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Chhattisgarh: BJP's Vishnu Deo Sai replaces Congress's Bhupesh Baghel as Chief Minister

AV Team

Chhattisgarh candidature for CM and deputy was surprise, till the oath taking ceremony no one knew who is swearing in. Both the BJP and government officials had remained tight-lipped on the names of the two new deputy chief ministers till the oath-taking ceremony. Vishnu Deo Sai takes oath as Chhattisgarh CM; Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma sworn in as his deputies

Parade Ground. Rajendra Shukla and Jagdish Devda were sworn in as his deputies. Vishnu Deo Sai, a four-time Lok Sabha MP and three-time state BJP chief, was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Raipur on Wednesday. Current state unit chief Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma, an organisational leader, were sworn-in as the deputy chief ministers.

Mohan Yadav Wednesday took oath as the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh at Bhopal's Lal Parade Ground. Rajendra Shukla and Jagdish Devda were sworn in as his deputies. Yadav was a former education minister and three-time MLA from

Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain South. While Devda belongs to the Scheduled Caste (SC), Shukla has emerged as the undisputed Brahmin face in the Vindhya Pradesh region. Among the attendees were all BJP big wigs like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde and other central ministers. They will also head to Raipur later.

Mohan Yadav has been associated with the RSS for a long time, thus edged out senior BJP leaders in the CM race. He is a three-time MLA from Ujjain South. A father of three children, Yadav has a

diverse academic background, having secured a range of degrees: BSc, LLB, MA, MBA and PhD. Yadav has been known as a proponent of Hindutva. He has also been embroiled in various rows in his political career. During his campaigning for the November polls, Yadav triggered a controversy when he asked the Congress leaders what was their worth.

The Congress, including ex-minister Sajjan Singh Verma, had accused Yadav of allegedly influencing the Ujjain Municipal Corporation to change the master plan of the city so that the lands held by his family were turned into residential areas in July 2023.

Attack on parliament on Parliament attack anniversary

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

The security breach inside Parliament on Wednesday came exactly 22 years after the December 13, 2001, attack on the building that had left nine dead. Unexpectedly, 22 years ago also, there was a BJP government in the centre and even today there is a BJP government. 22 years ago, the attack took place around 12 o'clock and now also the incident took place between 12-1 o'clock. 22 years ago, at least the attackers were stopped outside but today protesters entered into the Parliament. So many years Congress and others ruled this nation but no such incident ever happened. Why now?

BJP MP Rajendra Agarwal, who was presiding over the House

proceedings said that he saw one person falling from the visitors' gallery, and simultaneously, another man was jumping on the desks. One of them took something out of his shoes that was emitting smoke. The security personnel caught them, and it remains to see who they are, what their objective was and what organisation they are associated with. 22 years ago, at around 11.40 am that day, five terrorists entered the old Parliament House Complex in an Ambassador car wielding a red light and carrying a Home Ministry sticker – later found to be fake.

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The attack resulted in the deaths of six Delhi Police personnel, two Parliament Security Service personnel, and a gardener. All the five attackers were killed by security forces. Indian authorities accused Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) – two militant groups operating from Pakistan – of perpetrating the attack, however, LeT denied involvement. All four were found guilty of playing various roles in the incident, although the fourth, Afsan/Navjot Sandhu, wife of Shaukat Hussain (one of the accused) was found guilty of a minor charge of concealing knowledge of conspiracy. One of the accused, Afzal Guru, was sentenced to death for the incident.

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The two detained outside Parliament have been identified as Amol from Maharashtra and Neelam from Haryana. Televised footage of the proceedings shows members attempting to catch the intruders — identified as Sagar Sharma and Manoranjan D — as they climbed from desk to desk. Both Houses were adjourned moments later. Meanwhile, outside the Parliament building, a man and a woman — identified as 42-year-old Neelam and 25-year-old Amol Shinde — were detained by local police outside New Delhi's Transport Bhavan, where they were protesting with yellow smoke. The

entire matter is being investigated thoroughly, said Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla following the incident. "Both of them have been nabbed and the materials with them have also been seized. The two people outside the Parliament have also been detained by the police.

Speaker OM Birla called a meeting of MPs later in the day, where he said all concerns will be addressed. A senior police officer explained that while the Delhi Police has the responsibility of providing a security cover outside the parliament, the security inside and at the entry/exit gates is not under their ambit. The parliament security services or CRPF must have detained the persons who were inside the Lok Sabha.

For now, we know the persons managed to get general visitor passes. You have to apply for these passes beforehand and a background check is done. Inside the building there are security checks and scanners. However, the persons managed to carry smoke sticks and then break into the Lok Sabha. At present, they are with the parliament security services. a very serious issue , it happened security breach under unfit BJP AT CENTER. It happened for the 2nd time under BJP rule.



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Deluge Dictate Terms



- C.K. Subramaniam

Debris flooding magnitude estimation based on relation between dendrogeomorphological and meteorological records. Debris flood is characterized by a water-driven flood with high bedload transport inducing full mobility of almost all grain sizes, usually confined in a steep channel, and by the deposition of bedload-carpet accretion.

Debris floods are mass movement events which are usually triggered by intense short duration rainfall events. They often occur on alluvial fans in an alpine environment. Due to their server geohazard potential they pose a serious threat to infrastructure and human life. To minimize their threat, understanding of their past magnitude occurrence is crucial.

Dendrogeomorphology has proven to be a highly useful method in studies of past slope mass movements. However, establishing magnitudes of past events has so far been based on indirect indicators, such as: spatial distribution of affected trees, characteristics of tree

injuries and sedimentological records. In this study we present a method that directly estimates the magnitudes of past debris flood events on an alluvial fan using dendrogeomorphological and meteorological data sets.

The studied dendrogeomorphological data set is based on tree-ring series. Based on sudden growth suppression thirteen debris flood events since 1903 were dated. Meteorological data from a nearby meteorological station was used to determine the exact triggering meteorological event for ten events. Comparing the index of affected trees and calculated return period of an individual triggering meteorological event established the magnitude of debris flooding. We showed that more trees are affected at high return period/intensity of the triggering meteorological event and therefore higher magnitudes of debris floods.

This research presents the first combined use of dendrogeomorphological and meteorological data sets for magnitude estimation of historic debris flood events which could be successfully applied in similar environments.

Letters to the Editor

Catastrophe Situation in Schools

A comprehensive report on menstrual hygiene management in India was released by NGO Sulabh International on Monday found that girls are “fearful” of using school toilets during menstruation owing to lack of water, soap, sanitation and missing doors. However, if all toilets are more menstrual hygiene management friendly and safe in terms of sanitary dignity and security to change and dispose of menstrual hygiene products, then women and girls can achieve more robust participation in education and employment. Schools should be provided with separate toilets for girls with running water through tap connection and proper storage tanks.

Tauqueer Rahmani

Prevention is always better than cure!

Substantial jump in pneumonia

cases does not come as a surprise & one needs to be careful of respiratory illness during winter, more so after the outbreak of Covid which was life-threatening. Covid has not really disappeared overnight & it is just that we don't here about it because people have become immune to the disease after Omicron which spread rapidly & resulted in herd immunity.

However, one needs to be careful as covid is known to mutate in several forms & prevention is always better than cure. Education is the need of the hour & any form of illness should not be neglected but treated at the slightest signs of any symptoms!

S.N. Kabra

Stop Hiking Price

Traders are trying to take advantage of delay in autumnal harvest to intensify the price of onions. The government's intervention helped reduce the price. The prices might have crossed ₹100 per kg, had the government not intervened on time after the farmers protested in Maharashtra. But government should close the door of trying to increase the price of anything which will be fruitful for

the farmers and other people too.

Sulliya Muhammad

Public urinal required!

The population of Diva in Thane district is growing rapidly. Therefore, schools, colleges, hospitals and many other private sector facilities are available to the citizens. However, the Thane Municipal Corporation lacks the facilities expected of citizens. Considering the population of Diva, there is no public toilet or simple urinal. Therefore, the citizens come in the fix at the right time, mostly the senior citizens. However, it is expected that Thane Municipal Corporation should provide toilet or at least simple urinal at Diva (East).

Sudhir Kangukar

Stop using newspapers to wrap, pack and serve food

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has urged food vendors and consumers to stop using newspapers for packing, storing, and serving food items, with immediate effect. In a report the authority has warned that the ink used in newspapers contain certain chemicals

that can cause severe health issues.

It is a common scene in India to see vendors and users using newspapers to wrap, pack and serve food.

As printing ink contains bioactive materials it can cause serious health problems. The ink used in newspapers, used for packing food, have chemicals such as lead and heavy metals that can enter the human body through the food served. This can contaminate food and cause health issues.

Also, as newspapers are exposed to various environmental conditions they become susceptible to contamination by bacteria and viruses and therefore cause foodborne illnesses. The food regulatory body also says not to use newspapers to absorb oil from fried foods. It has discouraged the use of newspapers for food packing with immediate effect and to use safer alternatives for hygienic food consumption.

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Bombay HC asks ECI to hold the bypoll for the Pune Lok Sabha seat, highlighting people cannot be left out

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday asked the Election Commission of India to immediately hold the bypoll for the Pune Lok Sabha seat, stressing that people from the constituency cannot be left unrepresented for a long time. A division bench of Justices Gautam Patel and Kamal Khata ripped into the EC's stand on not holding the elections as it was busy with other polls, including preparation for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, calling it "bizarre and wholly unreasonable".

The Pune Lok Sabha seat has been vacant since the death of sitting BJP Member of Parliament (MP) Girish Bapat on March 29 this year. "In any parliamentary democracy, governance is done by elected representatives who are the voices of people. If



the representative is no more, another must be put in place. People cannot go unrepresented. That is wholly unconstitutional and is a fundamental anathema to our constitutional structure," the court said.

The court passed its order on a plea filed by Pune resident Sugshosh Joshi against a certificate issued by the EC to not hold

the bye election to the constituency. The EC had said it would not be holding the bypoll on two grounds – one that it was busy with other polls including the preparatory activities for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and second that even if the Pune bypoll was held the elected representative would get a very short tenure. The bench, however, refused to

accept these grounds and said both are not valid concerns. They are, in fact, an "abdication" of constitutional duties and obligations which cannot be accepted, it said. "The ECI is not only vested but charged with the duty and obligation to hold elections and see to it that any vacancy is filled in. The ECI cannot let a constituency remain unrepresented. Voters

cannot be denied this right," the court said.

It noted that the term of the Lok Sabha ends in June 2024 while the Pune constituency seat has been lying vacant since March this year. "The ground that the entire machinery of the ECI was busy with the preparatory activities for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections borders on the bizarre," the court said. The court said these are not genuine difficulties expressed by the ECI to not hold the Pune bye election and hence they are wholly unacceptable. "No amount of inconvenience can undermine the statutory and constitutional obligations and duties cast upon the ECI. This is something unthinkable and would amount to sabotaging the constitutional framework," the court said in its order. **PTI**

Winter session of the state legislature: After security breach seen in Lok Sabha, deputy chairperson Neelam Gorhe gives strict instructions for not issuing passes to visitors



Maharashtra legislative council's deputy chairperson Neelam Gorhe on Wednesday gave instructions to officials not to issue the council gallery passes to visitors, after a security breach in the Lok Sabha, sources said.

The winter session of the state legislature is currently underway in Nagpur. In a major security breach on the 22nd anniversary of Parliament terror attack, two intruders jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber

from the public gallery during Zero Hour, released yellow gas from canisters and shouted slogans before being overpowered by MPs. Around the same time, two persons, including a woman, also sprayed coloured gas from canisters while shouting slogans outside Parliament premises in New Delhi. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla later informed the House that four persons have been arrested - two from inside the House, and two from outside Parliament in connection with the

incident. Following the incident, Gorhe gave directions to authorities concerned not to issue passes for the council gallery, as per the sources. Meanwhile, leader of opposition in the legislative council Ambadas Danve raised the Lok Sabha security breach and said the government should explain what happened there. He also sought to know what precautions the state government was taking against this backdrop.

Industries minister Uday Samant, who responded on behalf of the government, said that the Lok Sabha would reveal what exactly happened there. Samant added that the state government will take all the necessary precautions and is capable of ensuring the safety of legislators at the legislature. Later, speaking to reporters on the legislature premises here, former chief minister Prithviraj Chavan called the Lok Sabha incident a major scare and demanded that the government ensure proper security at the Vidhan Bhavan here. **PTI**

Fire broke out at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus station, no casualties reported



A fire broke out in the canteen at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus station in the Kurla area of Mumbai on Wednesday afternoon, said officials.

According to the Mumbai Fire Brigade (MFB), "A level 2 fire erupted at around 3.02 pm on Wednesday in New Hall, LTT Terminus Platform No. 1, Tilak Nagar." "The fire was confined to Jahhar Canteen, 1st floor of platform 1. Subsequently, the PRS (booking counter) and announcement centre were vacated," added the officials. There-

after, officials from the MFB, police, RPF, traffic, ward staff and others were deployed to douse the blaze. No casualties or injuries were reported in the incident. "A probe into the incident is underway. The reason for the fire is yet to be ascertained," according to informed officials. Earlier in the day, a person sustained severe burn injuries in a fire that broke out early in the morning in a parking lot opposite the Trans Residency building in Andheri East. The fire was reportedly said to have been confined to three vehicles. **ANI**

Nation

Gujarat: State govt says, "It is leaving the of the Gujarat HC" over granting bail to Oreva Group CMD Jaysukh Patel in Morbi bridge collapse incident

The Gujarat government on Wednesday said it was leaving it to the discretion of the Gujarat High Court whether to grant bail to Oreva Group CMD Jaysukh Patel in the October 2022 Morbi bridge collapse case. Justice Divyesh Joshi reserved his order after hearing submissions of the petitioner, relatives of the victims, and the government. A suspension bridge on the Machchhu river in Morbi town of Gujarat collapsed on October 30, 2022, killing 135 persons including women and children and injuring 56. Jaysukh Patel was made an accused in the criminal case related to the tragedy as his company maintained and operated the British-era bridge.

Additional advocate general Mitesh Amin told the court that the investigator informed the sessions court on September 18 that all aspects of the probe into the incident had been covered. "The judgments (of the Supreme Court) have been placed by both the victim and applicant sides.



A bail application cannot be decided based on a judgment, it is always the discretion of the court (hearing the plea)," he said. Ten persons -- Oreva chairman and managing director Patel, two managers of his company, two sub-contractors who had repaired the bridge, three security guards and two ticket booking clerks employed at the twin entries to the bridge -- are the accused in the case.

Six of them were released on bail while Patel, the manager

of his firm and the two proprietors of Devprakash Solutions, the firm which had carried out repairs, are still in judicial custody. The accused are booked under Indian Penal Code sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 336 (act endangering human life) and 338 (causing grievous hurt by doing rash or negligent act).

While deciding the bail plea, the court may consider factors such as how long the petitioner is in jail, the completion of in-

vestigation, number of witnesses in the case, the accused being a businessman and there being no possibility of him absconding, Amin said. "Ultimately it is the discretion of the honourable court. I leave it to the discretion of the honourable court," the additional advocate general added.

The victims have filed applications in the sessions court seeking the addition of certain offences, Amin said, and noted that as charges were yet to be framed, any side can apply for adding or

removing any offence. Patel's lawyer Nirupam Nanavaty had argued on Tuesday that a large number of people rushing on the bridge and causing it to swing also acted as contributory negligence that led to the collapse.

Even if there was some deficiency on the part of Oreva Group in the maintenance of the bridge, it had no prior knowledge of such a huge crowd gathering on that fateful evening, Nanavaty argued. Having spent more than ten months in custody, the petitioner was not required to be incarcerated any more, he said, adding that the trial will take its own time and the court may impose any conditions while granting bail to Patel. He also argued against the accused being charged under section 304 of the IPC.

Opposing bail for Patel, the victims' lawyer Rahul Sharma said there was a strong possibility that the witnesses' records would be tampered with, and the offence he was accused of was very serious. ANI

West Bengal: NIA files chargesheet in a special NIA court in explosion at village Rameswarpur

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has charge-sheeted seven accused in a case relating to an explosion in a litchi orchard behind Rameswarpur High School in the Beldanga area of Murshidabad in West Bengal.

The anti-terror agency filed the chargesheet in a special NIA court. The explosion took place accidentally on January 17 last year when the accused were in the process of preparing iron socket bombs in the orchard behind the school, located in village Rameswarpur, Babta-II Gram Panchayat, Murshidabad. Two of the accused, Iyasuddin Sk alias Chadi and Sukchand Ali, were injured in the blast, and the former succumbed to his injuries later. The duo had been fabricating the bombs, along with another accused, Mansur Ali alias



Mansur Sheikh and others, behind the school when the explosion occurred.

In his dying statement, Iyasuddin Sk revealed that he had been induced to make the bombs by one Imdadul Hoque, alias Imdarul Hoque, alias Anaj Master, and some others. Imdadul had also provided the explosives and other bomb-making materials for the job. A total of 75 live socket

bombs and other incriminating materials were initially seized from the crime spot, said the NIA. Subsequently, the agency said, based on the disclosures of two other accused, identified as Masadul Hoque alias Masadul Sk and Habibur Rahaman alias Habu, the police also recovered 12 iron pipes from the spot.

Another accused, Tahabul Sk, led the police to the recovery of 35 live iron stick bombs in two lots on March 28 and March 31, 2022, respectively. All the seized live bombs were disposed of after being rendered safe. As per NIA investigations, all the accused had entered into a criminal conspiracy to fabricate and store bombs for use in terror acts to spread fear among the local populace of Rameswarpur and establish their dominance in the entire area. t

Lok Sabha security breach incident: TN CM M K Stalin terms it as "Dangerous threat and urged swift action to be taken"

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK President M K Stalin on Wednesday termed the security breach in Parliament a dangerous threat and urged swift action and prompt probe.

In a post on X, Stalin said: "The unprecedented security breach in the parliament poses

a dangerous threat to our august temple of democracy." Further, he said: "Swift action must be taken without delay. I appeal for launching a prompt investigation, fixing accountability, and implementing measures to prevent future lapses, ensuring the protection of this vital institution with all the might at our command." PTI

Madhya Pradesh: live-in partner stabbed a woman for denying physical relation, arrested

The live-in partner of a 20-year-old woman was arrested in Indore on Wednesday for allegedly stabbing her to death for refusing to have physical relations with him, police said. The deceased and the accused were living together in a rented house in the city for the last few days after becoming

friends on Instagram, a police official said. Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Abhinay Vishwakarma told reporters that the woman was killed in the couple's rented house in the Raoji Bazaar area on December 7 and her body was recovered by cops two days later on December 9. PTI

World

COP28 Summit: President says, "A historic package to accelerate climate action..." over fossil fuels

After gruelling negotiations, countries have reached a deal at the COP 28 summit in Dubai, calling for "deep, rapid and sustained reduction in greenhouse gas emissions" and "transitioning" away from fossil fuels in the energy system in an orderly and equitable manner. The COP28 climate summit went into overtime with negotiators scrambling to reach a deal. Finally, on Wednesday morning, the COP 28 deal was adopted. The plenary erupts in applause following the adoption. This was the third version presented to the countries in about two weeks.

COP 28 President Sultan al-Jaber said: "It is a plan that is led by the science ... a historic package to accelerate climate action." "This is the first time, we have language on fossil fuel," he said. However, the document does



not speak about the "phase out" of fossil fuels as several countries were opposed to the term. Instead, the document calls for transitioning away from fossil fuels in the energy system "in a just, orderly and equitable manner, accelerating action in this critical decade, to achieve net zero by 2050 in keeping with the science." It also lists 7 other steps to help reduce greenhouse gas

emissions. The document signals that countries agree that fossil fuels need to be replaced with clean energy and reach global net zero by 2050. It is the first time fossil fuels have been addressed in the climate talks. The signed deal calls on the parties for tripling renewable energy by 2030 and doubling energy efficiency. It also recognises that the costs of renewables are falling fast.

It carries the same text on coal from Glasgow, the current text calls for accelerating efforts towards the phase-down of unabated coal power. The previous draft document drew flak from European, Latin American and vulnerable island states after it dropped all references to phasing out fossils.

On Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), the docu-

ment says new national climate pledges should be delivered in late 2024. There is very little on finance, an acknowledgement of the need for it, but no concrete numbers which means this becomes the main agenda item for 2024. Environmentalists have called the signing of the deal a "positive step however with gaps"

Aarti Khosla, Director, of Climate Trends said that it is the first time that there is recognition of transitioning away from fossil fuels in a COP text- essentially meaning slashing not just coal, but also oil and gas. "The Dubai deal is positive, however with gaps. coming alongside an absolute recognition of a warming world, and the need to take rapid action within this decade, the outcome text makes real concessions for gas and oil," Khosla said. ANI

Sri Lanka Debt issue: IMF said, "Country needs to enter into agreements with its official and private creditors before the second review"



International Monetary Fund (Peter Breuer has said the country needs to enter into agreements with its official and private creditors before the second review of the Extended Fund Facility (EFF), which is expected to be concluded by the end of the first half of next year, Daily Mirror reported. Daily Mirror is a daily English-language newspaper published in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Breuer said the agreements that have been entered with

creditors in-principle need to be converted into real agreements before the second review. The IMF team is scheduled to visit Colombo from March-April next year and is expected to finish the second review by June. Sri Lanka has entered into in-principle debt restructuring deals with the Official Creditor Committee (OCC) led by France, China and India and also with Exim Bank of China.

However, Sri Lanka is yet to strike a deal with its com-

mercial creditors or bondholders. An initial proposal involving restructuring debt linked to GDP growth by the bondholders was rejected by the Sri Lankan authorities, as per Daily Mirror. In September, the IMF said that despite early signs of stabilisation, full economic recovery in Sri Lanka is not yet assured. Growth momentum remains subdued, with real GDP in the second quarter contracting by 3.1 per cent on a year-on-year basis and high-frequency economic indicators continuing to provide mixed signals. Reserve accumulation has also slowed in recent months, the IMF stated. An IMF mission team led by Peter Breuer and Katsiaryna Sviryzhenka visited Colombo from September 14-27, to discuss economic and financial policies to support the approval of the First Review of the program under the EFF arrangement. ANI

Afghanistan: SC said, "It has issued punishment orders for around 350 people in last two years"



Afghanistan's Supreme Court has said that it has issued punishment orders for nearly 350 people across the country in the past two years, TOLO News reported. TOLO News is an Afghan news channel broadcasting from Kabul.

The orders were implemented for those people who were sentenced by the Supreme Court to receive Hudud (the penalty laws of Islam), according to an official. The spokesman of the Supreme Court, Abdul Rahim Rashid, said that the punishment includes whipping and prison time. "After the Taliban came

to power, punishment orders were implemented on nearly 350 criminals," he said. On Sunday, a person who was accused of committing adultery was hit with 35 lashes in public, the Supreme Court said in a statement, according to TOLO News.

Some analysts said that these punishments in Islam are being implemented to reduce crime rates. A political analyst Abdul Jamil Shirani said: "This (punishment) becomes a signal to many other people of the society to not commit crime. Islam has allowed the judge to make such a decision that serves the interest of the Muslims." ANI

Expression

The Hostel Life - Advantages and Disadvantages - II



Vijay Garg

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Advantages and Disadvantages of Hostel Life

A hostel is a place where economical, healthy and safe accommodation is provided for the students of a school or college. Many students live in hostels. There are students who move in from a different town for their education, generally hostels are meant for such students but lately even students from the same town are opting for a hostel. There they live a kind of life which is different from their life at home. This life in the hostel is known as hostel life. If you really want to know about real life then you should pass from hostel life that gives you a sense of responsibility as well as independence. Hostel life teaches you a lot of other things like teamwork, helping your roommates, a sense of unity and adjustment etc.

In a hostel, a student comes in contact with a number of other students of same age and thinking. In a hostel, a student tends to acquire many good qualities from roommates and other hostellers and at the same time they are also vulnerable to the bad influence of the others. When a student sees his next door neighbour daily taking morning exercise, he also gets inspiration. He too tries to be healthy.

One good student may become an example for other 25 hostlers. When one is ill, all his hostel fellows try their best to serve him. Mutual cooperation, sympathy, and love are characteristics of hostel life. It will not be an exaggeration to say that only a hostel is the place where an all-round development of personality is possible. On the other hand, few boys who have an addiction to smoking and drinking may also give the same habit to their roommates or other fellow students. If there are advantages then there are also a few disadvantages.

Advantages of Hostel Life

In a hostel, life is full of opportunities of amusement and studies along. One is constantly in



touch with young people of one's age and can do a lot of other activities except studying. One can make friends with one's hostel fellows who have varied tastes and aptitudes which can help you out in studying as well. One may choose his friends according to his own likes and interests and can spend quality time with buddies even after the classes. Mutual discussions of their favourite film actors and actresses, long criticism of the latest picture seen by them, and story-telling, add charm to hostel life. Good arrangements of games and sports, Sunday specials and eating competitions, and day-to-day merry-making make the hostel life a thing of envy for all. Apart from fun-leisure activities, hostellers have a unique unity and are always ready to help one another whenever needed. However other advantages include:

- As a hosteller is not under the care of his family, he develops a sense of independence and self-reliance.
- Individual forms the habit of co-operation with friends and learns the art of cultivating working and behaviour.
- Living in the hostel, that is usually located inside the campus saves your travelling time and expenses.
- One gets a chance to bond with classmates who turn out to be one of the best friends for life ahead.
- A student can take help of other

fellows in studies if he has any problem with any particular topic.

- There are facilities for fun, leisure and other recreational activities.
- Hostels provide the best atmosphere for study. If students enjoy the hostel life in different ways, they also work very hard when the time comes for it.
- When a careless and negligent student sees his partner or his neighbour competing for the position, he also tries to follow his example.
- Hostel life tends to develop a healthy competition and mutual co-operation among hostellers.

Disadvantages of Hostel Life

Hostel life with its so many advantages has some drawbacks also. Students coming for the first time to a hostel, find an entirely new atmosphere. The freedom of the hostel at times leads them astray. Their parents are not there to check them. This may lead them into evil ways. They begin to smoke, gamble and at times even to drink. A daily visit to some cinema becomes a routine. Some students spend money lavishly and even borrow money from their friends. Living away from their parents they do what they can't do in their home. They fail to choose good companions. The unlimited freedom proves harmful for such students. If a hosteller falls into a bad company

he has chances of going astray. It does not get proper money from his parents, he has the tendency to develop evil habits and to divert his categories under the influence of bad company. It is also possible that if he looks at a rich co-hosteller spending extra money and enjoying himself, he develops an inferiority complex which spoils his character and personality. The students staying at hostels are denied the love and affection of their near and dear ones. The absence of loving care which only their parents and other ones can give tend to a nagging sense of loneliness. Other disadvantages may include:

Ragging by seniors

- Influence of bad company may draw a student towards smoking, drugs and drinking.
- At times it is difficult to concentrate on studies in the college atmosphere that is full of youth and fun.
- Living conditions are far less comfortable than that at home.
- A lot of students have the problem digesting the routine food served at the mess.
- Parents send their wards to the hostel for study, but there they waste their time in enjoyment and merry-making.
- Sleeping late may hamper concentration in class on the next day.

Entertainment

Romantic pictures of Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce goes viral



Romantic pictures of Pop sensation Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce are going viral on social media after the duo attended the Kansas City Chiefs post-game party. Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce were seen packing on the PDA at the Kansas City Chiefs' holiday party on Sunday, as per Page Six.

In the picture, Kelce could be seen pulling Swift for a kiss as she held a glass in her hand. In another picture, Swift and Kelce holding each other close and smiling for the camera as the tight end placed his cheek on the Grammy winner's head.

The couple was kissing at the Miracle on Main Street Christmas bar in a snap posted to Twitter on Tuesday, as per Page Six. Soon after the pictures went viral on social media, fans swamped down the comment section and shared their reactions. Their outing came hours after Swift watched the Chiefs lose their home game to the Buffalo Bills. After the defeat, the lovebirds held hands while leaving Arrowhead Stadium as the hitmaker appeared to console Kelce. Swift recently revealed the two have been dating since the summer. Their romance started shortly after he attempted but failed to give the singer his phone number during her Kansas City Eras Tour stop in July. But they didn't go public until Swift made an appearance at the Kansas City Chiefs game in September, reported Page Six. **ANI**

Actor Vicky Kaushal pens a special note for director Meghna Gulzar, says "Everyday on set I'd try to be the most hard working person and everyday you'd beat me.."



Actor Vicky Kaushal on Wednesday penned an adorable birthday wish for the 'Sam Bahadur' director Meghna Gulzar. Taking to Instagram, Vicky shared a video from the making of 'Sam Bahadur' which he captioned, "Here's a little birthday dance with you Meghna... wish I could do it in person today! Everyday on set I'd try to be the most hard working person and everyday you'd beat me and everybody else to it. Will keep trying though... Happy Happy Birthday Sweetie... may you always keep inspiring people around you to give their absolute best!!!

In the video, Vicky and Meghna could be seen dancing. 'Sam Bahadur' marks Vicky and Meghna's second collaboration after 'Raazi'. 'Sam Bahadur' is based on the life of India's first Field Marshal, Sam Manekshaw. His career in the army spanned over four decades and five wars. He was the first Indian Army officer to be promoted to the rank of Field Marshal and he led the victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, which led to the creation of Bangladesh. **ANI**

'Lachit The Warrior' has been awarded the Best Animation Film at 17th Ayodhya Film Festival 2023

'Lachit The Warrior', an animation film written and directed by Parthasarathi Mahanta who is currently posted as the DIG of Special Task Force (STF) of Assam police and produced by Mina Mahanta and Indrani Baruah has been awarded the Best Animation Film in the highly prestigious 17th Ayodhya Film Festival 2023. The short film on the life and contributions of the great Assamese Military General has been accorded this honour in several International Film Festivals in India and abroad.

The narration in 'Lachit The Warrior' is by Dr Amariyoti Choudhury and the music is by Rupam Talukdar. Anupam Mahanta is the creative director, storyboarding and illustration by Hrishikesh Bora and VFX is by Ratul Dutta. The biopic short film is made on the life and works of the Great Assamese General Lachit Barphukan. Born on November 24, 1622, Barphukan was known for his leadership in the Battle of Saraighat, 1671 in which an attempt by Mughal forces to capture Assam was thwarted. **ANI**



Director Neeraj Pandey talks about importance of OTT platform, says "medium of the future"

Director Neeraj Pandey says streamers are the "medium of the future" as they allow directors to explore stories that don't fall under the traditional two-and-half hour narrative fit for feature films. Known for films such as "A Wednesday", "Baby" and "Special 26", Pandey has been away from the big screen for some time now. His last theatrical release was Sidharth Malhotra and Manoj Bajpayee-starrer "Aiyaary" in 2018. In recent years, he has spearheaded espionage thriller web series "Special Ops" and "Special Ops 1.5: The Himmat Story" for Disney+ Hotstar. Pandey currently serves as a showrunner on "The Freelancer", another show for the streaming platform. **PTI**