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Traffic movement on Jammu-Srinagar highway restored

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): Traffic movement on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway has been restored after repair work was done at Dalwas, officials said on Tuesday. They advised commuters to follow lane discipline and avoid overtaking as it will lead to congestion. "Traffic restored on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. Commuters are advised to follow lane discipline, overtaking will lead to congestion," J&K Traffic Police official informed. He said earlier pothole filling work was in progress at Dalwas on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway which prompted authorities to halt traffic movement from both sides.

War on Drugs | SIA files chargesheet against 2 narco-terror financiers

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): The State Investigating Agency (SIA) Monday filed a chargesheet against two accused who along with their other associates were involved in operating a narco terror financing module in Jammu and Kashmir. The chargesheet has been filed against Zaheed Ahmad Khoja and Zameer Ahmad Lone under various provisions of the NDPS Act and UA(P) Act in Special Designated UAPA Court under the NIA Act.

Duo apprehended with 90 Kgs of Poppy Straw in Pahalgam Anantnag

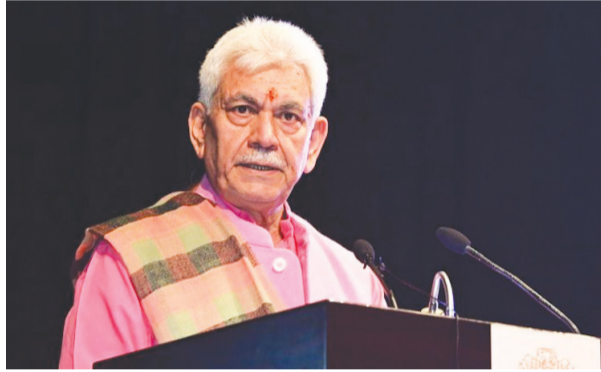
SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): Two persons were apprehended with a whopping ninety kilograms of poppy-straw in Pahalgam area of Anantnag district, an official said on Tuesday. The official said that on receipt of reliable inputs, police laid a naka during which it intercepted a duo in possession of ninety kilograms of poppy-straw.

In the 21st Century, Ideas will be the new wealth of the Nations: LG Sinha

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JAMMU, Mar 19 : Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday the ideas will be the new wealth of the nations in the 21st century and the role of universities and colleges will expand further.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of 'Goonj-2024', a multi-genre mega festival hosted by the University of Jammu,



LG said this event will provide a unique platform for students to express their creativity,

showcase their talents, and engage in a dynamic learning environment. "In the 21st century,

ideas will be the new wealth of nations. The role of a university and college campus will expand further. They will no longer be seen as an academic institution. They will be known as the base to create young minds who will change the world," Sinha said.

He added that the university campus should be known for collaboration and inspiring creativity for

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Pashupati Paras resigns from Union Cabinet, Accuses BJP of injustice



NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Union minister Pashupati Kumar Paras resigned on Tuesday and accused the BJP of doing "injustice" with his Rashtriya Lok

Janshakti Party by not including it in the seat-sharing deal with allies for the Lok Sabha polls in Bihar.

Paras's announcement came at a press conference a day after the BJP-led NDA announced its seat-sharing pact and gave five seats to the Chirag Paswan-led LJP (Ram Vilas).

Paras made brief remarks at the press conference about his

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Patanjali Advertising Case | SC asks Ramdev, Balkrishna to appear before it

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought personal appearance of Yoga guru Ramdev and Patanjali Ayurved Managing Director Acharya Balkrishna before it in the contempt proceedings relating to advertising of the company's products and their medicinal efficacy.

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Country fervently demanding a change: Kharge At CWC Meet



NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Asserting that the country is seeking a change, Congress president Mallikarjun

Kharge on Tuesday said the 'guarantees' touted by the present government would meet the same fate as the 'India

Shining' slogan of 2004.

Addressing the meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the party's top decision-making body, to discuss and approve the party's manifesto for the Lok Sabha elections, he urged all party leaders and workers to take every issue raised in the party manifesto to every village and town and to every household across the country.

"The country is

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Light to moderate rain, snow over J&K during March 21-22: MeT

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Tuesday predicted light to moderate rain and snow at many places over Jammu and Kashmir during March 21 and 22.

The MeT office said that the weather will remain generally cloudy on March 21 and 22, with the possibility of light to moderate rain and snow at many places with thunder, lightning, and gusty winds over the plains of Kashmir and Jammu division.

The weather will generally remain dry on March 23, while it will turn generally cloudy with light rain and snow at a few places over Jammu and Kashmir on March 24. It said and added that on March 26, the weather will again remain generally dry while partly cloudy with light rain and snow at a few places during March 27 and 28.

Currently, the weather is pleasant, with a bright sun shining over the

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SDG of BSF reviews operational preparedness along LoC in Kupwara

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): Special Director General (DG) of Border Security Force's Western Command in Chandigarh Y B Khurania visited forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir and reviewed operational preparedness, officials said on Tuesday.

The visit comes at a time when the vigil along the LoC in J&K has been stepped up



with the announcement of the Lok Sabha polls, sources said.

Additionally, the counter infiltration grid is also on a high alert as militants from across may try to infiltrate as the

snow has started melting along the mountain passes.

Officials said the special DG reviewed the operational preparedness of LoC deployed

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LS Polls: JK CEO implements Pre-Certification for Political Ads

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): As per the Supreme Court Order dated 13-04-2004 and Election Commission of India's guidelines, all political advertisements by any registered political party or any group of organizations and associations or any contesting candidate shall be pre-certified by Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) before telecast and broadcast on TV and cable network and cable channels.

According to a notification issued here by the office of Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir in this regard, the pre-certification will also include advertisements to be displayed in cinema halls/radio including private FM channels, audio visual displays in public places, advertisements in e-news papers, use of bulk SMS/voice messages, advertisements on social media and internet websites. The pre-certification of political

advertisements is also applicable on print media as well for one day before poll day (Pre-Poll) and on poll day.

Therefore, all the concerned stakeholders have been informed through medium of this notice to ensure that only the pre-certified political advertisements by MCMC of district or UT Level Committee be telecast/broadcast or posted in social media, internet websites and used in bulk and voice

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Resident doctors threaten protest over delay in salaries



SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): The resident doctors of Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar, have threatened a protest against

the delays in salary payments.

A statement issued by the Resident Doctors Association said over the past year, resident

doctors at GMC Srinagar have encountered prolonged delays exceeding five months in salary payments.

"Despite diligent efforts to seek clarification on these delays, the administration attributes them to a purported shortage of funds stemming from the institution's increased seat capacity," the statement said.

It added that the resulting financial strain has prompted residents, both local and

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Six-Days Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) starts at SMVDU



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JAMMU, Mar 19: A Six Day online Faculty Development Programme on "Research Methodology with a Focus on Hands-on Experience of Econometric Modelling" commenced at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, scheduled from 18th March 2024 to 23rd March 2024, organized by Malaviya Mis-

sion Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC). Under the patronage of Professor Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, the FDP was inaugurated by Professor Supran Kumar Sharma, Director MMTTC; Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Coordinator of the FDP; Dr. Arif Billah Dar and Dr. R. Gopinathan Co-Coordinator of the FDP. The primary objective of

this workshop is to cover essential econometric models and methods for research application, particularly within the realm of empirical research. This meticulously crafted workshop serves as an initiative to familiarize participants with the analytical framework of econometrics, a branch of economics concerned with estimating and evaluating theo-

retical knowledge through econometric models. The workshop boasts diverse participation from various faculties, including teachers from different Colleges, Universities, and Institutions. There were four sessions, with each session of 90 minutes. Dr. Bandi Kamaiah, Chief Guest, Emeritus Professor from the School of Economics, University of Hyderabad and Past

TIES President, was the speaker for the first session. He highlighted the importance and art of modelling in the realm of Econometrics. Additionally, esteemed Special Guest, Dr. Bright Akwasi Gyamfi, Associate Professor, Sir Padampat Singhania University (SPSU), shared his invaluable experience and congratulated the university for organizing this kind of workshop, which will be helpful for the faculties and research scholars. In the afternoon session, Dr Supran Kumar Sharma delivered a lecture on the basics of Econometrics and Assumptions of the Ordinary Least Squares and Linear Stochastic regression model. In the last session of the day, Dr. Pabitra. Kumar Jena elaborated a lecture on empirical estimations of time series modelling and briefly summarized the anonymity of classical econometric modelling.

Team of Indian Yoga Association felicitated by Zonal Head HFN Jammu



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JAMMU, Mar 19: Heartfulness Institute Kanha Shanti Vanam has organized four days World Spiritual Mahotsava at Hyderabad with theme to establish inner peace to world peace. The festival at Kanha Hyderabad was inaugurated by Draupadi Murmu, President of India and Vaedictory Address was given by Indian Vice President.

The world Mahotsava was attended by 300 Spiritual, Religious & Holistic wellness organisations from India & abroad besides about 75000 delegates participated.

Different State HQs of Heartfulness celebrated the event to highlight the Indian Tradition of Universal Brotherhood and need to promote divine equalities- Love, Understanding mutual trust,

Acceptance, Purity Humility and contentment to attain inner peace. Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner & State Chairman Indian Yoga Association, along with the team, attended the festival at Jammu HQ of HFN at Gole Gujral.

The team included S K Gupta (Retd Chief Engineer), President Consumer Forum, Ashok Gupta, State Vice President Bharat Vikas Parishad & Global Vice President Vichar Kranti Manch International, Abhinandan Jain Founder Chairman Bhagwan Mahaveer Physiotherapy & Yoga Center, CM Sharma, State Coordinator Annamalai University, Yash Pal Sharma Life and Yoga coach & Anju Bansal, 'Swar Kokila', Educationist, Social Activist & Coordinator Pb VKMI.

Dr Jain, while addressing the participants, explained in detail about meditation.

"Why, What, How, Where, when & its Aim. Yam, Niyam, Asante, and Pranayam are external parts, Partya-hara is a link between Dharna, Dhyan & Smadhi are the internal parts, as per Patanjli's Eight fold Yoga. Meditation is internal journey & journey within. Depth of yoga can not be touched without this journey. We can not see the self & have self-realization. For a journey for self realization. Meditation is necessary & essential," he said.

Saurabh Sharma, Zonal Head, felicitated Dr. Jain, along with heads of other organizations, Rashpal Singh, conducted the proceedings of the event. Saurabh presented a vote of thanks.

Army Sponsored Young Aspirants Shine in Sainik Schools Entrance Examination at Rajouri

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RAJOURI, Mar 19: Sainik Schools are known for their rigorous selection process aimed at identifying potential candidates to become a leader and a military officer. Sainik School written exam requires thorough preparation. To give wings to highly motivated youths to clear prestigious Sainik School entrance exam, Indian Army conducted coaching classes to prepare the talented, potential students belonging to poor and



rural background. The Indian Army sponsored coaching classes bore excellent results with 14 students including

5 girls of the Area of responsibility of Counter Insurgency Force (Romeo), clearing the written examination.

Activation of Emergency Landing Facility on NH 16

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NEW DELHI/JAMMU, Mar 19: Indian Air Force fighter and transport aircraft carried out operations on an Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) airstrip on National Highway 16 near Addanki in Bapatla district. Su-30 and Hawk fighters successfully carried out overshoots during the activation, while An-32 and Dornier transport aircraft landed and subsequently took off from the strip. The activation showcased the high level of synergy and liaison between civil agencies such as National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), district administration, state police and the IAF towards conduct of complex multifaceted activities. Previously, such an

activation was conducted on 29 December 2022.

The 4.1 km long and 33 mtr wide concrete airstrip has been constructed by the NHAI as per specifications provided by the IAF. While other airstrips are already operational in various parts of the country, this ELF in Andhra Pradesh has been recently operationalised in peninsular India.

ELF highway airstrips enhance flexibility of air operations during contingencies and are invaluable assets during Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations in far flung areas. IAF, with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) are working jointly for creation of ELFs at suitable locations.

Army & JKP Commence Joint Training at White Knight Corps Battle School



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BALRA, Mar 19: In a significant stride towards enhancing security and fostering peace in the region of Jammu and Kashmir, Indian Army in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Police has undertaken joint training activities aimed at increasing synergy, interoperability and understanding the strengths along with the ethos and culture of each other. At the White Knight

Corps Battle School located in Bhalra, a fresh batch comprising of 62 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSSP) & 1042 trainee Police Sub Inspectors (PSIs) probationers have commenced their training regimen under the watchful eyes of Army & Police instructors. This batch includes 19 lady DSSP & 109 lady PSIs.

On completion of the training the police personnel will gain immensely from the experience of Indian Army and it

will help them in understanding and undertaking tasks in prevalent security scenario in a better manner. The training will also further bolster the cooperation within the Security Forces.

This joint training initiative not only underscores the enduring partnership between Northern Command and White Knight Corps with the Jammu & Kashmir Police, but also reflects their shared long-term vision of a secure and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

Police attaches illegal property worth lakh of notorious drug peddler

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KULGAM, Mar 19: Continuing its action against drug peddlers, Kulgam Police attached property (Single storied residential house worth approx. Rs 1,014,894, measuring 976.76 Sq ft belonging to notorious drug peddler namely Ghulam Mohammad Mir@Gull Kasai Son of Mohd Abdullah Mir a resident of Budgam.

The action was taken under sections 68-E read with 68-F (1) of NDPS Act of 1985 & is linked with case FIR No. 166/2015 U/S 8/15 of NDPS act & 77/2022 U/S 8/15 of NDPS Act of PS Kulgam.

The property was identified as illegally acquired property during

the course of investigation/enquiry conducted by Kulgam Police. The property was prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking in Narcotic drug and Psychotropic



substances by the drug peddler.

This operation reaffirms the commitment of Police to combat the drug menace. Local people of the area hailed the initiative of Police.

Former councilor Amit Gupta meets the CS



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JAMMU, Mar 19: Today Former councilor of Ward No. 19 of Jammu, Amit Gupta, along with Vinayak Bazaar Association President Rajeev Gupta, meet Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atul Dallu on Tuesday. During this he discussed various issues of the people living in Jammu East. He said that the water crisis in Jammu city is increasing day by day, which is going to increase further in the summer season as

the demand for water supply is not being met as per the needs of the general public. He said that please issue necessary guidelines to the concerned agency to execute the work of tube well construction as soon as possible so that the water crisis in the said areas can be resolved. He has recommended notification of the Commercial Policy of Jammu Municipal Corporation by the General House of the Corporation so as to regularize the process of allotment of commercial properties in favor of eligible persons. The recruitment rules of the Corpo-

ration, which were last notified in the year 1970, should be finalized. He said that the posts of enforcement inspectors should be filled through direct recruitment so that qualified youth can get employment and ad-hocism in the work of enforcement inspectors can be ended. Filling up the posts of Revenue Inspectors as at present JMC is devoid of any revenue. Commercial complex should be constructed on the available land of JMC at Parade, Jammu. The building bye-laws already recommended by the General House of the Corporation may be simplified.

Omar Abdullah questions Govt over non-conduct of J&K Assembly Polls together with LS elections

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SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah on Tuesday asked if the Centre cannot hold assembly and Lok Sabha elections together in Jammu and Kashmir, how can it conduct simultaneous polls across the country. Abdullah was reacting to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar's remark that the officers of the Union Territory administration had expressed inability to conduct



the elections simultaneously in view of the requirement of a large number of security forces.

"When the CEC addressed a press conference, he said the ECI and all political parties are ready for polls, but the current administration (in J-K) put

hurdles, saying they need more security forces.

"In such a situation, I am forced to question that when no assembly polls are being conducted in other states like UP, and Bihar, and you cannot conduct simultaneous elections now, then when you talk about one nation, one election, and have to conduct the polls simultaneously in states like UP, MP and Bihar, then where from will you get the forces?" Abdullah told reporters here.

He said the ECI had an opportunity to conduct the assembly

polls in J-K, but the Union territory administration did not want to have elections as they did not want to leave power.

"It was an opportunity to conduct the elections. But they (administration) do not want it...they have become uncrowned kings. They have all the power which they do not want to leave. But thank God for the Supreme Court order that the elections have to be conducted before September 30," he added.

The Supreme Court in December last year, while pro-

nouncing its judgement after hearing a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370, asked the government to conduct the assembly polls in JK by September 30 this year.

Asked when the party would announce its candidates for the Lok Sabha polls, the NC leader said they were in no hurry.

"Only three candidates have been announced yet, Congress and other parties have not announced (their candidates)... We are in no hurry," he said.

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EDITORIAL

HUMAN INFLUENCE

The philosophical definition of life differs widely from its biological definition. Biology considers only the physical aspects of life, while philosophy considers those qualities that make life worthy of others. We will try to understand life, and try to look at it from both biological and philosophical points of view.

Most of us are of the opinion that life is a beautiful gift. Life is seen as a beautiful gift because of its value to others. Every life on this planet exists for a specific purpose. Trees, animals, birds, humans, insects, all contribute in their own way to the development of the planet and other life.

Furthermore, human life is a great gift because it is the most powerful of the existing life forms. Human beings have the power to dream, work and achieve goals, have extraordinary abilities, and there is no other species like it on the planet. Furthermore humans influence every life on the planet for both good and bad reasons. Human life is a gift because it is meant to save and preserve other weak and vulnerable lives. This was the harmony or beauty of philosophical life. Now let us pay attention to the physical beauty of life. to humans

They are created with exceptionally dexterous limbs and an efficient mind, making them superior to others. The real beauty of these powers depends on how many lives they impact for all the good reasons of life.

One of the prerequisites of life is the development of life. Where there is life there is development. As there are stages of development, so is the journey of life. Let us consider the example of human life. When a child is born, he or she is small and is not physically and mentally developed, but as time passes the child continues to grow. Similarly, it happens with all other species also.

With time life grows and becomes more prominent. As each year passes, children become wiser and older, and they soon become smart young people. The same happens with other life forms also. There are so many new things out there, and everyone learns as experience grows. Therefore it would not be wrong to say that life is a journey of growth and experiences and all to make one wiser and valuable.

It should always be kept in mind that life is a very valuable gift, but it is not only human life, even the life of the weakest species is very valuable, like the life of a wise sage among the sages.

CAA turns Bengal voters' focus from Sandeshkhali

By: Shikha Mukerjee
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Forced to demonstrate that the rules of the Citizenship Amendment Act are indeed workable, Shantanu Thakur from the Matua community, a junior minister in the Narendra Modi regime, has declared his intent of applying for citizenship under the new rules. His impetuous declaration proves that even the strongest advocates of citizenship applications under the new rules understand there are flaws in the process.

As a minister in the union government, why Thakur has to apply to be a citizen is a question that is raising a laugh in West Bengal. His move does reveal the issue for thousands of Matua community members in the state who, even without the citizenship application confirming their status, are employed as government servants, defence personnel and in the para military services. Those not employed in government services and living in India are citizens, just as Thakur is.

For Mamata Banerjee, Thakur's confession is a bonus to the gift the Modi regime gave her by notifying the CAA rules. Having declared that people who came across from Bangladesh in 1971 were citizens with equal rights and that there would be no detention camps in West Bengal, the confusion within the Matua community over CAA is confirmation that Banerjee has been right all along and the Modi regime was intent on divid-

ing the population by sowing doubts about the identity of settlers from across the border.

The BJP's hopes of sucking up Hindu votes along the Bangladesh border by raising the bogey of citizenship may not yield the advantage it calculated would flow from the notification. The loss of opportunity in its failure to stoke the fire of communal polarisation will affect at least half a dozen Lok Sabha constituencies where the party could have expected to do well following the CAA "masterstroke" (sic).

Fast-paced events have changed the political priority of an issue like Sandeshkhali, the remote Sundarban island where a strongman currently with the Trinamool Congress is being held in CBI custody. From capturing the attention of the public nationally, it has sunk to a point where it serves as a filler for both Modi campaigning in West Bengal as well as Banerjee staging a ramp walk to introduce Trinamool's 42 election candidates at Kolkata's iconic Brigade Parade Ground.

Sandeshkhali, it now appears, was a blip on the screen that is rapidly fading as the political competitors engage in a bigger battle to capture or retain the hearts and minds of voters across West Bengal. The change is certainly a small relief for Banerjee politically, as she settles down to defend her turf, counter the accusation of being anti-women and anti-people, and challenge the BJP on its performance as a party for the poor.

The race to capture the public imagination is a competition

between the BJP on the one hand and the Congress, regional and smaller parties on the other. The fight is in large part over the fulfillment of the guarantees the Modi regime offered in 2019 and the next round of guarantees he has offered across the country. In West Bengal, the guarantees of the Mamata government to deliver immediate relief and cash transfers to women, school-going students, unemployed young men and women, the sick and the old are part of the safety net she has put in place to mitigate the impact of poverty and access to opportunities.

The guarantee-versus-guarantee fight, between the credibility of guarantor Modi versus other guarantor Banerjee, is a pattern repeated in states where regional parties are in power. It can be argued that this is competitive populism. It can also be argued that regional parties in power like the Trinamool are compelled to find ways of covering the deficits in terms of services and entitlements left behind by the Centre's policies and welfare programmes.

In recent public rallies, it was inevitable that Banerjee focused on how the Modi government had penalised the poor in West Bengal by withholding, for two years, outstanding payments to 23 lakh people under the national rural employment scheme and release of payouts under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. It was just as predictable that Modi would attack the West Bengal regime for blocking the flow of benefits under the Ujjwala and Ayushman Bharat

schemes, and obstructing the development of the state.

There is no doubt that West Bengal is for Modi, as it is for Banerjee, an important theatre of the war for votes in 2024. Quite apart from the obvious opportunity the state offers for the BJP as it scrambles to find almost 70 seats that it must add to fulfill Modi's target of a 370-seat haul, there is also the pain and the humiliation it suffered in 2021 when it made a no-holds-barred pitch to capture the state and install a BJP government.

This much was obvious from Modi's speech in Siliguri, where he declared winning big in West Bengal in the Lok Sabha would be a stepping stone to winning the state in 2026. To get to 2026, the BJP and Modi need to engage with voters across West Bengal and link them to the larger arena of politics across the country, where the idea of double-engine sarkars and vikas have succeeded in various states.

The incompetence of the national political leadership in stitching together a narrative that can include the issues of land grab and the nexus between politics, administration and crime unveiled by the incidents in Sandeshkhali and the snags in unrolling benefits under national schemes is one reason why a plan like 'one nation, one election' seems a bad alternative to a flawed system of multiple elections at different times. The diversity of challenges and the difference in the scales on which solutions need to be found defy the logic of one election.

How to use Mnemonics for JEE Main for second season preparation

By: Vijay GarG

Using mnemonics is a sure-fire way to boost your JEE Main preparation and make handling the huge amounts of information much easier.

When students are on their way to achieving academic excellence, they are often faced with the mammoth challenge of mastering a vast amount of study material.

This also applies to one of the most competitive engineering exams in India such as the JEE Main. Many students feel bogged down by the sheer magnitude of the material covered in subjects like Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics.

In this daunting scenario, mnemonics become an indispensable resource for any JEE Main candidate. These memory tricks, which vary from rhymes and acronyms to association exercises and visual imagery, act as a beacon of knowledge for students as they navigate the maze of elaborate ideas and formulas.

WHAT IS MNEMONICS?

Derived from the Greek word 'mnēmonikos', which means "of memory", mnemonics are mental strategies that help with remembering and retaining information.

Mnemonics make information easier to recall and retrieve by making use of the brain's innate ability to recognise patterns and

associate them.

Mnemonics provide an organised method to memorise important ideas, equations, and techniques for solving problems in the context of JEE Main, where the syllabus covers a wide range of subjects.

Mnemonics offer an organised framework for arranging and storing information, be it physics laws, trigonometric identities, or the elements of the periodic table.

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Here are 4 ways using mnemonics can fast-track your JEE Main preparation:

1. INCREASING RETENTION AND RECALL

One of the biggest challenges students preparing for JEE Main face is how to retain massive amounts of information over long periods. Mnemonics provides the solution here.

It transforms abstract concepts into memorable patterns or associations, thereby facilitating long-term memory storage.

2. FACILITATING CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING

Mnemonics goes beyond rote learning by developing conceptual understanding. They facilitate better comprehension of fundamental concepts by nurturing vivid mental associations between seemingly unrelated facts.

By summarising complex relationships in simple mnemonic devices, students develop a deeper comprehension of fundamental concepts, which eventually helps them in attaining mastery.

3. BOOSTING PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

Effective problem-solving abilities are a crucial prerequisite in the JEE Main environment. In this case, mnemonics are essential for enabling the application of formulas to solve problems effectively.

Take the rainbow colour-memorisation mnemonic 'VIBGYOR' (Violet, Indigo, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red) as an example. Understanding the connection between color and wavelength is important in physics, especially when discussing subjects like optics.

Mnemonics function as mnemonic devices that facilitate rapid access to crucial information, hence speeding up the problem-solving process.

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4. NURTURING CREATIVITY

The best aspect of mnemonics is that it is beyond the sphere of rote learning and pushes students to showcase the elements of their creativity and imagination.

Be it creating rhymes, or innovative stories or some image,

mnemonics encourage students to actively participate in the content and enhance the learning process.

For example, students can use the mnemonic 'Mr. Victor Everyday Morning Just Serve Us Noodles' to remember the planets in the solar system in order of their distance from the Sun (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune).

This mnemonic not only helps with memorisation but also kindles curiosity and pushes people to learn about scientific ideas outside the textbook.

Success in the fiercely competitive JEE Main exam depends on your ability to grasp and comprehend complex formulas, combinations, strategies, and concepts.

Mnemonics are a systematic approach to learning that enhances recall, develops conceptual comprehension, and sharpens problem-solving skills using association, visual aids, and creativity.

As students tread forward on their JEE Main expedition, including mnemonics in their academics will bring a difference between mere memorisation and true mastery.

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Canadian rapper Drake gifts \$25,000 to pregnant fan at Texas concert

Canadian rapper Drake's gesture at his recent concert is winning hearts.

The rapper helped out yet another fan by granting their wish at his concert in San Antonio, Texas as a part of his It's All a Blur Tour.

In a video shared on X (formerly Twitter), Drake, 37, struck up a conversation with a female fan in the crowd, who was holding up a poster that said "I'm five months pregnant, can you be my Rich Baby Daddy?" reports 'People' magazine.

The poster was a nod to the track off his latest album 'For All the Dogs', which features Sexy Red and SZA.

"Well first of all, I don't wanna offend your real baby daddy, but I would love to -- first of all, get you out of the pit so we can put you somewhere safe like the VIP or some s***", he told the



fan. "Cause you can't be pregnant getting bounced around. When I start playing some of these slappers, we can't have you getting pushed around."

As per 'People', Drake then offered the fan a gift, as he

said amid roaring applause, "Second of all, I'd love to give you \$25,000 so you can be a rich baby mama."

The 'First Person Shooter' rapper has made something of a habit of offering generous gifts to fans in his audiences over the

last six months.

In August, he walked on stage in Los Angeles with a pink Hermes Birkin bag and scanned the crowd for a lucky recipient.

"Drake ain't cheap", he told the audience before pointing at someone in the audience and handing them the designer purse, which costs between \$10,000 and \$30,000.

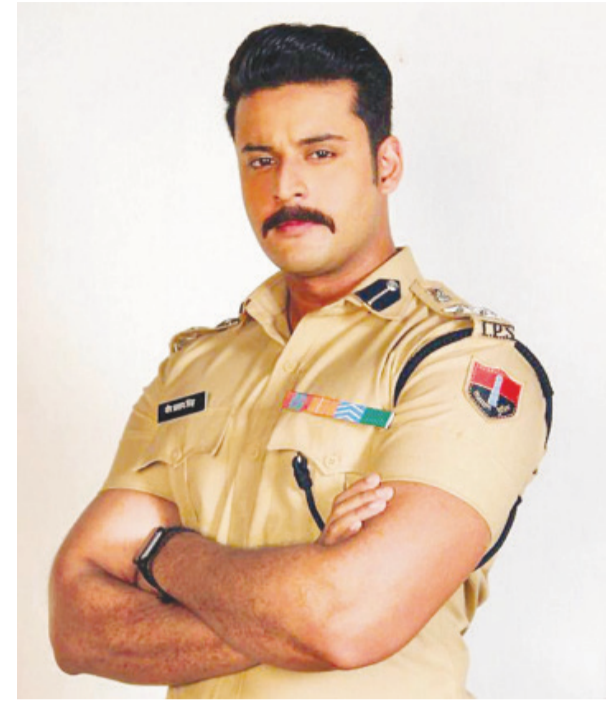
The rapper said: "This girl right here".

In October, Drake gave \$50,000 to an audience member who was originally supposed to attend the show with his girlfriend, but the pair had recently broken up.

"I like that sign", Drake said in a video captured by fans.

"That's a good sign to pick tonight. Usually I'll do something nice for a lady. I'll do something nice, I'll give away a bag or some s*** like that."

Fitness comes first for Shagun Pandey



For Shagun Pandey, who is essaying the role of IPS Veer Pratap Singh in Colors' show

Mera Balam Thanedaar, fitness is a way of life. She shares, "Fitness is a lifestyle for me. But it is not always feasible for me to hit the gym amid the hectic schedules, so I set up a gym in my vanity room on the set. I am coached by Imtiyaz Nazir (former Mr India) on video call. I think putting one's health and work above everything else is a game-changer. Having a gym within arm's reach allows me to prioritise wellness without compromising on time and convenience. I tell anyone who comes to me for fitness advice to take charge of their well-being and do whatever form of exercise that's comfortable for them."

Shah Rukh's son Aryan Khan's D'Yavol X's denim jacket worth Rs 99,000 sells out within 24 hours after launch

Shah Rukh's son Aryan Khan's latest collection drop from his clothing brand D'Yavol, in collaboration with Disney, has taken the fashion world by storm.

The second collection from the brand, known for its dark-themed streetwear, has once again proven to be a hot commodity, with a denim jacket worth Rs 99,000 already sold out in less than 24 hours after the launch on the brand's website.

The denim jacket, Signature X, previously sported by Suhana Khan in promotional campaigns, comes with a price tag of Rs 99,000, a price which challenges the conventional notions of a denim jacket.

Despite its seemingly basic designs, Dyavol'



X's latest collection offers exclusivity.

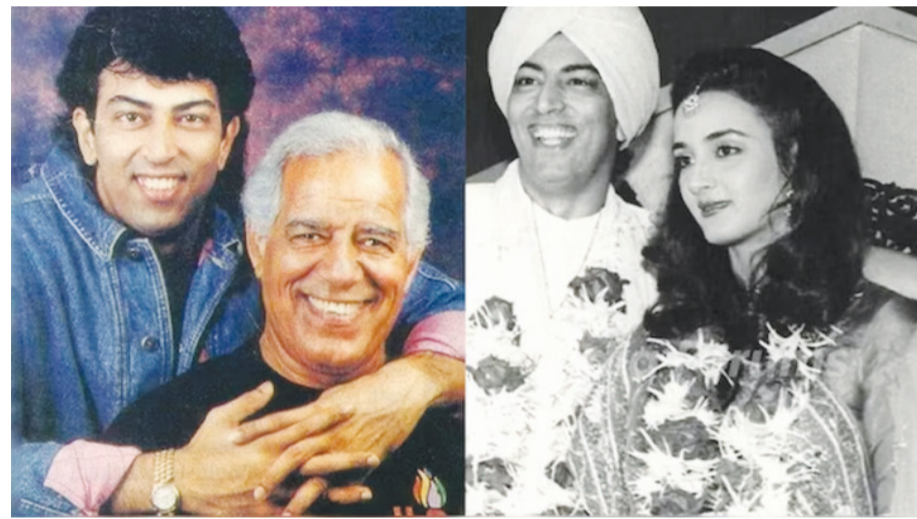
Tees like Nocturnal and Ducktaped boast price tags of Rs 15,000,

while the Killing Smokes sweatshirt, as worn by Shah Rukh Khan himself in the campaign, is priced at Rs 41,000.

Vindu Dara Singh recalls father Dara Singh's advice before his marriage with Farah Naaz: 'Realised he was right...'

Vindu Dara Singh recently indulged in a heartfelt conversation with Siddharth Kannan during an appearance on his YouTube Channel. Known for essaying the role of Hanuman in the TV show, Jai Veer Hanuman and Ramanand Sagar's Ramayana, the actor's personal life often grabs the attention of the public. Shedding life on his married life with his ex-wife, Vindu opened up on the advice that his father late Dara Singh gave him before he tied the nuptial knot with Farah Naaz in 1996.

Delving into various aspects of life, Vindu Dara Singh disclosed that his father had cautioned him against the possible complications of marrying someone from a different religious background. The actor



said, "Whatever he used to say was always right. I remember I was in love with Farah, and we were going to get married and Dad said, 'Vindu think once because love is fine but when the marriage takes place between two religions, Hindu and Muslim, it gets a little hard.' I said, No, dad nothing is hard

because we were both in love and we didn't care much about religion."

As the actor went on to elaborate further, he acknowledged the shift in dynamics due to religion and said that moving forward, he realised that his father was right. The actor remarked, "When

religion comes into the picture things change, equations change."

Vindu, then, spoke about his marriage with Farah, the sister of Tabu. He shed light on both the positives and negatives of his married life with Farah and divulged that there is no anonymity between them and instead, they

shared a good friendship. Vindu and Farah are the parents of Fateh Randhawa, whom they welcomed in 1997. After six years of their wedding, the duo decided to separate from each other in 2002.

Speaking about his wife, Vindu said that she once asked him to send her to Hajj following which she will quit smoking. The actor said that he made all the settings and sent her for Hajj but after she came back, she was a completely different woman. The former Bigg Boss winner reiterated, "Everything about her was changed. That's when I remembered whatever Dad said to me. From there, things started to go downhill. But it is ok." In the end, he heaped praises on Farah and called her a wonderful mother.

Adopt, don't shop

Meet the celebs who champion the cause of pet adoption

In a world where celebrity-influence often shapes trends and societal norms, a growing number of actors are using their platforms to advocate for a cause close to their hearts — pet adoption. These compassionate individuals champion the idea of 'Adopt, don't shop' when it comes to welcoming furry companions into their lives. Through their personal experiences, heartfelt stories, and unwavering dedication to their four-legged friends, these actors inspire a wave of compassion and empathy towards animals in need.

Let's take a closer look at seven actors who are promoting the joys and rewards of adopting pets from shelter homes.

Welcoming Bailey & Sia

John Abraham Known for his macho roles on screen, John Abraham reveals his softer side through his commitment to animal welfare. His decision to adopt Bailey, a pup rescued by an animal welfare organisation, showcases his belief in giving abandoned animals a chance at a better life. Bailey, along with her



adorable daughter Sia, now shares a loving home with John.

Cat dad Pavail Gulati Pavail Gulati is a devoted pet parent. His affection for animals shines through as he proudly declares himself a "cat dad" to his adopted stray dog and two feline companions. Pavail uses his platform to spread awareness and encourage others to open their hearts and homes to animals in need.

Bonding with Dosa Kalki Koechlin

Renowned for her unconventional roles, Kalki Koechlin extends her boldness to her personal life by rescuing and adopting a cat, Dosa. Dosa's journey from a stray to a cherished member of Kalki's family reflects the transformative power of love and compassion.

Her growing family Wamiqa Gabbi Wamiqa Gabbi finds herself unable to resist the urge to help distressed and abandoned dogs. Her heartwarming story of going from one dog to four during the

lockdown speaks volumes about her dedication to animal welfare.

Embracing pet parenthood

Richa Chadha Richa Chadha's recent loss of her beloved cat Madira serves as a poignant reminder of the deep bond between pets and their owners. Through her heartfelt tribute and ongoing dedication to her remaining feline companions, Richa highlights the joys and challenges of pet parenthood.

No pedigrees Raveena Tandon

Raveena Tandon's passion for rescuing and adopting animals shines through as she opens her heart and home to a diverse array of furry companions. From her Mumbai residence to her countryside farm, Raveena provides sanctuary to a menagerie of rescued dogs and cats, each with its own unique story. Her commitment to prioritising adoption over purchasing pedigree breeds reflects her belief in the inherent value of every animal's life. Through her example, Raveena encourages others to follow suit.

In sickness & health

Gulshan Devaiah Gulshan Devaiah, known for his versatile acting skills, is also a dedicated pet parent to several cats. His unwavering support for the idea of adopting instead of shopping for pets reflects his commitment to animal welfare. Gulshan's willingness to care for his furry companions through sickness and health showcases the depth of his bond with them and his belief in providing loving homes to animals in need.

Zendaya, Tom Holland cosy up at Indian Wells



Zendaya and Tom Holland visibly squashed rumours that they had split after they turned up "all loved up" for the BNP Paribas Open women's final at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in California.

The rumours snowballed into a speculative tsunami in January after Zendaya had unfollowed Hollander on Instagram. It later turned out that Zendaya had done so with all the people she had been following.

Adding to the concern of fans was the fact that Zendaya and Hollander haven't been photographed together since October 25, when they were snapped grocery shopping in Los Angeles.

The Emmy-winning actress, who plays a tennis coach in the upcoming film, Challengers, appeared in a tennis skirt and matching crop top at the tennis final.

Seated in the stands, a polo-clad Tom cosied up to his girlfriend, and they shared a laugh. Later, Zendaya congratulated the winner of the match, Iga Swiatek, who defeated Maria Sakkari as they posed together near the tennis court.

IPL 2024: Rohit Sharma in usual smashing-mode in Mumbai Indians nets session

MUMBAI, Mar 19 (Agencies): India captain Rohit Sharma was seen hitting it with the bat during his first Mumbai Indians nets session after joining the MI camp on March 18. The upcoming and highly anticipated IPL 2024 will see Rohit in a new role without added responsibility for the first time since Hardik Pandya took over the captaincy of MI ahead of the new season. The 36-year-old joins his franchise on top form, since leading India to their dominant Test series victory against England. MI's official social media handle shared glimpses of their former skipper in his usual aggressive batting form from their net session on Tuesday, March 19. The video has only amped up the excitement amongst the huge fanbase of the record five-time champions, around their favourite hitman.



The upcoming season will be important for the India skipper due to his new role and the huge load of speculation that comes along with it. Since Hardik Pandya rejoined the side during the IPL 2024 trading window for a humongous fee, MI's decision

to announce the all-rounder as the new captain of the side met with criticism from MI fans, which fuelled speculation about Rohit's future involvement in the side's IPL 2024 campaign. Despite repeated emphasis by MI management regarding no

change in importance to Rohit's position in the franchise, all eyes will be on Rohit from their first IPL 2024 fixture against the Gujarat Titans on March 24. Apart from that, Rohit Sharma, along with the entirety of the Indian cricket fanbase, will be rooting for a successful IPL season with the upcoming T20 World Cup in mind. In the tournament, the right-handed batter will lead the national side in their hunt for their first ICC trophy since 2013. Rohit had a forgettable IPL 2023 season which saw him bag only 332 runs in his 16 appearances for MI. After getting eliminated by GT in last year's Qualifier 2 clash of the tournament, Rohit along with MI will be hoping to bounce back to their usual prowess from the very start of their IPL 2024 campaign.

IOA disbands ad hoc panel, WFI in charge

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has dissolved the ad hoc committee that was constituted to run the sport of wrestling. In an official communication signed by IOA director George Mathew, the body announced the decision, saying that after the United World Wrestling lifted the ban on the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) and the trial process was completed there was no need for the continuation of the ad hoc panel. After the Sports Ministry suspended the WFI executive in December despite fair elections in which the Sanjay Singh-led executive was elected, the IOA formed the committee, which was headed by Bhupinder Singh Bajwa and included MM Somaya and Manjusha Kanwar, to run the affairs of the sport. "The decision to dissolve the ad hoc committee comes in the light of lifting of the ban on the Wrestling Federation of India by the United World Wrestling and the successful completion of selection trials by the ad hoc committee appointed by the IOA as per the

directive of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. Consequent upon the aforementioned developments, there is no further need for running the activities of the WFI through an ad hoc committee," the letter said. "However, as instructed by the UWW, it is imperative that the WFI appoint a safeguarding committee/officer at the earliest to address the concerns of abuse and harassment and to ensure adherence to all rules, regulations and guidelines set forth by the UWW and other relevant authorities. Furthermore, the WFI is also directed to conduct the elections of the Athletes Commission in the time bound manner, in accordance with the established procedures and guidelines. This step is essential to promote athlete representation and participation in decision making processes of the WFI," the letter added. Interestingly, the IOA had told the Delhi High Court that the ad hoc panel was still running the game in the country despite the fact that the UWW had already lifted the ban last month.

IPL 2024: Navjot Singh Sidhu makes his comeback to commentary

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Navjot Singh Sidhu has made his comeback to commentary and will be seen during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024, which gets underway on March 22 with the season opener between Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. Stars Sports dropped a post on their official 'X' account with the caption, "A wise man once said, 'Hope is the biggest 'tope'. And this wise man, the great @sherryontopp himself, has joined our Incredible StarCast! Don't miss his incredible commentary (and gajab one-liners) in #IPLonStar - STARTS MAR 22, 6:30 PM onwards, LIVE on Star Sports Network!" The 60-year-old Sidhu has been amongst the iconic voices in Indian cricket, having plied his trade across the globe. Apart from lending his voice in international



matches, Sidhu also worked for several broadcasters in the IPL. During his time away from commentary, Sidhu was also involved in a controversy after he was removed from the Kapil Sharma Show back in 2019. Navjot Sidhu's journey in commentary Sidhu embarked on his commentary career during India's tour of Sri Lanka in 2001. Known for his distinctive and vibrant style, Sidhu quickly became famous for his witty one-liners. His unique blend of humour and cricket insight made him a beloved figure amongst cricket fans and commentators alike.

Sidhu's transition from the cricket field to the commentary box was seamless, thanks to his deep understanding of the game and his ability to engage audiences with his charismatic personality. His contributions to cricket commentary in India have left an indelible mark, making him one of the most memorable voices in the sport. Sidhu was one of India's most stylish cricketers during his playing days. His career spanned 15 years from 1983 to 1998. In 51 Tests and 136 ODIs, Sidhu scored 3202 and 4413 runs respectively with 15 centuries and 48 half-centuries to his name.

When Neeraj Chopra told Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem how to acquire a new javelin

The Pakistani recently said he is struggling to acquire an international standard javelin for many years and has been 'using one for the past seven to eight years'

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem and India's Neeraj Chopra are javelin superstars in their own right and a symbol of perfect friendship. They have been known for their bonhomie and camaraderie off the pitch. They may be fierce competitors but have a healthy respect for each other. Both Arshad Nadeem and Neeraj Chopra are getting ready for the upcoming outdoor season. While Chopra is currently training in Turkey, the 27-year-old Nadeem's preparations have hit a 'snag'. The Pakistani recently said he is struggling to acquire an international standard javelin for many years and has been "using one for the past seven to eight years." Chopra, the world and defending Olympic champion, is rather surprised to hear this. In an exclusive chat with SAI Media recently,



Chopra, who competed with Nadeem in the world athletics championships in Budapest last year, said, "It is hard to believe that he has been struggling to get a new javelin. Given his credentials, this should not be a big issue at all." Arshad Nadeem, who finished second behind Chopra in Budapest, was recently quoted in the media, saying: "It has now got to a stage

where the javelin is damaged and I have asked the national federation and my coach to do something about it before the Paris Olympics. "When I started off in 2015, competing in international events I got this javelin ... for an international athlete aiming to win a medal in the Olympic Games, you need proper equipment and training facilities,"

Nadeem added. Chopra, whose entire training and international tours are funded by the Indian sports ministry's Target Olympic Podium Scheme, feels that Nadeem is the pride of Pakistan and must be supported. With a 90.18m throw, Arshad Nadeem created a new javelin throw record at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham to finish on top of the podium. It ended Pakistan's 60-year wait for a CWG gold medal. "It can't be that he (Arshad) doesn't have the means to buy a javelin. He is a champion and must be doing some brand endorsements. I reckon he has earned a bit of money too. But having said that, his government can look at Arshad's needs and support him just like how my government is doing so," said Chopra. "Additionally, Arshad is a top javelin thrower and I believe that the

javelin makers will be more than happy to sponsor him and provide what he wants. This is a piece of advice from my side," the CWG medalist added. If all goes well, the javelin competition at the upcoming Paris Olympics could see a strong Asian field. Chopra and Kishore Jena will spearhead India while Nadeem, who finished fifth in the Tokyo Olympics, will hope to replicate another 90 metre-plus throw in Paris and pose a serious threat to a sport usually dominated by Europeans. In December 2022, the Pakistani had a serious elbow operation in the UK. Last year, Nadeem had a niggling knee operation done and skipped the Hangzhou Asian Games where Chopra won the gold. The outdoor javelin season starts with the Doha leg of the Diamond League in May.

Sai Kishore looks to carry forward Ranji success into IPL season

CHENNAI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Gujarat Titans, who were the runners-up in the last edition of the Indian Premier League, are gearing up for the new season under their new captain Shubman Gill. Gill will be leading this edition as the change was necessitated due to the trade of Hardik Pandya to Mumbai Indians. Nevertheless, Gujarat are a strong unit and are still one of the teams that can challenge some of the revamped sides like Chennai Super Kings, Mumbai and Sunrisers Hyderabad. R Sai Kishore, who led Tamil Nadu to the semifinals of the Ranji Trophy, is in red hot form having taken more than 50 wickets in the Indian marquee domestic tournament. IPL team combination dynamics is such that Sai Kishore could get to play a bigger role for Gujarat this time around. The simple reason being that the four foreign player rule would enable the likes of Kane Williamson, Rashid Khan, David Miller and Spencer Johnson to walk into the playing XI. A place for an Indian spinner is in the offing. Yes, some may argue the case of Noor Ahmad, but the fact that Sai Kishore is also a good batter could favour the Chennai-based player. "We are having a good time at the camp. All of us are working in a relaxed manner and at the same time focusing on our job," Sai Kishore told this daily. Gill will be slightly under pres-

sure as people are bound to compare him with Pandya. However, Sai Kishore backs the composed nature of Gill to come in handy. "Gill works in a relaxed manner and knows his job well. He is friendly with all the players and interacts well with them. He understands each and every player's ability and knows how to use them," insisted the Tamil Nadu captain. "Hardik led well last season for us. This year he moved to Mumbai. In professional sport, one needs to adapt and move on. We have got in our team a few players who have been captains before. So there are no worries, plus one needs to understand that in a tournament of this size (IPL) both International and Indian players need to mix and play. It is a team sport and as a team we will give our best," he added. Personally, Sai Kishore has been in the best form of his life as one saw him bowl his heart out in the Ranji Trophy. "I have been working hard for the last three months. I had a fairly good Ranji season. I am also keen to do well in the IPL and most importantly, I always look to improve and be a better cricketer whatever be the format," said Sai Kishore. "From red ball to white ball, it is comparatively easy. Having played Ranji Trophy, I am in sync with the game and it will be easy to move to white-ball cricket. Comparatively white to red-ball is tough at times. I am bowling well,

the ball is coming out nicely at the moment," he insisted. The lanky Tamil Nadu spinner is once again looking forward to bowling with Rashid. The Afghan all-rounder with his unique style and variations has captured the imagination of fans world over. "He (Rashid) is a very different type of bowler. His spirit and body language is something we need to learn. He is a fearless character and I'm also fearless, so I am looking forward to an opportunity to bowl with him," observed Sai Kishore. The likes of Williamson, Miller, Gill, B Sai Sudharsan, Abhinav Manohar, Shahrukh Khan, Vijay Shankar and Rahul Tewatia have it in them to win a match of their own. Williamson's presence will add calmness at the top of the order. "Sai Sudharsan gave a good account of himself last season in the IPL. This time too we expect him to do well. He is a talented and hard working boy. I am sure he has it in him to do well this season too," he added. Ashish Nehra, coach of the Gujarat team has played a big role in putting the new entrant into the league on track. His passion and hard work has borne fruit for the team. "Nehra is a very nice human being. He is very honest and never speaks behind your back. This honesty motivates the players to take his observations, suggestions and incorporate it into their game and play to their optimum level," signed off Sai Kishore.

Australia postpone T20I series vs Afghanistan due to concern over women's rights

SYDNEY, Mar 19 (Agencies): Cricket Australia said on Tuesday that the scheduled men's T20I series between Australia and Afghanistan in August will be postponed deteriorating human rights for women and girls in the country under Taliban rule in the Asian country. This is the third time in the last three years Australia have refused to play bilateral cricket against Afghanistan men's cricket team. Afghanistan and Australia met in the ODI World Cup in India last year. Afghanistan players, including their T20I captain Rashid Khan, has a Big Bash League (BBL) contract. Quite a few of the superstar cricketers from the Asian nation feature in the T20 tournament, hosted by Cricket Australia. However, Australia cancelled a one-off Test match against Afghanistan which was scheduled to be held in November 2021. Last



year, Australia pulled out of a 3-match ODI series which was set to be hosted by Afghanistan and played in the UAE. Cricket Australia's decision comes after they took a strong stand against restrictions on women's participation in sport by the Taliban in Afghanistan since they took control of the country in 2021. CA said on Tuesday that the decision to postpone the bilateral series came after consultation with the Australian government. Afghanistan are the only full member of the International Cricket Council without a women's team at the senior level.

Cricket Australia said that the assessment from the Australian government is "that conditions for women and girls in Afghanistan are getting worse". "For this reason, we have maintained our previous position and will postpone the bilateral series against Afghanistan," a statement from the board read. "CA continues its strong commitment to supporting participation by women and girls in cricket around the world and will continue to actively engage the International Cricket Council and work closely with the Afghanistan Cricket Board to deter-

mine what actions could be taken to support the resumption of bilateral matches in the future," he added. Notably, in 2023, Afghanistan's star spinner Rashid Khan hit out at Cricket Australia's decision to pull out from the ODI series, threatening to withdraw from the Big Bash League. "I am really disappointed to hear that Australia have pulled out of the series to play us in March. I take great pride in representing my country and we have made great progress on the world stage. This decision from CA sets us back in that journey. If playing vs Afghanistan is so uncomfortable for Australia, then I wouldn't want to make anyone uncomfortable with my presence in the BBL. Therefore, I will be strongly considering my future in that competition," Rashid had said. Afghanistan recently hosted Ireland in a Test, 3 ODIs and as many T20Is in the UAE.

