



BRIEF



An artisan gives final touches to a fiber glass idol of Goddess Durga that will be sent to London for the upcoming Durga Puja, in Kolkata, Saturday.

Bad weather

■ Itanagar: An Advanced Light Helicopter of the Indian Army, which was tasked to undertake a medical evacuation mission in Arunachal Pradesh, was forced to make a 'one-skid landing' on a road after it encountered adverse weather conditions.

Ban

■ Patna: The Bihar Police have approached the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), seeking a ban on more than 100 gambling or gaming and loan-providing apps that are allegedly engaged in money laundering and pose a threat to the financial security of the country.

Weather

High 28 Low 24

Cong means 'loot ki dukaan' and 'jhooth ka bazaar': PM

Bikaner, Jul 08 (PTD):

Lashing out at the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday dubbed the party as a 'loot ki dukaan' and 'jhooth ka bazaar', and said it is clear that its government in Rajasthan is on its way out.

The prime minister alleged the Ashok Gehlot government has carved a new identity for itself when it comes to corruption, crime and politics of appeasement. Addressing an election rally here, Modi said Rajasthan



PM Modi launches various development projects, in Bikaner, Saturday.

should have been at the top in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission, but today it is among the laggard states. "In terms of crime against women, Rajasthan tops the list in

rape cases. The situation is such that here the protectors are becoming the predators. The whole government here seems to be busy in saving rape and murder accused," Modi al-

leged. Coming down heavily on the Congress, he said if it remains in power, it makes the country hollow and when it goes out of power, it defames the country by abusing it.

"Their leaders go abroad and abuse India," he said. "There is only one meaning of the Congress... 'loot ki dukaan' and 'jhooth ka bazaar'," the prime minister said in an obvious jibe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's frequent remarks about his party opening 'mohabbat ki dukaan' in 'nafarat ka bazaar'.

Na tired hu, na retired hu: Sharad Pawar's jibe at Ajit

Mumbai, Jul 08:

Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar has scoffed at estranged nephew Ajit Pawar's suggestion that he should retire from active politics, saying he will continue working as party workers want him to keep going.

"Do you know at what age Morarji Desai became the prime minister? I don't want to become the PM or a minister but only want to serve the people," Pawar said when asked about Ajit's remark that at 83 years, it was time for his uncle to retire. Asserting that he was not old yet, Pawar echoed former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's words, saying, "Na tired hu, na retired hu." (I am neither tired nor retired).

MLAs of 2 Sena camps get notices over disqualification

Mumbai, Jul 08 (PTI):

Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar on Saturday said notices have been issued to 40 MLAs of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and 14 of the Uddhav Thackeray faction, seeking their replies on disqualification petitions against them.

These legislators have been given seven days to file their reply, he said.

The notices have been issued against a total of 54 MLAs, including Chief

Minister Eknath Shinde and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray. But notice was not issued against Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Rutuja Latke who was elected after the Shiv Sena split last year.

The development comes a day after Narwekar said that he has received a copy of the Shiv Sena's constitution from the Election Commission of India, and that hearing on the disqualification petitions against 16 Shiv Sena MLAs, including CM Shinde would start soon.

Violence rocks Bengal's panchayat polls

■ 15 dead, allegations of strong arm tactics

Kolkata, Jul 08 (PTD):

Bengal's rural polls drew towards a bloody finish as 15 people died, bombs exploded and all parties leveled allegations of strong arm tactics against their rivals on Saturday.

Twelve people, including eight from the ruling TMC and one worker each of the BJP, CPI(M), Congress and ISF died since midnight in the crucial three-tier panchayat polls, officials said.



Injured CPI(M) agent sitting outside a polling booth.

The election which is being seen by analysts as a

litmus test for the 2024 parliamentary elections, also witnessed scenes of ballot boxes being stolen and burnt and of public anger against political workers.

Among flashpoints were Murshidabad, Nadia and Cooch Behar districts besides pockets in South 24 Parganas such as Bhangar and in Purba Medinipur's Nandigram.

The polling began at 7 am in 73,887 seats in the rural areas of the state with 5.67 crore people deciding the fate of around 2.06 lakh candidates. Till 3 pm, 50.52 per cent voter turnout was recorded, officials said.

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Three-storey building collapses; no injuries

Bilaspur, Jul 09:

A three-storey building collapsed in Bilaspur city on Saturday, the police said.

No one was injured in the incident that occurred in the Mangla Chowk area of the city under the Civil Lines police station limits, an official said. The structure, which housed commercial units, came crashing down around 6.45 am and completely destroyed a jewellery shop and a medicine shop belonging to two brothers, he said.

Bilaspur MLA Shailesh Pandey, former minister Amar Agrawal, ex-mayor Rajesh Pandey and local businessmen have demanded compensation for those affected, alleging that the digging for a drain adjacent to the building weakened its foundation and caused its collapse.

Mayor Ramsharan Yadav said the demand for compensation will be con-



sidered sympathetically after an investigation into the incident. Municipal Commissioner Kunal Dudawat said that a 5-member inquiry committee has been formed and it will submit its report in 3 days. The civic chief said that the local contractors' association has provided an immediate relief of Rs 5 lakh to the owners of the jewellery and medical shops. The municipal corporation is constructing drains across Bilaspur city to deal with waterlogging during monsoon. The work on a drain from Mangla Chowk to Ring Road-2 is going on even after the arrival of the rains.

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Cops attend training on Vulnerability Mapping

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 08: Administration has launched preparations for the upcoming Vidhan Sabha polls in the state. In this sequel, more than 25 officers of Durg district received training on Vulnerability Mapping in relation to sensitive, very sensitive booths. This will help in ensuring peaceful, free and fair elections.

Training on Vulnerability Mapping was organized through video conferencing by the Chief Electoral Officer, Raipur, Chhattisgarh in the auditorium of Police Control Room Bhilai. More than 25 officers of Durg Police attended this training session.



Training was given on important points regarding Vulnerability Mapping in the video conference organized in connection with the upcoming Vidhansabha Elections 2023. In the training, a de-

tailed discussion was held regarding the definition of Vulnerability Mapping and necessary information regarding disruptions arising in sensitive centers, information about the criteria of critical polling stations, pre-

ventive law and order proceedings for peaceful, free and fair elections. More than 25 officers from different stations of Durg Police received training and got necessary information on Vulnerability Mapping.

Man arrested for peddling psychotropic drugs

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 08: With the arrest of a drug peddler, police claimed to have busted the illegal supply and distribution network of the scheduled and banned psychotropic drugs. About 912 psychotropic tablets and capsules were seized from him. It was a joint operation of Mohan Nagar Police Station and Durg Civil Team.

The accused is identified as Santosh Kumar Mishra (49) son of Ramavtar Mishra a resident of Hanuman Nagar, Durg. He is a native of village Bela, District Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. It needs to be mentioned here that on the instructions of top



police officers, Durg Police are taking action against illegal drug dealers and peddlers in the district.

The cops are continuously working against the people involved in trade of narcotics drugs and illegal sale of scheduled psy-

chotropic drugs. In this sequel, Police received a tip off regarding a drug peddler, who was selling the banned psychotropic drugs to the addicts.

After confirming the information, the joint team conducted a well-planned operation and caught the

drug peddler with the psychotropic drugs near Surya Hotel in Kailash Nagar.

The accused has been booked under the provisions mentioned in NDPS Act. 768 nos Spascorevon Plus Capsules and 144 nos Aadspa Pro capsules, total worth Rs 10373, have been seized from him.

Inspector Vipin Rangari (SHO, Mohan Nagar), SI Uma Thakur, Head Constable Suryadev Singh, Constable Rajkumar Dalai, Civil team members Kishore Soni, Naseer Baksh, Kamlesh Yadav, Thomson Peter, Prashant Patankar, Bharthari Nishad and Ajay Yadu played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Applications invited for Ran-Niti-Director (Personnel) Cup - 2023

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 08: SAIL-Corporate Human Resource Development (HRD) Department in collaboration with AIMA is going to organize Ran-Niti- Director (Personnel) Cup, a 2-day Unit Level Business Simulation Games - 2023-24.

The two-day competition will be organised online for each Quiz Centre, by the SAIL- Corporate Office, New Delhi from 19th to 20th July 2023. The exercise will cover all aspects of business, including Finance, Marketing, Operations etc.

The competition rounds for Bhilai Steel Plant will

be organized at MP Hall, BMDC, Sector-7, Bhilai. The executives working in various units of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) are invited to participate in teams of three members each and make it a grand success. Interested executives may submit their applications by 15th July 2023.

12 teams will compete in Ran-Niti-Director (Personnel) Cup - 2023, which shall be organized in three stages. In the Level-1 of the competition, participants will be selected at Plant/Unit Level, which will be organized online by AIMA for all Plants/Units.

Followed by the Level-2,

to be organized physically among the 6 selected teams at the SAIL level at MTL, Ranchi. The Head of Training/HRD of respective Plant/Unit shall conduct the competition at the respective units. Director (Personnel) SAIL will felicitate the top three winning teams at the Valedictory Ceremony of the competition.

Ran-Niti-Director (Personnel) Cup - 2023-24 is an initiative to identify and develop strategic leaders through Business Simulation Games and encourage the Employees to work in cross-functional teams and understand the importance of team work.

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Bhilai, Jul 08: Van Mahotsav, a week-long festival of tree plantation was organized in DAV, Hudco, Bhilai in the first week of July from 3rd to 8th July, 2023 in the school campus. The week celebration was an ideal opportunity to instill personal and social responsibility in our students towards safeguarding trees and forests, forming a personal connection between the students and trees through a process of experience, reflection and creation and remind us of the fineness and superiority of trees while making the implications of our inherited assets and that without us trees cannot adjust or survive.

The entire week was

flooded with assortments of activities and competitions which culminated with an exhibition on Saturday (8th July, 2023). The week commenced with a special assembly which was a blend of poems, speeches, quiz and facts which was a mind altering experience for everyone. In the concluding days of the week children participated in various activities conducted in a weeklong event like fancy dress for tiny tots, poem recitation and paper bag making competition for the primary wing, middle wing was engaged in poster making whereas the secondary and senior secondary were engrossed in speech and slogan writing competition. The theme for all the activities and competition was the importance of Van

DAV celebrates Van Mahotsav



Mahotsav and the value of trees. Prashant Kumar, Principal cum Deputy Regional Officer CG, Zone A, expressed a great zeal of contentment towards students' effort and encouraged them to preserve trees which play a vital role in maintaining the ecological balance. He further added that the week was an earnest attempt to lend a

green touch to the school environment and let them be aware of their role in conserving it.

The highlight of the celebration was the event 'Green Exhibition' organized by the Eco Club on 8th July, 2023 which was cordially inaugurated by Prashant Kumar where the best two of all the activities like best out of the waste, slogan

writing, Poster Making, Models showcasing Conservation of Nature and various medicinal plants were displayed making the ambience green and fresh. On the occasion, Prashant Kumar remarked that the week was indeed an innovative, informative and an interesting celebration. Trees are poems that the earth writes on the sky. Green is the colour of Nature, life, prosperity, harmony and energy, which is closely associated with meanings of hope, freshness and environment and revitalizes our body and mind. He also added that celebrating Van Mahotsava is a good way to foster feelings of respect for the environment in students. The program ended with a pledge to cut our greed and not to cut the trees.

Efforts for lease deed registry intensified

Meeting of lease holders today**Central Chronicle News**

Bhilai, Jul 08: Under the leadership of BSP Officers Association President and SEFI Chairman Narendra Kumar Banchore, a review meeting of the progress made in the context of lease deed registration was conducted by the House Lease Coordination Committee. SK Vardhan, MK Vinodia, Krishna Shah and Satyawan Nayak of the core group along with Banchore and Parvinder Singh participated in this meeting.

The meeting reviewed the complete procedure in which the Registrar has given necessary information for making the lease deed; completing the process of registering the

power of attorney and authorizing the BSP officials to sign the lease deed. In this context, the core group of the House Lease Coordination Committee under the leadership of Banchore met various officials of the Town Services Department of BSP.

In relation to lease deed registration, Banchore said that according to the information received from the Town Services Department, drafts of various formats of lease deed have been prepared. Along with this, consent has also been obtained from the Town Services Department by making 'Sample Deed' on an experimental basis.

Keeping in view the various requirements of employees having quarters in lease and officers for getting the lease deed done, special discussion was conducted to start a 'help desk'



for the lease holders at the Pragati Bhavan of the Officers' Association and gather necessary resources for it. Banchore said that very soon a help desk will be started in OA.

Giving information in this regard, Banchore said that the signature of the officer authorized by BSP is necessary in the registration of lease deeds. Therefore, taking a positive initiative, the BSP management has started the process of registering the

Power of Attorney and authorizing the BSP officials to sign the lease deed. This process is likely to be completed soon.

Intensifying its efforts, the House Lease Coordination Committee under the leadership of Narendra Kumar Banchore has organized an important meeting of lease holders on July 9, 2023 around 10.30 am at the Pragati Bhavan of the Officers' Association. Detailed information will be given about

the progress made in the registration of lease deed so far and the various formats prescribed for making lead deed and the documents required for it. Banchore has appealed to the lease holders to keep patience and avoid being misled by unnecessary information. The House Lease Committee and the Officers' Association will make every possible effort to provide assistance to all the house lease holders. The process of lease deed registry will be started soon.

OA President and SEFI Chairman Narendra Kumar Banchore, OA General Secretary Parvinder Singh, OA Secretary Remi Thomas, Satyawan Nayak, SK Vardhan, Krishna Shah, MK Vinodia, KK Bahre, RC Sharma and other leaseholders were present in the meeting.

Two held for stealing iron angles from factory

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 08: Old Bhilai Police arrested two ruffians on charges of stealing iron angles from a factory. Inspector Manish Sharma (SHO, Old Bhilai) informed that they received a complaint from Virendra Kumar, the manager of VS Engineering and Fabrication Company, Hathkhaj, regarding theft of iron angles from the scrap yard of the company.

The unidentified thieves trespassed into the yard by making a hole in the boundary wall and escaped with 10-11 nos iron angles worth Rs 25000. Police lodged a complaint under section 457, 380 of IPC.

The investigation team examined the CCTV footage and collected information about the suspects



and habitual offenders of that area. In this sequel, police received a tip off regarding two youths, who were looking for junk dealers to sell some iron items.

Acting on this tip off, police nabbed the suspects and during interrogation, they confessed to committing theft at the factory. The accused are identified as Bhojendra Netam alias Bhola (22) son of Faguram Netam a resident of

Devnagar, Jamul and a native of village Jhalam, Bemetara and Ramji Sahu (24) son of Jitendra Sahu a resident of Zone 3, Khursipar and a native of village Gobrapedi, Dhamda. The stolen iron angles have been recovered. Head Constable Rakesh Singh, Constable Harish Rao, Ishwarlal Bharadwaj and Shashikant Yadav played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Yuvoday Durg Doots: Empowering youth volunteers to drive positive change in Durg District

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 08: Yuvoday Durg ke Doots, a transformative volunteering initiative driven by the people of Durg District and supported by the District Administration and UNICEF, celebrated its official launch with tremendous success.

The youth platform aims to foster social and behavioural change within families and society to promote the well-being of women and children in the district. The launch event witnessed an overwhelming response, with more than 150 individuals pledging their support by signing up as volunteers.

Durg District Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena expressed his belief in the potential of youth to bring



about lasting change, stating, "Yuvoday Durg Doots will provide them with a platform to channel their energy, ideas, and passion towards driving social progress and making a tangible difference in the lives

of individuals and communities."

Chief of UNICEF Chhattisgarh Job Zachariah emphasized the significance of the Durg Doots Volunteer programme in empowering

young people and addressing critical community challenges.

He said, "UNICEF is committed to supporting adolescents and young people by enhancing their skills and providing opportunities



through civic engagement initiatives like Yuvoday Durg ke Doots." He called upon the young volunteers to work towards adapting their lifestyles for the betterment of the environment.

This transformative initiative aims to address five priority areas of community development in the Durg district: community-based mental health, adolescent well-being, Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition

Days (VHSND), youth leadership for climate action, and substance abuse prevention.

By empowering volunteers, the programme seeks to create sustainable positive change and enhance the overall well-being of individuals and the entire Durg district. The platform will build a group of youth champions and advocates who will promote and advocate key behavioural practices across the district. UNICEF will provide technical support to the platform.

The event witnessed the presence of Bhilai Municipal Commissioner Rohit Vyas, senior district administration officials, and over 200 youth volunteers of Yuvoday Durg ke Doots, among others.

OBITUARY**Ramkaran Tiwari**

Bhilai: Retired BSP employee Ramkaran Tiwari left for heavenly abode at the age of 76 years on Saturday. Funeral procession was taken out from his residence situated at Street 2, Sector 1 and last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He was the father of Atul, Prabhat and Sanjay Tiwari.

Pass on benefits of govt schemes to beneficiaries: Langeh

Asian Bill Stork dies of lightning strike

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matic point of view towards migratory birds as well. But failing to provide proper protection of these birds is leading to unnatural death of these birds. Even nets have been laid below the trees, so as to save birds from falling and that too has now broken and fell down. The villagers said that there should be plenty of plantation done for safety of birds and conductors be installed for



prevention from lightning strikes.

● Holds meeting of DLRC and DLCC

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Korea, Jul 08: Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh convened a meeting of District-Level Revision Committee (DLRC) and District-Level Credit Committee (DLCC) in Collectorate's meeting hall on Friday.

He took information about the Kissan Credit Card (KCC) from Dy. Director of Agriculture Department. He gave instructions to pass on the benefits of government schemes to more and more beneficiaries and by hold-



ing camps, pass on the benefit of KCC to farmers left from it.

In the DLCC meeting, he reviewed about the advance deposits and C.D. ratio with different banks

and about the 'Varshik Saakh Yojana'. Collector directed all the Banks to increase CD ratio.

The decisions taken in the last meeting were also reviewed along with, con-

firmation on action under 'Varshik Saakh' and achievements of 'Varshik Saakh Yojana' and about other schemes viz.

NULM, MMYSY, PMEGP, Antyavyasai Antodaya,

Adivasi Swarojgar Yojana. Along with this he also reviewed about PM Jandhan Yojana and Samajik Suraksha Yojana and PM Mruda Yojana.

Along with this under Kissan Credit Card's KCC scheme, he held detailed talks on Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Crop Insurance Scheme. With Central Bank he discussed about Gramin Swarojgar Yojana.

Meeting was attended by CEO District Panchayat Ashutosh Chatuvedi, RBI's LDO SP Soni, Branch managers of different banks; GM Industries. Dy. Director Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and EE and Antavyasyais.

Korba, Jul 08: An Asian Bill Stork bird died due to lightning in Kankeshwar Dhaam here on Thursday. For safety of birds, the conductor to absorb lightning strikes has been installed, but since it is not in sufficient number, the birds are dying unnatural death.

The Kankeshwar Dhaam in Gram Kanki of Kartala block of the District is very famous. Here during 'Shravan Maas', lakhs of devotees from different districts of the state pay a visit to offer obeisance to Lord Shiv Shambhu.

Set aside this Kanki is also favourable from cli-

Red-bricks being used in Anganbadi building construction

Three unions jointly submit demand of contract workers

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● Violating govt norms by not using Fly-Ash bricks

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Katgi, Jul 08: The construction of Anganbadi building in Gram Basinpalli, dependent upon Gram Panchayat Devtarai of Kasdol Janpad Panchayat, is being done sidelining the standards laid by the government. This work of Anganbadi building is being carried out by Sarpanch of the village.

It is notable here that there are instructions to get the work of government building is to be done using



fly-ash bricks, because of its easy availability. As per the government's rule, if the fly-ash bricks construction site is within 35 kms site, then the fly-ash bricks should be used in any government construction site. Set aside this the columns and beams at the construction site for the building too seems to be below standard and it appears that the building can



collapse anytime, as the iron rods in the column and beams are projecting outward. In this regard, when Sub-Engineer Ramprasad Joshi was contacted, he expressed unawareness about the government rules. When the SE of PHE department himself is not aware of government norms, then what more can be expected from the quality

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Dalli-Rajhara, Jul 08: Hindustan Steel Employees to solve the problems and demands pending for many months of contract workers of IOC Rajhara, under the joint auspices of Chhattisgarh Mines Workers Union Rajhara and United Mines Workers Union (AITUC) Rajhara, took out a massive movement and submitted the demand of workers.

After 04 hours of demonstration, the joint delegation handed over an ultimatum notice in the name of Mr. Chief General Manager Mines and Rowghat Bhilai Steel Plant Bhilai to Chief General Manager IOC Rajhara for resolution of all demands. Chief General



Manager RB Garhwar told labor leaders Told that after holding a high-level meeting of the management very soon, you will be informed about it and within a week the demands and problems will be positively resolved by holding a meeting on this subject.

The demands include contract workers working in the mine should be given one grade higher pay scale

dearness allowance should be paid by the Government of India from April 1, 2021, October 1, 2021 and April 1, 2022 without delay by making arrears. The demand also asked for any contract below the departmental rate (more than 10%) should be canceled and the contractor who does not pay proper or timely wages to the workers, their contract should be banned and the contractor should be blacklisted.

Equal pay and safety demand for gratuity was also made. It also demanded relocation work of Hitkasa contract workers and wage settlement of workers working in SSS Society and compassionate of laborers working in Mahamaya mines.



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आरबी-आईओएस के तहत किसी आरई के विरुद्ध सभी शिकायतों के लिए "एक राष्ट्र एक लोकपाल" योजना अपनाई गई है। अतः शिकायतकर्ता के लिए अब यह जानना आवश्यक नहीं है कि वह किस लोकपाल योजना/कार्यालय के तहत लोकपाल को अपनी शिकायत दर्ज कराए।

आरबीआई-ओएस के अंतर्गत न आने वाली विनियमित संस्थाओं के विरुद्ध भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक में प्राप्त शिकायतों का समाधान भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक के उपभोक्ता शिक्षण और संरक्षण कक्षों (सीईपीसी) द्वारा किया जाता है। आरई के विरुद्ध कोई भी शिकायत निम्न माध्यमों द्वारा दर्ज की जा सकती है:

- ऑनलाइन-आरबीआई के शिकायत प्रबंध प्रणाली (सीएमएस) पोर्टल के माध्यम से <https://cms.rbi.org.in> → प्र शिकायत दर्ज करें।
- आरबी-आईओएस के अनुबंध 'ए' में निर्दिष्ट फॉर्म में भौतिक शिकायत (पत्र/डाक) "केंद्रीकृत प्राप्ति और प्रसंस्करण केंद्र, चौथी मंजिल, भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक, सेक्टर-17, सेंट्रल विस्टा, चंडीगढ़ - 160017" को प्रेषित की जा सकती है।

आरबी-आईओएस और सीईपीसी के अंतर्गत आने वाली संस्थाओं के नाम सहित अन्य जानकारी हेतु कृपया वेबसाइट <https://cms.rbi.org.in> देखें। टोल-फ्री #14448 के साथ इंटरएक्टिव वॉयस रिसपॉस सिस्टम (आईवीआरएस) वाला एक संपर्क केंद्र 24x7 उपलब्ध है, जबकि संपर्क केंद्र कार्मियों से अंग्रेजी और हिंदी में बात करने की सुविधा पूर्वाह्न 8:00 बजे से अपराह्न 10:00 बजे (राष्ट्रीय छुट्टियों को छोड़कर) और दस क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं (असमिया, बंगाली, गुजराती, कन्नड़, मराठी, मलयालम, ओडिया, पंजाबी, तेलुगु और तमिल) में बात करने की सुविधा पूर्वाह्न 9:30 बजे से अपराह्न 5:15 बजे तक उपलब्ध है।

आरबीआई-लोकपाल के निर्णय के विरुद्ध अपील

आरबीआई-लोकपाल के निर्णय के विरुद्ध अपील सीएमएस पोर्टल <https://cms.rbi.org.in> पर ऑनलाइन दर्ज की जा सकती है या अपीलीय प्राधिकारी, भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक, उपभोक्ता शिक्षण और संरक्षण विभाग, केंद्रीय कार्यालय, पहली मंजिल, अमर विल्डिंग, सर पीएम रोड, फोर्ट, मुंबई 400 001 (ई-मेल aaos@rbi.org.in) को आरबीआई-लोकपाल के निर्णय की सूचना प्राप्ति के 30 दिन के भीतर अपील प्रेषित की जा सकती है, बशर्ते शिकायत आरबी-आईओएस के अपीलीय खंड के तहत बंद की गई हो।

महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी

नोट 1: आरबी-आईओएस/सीईपीसी के तहत शिकायत दर्ज करने से पूर्व, शिकायतकर्ता को संबंधित बैंक/एनबीएफसी/भुगतान प्रणाली प्रतिभागी के पास अपनी शिकायत दर्ज करानी चाहिए। यदि शिकायत का निवारण 30 दिन के भीतर नहीं किया जाता है या शिकायतकर्ता बैंक/एनबीएफसी/भुगतान प्रणाली प्रतिभागी/साख सूचना कंपनियों द्वारा दिए गए उत्तर से संतुष्ट नहीं है, तो वह आरबीआई-लोकपाल/सीईपीसी से संपर्क कर सकता है। शिकायतकर्ता संबंधित बैंक/एनबीएफसी/प्रणाली प्रतिभागी/साख सूचना कंपनियों से प्राप्त उत्तर के एक वर्ष के भीतर कभी भी आरबीआई-लोकपाल से संपर्क कर सकते हैं। यदि बैंक/एनबीएफसी/भुगतान प्रणाली प्रतिभागी/साख सूचना कंपनियों से कोई उत्तर प्राप्त नहीं होता है, तो शिकायतकर्ता संस्था को शिकायत करने की तारीख से एक वर्ष तथा एक माह के भीतर आरबीआई-लोकपाल से कभी भी संपर्क कर सकता है।

नोट 2: लिखित शिकायत में शिकायतकर्ता को अपने नाम, पते और वर्तमान संपर्क नंबर का उल्लेख अवश्य करना चाहिए।


निक्षेप बीमा और प्रत्यय गारंटी निगम (डीआईसीजीसी)

(डीआईसीजीसी के विरुद्ध शिकायतों के लिए कोई भी व्यक्ति निम्नलिखित पते/ईमेल आईडी पर शिकायत दर्ज कर सकते/सकती हैं)

निक्षेप बीमा और प्रत्यय गारंटी निगम (डीआईसीजीसी)

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डीआईसीजीसी, शिकायत निवारण कक्ष
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शिकायतकर्ता श्री राज कुमार, उप महाप्रबंधक से टेलीफोन नं. 022-23028209, विस्तार नं. 8209 अथवा जेनेरिक ई-मेल dicgc.complaints@rbi.org.in के माध्यम से भी संपर्क कर सकते/सकती हैं।



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Redressal of complaints against entities regulated by RBI

Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the "Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021" (RB-IOS) by integrating the erstwhile Ombudsman Schemes applicable for banks, non-banking financial companies, payment system participants, and Credit Information Companies (CICs). The RB-IOS provides cost-free redress of customer complaints involving deficiency in services rendered by the Regulated Entities (REs) of RBI, if not resolved to the satisfaction of the customers or not replied within a period of 30 days by the RE.

The RB-IOS adopts a "One Nation One Ombudsman" approach for all complaints against any RE. It is therefore no longer necessary for a complainant to identify under which Ombudsman scheme/office, he/she should file a complaint with the Ombudsman.

Complaints received at RBI against the REs not covered under the RB-IOS are redressed at the Consumer Education and Protection Cells (CEPCs) of RBI. Any complaint against an RE can be filed through one of the following modes:

- Online - through the Complaint Management System (CMS) portal of RBI on <https://cms.rbi.org.in> → File a complaint
- Physical complaint (letter/post) in the form as specified in Annexure 'A' in the RB-IOS to "Centralised Receipt and Processing Centre, 4th Floor, Reserve Bank of India, Sector -17, Central Vista, Chandigarh - 160 017"

For more information including the name of the regulated entities covered under the ambit of RB-IOS and CEPC, please visit <https://cms.rbi.org.in>. A contact center with Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) with Toll-Free #14448 is available 24x7, while the facility to connect to Contact Centre personnel is available from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM (weekdays except National Holidays) for English and Hindi, and in ten Regional Languages (Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam, Odia, Punjabi, Telugu, and Tamil) from 9:30 AM to 5:15 PM.

Appeal against decision of RBI-Ombudsman

Appeal against the decision of RBI-Ombudsman can be filed online on CMS portal at <https://cms.rbi.org.in> → File an Appeal or send to the Appellate Authority, Reserve Bank of India, Consumer Education and Protection Department, Central Office, 1st Floor, Amar Building, Sir P M Road, Fort, Mumbai 400 001 (E-mail aaos@rbi.org.in) within 30 days of receipt of the communication of the RBI-Ombudsman's decision, only if the complaint is closed under the appealable clauses of RB-IOS.

Important Information

Note 1: Before lodging any complaint under the RB-IOS/CEPC, the complainant must approach the concerned bank/NBFC/Payment System Participant/CIC with the grievance. If the grievance is not redressed within 30 days or if complainant is not satisfied with the reply given by the bank/NBFC/Payment System Participant/CIC, he/she can approach the RBI-Ombudsman/CEPC. The complainants can approach the RBI-Ombudsman anytime within one year of receipt of such reply from the concerned bank / NBFC / system participant/CIC. In case no reply is received from the bank/NBFC/Payment System Participant/CIC, RBI-Ombudsman can be approached anytime within one year and one month from the date of representation to the entity.

Note 2: The complainant MUST indicate his/her name, address, and present contact number in the written complaint.

Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)

(For complaints against DICGC, members of public can lodge the complaint at following address/e-mail Id)

Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)

The General Manager
DICGC, Complaint Redressal Cell,
Reserve Bank of India, 2nd Floor,
Opp. Mumbai Central Railway Station,
Byculla, Mumbai - 400008.

The complainant can also approach Shri Raj Kumar, Deputy General Manager on Telephone No. 022-23028209, Ext No- 8209 or through generic e-mail at dicgc.complaints@rbi.org.in

Honored in same frame with Prabhas: Big B in 'Project K'

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards the crew and cast of 'Project K' and shared his honor in being part of the movie and appearing alongside Prabhas. Taking to Twitter, Amitabh shared the news from Vyjayanthi Movies that 'Project K' will make its debut at the San Diego Comic Con. In his caption, Big B expressed, "I am honored and privileged to be part of this great venture in Telugu Cinema, 'Project K,' and to be in the same frame as the idol, Prabhas."

He extended his gratitude to all involved and thanked director Nag Ashwin for considering him. Amitabh was moved by Prabhas' humility, respect, and care towards him. He conveyed his love, prayers, and wished for the hard work of everyone in 'Project K' to touch new horizons. Project K is a multi-lingual sci-fi film produced by Vyjayanthi Movies, featuring an ensemble cast including Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Prabhas, Deepika Padukone, and Disha Patani. Each actor plays a pivotal role contributing to the film's extraordinary narrative.

Vyjayanthi Movies aims to captivate attendees of the San Diego Comic Con with engaging conversations and unforgettable performances, offering a glimpse into India's vibrant culture and the world of science fiction. The SDCC celebration will kick off with an exciting panel featuring special guests Kamal Haasan, Prabhas, Deepika Padukone, and director Nag Ashwin on July 20. During this panel, the creators of 'Project K' will unveil the film's title, trailer, and release date, providing the audience with an immersive experience on Comic-Con's grandest stage.



Will Pushpa be able to find out who has stolen her father's statue?



Sony SAB's "Pushpa Impossible" revolves around the inspiring journey of Pushpa, portrayed by the talented Karuna Pandey. Pushpa is a remarkable woman who defies all odds with her indomitable spirit and embodies hope, persistently striving for a better and more fulfilling future. The upcoming storyline focuses on Pushpa's invitation as the chief guest to the town of Patan with an invite extended by Viren (Hemant Kher), a prominent Patola businessman in the region. During the event, her father's statue is set to be unveiled by Pushpa herself.

A source of inspiration for her, Pushpa's father's artistry and expertise in using "hathchal" (a traditional weaving technique) for creating "patola" sarees has always captivated her. This opportunity fills Pushpa with great excitement as it allows her to delve deeper into her father's legacy. However, things take an unexpected turn in Patan when someone steals her father's statue. Will Pushpa be able to find the person behind such a deed? Karuna Pandey, who plays the character of Pushpa, said, "Pushpa is faced with new challenges at various instances in her life, and this time, when she reaches Patan for a momentous occasion, commemorating her father, she encounters a new challenge as her father's statue goes missing. The series of events that unfold will stun the audience as Pushpa grapples with a new situation at hand, while she's visiting Patola."

Rachel Shelley returns to Indian screens: 'Kohrra' on Netflix



Actress Rachel Shelley, known for her role in the iconic film "Lagaan," is set to make a comeback to Indian screens with the crime investigative series "Kohrra" on Netflix. Rachel gained widespread recognition in India for her portrayal of Elizabeth Russell in "Lagaan," alongside Aamir Khan, when the film was released in 2001. In "Kohrra," Rachel's character delves into the complexities of love through her relationship with her son. Her commitment to her son's happiness is evident in the choices and actions she takes throughout the series. Expressing her fascination with the layered story, Rachel acknowledges its ability to uplift and challenge individuals. She shared, "'Kohrra' revolves around love, a force that has the power to uplift and disrupt.

Rannvijay Singha to judge 'CGO Hunt'

Renowned for his contributions to Indian reality television, Rannvijay Singha is ready to take on a new role as part of the jury for the 'Chief Gaming Officer Hunt.' Collaborating with Mythpat, Rannvijay will bring his vast experience and expertise to the smartphone brand's search for a Chief Gaming Officer. Expressing his enthusiasm, the 40-year-old actor shared, "Being a part of iQOO's CGO Hunt is like embarking on a gaming adventure with GenZ gamers. As a fellow gaming enthusiast, I understand their passion, drive for excellence, and thirst for victory." He continued, "I am eagerly looking forward to witnessing the incredible talent and dedication that GenZ brings to the gaming space in India. Together, I am confident that we will unlock new levels of excitement and innovation within the Indian gaming community." Nipun Marya, CEO of iQOO



India, introduced Rannvijay as a jury member, stating, "As a jury member, Rannvijay's role goes beyond evaluating the contestants'

gaming skills. Leveraging his insights, he will assess their overall personality traits, including leadership qualities, teamwork abilities, communication skills, and strategic thinking." The 'CGO Hunt' aims to discover exceptional individuals who not only excel in gaming but also possess well-rounded qualities essential for success. Rannvijay's involvement as a jury member ensures a comprehensive evaluation of the participants, considering not just their gaming prowess but also their overall potential as future gaming leaders. With Rannvijay's guidance and expertise, the 'CGO Hunt' promises to be an extraordinary platform for GenZ gamers in India to showcase their talent, passion, and drive. This exciting venture will undoubtedly uplift the gaming community, encouraging innovation and pushing the boundaries of gaming excellence.

'Neil nurtures a growing dislike for the Mahajans'

Sony SAB's captivating family drama, Vanshaj takes the audience on an exciting journey through the world of a legacy business empire. Recently, the show introduced Mohit Kumar as Neil, harboring a deep-rooted hatred towards Mahajans. Yuvika (played by Anjali Tatrari) and Neil's paths have crossed earlier in Rishikesh and they meet once again when Yuvika moves to the Mahajan house, adding exciting twists and turns to the upcoming storyline.



In a candid conversation, Mohit Kumar reveals: Tell us something about your character, Neil, and his relationship with the Mahajans? My character Neil is Vidur's (Aliraza Namdar) rebellious son. He shares

a unique bond with his father, Vidur; although they mean the world to each other, their loyalties differ. While Vidur is the esteemed right-hand man of the Mahajan family, known for his unwavering loyalty throughout the years, Neil harbors a deep-rooted hatred towards Mahajans. Neil's relationship with the Mahajans is complex because he believes they have wronged his father.

What is your perspective on the show's concept: Inheritance vs Capability? The discussion about ability and inheritance is complex and multifaceted. It can't be reduced to a simple either/or situation. While natural talent and hard work are important for success, we must also recognise the role of society and the access to opportunities. Can you provide any

hints about Neil's future trajectory in the show? Will there be any significant changes or developments in his character?

In the upcoming episodes, Neil's character is set to take a thrilling turn, introducing new layers to the storyline. His dynamics with other characters on the show promise to add a complex and intriguing element as the audience delves deeper into Neil's past and unravels the reasons behind his hatred towards the Mahajans, especially Dhanraj. With this development, Neil's character will bring forth unexpected twists and emotional conflicts, further enriching the show's overall narrative. Stay tuned to Sony SAB's Vanshaj every Monday to Saturday at 10 PM.

Parizaad shares her excitement about seeing Kapil Sharma hosting his own show



This Saturday, Sony Entertainment Television's popular comedy show, The Kapil Sharma Show, promises to deliver your weekend dose of entertainment and laughter. The show will host renowned female anchors - Mini Mathur, Renuka Sahane, Richa Anirudh, Parizaad Kholah, and Deepti Bhatnagar. This incredible gathering of talented women, along with curious host Kapil Sharma and his arangi mohalla will bring you an evening packed with rib-tickling humour, soulful melodies, and a whole lot of interesting anecdotes from their lives. Amidst the fun conversation, popular anchor Parizaad Kholah will share how proud she feels seeing Kapil Sharma achieve the success he enjoys today. She shares, "I am truly proud of Kapil's suc-

cess. It's amazing how far he has come since our days on the "Laughter Challenge Show." I still remember being the host back then, and now, sitting here on his show, it feels surreal. Watching Kapil's journey has brought so much laughter into my life, it has even strengthened my core muscles (laughs). But beyond the laughter, I genuinely feel a sense of pride today. We started our journey together on that stage, and I distinctly recall introducing Kapil Sharma to the audience. Now, after all these years, hearing him mention my name fills me with immense joy. I am genuinely happy and tremendously proud of you, Kapil." Tune into The Kapil Sharma Show this Saturday at 9:30 PM only on Sony Entertainment Television.

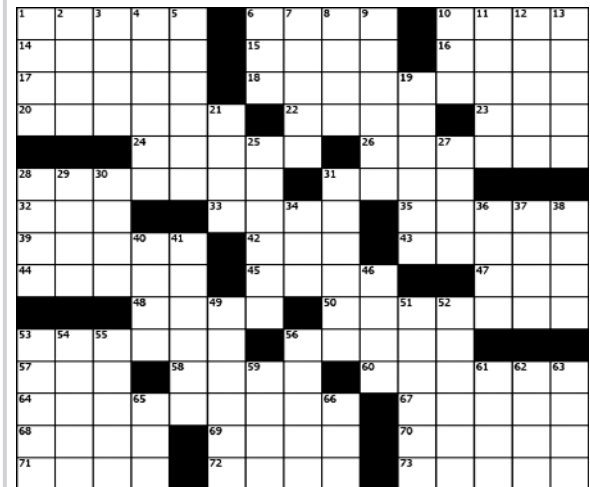
Shilpa Shetty: India's Got Talent can transform lives



Shilpa Shetty, set to return as a judge for the 10th season of 'India's Got Talent,' expressed her belief that the reality show has the power to change lives. She eagerly awaits witnessing awe-inspiring talent on the show. India is making its mark globally, as evidenced by the unique and outstanding talent showcased on platforms like America's Got Talent (AGT), Shilpa emphasized. Dance, singing, magic, stunts, comedy - India excels in various art forms. Shilpa is thrilled to be part of a show that celebrates talent in all its forms. The previous season brought daring acts and age-old art forms to life, intro-

ducing viewers to the diverse talents of India. With the 10th season marking a milestone, Shilpa is eager to witness the extraordinary talent it will bring. Being a judge on such a prominent platform has been an exciting and learning experience for her. She considers herself privileged to be part of the transformative journey of budding talent. Shilpa believes that 'India's Got Talent' has the ability to change lives and looks forward to discovering unique talents alongside her co-judges, Kirron Ma'am and Badshah. The 10th season of 'India's Got Talent' will premiere on July 29 on Sony TV.

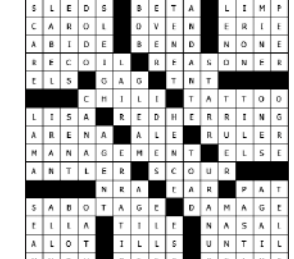
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 - Head movement
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 - Sound system
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 - Raise
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 - Water (Fr.)
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 - Dislike strongly
 - Existence
 - Type of staircase
 - Demonic
 - Actress Julia _____
 - Incidents
 - Sell to consumers
 - Desirable quality
 - Gape
 - Lucifer
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BRIEF



An artisan gives final touches to a fiber glass idol of Goddess Durga that will be sent to London for the upcoming Durga Puja, in Kolkata, Saturday.

Bad weather

■ Itanagar: An Advanced Light Helicopter of the Indian Army, which was tasked to undertake a medical evacuation mission in Arunachal Pradesh, was forced to make a 'one-skid landing' on a road after it encountered adverse weather conditions.

Ban

■ Patna: The Bihar Police have approached the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), seeking a ban on more than 100 gambling or gaming and loan-providing apps that are allegedly engaged in money laundering and pose a threat to the financial security of the country.

Weather

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Cong means 'loot ki dukaan' and 'jhooth ka bazaar': PM

Bikaner, Jul 08 (PTD):

Lashing out at the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday dubbed the party as a 'loot ki dukaan' and 'jhooth ka bazaar', and said it is clear that its government in Rajasthan is on its way out.

The prime minister alleged the Ashok Gehlot government has carved a new identity for itself when it comes to corruption, crime and politics of appeasement. Addressing an election rally here, Modi said Rajasthan



PM Modi launches various development projects, in Bikaner, Saturday.

should have been at the top in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission, but today it is among the laggard states. "In terms of crime against women, Rajasthan tops the list in

rape cases. The situation is such that here the protectors are becoming the predators. The whole government here seems to be busy in saving rape and murder accused," Modi al-

leged. Coming down heavily on the Congress, he said if it remains in power, it makes the country hollow and when it goes out of power, it defames the country by abusing it.

"Their leaders go abroad and abuse India," he said. "There is only one meaning of the Congress... 'loot ki dukaan' and 'jhooth ka bazaar'," the prime minister said in an obvious jibe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's frequent remarks about his party opening 'mohabbat ki dukaan' in 'nafarat ka bazaar'.

Na tired hu, na retired hu: Sharad Pawar's jibe at Ajit

Mumbai, Jul 08:

Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar has scoffed at estranged nephew Ajit Pawar's suggestion that he should retire from active politics, saying he will continue working as party workers want him to keep going.

"Do you know at what age Morarji Desai became the prime minister? I don't want to become the PM or a minister but only want to serve the people," Pawar said when asked about Ajit's remark that at 83 years, it was time for his uncle to retire. Asserting that he was not old yet, Pawar echoed former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's words, saying, "Na tired hu, na retired hu." (I am neither tired nor retired).

MLAs of 2 Sena camps get notices over disqualification

Mumbai, Jul 08 (PTI):

Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar on Saturday said notices have been issued to 40 MLAs of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and 14 of the Uddhav Thackeray faction, seeking their replies on disqualification petitions against them.

These legislators have been given seven days to file their reply, he said. The notices have been issued against a total of 54 MLAs, including Chief

Minister Eknath Shinde and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray. But notice was not issued against Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Rutuja Latke who was elected after the Shiv Sena split last year.

The development comes a day after Narwekar said that he has received a copy of the Shiv Sena's constitution from the Election Commission of India, and that hearing on the disqualification petitions against 16 Shiv Sena MLAs, including CM Shinde would start soon.

Violence rocks Bengal's panchayat polls

■ 15 dead, allegations of strong arm tactics

Kolkata, Jul 08 (PTD):

Bengal's rural polls drew towards a bloody finish as 15 people died, bombs exploded and all parties leveled allegations of strong arm tactics against their rivals on Saturday.

Twelve people, including eight from the ruling TMC and one worker each of the BJP, CPI(M), Congress and ISF died since midnight in the crucial three-tier panchayat polls, officials said.



Injured CPI(M) agent sitting outside a polling booth.

The election which is being seen by analysts as a

litmus test for the 2024 parliamentary elections, also witnessed scenes of ballot boxes being stolen and burnt and of public anger against political workers.

Among flashpoints were Murshidabad, Nadia and Cooch Behar districts besides pockets in South 24 Parganas such as Bhangar and in Purba Medinipur's Nandigram.

The polling began at 7 am in 73,887 seats in the rural areas of the state with 5.67 crore people deciding the fate of around 2.06 lakh candidates. Till 3 pm, 50.52 per cent voter turnout was recorded, officials said.

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Three-storey building collapses; no injuries

Bilaspur, Jul 09:

A three-storey building collapsed in Bilaspur city on Saturday, the police said.

No one was injured in the incident that occurred in the Mangla Chowk area of the city under the Civil Lines police station limits, an official said. The structure, which housed commercial units, came crashing down around 6.45 am and completely destroyed a jewellery shop and a medicine shop belonging to two brothers, he said.

Bilaspur MLA Shailesh Pandey, former minister Amar Agrawal, ex-mayor Rajesh Pandey and local businessmen have demanded compensation for those affected, alleging that the digging for a drain adjacent to the building weakened its foundation and caused its collapse.

Mayor Ramsharan Yadav said the demand for compensation will be con-



sidered sympathetically after an investigation into the incident. Municipal Commissioner Kunal Dudawat said that a 5-member inquiry committee has been formed and it will submit its report in 3 days. The civic chief said that the local contractors' association has provided an immediate relief of Rs 5 lakh to the owners of the jewellery and medical shops. The municipal corporation is constructing drains across Bilaspur city to deal with waterlogging during monsoon. The work on a drain from Mangla Chowk to Ring Road-2 is going on even after the arrival of the rains.

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BRIEF



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal during the interaction with Delhi government school students who qualified NEET and JEE this year, in New Delhi, Saturday.

Hoax call

Lucknow: Security was heightened and a bomb disposal squad deployed at the Hazratganj metro station here in response to a phone call reporting a bomb threat, which later turned out to be a hoax, officials said on Saturday.

Stabbed

New Delhi: Two men were arrested for allegedly killing a person over a trivial issue in north Delhi's Sarai Rohilla area, police said on Saturday.

Held

Chennai: Two youths who allegedly pushed a woman passenger at a local railway station here on July 2, after robbing her mobile phone, were arrested for causing her death, police said on Saturday.

20 years jail

Thane: A special NDPS court in Thane has sentenced a man to 20 years in jail for possession of drugs. In his order of July 1, details of which were made available on Saturday.

Watery grave

Jammu: Two Army soldiers were feared drowned in a swollen stream in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Saturday, officials said.

Stranded Amarnath pilgrims ask authorities to evacuate them

Srinagar, July 08 (PTI)

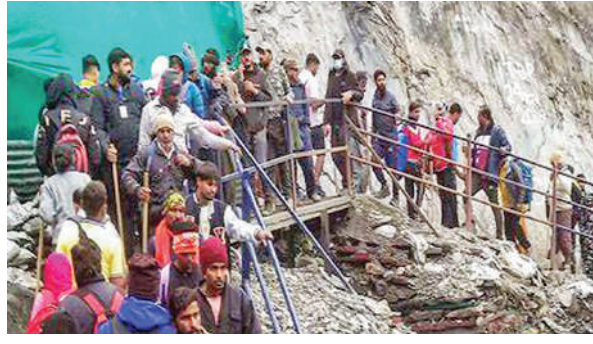
Amarnath pilgrims stranded at the twin base camps of Baltal and Pahalgam following the suspension of the Yatra due to inclement weather have urged authorities to evacuate them.

The yatra was suspended on Friday following widespread rain and landslides, particularly along the twin tracks — the traditional 48-kilometre Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-kilometre Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

Nearly 50,000 pilgrims are put up at various base camps in Kashmir valley with almost 19,000 at Baltal base camp in the Ganderbal district.

Ronali Shah said she has been stuck at Panjarni base camp since Thursday noon. "We reached here three days ago at 4 pm. Despite the sunny weather, the helicopter services operator did not fly us down to Pahalgam" Shah said.

She even urged authorities to change the private helicopter service provider that flew stranded pilgrims from the Panjarni base camp. "The private helicopter left behind the yatriss who had made online bookings while they were taking passengers who had booked tickets offline," a



man accompanying Shah said. However, several are determined to wait for the weather to improve and proceed with the yatra thereafter. Two pilgrims from Punjab said they have been waiting for the rainfall to subside and are praying sincerely so that they can resume their pilgrimage.

Rahul, one of the pilgrims who encountered a landslide near Nathal said he somehow managed to escape and reach the Panthachowk base camp here. Narendra Kumar, another yatri, said the pilgrims had to face difficulties on the way due to heavy rain, landslides and shooting stones. "We had to run several kilometres to escape the shooting stones. Now we are stuck here at the camp," Kumar said.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who is also the chairman of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, is scheduled to address a press conference later today.

The Met office has predicted widespread moderate to heavy rain, accompanied by thundershowers, under the influence of monsoon winds and western disturbances across Jammu and Kashmir till Sunday.

Andhra CM transfers Rs 1,117 crore

As part of crop insurance compensation for farmers

Anantapuramu, Jul 08 (PTI)

Commemorating former chief minister of combined Andhra Pradesh Y S Rajasekhara Reddy's birth anniversary as 'Rythu Dinotsavam' (farmer's day), Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Saturday disbursed Rs 1,117 crore to more than 10 lakh farmers in the state as crop insurance compensation for 2022 Kharif season.

BJP to organise thanksgiving rallies on July 10

For pro-people' budget

Agartala, Jul 08 (PTI)

The BJP will organise thanksgiving rallies across Tripura on July 10 for presenting a "pro-people" budget for the current fiscal, a senior party leader said on Saturday. Tripura Finance Minister Pranajit Singha Roy on Friday introduced a budget which included a health insurance scheme to cover the marginalised sections of society and another scheme to give free scooters to meritorious girl students as part of a Rs 27,654-crore budget for the current fiscal.

Waterlogging, traffic snarls as Delhi witnesses season's first heavy spell of rain



People stuck in traffic jam after heavy monsoon rains, near ITO in New Delhi, Saturday.

New Delhi, Jul 08 (PTI)

Heavy rains led to massive traffic congestion and waterlogging across Delhi on Saturday, making life difficult for commuters and proving to be a nightmare for traders. Several market areas,

look back at how he responded to farmers. I remember free power, Jalayagnam, Aarogyasri schemes which benefit farmers and poor people, 104, 108 and the sound of the ambulance," said Reddy, in a video link shared by the government, about the pro-poor schemes introduced by his father when Rajasekhara Reddy governed united Andhra Pradesh between 2004 and 2009. Rajasekhara Reddy died in a helicopter crash on September 2, 2009, just months after securing a suc-

cessive term as CM in then combined AP. He was 60. The Chief Minister also recalled the fee reimbursement scheme, lakhs of houses built for the poor and several other programmes that remind everyone of the good name that Rajasekhara Reddy earned. Though he may not be with us in person, the former CM's good deeds will always be remembered, said Reddy, observing that several schemes under agriculture, health and housing sectors have been named after his father (Dr YSR). Minister Manik Saha. The budget will benefit all sections of people — employees, students, youth and poor", the party's state president Rajib Bhattacharjee said at a press conference. He said the state finance minister has promised to introduce the Chief Minister Jan Arogya Yojana-2023, a health insurance plan, on the lines of the Ayushman Bharat scheme of the Central government. Under the scheme, the families who are not included in Ayushman Bharat will get health insurance benefits of up to Rs. 5 lakh each year. "The party will organise thanksgiving rallies in all the ten organisational districts on Monday for presenting a pro-people budget that ensures fulfilment

"yellow" alert has been sounded for Sunday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The Safdarjung observatory, Delhi's primary weather station, recorded 98.7 mm rainfall till 2.30 pm. The Ridge observatory recorded 111.4 mm rainfall. The Minto Bridge has been closed for vehicular traffic due to the incessant rains that have led to waterlogging. Heavy waterlogging was also reported from the Tilak Bridge underpass.

Amit Gupta, a trader at Connaught Place, said the tall claims of Delhi being a Smart City are exposed every year during monsoon, when shops get flooded and the traders face losses. New Delhi Traders' Association president Atul Bhargava said, "The government only wants to collect taxes. We have not been involved in the development of Connaught Place.

PUBLIC INTERACTION



Dy CM of Uttar Pradesh Keshav Prasad Maurya listens to people's problems during a Janata Darshan programme, in Prayagraj, Saturday.

'Maha taking all efforts to make Gadchiroli free of Naxalite violence'

Focus is on employment, empowerment

Gadchiroli, Jul 08 (PTI)

The Maharashtra government is taking all efforts to make Gadchiroli free of Naxalite violence, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said on Saturday during a 'shaasan aplya dari' (government at your doorstep) programme.

He said 6.70 lakh of the 11 lakh population of the district were registered beneficiaries of the programme and asserted his government would reach out to every single person to bring about welfare. "Beneficiaries have received tractors, harvesters, cycles, godowns, caste certificates under the 'shaasan aplya dari' scheme. There is focus on women's empowerment," the CM said at the event where he and Deputy CMs Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar launched various projects.

A steel plant being set up in Gadchiroli has provided direct and indirect employment to 4000 persons and 20,000 more jobs will be created once a proposed second steel plant comes up, Shinde said. "Naxalite activities have reduced considerably in Gadchiroli and the state government is determined to make the district free of Naxalite violence," he said.

Shinde said the Union government was giving financial assistance for the state's welfare schemes and alleged the previous Maha Vikas Aghadi dispensation under Uddhav Thackeray did not approach the Centre for as-



Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde with Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar during a programme under the 'Shaasan Aplya Dari' initiative, in Gadchiroli, Saturday.

sistance due to ego tussles. The induction of Nationalist Congress Party leader Ajit Pawar as deputy CM would speed up development of Maharashtra, Shinde claimed. Pawar led a vertical split in the NCP on July 2 and joined the Shinde government along with eight MLAs, including Chhagan Bhujuj and Dilip Walse Patil. Speaking at the event, Pawar said the country was progressing rapidly under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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BRIEF

Resignation



New Delhi: Microsoft India President Anant Maheshwari has resigned from his role after a stint of almost seven years at the software company.

Collaborative work



New Delhi: Telecom secretary K Rajaraman appealed to industry players to set aside their petty differences and work in collaboration for innovation.

Fintech regulations

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank is looking at coming out with a regulation for fintech players, Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar said on Friday.

Mandaviya stresses on reduction in chemical fertilisers

Bats for use of alternative fertilisers, natural farming

New Delhi, Jul 08:

Union minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Saturday said the excessive use of chemical fertilisers affects soil fertility and also has side effects on human and animal health.



Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya speaks during a workshop on 'strategy for promotion of alternative nutrition to reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers for soil health and sustainability', in New Delhi, Saturday.

from the ministry of agriculture, ministry of chemicals and fertilizers, and Niti Aayog. "The side effects of over consumption of chemical fertilisers are visible now. Soil health has been impacted," Mandaviya said, adding that the growth in produc-

tion and productivity has stagnated. Citing a medical study in few districts where usage of chemical fertilisers are high, the minister said it was found that there are negative impacts on health of human as well as animals.

ers and the government should work together to offset the negative impact of chemical fertilizers on agriculture. He stressed on the need to create awareness among farmers about the negative impact of chemical fertilisers.

India to become largest connected nation with 1.2 billion internet users: Union Minister

Chennai, Jul 08:

India is set to become the largest connected nation in the globe with 1.2 billion internet users, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said here on Friday.



and Research (SAMEER). The Digital India Act has three specific policies which is -- the internet must be open, the internet should be safe and trusted for every citizen, and the digital enterprise and internet ecosystem must be accountable to their users.

with this problem...but they are following the lead of India in the principles of safety, trust, and accountability, and more than anything else, India has a leadership role here," he told reporters.

Pointing to the large internet user base in India, he said, "Today 830 million internet users are there and it will become 1.2 billion. We are going to be the largest connected nation in the world."

India and Tanzania started trade settlements in local currencies: Jaishankar

Dar es Salaam, Jul 08:

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday said that India and Tanzania have started trade settlements in local currencies and this new initiative will help in promoting commerce between the two countries.



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with dignitaries during regional Ambassadorial conference in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

basket...India remains the biggest destination for Tanzanian exports," he said.

There's also an issue which has been brought up from time to time, which is the possibility of trade settlements in our own currencies, Jaishankar said.

"And I want to share with you that the India central bank has cleared such a possibility. So the three Indian banks, which are here, have that ability to do trade settlements in each other's currencies."

complained that the EU did not provide enough time for WTO members to comment on the measure before it enters into force in October. The EU stated that it has been transparent throughout the design stage of CBAM and will continue to engage with members during the transitional period as it is gradually introduced through the end of 2025.

FDCI partners with Reliance Brands for the coming India Couture Week

New Delhi, Jul 08:

Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) on Friday announced partnering with Reliance Brands for the Hyundai India Couture Week, scheduled to be held here from from July 25 to August 2, 2023.

this partnership will bring towards the growth of the property in the years to come as we strive to make it a showcase at par with anywhere in the world."

RBL Group Vice President Jaspreet Chandok said: "This partnership re-affirms our commitment towards the growth of the designer fashion industry in India as we look at creating global benchmarks in terms of showcase, appeal and visibility."

AIRPORT STREAMLINE. Officials during an event where the Noida International Airport (NIA) has selected global airlines IT services solution provider SITA's airport management system to help automate and streamline its operations.

PNB infuses Rs 72.83 crore in its Bhutan subsidiary

New Delhi, Jul 08:

State-owned Punjab National Bank on Friday said it has infused Rs 72.82 crore in its Bhutan subsidiary Druk PNB Bank Ltd via a rights issue. The investment in Rights Issue has been made on July 7, 2023 through participation in the issue of Druk PNB Bank Ltd (DPNBL).

'India in exciting period in technology space'

Chennai, Jul 08:

India is in an 'exciting period' in the history of the country when it comes to the technology space, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Friday said.

at the event, the minister said that in the global value chain, electronics is the second highest traded commodity after hydrocarbons and energy but India did not find a place in it before 2014.

manufacturing electronics, which is why Apple could ramp up their operations here," he added.

Stating that the country has "travelled a significant distance" in technology advances in the past 9 years, he said, "Being a tech professional for over three decades, I can safely say that we are living in the most exciting period in the history of India."

"After a lot of hard work, we have reached a point where we are the 5th largest economy in the world, the fastest growing economy in the world. We have developed capabilities, capacities, and confidence in the last 9 years in innovation and technology," he added.

IOC announces Rs 22,000 cr rights issue

New Delhi, Jul 08:

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's top oil firm, plans to raise Rs 22,000 crore capital through a rights issue of equity shares as part of a government's plan to infuse capital into three state-owned fuel retailers to fund their net zero carbon emission projects.

infuse equity in the company. The board of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) had on June 28 approved raising up to Rs 18,000 crore through a rights issue.

Govt, global retailers, domestic toy makers to discuss ways to promote toy exports

New Delhi, Jul 08:

The government will hold discussions with global retailers and domestic toy manufacturers on ways to promote toy exports from India in a meeting on Saturday, an official said.

Universal, and Play Shiftu are also expected to participate in the meeting. "The discussions will focus on establishing India as a preferred sourcing destination, highlighting the advantages and opportunities available to international companies looking to partner with Indian manufacturers," the official added.

(DPIIT). This event brings together key industry stakeholders, renowned international companies, and leading Indian manufacturers to explore the immense potential of India as a sourcing destination for the global toy industry.

Honored in same frame with Prabhas: Big B in 'Project K'

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards the crew and cast of 'Project K' and shared his honor in being part of the movie and appearing alongside Prabhas. Taking to Twitter, Amitabh shared the news from Vijayanthi Movies that 'Project K' will make its debut at the San Diego Comic Con. In his caption, Big B expressed, "I am honored and privileged to be part of this great venture in Telugu Cinema, 'Project K,' and to be in the same frame as the idol, Prabhas."



He extended his gratitude to all involved and thanked director Nag Ashwin for considering him. Amitabh was moved by Prabhas' humility, respect, and care towards him. He conveyed his love, prayers, and wished for the hard work of everyone in 'Project K' to touch new horizons. Project K is a multi-lingual sci-fi film produced by Vijayanthi Movies, featuring an ensemble cast including Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Prabhas, Deepika Padukone, and Disha Patani. Each actor plays a pivotal role contributing to the film's extraordinary narrative.

Vijayanthi Movies aims to captivate attendees of the San Diego Comic Con with engaging conversations and unforgettable performances, offering a glimpse into India's vibrant culture and the world of science fiction. The SDCC celebration will kick off with an exciting panel featuring special guests Kamal Haasan, Prabhas, Deepika Padukone, and director Nag Ashwin on July 20. During this panel, the creators of 'Project K' will unveil the film's title, trailer, and release date, providing the audience with an immersive experience on Comic-Con's grandest stage.

Will Pushpa be able to find out who has stolen her father's statue?



Sony SAB's "Pushpa Impossible" revolves around the inspiring journey of Pushpa, portrayed by the talented Karuna Pandey. Pushpa is a remarkable woman who defies all odds with her indomitable spirit and embodies hope, persistently striving for a better and more fulfilling future. The upcoming storyline focuses on Pushpa's invitation as the chief guest to the town of Patan with an invite extended by Viren (Hemant Kher), a prominent Patola businessman in the region. During the event, her father's statue is set to be unveiled by Pushpa herself. A source of inspiration for her, Pushpa's father's artistry and expertise in using "hathchal" (a traditional weaving technique) for creating "patola" sarees has always captivated her. This opportunity fills Pushpa with great excitement as it allows her to delve deeper into her father's legacy. However, things take an unexpected turn in Patan when someone steals her father's statue. Will Pushpa be able to find the person behind such a deed? Karuna Pandey, who plays the character of Pushpa, said, "Pushpa is faced with new challenges at various instances in her life, and this time, when she reaches Patan for a momentous occasion, commemorating her father, she encounters a new challenge as her father's statue goes missing. The series of events that unfold will stun the audience as Pushpa grapples with a new situation at hand, while she's visiting Patola."

Rachel Shelley returns to Indian screens: 'Kohrra' on Netflix



Actress Rachel Shelley, known for her role in the iconic film "Lagaan," is set to make a comeback to Indian screens with the crime investigative series "Kohrra" on Netflix. Rachel gained widespread recognition in India for her portrayal of Elizabeth Russell in "Lagaan," alongside Aamir Khan, when the film was released in 2001. In "Kohrra," Rachel's character delves into the complexities of love through her relationship with her son. Her commitment to her son's happiness is evident in the choices and actions she takes throughout the series. Expressing her fascination with the layered story, Rachel acknowledges its ability to uplift and challenge individuals. She shared, "'Kohrra' revolves around love, a force that has the power to uplift and disrupt.

Rannvijay Singha to judge 'CGO Hunt'

Renowned for his contributions to Indian reality television, Rannvijay Singha is ready to take on a new role as part of the jury for the 'Chief Gaming Officer Hunt.' Collaborating with Mythpat, Rannvijay will bring his vast experience and expertise to the smartphone brand's search for a Chief Gaming Officer. Expressing his enthusiasm, the 40-year-old actor shared, "Being a part of iQOO's CGO Hunt is like embarking on a gaming adventure with GenZ gamers. As a fellow gaming enthusiast, I understand their passion, drive for excellence, and thirst for victory." He continued, "I am eagerly looking forward to witnessing the incredible talent and dedication that GenZ brings to the gaming space in India. Together, I am confident that we will unlock new levels of excitement and innovation within the Indian gaming community." Nipun Marya, CEO of iQOO



India, introduced Rannvijay as a jury member, stating, "As a jury member, Rannvijay's role goes beyond evaluating the contestants'

gaming skills. Leveraging his insights, he will assess their overall personality traits, including leadership qualities, teamwork abilities, communication skills, and strategic thinking." The 'CGO Hunt' aims to discover exceptional individuals who not only excel in gaming but also possess well-rounded qualities essential for success. Rannvijay's involvement as a jury member ensures a comprehensive evaluation of the participants, considering not just their gaming prowess but also their overall potential as future gaming leaders. With Rannvijay's guidance and expertise, the 'CGO Hunt' promises to be an extraordinary platform for GenZ gamers in India to showcase their talent, passion, and drive. This exciting venture will undoubtedly uplift the gaming community, encouraging innovation and pushing the boundaries of gaming excellence.

'Neil nurtures a growing dislike for the Mahajans'

Sony SAB's captivating family drama, Vanshaj takes the audience on an exciting journey through the world of a legacy business empire. Recently, the show introduced Mohit Kumar as Neil, harboring a deep-rooted hatred towards Mahajans. Yuvika (played by Anjali Tatrari) and Neil's paths have crossed earlier in Rishikesh and they meet once again when Yuvika moves to the Mahajan house, adding exciting twists and turns to the upcoming storyline. In a candid conversation, Mohit Kumar reveals: Tell us something about your character, Neil, and his relationship with the Mahajans? My character Neil is Vidur's (Aliraza Namdar) rebellious son. He shares



a unique bond with his father, Vidur; although they mean the world to each other, their loyalties differ. While Vidur is the esteemed right-hand man of the Mahajan family, known for his unwavering loyalty throughout the years, Neil harbors a deep-rooted hatred towards Mahajans. Neil's relationship with the Mahajans is complex because he believes they have wronged his father.

What is your perspective on the show's concept: Inheritance vs Capability? The discussion about ability and inheritance is complex and multifaceted. It can't be reduced to a simple either/or situation. While natural talent and hard work are important for success, we must also recognise the role of society and the access to opportunities. Can you provide any

hints about Neil's future trajectory in the show? Will there be any significant changes or developments in his character? In the upcoming episodes, Neil's character is set to take a thrilling turn, introducing new layers to the storyline. His dynamics with other characters on the show promise to add a complex and intriguing element as the audience delves deeper into Neil's past and unravels the reasons behind his hatred towards the Mahajans, especially Dhanraj. With this development, Neil's character will bring forth unexpected twists and emotional conflicts, further enriching the show's overall narrative. Stay tuned to Sony SAB's Vanshaj every Monday to Saturday at 10 PM.

Parizaad shares her excitement about seeing Kapil Sharma hosting his own show



This Saturday, Sony Entertainment Television's popular comedy show, The Kapil Sharma Show, promises to deliver your weekend dose of entertainment and laughter. The show will host renowned female anchors - Mini Mathur, Renuka Sahane, Richa Anirudh, Parizaad Kholah, and Deepti Bhatnagar. This incredible gathering of talented women, along with curious host Kapil Sharma and his arangi mohalla will bring you an evening packed with rib-tickling humour, soulful melodies, and a whole lot of interesting anecdotes from their lives. Amidst the fun conversation, popular anchor Parizaad Kholah will share how proud she feels seeing Kapil Sharma achieve the success he enjoys today. She shares, "I am truly proud of Kapil's suc-

cess. It's amazing how far he has come since our days on the "Laughter Challenge Show." I still remember being the host back then, and now, sitting here on his show, it feels surreal. Watching Kapil's journey has brought so much laughter into my life, it has even strengthened my core muscles (laughs). But beyond the laughter, I genuinely feel a sense of pride today. We started our journey together on that stage, and I distinctly recall introducing Kapil Sharma to the audience. Now, after all these years, hearing him mention my name fills me with immense joy. I am genuinely happy and tremendously proud of you, Kapil." Tune into The Kapil Sharma Show this Saturday at 9:30 PM only on Sony Entertainment Television.

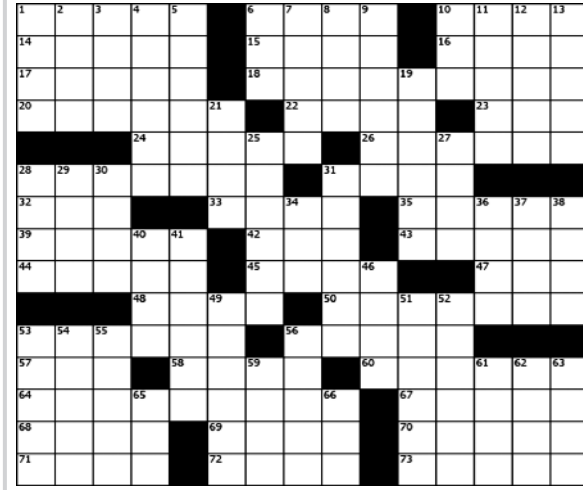
Shilpa Shetty: India's Got Talent can transform lives



Shilpa Shetty, set to return as a judge for the 10th season of 'India's Got Talent,' expressed her belief that the reality show has the power to change lives. She eagerly awaits witnessing awe-inspiring talent on the show. India is making its mark globally, as evidenced by the unique and outstanding talent showcased on platforms like America's Got Talent (AGT), Shilpa emphasized. Dance, singing, magic, stunts, comedy - India excels in various art forms. Shilpa is thrilled to be part of a show that celebrates talent in all its forms. The previous season brought daring acts and age-old art forms to life, intro-

ducing viewers to the diverse talents of India. With the 10th season marking a milestone, Shilpa is eager to witness the extraordinary talent it will bring. Being a judge on such a prominent platform has been an exciting and learning experience for her. She considers herself privileged to be part of the transformative journey of budding talent. Shilpa believes that 'India's Got Talent' has the ability to change lives and looks forward to discovering unique talents alongside her co-judges, Kirron Ma'am and Badshah. The 10th season of 'India's Got Talent' will premiere on July 29 on Sony TV.

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Sail supports
 - Once more
 - Does sums
 - Open soda
 - Small or large, e.g.
 - Prepare tea
 - Stockpile
 - Submarine's viewer
 - Verb forms
 - Wagon
 - Head movement
 - Wipe out
 - Erase
 - Actress ____ Dietrich
 - Skin opening
 - Lincoln's nickname
 - Mirth
 - Our planet
 - Closes tightly
 - Have supper
 - "Phantom of the ____"
 - Disrobe
 - Make well
 - Former GI

- DOWN**
- Have to
 - Penny ____
 - Skim over
 - Loafer ornament
 - Orb
 - Horned viper
 - Sister's daughter
 - Bible book
 - Oddball (sl.)
 - CBS rival
 - Humming sound
 - Railroad station
 - Stockholm resident
 - Sound system
 - Warbled
 - Pick
 - Bound
 - ____ transit
 - Egg on
 - Raise
 - Gasoline, in England
 - Water (Fr.)
 - Guns the engine
 - Yew or willow
 - Dislike strongly
 - Existence
 - Type of staircase
 - Demonic
 - Actress Julia ____
 - Incidents
 - Sell to consumers
 - Desirable quality
 - Gape
 - Lucifer
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 - Songstress ____ Turner
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 - Baltimore time zone (abbr.)
 - Vane letters

SOLUTION 697



