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SUPREME COURT CLEARS HANDOVER OF TRUMP TAX RETURNS TO CONGRESS



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NOVEMBER 23, 2022

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The court, with no noted dissents, rejected Trump's plea for an order that would have prevented the Treasury Department from giving six years of tax returns for Trump and some of his businesses to the Democratic-controlled House Ways and Means Committee. Alone among recent presidents, Trump refused to release his tax returns either during his

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Actor and Makkal Needhi Maiam founder Kamal Haasan has been admitted to a private hospital in Chennai.

Photo Credit/ The Hindu

Kamal Haasan admitted to hospital with fever, cold

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CHENNAI (TIP): The actor-cum-politician has been admitted to Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre (SRMC) on November 23, 2022 (Wednesday) evening with mild fever, cough and cold, according to the hospital. "He is recovering well and will be discharged in a day to two," stated the press release issued by the hospital on Thursday, November 24, 2022.

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KYIV PLUNGED IN DARK

Ukraine battles to reconnect millions in the cold and dark in the aftermath of Russian attack



People walk at the city center which lost electrical power after yesterday's Russian rocket attack in Kyiv, Ukraine, Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022. | Photo Credit /AP

NOVEMBER 25, 2022

KYIV (TIP): Ukraine battled on November 24 to get water and power to millions of people cut off after Russia launched dozens of cruise missiles that battered the country's already crippled electricity grid. The latest attacks by Russia on Ukraine's power grid come with winter setting in and temperatures in the capital hovering just above freezing.

The energy system in Ukraine is on the brink of collapse and millions have endured emergency blackouts over recent weeks.

The World Health Organization has warned of "life-threatening" consequences and estimated that millions could leave their homes as a result. "The situation with electricity remains difficult in almost all regions," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Thursday evening.

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Elon Musk proposes to reinstate everyone Twitter banned



Photo caption: Elon Musk favors reinstating everyone Twitter banned File photo

NOVEMBER 24, 2022

SAN FRANCISCO (TIP): Twitter CEO Elon Musk has kicked off a fresh poll to find out how many of his over 118 million followers support or reject the move to reinstate all the previously banned users back on the micro-blogging platform who have not violated any law.

"Should Twitter offer a general amnesty to suspended accounts, provided that they have not broken the law or engaged in egregious spam?" he asked in a tweet.

So far, "yes" is clearly in the lead.

Several users expressed their thoughts on Musk's post.

While one user commented, "Let the people speak," another said, "YES. No more politically motivated bans!" Based also on a poll, Twitter CEO Elon Musk on November 20 had announced that

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'Conspiracy' by BJP to assassinate Arvind Kejriwal, alleges Manish Sisodia; demands probe

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NEW DELHI (TIP): Delhi Deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia alleged that the BJP was conspiring to eliminate Delhi Chief Minister and AAM Adami Party Chief Arvind Kejriwal. The kind of language used by BJP leader Manoj Tiwari against Kejriwal on Thursday, November 24, is an open threat, alleged Sisodia, and demanded a thorough probe.



Manish Sisodia has alleged 'Conspiracy' by BJP to assassinate Arvind Kejriwal; demands probe

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GUEST COMMENT

Poll officers' appointments

Transparent selection a must for constitutional posts

The Supreme Court has expressed concern over the absence of a law governing the appointments of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners. It has also red-flagged the 'disturbing trend' of the CEC being handicapped by a truncated tenure over the past two decades or so. During the UPA's 10-year rule, there were six CECs; eight have already served after the NDA took charge in 2014. The Constitution's Article 324, which pertains to the Election Commission (EC) and its top brass, does not mention any criterion for the appointment of these officers; nor does it spell out the conditions of their service. It's the Election Commission (Conditions of Service of Election Commissioners and Transaction of Business) Act, enacted in

1991, which clearly states that the CEC or an Election Commissioner shall hold office for a term of six years (or till he/she attains the age of 65 years). However, successive governments at the Centre have had no qualms about picking a new incumbent every year or two. After TN Seshan - who was the CEC from 1990 to 1996 - no officer has served a full term.

The apex court has also stressed the need for a 'fair and transparent mechanism' so that the 'best man' is appointed as the CEC. It has stated that the CEC should be capable of taking action even against the Prime Minister. However, with opacity dominating the appointments, it's no wonder that the Centre has opposed petitions seeking a collegium-like system for the selection of

CECs and Election Commissioners.

It requires political will to take a cue from the American system, where public hearings are held over the nomination of judges of the Supreme Court and other officers. The US President's power to make major appointments is conditionally bound by the 'advice and consent' of the Senate. An important exercise such as appointing the CEC and his subordinates should not be left to the whims and fancies of the executive. The arbitrary selection process, which is eroding the sanctity of these constitutional posts, must be discontinued as it poses a grave threat to India's democratic setup.

(Tribune, India)

New chief for Pak army

Bajwa marks exit with embarrassing comments

Qamar Javed Bajwa, in his last address as Pakistan's army chief, had an embarrassing task to perform. He was forced to defend the country's most powerful institution, which has historically played an outsized role in domestic politics and foreign policy. Facing a wave of criticism, particularly from former Prime Minister Imran Khan who has accused the army of a role in his removal in April, the outgoing General admitted that the army had unlawfully meddled in politics for decades and will no longer do so. The catharsis has started, claimed the 62-year-old who has been at the helm since 2016. The duplicity came through moments later as he warned the political parties that there were limits to the army's patience. The

more things change, the more they stay the same in Pakistan.

The appointment of Bajwa's successor is being seen as a major subplot in the political crisis engulfing the country. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif named former spy head Asim Munir as the army chief, and Sahir Shamshad Mirza as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee. Munir's appointment as army chief was approved by President Arif Alvi, who belongs to Khan's party. The seniormost officer after Bajwa, his elevation signals a setback for the former premier as it could be a possible obstacle to Khan's attempts to force early elections. Munir headed the Inter-Services Intelligence when India-Pakistan tensions escalated following the Pulwama attack in February 2019.

His eight-month stint as the top intelligence officer was the shortest-ever as he was replaced on the insistence of Khan.

Bajwa, in his farewell tours, is also seeking to rewrite the history of the 1971 war; the latest in a slew of stupefying attempts by the Pakistan army to cover up its genocide and defeat in Bangladesh. He has termed the surrender a political and not a military failure. An estimated 93,000 Pakistani soldiers were taken prisoners of war. Bajwa says only 34,000 were fighting soldiers. Coming from the army chief, it's embarrassing. What can be worse than a country disowning its soldiers?

(Tribune, India)

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Indian-origin Sikh writer and filmmaker Amardeep Singh honored with Hofstra University's Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize



Amardeep Singh with the Guru Nanak Interfaith Award. From L to R: Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, Businessman and Philanthropist Tejinder Singh Bindra, Honoree, Amardeep Singh, President of Hofstra University Dr Susan Poser, Dean Daniel Seabold



Speaking on behalf of the Bindra family, businessman, philanthropist, and former member of Hofstra's Board of Trustees Tejinder Singh Bindra said: "Guru Nanak spoke about love for humanity as well as respect for every religion. With that in mind, my parents established the Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize as a way to recognize as well as support the efforts of individuals/organizations that work to advance dialogue between religions to help minimize religious conflict, which all the recipients have strived to achieve. Seen in the picture, from L to R: Honoree Amardeep Singh, NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, Businessman and Philanthropist Sardar Tejinder Singh Bindra, Dean Hofstra Daniel Seabold and President Hofstra Univ Dr. Susan Poser

NOVEMBER 24, 2022

NEW YORK (TIP): An author, researcher and filmmaker who has focused his work on the history and legacy of Sikhism was awarded Hofstra University's 2022 Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize at a banquet Nov. 14 at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

Amardeep Singh, co-managing director and co-founder of Lost Heritage Productions in Singapore, recently completed a 24-episode documentary series retracing the 16th century travels of Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion. The series, "Allegory: A Tapestry of Guru Nanak's Travels" was filmed at more than 150 multi-faith sites in nine countries.

Singh has written several books, including "Lost Heritage: The Sikh Legacy In Pakistan" and "The Quest Continues: Lost Heritage - The Sikh Legacy" and produced two documentaries based on his experiences traveling in Pakistan, "Peering Warrior" and "Peering Soul".

The \$50,000 Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize is bestowed every two years to recognize significant work to increase interfaith understanding.

"Hofstra University is pleased to present the 2022 Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize to Amardeep Singh, for his work exploring and preserving Sikh heritage and culture," Hofstra President Susan Poser said during the award ceremony. "As an author and independent filmmaker, Mr. Singh demonstrates a deep commitment to the values that Guru Nanak embodied and to the principles of religious understanding."

Before the banquet, Singh and his wife, Vininder Kaur, who directed and wrote the Guru Nanak docuseries, discussed the project at Hofstra University.

"Having the Guru Nanak prize at Hofstra provides our College of Liberal Arts & Sciences faculty and students with an extraordinary opportunity, and one that aligns with our mission as an

educational institution," President Poser said.

A committee of faculty and administrators unanimously chose Singh from among 18 nominees, said Daniel Seabold, acting dean of Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"The committee was greatly impressed by Amardeep Singh's examination of Guru Nanak's interest in seeking

universal fellowship among people of diverse faiths," Seabold said. Members "considered several worthy organizations whose work is larger in scale but decided that an award to Mr. Singh would be more impactful."

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, Tenzin Gyatso was the first winner of the Guru Nanak Prize in 2008.

Since then, eight individuals and organizations have been recognized with the prize, including 2020 co-honorees author and scholar Dr. Karen Armstrong and her global Charter for Compassion movement, and the Interfaith Center of New York.

"To receive the Guru Nanak Prize from Hofstra University is a humbling recognition of our belief that the essence of existence is love for togetherness," Singh said. "His message of unity in diversity was, is and will remain a ray of hope for a united world."

The Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize was established in 2006 by Sardar Ishar Singh Bindra and family and named for the founder of the Sikh religion. It is meant to encourage understanding of various religions, and foster collaboration between faith communities. Guru Nanak believed that all humans are equal, regardless of color, ethnicity, nationality, or gender identity.

The Bindra family in 2000 endowed the Sardarni Kuljit Kaur Bindra Chair in Sikh Studies to honor its matriarch.

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L to R: VP Hofstra Univ Alan Kelly, Raj Bindra, NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, President Hofstra Univ Dr. Susan Poser, Mrs. Harinder Bindra, Businessman and Philanthropist Tejinder Singh Bindra,



Professor of Music Dr. Francesca Cassio with her students gave a soulful rendition of Gurbani

FIRST TURBANED SIKH APPOINTED DEPUTY MAYOR OF BRAMPTON CITY IN CANADA



Harkirat Singh has become the first turbaned Sikh to be appointed as Deputy Mayor of Canada's Brampton city

NOVEMBER 21, 2022

BRAMPTON (TIP): Harkirat Singh has become the first turbaned Sikh to be appointed as Deputy Mayor of Canada's Brampton city for a four-year term period from 2022-2026.

He has served as Brampton's City Councilor for Wards 9 and 10 from 2018-2022.

As a Deputy Mayor, Singh will preside over Council and other Committee meetings and assume ceremonial and civic event duties on behalf of the mayor if the mayor is absent or unavailable.

"I am proud to have Councilor Harkirat Singh serve as this Term of Council's Deputy Mayor. He is a dedicated, hardworking Councilor with proven results in delivering what is best for Brampton," said Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown.

"Entering his second term as Councilor, and holding a School Trustee role before that, he is a known and trusted elected official to many who I am confident will represent and serve the City of Brampton well in this role," Brown said in a release by Brampton City Council.

Prior to his role as City Councilor, Singh served a four-year term as School Trustee at the Peel District School Board.

As a Trustee, he sat on the Audit Committee, Instructional Program/Curriculum Committee and Physical Building and Planning Committee.

"It is an honor to be appointed by my Council colleagues as this Term of Council's Deputy Mayor. With the opportunity that lies ahead of us in Brampton, I am excited and proud to support Mayor Brown and Councilors in prioritizing the community while we move our City forward," Singh said.

The position of Deputy Mayor was established by the City of Brampton in April 2022 and was divided into East and West parts.

Singh was also the regional representative at the Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA).

Alongside his role as a Trustee, he spent two-and-a-half years as a Professor at Lambton College and two years as a Professor at Humber College teaching Marketing & Entrepreneurship.

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

India's Bibek Debroy conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award in Australia

NOVEMBER 23, 2022

MELBOURNE (TIP): India's leading economist & Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) Bibek Debroy has been conferred a Lifetime Achievement Award by The Australia India Chamber of Commerce (AICC).

The business network that seeks to facilitate, nurture and transform Australia-India business, bestowed this highly coveted honor upon Debroy in appreciation of his outstanding contribution and service towards growing economic prosperity in India.

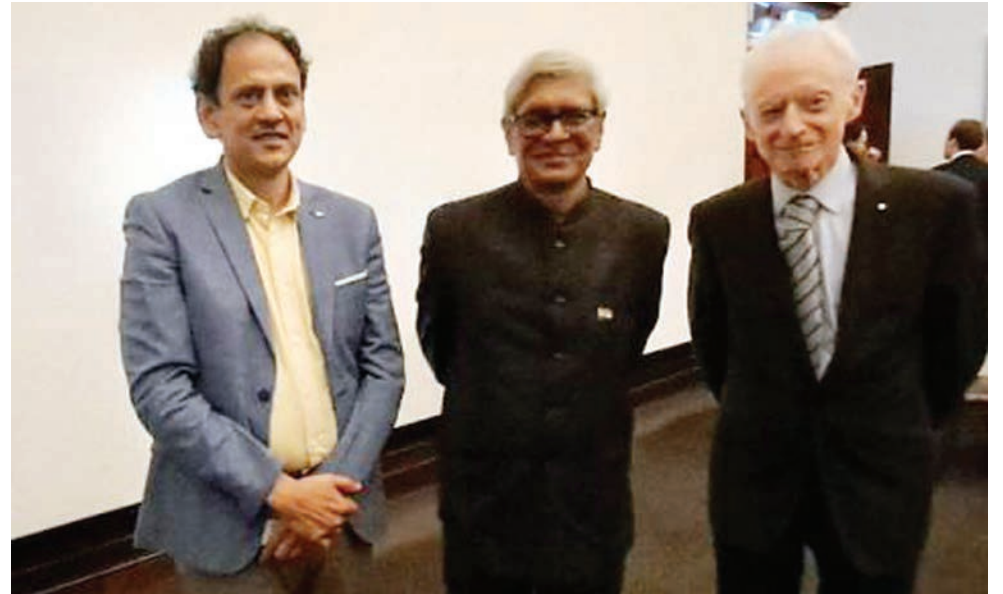
The award was handed over by Chris J. Mooney, Chairman of the Australia India Chamber of Commerce, in the presence of Harish Rao, the Executive Director of AICC at an event in Melbourne.

Accepting the award, Debroy said, "I accept this award with all humility. There are many I have received in the course of my life, but this is one I will always treasure, as a reminder of the close ties that bind India and Australia."

Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has a Special Visit Program under which distinguished visitors from overseas are invited to visit Australia, to understand Australia and to have discussions with their counterparts in Australia.

Under this Special Visit Program, Debroy visited Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney from Nov 13 to Nov 21. Other than discussions and talks, he delivered a special lecture at the Australia India Chamber of Commerce on Nov 14, outlining the course and trajectory of India's reform. The event was held at the Australian Club (The Gallery), Melbourne.

Educated in Calcutta, Delhi and Cambridge, Debroy has worked in the realm of academia, the government and



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research institutions. Debroy was a Member of Niti Aayog, the successor to the former Planning Commission, from its formation in January 2015 till August 2017 after which he became the Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

Debroy has worked on poverty, inequality, development, governance, law reform and international trade issues and has been the Chairman of a Committee set up by the Chief Minister of Jharkhand (2010-12) to recommend a development plan for the State and a Member of the Rajasthan Chief Minister's Economic Advisory Council (2014-15).

He was also Chairman of a High-Powered Committee for Restructuring the Railways, set up by the Indian government (2014-2015).

From September 2018 to September 2022, he was the President of the Indian

Statistical Institute. He has received several awards in the past including Honoris Causa DLitt, DPhil and DS. degrees, Lifetime Achievement Awards by US-India Business Summit (2016), Prestige Institute of Management and Research (2018) and Skoch Foundation (2022) and Padma Shri (2015).

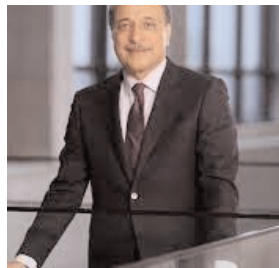
An astute scholar, Debroy has translated the unabridged version of the Mahabharata into English, in a series of 10 volumes. He has also translated the Bhagavad Gita, the Harivamsa, the Vedas and Valmiki's Ramayana (in three volumes).

He has translated the Bhagavata Purana (in three volumes), the Markandeya Purana (one volume), the Brahma Purana (two volumes) and the Vishnu Purana (one volume). He is only the second person to have translated both the Mahabharata and the Ramayana, in unabridged form, into English.

Indian-origin H Deep Saini appointed Vice-Chancellor of Canada's prestigious McGill University

NOVEMBER 19, 2022

TORONTO (TIP): Noted Indian-origin plant physiologist Professor H Deep Saini has been appointed as the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Canada's prestigious McGill University.



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McGill is the home to more than 10,000 foreign students, including from India, who make up more than 27% of the student population.

Internationally, McGill ranked 31st in the world and first in Canada in the 2023 QS World University Rankings.

In the Global University Employability Ranking 2020, published by Times Higher Education, McGill ranked 23rd in the world and second in Canada.

Currently President and Vice-Chancellor at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Saini will begin his five-year, renewable term at McGill on April 1, 2023, the McGill university said in a recent statement.

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

Indian American arrested for USD 10 million crypto Ponzi scheme

NOVEMBER 19, 2022

COLUMBUS, OH (TIP):

Federal law enforcement authorities in the US arrested an Indian American, Rathanakishore Giri, in Ohio on Friday on criminal charges related to his alleged involvement in a



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cryptocurrency investment fraud scheme that raised at least USD 10 million from investors.

According to court documents, Giri (27) from New Albany allegedly misled the investors by fraudulently promoting himself as an expert cryptocurrency trader, with a specialty in trading Bitcoin derivatives.

As alleged in the indictment, the accused falsely promised the investors that he would generate lucrative returns with no risk to their principal investment amount, which he guaranteed to return, federal prosecutors alleged.

In reality, Giri often allegedly used money provided by new investors to repay old ones—a hallmark of a Ponzi scheme, the prosecutors said.

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

Indian American Nikki Haley hints at 2024 presidential run

NOVEMBER 22, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Nikki Haley, who served as US ambassador to the United Nations under former President Donald Trump, said this spring that she would not run for president in 2024 if her former boss did so.

After the midterm elections, Haley, the first Indian American to get a Federal cabinet job, seems to have changed her mind. She has joined a growing list of Republicans who refuse to let Trump's return dampen their White House aspirations.

"A lot of people have asked if I'm going to run for president now that the midterms are over," Haley, a former South Carolina governor, said at the Republican Jewish Coalition Annual Leadership Meeting in Las Vegas on Sunday, November 20. "I'll look at it in a serious way, and I'll have more to say soon."

"If my family and I decide to continue our life of service, we will put 1,000% into it and we'll finish it. For now, I'll say this. I've won tough primaries and tough general elections. I've been the underdog every single time," she said.

"When people underestimate me, it's always fun. But I've never lost an election. And I'm not going to start now," quipped Haley.

Haley, 50, dropped a subtle hint about her presidential run while criticizing President Joe Biden's effort to resurrect the Iran nuclear deal that was broken by Trump. "The next President will shred it on her first day in office," she said with an emphasis on "her" as the audience



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cheered.

The willingness to challenge Trump marks a dramatic shift in the Republican Party.

Trump, 76, has dominated the party since he defeated Hillary Clinton in 2016 and has maintained his grip despite losing to President Biden in 2020 and losing House and Senate majorities on his watch.

Trump, who announced his third presidential bid on Nov 15, also addressed the meeting as did others who may run against him like Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Texas Senator Ted Cruz and former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

RealClear Politics aggregation of polls

about the Republican nomination for the 2024 election showed that Haley had only a 2% backing, compared to 47.3% for Trump and 29% for DeSantis.

While indirectly criticizing Trump at the RJC meeting for the party's expected red wave turning into a trickle, Haley also tried to play it down saying, "I disagree that our losses were due to one person."

In another dig at Trump many of whose endorsed candidates lost, she said, "We have to choose candidates that can win not just a primary but also a general election. We don't need more politicians who love to go on TV and talk about our problems."

Haley also repeatedly emphasized her status as a racial minority in a party associated with whiteness and said it should reach out to minorities - Hispanics, Asians, African Americans and Jews.

Speaking proudly of her rise from "a brown girl growing up in a small rural southern town," Haley said her parents came to the US "from India with \$8 in their pocket" and successfully - and proudly - navigated the American South. Her father Ajit Singh Randhawa became a professor, while her mother Raj Kaur Randhawa became a businesswoman.

After resigning from her cabinet level post at the UN with only two years on the job, Haley set about building her base in the party. She set up a political action committee, Stand for America, which endorsed 60 candidates in the Nov 8 midterm elections and spent \$10 million promoting them.

INDIAN AMERICAN CONGRESSWOMAN PRAMILA JAYAPAL WILL NOT ENTER IN THE RACE FOR HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP



Pramila Jayapal said she was not in the race for House Democratic leadership

NOVEMBER 21, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Indian American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal has told colleagues she will not enter the House Democratic leadership race and instead will run for reelection as Congressional Progressive Caucus Chair.

Jayapal, the first Indian American woman to serve in the US House of Representatives, announced her decision in a letter to her colleagues Friday after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi stepped down from House leadership, media reported

Democrats are holding their leadership elections Nov 30.

"I am writing with humility, intentionality, and excitement to ask for your support to serve a second term as Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus," Jayapal wrote.

As Democrats craft their new leadership slate, she wants to make sure that "progressives are given their seat at the table," Jayapal told CNN. She argued that progressives delivered in the 2022 midterms and with the agenda of the current Congress, and she wants to make sure "that is appreciated and front and center."

She also acknowledged the challenges House Democrats face as they become the minority party in January when the control of the chamber passes to the Republicans.

"The next two years are going to be important in a very different way than the last two years were," Jayapal said in a media interview on Thursday.

"The last two years were about governing, about pushing, about getting the most that we could get," she wrote. "The next two years are going to be about being an opposition party, which I am extremely good at because I fought on immigrant rights, and I came in 2016 when (Donald) Trump was elected."

First elected in 2016, the lawmaker representing Washington's 7th Congressional district, has helped progressives become a powerful force in Congress, leveraging their positions to negotiate directly with Pelosi, who had to navigate a narrow House majority, and President Joe Biden, the report stated. (Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

INDIAN AMERICAN ACADEMIC SUNIL KUMAR NAMED NEXT PRESIDENT OF TUFTS UNIVERSITY



Indian American academician Sunil Kumar has been appointed the next president of Massachusetts-based Tufts University

NOVEMBER 18, 2022

NEW YORK (TIP): Eminent Indian American academician Sunil Kumar has been appointed the next president of Massachusetts-based Tufts University. He is the first person of color to occupy the position.

Kumar, provost and senior vice-president for Academic Affairs at Johns Hopkins University was named the next president of Tufts University by the Board of Trustees and will succeed President Anthony Monaco as Tufts' 14th President on July 1, 2023, a statement from the university said on Thursday.

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

INDIAN AMERICAN DELOITTE GLOBAL CEO PUNIT RENJEN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



Punit Renjen, who has served as the Global CEO of Deloitte, a leading international professional services network, since 2015 said he was retiring on Dec 31, 2022

NOVEMBER 23, 2022

NEW YORK (TIP): Indian American Punit Renjen, who has served as the Global CEO of Deloitte, a leading international professional services network, since 2015 is retiring. Upon retirement on Dec 31, Renjen will become Global CEO Emeritus. He will be succeeded by Joe Ucuzoglu, who has been the CEO of Deloitte US since 2019, after member firm partner ratification process this month, according to a company press release. The Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited or Deloitte Global operates in 150 countries with more than 415,000 professionals and an annual revenue of \$59.3 billion. (Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

The University of North Carolina has allowed Sikh students to wear kirpan on campus



In a first, the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, has updated its 'Weapons on Campus' policy to allow Sikh students to wear a kirpan, a religious expression of faith, on campus - Image for representation only

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

CHARLOTTE (TIP): The University of North Carolina, Charlotte, has updated its 'Weapons on Campus' policy to allow Sikh students to wear a kirpan, a religious expression of faith, on campus. The move comes about two months after a Sikh student at the university was arrested on campus for wearing the ceremonial dagger. According to the updated policy, the university will allow students to wear kirpans on campus if the blade length is under 3 inches and is "worn close to the body in a sheath at all times". The university also said other religious accommodations, including a request to wear a larger kirpan, can be made to the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX and evaluated on a case-by-case basis. (Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

RANA honors Indian diaspora for selfless services; raises \$1.3 million at the annual gala



At Ganesh Vandana. Seen among others are Padma Bhushan DR Mehta, Prem Bhandari, Consul General Randhir Jaiswal, KK Mehta



D R Mehta giving award and flowers to Dr Subha Jain on behalf of Dr Vijay Arya Deep Chopra, BOD RANA, and her son

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NEW YORK (TIP): The Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA) held its annual gala event in Long Island, where it honored community leaders from the Indian diaspora for their selfless service and contributions to society.

The Indian diaspora in the US has risen to the occasion time and again, in the direst circumstances. Some of the community leaders have led by example

by giving selflessly for the welfare of fellow diaspora and beyond in need. The Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA), one such organization that has been a reliable source of help, organized an annual gala in Long Island to honor the community members from the Indian diaspora for their service and contributions to society.

At the grand event, RANA also raised a generous \$1.3 million from various community leaders in contribution to

various charitable causes such as Jaipur Foot. Founder of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), which is the parent organization of Jaipur Foot USA, Padma Bhushan D.R. Mehta attended the event as the special guest alongside Consul General of India in New York Randhir Jaiswal, IFS, who was the chief guest, Deputy Consul General Varun Jeph as well as prominent members of the Indian-American community, particularly those hailing from Rajasthan. Dr. Samin Sharma, a noted interventional cardiologist at Mt Sinai, was the guest of honor at the event.

At the event, D.R. Mehta spoke at length and gave a power point presentation about the charitable work of Jaipur Foot, which is a prosthetic limb provider to the differently-abled for free of cost. With BMVSS at the helm, Jaipur Foot camps have benefitted millions in India and abroad through various camps.

As a way to show their support and appreciation, many diaspora members made generous contributions to Jaipur Foot USA and other charitable purposes. K K Mehta and Chandra Mehta announced a contribution of \$1 million from their family trust and \$100,000 in scholarships. KK Mehta was also the first NRI to donate Rs 1 crore on the first day PM Narendra Modi announced the PM CARES Fund, which was at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic in India.

RANA president and Jaipur Foot USA Chairman Prem Bhandari, who is also the family trust advisory board chairman, said BMVSS chief patron D.R. Mehta will be advising the trust with respect to utilizing the contribution in the best way possible. Bhandari also praised KK Mehta and Chandra Mehta for offering the Times Square Hotel to Air India pilots and crew members during the second phase of the Vande Bharat mission amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He also hailed the generosity with which 100 rooms were given to distressed Indian students for free at the



Prem Bhandari giving flowers to LP Pant, national head, Dainik Bhaskar



Consul General of India, New York, Randhir Jaiswal, giving a plaque to Dr Raj Bansal, Mrs Raj Bansal. RANA joint treasurer Dr Sharad Kothari is giving flowers to Mrs Raj Bansal.



Dr Sadhna Joshi from Canada being awarded by Dr Varun Jeph, Deputy Counsel General of India, New York

request of the Indian consulate in NY during the peak of COVID.

Demonstrating yet another peak of generosity, Dr. Raj Bansal pledged to sponsor one Jaipur Foot camp in the memory of his late father. Besides this, Dr. Shubha Jain, a noted philanthropist from California, announced a contribution of \$100,000 to RANA for charity purposes, and Anil Jain and Jugal Kishore Ladda also announced contributions of \$50,000 each for Jaipur Foot.

RANA posthumously honored Dharamchand Hirawat, and former RANA presidents Dr. Ajay Lodha and Rajiv Garg with the Lifetime Achievement Award "for their memorable contribution towards society."

The association also felicitated

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Rakesh Goenka of Canada being honored by Rashi Bajaj, Canada RANA President

prominent diaspora members Dr. Raj Bansal, Dr. Sadhna Joshi, Dr. Shubha Jain and Rakesh Goenka for their contribution to the community over the years, including during the pandemic.

Bhandari noted the importance of unity among various diaspora communities and organizations in the US. He pointed out that there are many state and community-specific organizations like RANA, Telugu Association of North America (TANA) and Bihar Jharkhand Association of North America (BJANA) GANA Gujrat Association of North America and diaspora organizations like FIA and Associations of Indians In America (AIA). But it is important that all are united in raising their voices against discrimination and hate crimes, he said highlighting the incident of vandalism of the Gandhi statue at the Hindu temple

in Queens.

"We are all Indians first," Bhandari said, adding that he will continue efforts to bring together all Rajasthanis living in different parts of the world.

On the sidelines of the gala event, Prem Bhandari praised International Business Times and said that "IBT is not like other international newspapers that are unable to digest India's progress under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi." He condemned such international news outlets while criticizing their efforts to "spoil India's image by the means of fake news."

The RANA gala turned out to be an engaging event, complete with cultural performances showcasing Rajasthan's heritage as well as songs by prominent artists from India. A group of RANA members' wives also performed Rajasthan's traditional Ghoomar dance



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at the event, which enthralled the audience. Nidhi Ladha and Kripa Patel did Ganesh Vandana and performed the Mahishasura Mardini dance.

At the event, a Hindi newspaper and a TV channel were also awarded for their coverage of social concerns, COVID-19



Actor Prashantt Guptha, who acted in Neerja Tashkand Files among others, hosted the Gala Event

updates, the Ukraine crisis, and issues related to immigrants.

The entire event was hosted by the talented Prashantt Guptha, a Rajasthan-origin actor, producer and writer. He kept the proceedings of the event interesting, keeping the audience occupied in the most fun and entertaining way.

(Based on a press release by RANA)



Nidhi Ladda and Krupa Patel performed Ganesh Vandana and Mahishasur Mardini



Founder of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) Padma Bhushan D.R. Mehta is seen in attendance among other honorable guests

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Dispirited Opposition seems muted against loud BJP



BY
SABA NAQVI

The hegemony of the BJP is all too visible in travels across Gujarat, not because all people are deliriously happy with the uninterrupted 27-year reign of the party; some indeed are die-hard fans of what can be called 'Moditva', which combines personality worship of the Prime Minister with regional and Hindutva pride. But there are also many among the Adivasis, Dalits and Muslims and a section of the urban working class who are distressed by price rise, unemployment and poor public infrastructure in education and health. They could stay with the Congress, the traditional opposition, or explore the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) the second time. Yet, scratch beneath the surface and they too believe that neither opposition party is in a position to eventually defeat the BJP.

Therein lies the rub for when people do not believe that there can be a change through the electoral process, what we get is a relatively dull election in Gujarat. Never mind the razzmatazz of the many rallies of the PM: he is out there campaigning because he would know there is a certain ennui among the electorate and the huge cadre mobilization is designed to change that, add an edge to the process, and bring voters to the polling booth.

It is a particularly flat election compared to the last contest in 2017, when the Patidar agitation, led by Hardik Patel, had made a strong impact and resulted in the worst-ever performance of the BJP, which got just 99 seats in a House of 182 (more were added later through defections from the Congress, but that is now a routine story). Many observers believe that the Congress could have won that election, had it not been for some last-minute reversals in the Surat belt. Since then, Hardik Patel has become a spent force who lamely joined the very BJP he abused day and night. Ahmed Patel, long-time Congress treasurer and financier of all campaigns in Gujarat, has passed away and there is none among the traditional state leadership who can do anything beyond attempting to maintain the status quo.

Still, it's not as if there are no exciting young figures in the Congress. There is 42-year-old MLA Anant Patel (an Adivasi Patel), who led a strong protest against the Par-Tapi-Narmada river-linking project in tribal areas outside Surat and compelled the Narendra Modi-led Central Government to withdraw it for now. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the project in her Budget speech and instantly a protest erupted in the tribal pockets of south Gujarat along the Narmada and Tapi rivers. The Congress was at the forefront of those protests and has its hopes pinned on doing well in the Adivasi belt.

IN SPITE OF THE PRESENCE OF COMMITTED YOUNG LEADERS IN THE CONGRESS, THE PARTY'S OVERALL IMAGE IS THAT OF A JADED FORCE. IT MAY BE ROOTED IN GUJARAT, BUT IT LOST ITS CREDIBILITY AFTER DEFECTIONS FROM ITS RANKS ON MANY SEATS. EXCEPT FOR SOME INDIVIDUALLY WEALTHY CANDIDATES, THE PARTY IS ALSO STRETCHED FOR RESOURCES AND EVEN THE RALLY OF RAHUL GANDHI, HELD ON NOVEMBER 21 IN A TRIBAL POCKET OF GUJARAT, WAS ORGANIZED ON A MODEST SCALE.



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Photo / PTI

Also, there is 41-year-old Jignesh Mevani, a Dalit politician, contesting this time on the Congress ticket from his constituency Vadgam in Banaskantha district of north Gujarat. He had won the seat in 2017 as an Independent, but given the huge machinery that the BJP is unleashing against him, it is a David versus Goliath contest in which Mevani is short of resources. So much so that he has started a crowd-funding initiative to finance his campaign and can be seen poring over every bill in the midst of electioneering. An advocate of land reforms and labor rights, he runs platforms and agitations for the Dalit community and was prominent in the protest against the public flogging of Dalits at Una, Gujarat, in 2016. A former journalist, was arrested by the Assam police in April for a tweet criticizing the PM.

In spite of the presence of committed young leaders in the Congress, the party's overall image is that of a jaded force. It may be rooted in Gujarat, but it lost its credibility after defections from

its ranks on many seats. Except for some individually wealthy candidates, the party is also stretched for resources and even the rally of Rahul Gandhi, held on November 21 in a tribal pocket of Gujarat, was organized on a modest scale. What the Congress is spending is peanuts, grown in abundance in Gujarat, compared to the BJP in an age when the wealthiest businessmen of India are from Gujarat (there is a road in Ahmedabad referred to as Billionaire Street).

The AAP, meanwhile, has the energy and audacity that the Congress is missing in this campaign. Party leader Arvind Kejriwal has set the agenda, but AAP does not have the necessary organizational base to make a mark in many parts of Gujarat. Meanwhile, conventional wisdom says that the young party could cut into the Congress' vote share. But if it does well in Surat, where it is visibly in the contest, it would also be damaging the BJP that dominates the city and indeed all urban centers in the nation's most urbanized state.

Congress candidates admit that there is public interest in AAP and it's hard to predict how much impact the new party will eventually have in the election. A visit to an AAP office, however, also reveals the troubles confronting the party: as the countdown to the voting day begins, some volunteers have vanished due to pressures from family, community and fear of reprisal. The starkest example of this was the 'disappearance' of AAP candidate from Surat East, Kanchan Jariwala, who later turned up to withdraw his nomination at the last minute.

The AAP actually remains the X-factor in this election as traditional parameters cannot be applied to it. Will it crash or singe other players remains to be seen. What can be said about this election in Gujarat is that if there is an undercurrent against the BJP, it is muted, while the supporters and cadre of the ruling party are emphatic about their faith in Prime Minister Modi in an age of Gujarati ascendancy.

(The author is a Senior Journalist)

South Asia is at the center of global geopolitics



BY
PRABHJOT SINGH

If South Asia in general and India in particular are hawking world attention, it is primarily because of an intense power competition involving the US, Russia, China and India. India's ascend to the Presidency of the G20, the US-China rivalry, and an intense competition between India and China are some of the factors that make the Indian Ocean region a significant arena that would control world politics in the years to come.

If the recent events, including holding of Conferences of Interpol, No Money for Terror, and COP 27 are any indication, it is an opportunity for India to make a concerted push for the global south.

The Russian-Ukraine conflict has been a major contributing factor in catapulting India on podium with the global leaders even while Beijing is continuing to increase its presence and influence in almost every South Asian country. As the emerging power equation in the Indian Ocean region was nakedly apparent at the just concluded G20 summit in Bali, Chinese President Xi Jinping had extended his sojourn forward with an Asian trip for deepening his country's economic patronage in the region. As a sequel, the emerging power rivalries are likely to impact the region substantially, both in terms of risks and opportunities.

The long-standing China-India rivalry may turn out to be a crucial factor to determine the balance of power in the region, especially after developments that unfolded in Sri Lanka and Pakistan this year. This and China-US rivalry could also influence the extent to which these economic powers choose to cooperate or compete with each other. It will be equally important whether they collaborate with other major powers-regionally and globally, including in international institutions or interest-based coalitions - or confront them.

Other major powers, including Japan, Russia and the European Union, that have existing strategic or economic equities in the region, or, in some cases, their stand on China's rising influence and diktat -will also be crucial for its overall stability of the region.

Every power has to watch its interests while managing its rivals. A new power play is in the offing with the smaller States looking up to bigger brothers for both political and economic immunity. Needless to reiterate, the changing dynamics will shape the future geopolitical landscape of the region.

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine resonates at every major political forum, G20 summit has been no different. G20 is a diverse group of nations of varying economies at different stages of development. Most of the member nations want this conflict to be resolved through dialogue. Other than India, no

other South Asian nation, including Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan or Bangladesh, with internal turmoil in hand, had shown any significant interest in resolving this conflict. Some of the G20 nations were, however, appalled by those that lecture others on diplomatic resolution but continue themselves to add fuel to the fire. Apparently, everyone is opposed to war.

The fact remains that hostilities are not abating. Prime Minister Joko Widodo of Indonesia was more than justified in his observation that the discussion on the conflict was the "most contentious" at the

pandemic being the major ones. Modi stressed that peace and development were essential for people to reap the fruit of economic development. He promised that India's leadership of the G20 will be "inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented", hinting that Delhi was planning to push a global campaign for a sustainable lifestyle, LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).

The theme of India's G-20 chairmanship, as announced earlier this month, is "One Earth, One Family, One Future". It looks India is reinventing its role as leader of non-aligned.

finding the money to make the "clean" transition, is another challenge. Pakistan faced fury of unprecedented floods as the world continues to be peeved by drastic climate changes. This is an opportunity for India to make a mark as a global leader.

All eyes will be focused on Delhi. It has an important task on hand that requires it to avoid the temptation to turn its G20 presidency into a gimmicky year-long "festival of India" in the run-up to the 2024 general elections.

The outcome of the present intricate rivalries will have implications beyond



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summit. Russian President Vladimir Putin did not attend. Instead, he sent Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in his place, who lashed out at the assembly for politicizing the war.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi - whose advice to President Putin in September that "this is not the era of war" is said to have played a role in hammering out the joint declaration at the end of the Bali summit. It did underline the challenges India will face during its presidency: Geopolitical tensions, economic slowdown, rising food and energy prices, and the long-term ill-effects of the

For India, this is an opportunity to make a concerted push for the global south. A debt crisis haunts many middle income economies. Both Sri Lanka and Pakistan were going through their worst phases both on economic and political fronts. They are both financially wrecked as their foreign reserves are exhausted. They have little or no money for fresh imports, including food. Crises led to fighting on streets, including invasion of President's Palace in Colombo and assassination bid on former Prime Minister Imran Khan of Pakistan.

In addition, Climate change, and

South Asia and the Indian Ocean-for regional stability and security in the Indo-Pacific and for the global balance of power.

It is why this region has Joe Biden administration's interest and attention. It will require new alignments mandating collaborations with allies and partners while competing with rivals to protect U.S. interests, grappling with the risk of conflict, and, if possible, exploring cooperation with China.

South Asia is at the center of global geopolitics

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Realizing the changing geopolitical scenario, Singapore's defense minister Ng Eng Hen was forthright when he said his country wanted India to play a bigger role in the South China Sea. Similar views have been expressed by the leaders of Vietnam and the Philippines.

Putting confidence in India by the leaders of Southeast Asia to secure the region's security affairs is a significant development. It virtually indicates India's emergence as a great power in Southeast Asia, and by extension, in Asia itself.

The significance of Southeast Asia lies in the fact that this crucial strategic region connects the Indian and the Pacific Oceans, and includes some of the most important maritime chokepoints. Further it may be the site of order-making in Asia in the context of the rise of China.

Therefore, India's emergence as an undisputed power in Southeast Asia is significant. There could be many factors responsible for it. The foremost of these is cordiality on the territorial front where there are no territorial disputes between India and its immediate neighbors in Southeast Asia.

slowdown and the real prospect of recession in major economies, from the fall in remittances and tourism earnings caused by the pandemic, from volatility in commodity prices, and a decline in export earnings.

"This is not unique to south Asia. We are not alone in our economic troubles. The IMF says that 53 developing countries are at grave risk of debt crises. What makes this truly worrying is the fact that we have seen this coming for years but still nothing meaningful has been done about it.

Judging by the response, or lack of it, that the international community mounted in the last decade to the Covid pandemic, the developing country debt crisis, climate change, and other transnational problems, I think we can safely say that we should have low or no expectations from the international order.

"We cannot look to the world for answers or solutions to our present problems. Besides, the prospects for the world economy are also not good with growth forecasts being steadily revised downward and the real possibility of a recession in the US and Western Europe and a considerable slowdown in China.

"Politics is in command of economic decisions in all these countries, both internally and externally, unlike the

vulnerable as they are gasping for breath. Global politics are more fraught than they have been for a long time, with power rivalries becoming intense and alarming.

It is the time for India to shed its role as a mute spectator to developments in its immediate periphery and elsewhere and become more proactive.

South Asia now has the leverage to make the sub-region an object of outside great power interest for its rivalry and contention. Nepal has just completed its elections to elect a new Parliament. Its destiny, both as part of BRI and the free and open Indo-Pacific strategy, needs a close watch. This great power rivalry also creates an opportunity.

One cannot ignore or overlook that in the decade before Covid direct foreign investment in South Asia, particularly from China, grew in proportion to how acute their contention was as great power relations deteriorated.

Of late, international organizations are not only losing their significance but are becoming ineffective. World powers are trying to score a point with their direct economic interventions. Great power rivalry has assumed new disturbing and telling proportions.

Covid 19 pandemic witnessed greater dependence on big brothers as multilateral organizations and international



In the Southeast Asian region, India has a land border with only one country, Myanmar, which was fixed by their British colonial rulers in 1937. It has maritime borders with three Southeast Asian states: Myanmar, Thailand, and Indonesia. India's maritime boundaries with Thailand and Indonesia were fixed through a trilateral agreement in 1978, while India's maritime boundary with Myanmar was finalized in 1987.

The situation, however, continues to remain unaltered and sensitive in the South Asian region where Pakistan continues to raise the Kashmir issue at every possible forum.

Looking at South Asia today, one tends to agree somewhat with former National Security Advisor Shivashankar Menon, as he talks of a paradox, saying: "Many of our countries are in economic difficulty and face political uncertainty; and yet, to my mind, we have a moment of geopolitical and economic opportunity.

"Many describe our present condition as a crisis. Five governments changed in south Asia in the last year and a half-not all of them in an orderly, willing or predictable manner. Three of our countries are in the advanced stages of working out solutions to their debt crises with the IMF and international community, and more may have to seek help.

"Our economies are reeling from the global economic

globalization decades after the Cold War.

"If this is how I see the situation, how can I say that we may have a moment of geopolitical and economic opportunity?" says Shivashankar Menon.

He has his viewpoint. Developments in South Asia have been rapid and more or less on expected lines.

Since a lot of action has been taking place here, South Asia has become the center of global geopolitics. Developments in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are far too obvious. They put India on active alert as problematic neighborhoods are not what it needs. Instead, it needs to play a role and use the developments as an opportunity to stay a leader in the new world order.

Tormented by Covid 19 pandemic and rapid globalization have greatly influenced the world economy and global politics. Emerging economies are all in trouble and changing. The trouble spots are on the rise and resources are drying up. Terror has been raising its head. And intriguingly, the economies tottering to the brink face accusations of abetting terror. These could be diversionary tactics for those abetting it but are devastating for the rest. The writing is on the wall for everyone as the power rivalry is getting intensified. The troubled zones are swelling in size and threaten world peace.

South Asia has more hot spots than any other region elsewhere. Trouble-torn nations make the region more

institutions got pushed to side lines.

The global powers have been successfully scoring debating points and gaining political advantage rather than dealing with the humanitarian crisis caused by COVID-19.

If South Asia is at the center stage of global politics, it is because of the change in the center of gravity of economic and political activity.

South Asia, from geopolitical backwaters, has now become an integral part of the global economy. All South Asian economies are now integrated into the global economy.

It is this integration that brings both problems and opportunities for South Asia. The figures show that South Asia did well from the globalization decades: Countries like Bangladesh did best, improving their economic condition and the welfare of their people.

Both our present economic crisis and our geopolitical opportunity are proof that South Asia is now an integral part of a globalized world though some problems of the region may be attributed to globalization. Then there is no going back.

South Asia needs to enhance its regional connectivity and cooperation, improve its dealings with the rest of the world, and create new opportunities for its growing clout. Supply and value lines, too, need to be supported and supplemented.

(The author is a senior journalist)

Long-time reformist Anwar sworn in as Malaysia's PM

NOVEMBER 24

KUALA LUMPUR (TIP): Malaysia's Anwar Ibrahim was sworn in as prime minister on November 24, capping a three-decade political journey from a protege of veteran leader Mahathir Mohamad to protest leader, a prisoner convicted of sodomy and opposition leader.

Anwar vowed to fight corruption and focus on the economy, as well as promising to uphold Islam as the official religion of the multi-ethnic country and also special rights of ethnic Malays.

"Thank God, because we have seen a change that has awaited the people of Malaysia," he told reporters at a late-evening address, hours after he was sworn in by the constitutional monarch who appointed him after an inconclusive election.

His appointment ends five days of unprecedented post-election crisis, but could usher in a new instability with his rival, former prime minister Muhyiddin Yassin, challenging him to prove his majority in Parliament.

Both men failed to win a majority in elections, but the constitutional monarch, King Al-Sultan Abdullah, appointed Anwar after speaking to several lawmakers.

Anwar takes over at a challenging time: the economy is slowing and the country is divided after a tight election that pitted Anwar's progressive coalition against Muhyiddin's mostly



conservative ethnic-Malay, Muslim alliance.

The 75-year-old Anwar had time and again been denied the premiership despite getting within striking distance over the years: he was deputy prime minister in the 1990s and the official prime minister-in-waiting in 2018.

In between, he spent nearly a decade in jail for sodomy and corruption in what he says were politically motivated charges aimed at ending his career.

The uncertainty over the election threatened to prolong political instability in the Southeast Asian

country, which has had three prime ministers in as many years, and risks delaying policy decisions needed to foster economic recovery.

Anwar's supporters expressed hope that his government would head off a return to historic tension between the ethnic Malay, Muslim majority and ethnic Chinese and Indian minorities in the country. His coalition, Pakatan Harapan, won the most seats in vote with 82, while Muhyiddin's Perikatan Nasional bloc won 73. They needed 112, a simple majority, to form a government. — Reuters

Former top spy Lieutenant General Asim Munir appointed Pakistan Army chief

NOVEMBER 24

ISLAMABAD (TIP): Pakistan's former spy master and senior-most Lt General Asim Munir was named as the new Army Chief by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on November 24, ending speculation over the most powerful position in the coup-prone nation, where the military wields considerable power in matters of security and foreign policy.

Lt Gen Munir has served as chief of two most powerful intelligence agencies—the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and the Military Intelligence (MI) — but his stint as the spy chief at the ISI was the shortest ever as he was replaced by Lt Gen Faiz Hamid within eight months on the insistence of then-Prime Minister Imran Khan in 2019.

He would replace Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa, who retires on November 29 after two consecutive three-year terms. Gen Bajwa, 61, was appointed as the army chief in 2016 for a three-year term. He was given a three-year extension by the Khan government in 2019.

Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb announced on Twitter that Prime Minister Sharif has named Lt Gen



Munir as the new army chief. Lt Gen Sahir Shamshad Mirza had been picked as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC). "The summary about (appointments) has been sent to the President," Marriyum Aurangzeb tweeted.

The CJCSC is the highest authority in the hierarchy of the armed forces but the key powers including mobilisation of troops, appointments and transfers lie with the COAS which makes the person holding the post the most powerful in the military.

The powerful Army, which has ruled

Pakistan for more than half of its 75-plus years of existence, has hitherto wielded considerable power in matters of security and foreign policy.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party earlier quoted Imran Khan as saying that "when the summary comes, I and the President of Pakistan will act according to the constitution and laws."

The appointment coincides with a dispute between the military and Imran Khan, who blames the army for playing a role in his ouster in April this year through a no-confidence vote.

Khan's close aide and former information minister Fawad Chaudhry said on Wednesday that "until we see the conduct of the new army chief, we cannot say anything about it, but the role of the army in politics in the last 6 months is controversial, this role will need to be changed." Lt Gen Munir is the senior-most general. Although he was promoted to the rank of two-star general in September 2018, he took charge two months later. As a result, his four-year tenure as Lt Gen will end on November 27. But with his appointment as COAS, he would get a three-year extension in the service. (PTI)

LANKAN PRESIDENT RULES OUT EARLY POLL

NOVEMBER 23

COLOMBO (TIP): Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe on November 23 rejected the opposition's demand for early parliamentary elections and vowed to use the military to crush any future anti-government protests aimed at regime change.

Wickremesinghe, 73, who took over as the President of Sri Lanka in July this year after then-president Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled Colombo in the face of the country's worst economic crisis since 1948, said that he will not dissolve the parliament until the economic crisis is resolved.

"I will not dissolve parliament early until the economic crisis can be resolved," he said while speaking in Parliament.

Wickremesinghe has a mandate to serve out the rest of Rajapaksa's term, which ends in November 2024. However, the opposition parties are demanding early parliamentary elections, claiming that Wickremesinghe's government lacks electoral credibility. The next presidential election is scheduled to be held in 2024.

The president said a radical political party named Frontline Socialist Party was behind the protests for their political benefits. — PTI

NEPAL AIRLINES SEEKS RESTORATION OF FOUR FLIGHTS PER WEEK TO DELHI AMID TIF WITH AVIATION AUTHORITY

NOVEMBER 23

KATHMANDU (TIP): Nepal Airlines Corporation, the Himalayan nation's flag carrier, has urged the civil aviation authority to drop its unilateral decision to cut the number of flights on the lucrative Kathmandu-Delhi sector from 14 to 10 per week for not utilising the newly-opened Gautam Buddha International Airport.

In a statement on November 22, Nepal Airlines Corporation (NAC) said that its income has been sliced and it is having to bear the additional cost of rerouting passengers after the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN) slashed the number of flights to Delhi from the Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA), Nepal's first international airport here. The authority reduced the number of flights to Delhi from TIA to 10 from 14 per week from October 30. The Gautam Buddha International Airport is 300 km west of Kathmandu, the country's capital. The reduction of four flights per week during the peak season has caused a weekly loss of around Rs 90.5 million to the national flag carrier. The Himalayan Times newspaper reported, quoting an NAC official. "We'd been operating two Kathmandu-Delhi flights per day at near full occupancy, which was one of the major income sources for NAC," the official said. (PTI)

2022 HUGE YEAR FOR US-INDIA TIES, 2023 TO BE EVEN BIGGER: WHITE HOUSE



Principal Deputy National Security Advisor Jon Finer

NOVEMBER 21, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): In the history of India-US ties, 2022 has been a huge year and the next year will be even bigger, a top White House official has said, asserting that the Biden administration sees this alliance as among the most consequential relationships for America anywhere in the world. Principal Deputy National Security Advisor Jon Finer also applauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for being instrumental in forging a consensus during the recently concluded G-20 Summit in Indonesia's Bali province.

"Looking around the world when the United States and (its) President (Joe) Biden look for partners that can truly help carry the load, truly helped move forward a global agenda, India and Prime Minister Modi are very high on that list," Finer told a gathering of several hundred Indian-Americans here on Sunday.

"We just saw this in real-time at the G-20 where the prime minister was instrumental in forging a consensus around a joint statement among a far-flung group of countries and in the comments and work that the prime minister has done and others in the Indian government have done to highlight the increasing risk related to nuclear issues," he said.

This relationship is being steered by Prime Minister Modi and President Biden who have met more than 15 times, the latest one being in Bali last week, said India's Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu, addressing the gathering at a lunch reception hosted by him to celebrate the 'Festival Season'. The unique event organized by the Embassy of India showcased the syncretic nature of Indian culture. The event saw festivals of different faiths - from Diwali to Hanukkah, Eid to Bodhi day, and from Gurpurab to Christmas celebrated with aplomb. Attended by top officials of the Biden administration, including Senior Advisor to the President Neera Tanden and Surgeon General Dr Vivek Murthy, the event demonstrated amply India's unique stature as the embodiment of 'Unity in Diversity' - a land where various faiths have not only coexisted but flourished. *(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)*

India played essential role in negotiating G20 declaration: White House

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): India played an essential role in negotiating the Bali Declaration of the just concluded G-20 Summit in Indonesia, the White House said on Friday and applauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for saying that today's era must not be of war.

"India played an essential role in negotiating the summit's declaration. Prime Minister Modi made clear today's era must not be of war," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters at her daily news conference.

"Among other priorities addressed, we have a path forward to addressing current food and energy security challenges while continuing our



White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre
Photo / Courtesy White House

efforts to build a resilient global economy," she said.

US President Joe Biden returned from Indonesia on Thursday after attending the G-20 Summit in Bali. India takes over the presidency of G-20 in December, which all its members and international community say would be an important milestone in the history of the grouping.

"Prime Minister Modi's relationship was critical to this outcome, and we look forward to supporting India's G-20 presidency next year. We look forward to that next meeting," Jean-Pierre said.

She said Biden spoke with Modi and the Indonesian president on the margins of the summit. (Source: PTI)

Committed to getting Eric Garcetti as US envoy to New Delhi: WH



Garcetti, 51, has been Mayor of Los Angeles since 2013. He is a close aide of President Joe Biden.

NOVEMBER 22, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C.

(TIP): The Biden administration is committed to getting Eric Garcetti as the US envoy to New Delhi, the White House has said, hoping that the Senate will confirm his nomination soon.

"India is a very important relationship that we have. You saw the President (Biden) greet and meet very briefly with Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi just last week when he was in Bali. So clearly, it's an important relationship that we truly respect," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters here on Monday.

She exuded confidence that the presidential nominee for the US Ambassador to India, Garcetti, would be soon confirmed by the Senate. The nomination has been pending before the upper chamber of the US Congress for more than a year now.

"As for Mayor Garcetti, we are committed to getting him through the process. We're continuing to talk to the Senate about making that happen. That is a priority of ours," Jean-Pierre said.

In July 2021, US President Biden nominated Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti as his Ambassador to India.

But the Senate confirmation of Garcetti has been pending for more than a year now. His nomination was initially blocked by Republican Senator Chuck Grassley because of allegations of inappropriate behavior by one of his senior staffers.

Though the hold on his nomination has been lifted, the ruling Democrats are reluctant to bring his nomination for confirmation before the full Senate as they think they don't have enough votes for it.

Earlier this month, the White House had exuded confidence that Garcetti would be confirmed by the Senate. (Source: PTI)

Religious freedom and related human rights in India are under threat: USCIRF alleges

NOVEMBER 22, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Religious freedom and related human rights in India are under ongoing threat, the US Commission for International Religious Freedom alleged on Tuesday in an unusual year-end update of the status of its assessment of religious freedom in the country.

India has previously rejected the USCIRF's observations, terming them as "biased and inaccurate".

The US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) is a Congressional-appointed body.

Its recommendations are, however, not mandatory to be implemented by the US State Department. In its 2022 Annual Report early this year USCIRF recommended that the US Department of State designate India as a "country of particular concern" for engaging in or tolerating systematic, ongoing, and egregious religious freedom violations, as set forth by the International Religious Freedom Act. The US State Department has refused to incorporate the commission's recommendations so far.

Reiterating its recommendations of early this year, USCIRF argued that such a designation would reinforce the United States' concern regarding the conditions discussed in this country update and would encourage the Indian government to diverge from policies that violate religious freedom and promote communal divides.

In its six-page country update report on India, USCIRF has published its map three times.

Two of the maps are distorted and do not reflect a true geographical map of India. The report said in 2022, religious freedom conditions in India remained poor. During the year, the Indian government at the national, state, and local levels continued to promote and enforce policies, including laws targeting religious conversion, interfaith relationships, and cow slaughter, that negatively affect Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Dalits and Adivasis. The national government also continued to suppress critical voices - particularly religious minorities and those advocating on their behalf - including through surveillance, harassment, demolition of property, arbitrary travel bans, and detention under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and by targeting nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) under the Financial Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), the report said.

The pilot implementation of the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the state of Assam continued to exacerbate fears of losing citizenship among Muslims, who lack protection under the 2019 Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), it said.

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)



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Largest Yoga Celebration in Central America at Guatemala City

MORE THAN 3500 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE YOGA FESTIVAL. INDIAN EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA TWEETED, "INDIAN EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA ORGANIZED THE LARGEST EVER, FIRST OF ITS KIND YOGA FESTIVAL IN GUATEMALA IN WHICH 3500, INCLUDING MILITARY PERSONNEL, SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WOMEN FROM THE INTERIOR OF GUATEMALA AND MANY MORE PEOPLE PARTICIPATED. THANKS TO THE GUATEMALAN ARMY, THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUATEMALA CITY FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN MAKING THIS GRAND YOGA FESTIVAL A SUCCESS."



Gujarat High Court: Compensation to Morbi victims abysmally low

The Gujarat High Court on Thursday, November 24, asked the state government to increase the amount of compensation for the victims of the October 30 Morbi suspension bridge collapse tragedy in which 135 persons lost their lives.

Noting that the government had paid Rs 4 lakh compensation to the next of the kin of persons killed in the mishap, the Bench of Chief Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice Ashutosh Shastri said the amount was abysmally low. The court suggested Rs 10 lakh compensation should be given for each death. The Bench also ordered hike in the Rs 50,000 compensation to the injured. The HC was told that about Rs 5 crore had been received from private donors for disbursement as compensation to the victims. The government also informed the court that seven children, who lost both their parents, would get around Rs 38 lakh each. On the government scheme to pay Rs 3,000 monthly allowance to such kids till they attained the age of 18, the court said it was too meagre an amount and would get exhausted to meet the expenses of books and uniform alone.

The HC took the Morbi municipality to task for permitting Ajanta Manufacturing Co Ltd to operate the bridge for five years without any agreement. Since the first MoU on the bridge took place between the collector and the firm, the court questioned how the collector was empowered to do so when the bridge was the property of the municipality. *Source: TNS*

EC appointment: 'What's the tearing hurry?' SC asks; 'hold your mouth,' says Centre

NEW DELHI (TIP)

The Supreme Court on Thursday (November 24) questioned the government on the "haste" and "tearing hurry" in appointing Arun Goel as the Election Commissioner (EC).

As the apex court observed that the file pertaining to Goel's appointment was cleared with "lightning speed," the Centre through Attorney General R Venkataramani asked the court to "hold its mouth" and requested it to look into the matter in its entirety.

"What kind of evaluation is this? Although, we are not questioning the merits of Arun Goel's credentials but the process," a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice K M Joseph said.

Perusing the files it had sought on Goel, a 1985-batch IAS officer on Wednesday, the bench asked why his name was cleared for the top post the same day it was pitched by the minister of law.

"Minister of Law picks the names from the list of four names shortlisted...The file was put up on November 18; moves the same day. Even PM recommends the name of the same day. We don't want any confrontation, but was this done in any haste? What's the tearing hurry?" the court asked.

This is the third consecutive day of the court's questioning of the government on the appointment of the EC.

The top court also sought to know why no initiative was taken so far to fill the post that fell vacant on May 15 and suddenly the same was filled within 24 hours.

"Not even in 24 hours, the process was completed and notified. What kind of evaluation (was carried out) here?" the apex court asked.

Urging the bench to stop its volley of questions, Attorney General Venkataramani said the court should see the entirety of the issue.

"Please hold your mouth for a while. I request to look into the issue in entirety," Venkataramani said.

It perused the original file of Goel's appointment as EC which was placed before the bench by the Centre in pursuance



Former bureaucrat Arun Goel while assuming charge as the Election Commissioner in New Delhi on November 21, 2022. | Photo Credit: PTI

of Wednesday's direction given by the top court.

The bench is hearing a batch of pleas seeking a collegium-like system for the appointment of ECs and the Chief Election Commissioner.

Need CEC who can't be bulldozed: Supreme Court

The Supreme Court on Tuesday stressed the need for a Chief Election Commissioner with the integrity and strength of character of the late TN Seshan and one who cannot be "bulldozed".

While hearing petitions seeking reforms in the appointment of election commissioners, a five-judge bench headed by Justice KM Joseph said the Chief Justice of India (CJI) should be included in the appointment committee to ensure neutrality.

The top court noted that enormous powers have invested in the "fragile shoulder" of the CEC and the two election commissioners and it is only pertinent that someone like Seshan is selected for the job. *Source: The Federal*

India upset at 'unnecessary' reference to Modi by US

NEW DELHI (TIP)

India is upset at a reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by a US State Department official while defending the immunity it had extended to Saudi Arabian ruler Mohammad bin Sultan, who is facing allegations of killing journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

"Frankly, I fail to understand how the comment on Prime Minister Modi was either relevant, necessary or contextual," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said responding to questions about a US official referring to Modi while explaining the reasons for granting immunity to the Saudi ruler.

"Our two countries enjoy a very special relationship which is growing from strength to strength and we look forward to working with the US to further deepen it," he said, referring to the bilateral ties between India and the US. When asked about giving immunity to the Saudi Crown Prince over the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, US State Department principal deputy spokesperson Vedant Patel said in a briefing last Friday that this is not the first

time that the US has done this and it has been applied to a number of heads of state previously, including PM Modi, according to reports.

Bagchi also said reports about the prime minister's visit to the US in December were incorrect.

"No proposal for a visit by the Prime Minister to the US in December has been made by our side. Media reports in this regard are incorrect," Bagchi said.

He also dismissed social media posts about "false comments" attributed to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and White House spokesperson with regard to the brief bilateral meeting between Modi and US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the recent G-20 summit in Bali.

"We have seen some incorrect social media posts which attribute false statements to the External Affairs Minister, who has not made any comment on this to the press or on social media. It also attributes false statements to the White House press secretary. So, I would request you all not to lend credence to such incorrect information," Bagchi said.

Aaftab threatened to kill me, cut me into pieces: Shraddha told cops in 2020

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Shraddha Walkar in 2020 filed a complaint with the police against her live-in partner Aaftab Ameen Poonawala, that he had threatened to kill her and cut her into pieces, India Today has learnt. In her complaint with Tulinj police station in Maharashtra's Palghar, she complained that her boyfriend, the prime accused in her murder case now, had assaulted her and threatened to kill her.

Shraddha, 27, was allegedly strangled and murdered by her boyfriend, Aaftab Ameen Poonawala, in May this year, Delhi police said. Aaftab chopped her body into 35 pieces, stored the chopped parts in a fridge and then dumped them across the national capital over several days. The couple met on a dating app in 2019 and moved in together in Mumbai and later shifted to Chhatarpur in south Delhi.

The letter has reportedly been shared by Shraddha's neighbour in Vasai, with whom Shraddha had gone to file the complaint. The Maharashtra police have also confirmed that the letter was



Shraddha Walkar and Aaftab Ameen Poonawala.

written by Shraddha in 2020 at the Tulinj police station.

Shraddha in her complaint letter, dated November 23, 2020, wrote, "Aaftab Amin Poonawala has been abusing me and beating me up. Today, he tried to kill me by suffocating me and he scares and blackmails me that he will kill me, cut me in pieces and throw me away. But I don't have the guts to go to the police because he would threaten to kill me."

India must be cautious in dealing with US: Army ex-chief Bikram Singh

Former Army chief General Bikram Singh has urged the government to exercise caution while dealing with the United States on strategic matters, saying the world's mightiest nation so far has not proved its trustworthiness to its close allies.

He said despite India being a member of the Quad grouping, it should move cautiously when it comes to dealing with the US, which has expanded and deepened its ties with New Delhi in recent years.

The Quad, or Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, comprises India, the US, Japan and Australia.

"While it's good that we are part of the Quad (seen as a counterweight to China in the Indo-Pacific region), it will be in our interest that we move cautiously with the US, because Washington has never made itself trustworthy in its dealings with any of its strategic and defence allies," he told the SBI Banking & Economic conclave on Thursday, November 24, evening.

Further explaining his call for a cautious approach in strategic dealings with Washington, General Singh, who was the 24th Army chief and served between May 31, 2012 and July 31, 2014, said, "The US extricated itself first from Vietnam, then twice from Iraq, and recently from Afghanistan. We must be very cautious in dealing with the US." He maintained the US has failed in all its external military interventions and one of the main reasons for the same was that Washington has been outsourcing its work to others.

Internet suspended for 48 hours after youth is shot dead in Bhilwara

Tension erupted in Rajasthan's Bhilwara district following a firing incident in which a man was killed. The police imposed a 48-hour shutdown on Internet services after people took to the streets in protest.

Superintendent of Police Aadarsh Siddhu on Friday, November 25, said two accused had been detained.

On Thursday, November 24, four miscreants came on two bikes and shot dead a youth. Chaos was seen on the road soon after the incident. The police blocked the roads, but the killers were not caught. In view of the apprehension of a deteriorating situation, the administration imposed the Internet ban in the district for 48 hours.

ASP Jyeshtha Maitreyi said two brothers, Ibrahim Pathan alias Bhura (34) and Kamruddin alias Tony (22), were going towards Harni Mahadev from Badla intersection in Bhilwara. Around 3.30pm, four miscreants came on two bikes and started firing at Imamuddin and Ibrahim.

They fired three rounds. One bullet hit Ibrahim Pathan, who died. His brother Tony was injured. The miscreants ran away. On getting the information, the police reached the spot and took both to Mahatma Gandhi Hospital.

Source: IANS

FISSURES WIDEN IN RAJASTHAN CONGRESS

Sachin Pilot a traitor, can't be made Rajasthan CM: Gehlot

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot called Sachin Pilot a "gaddar" (traitor) on Thursday and said he cannot replace him as he had revolted against the Congress in 2020 and tried to topple his own government.

The remarks have further widened the fissures in the Congress party in Rajasthan, where Assembly polls are slated next year. The Bharat Jodo Yatra, led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, is also set to enter the desert state.

Pilot, who walked alongside Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Madhya Pradesh on Thursday, November 24, did not immediately react to Gehlot's remarks.

Gehlot also alleged that Union Home Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Amit Shah was involved in Pilot's rebellion, when some Congress MLAs loyal to him were holed up in a Gurugram resort for more than a month and Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan visited them often, claiming that he has proof that an amount of Rs 10 crore was paid to each of those legislators, including Pilot.

The veteran leader also said the Congress can replace him with any of its 102 MLAs in Rajasthan except Pilot if the top leadership feels that the prospects of the party would improve in next year's Assembly polls.

"The MLAs will never accept someone who has revolted and has been dubbed as a gaddar. How can he become the chief minister? How can the MLAs accept such a person as the chief minister? I have proof that Rs 10 crore each were distributed to the MLAs holed up in a Gurugram resort for toppling the Congress government in Rajasthan," Gehlot told NDTV.

He said one will never find an example where a party president "tries to topple his own government".

Rajasthan BJP chief Satish Punia has, however, denied the charge that the saffron party was involved in paying money to Congress legislators in 2020 to defect.

Gehlot said if Pilot had apologised to the MLAs and won them over, things would have been different.

"Till now, he has not apologised. If he had apologised, I would not have had to apologise," the chief minister said, referring to his apology to former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi after more than 90 MLAs close to him did not allow a Congress Legislature Party meeting to take place.

Asked if Pilot can still replace him if the high-command decides so, Gehlot said it is a hypothetical question. "How will that happen? That cannot happen,"



Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot. File photo

he said.

He said a recent meeting of the party MLAs after they did not allow the CLP meet to take place was not a rebellion but a "revolt against Pilot who tried to topple his own government".

Gehlot and Pilot have been at loggerheads over chief ministership ever since the Congress won the Rajasthan polls in 2018.

Name-calling, mud-slinging serve no purpose: Sachin Pilot

Responding to Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's 'traitor' remark about him, Congress MLA from Tonk Sachin Pilot said that "name-calling and mud-slinging serve no purpose".

"I have seen Ashok Gehlot ji's statements today aimed against me. Someone who is so experienced, senior and whom party has given so much, it is unbecoming of someone with such experience to use this language, make such completely false and baseless allegations," news agency PTI quoted Sachin Pilot as saying.

"It serves no purpose when we have to fight BJP unitedly...previously also Ashok Gehlot ji has been making such allegations against me for a long time," the former Union minister said.

At UNSC, India condemns Russian strikes on civilians, infra in Ukraine

NEW DELHI (TIP)

India has told the UN Security Council (UNSC) that it continues to remain concerned about the situation in Ukraine, including the targeting of infrastructure and civilians deaths.

"History has shown us that the killings of civilians and devastation of civilian infrastructure have been used, regrettably, as legitimate weapons of war. India strongly condemns the use of oppressive violence against innocent civilians and targeting of civilian objects in armed conflicts, regardless of who commits them," said India's Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj at an emergency session on Ukraine.

"Since the beginning of the Ukraine conflict, India has consistently called for an immediate cessation of hostilities and an end to the violence. Our PM's statement that this cannot be an era of war has been appreciated across the world. India's position on the Ukraine conflict is premised on this principle. We continue to support all efforts aimed at de-escalation," she said.

India's approach to the Ukraine conflict will continue to be

people-centric, said Kamboj while recalling that it has provided humanitarian aid to Ukraine and neighbouring countries of Poland, Romania, Hungary, and Slovak Republic. "We, therefore, sincerely hope for an early resumption of peace talks to bring about an immediate ceasefire and early resolution to the conflict. We reiterate that the global order is anchored on respect for principles of the UN Charter, international law and sovereignty and territorial integrity of states," she observed.

Meanwhile, nearly all members of the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), including China, appreciated India's hosting of its meeting over two days recently in Mumbai and New Delhi.

"We welcome the adoption of the forward-looking Delhi Declaration and appreciate that it will serve as a non-binding benchmark for countering the new narratives of terrorists," said Harold Adlai Agyeman, UNSC president.

China's Deputy Permanent Representative Geng Shuang said, "India, as the chair of the CTC, hosted a special session this October and adopted the Delhi Declaration, thereby giving impetus to member states' efforts in better tackling the new counter-terrorism challenges."

Source: TNS

India in history this Week

NOVEMBER 25, 2022, TO DECEMBER 1, 2022

25 NOVEMBER



- 2014 Sitara Devi, the famous dancer of Kathak died.
- 1866 Allahabad High Court was inaugurated.
- 1879 Birth of saint poet TL Vaswani.
- 1949 The constitution of independent India was signed by the President of the Constitutional Committee and implemented it with immediate effect.
- 1960 The STD system of telephone was first used in India between Kanpur and Lucknow.
- 2001 Benazir Bhutto met Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in New Delhi.
- 1890 India's famous linguist, litterateur and scholar Suniti Kumar Chatterjee was born.
- 1890 Radheshyam Kathavachak, a prominent writer in Parsi theatre, was was born.

26 NOVEMBER

1949 The supreme law of the country adopted our constitution.



- 2008 The terror attack on Mumbai shook the world.
- 2009 The Constitution of India adopted the Constitution.
- 1960 Telephone STD service started between Lucknow and Kanpur for the first time in India.
- 2012 Arvind Kejriwal formed a new political party called Aam Aadmi Party.
- 1948 National Cadet Corps was established.
- 2008 The terrorist attack in Mumbai left 164 people dead, more than 250 injured.

27 NOVEMBER

- 1001 The Hindu Shahi ruler Jaipal was defeated by the invading Mahmud Ghazni.
- 1795 The first Bengali drama was staged.
- 1907 India's famous poet and writer Harivansh Rai Bachchan was born in Allahabad city of Uttar Pradesh.
- 2011 The famous Indian classical musician Sultan Khan died.
- 2008 Uttar Pradesh became the first state in the country to pay the Sixth Pay Commission.
- 1881 India's famous historian and internationally renowned scholar of archeology Kashi Prasad Jaiswal was born.
- 1888 Famous freedom fighter and first Speaker of

Lok Sabha Ganesh Vasudev Mavalankar was born.



1978 India's famous social reformer Laxmibai Kelkar passed away.

28 NOVEMBER

- 1997 Prime Minister IK Gujral resigned from his post.
- 1962 KCde, the famous blind singer of Bengal, died.



- 1996 Captain Indrani Singh became the first woman to command an Airbus A-300 aircraft.
- 1927 Famous Indian physician Pramod Karan Sethi was born.
- 1890 India's great thinker, social worker and revolutionary Jyotiba Phule died.

29 NOVEMBER

1993 Industrialist Jahangir Ratanji Dadabhoi Tata died.



- 1759 Assassination of Emperor Alamgir II of Delhi.
- 1961 Yuri Gagarin, the world's first astronaut, came to India.
- 1970 Haryana became the first Indian state to achieve hundred percent rural electrification.
- 1989 The then Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi resigned.

1869 The famous Indian social worker Thakkar Bappa was born.

1913 Famous poet Ali Sardar Jafri was honored with the Jnanpith Award.

30 NOVEMBER



- 2000 Priyanka Chopra became Miss World.
- 2010 Indian scientist and Swadeshi movement pioneer Rajiv Dixit died
- 2012 Former Prime Minister Indra Kumar Gujral died.
- 1759 Emperor Alamgir II of Delhi was killed by his minister.
- 1965 Gudiya Museum Delhi was founded by the famous cartoonist 'K.K. Shankar Pillai '.
- 1831 Indian historian Romila Thapar was born.
- 1944 Famous Hindi writer Maitreyi Pushpa was born.
- 2010 Indian scientist and Swadeshi movement pioneer Rajiv Dixit died.
- 1909 Ramesh Chandra Dutt, the famous writer of English and Bengali language, died.

01 DECEMBER

- 1962 Major Shaitan Singh, who was awarded the Param Vir Chakra, for playing an important role in the India-China war, was born.
- 1963 Nagaland became the 16th state of India.
- 1965 The Border Security Force was established.
- 1933 Air service started between Calcutta and Dhaka.
- 2006 Nepal approved the new national anthem, which does not even have the name of the king.
- 1990 The sister of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the female freedom fighter Vijayalakshmi Pandit died.
- 1974 Sucheta Kripalani, the Indian freedom fighter and the first woman Chief Minister of India (Uttar Pradesh), passed away.



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Russell Peters, comedian

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COMEDIAN RUSSELL PETERS RETURNS TO NJPAC WITH 'ACT YOUR AGE' WORLD TOUR!

Canadian comic, actor and producer Russell Peters is taking the world by storm on his new Act Your Age tour. You know the Peabody- and Emmy-winning stand-up from his TV appearances, world tours and hilarious specials, including 'Outsourced,' 'Red,' 'White & Brown,' 'The Green Card Tour,' 'Almost Famous' and 'Deported.' He also holds the honor of being the very first comedian to have a special on Netflix ('Notorious').

Peters was awarded the 2013 Trailblazer Award by the Association of South Asians in Media, Marketing and Entertainment (ASAMME) for his contributions to comedy. He is among the first South Asians to achieve international success in the field.

Russell Peters was recently named one of Rolling Stone's 50 Best Comics of All Time. At nineteen, he started doing stand-up at open mics in his native Toronto and spent the next fifteen years honing his craft at clubs across Canada and the UK. In 2004, Peters gained critical and global recognition for his CTV "Comedy Now!" unique and soon became the first comedian to sell-out Toronto's Air Canada Centre in 2007. Peters set attendance records at venues from Madison Square Garden to The Sydney Opera House to London's O2 Arena to Singapore's Indoor Stadium - where he broke the UK attendance record for the highest number of tickets sold for an individual comedy show.

In 2013, Peters became the first comedian to create a Netflix Original Comedy Special. Peters' most recent tour, 'The Deported World Tour,' was seen by over 400,000 fans in 40 cities across 20 countries and culminated in the stand-up unique Russell Peters Deported on Amazon Prime in January 2020. Peters has been awarded a Gemini, Peabody, Emmy, and Canadian Screen Awards for hosting, producing, and acting talents.

His last TV series, 'The Indian Detective,' a Canadian viewership record for Bell Media /CTV in 2017, was released globally on Netflix. It won Peters the 'Golden Screen Award' in 2019.

Peters just launched his Podcast, 'Culturally Cancelled with Russell Peters' on iHeartMedia / Cloud

10 and is currently developing a TV series based on his childhood in Canada in the 1980s and executive producing the TV series 'Late Bloomer' with YouTube sensation Jus Reign. Peters will also be seen later this year in the feature film 'Clifford The Big Red Dog' for Paramount Pictures. Peters resides in Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

When not on tour, he spends every day with his eleven-year-old daughter, Crystianna, and three-year-old son, Russell Santiago. He has a blue belt with three stripes Jitsu and is an ardent DJ and hip-hop junkie who tries to get on the turntables for at least a few minutes every day.

Learn more about Peters at russellpeters.com

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GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING ICONIC GROUP BOYZ II MEN

Saturday, November 26 @ 8:00 PM

Boyz II Men, the Grammy Award-winning iconic group, performs on Saturday, November 26 at 8 pm its most-loved hits, including 'End of the Road,' 'I'll Make Love to You,' and 'On Bended Knee' with the Orchestra.

Boyz II Men remains one of the most iconic R&B groups in music history, penning and performing some of the most celebrated classics of the past three decades. The group redefined popular R&B and continues to create timeless hits that appeal to fans across all generations. The group's four Grammy Awards are just the tip of the iceberg: they have also earned nine American Music Awards, nine Soul Train Awards, three Billboard Awards, a 2011 MOBO Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, as well as a Casino Entertainment Award for their acclaimed residency at the Mirage Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

The trio is the best-selling R&B group of all time, with an astounding sixty-four million albums sold. And the reason is abundantly clear: Boyz II Men have given fans a rich catalog of hits filled with smooth harmonies and enduring themes. And for Boyz II Men, the hits keep coming - the group continues to craft new albums and bring their legendary act to stages worldwide. For more information, visit BoyzIIMen.com.

ALTON BROWN HOLIDAY SHOW
Sunday, November 27 @ 3:00 PM



Alton Brown, chef

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ALTON BROWN, the host of Food Network's

'Cutthroat Kitchen' returns to NJPAC with a multimedia show that blends science, music and food into delicious entertainment. In 'Alton Brown Live Beyond Eats!' fans can expect comedy, talk show antics, multimedia presentations, and music (yes, he sings). For this 2022 tour, Brown may also add a slew of fresh ingredients, including new puppets, new songs, plus bigger (and potentially more dangerous) experiments.

On television and on stage, Brown has a knack for mixing science, music and food into pure entertainment. According to Brown: "For this new tour, there will be plenty of new therapy-inducing opportunities during our audience participation segments. I don't want to give too much away, but we're also going to play a little game with the audience ..."

Brown has hosted numerous television series, including 'Cutthroat Kitchen,' 'Camp Cutthroat' and 'Iron Chef America.' He also created, produced and hosted the Peabody Award-winning 'Good Eats' for 13 years on Food Network. Brown is the author of the James Beard Award-winning 'I'm Just Here for the Food,' and the New York Times best-selling sequence, 'Good Eats.' His recent 'Alton Brown: Every Day Cook' is a collection of more than 100 personal recipes - along with a pinch of science and history. Learn more at altonbrown.com

STRAIGHT NO CHASER

Wednesday, November 30 @ 7:30 PM



'Straight No Chaser,' group.

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It's hard to believe it's been 25 years since Straight No Chaser introduced their signature style of a cappella to the world. Since then, the razor-sharp singers have brought their tight harmonies and witty banter to albums, world tours and 100+ million passionate YouTube viewers.

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Sonakshi Sinha to make her Telugu debut?

The buzz in Hyderabad is that Sonakshi Sinha is coming to town. The actress, currently busy wrapping up her work in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Heeramandi, is all set to make her debut in Telugu cinema in a film starring Nandamuri Balakrishnan.

Nandamuri, age 60, has been seen in over a hundred films for the last forty years. While the film that he plans to launch in December will be directed by Anil Ravipudi.

Interestingly the first film that Sonakshi Sinha was ever offered was a Tamil film opposite Kamal Haasan in Hey Ram.

Ajay Devgn's film is high on thrills but it's still not Drishyam

They say, there's a thing about Ajay Devgn's eyes. They speak for themselves. And it wouldn't be wrong to go back in time, say 2015 film Drishyam, and look back into the scene where the story begins with a zoom-in into his eyes and we are taken into the misery of the Salgaonkar parivaar. This remains the same in Ajay Devgn's November 18 release Drishyam 2, along with a few other things that will not let you forget Mohanlal. Let's look at the whys and hows in detail.

Drishyam 2 isn't a film we recommend to those who haven't watched the first part. It is a continuation in its truest sense. And it's made evident with screenshots from the 2015 film Drishyam panning across the 70mm with opening credits. We are soon taken inside Vijay Salgaonkar's somewhat okay-ish new life with his family amid all the haunting rumours from the past surrounding them. Well, that's reality. People don't forget drama and that is what is depicted in the film. Vijay and the Salgaonkar family, consisting of his wife Nandini (played by Shriya Saran), and two daughters, Anju and Anu (Ishita Dutta and Mrunal Jadhav), are trying to swim through their past and are attempting to start a new life. However, little do they know that they are far from closure. At least, until the end.

The director tries to set in the brevity of the situation with constant rain and storms that somewhat depict the seriousness of the scene and it works too. Also, Ajay shines as Vijay in this one. He is smart, 'chalak' as the police describe him, and futuristic. And he is a man who knows his sin and is ready to deal with the aftermath of it.

Shriya Saran plays the innocent Nandini who hasn't had a single peaceful night's sleep in the past seven years because the past haunts her. Anju is now dealing with epilepsy that aggravates every time she senses stress. Anu is all grown up but we don't see a lot of substance to her character. Peace is short-lived for the Salgaonkars after IG Tarun Ahlawat (played by Akshaye Khanna) replaces Tabu. No, not in the film, but in her role. And Akshay does a great job too, with the taunts and grit of an officer, but we wanted more of Tabu. She is sparsely spread across the film and Akshay couldn't create the dread that Tabu as IG Meera Deshmukh did in the first part.

In case you are wondering why there's no mention of Gaitonde (played by Kamlesh Sawant) yet, you have nothing to worry. You'll hate him in this part too, and there's more edge to his character than the first one, and this only proves he has been successful in his endeavour. For instance, we love one of his dialogues where he says "Biwi ka birthday bhool sakta hoon, October 2 aur October 3 nahin."

Source: India Today



'Govinda ki hotty wife' Bhumi Pednekar is 'trying to do something disruptive again'

Bhumi Pednekar is reaping praises for her incredible acting and dialogue delivery in her upcoming film 'Govinda Naam Mera', a comic thriller. She said that with her character, she is trying to do something "disruptive" again.

Bhumi said: "I'm actually thrilled that film-makers can feel that I can really work hard and try and pull off any role that they offer me. That to me is the biggest validation for my work and my skill set as an artiste. My character in 'Govinda Naam Mera' is me trying to do something disruptive again, trying to change it up again with each film and hopefully wowing people with my performance." She added: "I hate to be put into a mould and I constantly look to challenge the status quo and do something subversive. I'm delighted that audiences are loving my character in the trailer. It's just a tease of what to expect in the film. She is a firecracker of a woman, she is grey and I love her because she is just hilariously entertaining." The film is slated to release on Disney+ Hotstar.



Source: IANS

Ayushmann felt he was making his debut again during shoot of 'An Action Hero'

Bollywood star Ayushmann Khurrana, who is known for portraying the boy next door and relatable characters in his movies, will be seen as a flamboyant Hindi movie star in his upcoming film 'An Action Hero'. While shooting for the film, the actor felt like he was making a debut all over again.

He had to unlearn a lot of things to get into the groove for the character. Talking about it, the actor said, "It felt like I was making my debut in the Hindi film industry while filming for 'An Action Hero'. I have never explored this genre in my career so I had to unlearn and learn many things to pull off this role effectively on screen. I had a lot of fun and I hope audiences will appreciate what I have tried to do on screen with a disruptive film like 'An Action Hero'".

He mentioned that the character is far from who he is in real life, "Also, my character, Manav, is far removed from who I am in real life. Manav is extravagant, spoiled, moody and a brat. So, to play him, I had to become someone else completely and channelise these traits."

Ayushmann is ecstatic that the trailer of 'An Action Hero' has been widely appreciated by audiences.

"I'm thrilled that people have loved the



trailer of 'An Action Hero'. I always want to present myself in a new way on screen and hunt out scripts that sparkle with newness every single time. It feels great to see how people have connected to 'An Action Hero' as being that kind of film", he adds.

'An Action Hero', directed by Anirudh Iyer and produced by Aanand L. Rai and Bhushan Kumar and Krishan Kumar, is set to release on December 2.

Source: IANS



Amy Adams will not be part of new Superman movie?

Actor Amy Adams says she is "thrilled" about her Man of Steel co-star Henry Cavill donning the Superman cape once again but she doesn't know if she will be back as Lois Lane. Following his cameo in the Dwayne Johnson-starrer Black Adam last month, Cavill confirmed his return as the superhero in a new Warner Bros-DC movie on social media. But, will Adams be part of the upcoming film is not certain yet, as revealed by the actress herself.

Asked about Cavill reprising his Superman role, Adams told Variety: "Isn't it exciting?" The actor, who played firebrand journalist and love interest Lois Lane to Cavill's protagonist in the 2013 movie Man of Steel, was speaking at the Wednesday premiere of her latest film Disenchanted. "I'm thrilled for (Cavill). He's such a wonderful Superman so I'm very excited for him," she added.

The six-time Oscar nominee also weighed in on her return as Lois. "They haven't spoken to me about it. If it's me, great. If it's somebody else, the role of Lois has been filled by so many wonderful actresses in the past so I'll support whatever direction they go," Adams noted.

Drew Barrymore says giving up drinking was 'one of the most liberating things'

Actress Drew Barrymore said that giving up alcohol let her escape an "awful cycle". The 47-year-old 'E.T.' actress opened up about being three-and-a-half years sober in an essay published in 'Take Care of Yourself', the December edition of her monthly 'Drew' magazine, reports [aceshowbiz.com](https://www.aceshowbiz.com).

Barrymore, who is a single mother to her two daughters Olive (9) and Frankie (8), after she divorced her husband Will Kopelman, 44, in 2016, said: "One of the bravest things you can do is slay those dragons and finally change an awful cycle in which you've found yourself stuck."

"For me, it was to stop drinking. Take a moment, take a breath, and give yourself a squeeze. We're all just doing our best out here. And that in and of itself is something to celebrate."

She added that giving up drinking was "one of the most liberating things" in her "journey of life", saying it allowed her to "finally become free" of the "torture of guilt and dysfunction."

Drew has said she first drank aged nine, smoking marijuana began a year later and did cocaine aged 12, before going to rehab twice by the age of 13. She has told CBS' This Morning that "alcohol did not serve her," adding in the 2021 interview: "I would like to move forward in a more honest fashion that is more conducive to my mental peace. Maybe people think I figured out so many problems when I was young, because it was so hard then."

"We continue to confront things with each decade of our life that almost surpasses what we thought we had seen. I'm interested in that conversation.. we don't fix it, move on and it never breaks again. We are on that roller coaster."



Eva Mendes refers to Ryan Gosling as 'husband'



Hollywood actress Eva Mendes may have accidentally revealed that she has tied the knot to Ryan Gosling. The '2 Fast 2 Furious' actress referred to the 'La La Land' actor as her 'husband' in an Australian TV show.

"I'm loving it here," the actress said. "Everybody is amazing, everybody is welcoming us, it's been so beautiful. My husband Ryan is here ... and our children are here, we're having the best time," the mother of two added.

As per Page Six Style, Mendes has two daughters with the 42-year-old actor - Esmeralda and Amada. She went on to joke about her "ordinary" looking spouse after the show's hosts played a shirtless clip of Gosling from his film "Crazy, Stupid, Love."

"Yeah, that's my life, unfortunately," she said in a sarcastic tone. "And he's a great cook and he bakes. I got the short end of the stick, didn't I!" she added.

The couple, who have been together for over a decade now, always kept their relationship under wraps.

Hence, fans of the actors became immensely surprised at Mendes'

comment.

A fan took to twitter to post the clip of Mendes' interview.

"We have never heard Eva or Ryan speak about each other with the term of wife and husband, but now we can say that Eva and Ryan are MARRIED!!!" the caption read.

A slew of comments from overjoyed fans came on the post.

"Finally we got it. I hope there's no other reason for announcing this now," one fan said.

"She has a wedding ring on," another fan pointed out, while a third wished the "beautiful" couple "congratulations."

According to a report by Page Six Style, Mendes may have teased the marriage in her own subtle manner through a post on Instagram earlier this week.

The 'Ghost Rider' actress shared a snap of her wrist which had a tattoo on it, which read 'de Gosling'.

Eva Mendes was last seen in the television series 'Bluey'. Ryan Gosling, on the other hand, last starred in the Netflix release 'The Gray Man'.

Source: ANI

UKRAINIAN CAPITAL KYIV PLUNGES INTO DARKNESS

NOVEMBER 24

KYIV (TIP): About 70 per cent of the Ukrainian capital was left without power, Kyiv's mayor said on November 24, a day after Moscow unleashed yet another devastating missile and drone barrage on Ukraine's energy infrastructure.

Ukraine's energy minister Herman Haluschenko said three out of four nuclear power stations that are fully functioning and which had been forced offline by Wednesday's strikes were subsequently reconnected to the grid.

"In the next few hours, we will start supplying energy to critical infrastructure, and then to the majority of household consumers," Lunin said on Telegram, noting that power has already been restored for 15,500 people and 1,500 legal entities in the region.

Wednesday's renewed Russian attack on Ukrainian infrastructure caused power outages across large parts of the country, further hobbling Ukraine's already battered power network and adding to the misery for civilians as temperatures plunge.

Ukraine's General Staff reported on Thursday morning that Russian forces fired 67 cruise missiles and 10 drones during Wednesday's "massive attack on residential buildings and energy infrastructure" in Kyiv and several other regions in Ukraine.

Governor of the Poltava region Dmytro Lunin said "an optimistic scenario" suggested that electricity will come back to residents of his central Ukrainian region on Thursday.

Lunin added that water supplies resumed in several parts of the city of Poltava, and four boiler stations have started to heat regional hospitals across the country.

In the Dnipropetrovsk region, power has been restored for up to 50 per cent of consumers, Gov Valentyn Reznichenko said, but noted that "the power situation is complicated." — AP

TURKEY TARGETS OIL INSTALLATIONS IN SYRIA

NOVEMBER 24

AMMAN (TIP): Turkish drones are targeting key oil installations run by the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in northeast Syria, three local sources said, in air strikes which drew strong condemnation from the United States overnight.

The SDF said dozens of people including 11 of its fighters were killed in the strikes, which mark the first time Turkey has systematically targeted oil fields in the SDF-controlled region.

Turkey's warplanes began conducting air strikes on Syrian Kurdish YPG militia bases in northern Syria at the weekend, prompting retaliatory strikes along the Syrian border. — Reuters

South Korea in demographic crisis as many stop having babies

NOVEMBER 24

SEOUL (TIP): Yoo Young Yi's grandmother gave birth to six children. Her mother birthed two. Yoo doesn't want any.

"My husband and I like babies so much ... but there are things that we'd have to sacrifice if we raised kids," said Yoo, a 30-year-old Seoul financial company employee.

"So it's become a matter of choice between two things, and we've agreed to focus more on ourselves." There are many like Yoo in South Korea who have chosen either not to have children or not to marry. Other advanced countries have similar trends, but South Korea's demographic crisis is much worse.

South Korea's statistics agency announced in September that the total fertility rate — the average number of babies born to each woman in their reproductive years — was 0.81 last year. That's the world's lowest for the third consecutive year.

The population shrank for the first time in 2021, stoking worry that a declining population could severely damage the economy — the world's 10th largest — because of labour shortages and greater welfare spending as the number of older people increases and the number of taxpayers shrinks.

President Yoon Suk Yeol has ordered policymakers to find more effective steps to deal with the problem. The fertility rate, he said, is plunging even though South Korea spent 280 trillion won (USD 210 billion) over the past 16 years to try to turn the tide.

Many young South Koreans say that, unlike their parents and grandparents, they don't feel an obligation to have a family.

They cite the uncertainty of a bleak job market, expensive housing, gender and social inequality, low levels of social mobility and the huge expense of raising



children in a brutally competitive society. Women also complain of a persistent patriarchal culture that forces them to do much of the childcare while enduring discrimination at work.

"In a nutshell, people think our country isn't an easy place to live," said Lee So-Young, a population policy expert at the Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs. "They believe their children can't have better lives than them, and so question why they should bother to have babies."

Many people who fail to enter good schools and land decent jobs feel they've become "dropouts" who "cannot be happy" even if they marry and have kids because South Korea lacks advanced social safety nets, said Choi Yoon Kyung, an expert at the Korea Institute of Child Care and Education.

She said South Korea failed to establish such welfare programs during its explosive economic growth in the 1960 to '80s.

Yoo, the Seoul financial worker, said

that until she went to college, she strongly wanted a baby. But she changed her mind when she saw female office colleagues calling their kids from the company toilet to check on them or leaving early when their children were sick. She said her male coworkers didn't have to do this.

"After seeing this, I realized my concentration at work would be greatly diminished if I had babies," Yoo said.

Her 34-year-old husband, Jo Jun Hwi, said he doesn't think having kids is necessary. An interpreter at an information technology company, Jo said he wants to enjoy his life after years of exhaustive job-hunting that made him "feel like I was standing on the edge of a cliff."

There are no official figures on how many South Koreans have chosen not to marry or have kids. But records from the national statistics agency show there were about 193,000 marriages in South Korea last year, down from a peak of 430,000 in 1996. (Agencies)

Kim's sister calls South Korean president and his govt 'idiots' and 'a running wild dog gnawing on a bone given by the US'

NOVEMBER 24

SEOUL (TIP): The powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made insult-laden threats against South Korea on November 24 for considering unilateral sanctions on the North, calling the South's new president and his government "idiots" and "a running wild dog gnawing on a bone given by the US".

Kim Yo Jong's diatribe came two days after South Korea's Foreign Ministry said it was reviewing additional unilateral sanctions on North Korea over its recent barrage of missile tests. The ministry said it would also consider sanctions and clampdowns on North Korea's alleged cyber-attacks—a new key source of funding for its weapons



program—if the North conducts a major provocation like a nuclear test.

"I wonder what sanctions the South Korean group, no more than a running wild dog gnawing on a bone given by the US, impudently impose on North Korea," Kim Yo Jong said in a statement carried by state media. "What a

spectacle sight!" She called South Korea's new President Yoon Suk Yeol and his conservative government "idiots who continue creating the dangerous situation".

She added that South Korea "had not been our target" when Moon Jae-in—Yoon's liberal predecessor who sought reconciliation with North Korea—was in power. It could be seen as a possible attempt to help foster anti-Yoon sentiments in South Korea.

"We warn the impudent and stupid once again that the desperate sanctions and pressure of the US and its South Korean stooges against (North Korea) will add fuel to the latter's hostility and anger and they will serve as a noose for them," Kim Yo Jong said. (AP)

2-day-old baby killed as missile hits Ukraine maternity hospital

NOVEMBER 23

KYIV (TIP): An overnight rocket attack destroyed a hospital maternity ward in southern Ukraine, killing a 2-day-old baby, Ukrainian authorities said on November 23.

Ukraine's first lady said the attack caused "horrible pain," vowing that "we will never forget and never forgive." The baby's mother and a doctor were pulled alive from the rubble in Vilniansk, close to the city of Zaporizhzhia.

The region's governor said the rockets were Russian. The strike adds to the gruesome toll suffered by hospitals and other medical facilities in the Russian invasion that will enter its tenth month this week.

"At night, Russian monsters launched huge rockets at the small maternity ward of the hospital in Vilniansk. Grief overwhelms our hearts — a baby was killed who had just seen the light of day. Rescuers are working at the site," said the regional governor, Oleksandr Starukh, writing on the Telegram messaging app.

Medical workers' efforts have been complicated by recent attacks on Ukraine's infrastructure that have



damaged the power grid. State grid operator Ukrenergo said that all regions of Ukraine would see power outages on Wednesday.

"Breathing machines don't work, X-ray machines don't work... There is only one portable ultrasound machine and we carry it constantly," said a doctor,

Volodymyr Malishchuk. — PTI
'Russia sponsoring terrorism'

The European Parliament on Wednesday designated Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism, arguing Moscow's military strikes on civilian targets violated international law. Reuters

Search effort intensifies after Indonesia quake killed 271

NOVEMBER 23

CIANJUR (INDONESIA) (TIP): More rescuers and volunteers were deployed on November 23 in devastated areas on Indonesia's main island of Java to search for the dead and missing from an earthquake that killed at least 271 people.

With many missing, some remote areas still unreachable and more than 2,000 people injured in the 5.6 magnitude quake on Monday, the death toll was likely to rise.

Hospitals near the epicentre on the densely populated island were already overwhelmed, and patients hooked up to IV drips lay on stretchers and cots in tents set up outside, awaiting further treatment.

More than 12,000 army personnel were deployed on Wednesday to increase the strength of search efforts that being carried out by more than 2,000 joint forces of police, the search and rescue agency and volunteers, said Suharyanto, the National Disaster Mitigation Agency chief. Suharyanto, who like many Indonesians uses only one name, said aid was reaching thousands of people left homeless who fled to temporary shelters where supplies can be distributed only by foot over the rough terrain.

He said rescuers recovered three bodies Wednesday and rescued a 6-year-old boy who was found alive next to the dead body of his grandmother after spending two



days trapped under the rubble of his collapsed house.

Television reports showed police, soldiers and other rescue personnel using jackhammers, circular saws and sometimes their bare hands and farm tools, digging desperately in the worst-hit area of Cijendil village where tons of mud, rocks and trees were left from a landslide.

The government appeared to be focused on finding bodies, and wherever possible, survivors. Authorities struggled to bring tractors and other heavy equipment over washed-out roads after earthquake triggered landslides crashing onto the hilly hamlets.

But still, residents said the government

was slow to respond to the earthquake.

Muhammad Tohir, 48, was sitting in his living room with family in Cijendil when the catastrophe struck. Although his family managed to make it out, his sister and her two children was crushed by a landslide, a few kilometres (miles) of his house.

"When I came to my sister's house, I was devastated by what I saw," Tohir said. "Dozens of houses had been buried by landslides. ... I feel like doomsday." He said more than 40 houses in his sister's neighbourhood in Cijendil were buried under tons of mud with at least 45 people were buried alive, including Tohir's sister and her two children. Tohir, along with other residents in the area, searched for the missing using farm tools and managed to pull out two bodies buried under as much as 6 metres (10 feet) of mud. Two days later, rescue personnel arrived to help in the search. "The government too slow to respond to this disaster," Tohir said. "They should be bringing in heavy equipment to speed this up," he said. But he said that he will not give up until they can pull his sister and his nieces out of the mud. In several hard-hit areas, water, food and medical supplies were being distributed from trucks, and authorities have deployed military personnel carrying food, medicine, blankets, field tents and water tankers. (AP)

UK PM SUNAK COMMITTED TO BRINGING NET MIGRATION DOWN: SPOKESMAN

NOVEMBER 24

LONDON (TIP): British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is committed to bringing net migration to the United Kingdom down from record levels, his spokesman said on November 24, adding that the government would look at all options to ensure the system was working.

"The Prime Minister is fully committed to bringing overall numbers down," his spokesman said after official statistics showed net migration rose to an estimated record of 5,04,000 in the year to June.

"We're considering all options to make sure the immigration system is delivering." (Agencies)

BRAZIL'S BOLSONARO, VOTED OUT, CHALLENGES ELECTION RESULTS

NOVEMBER 22

BRASILIA (TIP): Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has challenged his electoral defeat last month to leftist rival Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, according to a complaint filed with the country's federal electoral court (TSE) that alleges votes from certain electronic voting machines should be "invalidated."

Bolsonaro's claim seems unlikely to get far, as Lula's victory has been ratified by the TSE and acknowledged by Brazil's leading politicians and international allies. But it could fuel a small but committed protest movement that has so far refused to accept the result.

Bolsonaro's right-wing electoral coalition, which filed the complaint, said its audit of the vote count had found "signs of irreparable... malfunction" in older voting machines.

"There were signs of serious failures that generate uncertainties and make it impossible to validate the results generated" in several older models of the voting machines, Bolsonaro allies said in their complaint. As a result, they urged that the votes from those models should be "invalidated." Bolsonaro, a far-right former army captain, has for years made baseless claims that the country's electronic voting system is liable to fraud, without providing substantiating evidence.

Brazil's currency deepened losses after news of the electoral complaint, losing 1.5% against the U.S. dollar in afternoon trading.

The TSE did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Reuters

Workouts that slow down ageing

A slow metabolism, declining stamina, setting in of chronic illnesses are some more troublesome signs of ageing. While you can't do anything about the growing numbers in your age, you can do a lot to stop it from showing. How? A steady fitness routine. Creating a regular exercise routine helps you steer clear of chronic diseases, helps build stamina and strong muscles, and keeps you physically agile and just like that hide years off your age.

Experts say exercise makes you feel younger than you are. Here are some workouts that will keep the real age from showing.

YOGA

Yoga does not work on specific body parts but on your overall well being. Yoga experts believe that yoga helps you stay younger for longer. There are specific facial yoga asanas that help keep the wrinkles away. Stress is the biggest killer today. Yoga helps reduce stress thereby not letting its after effects reflect on your face and body.

WEIGHT LIFTING

Most women shy away from weight lifting but that should not be the case if you want to have good bone health. Fitness experts as well as medical experts believe that weight training helps combat the onset of osteoporosis. However, make sure that you practice weight training under proper guidance.

SQUATS

Squats target the biggest muscles in



the human body. They not only burn calories but also keep your legs strong. Most of us squat a lot during the day without even realizing, which makes the perfect squat posture all the more important. Picking heavy grocery bags or lifting a kid, they all require you to squat. An incorrect squat posture can lead to injuries and you surely don't want that.

WALKING

There have been studies that say walking reduces the risk of dementia by one third. Not only does it protect

you from that evil, a recent study stated that walking also helps improve your cardiovascular health. A healthy heart is a great means for a youthful body.

CARDIO TRAINING

Cardio is recommended even by many beauty experts for a younger looking skin. Cardio workouts such as swimming, cycling and dance up your heart rates, as a result pumping more blood in your body. Better circulation helps strengthen our heart and give us a beautiful skin.

FOOD

Dal Bafla

Ingredients

2 cups wheat flour, ¼ cup maize flour, ½ cup ghee, 1 tsp cumin seeds, ¼ tsp ajwain, Salt to taste

1 ½ cups toor dal, soaked, A pinch of hing, 1 tsp red chilli powder, ½ tsp mustard seeds, 1 tsp sugar, ½ tsp turmeric powder, Salt to taste, 1 Tbsp desi ghee, 2 Tbsp coriander leaves, chopped

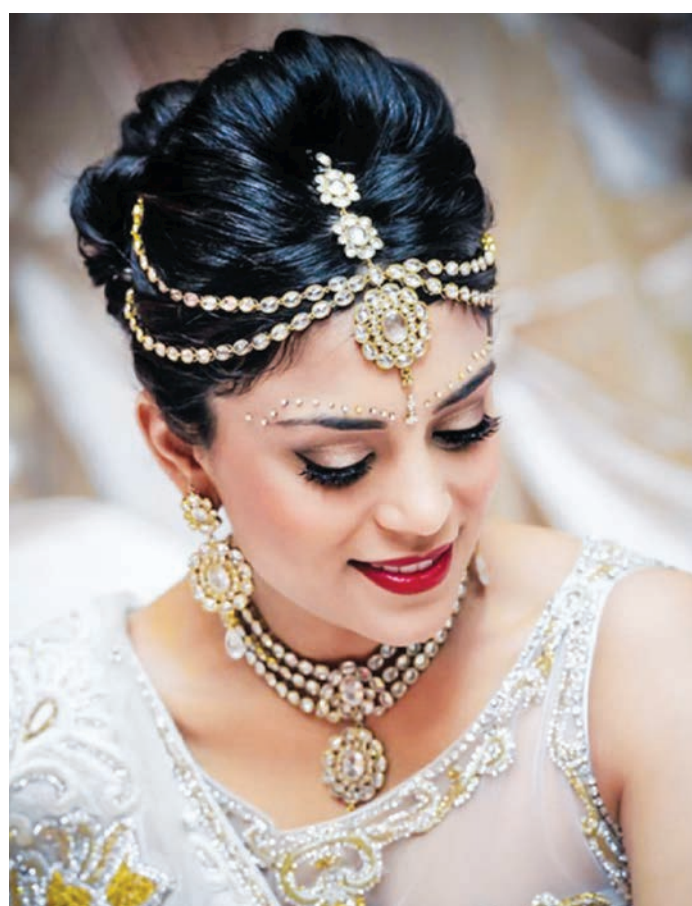
Method

In a large bowl, mix all the ingredients together to make a stiff dough, adding a little water at a time. Divide the dough into smaller balls, and roll them using your palms to make them smoother. Bring water to a boil in a large pan. Add salt and turmeric, and then drop the balls and cook till they float on the surface. Place them on a kitchen towel to drain excess water. Once they are dried, bake them in the oven at 150 degree C for till crisp and golden on both the sides.

Pressure cook the dal in 3 ½ cups of water for 3 whistles, by adding salt and turmeric powder. Let the steam escape and then add the hing and stir well. Add a little water if it is too thick, and bring to a boil. Meanwhile, heat ghee in a pan, add mustard seeds and let it splutter. Add red chilli powder, and quickly pour this tadka in the boiling dal. Add sugar and remove from the flame. Finish with coriander leaves.

To Serve

Place two Baflas on a plate, crumble them using your fingers, add a teaspoon of ghee, and pour the dal on top.



Hairstyles that make you stand out

Do you want to attend a party with a new hairstyle? Are you wondering whether or not to opt for a party hairdo that is both easy and attractive enough to draw everyone's attention? In fact, the highlight of a party hairstyle is to assist ladies appear more attractive to others. Let's take a look.

French braid

- Begin with using a dry shampoo on your lengths and ends to help create texture.
- Take a centre parting and braid your hair on both sides using the French braid technique.
- Continue braiding till you reach the nape area and secure it with rubber bands.
- Open up the braids a little bit and spray finishing spray for hold.

Centre-parted wavy hair

- Spray a prepping product on the roots, lengths and ends to give thickness and volume.
- Blast dry the hair so that the product is worked into the hair.
- Use a tong and curl the ends using big vertical sections.
- Open up the curls and use a hairspray for hold and shine.

Low side bun

- Use volumising spray on the lengths and ends for body and texture.
- Work the product into the hair with a brush and dryer.
- Take a side parting and tie your hair into a low ponytail at the nape area and secure it with a rubber band.
- Use a curling tong and tong the hair that is in the ponytail to create some movement.
- Twist the hair into a low bun and pin it up with bobby pins, pull out a few strands and

finish by applying a hairspray for added shine.

Two top knots

- Apply a smoothing cream on your lengths and ends for a soft and smooth texture.
- Take a centre parting and divide the hair into two equal parts.
- Tie two high ponytails of both sides of the parting and secure them with rubber bands.
- Twist the hair in the ponytail and wrap it around to look like a top knot. Secure it with pins.
- Repeat the same on both sides.

Messy ponytail

- To achieve the messy ponytail, apply a texturising spray to the lengths and end.
- Tie a high pony and secure it with a rubber band.
- some loose pieces for a messy effect and finish by spraying a shine hairspray.

Probiotic 'backpacks' can treat inflammatory bowel disease at any stage

Well-equipped, gut-friendly bacteria can help treat inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, according to a new study.

Combined with probiotics, nanoparticle backpacks could significantly improve, and simplify, IBD treatments, according to research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the US which was led by Quanyin Hu, a biomedical engineer and professor.

"IBD is a complicated disease, and you need to attack it at different angles," said Hu in a paper published in the journal Science Advances.

Hu and his colleagues devised specialised nanoparticles to neutralise molecules implicated in IBD.

They've also figured out a way of attaching these nanoparticle "backpacks" to beneficial bacteria after encasing them in a protective coating.

The nanoparticle backpacks are part sulfide and part hyaluronic acid. The acid is powerfully anti-inflammatory, and the sulfide directly targets the reactive oxygen species.

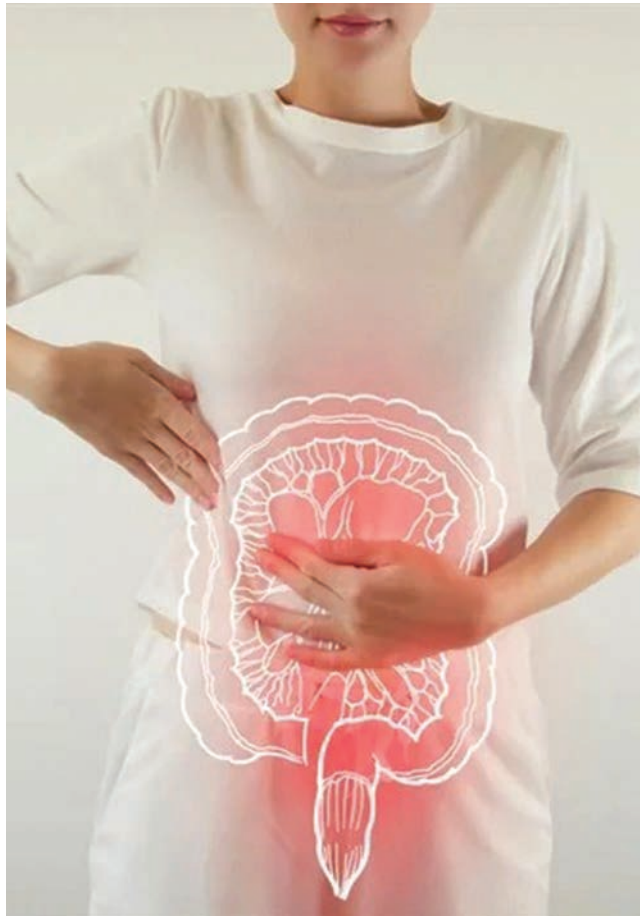
Conducted in mice, the researchers estimated the effects of the treatments in two ways: by measuring changes in weight and changes in the colon length of mice with IBD that did and did not receive the treatment.

Like humans, mice with IBD commonly experience weight loss and colon shortening as the disease progresses.

Hu and his colleagues found that mice that received the full treatment experienced the least amount of weight loss and much less colon shortening than their counterparts that received partial or no treatments.

"We didn't want to target a specific IBD stage. We wanted to select the most important factors that contribute to curing or treating the disease at whatever stage," said Hu.

Additionally, the treatment is administered orally,



which could make it a palatable alternative to other more invasive forms of IBD treatment such as partial or complete removal of the colon.

While the results are promising, it will take some time before the treatments are tested in humans.

Source: IANS



A novel immunotherapy could bolster cancer treatment: Study

Scientists have found a novel immunotherapy that could bolster the effectiveness of cancer treatment, according to a study.

Rather than rally T cells against cancer, scientists have used different human immune cells called natural killer (NK) cells as a novel means to fight cancer, according to a study.

The team of scientists at Albert Einstein College of Medicine described findings that could boost the impact of immune-checkpoint therapy, the study said. Findings have been published in The Journal of Clinical Investigation.

Immune checkpoint inhibitors such as Keytruda and Opdivo work by unleashing the immune system's T cells to attack tumour cells. Their introduction a decade ago marked a major advance in cancer therapy, but only 10 per cent to 30 per cent of treated patients experience long-term improvement, the study said.

"We believe the novel immunotherapy we have developed has great potential to move into clinical trials involving various types of cancer," said study leader Xingxing Zang.

The surfaces of immune cells are studded with receptors known as 'checkpoint' proteins, which prevent immune cells from straying beyond their usual targets, which are pathogen-infected cells and cancer cells. When checkpoint receptors on immune cells bind with proteins expressed by the body's own normal cells, the interaction puts the brakes on a possible immune-cell attack, the study explained.

Diabolically, most types of cancer cells express proteins that bind with checkpoint proteins, tricking immune cells into standing down and not attacking the tumour, the study said.

Immune checkpoint inhibitors are monoclonal antibodies designed to short-circuit immune-cell/cancer-cell interactions by blocking either the tumour proteins or the immune-cell receptors that bind with tumour proteins. With no brakes to impede them, immune cells can attack and destroy cancer cells, the study said.

The limited effectiveness of checkpoint inhibitors prompted Zang and other scientists to look at checkpoint pathways involving NK cells, which, like T cells, play major roles in eliminating unwanted cells, the study said.

A cancer-cell protein called PVR soon captured their attention.

Source: PTI

Aerobic exercise lowers risk of metastatic cancer, says study

The probability of cancer metastatic spread can be reduced by aerobic exercise by 72 per cent, according to a recent study.

The amount of glucose (sugar) consumed by internal organs rises during intense aerobic exercise, according to the researchers, which decreases the amount of energy available to the tumour.

The study was led by two researchers from TAU's Sackler Faculty of Medicine: Prof Carmit Levy from the Department of Human Genetics and Biochemistry and Dr Yftach Gepner from the School of Public Health and the Sylvan Adams Sports Institute. Prof. Levy emphasizes that by combining scientific knowhow from different schools at TAU, the new study has led to a very important discovery which may help prevent metastatic cancer - the leading cause of death in Israel. The paper was published in the prestigious journal Cancer Research and chosen for the cover of the November 2022 issue.



Prof Levy and Dr. Gepner: "Studies have demonstrated that physical exercise reduces the risk for some types of cancer by up to 35 per cent. This positive effect is similar to the impact of exercise on other conditions, such as heart disease and diabetes. In this study we added new insight, showing that high-intensity aerobic exercise, which derives its energy from sugar, can reduce the risk of metastatic cancer by as much as 72 percent. If so far the general message to the public has been 'be active, be healthy', now we can explain how aerobic activity can maximise the

prevention of the most aggressive and metastatic types of cancer."

The study combined an animal model in which mice were trained under a strict exercise regimen, with data from healthy human volunteers examined before and after running. The human data, obtained from an epidemiological study that monitored 3,000 individuals for about 20 years, indicated 72 percent less metastatic cancer in participants who reported regular aerobic activity at high intensity, compared to those who did not engage in physical exercise.

The animal model exhibited a similar outcome, also enabling the researchers to identify its underlying mechanism. Sampling the internal organs of the physically fit animals, before and after physical exercise, and also following the injection of cancer, they found that aerobic activity significantly reduced the development of metastatic tumors in the lymph nodes, lungs, and liver.

Source: ANI

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'Samsung' one of the most commonly used passwords in 2021

Samsung, or rather "Samsung" with a lowercase S, is one of the most commonly used passwords in at least 30 countries, a recent study by password management solution company Nordpass has showed.

According to SamMobile, using the name of your smartphone/TV/home appliance brand, for example, Samsung, as a password is not the worst offender, but it has grown in popularity in recent years.

While the "samsung" password ranked 198th in popularity in 2019, it rose to 189th in 2020 and 78th in 2021, breaking the top-100 mark last year.

The most popular password is "password," which was reportedly chosen by nearly 5 million users, while other commonly used passwords include "123456," "123456789," and "guest", according to the report.

In the case of "samsung," it turns out that it is not the only brand-based password used by a large number of online users.

According to a recent report, a simple and predictable password can be decrypted in less than one second, whereas combining lowercase and uppercase letters with numbers can also produce variable results. A seven-digit password containing all of those elements can be decrypted in about seven seconds, while an eight-digit password takes about seven minutes, said the report.

The research firm discovered that the majority of commonly used passwords can be decrypted in less than one second because they are short and consist only of numbers or letters with no uppercase characters, the report added. *Source: IANS*

Humans can live on Moon for longer periods in this decade: NASA

Not just SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, the US space agency also thinks that humans could stay on the Moon for a longer period in this decade.

Howard Hu, who leads the Orion lunar spacecraft programme for NASA, told the BBC that the Artemis missions "enable us to have a sustainable platform and transportation system that allows us to learn how to operate in that deep space environment".

"We're going to be sending people down to the surface and they're going to be living on that surface and doing science," Hu was quoted as saying in the report that came out on Sunday.

"It's really going to be very important for us to learn a little bit beyond our Earth's orbit and then take a big step when we go to Mars," he added.

Five days into the 25.5-day Artemis I mission, Orion continues on its trajectory towards the Moon.

On Sunday, November 20, the uncrewed Orion had travelled 2,32,683 miles from Earth and was 39,501 miles from the Moon, cruising at 371 miles per hour.

"It's the first step we're taking to long-term deep space exploration, for not just the United States but for the world," said Hu. "I mean, we are going back to the Moon, we're working towards a sustainable programme and this is the vehicle that will carry the people that will land us back on the Moon again," the NASA official noted. The US space agency last week sent its next-generation rocket into space as part of its ambitious, uncrewed Artemis I Moon mission which faced two failed attempts amid years of delays and billions of dollars spent.

The Space Launch System rocket took off from Cape Canaveral in Florida and sent the Orion spacecraft on its way to Moon's orbit.

The Orion will continue onward to the Moon, which it will orbit for several days before its likely return to the Earth on December 11. In 2025, NASA plans to launch the first crewed Moon landings since the Apollo 17 mission in 1972. That will include the first woman and the first person of colour to walk on the Moon. *Source: IANS*

Earth has its own temperature regulating mechanism: Study

Earth has its own stabilising mechanism that can keep global temperatures within a steady, habitable range, helping bring climate back from the brink.

Scientists have long suspected that silicate weathering plays a major role in regulating the Earth's carbon cycle.

"Silicate weathering" is a geological process by which the slow and steady weathering of silicate rocks involves chemical reactions that ultimately draw carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and into ocean sediments, trapping the gas in rocks, the study explained.

The mechanism of silicate weathering could provide a geologically constant force in keeping carbon dioxide - and global temperatures - in check. But there has never been direct evidence for the continual operation of such a feedback, until now, the study said.

The results, produced by scientists from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), US, are the first to use actual data to confirm the existence of a stabilising feedback, the mechanism of which is likely silicate weathering, the study,



published in the journal Science Advances, said.

This stabilising feedback would explain how the Earth has remained habitable through dramatic climate events in the geologic past.

"On the one hand, it's good because we know that today's global warming will eventually be cancelled out through this stabilising feedback," said study author Constantin Arnscheidt.

"But on the other hand, it will

take hundreds of thousands of years to happen, so not fast enough to solve our present-day issues." Scientists have previously seen hints of a climate-stabilising effect in the Earth's carbon cycle - Chemical analyses of ancient rocks have shown that the flux, or the flow, of carbon in and out of Earth's surface environment has remained relatively balanced, even through dramatic swings in global temperature. *Source: PTI*

Nvidia Working With Microsoft to Build 'Massive' Cloud AI Computer Using Several Thousand GPUs

US chip designer and computing firm Nvidia said it is teaming up with Microsoft to build a "massive" computer to handle intense artificial intelligence computing work in the cloud.

The AI computer will operate on Microsoft's Azure cloud, using tens of thousands of graphics processing units (GPUs), Nvidia's most powerful H100 and its A100 chips. Nvidia declined to say how much the deal is worth, but industry sources said each A100 chip is priced at about \$10,000 (roughly Rs. 8,15,400) to \$12,000 (roughly Rs. 9,78,500), and the H100 is far more expensive than that.

"We're at that inflection point where AI is coming to the enterprise and getting those services out there that customers can use to deploy AI for business use cases is becoming real," Ian Buck, Nvidia's general manager for Hyperscale and HPC told Reuters. "We're seeing a broad groundswell of AI adoption ... and the need for applying AI for enterprise use cases."

In addition to selling Microsoft the chips, Nvidia said it will partner with the software and cloud giant to develop AI models. Buck said Nvidia would also be a customer of Microsoft's AI cloud computer and develop AI applications on it to offer services to customers.

The rapid growth of AI models such as those used for natural language processing have sharply boosted demand for faster, more powerful computing infrastructure.

Nvidia said Azure would be the first public cloud to use its Quantum-2 InfiniBand networking technology which has a speed of 400 gigabits per second. That networking technology links servers at high speed. This is important as heavy AI computing work requires thousands of chips to work together across several servers.



'Brain-like computing' possible at molecular level, reveal scientists

A breakthrough discovery at University of Limerick in Ireland has revealed for the first time that unconventional brain-like computing at the tiniest scale of atoms and molecules is possible.

Researchers at University of Limerick's Bernal Institute worked with an international team of scientists to create a new type of organic material that learns from its past behaviour.

The discovery of the 'dynamic molecular switch' that emulate synaptic behaviour is revealed in a new study in the international journal Nature Materials.

The study was led by Damien Thompson, Professor of Molecular Modelling in UL's Department of Physics and Director of SSPC, the UL-hosted Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre for Pharmaceuticals, together with Christian Nijhuis at the Centre for Molecules and Brain-Inspired Nano Systems in University of Twente and Enrique del Barco from University of Central Florida. Working during lockdowns, the team developed a two-nanometre thick layer of molecules, which is 50,000 times thinner than a strand of hair and remembers its history as electrons pass through it. *Source: ANI*

Tatas to acquire Bisleri for up to Rs 7,000 crore: Report

Tata Consumer Products Ltd will buy Bisleri International for up to Rs 7000 crore, the Economic Times newspaper reported on Thursday, citing the packaged water maker's chairman Ramesh Chauhan. Tata Consumer Products and Bisleri did not respond to Reuters requests for comment.

The Tata Group houses its consumer business under Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) which also sells packaged mineral water under the brand Himalayan and with brands as Tata Copper Plus Water and Tata Gluco in the hydration segment.

According to industry observers, if the deal is finalised, it would provide the Tata group FMCG arm a larger play into the fast-growing bottled water segment. The Indian bottled water market was valued at over USD 2.43 billion (around Rs 19,315 crore) in FY2021, said a report from market research and advisory TechSci Research. It is expected to grow at a CAGR of 13.25 per cent on account of increasing disposable income, rising health and hygiene awareness, and increasing product innovation, the report added.

"Bottled water is gaining popularity among consumers because it is thought to be more hygienic than loose normal water in the market, which is not good for health and is unsafe to drink," the report said.

Foxconn offers staff 10,000 yuan to leave after iPhone factory violence

BEIJING (TIP)

Foxconn Technology Group has begun offering 10,000 yuan (around Rs 1 lakh) to any workers who choose to leave, an unusual decision intended to appease disgruntled new hires who played a central role in violent protests that rocked the world's largest iPhone factory.

Apple Inc.'s main global production partner said in an online notice the sum, to be paid out in two installments, will help smooth the journey home for employees. Many of the 200,000-plus workers at Foxconn's main plant in Zhengzhou hail from elsewhere in the province or country. But the intent was also to usher out recent employees that the local government had helped recruit, many of whom fuelled tensions among the ranks, a Foxconn spokesperson said on Thursday. The company will replace departing staff though it may take time, the spokesperson added.

The incentive, which in general exceeds a month's wages for Foxconn's blue-collar staff, is likely to placate some employees who on Wednesday staged a



rare violent protest that trained a spotlight on the economic and social toll of Xi Jinping's Covid Zero strategy. Hundreds of workers clashed with security personnel in the early hours as tensions boiled over after almost a month under tough restrictions intended to quash a Covid outbreak.

One factor behind the unrest is that workers found out they wouldn't receive higher wages they had been promised unless they stayed at the factory through March. The 10,000 yuan payment would compensate people unhappy with that restriction for their travel back home.

Mounting dissatisfaction among

Foxconn's ranks threatens to further disrupt production at a plant that cranks out the majority of Apple's marquee devices for shipment around the world. The US company has already warned it will ship fewer devices than anticipated during the critical holiday quarter, while wait times for iPhones have ballooned in some cases to after Christmas.

"We have Apple team members on the ground at our supplier Foxconn's Zhengzhou facility," the US company said in a statement. "We are reviewing the situation and working closely with Foxconn to ensure their employees' concerns are addressed."

Workers streamed out of dormitories in the early hours of Wednesday, jostling and pushing past the white-clad guards they vastly outnumbered. Several white-suited people pummelled a person lying on the ground with sticks in another clip. Onlookers yelled "fight, fight!" as throngs of people forced their way past barricades. At one point, several surrounded an occupied police car and began rocking the vehicle while screaming incoherently.

Source: Bloomberg

Air India mandates UK-based firm to sell its four Boeing 747-400 jumbo aircraft

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Tata Group-owned Air India has mandated UK-based remarketing firm Skytech-AIC for the sale of its four Boeing 747-400 jumbo planes.

These aircraft were deregistered by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation earlier this year.

In a statement on November 21, Skytech-AIC said it has been appointed by Air India to market four Boeing 747-400s for outright sale.

The aircraft, which are Pratt & Whitney 4056-powered and were built between 1993 and 1996, are offered for immediate delivery, it added.

"We are honoured to have been selected by India's flag carrier, Air India for this important assignment and are delighted to welcome them as a remarketing client alongside similarly leading airlines such as Singapore Airlines Group, Kuwait Airways, Air Greenland and Europe's TUI Group," Skytech-AIC Managing Director Julian Balaam said in the statement posted on the company's website.

In a statement on Tuesday, an Air India spokesperson said the 747s were a much-loved flagship of its fleet and "we are sad to let them go".

The airline is actively evaluating and reviewing the existing fleet to make it future-ready.



"We look forward to bringing in the latest generation, more fuel efficient and more environmentally friendly aircraft to power Air India's future aspirations and growth plans. We are sure that many passengers join Air Indians in bidding a fond emotional farewell to the Queen of the skies," the spokesperson said.

Apart from ferrying India's VVIPs -- president, vice president and prime minister -- the four jumbo planes were deployed on high-density domestic and international routes.

In 2020, Air India, which was then

owned by the government, received two customised Boeing 777 planes equipped with advanced defence systems for ferrying VVIPs. Subsequently, two jumbo jets were pulled out of operations and prior to that, two such aircraft were grounded. One of the early operators of these planes, Air India had started inducting jumbo aircraft in its fleet from 1971.

Over the decades, the airline has been phasing out such planes and replacing them with Boeing 777s and Boeing 787s, which are considered more fuel-efficient.

Source: PTI

After Twitter, Meta, Amazon and Google, HP Inc to reduce global headcount by up to 6,000 employees

PC and printer major HP Inc is joining the ongoing tech layoff season and will lay off nearly 4,000-6,000 employees. In the earnings report for its fourth quarter of 2022, the company said it expects to reduce gross global headcount by approximately 4,000-6,000 employees, which is between 7-11 per cent of its workforce.

"These actions are expected to be completed by the end of fiscal 2025," HP said in a statement late on Tuesday.

The company announced a 'Future Ready Transformation Plan', estimating annualised gross run rate cost savings of at least \$1.4 billion by the end of fiscal 2025, and restructuring and other charges of approximately \$1 billion.

HP Inc and its subsidiaries announced fiscal 2022 net revenue of \$63 billion, down 0.8 per cent from the prior-year period.

"We had a solid end to our fiscal year despite navigating a volatile macro-environment and softening demand in the second half. In Q4, we delivered on our non-GAAP EPS target, while also completing our three-year value creation plan and exceeding our key metrics," said Enrique Lores, HP President and CEO.

"Looking forward, the new 'Future Ready' strategy we introduced this quarter will enable us to better serve our customers and drive long-term value creation by reducing our costs and reinvesting in key growth initiatives to position our business for the future," Lores said.

The Personal Systems net revenue was \$10.3 billion, down 13 per cent year over year. The printing net revenue was \$4.5 billion, down 7 per cent year over year, said the company.

The global PC market has had a rough year following a pandemic boom.

Source: IANS

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Horoscope for the month of Dec 2022

By Chirag Daruwalla - Son of Astrologer Bejan Daruwalla



Aries

POSITIVE: Ganesha says now is the best time to concentrate your efforts on cognitive tasks. Try to be adaptable as well as optimistic. **FINANCE:** Expert advice and a small investment in a bucket could mean the difference between success and failure in finance. There is a chance of financial success as well as the return of funds given to family or friends. **LOVE:** Avoid being affected by your friends and family, as this could lead to a divorce. Rather than arguing, try to spend quality time together. **BUSINESS:** A meeting with employees from another company as well as top management may take place. You are likely to get a good deal on your company's project. If you own a family business, avoid arguing with your siblings or you will lose money. **EDUCATION:** Yoga and medical students are having a good month this month. Because you and your parents may have opposing viewpoints on the subject, you should have an open and honest discussion with them. This discussion could be extremely beneficial to your studies. **HEALTH:** To improve your physical and mental health, try to surround yourself with positive people and enroll in some meditation classes.



Taurus

POSITIVE: Ganesha says being thankful does not imply that everything in life is always good. If that's all it means, you can simply accept it as a gift. **FINANCE:** There is nothing to be concerned about in terms of finances. This month has the potential to be very profitable for your financial situation, and you could make a lot of money with a business deal. **LOVE:** If you want to get married, you should sit down and make a long-term plan. You must find someone who understands you and is interested in a long-term relationship. Even married couples would be happy with their marriage. **BUSINESS:** Those seeking an international assignment are likely to find a rewarding career change. Your seniors will appreciate your efforts and encourage you to continue learning and applying what you've learned. **EDUCATION:** Those of you who have worked as a tutor or mentor in a government agency is likely to be promoted shortly. You might also be encouraged to learn a professional skill that will help you stand out in a competitive market. In the coming days, your efforts will be recognized. **HEALTH:** You may experience relief from chronic ailments as well as a renewed sense of vigor and vitality. You should avoid becoming ill or being involved in an accident, and you should drive carefully.



Gemini

POSITIVE: Ganesha says you must take action you have never taken before to obtain what you have never had. **FINANCE:** If you are involved

in a legal proceeding, you may incur unexpected legal fees. Those of you in sales marketing should be able to get a good deal this month. **LOVE:** Some of you may be grumpy and unappreciative of your partner. There is a chance of disagreement, which could lead to a breakdown in communication. Avoid being swayed by your friends and family. **BUSINESS:** In addition to selection, you may receive some recognition. When handling calls and emails at work, it is recommended that you be attentive and courteous. Writers and artists may achieve success. **EDUCATION:** Mentors can impart knowledge to students of sports and art. You should be around positive people and think positive thoughts. Students interested in sports may have new options. **HEALTH:** Make an effort to meditate regularly this month. This month, eat a healthy diet of fruits and juices because the Sun's movement indicates that your immunity and health may be tested.



Cancer

POSITIVE: Ganesha says you have control over your happiness; you don't need the approval of others to be happy. **FINANCE:** The month's budget includes additional expenses for your sibling's wants and needs. The money and finance horoscope for the month may bring you varying degrees of financial success. To make more money this month, you should avoid taking any shortcuts or using unfair methods. **LOVE:** Even after spending so much time together, you may have some minor disagreements. For the sake of their relationship, most indigenous peoples may have to swallow their pride and set aside their selfishness. **BUSINESS:** You should maintain a high level of self-assurance in your field. To gain respect, try to be more humble. **EDUCATION:** Students born under this sign can concentrate on their studies without being distracted. Your academic path may present some difficulties, but you will overcome them quickly. In contrast, planetary alignments may cause you to become aggressive and short-tempered, causing conflict with family members. **HEALTH:** You may be able to enjoy your work and health more this month. Travel with caution and forethought.



Leo

POSITIVE: Ganesha says while you have no control over what happens to you, you do have control over how you perceive everything that happens to you. **FINANCE:** Your spending may rise this month. If you are working on a project, the failure of the project could spell financial disaster for you. **LOVE:** If a married couple has problems, they can solve them by discussing them. Never criticize your parents in front of your spouse if you live with them. **BUSINESS:** People born under this sign may have the opportunity to work abroad as working professionals or business owners. **EDUCATION:** Mentors can point you in the right direction when it comes to learning. Those interested in distance education can find excellent mentors on the internet. **HEALTH:** To avoid dust, wear as much clothing as possible and use a cloth to cover your face and mouth.



Virgo

POSITIVE: Ganesha says you are likely to be in good spirits for the rest of the month. **FINANCE:** Now is an excellent time to consider

making some wise investments. Prioritize your tasks by placing the most critical and urgent items at the top of the list. **LOVE:** Excellent communication heightens love, passion, and intimacy, allowing you to share special moments with friends, family, and loved ones. **BUSINESS:** You should also avoid making any major decisions in haste. Coworkers may be able to help you in the second half of the month. **EDUCATION:** There may be a few issues in the last part of the month, but you should be able to overcome them. **HEALTH:** You may be able to strike an ideal balance between your health and your personal life.



Libra

POSITIVE: Ganesha says there is always a choice. You might decide to approach them with a positive attitude. **FINANCE:** Your financial situation may remain stable. It may result in some good cash profits from previous investments, strengthening your position. **LOVE:** Reach out to family and friends and muster the courage to share your worries with them. As the month draws to a close, you'll be able to generate viable ideas. **BUSINESS:** Progressive forces may be able to assist you in moving forward. Your coworkers and superiors may be able to provide you with valuable advice that will assist you in resolving some outstanding issues. **EDUCATION:** Using your energy in new ways can do a lot of good in your community. You may have the opportunity to learn new skills. It may also help you make significant progress as the month progresses. **HEALTH:** After some ups and downs in your health, you may notice a return to normal health conditions this month.



Scorpio

POSITIVE: Ganesha says the best way to ensure that your dreams come true is to live them. **FINANCE:** You may be dissatisfied with your slow progress. You may see consistent gains if you stick to your budget. If you have applied for a loan, the bank will most likely help you. **LOVE:** Perhaps you and your partner don't trust each other. As a result, to resolve conflicts and strengthen your bond with your life partner, you must prioritize your relationship. **BUSINESS:** On-the-job employees may receive assistance from their superiors. During this time, job seekers may be able to find new opportunities. **EDUCATION:** This is the perfect time to broaden your horizons by learning a new skill. Your efforts this month may not be in vain. **HEALTH:** By the end of the month, you may be feeling better and your luck may be turning in your favor.



Sagittarius

POSITIVE: Ganesha says kindness is not a product. True compassion never limits its actions and never expects anything in return. **FINANCE:** As a result of your prudent investing strategy, your bank account would steadily grow. **LOVE:** Those of you who have been putting off starting a major project for a long time should reconsider the changes you intend to make to your current project. **BUSINESS:** Employees, on the other hand, may contribute to the growth of their

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE - NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 4



ARIES : Ganesha says, Professionals who are functioning will get the rewards of their labor. The transactions you make this week won't cause you to forfeit all of your income, but it will remain stuck for a very great many years until you start to see a return on your commitment. This week would be ideal for making an attention mortgage. Existing partners will be able to tell that you take your connection seriously. You won't experience any psychological problems this week since you'll be in positive emotional wellness, but you'll still need to cope with your spinal ache. Avoid sleeping in an awkward position.



TAURUS : Ganesha says, the strongest effects of transformation will be felt in your seventh sector this week. This week, you will go forward and abandon the realm of indecision while restraining your fear. The advice from this week will help you draw in money. The Hindu god Shiva has a plan for you. This week, your partner will create selections for you that will annoy you. The process of organizing the marriage will go without incident, but disagreements over choices will lead to conflict. You will teach yourself wholesome and constructive practices this week. You'll be able to keep doing it for a long period. Improve your liquid consumption.



GEMINI : Ganesha says, this week, coworkers will try to get the better of you, but don't worry; your employers will still appreciate the great effort you produce. This week, you will be given consideration for advancements when your job satisfaction rises to a certain level. It's time to repair your connection at this point. This week, you'll stop talking to your husband and stop highlighting your relationship problems. This week, your wellness will be a bit inconsistent. However, you'll continue to have a solid emotional foundation. Your general condition will be fluctuating this week.



CANCER : Ganesha says, this week, unproductive things will catch your attention. You'll have a bit more labor than normal this week, which will make you unhappy. Ensure you are in the moment at business. Additionally, if you work in the industrial industry, refrain from accepting any additional agreements this week to save funds. This week, you'll be surprised by what somebody else thinks makes the perfect partner. Your chances of finding love will suffer since you'll be searching for the ideal mate. Be sensible and understanding this week when looking for a partner. This week, your renal issues will be minor. More work is draining your energy; therefore, you need to immediately increase your hydration consumption. Maintain your health this week!



LEO : Ganesha says, this week, you'll create new strategies for your current company as you will enter a new year this week. You will definitely receive some recognition in the corporate sphere. Budgetary control this week will be difficult for individuals working in the school sector. Your partner will make you giggle harder than normal this week. You're more inclined to argue with somebody this week over your connection. Your wellness will experience some minor inconveniences this week. You'll struggle to deal with migraines this week. Going outside in the warmth this week is not advised.



VIRGO : Ganesha says, this week, you'll be cracking the ice with your teammates and managers. They'll start to perceive you differently than they did before. People who are employed in the commercial entire globe will experience issues when handling funds. This week, because of a judicial issue, your partner will request your advice. Anything you remark will have a significant influence. You will be reunited a bunch this week, but it will be for work. Your wellness will be excellent this week. Your hectic week will keep you awake, but you'll be fine.



LIBRA : Ganesha says, you'll find your business career challenging yet satisfactory. Your profession has developed into an unexpectedly lucrative one, which will increase your self-assurance this week. Although it will be the worst week to quit your job, you will feel forced to do so. Entrepreneurs will be worried with financial issues this week, and their notoriety will enable them to accomplish their goals. This week, household duties will keep you busy. The afternoon will be helpful on your amorous facets. This week, your companion will take part in household activities, which will help your household and partner establish communication. The exercise session this week is something you are anticipating.



SCORPIO : Ganesha says, this week, you'll build strong professional relationships with your teammates. Clients will give positive reviews of your goods or services. Ordinary employees will have hectic but fulfilling days this week. Circumstances this week will coincide in such a manner that you will feel drawn to your connection, yet your spouse will grow irate about unimportant things. This is because their astrological sign is influenced by the moonlight. Give them some distance this week while still letting them know you cared about them. Your mind will be active this week. You will be grateful for your excellent condition this week. Despite a challenging situation, you will experience invigorated.



SAGITTARIUS : Ganesha says the business facades in the first half week will be challenging for you because of an unexpected cash need. Check to see if you have any coming this week. If you don't fulfill obligations right away, the penalty will be charged in the long term. This week, one of your most cherished people will disrupt your relationship life, but you'll also uncover a heretofore-unknown aspect of your companion's personality. Your oral wellness will experience problems. Schedule a visit with your physician right away. Eat the appropriate meals this week.



CAPRICORN : Ganesha says, it's not a smart idea to make any purchases for your business this week. Additionally, this is not the moment to make substantial capital expenditure. This week, you can protect your valuables by being careful and taking quick response. This week you will be able to make amendments in your plans. You'll invest a lot of time contemplating you and your destiny together but try not to build structures in the clouds or indulge in excessive use of drapes and perfumes. Check to see whether your partner contemplates destiny with you as well. An ongoing medical issue may gain greater significance this week. Get in touch with a doctor as soon as you can.



AQUARIUS : Ganesha says, you will get the chance to travel abroad since it is necessary for your profession. This week, those who applied for visas to work abroad will learn their applications have been approved. No despite how challenging it may seem today, do not miss this chance. Possibilities this week will change the way you view your profession. You won't be able to make your loved one laugh. Even if people enjoy your sharp wit, there needs to be more if you want to build a connection here. This week, you'll be concerned about slips and falls. Avoid locations and situations that might hurt you this week. Take the proper precautions for your bodily health.



PISCES : Ganesha says, this week, you'll need to restrain your radiance in order to make the right decisions. Unwanted effects will result from distinguishing apart from the mass, but you will have a great opportunity when others recognize your high moral standards at business. Corporate executives will set long-term plans this week. You'll display your outgoing aspect this week, which will facilitate the development of new relationships. This week, romance is in the forecast, and it's probably going to be with a potential new friend of yours. Consider this connection with prudence. This week, you'll switch up your treatments and discover that going with an alternative form of treatment is better for you.

BIRTHDAY HOROSCOPE : NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 4
BY ASTRO FRIEND CHIRAG - SON OF ASTROLOGER BEJAN DARUWALLA

NOVEMBER 28 : Ganesha says you are able to achieve a high degree of perfection in anything you do, which earns you respect and attention from those around you, but you need to learn to curb your predisposition to act occasionally spendthrift, envious, and reckless. Today you're likely to be very risk-taking and daring, but you should avoid making any rash investment decisions since otherwise losses are guaranteed. Your health needs some attention, and legal and tax issues would be problematic.

NOVEMBER 29 : Ganesha says for those who are willing to take financial and business risks, today can be very beneficial. Take extra care with your jewelry and other pricey possessions. For working and professional women, this year will be very important because they will succeed in their respective fields. Stock and real estate speculation will produce lucrative returns. A new romance will be intriguing but fleeting. There are opportunities for some students who want to pursue higher education abroad. Travelling or making a pilgrimage will bring comfort and peace.

NOVEMBER 30 : Ganesha says success in all you accomplish today will keep you happy. You will receive attractive returns on previous investments, and long-pending legal problems will be resolved in

your favor. An unexpected financial and in-kind donation from family and friends throughout the time. There may be some small health issues as a result of stress and strain. You will become more spiritually connected in the second half of the year, and this will have a profound impact on how you think and behave.

DECEMBER 1: Ganesha says despite the fact that you may not be an artist, you enjoy collecting items with artistic value. You are exceptionally perceptive and intelligent, but you need to work on your tendency to act timid and lazy at times. The highlight of the upcoming year will be starting new jobs and assignments. Long-term returns on property investments will be favorable. Your relationships with people of the opposite sex will grow stronger, giving your life a new and interesting direction.

DECEMBER 2 : Ganesha says this day looks to be very prosperous financially. Your confidence and morale will rise as a new contract or partnership forms. It is advised to invest in stocks and real estate. You'll experience a religious urge later in the year, leading you to make a pilgrimage. Preventive medication is required for chronic patients. Drive cautiously, especially at night. Trade and export-

related businesspeople stand to gain. This time period will be particularly exciting, adventurous, and full of opportunities for students.

DECEMBER 3 : Ganesha says although you enjoy reading and the arts, and you like to hang out with smart, like-minded people, you need to learn to control your tendency to become obstinate and envious at times. Rewarding and recognizing times are now. For some, a new relationship is most likely. More focus would undoubtedly be needed on health. Real estate or speculative gains that weren't anticipated could still happen. While your spouse will require more of your attention, children might make you feel unsatisfied.

DECEMBER 4 : For those with creative jobs and for professionals, this day will prove to be significant. Finances will significantly improve. Some of you may receive promotions or transfers to locations of your choosing. A few journeys are probably going to happen, bringing with them the possibility of financial gain and the chance to interact with influential and important people. The academic and athletic performance of the students will be outstanding. Real estate-related issues will develop. The house may need to be renovated, made more beautiful, or expensive items purchased.

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Horoscope for the month of Dec 2022

company. **EDUCATION:** Participate in any group discussion for educational purposes. This will also aid your understanding. The perspectives and opinions of others can teach you a lot. People, it will be worthwhile! **HEALTH:** Continue your ways and dealings only if you are completely certain of them. Others may quickly figure out what you're up to. This month will be exciting and revitalizing for you.

Capricorn



POSITIVE: Ganesha says being courageous entails confronting fear, refusing to ignore it, and acting despite it. **FINANCE:** This month, remember to keep a close eye on the returns on your current investments. This will allow you to increase your wealth, which will be beneficial in the future. **LOVE:** Marriage is a fantastic institution for those who have been dating for a long time. This is an excellent opportunity to strengthen your love and relationship over time. **BUSINESS:** This is not the best month to launch a new business. You'd be in big trouble if you did that. My only piece of advice is to keep an eye on your cash flow. **EDUCATION:** My only piece of advice is to be extra cautious with your hard work this month because it could be the month where your learning is solely based on your current efforts. **HEALTH:** You can now sleep better and live a happier life. If you have a persistent disease, check your health and take any necessary medications. Also, refrain from drinking any alcohol for the entire month.

Aquarius



POSITIVE: Ganesha says when something terrible happens, keep your cool, take a few deep breaths, and redirect your attention to something positive. **FINANCE:** Do not invest because your funds may become stranded during this period. Taking out any type of loan or credit facility this month may not be beneficial to you. **LOVE:** Singles may also find a partner who is a perfect match for them. According to your monthly forecast, you have a good chance of conceiving this month. **BUSINESS:** To land the job as

soon as possible, you should maximize your opportunity and your self-confidence, resilience, and positive thinking. **EDUCATION:** Take some practice tests before the final exam, as this may be your last chance. This month, make the most of your planning. **HEALTH:** Now is the time to be content with the direction your life will take in the future. Some of you may need to be more cautious about your future travel plans because this could work against you.

Pisces



POSITIVE: Ganesha says even when they are in the midst of a storm, the most courageous and compassionate people find the strength and compassion

to help others. **FINANCE:** You'll be in a giving mood and will help out your friends who are short on cash, as well as donate money to charitable organizations. **LOVE:** Some of you may receive a romantic proposal from your hometown. **BUSINESS:** You'll be a ball of energy all day. Professional connections in the creative industries should be strengthened through the use of digital media. **EDUCATION:** Your teacher and mentor may have some excellent suggestions for you. Your chances of admission to a higher education program are excellent. **HEALTH:** Stress at work or home can cause agitation and negativity, interfere with your ability to sleep, and lead to unanticipated health problems.

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Ukraine battles to reconnect millions in the cold and dark in the aftermath of Russian attack

"However, we are gradually moving away from blackouts, every hour we return power to new consumers."

More than 24 hours after Russian strikes smashed Kyiv, mayor Vitali Klitschko said late Thursday that 60 percent of homes in the capital were still suffering emergency outages. Water services had been fully restored however, said city officials.

But the shelling had killed seven people at Vyshgorod, on the outskirts of the city, said Oleksiy Kuleba, head of the Kyiv Regional Military Administration.

And a fresh round of strikes Thursday killed at least four people in the southern city of Kherson, recently recaptured by Ukraine, said a senior official there.

The latest attacks on the power grid come with winter setting in and temperatures in the capital hovering just above freezing.

The western region of Khmelnytsky was one of the worst affected by power outages, with just 35 percent of its normal capacity, but that was enough to connect critical infrastructure, according to Serhii Hamaliy, the head of the regional administration.

About 300,000 residents in the eastern Kharkiv region, near the border with Russia, were still without power on Thursday evening, but electricity supply had been restored for nearly 70 percent of consumers, said Oleh Synehubov of the regional military administration.

"We've restarted power supplies," said Igor Terekhov, mayor of Kharkiv city, adding that water was being restored to homes and municipal workers were reconnecting public transport.

"Believe me, it was very difficult."

Ukraine accused Russian forces of launching around 70 cruise missiles as well as drones in attacks that left 10 dead and around 50 wounded.

But Russia's defense ministry denied striking any targets inside Kyiv, insisting that Ukrainian and foreign air defense systems had caused the damage.

"Not a single strike was made on targets within the city of Kyiv," it said.

Moscow is targeting power facilities in an apparent effort to force capitulation after nine months of war that has seen its forces fail in most of their stated territorial objectives.

"The way they fight and target civil infrastructure, it can cause nothing but fury," said Oleksiy Yakovlenko, chief administrator at a hospital in Ukraine's eastern city of Kramatorsk.

Despite the increasingly frequent blackouts, Yakovlenko said his resolve was unwavering.

"If they expect us to fall on our knees and crawl to them it won't happen," Yakovlenko told AFP.

Russian troops have suffered a string of battlefield defeats.

Ukraine's recapture of Kherson meant a withdrawal from the only regional capital Russia had captured, Moscow's troops destroying key infrastructure as they retreated.

On Thursday, Yaroslav Yanushevych, head of the Kherson military administration, said Russian strikes there had killed at least four people.

"The Russian invaders opened fire on a residential area with multiple rocket launchers. A large building caught fire," he said on Telegram.

Ukraine prosecutors also said Thursday that the authorities had discovered a total of nine torture sites used by the Russians in Kherson, as well as "the bodies of 432 killed civilians".

Wednesday's attacks disconnected three Ukrainian nuclear plants automatically from the national grid and triggered blackouts in neighboring Moldova, where the energy network is linked to Ukraine.

All three nuclear facilities had been reconnected by Thursday morning, said the energy ministry.

Power was nearly entirely back online in ex-Soviet Moldova, where its pro-European president Maia Sandu convened a special meeting of her security council.

The Kremlin said Ukraine was ultimately responsible for the fallout from the strikes and that Kyiv could end the strikes by acquiescing to Russian demands.

Ukraine "has every opportunity to settle the situation, to fulfil Russia's demands and as a result, end all possible suffering of the civilian population," spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

Mr. Zelensky said Ukraine's forces were "preparing to advance" in some areas.

"Almost every hour I receive reports of occupiers' attacks on Kherson and other communities of the region," he said.

"Such terror began immediately after the Russian army was forced to flee from Kherson region. This is the revenge of those who lost."

The Ukrainian leader struck an optimistic tone at the end of his nightly address.

"We have withstood nine months of full-scale war, and Russia has not found a way to break us." (Source: The Hindu)

Supreme Court clears handover of Trump tax returns to Congress

successful 2016 campaign or his four years in the White House, citing what he said was an ongoing audit by the IRS.

It was the former president's second loss at the Supreme Court in as many months, and third this year. In October, the court refused to step into the legal fight surrounding the FBI search of Trump's Florida estate that turned up classified documents.

In January, the court refused to stop the National Archives from turning over documents to the House committee investigating the January 6 insurrection at the Capitol.

Justice Clarence Thomas was the only vote in Trump's favor.

In the dispute over his tax returns, the Treasury Department had refused to provide the records during Trump's presidency. But the Biden administration said federal law is clear that the committee has the right to examine any taxpayer's return, including the president's.

Lower courts agreed that the committee has broad authority to obtain tax returns and rejected Trump's claims that it was overstepping and only wanted the documents so they could be made public.

Chief Justice John Roberts imposed a temporary freeze on November 1 to allow the court to weigh the legal issues raised by Trump's lawyers and the counter arguments of the administration and the House of Representatives.

Just over three weeks later, the court lifted Roberts' order without comment.

Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., the committee chairman until the next Congress begins in January, said in a statement that his committee "will now conduct the oversight that we've sought for the last three and a half years."

In a message on his social media network, Trump said the Supreme Court's action created "terrible precedent for future Presidents." He accused the court of becoming "nothing more than a political body, with our country paying the price."

He also said: "Why would anybody be surprised that the Supreme Court has ruled against me, they always do!" The House contended an order preventing the IRS from providing the tax returns would leave lawmakers "little or no time to complete their legislative work during this Congress, which is quickly approaching its end." Had Trump persuaded the nation's highest court to intervene, he could have run out the clock on the committee, with Republicans ready to take control of the House in January.

They almost certainly would have dropped the records request if the issue had not been resolved by then.

The House Ways and Means panel first requested



Trump's tax returns in 2019 as part of an investigation into the Internal Revenue Service's audit program and tax law compliance by the former president. A federal law says the Internal Revenue Service "shall furnish" the returns of any taxpayer to a handful of top lawmakers.

The Justice Department under the Trump administration had defended a decision by then-Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to withhold the tax returns from Congress. Mnuchin argued that he could withhold the documents because he concluded they were being sought by Democrats for partisan reasons. A lawsuit ensued.

After President Joe Biden took office, the committee renewed the request, seeking Trump's tax returns and additional information from 2015-2020. The White House took the position that the request was a valid one and that the Treasury Department had no choice but to comply. Trump then attempted to halt the handover in court.

Then-Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. obtained copies of Trump's personal and business tax records as part of a criminal investigation. That case, too, went to the Supreme Court, which rejected Trump's argument that he had broad immunity as president.

Elon Musk proposes to reinstate everyone Twitter banned

former US President Donald Trump has been allowed to rejoin the micro-blogging platform.

Musk tweeted, "The people have spoken. Trump will be reinstated."

He kicked off the poll on November 19 to find out how many of his over 117 million followers support or reject the move to reinstate Trump on the platform. (Source: Agencies)

Kamal Haasan admitted to hospital with fever, cold

Kamal Haasan had recently posted on Instagram that he met veteran filmmaker K. Viswanath at the latter's residence in Hyderabad. The duo had collaborated in award-winning movies such as Swati Muthiyam and Sagara Sangamam.

Kamal Haasan is currently hosting Bigg Boss Tamil in Vijay TV and shooting for Indian-2, a Tamil movie directed by Shankar.

He was last seen in Vikram, also starring Fahadh Faasil and Vijay Sethupathy, which was a blockbuster. (Source: The Hindu)

Vivah Panchami

The day of Vivah Panchami is considered a special day in Hinduism. This day is celebrated every year on the fifth day of Shukla Paksha of Magashish month according to Hindu date. Panchami is special in Hinduism because it is believed that Lord Rama and Mother Sita got married on this day. That's why 'Vivah Panchami' is also known as 'Ram Vivah'.

Vivah Panchami is celebrated like a festival in Hinduism. This festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm in the city of Ayodhya in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. The day of Vivah Panchami is celebrated as the marriage festival of Sita and Rama in temples and holy places associated with Sri Rama in the Mithila region of India and Nepal.

Significance of Vivah Panchami

The day of Vivah Panchami is considered as an auspicious and holy day according to the scriptures. Vivah Panchami festival is held in almost all Ram-Sita temple areas in India and Nepal. It is celebrated with great enthusiasm especially in Ayodhya. On this day the temples of Ram-Sita are decorated with lamps and flower garlands. The idols of all the deities in the temples are beautified with new clothes and ornaments. On this day in the temples of Ram-Sita marriage-like conversation takes place. This social program is popularly known as 'Ram Vivah Utsav'.

According to astrology, the day of Vivah Panchami is not considered auspicious for marriage. Lord Rama and Mother Sita were married on the day of Vivah Panchami, but then this day is not considered perfect for common people for marriage. Because the life after the marriage of Lord Rama and Sita was full of sorrows and hardships. That's why it is believed that getting married on this day can make a person's married life as painful as Ram and Sita's.

Vivah Panchami Story

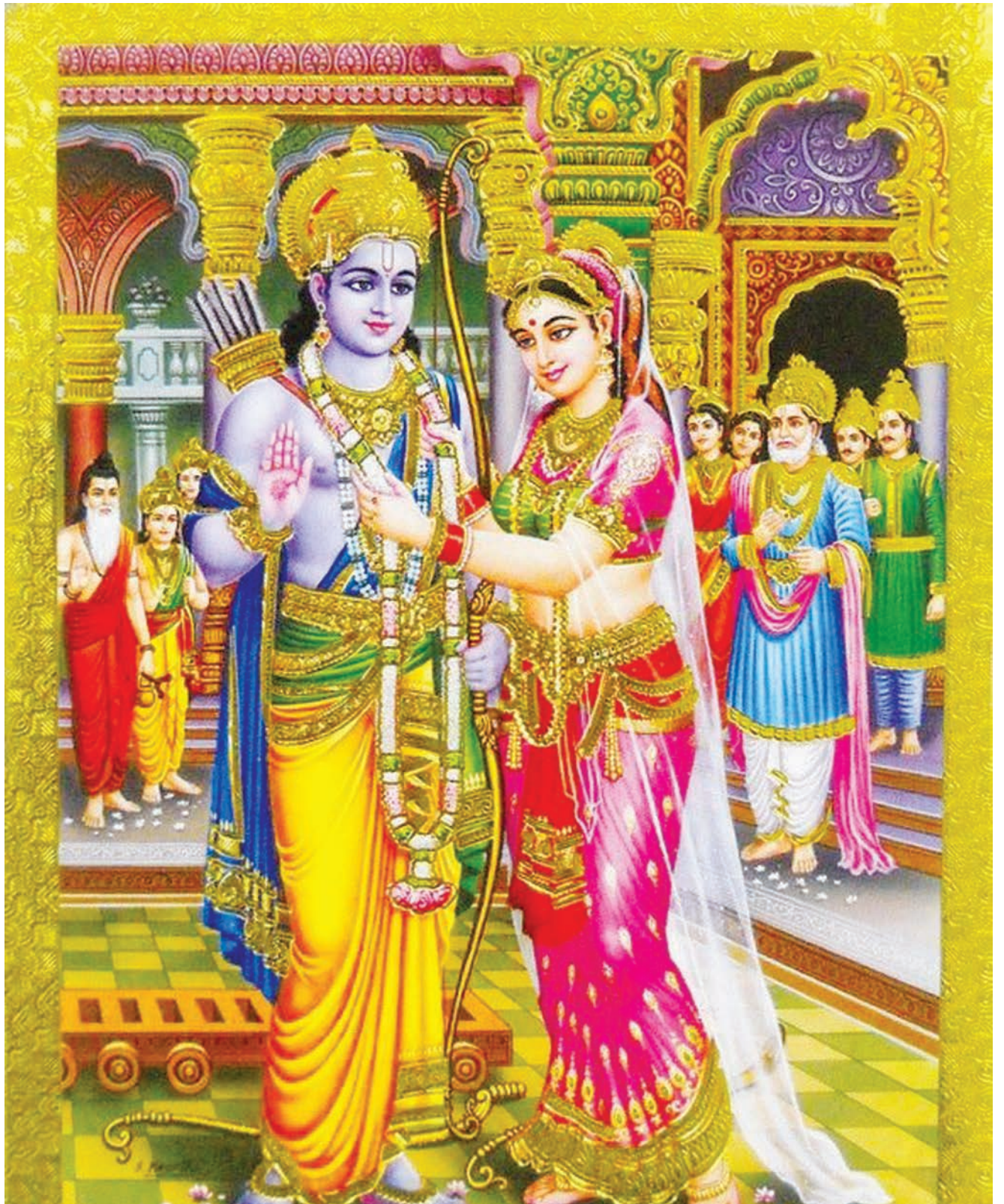
King Dasharath was once approached by Maharishi Vishwamitra, requesting him to allow Ram to guard his Yagna. King Dasharath reluctantly agreed and allowed Prince Ram and Lakshman to go with sage Vishwamitra. Vishwamitra successfully completed his Yagna and returned to Mithila along with Ram and Lakshman. During that time, Mithila's ruler Janak had organised a Swayamvar for Princess Sita.

The Swayamvar task for all participants was to lift and string a massive bow, Shiva Dhanusha, which was laid resting on the ground. However, it was such a heavy and enormous bow that participants failed to lift it. Sage Vishwamitra then asked Ram, who strung the bow, breaking it into two. King Janak was delighted and got Sita married to Lord Ram.

Vivah Panchami Rituals

- In the morning, devotees bathe and dress in clean, fresh clothes.
- The idols of Bhagwan Rama and Mata Sita are decorated.
- Bhagwan Ram is given yellow robes, while Mata Sita is given crimson clothes.
- 'Vivah Prasang,' the sacred Baal-Kand script, was read by either the priest or family members.
- Listening to the legend of Lord Rama and Maa Sita's wedding is believed to bring happiness and blessings.
- On this day, reciting the Ramcharitmana ensures a happy and wealthy family life.
- The devotion of Bhagwan Rama and Mata Sita would help you in resolving all family conflicts.
- Devotees chant devotional and religious songs as well as sacred mantras in praise of the deities (bhajans).
- In the 'Ramleela,' the Vivah Panchami takes place in various settings.
- The celebration is concluded with the offering of a final Aarti and Bhog Prasad after the priest completes the Vivah Panchami Puja.

Vivah Panchami Benefits



Important information

Vivah Panchami 2022 or Ram Vivah Utsav 2022

Monday, 28 November 2022

Panchami tithi start : 27 November 2022 at 4:25 pm

Panchami tithi end : 28 November 2022 at 1:35 pm

- If any difficulties develop in your marriage, performing puja on the day of Vivah Panchami can help you in overcoming them.
- Worship on this day may remove any difficulty that arises in a person's married life.
- Worshipping the combined form of Lord Shri Ram and Mata Sita aids in obtaining both of their blessings as well as the removal of all obstacles in a person's marriage.
- Furthermore, chanting Bala Kanda's Path is very important during the idols' wedding ceremony.
- Reciting the Ramcharitmanas also promotes pleasant family life.

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Sometimes the presumed “obvious” can be misleading, and delving deep into a place can reveal remarkable opportunities, and so Maldives – beyond the beaches present with some stunning tourist interests. Pristine white sand beaches, palm fringed islands and turquoise blue expanse of the Indian Ocean would be the first (and maybe the only) thing that comes to mind when one thinks about Maldives. But I am here to tell you about a different Maldives, buzzing with innumerable experiences, Maldives – beyond the beaches. After all, how many of us would know that Maldives before the 12th century was a Buddhist regime! There are a plethora of things to see and do in Maldives other than vegetating on fine white sand.

MALE

The capital city of Male doesn't really show any signs of a 1400 year old Buddhist past. Although 35 mosques can be found in this seemingly expeditiously built colourful settlement, vestiges of the bygone era can still be traced to the most famous and tallest monument of Male - The Old Friday Mosque, built on a Buddhist Temple. With around 100000 people, the roads are almost crowded with scooters and mopeds. The colorful crisscrossing by-lanes are better to explore the city with every attraction being at an arm's length. Another interesting fact about Maldives is that no other religion other than Islam can be practiced here, with the entire population being Sunni Muslim. Male presents with the best option of exploring the truest spirit of Maldives.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM

The National Museum is a structure made up of steel and glass, and is a gift from China under a bilateral agreement, and was completed recently in 2010. The impressive part about this two floored building is the display of famous lacquer work boxes, age old cannons, broken pieces of Buddhist and Hindu idols, images of political events, and most importantly a replica of the pen that was used to sign the 'Declaration of Independence' from the British Empire. The tour begins downstairs with the galleries showcasing Maldivian history; they have items such as, weapons, religious items, and household items. The display on the second floor of the building is mostly from the modern period, and is a great eye opener to Maldivian history and culture. A particularly fascinating piece on display is the 6 m long skeleton of the Longman's Beaked Whale, which is so rare that it is yet to be seen alive in the sea.

THE FRIDAY MOSQUE

In the 12th century A.D., Abu al Barakat visited Maldives which was then a Buddhist regime. He convinced the Sultan to embrace Islam and the rest is history. The mosque is supposedly built on a Buddhist temple, and has been renovated couple of times, the last being in 1656. Coral made door and window frames adorn this venerable structure. Those wishing to visit this beautiful mosque, must seek permission from a Ministry of Islamic Affairs' officer, but it has been noted that those who are well-dressed and respectful may gain access on the spot. One can find a cemetery on the mosque grounds, located on one side; it is dotted with carved tombstones.

SUNSET CRUISE

Maldives: Beyond the Beaches



The beauty of Maldives is best experienced with its sunset cruises, as the stunning hues of the sky come alive during this time. The evenings in Maldives more often than not seem to be created by an errant painter who runs amok with a palette of colours in a quest to master the form of modern art. The calmness of the evening sea, pampering by the wine and dine options of the resort boat, and watching the sun bid adieu with a spectacular colour riot of different shades of crimson are precisely the reasons why a sunset cruise into the open waters is a must do in Maldives.

BODUBERU DANCE

Dating back to 11th century, it is the traditional dance form of Maldives. Performed by a group of 15 or more, it consists of one lead singer and lots of drums apart from variety of thumping instruments. The pace of the music and dance gradually picks up, and usually at the end of it the spectators would be dancing along with the group. The songs and dance styles are similar to the ones found in East and South West Africa giving rise to speculation that these might have been introduced to this tiny island nation by sailors from the African continent. Check out resorts which have the option of treating you with one such evening of Boduberu dance. In the night, by the beach side, under the sparkling stars you will be transferred to a different world altogether.

LOCAL ISLANDS



Get away from the coastlines, and explore the islands of Maldives. Maldives on backpacker's budget was unheard of a few years ago, as it was always meant to cater to luxury travel. Swanky high end resorts with jaw dropping infinity pools, hedonistic spas and international cuisine to satisfy varied palates never gave any reason to look anywhere else. Maldives, whose economy depends entirely on tourism has now opened its arms to backpackers and budget travellers by giving them access to many local islands, such as

Maafushi, Fulidhoo and Guraidhoo. By staying on these local islands, one can gain an insight into Maldivian life. The downside to these islands is that they are governed under Sharia law like the rest of the country. So unlike the privately owned resort islands, strict dress code would be the norm here which may be a deal-breaker when one is visiting any island. To counter this, the Government has recently designated a few beaches on these islands as "tourist beaches" where the dress code would not be applied.

History This Week

NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 01

November 25



John F. Kennedy

November 25, 1963 - Three days after his assassination, John F. Kennedy was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

November 25, 1974 - Britain outlawed the IRA (Irish Republican Army) following the deaths of 21 persons in a pub bombing in Birmingham.

November 25, 1992 - The parliament in Czechoslovakia voted to divide the country into separate Czech and Slovak republics.

November 25, 1995 - By a margin of less than one percent, Ireland voted to legalize divorce, the closest vote in the nation's history.



Carry Nation

Birthdays - American temperance leader Carry Nation (1846-1911) was born in Garrard County, Kentucky. She was famed as a hatchet-wielding smasher of saloons.

Birthdays - Pope John XXIII (1881-1963) was born in Sotte il Monte, Italy (as Angelo Roncalli). He became the 261st Pope of the Roman Catholic Church in 1958 and served until his death in June of 1963. During his reign, he convened the Second Vatican Council which modernized the mass and increased openness to other religions and denominations.

Birthdays - Chilean military leader Augusto Pinochet (1915-2006) was born in Valparaiso, Chile. He overthrew President Salvador Allende in 1973 and remained in power until he lost the elections in 1990.

November 26



The first horse-drawn streetcar

November 26, 1832 - The first horse-drawn streetcar carried passengers in New York City along Fourth Avenue between Prince Street and 14th Street.

November 26, 1922 - In Egypt, Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon first went inside the tomb of King Tutankhamen.

November 26, 1940 - During the Holocaust, Nazis began walling off the Jewish Ghetto in Warsaw, sealing in 400,000 inhabitants while denying them adequate food, sanitation and housing.

November 26, 1979 - After an absence of 21 years, the International Olympic Committee voted to re-admit China.

November 26, 1992 - British Prime Minister John Major announced Queen Elizabeth II had agreed to pay taxes on her personal income.

November 26, 1998 - In Dublin, Tony Blair became the first British Prime Minister to appear before the Irish Parliament, which had been created 80 years earlier in defiance of the British government.



John Harvard

Birthdays - Harvard College founder John Harvard (1607-1638) was born in London.

Birthdays - American physician and women's rights leader, Mary Edwards Walker (1832-1919) was born in Oswego, New York. She was the first female surgeon in U.S. Army, serving during the Civil War. She was captured and spent four

months in a Confederate prison. In 1865, she became the first and only woman ever to receive the Medal of Honor.

November 27

Birthdays - Wild West lawman Bat Masterson (1853-1921) was born in Henryville, Quebec. He was also a gambler, saloonkeeper, and later became a news writer in New York.



Chaim Weizmann

Birthdays - Israeli statesman Chaim Weizmann (1874-1952) was born near Pinsk, Byelorussia. He helped bring about the British government's Balfour Declaration, which called for the establishment of a national home for Jews in Palestine.

Birthdays - Czech leader Alexander Dubcek (1921-1992) was born in Uhrocev, Slovakia. In 1968, as first secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, he attempted to achieve "socialism with a human face" and loosen Soviet Russia's control of his country. This resulted in a military invasion by the Russians.

November 28

November 28, 1821 - Panama declared itself independent from Spain and joined the fledgling nation of Gran Colombia.

November 28, 1905 - Irish political party Sinn Fein was founded in Dublin by Arthur Griffith.



Lady Nancy Astor

November 28, 1919 - Lady Nancy Astor was elected as the first female in the British House of Commons.

November 28, 1934 - FBI agents killed bank robber George "Baby Face" Nelson near Barrington, Illinois.

November 28, 1942 - Fire erupted inside the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston killing nearly 500 persons who had become trapped inside.

November 28, 1943 - The Teheran Conference began, attended by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Josef Stalin. Among the major topics discussed, a second front in Western Europe, resulting in D-Day, the seaborne invasion of Normandy in northern France on June 6, 1944.



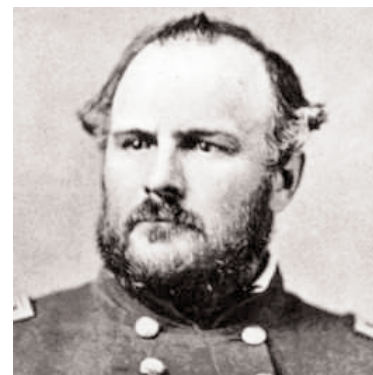
William Blake

Birthdays - British artist and poet William Blake (1757-1827) was born in London. Best known for Songs of Innocence examining life through the eyes of children and Songs of Experience exploring adult viewpoints of the world.

Birthdays - British cleric John Bunyan (1628-1688) was born in Elstow, Bedfordshire. He wrote A Pilgrim's Progress, a religious allegory of the human soul.

Birthdays - German socialist Friedrich Engels (1820-1895) was born in Barmen, Wuppertal, Germany. He was an associate of Karl Marx and edited the second and third volumes of Marx's Das Kapital.

November 29



Colonel John Chivington

November 29, 1864 - U.S. Army troops led by Colonel John Chivington attacked and killed at least 400 Cheyenne and

Arapahoe Indians at Sand Creek, Colorado after they had already surrendered.

November 29, 1947 - Palestine was partitioned into Jewish and Arab land by the U.N. General Assembly, resulting in the establishment of the Jewish state of Israel the following year.

November 29, 1989 - Forty-one years of Communist rule came to an end in Czechoslovakia following a twelve day revolution sparked by the beating of protesters. The Czech parliament voted unanimously to repeal constitutional clauses granting the Communist Party sole power. This brought a wave of reform headed by playwright Vaclav Havel, who later became president in the first free elections since World War II.



Louisa May Alcott

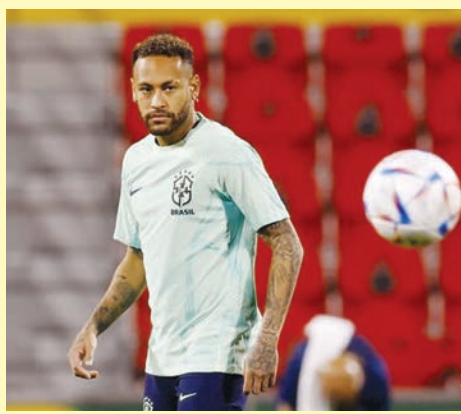
Birthdays - Little Women author Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Birthdays - Nellie Tayloe Ross (1876-1977) was born in St. Joseph, Missouri. She became America's first female governor, finishing her husband's term as governor of Wyoming after his death. She was elected governor in 1924, but lost the 1927 election. She also served as vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee and was named director of the U.S. Mint by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933.



Busby Berkeley

Birthdays - Hollywood director Busby Berkeley (1895-1976) was born in Los Angeles (as William Berkeley Enos). *(Read more on www.theindianpanorama.news)*



NEYMAR INJURES RIGHT ANKLE DURING BRAZIL'S WORLD CUP WIN

Neymar sat crying on the bench and later left the stadium limping with a swollen right ankle after Brazil's 2-0 victory over Serbia at the World Cup.

Brazil team doctor Rodrigo Lasmar said Neymar sprained his ankle.

"We put ice on it while he was on the bench and then in physiotherapy," Lasmar said on Thursday, November 25. "There is no test scheduled for now but we will schedule it if needed. He will be under observation. We will know more tomorrow," he added.

Brazil coach Tite said he was "confident that Neymar will continue playing at the World Cup," but Lasmar said it was too early to comment on the extent of the injury.

Neymar, who was fouled nine times in the match against Serbia, got injured in the second half and was substituted in the 79th minute. Tite said he stayed on the field for 11 minutes before asking to be replaced.

"He overcame the injury because the team needed him," Tite said.

"I didn't even see that he had been injured. He just kept playing." Neymar was in tears on the bench as doctors began treating him in the final minutes of the game at Lusail Stadium. He pulled his shirt over his head as doctors taped ice around his foot. He went into the locker room limping, and also limped as he left the stadium without speaking to reporters. "The most important thing for us is to have him at 100 per cent for the next match," said Brazil striker Richarlison, who scored both goals on Thursday, including one after a buildup started by Neymar. *Source: AP*

AL RAYYAN (TIP)

Michy Batshuayi scored and Thibaut Courtois saved a penalty as a lacklustre Belgium opened their World Cup campaign on Wednesday, November 23, with a scrappy 1-0 win over an energetic Canada side returning to the finals for first time in 36 years.

Leading the Belgian attack in the absence of injured talisman Romelu Lukaku, Batshuayi scored against the run of play on the stroke of halftime to put the Red Devils top of Group F ahead of Morocco and Croatia who earlier drew 0-0.

Despite getting the win, Belgium coach Roberto Martinez was far from satisfied with his team's lethargic display as the Red Devils managed only nine attempts on goal to 21 for Canada.

If not for the lack of a Canadian finisher and a penalty save by Courtois from Alphonso Davies the result could have been very different for second-ranked Belgium. "We win, that's the

Ronaldo makes history, Portugal beat Ghana 3-2

DOHA (TIP)

Cristiano Ronaldo closed his eyes, took in a deep breath and then made World Cup history.

The Portugal striker became the first male player to score at five World Cups with his 65th-minute penalty in a 3-2 win over Ghana on Thursday, November 24.

Andre Ayew equalized for Ghana eight minutes later, but Joao Felix regained the lead for Portugal in the 78th and Rafael Leao added a third. Osman Bukari reduced Ghana's deficit in the 89th.

The 37-year-old Ronaldo was looking to showcase his talents to potential new clubs after having his contract terminated at Manchester United this week. After wasting two good chances in the first half, he tumbled under a challenge by Ghana defender Mohammed Salisu to earn a penalty.

Wheeling away after the ball struck the back of the net, a smiling Ronaldo performed his usual leap and swivel in the air — the crowd roared his trademark "SI-UUU" as he did the pirouette — before getting mobbed by teammates.

He has now scored in every World Cup since his first in 2006 and has a record 118 international goals.

It was a wild finish to a slow-burner of a World Cup match that ended with Portugal defender Danilo clearing the ball away from near the line in the ninth minute of stoppage time. Ronaldo, who was sitting in the dugout after being substituted, put his hand on his head in



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring from the penalty spot his side's opening goal against Ghana during a World Cup group H soccer match at the Stadium 974 in Doha, Qatar, Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022. (AP Photo)

relief.

Ronaldo, naturally, took center stage at the start of his fifth and likely last World Cup, particularly after a fraught buildup to the tournament in which he gave an unauthorized, tell-all interview criticizing Manchester United's manager, owners and teammates. On Tuesday, he split with the English club, meaning he is in the shop window in Qatar.

Another scoring record adds to the luster of his resume. A penalty against Iran in 2006 started his tally of World Cup goals — it is now up to eight in 18 matches — and he lifted the ball beyond Ghana goalkeeper Lawrence Ati with his latest spot kick after a long, theatrical buildup to the penalty.

Bruno Fernandes arguably played a more important role in Portugal's win, setting up the team's second and third goals with perfectly weighted through-balls. Still, Portugal's players almost threw it away after losing their composure in a chaotic final few minutes, featuring the comical scene of Bukari performing Ronaldo's "SI-UUU" celebration after his goal.

In the other Group H match, South Korea and Uruguay drew 0-0.

Source: AP



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Canadians keep Belgium on toes

most important thing today," said Martinez. "As always, we still have to grow in this tournament and improve things. Many top teams have lost, because you always have to grow at a World Cup."

In their only other World Cup appearance in Mexico in 1986, Canada lost all three matches and failed to score a goal. Despite an inspired effort decades later, the result remained the same as Canada walked off Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium pitch with another loss and failure to find the back of the net. Canada looked as if they would register their long-awaited first goal when Belgium's Yannick Carrasco handled the ball in the 11th minute and Davies stepped up to take the penalty with the Canadian supporters the Voyageurs roaring.

Courtois denied Davies a historic goal by stopping his weak spot-kick. *Source: Reuters*



Belgium's Michy Batshuayi after scoring against Canada. Photo: Reuters



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