and the opposition in general. He also congratulated the citizens of the Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar and Dharashiv following the High Court ruling. The MahaYuti proposes to play up the high court's decision during the ongoing campaign to take the credit and also to corner the Maha Vikas Aghadi. CM Shinde said that with the

High Court's ruling, late Shiv Sena supremo Bal Thackeray's dream has come true. He said that the people who had approached the High Court against the government's decision on renaming were from the Maha Vikas Aghadi and the court's ruling has come as a major slap on them. The Maharashtra Chief Minister was speaking to the reporters at the Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar after addressing the campaign rally for the Shiv Sena minister and the MahaYuti nominee Sandipan Bhumre who is pitted against Shiv Sena (UBT) candidate Chandrakant Khaire and AIMIM nominee Intiaz Jaleel. CM Shinde said that Bhumre's victory is sure with a large margin of votes. "Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar is a stronghold of Shiv Sena and MahaYuti. It was Balasaheb Thackeray's sincere wish that it should be renamed as



Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar. But those who claim the legacy of Balasaheb and the heirs of his wealth, after we left the Maha Vikas Aghadi government, took the decision to rename Aurangabad as Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar to take the credit. But as they did not have the majority, the decision was illegal. So after forming the government, we took the decision on Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar," said Shinde, reiterating that it has been validated by the High Court. Meanwhile, state BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule said that the high court's ruling is tribute to Dharmaveer Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj.



Gurugram: Sex racket busted, 4 foreign women among 10 arrested

Gurugram, May 11 (IANS) : A sex racket being run at a hotel in the upscale Gurugram locality was busted and 10 persons, including two women from Uzbekistan and two from Bangladesh, were arrested, police said on Saturday. The racket was busted by a joint team of the Chief Minister's flying squad and the Gurugram police, they said. According to Assistant Com-

missioner of Police, Headquarters, Sushila, the police were tipped off about the sex racket being run at Hotel Rao Estate in D-Block of Sector 57. Decoy customers were prepared and a raid was conducted on Tuesday night, she added. The receptionist informed the team that a person identified as Dilbagh was the operator of the hotel and he was arrested. The other arrested have been identified as Sanjeev Yadav, Sanjay, Ram Babu, Suhani

Khan, Marjina Sultan, Mona Kumari and Lata Farzana Khan (both from Bangladesh) and Istrabonu and Khadichabonu from Uzbekistan. The arrested have been booked under different sections of the Prevention of Immoral Trafficking Act and an FIR has been registered against them at the Sector-56 police station, police said.



VCK MP flags interruption in CCTV footage in strongroom where EVMs stored

Chennai, May 11 (IANS) : VCK General Secretary and MP from Tamil Nadu's Villupuram, D. Ravikumar on Saturday lodged a complaint over the interruption of CCTV coverage in the strongroom at the Arignar Anna Government Arts College where EVMs were stored. In a complaint lodged with Collector and Returning Officer, C.Palani, he said that his representative had informed him about the interruption of the CCTV coverage in the strongroom where the EVMs of Tindivanam and Villupuram assembly constituencies were kept. Ravikumar, who is in the fray from Villupuram Lok Sabha constituency, told of-

icials that the CCTVs stopped functioning at 7.28 a.m. on Wednesday and resumed recording at 8.10 a.m., after repairs. The RO, along with the police and revenue officials visited the spot, inspected the cameras, and instructed the staff, maintaining the CCTVs to take preventive measures. Ravikumar also said that he visited the spot to inquire into the incident and the official maintaining the CCTVs informed him that there was an interruption in coverage due to lightning and thunder. Though the displays were not working for about 42 minutes, the recording was disturbed only for 2 minutes.



Sex video scandal: Fast-tracking probe not possible until Prajwal Revanna turns up, says K'taka Home Minister

Bengaluru, May 11 (IANS) : Karnataka Home Minister G. Parameshwara said on Saturday that until the prime accused in the sex video scandal, JD-S MP Prajwal Revanna, turns up for investigation, fast-tracking the probe is not possible. Prajwal Revanna is the grandson of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, and son of JD-S MLA H.D. Revanna, who has been arrested for his alleged role in the kidnapping of a victim of the sex scandal involving his son. The sitting MP from Hassan, Prajwal Revanna has been renominated from the seat by the NDA for the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Speaking to reporters here, Parameshwara said, "Prajwal Revanna has left the country. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case has already sought cooperation from the CBI and a Blue Corner notice has been issued against him.

Loyalties, like the fragrance of Ittar, last long in Kannauj

Kannauj (UP), May 11 (IANS) : 'Ittar', a non-alcohol based perfume, is known for being long-lasting and loyalties in Kannauj, the nation's Ittar hub, also last long. People here develop loyalties with leaders and parties and do not change them every five years. For the SP and BJP candidates in Kannauj, this is a major advantage. The Lok Sabha elections in Kannauj that goes to polls on May 13, turned high profile after SP President Akhilesh Yadav threw his hat into the ring here. Former Uttar Pradesh (UP)

CM, Akhilesh Yadav is contesting against Subrat Pathak, the sitting BJP MP, who defeated Dimple Yadav in 2019. Pathak says that ex-CM Akhilesh's entry has not made any difference to his prospects. He says the election has only become like "a World Cup cricket match between India and Pakistan" where the result is already known to all. He is confident that the work done by the double engine governments will ensure a smooth victory for the BJP. SP chief Akhilesh's presence in the fray, meanwhile, has enthused the party cadres. The SP office in

Sadar area is buzzing with activity as motorcycles whizz in and out. Dimple Yadav and daughter Aditi Yadav are now campaigning for Akhilesh in Kannauj. Prabal Pratap Singh, party in-charge for Kannauj Assembly constituency, says, "The excitement of voters and workers here speaks for itself. This time we are winning with a huge margin." Publicity vans are being sent out to all corners of the constituency and young men can be seen



carrying bundles of campaign material for distribution among voters. Others are busy cross-checking the details of voters at every booth. The constituency has over 19 lakh voters, with Muslims accounting for around 3 lakh and Brahmins and Yadavs being slightly more than 2.5 lakh each. Dalits, who constitute the biggest chunk with a population of over 4 lakh, may play a decisive role. Rajputs, Vaishyas, Lodhs, and Kurmis are also present in significant numbers. "If you exclude Jatavs, the rest of the Dalits have always been with the BJP.

Manipur govt detects 5,457 illegal migrants, deportation process underway : CM Biren Singh

Imphal, May 11 (IANS) : Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on Saturday said a total of 5,457 illegal immigrants have been detected and data of 5,173 of them have been collected. Taking to X, the Chief Minis-

ter said that the government has detected a total of 5,457 illegal immigrants in Manipur's Kamjong district as on May 7 and out of 5,457, the biometric data of 5,173 such illegal immigrants have been collected so far.





Not religion, but Cong & BJP are in danger: RGP

Panaji, May 11 (IANS) : In an apparent jibe at BJP and Congress, the Revolutionary Goans Party (RGP) on Saturday alleged that both parties fought the election creating fear among people saying 'religion is in danger'. "Earlier, elections were not fought on religious lines. Political parties seek votes by saying 'Religion Khatre me hai' (religion is in danger). Both Congress and BJP have done this to influence voters," RGP Supremo Manoj Parab said while addressing a press conference along with MLA Viresh Borkar. He said that it is a bad trend to seek votes on religious lines. "They (Congress and BJP) used religion to seek votes. No religion is in danger. Basically, it is the existence of these political parties which is in danger. Hence, they are using religion. If this continues, then riots will also take place in Goa," he cautioned. He said that religion will be protected by gods. "We need to keep faith in them and not in politicians (who seek votes on the religion lines)," he said.

Rajasthan Govt to reach out to UK Govt to find names of 24 martyrs of 1857 Revolt

Jaipur, May 11 (IANS) : The Rajasthan Government is all set to highlight the contribution of the desert state in the 1857 Revolt and plans to reach out to the UK Government to find the names of 24 freedom fighters who were killed in Pali District's Auwa Village and who remain unsung till date, said officials. The state government also plans to declare the places associated with the martyrs who rebelled against the British, as heritage villages and install their statues there. This work has been assigned to Rajasthan Heritage Conservation and Promotion Authority. Omkar Lakhawat, Chairman of the Authority said that in the Auwa case, the British had imposed death penalty on 24 revolutionaries and conducted a court martial of rebel soldiers, but the names of the 24 freedom fighters were never made public. "Now we will raise this demand from the UK Government to make these names public," he added. The state government is searching for the records of the 24 freedom fighters who were blown up by cannons in Auwa Village during the revolution. All related documents are being scrutinised in the Archaeological Survey of India archives as well as in England, going beyond borders. As the UK Government did not reveal the names of these martyrs hence no information is available about their descendants, said officials. In 1857, when the revolution was spreading across the country, Auwa in Pali District,

triggered panic among the British due to its war acumen. The tale of Thakur Khushal Singh as the commander of the revolutionaries still echoes in every corner of Auwa Village. In 1857, a military rebellion started in Erinpura in Rajasthan and the rebel soldiers marched towards Delhi via Auwa to participate in the freedom struggle. Thakur Kushal Singh gave shelter to the rebel soldiers and angered by this, the British army along with the Jodhpur army attacked Auwa. Thakur Kushal Singh beheaded Jodhpur Political Agent Captain Monck Mason and hung his head on the ramparts of Auwa Fort. This enraged the British army and they



destroyed the entire village with guns and cannons. They even uprooted the statue of Sugali Mata and took it with them. The state government will now rebuild the idol of Mata Sugali and install it, said officials. The British also arrested many revolutionaries and rebel soldiers. On January 24, 1858, a case of mutiny was registered against 120 soldiers but the 24 revolutionaries were kept in custody for one day. The very next day, on January 25, 1858 the 24 freedom fighters were killed. The history of the Auwa rebellion is quite inspiring as the army of Thakur Kushal Singh defeated the army of Maharaja Takht Singh of Jodhpur who fought along with the British and now the Rajasthan Government wants to honour these brave men by acknowledging their contribution and sacrifice.



Biennial elections for 4 Maha Legislative Council seats on June 10

Mumbai, May 11 (IANS) : Biennial elections for four seats of the Maharashtra Legislative Council, falling vacant soon, will be held on June 10, the Election Commission of India (ECI) announced on Saturday. The four seats comprise two seats each of the Teachers Constituency and the Graduates Constituency, with the terms of the present members expiring on July 7. The MLCs whose tenure ends are: Kishore B. Darade (Nashik Division Teachers Constituency), Kapil H. Patil (Mumbai Division Teachers Constituency) and Niranjana V. Davkhare (Konkan Division Graduates Constituency) and Vilas V. Potnis (Mumbai Division Graduates Constituency). As per the poll panel, the election process will start with the issue of notifications on May 15, the last date for filing nominations is May 22, and for withdrawing candidature is May 27.

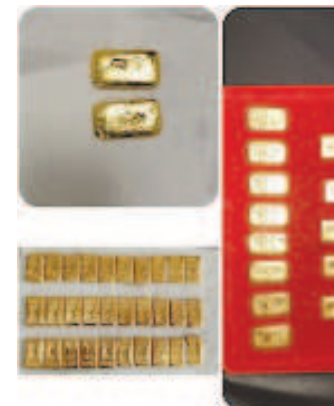
Gold worth Rs 4.3 cr seized at India-Bangladesh border in last 24 hrs

Kolkata, May 11 (IANS) : The South Bengal Frontier of the Border Security Force (BSF) has seized nearly 5.9 kg of gold worth more than Rs 4 crore that was being smuggled into India along its border with neighbouring Bangladesh in the North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal between. This massive seizure is significant as Parliamentary elections are underway and four Lok Sabha constituencies in the

state went to the polls on Saturday. The first seizure took place around 3:45 p.m. on Saturday when personnel of the 145 Battalion BSF, deployed at ICP Petrapole, acted on specific information provided by the Intelligence Cell and searched an Indian truck returning after delivering goods to Bangladesh. A search of the cabin of the truck (WB25E-8484) led to the seizure of 30 gold biscuits in which truck driver Ujjwal Mandal was apprehended.

During questioning, Mandal claimed that he had received the gold from one Monu Sk at Benapole and handed it over to an unknown person at the Bongaon hospital, in return for which Mandal was due to receive Rs 10,500. On Sunday morning, the BSF personnel at ICP Petrapole received another alert and started frisking people crossing over from Bangladesh. Women constables detected some metal substance hidden in the

body of a woman following which a thorough search revealed two gold biscuits. The woman, identified as Dilruba Akhtar of Shariatpur in Dhaka claimed that she was travelling to Kolkata for treatment. After coming to know about her travel plans, some individual from her neighbourhood offered the woman Rs 10,000 to transport the two gold biscuits to Kolkata. Meanwhile, personnel of the 5 Battalion BSF, posted at Haridaspur BOP, carried out a special operation based on intelligence inputs and nabbed two bus passengers on their way to Kolkata, who were carrying 18 gold biscuits.



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Mayawati is 'universal leader', says Akash Anand

Lucknow, May 11 (IANS) : Two days after being stripped of his responsibilities in the party, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader Akash Anand has said that Mayawati is 'our universal leader'.

In a post on social media platform X on Saturday, Akash Anand wrote, "Yes, you are a role model for the entire Bahujan community, crores of countrymen worship you. It is because of your struggles that today our society has got such political strength due to which the Bahujan community has learned to live with respect."



RML Hospital bribery case: CBI books over 15 including 2 doctors

New Delhi, May 11 (IANS) : The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday said that over 15 people including 2 doctors of RML Hospital have been booked for allegedly indulging in corrupt practices and collecting bribes from patients. The accused have been identified as Dr. Parvathgouda, Dr. Ajay Raj, both in Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital's Cardiology Department, Rajnish Kumar, Senior Technical-in-charge, Lab in RML, clerk Bhuwal Jaiswal, clerk Sanjay Kumar Gupta and nurse Shalu Sharma. The others who were booked have been identified as Naresh Nagpal, owner of Nagpal Technologies, Bharat Singh Dalal of Bharti Medical Technology, Abrar Ahmed, Director, Scienmed Pvt. Ltd and other unknown public servants and private persons. The CBI FIR stated that the agency had received information from a credible source alleging that multiple doctors and staff members at RML Hospital are

engaged in corrupt practices, including soliciting and accepting bribes from patients directly or indirectly through representatives of medical equipment supply companies. "According to the source, Dr. Parvathgouda and Dr. Ajay Raj are reportedly soliciting and accepting bribes as part of a conspiracy involving Naresh Nagpal, Abrar Ahmed, Akarshan Gulati (Territory Sales Manager at Biotronics Pvt. Ltd), Bharat Singh Dalal, and others. Rajnish Kumar is also implicated in taking bribes to permit the use of medical devices implanted by Dr. Parvathgouda and Dr. Ajay Raj," as per the FIR registered by the probe agency on Tuesday. It further said that the source also alleged that Naresh Nagpal supplies equipment for various medical procedures and that Dr. Parvathgouda regularly demands and accepts bribes from Nagpal for the use of such instruments/devices.



Corrupt won't be spared, says Union Minister Shekhawat as CBI files FIR in Jal Jeevan Mission 'scam'

Jaipur, May 11 (IANS) : Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Saturday targeted the previous Ashok Gehlot-led Rajasthan government after the CBI registered a case in the Rs 900 crore Jal Jeevan Mission scam in the state. The Union Minister said that the sins of the previous government in the state would now be exposed. "Those who keep the people of the state thirsty will get severe punishment. No matter how big a corrupt person is, he will not be spared under any circumstances," he said. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said that the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme was started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government in 2019 and the Central government gave the maximum amount of Rs 27,000 crore to Rajasthan under this scheme but the Gehlot government deliberately kept the scheme in limbo.

'When will Shiv Sena-UBT merge with Congress', asks BJP & Shinde camp

Mumbai, May 11 (IANS) : The BJP and the Shiv Sena led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Saturday targeted the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) in the wake of NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar's remark that regional parties will move closer to the Congress, and some may also merge with it. The ruling alliance members asked when will the Shiv Sena (UBT) merge with the Congress. The development came after former Maharashtra Chief Minister Pawar told a prominent dailly: "In the next couple of years, several regional parties will associate more closely with the Congress. Or they may look at the option of merging with the Congress if they believe that is the best

for their party." When asked about the stand of the NCP (SP), its chief said, "I don't see any difference between the Congress and us... Ideologically, we belong to the Gandhi, Nehru line of thinking." Taking a cue from the senior politician's remarks, BJP legislator Prasad Lad said, "Will the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena merge with the Congress now?" "The Shiv Sena (UBT) has associated with the Congress which opposes V.D. Savarkar. Its chief Uddhav Thackeray no longer begins his speech with 'All my Hindu brothers and sisters'. It has resorted to appeasement politics following Congress' advice," said Lad, adding that in such a situation.



Director of medical college in Kerala, ex-Bishop named in ED charge sheet

Kochi, May 11 (IANS) : The Director of a medical college in Kerala, a former Bishop of the South Kerala CSI Dioceses and others have been named in a charge sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate at a PMLA Court, here on Saturday.



UK's Cameron to call for NATO to set 2.5 pc defence spending target

London, May 11 (IANS/DPA) : North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) countries should agree to spend 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) on defence, at an upcoming summit in Washington, UK Foreign Secretary David Cameron will urge on Saturday. In his first major speech as foreign secretary, Cameron will call on Britain and its allies to "out-compete, out-cooperate and out-innovate" their adversaries in an ongoing "battle of wills." Cameron will say July's summit "must see all allies on track" to meet the commitment set out in 2014 to spend 2 per cent of GDP on defence,

and then "move quickly to establish 2.5 per cent as the new benchmark for all NATO allies." According to NATO, two-thirds of the alliance's 32 members expected to meet or exceed the 2 per cent target in 2024, up from 11 in 2023. Last year only five NATO states, Poland, the US, Greece, Estonia and Lithuania, spent more than 2.5 per cent of their GDP on defence, something the UK has pledged to do by the end of the decade. In his speech, Cameron is also expected to criticise some of Britain's allies for not doing enough on defence, saying NATO needs to "adopt a harder edge for a tougher world." He will say: "If [Russian President Vladimir] Putin's illegal invasion



teaches us anything, it must be that doing too little, too late, only spurs an aggressor on. "I see too many examples in this job of this lesson not having been learnt. "Take the Red Sea, where ship after ship has been attacked. While many countries have criticised the

Houthi attacks, it is only the US and Britain that have been willing and able to step up and strike back at them." He is also expected to cite some European countries' apparent unwillingness to invest in defence "even as war rages on our continent," and say others are "so cowed by accusations of colonialism that they will not condemn practices like female genital mutilation."



Former Fijian PM, police commissioner face jail sentences

Suva, May 11 (IANS) : Former Fijian Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has been sentenced to one-year imprisonment after being charged with one count of attempting to pervert the course of justice. Suspended Police Commissioner Sitiveni Qililo has been sentenced to two years imprisonment for the charge of abuse of office, according to local media reports on Saturday. Xinhua news agency reported. Reports said Bainimarama had directed the suspended police commissioner to stop an investigation into a police complaint on a University of the South Pacific matter in 2020. They have 30 days to appeal, said acting Chief Justice Salesi Temo. Bainimarama, who is also the leader of FijiFirst Party, will not be able to contest in the next general election, but his party leadership does not change, FijiFirst's Acting Secretary Faiyaz Koya told the media.



Seven killed in terrorist attack in Pakistan : Police

Islamabad, May 11 (IANS/DPA) : Gunmen in southwestern Pakistan executed at least seven people in their sleep, in what police on Saturday said was the second incident of ethnic terrorism in the same region within a month. The attack occurred in the volatile coastal town of Gwadar where Pakistan's political ally China is building a deep-sea port, a project opposed by the West and locals alike. The victims were from the central province of Punjab and were running a barber shop in the town, local police chief Mohsin Ali said. It was the second incident targeting people from Punjab in the militancy-infested province of Balochistan in around three weeks. Last month militants off-loaded nine bus passengers and killed them in an execution-style

shooting. The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), a nationalist militant group that opposes Chinese investments in the province, claimed the previous attack, saying the agents of spy agencies were targeted. No group has so far claimed responsibility for Sunday's attack, but police said they suspect the BLA. Much of the violence in the region is seen against the Chinese projects to connect its Muslim-dominated region of Xinjiang with the Arabian Sea through Pakistan to reach markets in the Middle East, Europe, Africa and beyond. Baloch militant and political groups accuse China of stealing their land and resources including several hundred kilometres of shores.

Australian PM unveils \$372 mn mapping plan to boost mineral, energy exploration

Sydney, May 11 (IANS): Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Saturday that the federal government would deliver an investment of 566.1 million Australian dollars (about \$372 million) to fully map the country's resources. "Next week's Budget will invest in a new era of mineral exploration," Albanese added while delivering a speech in Perth. "We will fund the first comprehensive map of what's under Australia's soil and our seabed, meaning we can pinpoint the new deposits of

critical minerals and strategic materials we need for clean energy and its technology, as well as traditional minerals like iron ore and gold and potential storage sites for hydrogen," the Prime Minister said as quoted by Xinhua news agency report. As part of a big focus on resources in next week's federal budget, the funding package will be provided over the 10-year medium term from 2024-25 to deliver data, maps, and other tools for use by the resources industry. Led by Geoscience Australia, the long-term investment stressed the federal government's plan to put the resources industry at the heart of its "Future Made in Australia" policy. Through this investment, the Resourcing Australia's Prosperity (RAP) programme will be fully funded for 35 years, setting Australia's resources industry up for decades of exploration and future economy-making discoveries.



US soldier in Russian detention didn't request approval for trip to Russia: Army spokesperson

Washington, May 11 (IANS) : A US soldier, held in Russia for alleged theft, did not request official clearance for his trip to Russia, an Army spokesperson said, noting he is currently in a pre-trial detention facility. Cynthia Smith, the spokesperson, made the remarks as Staff Sgt. Gordon Black was arrested on charges of stealing personal property in the Russian Far Eastern city of Vladivostok on Saturday, Yonhap news agency reported. Black was most recently assigned to the Eighth US Army at Camp Humphreys in South Korea, Smith confirmed.

Russia accuses US of interfering in India's internal affairs, trying to 'complicate' Lok Sabha elections

Moscow, May 11 (IANS) : Targeting the US for interfering in India's internal affairs, Russia has said that Washington is trying to "complicate" the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, including by making "regular unfounded accusations" on threats to religious freedom in the country. Reacting strongly to the recent report released by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), Russian Foreign

Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said Washington not only "groundlessly" accuses India, but also many other states. "Regular unfounded accusations by the United States against New Delhi - we see that they groundlessly accuse not only India, but also many other states - of violating religious freedoms are a reflection of the United States' misunderstanding of the national mentality.



46 pc Sri Lankan women, 10 pc school children obese

Colombo, May 11 (IANS) : Sri Lankan Health Secretary Palitha Mahipala has said that 46 per cent of women and 10 per cent of children in the country are suffering from obesity. Speaking at a lecture to educate journalists from state media institutions, Mahipala said that 89 per cent of deaths in the country are caused by non-communicable diseases such as cancer, heart disease, lung disease and diabetes, Xinhua news agency reported. Obesity is a major factor in non-communicable diseases, Mahipala said. Most of the Sri Lankans die due to heart disease and stroke, he added.



US House votes to kill motion to remove Speaker Mike Johnson

Washington, May 11 (IANS) : The US House of Representatives has overwhelmingly voted to kill a resolution to remove House Speaker Mike Johnson. The House on Saturday voted 359-43 on a motion by Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene from Georgia to oust Johnson from his post, with seven Democrats voting

"present", Xinhua news agency reported. Greene called up her resolution to remove fellow Republican and House Speaker Johnson on the House floor Wednesday evening. But House Majority Leader Steve Scalise, a Louisiana Republican, immediately motioned to table the measure. "A remarkable number of House Republicans joined with Demo-

crats to rescue the speaker, who has only been in the job for a little over six months," reported The Washington Post, adding that Johnson earned grudging respect from more traditional Republicans for ensuring the government didn't run out of funding and sending aid to US allies and Israel and Ukraine, but he only did so with Democratic support.



Singapore's F-16 jet crashes at air base

Singapore, May 11 (IANS) : An F-16 fighter jet of the Singaporean Airforce crashed within Tengah air base on Saturday, according to the Ministry of Defence.

The plane experienced an issue during take-off and the pilot responded by emergency procedures, Xinhua news agency reported. According to the statement issued by the Ministry, the pilot successfully ejected and is receiving medical attention, adding that no other personnel were hurt. Further investigation into the accident is underway.

Israel war cabinet to discuss hostage deal, temporary ceasefire

Tel Aviv, May 11 (IANS) : The Israel war cabinet will meet on Saturday to discuss the temporary ceasefire deal between Hamas and Israel and the issue of the hostages. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, Minister without portfolio, Benny Gantz and other leaders will participate in the war cabinet. Sources in the Israeli Defense Ministry told IANS that they will participate in the peace

talks which will be held in Cairo. They said that Netanyahu has told the visiting CIA Chief William Burns that the Rafah operation will not be put on hold. Israel Defense Ministry sources added that the IDF is in hot pursuit of Yahya Sinwar and would only stop after he is killed or captured. Israelis have told the CIA Chief that Sinwar is hiding in tunnels in Rafah and it won't be possible to kill or capture him without military action.



India-Taiwan trade may reach \$25 billion via investments, tech sharing

Mumbai, May 11 (IANS) : As India-Taiwan economic partnership grows significantly in recent years, the trade between the two countries may reach \$25 billion via investment and technology sharing, industry leaders have said. Peter Huang, specialist of South Asia section (Market Development Department), Taiwan External Trade Development Council, who led a high-level delegation here, said that India is a friendly and hospitable country for Taiwanese industry. "Our commercial relation is growing from strength to strength and this is our 15th busi-

ness delegation to India," Huang said. "India is still an untapped market for Taiwanese firms and there is huge trade and investment potential in India, especially in electronics, auto-components, machineries, food processing, medical devices and other sectors," he emphasised. Taiwan has considered India as a critical partner under its 'New Southbound Policy' and both countries have also signed migration agreements to allow Indian workers to be employed in Taiwanese industries. Vijay Kalantri, Chairman, MVIWDC World Trade Center Mumbai, said that India-Taiwan

economic relation is at an inflection point. "For the first time, India conferred Padma Bhushan award to CEO of Foxconn, Young Liu, which is testimony to the strengthening of our bond," he mentioned. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre (TECC) is also planning to set up a third office in India. "Both the countries should grow bilateral trade to \$25 billion, from the current level of \$8 billion through partnership in investment and technology cooperation," industry leaders noted. Of the \$8 billion bilateral trade, Taiwan exports \$6 billion and imports hardly \$2 billion from India.



Gaza truce talks in Cairo sees progress, some points remain unsettled : Media

Cairo, May 11 (IANS) : The negotiations held in Egypt for a truce between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip have seen "remarkable progress", yet some points of disagreement remained unresolved, Egyptian media has reported. "The discussions continued from 10 a.m. (0700 GMT) amid remarkable agreement, yet some controversial points remained,"

Al-Qahera News TV channel on Saturday quoted an unnamed high-ranking source as saying. Egypt has been exerting "relentless efforts" to keep the negotiation on track, stressing to all participating parties the danger of escalation and failure to adhere to the path, according to the report. Earlier in the day, Al-Qahera reported "Egypt is ready to deal with

all scenarios." On Sunday, Egypt hosted delegations from Hamas, Israel, Qatar and the US to reach a comprehensive truce in Gaza. The Israeli army launched a military operation in Rafah on Monday night, where more than one million internally displaced Palestinians have sought refuge since Israel's offensive began on October 7 last year.

Munich Airport terminal temporarily evacuated over security incident

Munich, May 11 (IANS/DPA) : Terminal 1 at Munich Airport in southern Germany was temporarily evacuated early on Saturday evening due to a security incident. At around 4:30 p.m. (1430 GMT), a person entered the security area from the public area of the airport, a spokesman for the Federal Police said. A search was launched for the person. Whenever a person enters the

security area unchecked, the terminal building has to be evacuated. The building is then searched and then reopened. In the end, the wanted person was not found. The lockdown was lifted again after around two and a half hours, the police spokesman said. According to Germany's Federal Police, the operation affected almost 2,000 people as the building is less busy in the evenings.



Ukraine extends martial law, military mobilisation

Kiev, May 11 (IANS) : The Ukrainian Parliament on Saturday extended the current martial law and general mobilisation of troops for another 90 days, said parliamentarian Yaroslav Zheleznyak. The bills to prolong martial law and mobilisation were backed by 339 and 336 lawmakers respectively, with a required minimum of 226, Zheleznyak wrote on Telegram. Both restrictive measures will be in place till August 11, Xinhua news agency reported. The Ukrainian Parliament imposed martial law.

Dead, wounded or missing -- Sri Lanka takes action against racketeers sending former soldiers to Russia-Ukraine warzone

Colombo, May 11 (IANS) : Sri Lanka's Defence Ministry has revealed that a large number of the country's ex-servicemen, who fought in the war against Tamil rebels, have now joined the mercenaries involved in the Russia-Ukraine war. Defence Secretary Kamal Gunaratne admitted that a large number of ex-soldiers, who earlier fought in the war against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for 26 years, have now been lured to join as mercenaries fighting for Russia. Gunaratne, a retired Major General, has

urged the former soldiers not to be entrapped by human smugglers who send soldiers to the war front. "A group of fake agents are involved in a human smuggling racket to entice former servicemen to fight as mercenaries. They have been lured with many false promises, including getting them enlisted to Russian and Ukrainian official armies, awarding properties from cities like St. Petersburg, citizenships to family members and lucrative monthly salaries ranging from Sri Lankan Rs one million to nearly Rs 1.9 million," the Defence Secretary said. He added that despite many

promises, the former army men have not received anything. "However, a large number of former Sri Lankan servicemen who were tricked have gone to the Russian-Ukraine warzone and a section had already died while many others got wounded," Gunaratne said. He added that there is no information about the dead and wounded. "The Defence and Foreign ministries are trying their best to find out about these men as they were enlisted as mercenaries and did not join the official armies," he said. Gunaratne urged the former Lankan soldiers not to get involved in the Russia-Ukraine

war, which could result in them going missing or killed. The Defence Secretary said that criminal investigations by military and police intelligence units have already begun against human smugglers and companies involved in recruiting and sending ex-servicemen to the warzone and several arrests have also been made. "Severe legal action will be taken against these racketeers," the Defence Secretary added. Last year, many Lankan ex-servicemen, who were fighting with the Ukrainian army, were reportedly killed during the Russian drone attacks. Lawmaker Gamini Waleboda had announced in Par-



liament that, according to the information received, most of these former soldiers and laymen sent to the Russia-Ukraine war have died. Several media reports have revealed the severe hardships being faced by the Lankans who are involved in the Russia-Ukraine war. The Sri Lankan military increased during the war against the LTTE, which ended in 2009 and, according to

the World Bank data, it peaked between 2017 and 2019 with 317,000 military personnel, twice the size of the UK's regular forces. However, with the country undergoing its worst-ever financial crisis, the government has decided to downsize the strength to 150,000-1,00,000 soldiers, 30,000 sailors and 20,000 airmen -- by 2030.

CM Vijayan's private foreign trip self-funded, cleared by Centre: CPI-M

Thiruvananthapuram, May 11 (IANS) : Kerala's ruling CPI-M on Saturday defended the private, foreign trip of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his family, saying it was self-funded. Since Saturday morning when the news surfaced that Vijayan has left on a three-nation trip, the top leaders of the Congress and BJP have been demanding to know who was funding the trip of Vijayan, his wife, daughter and her husband and state Tourism Minister P.A.Mohammed Riyas. Responding to the criticism, CPI-M state Secretary M.V. Govindan said Vijayan had gone for the trip after obtaining permission from the Centre and also the CPI-M. "The expenses of the trip are being met by the CM himself. What's the big deal... in the past, there have been numerous occasions when the CM has gone on foreign trips," he said. On why Vijayan has not handed over the charge to anyone before leaving, Govindan said: "There is no reason to hand over the charge as in the modern world, one can manage things while sitting in any corner of the world," he said.



Drugs seized, two arrested by Assam Police

Guwahati, May 11 (IANS) : The Special Task Force (STF) of Assam Police on Saturday carried out an operation and seized narcotics in the Boko area of Kamrup district, officials said. According to police, an STF team intercepted a vehicle carrying narcotic substances based on specific input and seized heroin kept in 30 packets inside the vehicle. The total weight of the seized narcotics was 420 grams. Two persons were arrested for acting as carriers of the narcotic substances. They have been identified as Kabel Uddin and Sabur Ali. Both of them are natives of the Goroimari area in the Barpeta district. A case under relevant sections was registered. Further investigation into the matter is underway.



Islam does not permit live-in relationship for a married Muslim: Allahabad HC

Lucknow, May 11 (IANS) : The Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court has said that a follower of Islam cannot be in a live-in relationship, particularly if the spouse is alive. "The Islamic tenets do not permit live-in relationships during the subsisting marriage. The position may be different if the two persons are unmarried and the parties being adults choose to lead their lives in a way of their own," said the bench on Saturday. With this observation, a bench of Justice A.R. Masoodi and Justice A.K. Srivastava refused to provide police protection to petitioners Sneha Devi and Mohd Shadab Khan, both natives of Bahraich district. The petitioners claimed they were in a live-in relationship but the woman's parents lodged an FIR against Khan for kidnapping and inducing their daughter to marry him. The petitioners sought police protection saying they are adults and as per a Supreme Court order, they were free to stay in a live-in relationship. On enquiry, the bench found that Khan was already married (to one Farida Khatoun in 2020) and even had a daughter. Considering this fact, the court declined to provide

him police protection on the grounds of the SC verdict which permits a live-in relationship. The bench instead said that Islam does not permit such a relationship, especially under the circumstances of the present case. Expressing that constitutional morality and social morality in the matter of marriage institution requires to be balanced, failing which social coherence for achieving the object of peace and tranquillity in the society would fade and disappear, the bench directed the police that the petitioner Sneha Devi be sent to her parents under security.

TN environmentalists petition Forest Dept for removal of invasive species

Chennai, May 11 (IANS) : Tamil Nadu environmental groups have petitioned the state Forest Department against the unchecked growth of invasive species that was leading to the sustenance of thousands of saplings planted in the forest land of the state. The invasive species Seemai Karuvelam (*Prosopis juliflora*) and unni Chedi (*Lantana camara*) are the main invasive species threatening the survival of the saplings planted in forest lands. Environmentalists complained that the unchecked growth of invasive species like *Prosopis juliflora* (Seemai Karuvelam) and *Lantana camara* (Unni Chedi or Nandana Chedi) are threatening the sustenance of



hundreds of saplings planted in the forest areas over the past few months. Environmentalist and social activist Karupanan Natarajan while talking to IANS said they have petitioned the Tamil Nadu Forest Department to clear the weeds and improve green cover with native varieties. The state Forest Department as part of efforts to improve the green cover in the forest areas, spread over around 26342 square kilometres hectares, planted thousands of saplings of native tree varieties like neem, Indian beech (pungam) and Arjun. Many of the saplings, however, withered due to climatic conditions. Environmental activists said that saplings should be planted during the rainy season so as to

BJP holds Congress responsible for decline in Hindu population

New Delhi, May 11 (IANS) : The BJP on Saturday held Congress responsible for the 7.82 per cent decline in the Hindu population from 1950 to 2015. Sharing a news clip about a shrink in Hindu population, BJP's IT cell head Amit Malviya posted on X, "Share of Hindus shrunk 7.8 per cent between 1950 and 2015. Muslim population grew at 43 per cent." "This is what decades of Congress rule did to us. Left to them, there would be no country for Hindus," he said. According to a study published by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), from 1950 to 2015, the Hindu population declined by 7.8 per cent while the Muslim population grew at 43 per cent. According to 1951 census, the population of Hindus in India was 84.68 per cent which declined to 78.06 per cent in 2015 while Muslim population increased to 14.09 per cent from 9.84 per cent.



J&K Apni Party holds NC, PDP responsible for promoting gun culture in J&K

Srinagar, May 11 (IANS) : Senior leader of the Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party, Ghulam Hassan Mir on Saturday accused the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) of pushing the youth towards terrorism to fulfil their political ambitions in J&K. Seeking an end to the gun culture in J&K and making a plea to take the younger generation towards a bright future, Mir said the Apni Party favours general amnesty for the detained youth so that they can return to their normal lives. Addressing a public meeting at Mendhar tehsil in Poonch district, Mir said the National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party have failed to come up with a roadmap for the development and welfare of the people of J&K.

Delhi Labour Commissioner issues notice to Air India Express management, union



New Delhi, May 11 (IANS) : Delhi Regional Labour Commissioner Ashok Perumalla has issued a notice to the Air India Express Employees Union and the airline management for the appearance for conciliation proceedings at 2 p.m. in his chamber at Delhi's Dwarka area. "In continuation to the email dated May 9....., it is to inform you that the conciliation proceedings will be held by the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) in his chamber on May 9 at 1400 Hrs at 6th floor, Shramev Jayate Bhawan, G-4, Sector 10,

Dwarka, New Delhi 110075," read the notice, in possession with IANS. It added that the management of Air India Express Ltd. is requested to attend the conciliation proceedings through a competent person who could take decisions in the matter in order to resolve the dispute amicably. Earlier, the email sent by Perumalla on May 3, in which Air India Express CEO Alope Singh and Air India CEO Campbell Wilson, stated that the concerns of the Union are genuine and the management of the airline has not sent any responsible decision-makers to any of the conciliation proceedings. "Mismanagement and blatant violations of labour laws were apparent. The HR Department tried to mislead the conciliation officer with the wrong information and an idiotic interpretation of legal provisions," read the email by Perumalla. The Air India Express Employees Union (AIXEU), representing a segment of cabin crew members, had also earlier written to the Chandrashekharan.



I-T raids textile, ceramic business groups in Surat, Morbi

Surat, May 11 (IANS) : The Income Tax Department on Saturday launched a series of raids against business groups in Gujarat's Surat and Morbi. Sources said that over 100 officials were investigating 12 locations of the Aishwarya Group in the Surat textile industry and a business group involved in the ceramic sector in Morbi. The coordinated raids and surveys targeted the textile giant and were extended to affiliated enterprises, including a notable coal businessman linked to the Group, said officials. They are under scrutiny due to suspected financial irregularities, the sources said.

Bengal Governor invites common people to view CCTV footage of Raj Bhavan, leaves out CM, police

Kolkata, May 11 (IANS) : Days after a temporary staff at the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata filed a police complaint accusing Governor C.V. Ananda Bose of 'outraging her modesty', the Governor's office on Saturday announced a programme titled 'Sach Ke Samne' where the common people will be shown the CCTV footage from inside the Raj Bhavan. The Governor's office issued a statement, which has also been posted on its official X handle, saying the CCTV footage can be viewed by any citizen of West Bengal barring Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, and any representative of the state police. "Hon'ble Governor C.V. Ananda Bose has launched a programme titled 'SACH KE SAMNE' in the backdrop of the mischievous and fabricated allegations by the



police that Raj Bhavan is not proving the CCTV footage of an incident which is under illegal and unconstitutional investigation of the police. "The Hon'ble Governor has decided that the CCTV footage can be seen by any citizen of West Bengal -- except politician Mamata Banerjee and her police for the stand they had taken, which is in the public domain," the statement read.

Israel reopens key Gaza crossing after rocket attacks

Tel Aviv/Gaza, May 11 (IANS/DPA) : The Kerem Shalom border crossing for the delivery of aid to the Gaza Strip reopened on Saturday after being closed for several days, according to the Israeli military. It had been closed to humanitarian shipments on Saturday following a rocket attack by the Palestinian Islamist organisation Hamas. Despite another rocket attack from the Gaza Strip on Sunday, lorries from Egypt with humanitarian aid, including food, water, equipment for shelters, medicines, and medical supplies

donated by the international community, have now arrived at the crossing, the Israeli army said. After a thorough security inspection, the equipment will be transported to Gaza. However, the number of lorries involved was not specified. Aid supplies are also entering Gaza via the Erez checkpoint in the north. Israel's Western partners, including Germany, had urged the government in Jerusalem to reopen the crossing given the catastrophic humanitarian situation for civilians in the Gaza Strip.



CIA Director to reach Israel today, hold talks with Netanyahu

Tel Aviv, May 11 (IANS) : US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Burns will reach Israel on Saturday for talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant. William Burns, according to the Israel Prime Minister's Office, will also have one-to-one meetings with Mossad Director David Barnea and Shin Bet Chief Ronen Bar.



Death toll rises to 90 in Brazil floods

Sao Paulo, May 11 (IANS) : Five more people were killed by storms ravaging south Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul state in the last 24 hours, bringing the death toll to 90, the state's civil defence agency has said. In the state bordering Uruguay and Argentina, record rainfall, flooding and mudslides have left 132 people missing and 361 injured and forced over 200,000 residents to evacuate their homes

over the past eight days, Xinhua news agency reported. According to the state's civil defence agency, over 1.4 million people in 388 of the state's 497 towns, including the capital city Porto Alegre, have been affected by the disaster. More than 85 per cent of the city's population has lost access to potable water, leading authorities to ration the supply. Classes have been suspended

statewide, as 790 schools were affected by flooding, 388 sustained damage and another 52 are serving to shelter those evacuated. Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has visited the disaster sites and pledged federal aid. A series of climatic phenomena have caused rain-bearing clouds to gather and remain over half of the state, which was hit by nine extratropical cyclones in 2023.

Von der Leyen warns of risk to democracy from attacks on politicians in Germany

Berlin, May 11 (IANS/DPA) : European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen called on Saturday for decisive action to address attacks on politicians in Germany. Von der Leyen's remarks, in a speech to her centre-right Christian Democrats (CDU) in Berlin, come after a series of attacks on politicians, most recently on a Green Party candidate in Dresden as well as the local leader in Berlin of the Social Democrats (SPD) on

Sunday. "When we talk about threats to our democracy, it's not just about positions and content. It's also about people," the German politician said. "If these people are no longer safe, then our democracy is no longer safe either." She said that perpetrators must "feel the full force of the law". "We must protect all those who stand up for our democratic society and our country from attacks - regardless of which party they belong to, whether privately, dur-

ing election campaigns, or in the exercise of their duties, day or night." Von der Leyen stressed that this applies to politicians at every level, from local town councils to the German Parliament as well as the European Parliament. On Friday of last week, SPD leader Matthias Eicke, a member of the European Parliament, was beaten and seriously injured by four young men while putting up campaign posters in the eastern German city of Dresden.



Ukraine reports overnight Russian air attacks on energy system

Kiev, May 11 (IANS/DPA) : Russia has once again attacked Ukraine's energy system from the air, Ukrainian officials said on Saturday. Ukrainian Energy Minister German Galushchenko took to his Facebook account and said that power generation and distribution facilities in six regions were attacked overnight on Sunday. He named the regions of Poltava, Kirovohrad, Zaporizhzhya, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Vinnytsia. He further said that the technicians are working to repair the damage, and the exact extent is still being determined.

"The enemy wants to take away our ability to generate and transmit electricity in sufficient quantities," the Minister wrote. He called on the people to save electricity as a "contribution to victory". According to the Ukrainian Air Force, night-time air alerts sounded in large parts of Ukraine as Russian combat drones and missiles flew over the country, and one of them was aimed at Kiev.



3 police officers killed, 5 injured in blast in Afghanistan

Faizabad (Afghanistan), May 11 (IANS) : Three police personnel were killed, and five others sustained injury as a blast rocked Faizabad city, the provincial capital of north Afghanistan's Badakhshan province, on Saturday, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Interior Affairs Abdul Matin Qani said.

"Unfortunately, a sticky bomb placed in a motorbike targeted a convoy of counter-narcotics police in Faizabad city at 11 a.m. local time today and based on preliminary information, three police personnel were martyred and five others injured."



Over 1/3rd of Australians facing financial difficulties: Survey

Canberra, May 11 (IANS) : More than one-third of Australians are finding it difficult to get by on their current incomes, a survey has found. On Saturday, researchers from the Australian National University (ANU) published the results of the latest edition of ANUPoll, which has been tracking the views of Australians since 2008, Xinhua news agency reported. It found that as of January, 34.2 per cent of more than 4,000 respondents were finding it difficult or very difficult to get by on their current income. Nicholas Biddle, lead author of the report and head of the School of Politics and International Relations at ANU, said in a media statement that it was the highest rate of financial stress measured by the survey since February 2020. Among participants in January's ANUPoll, 62 per cent said they are spending less on groceries and essential items in response to financial pressure, and more than 50 per cent said they have postponed major purchases.

S.Korean President's jailed mother-in-law determined fit for parole

Seoul, May 11 (IANS) : South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's mother-in-law, who has been serving a one-year prison term for forgery, is fit for parole, a Justice Ministry panel determined on Saturday, two months ahead of the sched-

uled expiration of her term. The Ministry's nine-member parole review board delivered the decision during its meeting marking Buddha's birthday next week in favour of Choi Eun-soon, the 77-year-old mother of first lady Kim Keon Hee, Yonhap news agency reported.

The final decision on whether to grant parole to Choi rests with Justice Minister Park Sung-jae. If Park approves, Choi is expected to be discharged from prison on May 14, about two months ahead of the expiration of her term.



Woman taken to hospital after stabbing at Sydney gym

Sydney, May 11 (IANS) : A woman has been rushed to hospital after being stabbed at a gym in Sydney's inner south on Saturday. According to the New South Wales Police Force, emergency services were called to a fitness facility on O'riordan Street in Alexandria at about 12:30 p.m. local time, following reports of an alleged stabbing, Xinhua news agency reported. Upon arrival, officers were told that a man, who is believed to be in his 40s, had stabbed a 39-year-old female.

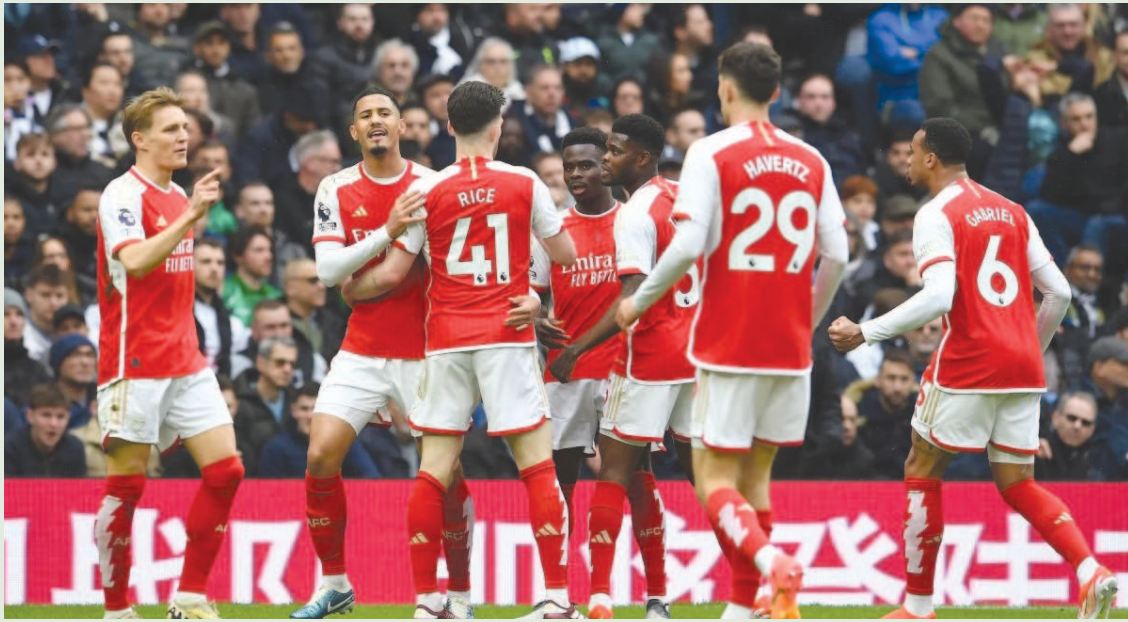
Premier League : Title race nears conclusion as Arsenal face tough Old Trafford test

Manchester, May 11 (IANS) : Mikel Arteta's Arsenal will be making the trip to Old Trafford on Sunday to face Manchester United in their penultimate game of the season. It is that time of the season where any points dropped would result in the Gunners conceding the league to Manchester City. The stakes have never been higher for the North London side who are hoping to lift

their first league title in 20 years. The Gunners rose back to the top of the premier league in the 2022/23 season and saw their title run falter against one of the best sides in English football history, Manchester City who are hoping to become the first team in history to win four consecutive Premier League titles.

Arsenal have only won one of their last 16 trips to Old Trafford, a poor record which also includes ten defeats. Manchester United

have been struggling through the entirety of the season and will be giving their all against Mikel Arteta's side as they still hope to qualify for the Europa Conference League. The importance of this match cannot be emphasized enough as Manchester City will have already played their game against Fulham and are likely to have reached the top of the table by the time the match commences.



West Indies to host SA, England and Bangladesh in 2024

St John's (Antigua), May 11 (IANS) : West Indies will host South Africa, England and Bangladesh between May to December, 2024 for a multi-format series. The home tours begin with a visit from South Africa, for three T20 Internationals (T20Is) at Sabina Park from May 23, prior to the start of ICC Men's T20 World Cup. The Proteas then return to the re-

gion, after the West Indies Test Tour to England in July, with a two (2) Test Match Series to be played in Trinidad and Guyana, followed by a second three (3) match T20I Series at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad, ahead of the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL). After a white-ball tour in Sri Lanka in October, West Indies will host England from October 31 for

three ODIs and five T20Is which will be played across Antigua, Barbados and St Lucia. Bangladesh will then visit the Caribbean shores between November 22 and December 19 for an all-format tour which starts with two Test Matches to be played in Antigua and Jamaica, three ODIs in St. Kitts & Nevis, and three T20Is in St Vincent.



IPL 2024 : The batting onslaught was of the highest calibre, says CSK head coach Fleming

Ahmedabad, May 11 (IANS) : Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming was in awe with the 'high calibre' batting display from the Gujarat Titans skipper Shubman Gill and B. Sai Sudarshan, who unleashed an

outstanding assault slamming centuries each to power host to a comfortable 35-run win over at the Narendra Modi Stadium here. Gill hit nine fours and six maximums at a strike rate of 189.09 to hit 104, his fourth IPL hundred in Ahmedabad. On the other hand,

Sudarshan, opening the batting after Wriddhiman Saha was ruled out due to a niggle, slammed five fours and seven sixes at a strike rate of 201.96 to make 103, his maiden IPL century. Gill and Sudarshan had a 210-run opening partnership, which equals the record for the highest opening stand held by Quinton de Kock and K.L. Rahul, who added exactly 210 runs for the first wicket against Kolkata Knight Riders in IPL 2022.

"It was a good onslaught and the batting was of the highest calibre. Right from the first over they disrupted our plans. It wasn't till the latter stages we got some control," Fleming said at the post-match press conference.

"We didn't execute as well as we could but the other part was the sublime batting from two very good players. In the final last year, he (Sai Sudarshan) played beautifully, he got 96. I have watched him closely, he has got good connections around the Chennai area. He is a wonderful player and today he proved that."



Ramit Tandon makes winning start at World Squash Championship

Cairo (Egypt), May 11 (IANS) : India's Ramit Tandon made a winning start at the World Squash Championships in Cairo on Saturday with a 11-1, 11-3, 11-3 victory over Faraz Khan of the US in just 13 minutes.

World No 36 Tandon, the lone Indian in the fray, will face seventh seed Mohamed Elshorbagy (England) in the second round on Sunday.



Neeraj Chopra 'not happy' after finishing second in Diamond League

Doha, May 11 (IANS) : Olympic and World Champion Neeraj Chopra was 'not happy' after finishing second in the javelin throw discipline of his first Diamond League event of the year on Saturday. With his back against the wall, the Indian star came up with his best throw in his sixth and final attempt in Doha but missed the top spot by just 0.2 metres. Chopra had a best throw of 88.36 metres, ending behind Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic, who finished first with a best effort of 88.38. "Honestly, I felt I could throw beyond 88m, but that did not happen."

Kylian Mbappe confirms Paris Saint Germain exit

New Delhi, May 11 (IANS) : The 2022 FIFA World Cup top scorer Kylian Mbappe officially confirmed via social media that he will play his last game for Paris Saint Germain this Sunday (Monday as per IST) against Toulouse. "I will not extend and the adventure will come to an end in a few weeks. I will play my last game at the Parc des Princes on Sunday," said the 25 year old on Instagram. Kylian made a name for himself in 2016 while leading a solid Monaco side to their first league title in 17 years.



'Hardik wouldn't be in that World Cup campaign': Clarke on Rohit-Hardik 'beef' ahead of T20 WC

New Delhi, May 11 (IANS) : Former Australian cricketer Michael Clarke expressed his opinions regarding the Rohit Sharma and Hardik Pandya 'beef' suggesting that "Hardik wouldn't be in that World Cup campaign" had there been serious tension between the two. "You know what, knowing

Rohit Sharma, he will wrap his arms around Hardik Pandya. That shows the character that Rohit is. He is the Indian captain and trust me... he wants to win that World Cup."



Good technical training helping India in quest for Olympic archery medal, says Kim Hyung Tak

New Delhi, May 11 (IANS) : World famous archery coach Kim Hyung Tak feels consistency in training and preparation will help India secure their first-ever Olympic medal in archery at Paris 2024. The Korean, with more than 40 years of coaching

experience at various levels, conducted a coaches' seminar at the Sports Authority of India's National Centre of Excellence in Sonapat, Haryana. More than 30 coaches attended the event. "The Indian recurve team is undergoing very strong technical training."