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## Mumbai to get 'Third Mumbai'



### AV Team

**O**n Monday state government had approved a proposal of 'Third Mumbai' as it has finalised a broad skeletal proposal for developing new city. The idea of this project was announced by Dy CM Devendra Fadnavis on November 27, 2022.

After the approval of this project Dy CM also mentioned that 'We are trying build new ecosystem by creating new port and expressway' which will ensure great connectivity and it would boost the economy.

Dy CM Fadnavis also shared details of 'Third Mumbai' on X where it stated, "As of now, we have 2 Mumbais - Mumbai and Navi Mumbai but once all our infra projects are completed, a third Mumbai will be created. long with roads & metros, our major emphasis is on port-led connectivity and ecosystem!".

State government is also assuring that 'Third Mumbai' will be having all necessary infrastructure, developed project, workspaces, commercial spaces and luxury residential and affordable houses as well.

As of city of dreams Mumbai is also known a financial capital of the country and building 'Third Mumbai' with all the developed infrastructure and connectivity will boost the economy growth.

At present Mumbai which has an area of around 600 Sq Km, While Navi Mumbai has an area 344 Sq Km. Navi Mumbai Airport Influence Notified Area (NAINA) is all set for the development as it is trying to take over the population load of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. NAINA is spread across 371 Sq Km where

an international airport will be coming as this project implements 11 Town Planning Scheme (TPS) and it was proposed on June 13, 2013 and the construction work is still going on.



We also spoke to some activist about the recent extension announcement of Mumbai over which Advocate **Ujjwal Nikam** told Afternoon Voice, "Mumbai has its historic importance and its essence can't be replaced with these extensions terming it as Third Mumbai".



Social Activist **Gaurang Vora** said, "I am strongly against it as government comes up with development projects but they do not have any alternative plans to provide shelters to people whose houses are getting demolished without any knowledge. Apart from that government only does development at the cost destroying greenery. If govt is actually focusing to build economy then they should focus on real issues of the people which can cover deficit of Rs 1 lakh crores approximately, Curb corruption but still people can't see any productive bill passing in the parliament".



Social Activist **Ulka Mahajan** said, "Many villages are being demolished and there are always talks about decentralization of development and these projects are only brought for developers, builders and other entrepreneur but it does not think about common people. There is force land acquisition always done of people who are residing in villages but government is not see that".

## What Justice Priya Singh is expecting?

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

**I**n Indian every hour numerous girls get abused molested and raped but hardly these cases are reported, even if they are reported then also getting justice is bog hoax. Assault is the fourth most common crime against women in India. There are several forms of violence against women. Violence against women related to modesty encompasses assaults intended to outrage a woman's modesty and insults her. The recurrent abuses and usurpations of women throughout human history have been done with the intention of establishing their dictatorship over them.

Women were usually thought to be weak and susceptible to exploi-

tation. Violence against women has long been regarded as a fact. Slapping, hitting, harassment by men in their life has become common phenomena. Although there is no gender-specific profile of domestic violence victims, it is commonly found that women make up the majority of the victims. For a variety of causes, women from almost every level-from upper class to lower class, from educated to uneducated are victims of abuse.

The Indian Constitution provides numerous guarantees to shield women from discrimination as well as to uphold their dignity and strengthen their sense of empowerment.

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These include providing women with protection through the adoption of laws like the Domestic Violence Act which was adopted in 2005 and became effective on October 26, 2006. But these laws are of no use. No doubt Indian societies have done atrocities towards women but there is another side to such stories too. Men need justice and sometimes they too get bullied by the woman.

Recently in Mumbai Thane a young model was subjected to nastiness by her boyfriend. When I saw her pictures of her swollen lips, ravaged limbs, and gaping wounds on social media, I was really disturbed. While the girl is now recovering at a hospital, her boyfriend was arrested and released the next day. According to the woman's social media posts, her lover, who is the son of Anilkumar Gaikwad the joint MD of MSRDC, tried to mow her down with his car after a fight in Thane city. Two of his friends were also involved in the crime to support their friend. Whereas, Priya Singh was constantly abusing Ashwajeet and his wife, and friends because she was frustrated.

Priya Singh, a social media influencer and a beautician from Thane, shared a post on her Instagram page stating that on December 11, her boyfriend Ashwajit Gaikwad had invited her to meet him and allegedly ordered his driver to run her over with his car. She claimed when she tried to take her belongings from the accused's car, the driver tried to mow her down, leaving her with serious injuries. Three bones of her right leg are broken, it has been operated on. From her left shoulder to hips I've deep injuries.

Following her complaint, the Thane Police registered a case under relevant sections of the law and formed an SIT to probe the case. An offence has been registered under section 279, 338, 323, 504, 34 IPC. A primary investigation has been done by the local police officers. No doubt the accused person is not only rich but also influential due to his father's big position. Ashwajit is the son of prominent Maharashtra bureaucrat Anil Gaikwad, the Managing Director of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation.

Priya met Ashwajeet through a common friend and after meeting frequently they developed a bond. Their friendship continued for years, meanwhile Ashwajeet Gaikwad is a married man and a father of lovely kids. In a post on Instagram page, Priya wrote: "I had a four-and-a-half-year relationship with my boyfriend. We were completely in love with each other. I did not know earlier that he was married.

Later, when I came to know he told me that they (his wife and him) were not together anymore, they had separated. He said that he wanted to marry me. I was staying with him for a long time."

Ashwajit Gaikwad is married to a very elegant and reputed woman who is known to the entire Thane. He and his wife are very well together and are parenting their lovely kids. On 11th December night, Ashwajeet Gaikwad took his wife to a party, where they had a good time. One of the friends posted all the party pictures and videos on social media and that is how Priya got to know that Ashwajeet is still with his wife. Priya lost her mind and she had gone to meet Gaikwad at the hotel but the two ended up having an argument. Ashwajeet was leaving the place to avoid further confrontations, Priya clung to his driver's car, and the driver, too, wanted to leave as his boss had already left. But then, as soon as the driver sped, she fell off, and in the process, she hurt herself badly as it was a moving car which she clung on to. Because Ashwajeet is a senior bureaucrat the news became big, on the same day there was an accident on the same route but the media felt the necessity of reporting it.

Soon after this episode, Ashwajit Gaikwad's family issued an official statement refuting allegations by Priya Singh. As per the statement, when the incident happened, Singh was allegedly intoxicated, and Ashwajit was at a family get-together with his wife, kids, and friends. The family stated that the incident occurred between 1:30 AM and 2 AM. On the other hand, Singh claimed the incident occurred around 4 AM. The statement reads that Singh was continuously messaging Ashwajit, wanting to meet him. She reached the Courtyard Hotel, where the family was having a party, and barged into it.

This accident could have been avoided if Priya would have called Ashwajeet the next morning and confront. Probably they both could have ended up giving better shape to their relationship.

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# Voices



## Significance of Margazhi month



- C.K. Subramaniam

The month of Margazhi holds a special place in the hearts of both Vaishnavites and Saivites. Embracing the Tamil Margali Masam, or Margazhi Month, signifies a harmonious blend of devotion and music. In the year 2023, Margazhi month commences on Sunday, December 17, 2023, and concludes on Sunday, January 14, 2024. The resonance of Margazhi echoes in the Bhagavad Gita, where Lord Krishna proclaims, "Maasanam Mrigasheersham - among the twelve months, I am Markali." This period witnessed the enchanting rendering of Thiruppavai and Thiruvempavai, alongside religious discourses and vibrant music festivals.

The auspicious month of Margasheersha, known as Margazhi in Tamil holds significance for spiritual growth, encompassing practices such as Sadhana, Vrata, Bhajan, or Pooja for the devotees of Shiva, Shakti, Vishnu, and others. Named after the Mrigshira Nakshatra, which aligns with the full moon closest to the Orion constellation, Margasheersha is often interpreted as 'the one that leads us to the right path.'

Margazhi is a canvas painted with several festivals. Gita Jayanti graces the Shukla Ekadashi, and Mokshada Ekadashi or Vaikuntha Ekadasi falls within this sacred month. Kalabhairava Ashtami illuminates the Krishna Paksha Ashtami, marking the day when Shiva manifested as Kalabhairava. Thiruvathira or Arudhra Darisanam, celebrated with grandeur in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, pays homage to the cosmic dance of Shiva as Nataraja. Dattatreya Jayanti, Katyayani Vrata, and the pilgrimage to the holy shrine of Sri Ayyappa in Sabarimala also find their place in this spiritually charged month. Margazhi preserves a space for spiritual activities, avoiding auspicious events and marriages as it symbolizes the dawn period for Devas, emphasizing worship over other auspicious activities.

With the onset of Maargasheersha, the weather cools down, creating an ideal setting for spiritual practices. According to Ayurveda, the bodily fire recedes within, becoming strong and facilitating digestion and assimilation. Maargasheersha marks the end of Dakshiyana, the Sun's apparent southward movement, concluding the Sadhanapada, and leading to Kaivalyapada—the period of enjoying the fruits of one's own labor.

Margali Month holds immense spiritual importance, highlighted by Lord Krishna's words in the Bhagavad Gita, "Among the twelve months, I am Margazhi." A pivotal event during this month is the chanting of the Tiruppavai of Andal, consisting of 30 verses, with each verse chanted daily. Tiruppavai is recited as the morning prayer at the Tirumala Tirupati Temple, adding to the divine ambience. Another captivating tradition during Margazhi is the daily drawing of kolams (rangoli) in front of houses, showcasing breathtaking designs.

Margazhi offers more than just spiritual significance; it intertwines with science. The Tamil month commencing on December 16 aligns with Earth's closest proximity to the sun. In the northern hemisphere, though it should be the hottest month, it's the coolest due to the Earth's northern face being away from the sun. This unique angle diffuses the sun's rays, creating a cooling effect. The maximum pull of the sun's gravity occurs on January 2, coinciding with the planet's closest position to the sun, affecting the human system by pulling from the base.

As Margazhi unfolds its spiritual and scientific marvels, seize the opportunity to deepen your spiritual experiences. Explore divine puja products and make this Tamil month even more special by embracing the richness of its traditions and rituals. Dive into the cultural and spiritual tapestry that Margazhi unfurls and let the echoes of devotion resonate in your heart.

## Letters to the Editor

### School Bag will be lighter by dividing the Books into Two Parts, one for each Half Year

School children have been suffering with shoulder pain and back pain, carrying heavy school bag due to the bulky Books. The simplest solution is to divide each book in to two parts, one for the first Half Year and the other for the second Half Year. (both Text Books as well as Note Books)

All the schools should be instructed to comply with for the relief of all the school students, otherwise the problem will remain for ages and the students continue suffering.

Kantamsetti LakshmanRao

### Extended Diwali & Early Christmas at the bourses!

It has been an extended Diwali & early Christmas at the bourses as Indices keep hitting lifetime highs on a daily basis as investors go into the new year with exuberance & joy. Jerome Powell's

hawkish stance on future interest rates has gone well with investors who expect rate cuts to come into force in a couple of quarters or sooner. Economic growth has fuelled in after an extended pandemic lockdown & world see better future in terms of demand & growth.

Equities though risky gives the highest returns compared to all other investment avenues. Sensex component started from 100 around 4 decades back & sailing past 70K in less than 50 yrs is great going for the markets. Equities should be part & parcel of everybody's portfolio though the quantum may vary with youngsters taking more risk as they have more yrs to invest. Investors should ride the good times with strict 'Stop loss' so that profits are protected if markets were to correct for any reason!

S.N.Kabra

### Security Schemes must be the Focus

The National Conference of Food Ministers failed to resolve the issue of the discontinuance of rice and wheat sales to States under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) in view of the Centre's restrictions. The controversy over the OMSS should have sent out the message to States that it would

not be wise to rely on the Centre or its agencies when it comes to implementing State schemes in the food sector. They must identify their own sources, and in a cost-effective manner.

After the Uturn by the Food Corporation of India in providing additional foodgrains for the Anna Bhagya 2.0 programme, the Congress government in Karnataka could not find an equivalent supplier, cost being a key reason. States should introspect whether it is feasible to double the size of entitlements, as Karnataka had sought to, from 5 kg to 10 kg.

Though Karnataka has found a way out - it will now transfer cash for the proposed additional quantity the episode brings into focus its ill planned attempt to replicate, in the area of food security, a scheme of the Union government, which has a bigger resource base. With Mr. Goyal sounding caution on the El Niño factor in food grain production and procurement, the Centre and the States should focus more on making the Public Distribution System foolproof than on expanding existing schemes.

G.Champa

### Cancel the recognition of caste-asking hospitals!

As the country moves towards the 21st

century, our mindset is still stuck in the old casteist traditions. A few days ago, the caste was being asked while giving fertilizer to the farmer. The condition was canceled after the farmers expressed strong displeasure.

After the farmers, even the hospital was not spared from this. It should be said that it is surprising that the result of more education is on the head? Because there is a shocking phenomenon that the patients coming for treatment at the Manmad Upazila Hospital in Nashik district are being asked their caste.

There is a caste section in the hospital case paper. Caste has been made mandatory in it and patients are being treated after asking their caste. Asking caste is like fueling caste discrimination. The government should take action against such a hospital and cancel the approval of this hospital.

Datta Shravan Khandare

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(The views expressed are authors' own)

# Sharad Pawar Writes To RS Chairman Dhankhar Seeking Probe Into Parliament Security Breach & Intervention In Suspension Of MPs

**N**CP chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday asked Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar to probe the recent security lapse in Parliament and also sought his intervention into the suspension of MPs. "I would request you to kindly address this matter in the interest of upholding the integrity of the parliamentary processes and precedents and the democratic values," said Pawar in a letter to Dhankhar. Referring to the "smoke canister attack" in Lok Sabha on December 13, where two men jumped from the public gallery into the House, releasing yellow smoke from the canisters before being overpowered by those present, Pawar described the incident as deeply troubling, "especially in the light of the terrorist attack that happened on that very day in 2001". Requesting the Vice President of India Shri. Jagdeep Ji Dhankhar to set-



up an urgent inquiry on the recent security lapse in parliament and the suspension of MPs

"Given the severity of the incident, it is but natural that the Members of Parliament would seek a clarification regarding the same and the government should

have been forthcoming with a statement as to how it intended to address the issue. "It is, however, disheartening that not only has the government distanced itself from such a statement but has taken the action of suspension of Members of Parliament seeking

explanation/statement regarding the same," Pawar said.

The decision to suspend MPs seeking an explanation for this incident seems counterintuitive to the principles of accountability and transparency, Pawar said. The senior Rajya Sabha member

said MPs have a legitimate right to seek clarification and ensure the safety of the parliamentary environment, "which is our country's icon of democracy".

"It is an irony that more than 90 members of Parliament seeking statement from the Government have got suspended, around 45 being from the Rajya Sabha. "I am also given to understand that some members who did not enter the well and give slogans and were not involved in the 'continuous' disruption too have been named in the list of those suspended," Pawar said. "Realising the seriousness and gravity of the issue of attack and then the suspension that followed, I would request you to kindly address this matter in the interest of upholding the integrity of the parliamentary processes and precedents and the democratic values," said Pawar in the letter to Dhankhar. **PTI**

## Maharashtra govt deliberating over provisions of Shakti Bill: Fadnavis

**M**aharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday said that the government departments were meticulously reviewing the provisions of the Shakti Bill, which provides for stringent punishment for crimes against women, to determine if it will surpass Central acts.

Speaking in the legislative council, Fadnavis said it was important to assess whether the Shakti Bill's provisions would clash with the guidelines estab-



lished by the Supreme Court through various verdicts.

The deputy chief minister was responding to a question by NCP MLC Amol Mitkari.

The Shakti Criminal Laws

(Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2020, inspired by the Disha Act of Andhra Pradesh and other similar laws, was passed by the state legislature in December 2021 and was sent for the President's assent last year.

Fadnavis stressed the need for a comprehensive evaluation of the provisions of the Bill, as the Central government is in the process of enacting new laws within the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). **PTI**

## We were asking for discussion on security breach, but govt is running away: Supriya Sule

**T**he NCP working president Supriya Sule on Tuesday was amongst those suspended from Lok Sabha for demanding reply from PM and HM on security breach in Indian Parliament. In last two days the total suspension of members reached 141.

The three term member of parliament representing Baramati Lok Sabha seat in district Pune in Maharashtra had earned the tag of amongst the top parliamentarian. Strictly adhering to laid norms Sule daughter of senior NCP leader and president Sharad

Pawar has always been mindful of code of conduct. Whether it is attendance or raising questions on diverse subjects including Maharashtra matters Sule has been in the forefront amongst the members representing Maharashtra cutting across party lines.

Responding to the developments Sule said, "We were just asking for a reply (from government on parliament security breach incident) and a discussion in the House. Thus is an important issue but the government is running away from the discussion on it."

## Veteran actor Tanuja discharged from hospital



**V**eteran actor Tanuja, who was admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) of a hospital here, was discharged on Monday night, a source said.

The 80-year-old actor, known for movies such as "Jewel Thief" and "Haathi Mere Saathi", was taken to a Juhu hospital on Sunday evening following age-related complications.

"She was discharged from the hospital late last night as all her health parameters were normal," the source told PTI on Tuesday.

## DRI seized cocaine worth Rs 40 crore from Indian who arrived from Sierra Leone

**A**n Indian national who checked in a Mumbai hotel after arriving from Sierra Leone has been found in possession of 4 kg of cocaine valued at Rs 40 crore, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) said.

Based on specific information, the DRI team conducted

a search in a hotel room near the Mumbai airport on Monday and recovered the drug kept in two packets concealed in a travel bag by the accused, who has been arrested, the apex anti-smuggling agency said in a statement.

One of the passengers who had landed at the Chhatrapati

Shivaji Maharaj International Airport from Sierra Leone was under the DRI lens as the agency suspected he smuggled narcotic substances into India, it said.

After painstaking efforts, the suspect was identified and intercepted at a hotel near the airport where he was staying, said the statement. **PTI**

# Nation

## Tamil Nadu: Citizens are facing issues due to heavy rainfall

Heavy rainfall in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu disrupted life while throwing train services in the state haywire. Southern Railways in a press release stated that it was taking concerted efforts towards the restoration of traffic and evacuation of stranded passengers at the Srivakuntam Railway Station.

"Unprecedented rainfall had occurred in the districts of Tirunelveli and Tuticorin during the 24 hours from 8:30 hours of December 17, 2023 to 8:30 hours of December 18, 2023 measuring in the range of 670 mm to 932 mm. This has impacted the train operation as track parameters have been breached on certain sections falling in these two districts and as a result traffic has to be suspended," Southern Railways said in a press



release on Monday, December 18. It further stated that in the section between Talaiyuthu and Gangaikondan (7.71 kms), an earth slip had occurred on the approach bank of a bridge in that section and ballast had also got washed away.

"Tirunelveli Station yard has got flooded due to the overflowing of Nainarkulam tank. In Tuticorin

station yard the water has risen one meter above the rail level due to abnormal rainfall. In the section between Tattapparai and Milavittan (7.47 kms) the water has gone above danger level across nine bridges. In the section between Srivakuntam and Seydunganallur (12.16 kms) the ballast has got washed away," it said. Southern

Railways further said steps were being taken for speedy restoration of services. "The Engineering wing of the Railway in co-ordination with other departments is moving all the materials required for restoration and will keep them in readiness as soon as the rainfall reduces and water level recedes. Restoration of traffic in the affected sec-

tions between Talaiyuthu and Gangaikondan of Tirunelveli-Madurai main line is expected to be restored by tomorrow evening. The restoration work in the branch lines of Tiruchendur and Tirunelveli, Maniyachchi and Tuticorin would resume after receding of water and complete assessment," Southern Railways added in the release.

Steps were also being taken for the evacuation of the stranded passengers. "On account of suspension of traffic between Srivakuntam and Seydunganallur, in the Tiruchendur - Tirunelveli Section, the Train no: 20606 Tiruchendur - Chennai Egmore Chendur Express, which had departed from Tiruchendur at 20:25 hours of December 17, 2023, was terminated at Srivakuntam station, 33 kms from the Tiruchendur Station, at 21.19 hours," it stated. ANI

## Uttarakhand government announces high alert in the state, Surge in JN.1 sub-variant of Coronavirus



The Uttarakhand government is on high alert regarding the new JN.1 sub-variant of coronavirus and has issued an advisory in this regard. Health Secretary R Rajesh Kumar said that the number of patients with the JN.1 variant is increasing in some states. In response, an advisory has been issued for all districts and hospitals in the state, emphasizing every possible effort to prevent the

spread of COVID-19.

The Health Secretary has instructed all District Magistrates and Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) to adhere to the guidelines for COVID-19 prevention in hospitals. Additionally, respiratory, lung, and heart patients should be closely monitored, and individuals with influenza cases should be tested. Hospitals in the state have been instructed to enter all information about such pa-

tients into the Integrated Health Information Platform portal. Furthermore, there is an emphasis on raising awareness about respiratory hygiene among the public.

As of now, there have been no reported cases of the new COVID-19 variant, JN.1, in the state. However, as a precautionary measure, all hospitals in the state have been put on alert. Meanwhile, the Karnataka government has ordered people over 60 years of age, those with heart and kidney diseases, and those with fever, phlegm, and colds to wear masks compulsorily amid the JN.1 subvariant scare. Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has announced that the state government will issue an order on Tuesday following the detection of the JN.1 subvariant of the coronavirus in Kerala. ANI

## Jammu and Kashmir: Police arrests one person from Rajouri district for allegedly facilitating a Rohingya woman in obtaining papers

Jammu and Kashmir police said on Tuesday, in a statement, that they had arrested one person from Rajouri district for allegedly facilitating a Rohingya woman in obtaining papers. According to the statement, the woman is currently living in Narwal Bala, Jammu.

The arrested person, identified as Lal Din, a resident of Kampla Mohra, Rajouri, was arrested in the Laam area of Nowshera, as per the statement. Police disclosed that a criminal case under FIR No. 215/2023 was registered at PS Nowshera under offences under the Indian Penal Code Sections 420, 467 and 14 of the Foreigners Act. "During the investigation, one accused, namely Haleema, a resident of Myanmar, was arrested earlier by police on October 19. She was later released by the court of law on October 30," police said in their statement.

"Carrying forward the investigation into the instant FIR, the house of one Lal Din was searched and some important documents having evidentiary value have been seized in the instant case," the release said.

Meanwhile, Jammu Deputy



Inspector General (DIG) Shakti Pathak said on Tuesday that police are conducting searches at various locations in the city against people for providing documents and plots to those who have come from outside, a reference to Rohingya's, non-citizens of the country. The top police official also said an investigation is underway. Speaking to reporters in Jammu on Tuesday about the searches, DIG Pathak said, "In different places in Jammu city, people have given their plots to those who've come from outside. We are checking who is giving them these facilities and helping them get the Indian government facilities..." He said that seven police stations are involved and searches are underway at around 29-30 locations in Jammu. "...We are checking the documents and who helped them provide those documents. An investigation is underway," he said. ANI

## Parliament winter session: 92 MPs suspended for the remainder session

Members of opposition parties held protests in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue inside Parliament premises on Tuesday against the suspension of 92 MPs for the remainder of the ongoing winter session of Parliament. Led by Congress President and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and Nationalist Congress Party President

Sharad Pawar, the protesters carried playcards, reading, "Democracy under siege, we wouldn't be caged," and "Why PM and HM are silent."

The Congress chief said several MPs have tried to put forward their opinions so far in Parliament. "But Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah did not want to show up in the House. They are

delivering lectures in Varanasi and Ahmedabad amid the ongoing session of the Parliament," he said. Samajwadi Party MP Ram Gopal Yadav said, "The way MPs are being suspended, it seems they (the ruling party) look at the opposition as a non-entity." Suspended opposition MPs also held protests against the government at Parliament's Makar Dwar on Tuesday. ANI

World

# New Zealand Minister Todd McClay said, "India and New Zealand's relationships diverse bilateral relationship is significant to build two-way trade"

The New Zealand Minister for Trade, Todd McClay said on Tuesday that India and New Zealand can do much more together and a diverse bilateral relationship is significant to build two-way trade between the two countries. The minister underscored that he is looking forward to India and his home country becoming formal partners in three agreements, including the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) and Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). Economic cooperation between both countries can deliver results for businesses, communities and economies, he said.



"I believe New Zealand and India can do much more together... First, a multifaceted and diverse bilateral relationship is essential for 2-way trade... Improving our trade and economic relationship will deliver a real result for our businesses, communities and economies... New Zealand is deeply amazed by Indian Pacific Trade architec-

ture through a range of bilateral agreements and through our membership of the CPTPP, the AANZFTA," he said. He added, "India is already part of 3 pillars the supply chain pillar, the climate-focused cleaner economy pillar, and a fair economy pillar focused on rule of law issues such as corruption. We appreciate the constructive

role of India's trade and negotiation of these pillars. And I'm looking forward to New Zealand and India becoming formal partners in these 3 agreements as they come into force..." While addressing the New Zealand-India Economic Relations Partnership Pathway event in New Delhi, New Zealand Minister went on to mention that the global chal-

lenges can be overcome with the efforts of responsible nations and asserted that the nations should work together to ensure safety and prosperity. He stated, "Global challenges are worrying and in our region they are acute. In this environment, responsible nations that understand each other must draw together more closely to safeguard our security and prosperity. Strengthening global connections through trade and economic cooperation is my focus. I believe nations are at their best when they are leveraging their economic and commercial strengths to share benefits. I believe in stabilising the effects of trade and economic integration." ANI

## Pakistan: Over 128.5 million people will be voting in upcoming polls



More than 128.5 million people in Pakistan will vote in the upcoming general elections, in which 69.2 million male voters and 59.3 million women voters will cast their vote to choose the next Pakistani government, The Express Tribune reported on Tuesday. It reported quoting the Pakistan Election Commission, which released details of registered voters across the country. In Islamabad, the overall voter count is 1.083 million, with 568,406 male voters and 514,623 female voters. In Punjab, the total voter count exceeds 73.278 million, with over 39.122 million male voters and more than 34.085 million female voters, according to the Election Commission. In Sindh, the total voter count is 26.994 million, with

14.4612 million male voters and over 12.382 million female voters. For Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, the total number of voters is 21.928 million, with 11.944 million male voters and 9,983,722 female voters, The Express Tribune reported. The total number of voters in Balochistan is 5.37 million. The number of male voters is 3.16 million while that of female voters is 2.35 million. According to a statement issued by the electoral body, "The ECP's commitment to transparency is evident in this disclosure, providing citizens with accurate electoral information." It added, "This disclosure aligns with the Election Commission's continuous efforts to keep an updated and easily accessible record of the nation's voting population." ANI

## US announces Operation Prosperity Guardian, To combat Houthi attacks on international maritime trade in the Red Sea

The US announced the creation of an international coalition against Houthi attacks on international maritime trade in the Red Sea, The Hill reported. Operation Prosperity Guardian will involve the navies of Bahrain, Canada, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Seychelles, Spain, UK and US. The task force falls under the Combined Maritime Forces, a multinational alliance tasked with defending the world's shipping lanes. US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said 'Operation Prosperity Guardian' will be a new security initiative involving several countries; UK, Bahrain, Canada, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Seychelles and Spain, The Hill reported. The Houthis rebel group has attacked multiple merchant vessels and forced companies to suspend routes through the region. The US and other naval forces already operate in the Red Sea region to defend commercial shipping, but the new task force is expected to ramp up security. "Operation Prosperity Guard-



ian is bringing together multiple countries to include the United Kingdom, Bahrain, Canada, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Seychelles and Spain, to jointly address security challenges in the southern Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, with the goal of ensuring freedom of navigation for all countries and bolstering regional security and prosperity," Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said in a statement. Operation Prosperity Guardian will specifically be managed by Task Force 153, a component of the Combined Maritime Forces that defend the Red Sea, the Bab el-Mandeb Strait near Yemen and the Gulf of Aden, according to The Hill. During a briefing on

Monday, Austin told reporters that the Houthis have "violated international law" by harassing ships in the Red Sea. "So we're taking action to build an international coalition to address this threat," Austin said. "This is not just a US issue -- this is an international problem, and it deserves an international response." Austin added that he would also be convening a meeting with foreign leaders to discuss efforts to keep the Red Sea free from attacks. Since the Israel-Hamas war broke out on October 7, the Iranian-backed Houthis have joined in with other militia groups across the Middle East in assaulting US positions and assets, The Hill reported. ANI

## Expression

# The generative Artificial intelligence will change the way economy functions



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The generative AI will change the way economy functions and businesses are run; it will be a game changer for in many verticals.

In a world driven by unprecedented technological advancements, there emerges a groundbreaking force that promises to reshape the very fabric of innovation: generative artificial intelligence. With its awe-inspiring ability to create, compose, and imagine, generative AI has surged to the forefront of scientific exploration, capturing the imaginations of researchers, entrepreneurs, and artists alike.

From generating realistic images and synthesising music to aiding in drug discovery and revolutionising customer experiences, this cutting-edge technology possesses the potential to revolutionise a vast array of industries, transcending boundaries and pushing the limits of what we thought was impossible.

### Potential of Gen AI

GenAI is creating exciting possibilities in various industries, including art, design, entertainment, and healthcare, pushing the

boundaries of human imagination and creative expression.

### Hyper-Personalisation

Hyper-personalization, driven by generative AI, refers to the ability to deliver highly tailored and individualized experiences to users based on their unique preferences, behaviours, and characteristics. By leveraging generative AI algorithms, businesses can generate personalized content, recommendations, and product offerings that resonate with each user on a deeper level.

### Coding and App Creation

Code and app builders leverage generative AI techniques to assist developers in creating software more efficiently, reducing the need for manual coding and streamlining the application development process.

One industry significantly impacted by this trend is software development. These tools can automatically generate code snippets, templates, or even complete applications based on high-level specifications provided by developers. This also democratizes software development, making it more accessible to individuals with limited coding experience.

### Enhanced Realism and Fidelity

Enhanced realism and fidelity driven by generative AI refers to using generative artificial intelligence models to create highly realistic and detailed outputs in various domains.



GenAI algorithms can generate high-quality images, videos, audio, and text that closely resemble real-world data. This trend profoundly impacted numerous industries and domains, revolutionizing how we create, design, and interact with digital content.

In the entertainment industry, it enables the creation of more captivating movies, games, and VR/AR experiences. It enhances immersion, resulting in more engaging storytelling and improved user experiences.

### Interactive and co-creative systems

Interactive and co-creative systems allow users to actively participate and collaborate in the generative process. These systems enable real-time interaction between humans and AI, fostering a co-creative relationship where both entities contribute to generating content, ideas, or designs.

One industry greatly impacted by

interactive and co-creative systems is the field of design and creativity. Tools like Adobe Sensei, a suite of AI-powered creative tools, provide designers with interactive features. Another example can be found in the music industry.

### Cross-domain Applications

Cross-domain applications are used to generate content or solutions that transcend traditional boundaries and apply to multiple industries or domains. Generative AI algorithms have the ability to learn patterns and characteristics from one domain and apply them to another, enabling the creation of innovative solutions and fostering collaboration between diverse fields.

Generative models trained on medical imaging data can generate synthetic images that resemble accurate patient scans.

# Party had given the ticket; party has taken it back



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Dr. Mohan Yadav has taken the oath as a new Chief minister of MP. For the first time in 2003 it was Uma Bharti that has declared him as a MLA candidate from BJP for a constituency of Ujjain, the city of Mahakaal. But as one another leader of the party grew adamant for the ticket of the same place, his name as a contestant had to be withdrawn.

At this sudden turn of the event a journalist of a newspaper sought his reaction. Reflexive of how a worker should be loyal to party ideology and its leadership, his reply was – 'The party had given me the ticket; party has taken it back. We workers are like the bulb. When the party switch on the bulb it glows. And when party wants to switch it off, it has to stop glowing.'

Just contrary to Lalu's son, 5th class pass Tejpratap Yadav and 9th pass Tejasvi Yadav, 58 years old Dr. Mohan Yadav holds the degrees of BSc, LLB, MA, MBA and PhD. Even before 1982 Dr. Yadav had come to associate with student wing of

RSS, ABVP (Akhil Bhartiya Vidhyarthi Parishad), and held the post of joint secretary of Ujjain student union. When in the country the BP Singh's Mandal politics was ruling the roost, he was made rashtriya mantri in 1991. Later, when grown up, he got active in the RSS work, holding different responsibilities. Thereafter having joined the politics, he got elected as a MLA for the three time in row with including this election

Well-versed in the art of display of the sword and in Yoga- science, Dr. Yadav is also a distinguished scholar of Bhartiya culture, science and religious scriptures. Rajgadhi is

that district of MP where Digvijay Singh, former CM of the state, was known to have a great political sway. Mohan Yadav had been a minister incharge of this district during earlier government of Shivraj. With a well-planned strategy, he made the frequent visits to the district and gradually inspired the party workers to get active to succeed. And now result is there for all to see. Grounding the opponent Digvijay to the dust, BJP has won all the 5 seats of Rajgadhi district. Even the brother of Digvijay himself, Lakshman Singh, could emerge no fortunate - he too succumbed to loss his constituency.

## Entertainment

### Actor Sanjay Dutt drops memories of 'jadoo ki jhappi', says "Hoping Munna Bhai 3 will be made soon!"



Actor Sanjay Dutt took a stroll down memory lane and shared a special video to celebrate 20 years of his hit film 'Munna Bhai MBBS'. Taking to Instagram, Sanjay posted a video featuring his character Munna and memories of 'jadoo ki jhappi'.

Sharing the video, he wrote, "Two decades of laughter, emotions, and a whole lot of jadoo ki jhappi! Celebrating 20 years of Munna Bhai MBBS, a journey filled with unforgettable moments. Grateful for the love and support that made this film a timeless classic. Hoping that Munna Bhai 3 will be made soon!" As soon as the video was shared, fans and followers flooded the comment section.

One of the users wrote, "Can't wait for munna bhai 3" Another user commented, "You are and always be a ROCKSTAR baba bhai [?]" "Definitely Phaaji waiting desperately for munna bhai 3 and continues [?][?]"@duttssanjay," another user comment read. As the film completes 20 years, Arshad Warsi expressed gratitude for his role. "20 years, wow, seems like yesterday... I thank you all for loving Munna & Circuit so much," he wrote on Instagram.

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### Actor Randeep Hooda pens a special birthday wish for his wife, says "Shukr hai ki bhagana nahi pada"

Actor Randeep Hooda on Tuesday penned an adorable birthday wish for his wife Lin Laisharm. Taking to Instagram, Randeep shared a couple of cute pictures which he captioned, "Shukr hai ki bhagana nahi pada. From the highway to this way, we have come a long way. Happy Birthday Mrs. On a serious note, Didn't know then that life will change so much and that too for the better. I'm just grateful to you being in my life and giving it the steadiness and calmness it needed. Love you always @linlaishram."

In the first picture, the newly married couple could be seen posing on a motorbike. He also shared a picture from their wedding reception.

Soon after he shared the post, his friends and fans swamped down the comment section with red heart emoticons. Lin commented, "[Laughing emoticons] Love you more [Red heart emoticons]." Randeep and Lin exchanged vows on November 29 in Manipur. Their wedding was performed in traditional Meitei rituals. ANI



If you like Ranbir Kapoor-starrer 'Animal', then there's good news for you. On Tuesday, production banner T-Series officially announced the sequel of Sandeep Reddy Vanga's directorial.

'Animal' is one of the most successful films of 2023. Released on December 1, the film raked in over Rs 500 crore at the domestic box office. The film left many fans excited as it had a post credits scene, teasing a sequel titled 'Animal Park', in which Ranbir would potentially have a double role. And now makers have officially confirmed the film's sequel with an Instagram post on T-Series' handle.

T-Series announced that they are collaborating with Sandeep Reddy Vanga for three films -- 'Animal Park', Prabhas' starrer 'Spirit' and one film with Allu Arjun. "It's a partnership built on trust, fueled by creative freedom, and fortified by an unbreakable bond. Producer Bhushan Kumar and Director #SandeepReddyVanga unveil the next cinematic wonders--Prabhas' Spirit, Animal Park, and an Allu Arjun saga--the chapters that follow the monumental success of Kabir Singh and #Animal," the post read. On his partnership with Bhushan Kumar, Vanga said, "The kind of freedom he (Bhushan Kumar) gives in terms of my creativity and the liberty to choose any song makes me feel at home at T-Series, and there is nothing more than that a director needs." ANI

## Actor Jonathan Majors was convicted for assaulting his ex-girlfriend Grace Jabbari

Actor Jonathan Majors was convicted of assaulting his ex-girlfriend Grace Jabbari. On Monday he was found guilty by a Manhattan jury of two misdemeanor counts of harassment and assault but was acquitted on two other counts. The verdict was reached by a six-person jury after roughly over four hours of deliberation spread across three days. Majors was found not guilty on one count of intentional assault in the third degree and one count of aggravated harassment in the second degree by a six-person jury. When the verdict was delivered, Majors, who was dressed in a dark grey suit and sat in the courtroom with his attorneys and current girlfriend Meagan Good, did not respond, reported Variety.

Judge Michael Gaffey set a February 6 sentence date. Majors faces up to a year in prison, although he might alternatively receive probation.

Majors was arrested in New York City in March after assaulting Jabbari in the backseat of a private vehicle. Jabbari, a 30-year-old dancer who met Majors on the set of Marvel's "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania," said that she seized Majors' phone after seeing a text message from another woman. Jabbari said she felt "a hard blow" across her head when Majors tried to forcefully retrieve his phone from her, resulting in bruises, swelling, and significant agony. Marvel Studios severed its ties with Majors, who played the key villain, Kang the Conqueror, in Disney's Marvel Cinematic Universe, shortly after the guilty conviction. The 34-year-old actor was set to star in upcoming Marvel films, including 2025's 'Avengers: The Kang Dynasty,' as quoted by Variety. According to his defence counsel, Priya Chaudhry, Majors "has faith in the process and looks



forward to fully clearing his name."

"It is clear that the jury did not believe Grace Jabbari's story of what happened in the SUV because they found that Mr. Majors did not intentionally cause any injuries to her. We are grateful for that. We are disappointed, however, that despite not believing Ms. Jabbari, the jury nevertheless found that Mr. Majors was somehow reckless while she was attacking him, Chaudhry said. ANI