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ore than 2.44 lakh posts are vacant in the state and the recruitment process is stalled. On the other hand, there are 6 out of 9 posts of OSD in Chief Minister Secretariat of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. There are only 3 government officials. This information has come out according to the information provided by RTI activist Anil Galgali. Even the chief minister has been tempted by outside candidates.

RTI activist Anil Galgali had sought various information from the Maharashtra government about the OSD working in the Chief Minister's Secretariat. General Administration Department Cell Officer Kalyani Dharap provided the list of OSD currently working in Chief Minister Secretariat to Anil Galgali. Out of total 9 OSD candidates 6 are from outside while only 3 OSD are Govt. The 6 candidates who are outside include Mangesh Chivate, Vinayak Patrudkar, Anand Madia, Ashish Kulkarni, Amit

Hukkerikar and Maruti Salunkhe. The 3 government officials are Dr. Rajesh Kawle, Dr. Rahul Gethe and Dr. Bal Singh Rajput.

Educational qualification information is not available

As the educational qualification information of Special Duty Officer i.e. OSD working in the Chief Minister's Secretariat is not available, it is advised to obtain the information from the Chief Minister's Secretariat. It is also advised to obtain information regarding the

evaluation of their work from the Chief Minister's Secretariat. Galgali's application regarding the total monthly income received by him has been transferred to Karyasan 21.

According to Anil Galgali, unemployment has increased in the state. Lakhs of posts are vacant. Permanent recruitment should be done instead of temporary recruitment of external candidates. Galgali has also demanded to evaluate the work of all OSD and make its information public.

### How can India afford to lose gold medallist wrestlers over dirty politics?



Dr. Vaidehi

rij Bhushan Sharan Singh's political career gave birth to many controversies, as he was one of the prominent names who got arrested in the demolition of the Babri Masjid case and was also booked under the anti-terrorism law TADA for harbouring the shooters of Dawood Ibrahim gang. However, he was later acquitted for lack of evidence. He is currently at the centre of the accusations of sexual harassment by India's top female wrestlers, wherein 7 female wrestlers including 1 minor have testified against him in an FIR. These wrestlers include Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat, in the ongoing wrestlers' protests at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi. Singh encountered

as many as 38 cases against him under various charges including theft, criminal intimidation, murder, attempt to murder, rioting, kidnapping etc.

This person has a lot of prominence in BJP, in spite of Modi's clean politics promises there are many criminals who enjoy plum posts in the party. In Jan 2023, a group of Olympians and international wrestlers including Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia, and others organised a sit-in demanding disbanding of the federation due to alleged sexual harassment of female wrestlers by Brij Bhushan. The protests resumed in April 2023 due to government inaction.

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### **Editoritis**

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# How can India afford to lose gold medallist wrestlers over dirty politics?

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The protesters demanded the police file an FIR against Brij Bhushan and his immediate arrest. The incidents of sexual harassment cited by protestors ranged from 2012 to 2022.

On 28 April 2023, only after the intervention of the Supreme Court, did the Delhi Police register two FIRs against him. One of the FIRs was registered under the POCSO Act (The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012) for offences against a minor. A second FIR was registered on similar grounds on the complaint of the remaining 6 adult female wrestlers. The wrestlers told media on an open platform that the Brij Bhushan used to touch their breasts and stomach sexually on the pretext of checking their breath, in a police complaint on 21 April 2023. One of these women alleged that Brij Bhushan lifted her training jersey without her consent in 2018.

The six-time MP — won five times on a BJP ticket and once for the SP — is a strongman whose writ runs large in eastern UP politics. He is actively associated with more than 50 educational institutions including engineering, pharmacy, education, law and others that he established in Bahraich, Gonda, Balrampur, Ayodhya, and Shravasti districts. He is a strong man and no political party can afford to lose him. He knows his way and game of survival also the weakness of the ruling party.

Now his confidant Sanjay Singh was elected Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president soon after this win Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh celebrated with supporters at his Delhi residence where he raised a slogan: "Dabdaba to hai, dabdaba to rahega. Yeh to bhagwan ne de rakha hai (influence prevails and will continue. God has given this influence)." His son Prateek Bhushan Singh, the Gonda Sadar MLA, also joined the celebrations and raised a poster with the slogan written on it. In short, they hinted to the wrestlers that we are here to stay and continue with what we did so far.

Though no longer the WFI president, his loyalist's election shows Brij Bhushan will continue to have his say on how the organisation is run. Despite the nationwide uproar over the sexual harassment allegations levelled at him by women wrestlers earlier this year, he continued participating in party programmes and Parliament proceedings.

This entire series has sent shockwaves to the female wrestlers. Wrestler Bajrang Punia wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi



saying that he is returning his Padma Shri award as a mark of protest over the results of the recent Wrestling Federation of India elections where Sanjay Singh, a loyalist of the controversial Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, was elected as the president.

This entire episode has prompted Olympic medal winner Sakshi Malik to quit the sport. In a press conference, the champion wrestler put her shoe on the table to show her protest and later cried on camera. Reacting to Sanjay Singh's election to the body those controls wrestling in India, BJP MP Brij Bhushan assured there won't be any vendetta politics against wrestlers who accused him of sexual harassment or protest to demand his removal as the WFI chief. Let's see what happens next.



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### Idli Sambhar -**Best suited for Breakfast**



- Jayanthi Subramaniam

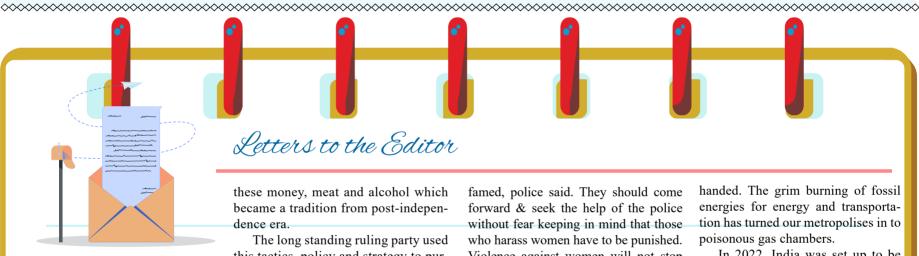
Three idlis, a bowl of sambar and a tumbler of filter Coffee (kaapi) - Chennai's traditional breakfast is not just a gastronomical delight for many but also the most nutritious morning meal compared to those in other metros. 'India Breakfast Habits Study', a survey conducted in four metros, found that Chennai has the best breakfast 'nutrient profile' in the country.

The study covered other metros like Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata on a sample size of 3,600 subjects, split across 8 to 40 years age groups, and described 'alarming' figures of nutritional inadequacy in our country. Although people in India are increasingly becoming health conscious, this doesn't reflect in their eating behaviour. Changing lifestyles and behavioural patterns result in meal skipping or inadequate food intakes particularly at breakfast time.

The nutrition scale was assessed based on the adequacy of carbohydrates, energy, proteins, fats and calcium. While there have been many studies on the number of people skipping breakfast, very little has been done on the content of the meal and its nutritional value. The study found that 79% of those surveyed in Mumbai had nutritionally inadequate breakfasts,

followed by Delhi and Kolkata at 76% and 75%. In Chennai only 60% reported that their breakfast was nutritionally inadequate. Kolkata's traditional breakfast has excess maida which has a lot of carbohydrates, very little protein and no fiber at all. Delhi's parathas are too oily and Mumbai doesn't have a typical breakfast as such.

People eat bread mostly, which just has carbohydrates. Nutritionists say the nutrient value in rural areas down south is even greater as many of them consume ragi. "Ragi is rich in Vitamin B, fibers, protein, calcium, iron and phosphorus. It is confirmed that idli and sambhar as a "complete meal". The rice and urad dal in idlis complement each other, making it a complete protein. The vegetables and dal in the sambhar are good supplements. The study found that one in four Indians skip breakfast. Although the number of those skipping meals were fewer in Chennai, 'skimping' (eating inadequately) was more prevalent. It is reliably learnt that the effect of skipping and skipping meals is more or less the same. Only the intensity will be lesser in the latter. It was also found that in Chennai nearly 50% of the housewives, 30% of the elderly and 20% working adults have only a beverage for breakfast.



### Beg to differ with the Little Master Sunil Gavaskar!

Beg to differ with Little Master when he says that replacing Rohit with Hardik will benefit MI as he seems to suggest that Rohit Sharma has been fatigued after a tiring WC. Sacking one of the most explosive batsman from captaincy will demoralize the senior most member of the team & also create a rift between players.

MI is owned by one of the richest families of the world & their decisions are supported by even great players like Gavaskar even though it might not have cricketing merit in it. If MI doesn't need the services of Rohit Sharma, they should trade him with other teams than humiliate a leader who has won so many IPL titles for Mumbai Indians!

S.N.Kabra

### Most of the people vote for money, meat and alcohol

Yes, the underprivileged, poverty ridden country always votes for these money, meat and alcohol which became a tradition from post-independence era.

Letters to the Editor

The long standing ruling party used this tactics, policy and strategy to purchase vote and capture monopolistic power of throne in most of the states and central. They also kept out opposition from power for decade long.

They took the advantage of media coverage shortage of print media which today stands in number. This ruling party used the throne of power illegaly keeping silent the opposition voice through black list law against media to stop opposition publicity and many more process through administrative power.

#### **Rathin Kumar Chanda**

#### Need of the hour

Many people 'upload' their personal photos, mobile numbers through social media. Taking disadvantage of it, the incidence of sending obscene messages and photos to women, blackmailing them and making video calls is increasing day by day. In the last two and a half years, the Pimpri-Chinchwad Cyber Cell has registered 202 complaints but women often do not come forward to lodge complaints for fear of being defamed, police said. They should come forward & seek the help of the police without fear keeping in mind that those who harass women have to be punished. Violence against women will not stop without taking such a step.

Dr. Jyoti Kale

#### Right to Education Act

There is a need for the concerned authorities to make regular census of children who are going to school and how are they managing in their education. This also includes special children. The schools must encourage the children to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities which will help discover and develop their talents.

#### Cajetan Peter D'Souza

#### No more chances

India was the 7th worst- hit country due to extreme air pollution and extreme rainfall in 2021 and it's only been getting worse every year. We 're racing towards further and further climate disasters and we need to pull the chain now. Though we hoped it would not reach this point, climate wisdom has constantly advised us about the deadly consequences of climate change. But we 've caught the malefactor redhanded. The grim burning of fossil energies for energy and transportation has turned our metropolises in to poisonous gas chambers.

In 2022, India was set up to be home to of the world's 10 most business- congested metropolises. According to reports over two lakh Indians died from air pollution last time but this could have been prevented. Through the Detox City crusade, we're working to impact the transportation systems across India, over the coming many years.

However, we can demand better structure- better public transport, further green spaces, If further citizens borrow sustainable transportation. Eventually, these small but significant conduct will restate into metropolises that are cleaner, healthier, more equal and accessible to all citizens. We're losing precious time in the fight for a safe and healthy future. No more chances left to take action and change the course of our earth.

Vijay Kumar H K

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### Ban halal-certified foods in Maharashtra, demands BJP MLA Nitesh Rane



haratiya Janata Party MLA Nitesh Rane has sought a ban on halal certification of food items in Maharashtra on the lines of the decision taken by his party's government in Uttar Pradesh.

The UP government, on November 18, banned the production, storage, distribution and sale of food products with halal certification with immediate effect while exempting products manufactured for export.

Speaking to reporters on the premises of the Vidhan Bhavan complex in Nagpur on Wednesday, Rane claimed the money from this process was being used to fund terrorism.

"Halal, jihad and love jihad are major concerns. The money collected in the name of halal certificate is being used to fund terrorism. It is used against the Hindu religion. We have all evidence related to this," he alleged.

## Villagers prevent CIDCO team from removing illegal structures; case filed against 100 people

group of villagers drove away a team of Maharashtra's city planning agency CIDCO which was on its way to remove encroachments and unauthorised constructions in a village in Navi Mumbai on Thursday, police said.

The irate mob prevented personnel of the City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) from reaching a village under its notified area to remove encroachments and illegal structures, they said, quoting a complaint.

Acting on the CIDCO complaint, the Navi Mumbai police registered a criminal case against more than 100 residents of Vichumbe village of which half a dozen people were identified.

An officer of the Khandesh-



war police station said the case was filed under IPC sections 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 341 (wrongful restraint), 143 (punishment for unlawful assembly), 145 (joining or continuing in unlawful assembly) and also the Maharashtra Police Act. **PTI** 

## Tempo carrying clothes, chemicals catches fire on Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway; no injuries



tempo carrying clothes and chemicals used in the textile industry was destroyed after it caught fire on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway in Maharashtra's Palghar district on Thursday, the police said.

No one was injured in the accident that took place near the Dapchari checkpost around 10

am, though it affected vehicular movement on the carriageway for some time, said the district rural police.

The tempo carrying clothes and chemicals required for the textile industry was going from Bhiwandi in Thane district to Ahmedabad in neighbouring Gujarat when it caught fire, said an official.

Even before fire engines could arrive at the spot, it was completely gutted, said an official, adding that the cause of the fire was yet to be ascertained.

## 109 girl students hospitalised due to suspected food poisoning in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli

n a case of suspected food poisoning, more than 100 girl students were hospitalised as they fell ill after having lunch at their residential school in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra, an official said on Thursday.

The incident occurred on Wednesday at an 'ashram shala' (residential school for tribal children) located in Sode village in Dhanora taluka in the district, he said.

Gadchiroli district's civil sur-

geon Dr Pramod Khandate said, "On Wednesday, the students were served lunch at the school around 12.30 pm. Some time after having their meal, they started vomiting and also complained of abdominal pain and headache." "A total of 109 students were admitted to a government hospital. Later, 40 of them were shifted to the general hospital in Gadchiroli, while 69 others are undergoing treatment at the Dhanora rural hospital," he said. **PTI** 

## Covid centre scam case: ED attaches assets worth over Rs 12 cr for probe

he ED on Friday said it has attached assets worth more than Rs 12 crore belonging to a number of people, including Sujit Patkar, an alleged aide of Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut, as part of a money laundering probe. The federal

agency's investigation is linked to an alleged fraud in setting up of BMC-run Covid care centres in Mumbai. Three flats in Mumbai, mutual funds and bank deposits have been provisionally attached under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) as part of the action against partners of Lifeline Hospital Management Services -- Sujit Patkar, Dr Hemant Gupta, Rajeev Salunkhe, Sanjay Shah and their accomplices Sunil Kadam alias Bala Kadam, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said in a statement. **PTI** 

### Maharashtra reports 11 new Covid cases

aharashtra reported 11 new Covid cases to-day. Maharashtra on Wednesday reported its first case of Covid-19 sub-variant JN.1 in Sindhudurg. The patient, with a travel history from Goa, successfully recovered without any complications. Daily testing in



Maharashtra continues to linger at approximately 500 per day.

## Parliament security breach case: Delhi HC stayed the trial court order directs police to supply a copy of the FIR

he Delhi High Court on Friday stayed the trial court order directing the Delhi Police to supply a copy of the FIR to accused Neelam Azad in the parliament-security-breach"

Parliament security breach case. Delhi Police has today moved to the High Court challenging the trial court order in regards to supplying a copy of the FIR to one of the accused, Neelam Azad, in connection with the parliament-security-breach">Parliament security breach case.

The Bench of Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma, after noting the submissions of Delhi Police, ordered that the trial court's directions be stayed till January 4, 2024. Meanwhile, the court also



issued notices to the accused Neelam Azad on Delhi Police

The Patiala House Court on Thursday allowed an application moved by one of the accused, Neelam Azad's family, seeking a supply of a copy of FIR registration under various sections of IPC and UAPA. The court also allowed a plea seeking court direction to Delhi Police to allow Neelam's lawyer to meet for legal advice during the custodial re-

mand period. Additional Sessions Judge Dr Hardeep Kaur had said the concerned investigation officer is directed to furnish a copy of the present FIR to the applicant or accused as per law. The court also said, considering the totality of circumstances, that this Court is of the considered view that the applicant/accused is entitled as a matter right to legal assistance and the right is available to her even when she is in police custody.

To have an effective and meaningful interaction between the applicant/accused and her counsel, it is hereby directed that on every alternate day, a 15-minute interaction of the applicant/accused Neelam with her counsel, as mentioned in the vakalatnama, be arranged within the visible range of the IO of the present case but outside his audible range. In case, if the meeting cannot be arranged on that day, then the meeting can be postponed to the next available date, further said the court. **ANI** 

## Delhi: AIIMS to conduct study over effect of low-dose CT to cure early lung cancer



he All India Institute of Medical Sciences AI-IMS, New Delhi will be conducting a study to see the effect of low-dose CT on early lung cancer diagnosis. According to the information given by AIIMS, "Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi is conducting a pilot study to see the effect of Low dose CT on early lung cancer diagnosis."

"In this study, heavy smokers above the age of 50 years will undergo free low-dose CT scans. We hereby invite people who are heavy smokers to avail this useful opportunity," the statement added.

This study is for a short-term defined period only of a few

months, or till the planned numbers are achieved. According to the information from the AIIMS, the study will be done under the guidance of Dr Ayush Goel from AIIMS. The purpose of the study is to identify lung cancer cases in the early stages before they reach to the advanced stage. "There were around 103371 cases of lung cancer in India in 2022. Most patients are diagnosed at an advanced stage leading to poor outcomes with the median overall survival being only 8.8 months. Screening using low-dose computed tomography (Low Dose CT scan) among smokers may be one of the modalities that could help pick up lung cancer early," the statement added. ANI

## BJP slams Congress over 'flaunting rich fortune and luxury lifestyles' in Karnataka

The BJP came down heavily on the Congress government in Karnataka on Friday for 'flaunting rich fortune and luxury lifestyles' after a video went viral showing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his cabinet colleague B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan in a private jet. In the vid-

eo, Siddaramaiah is seen along with Housing Minister Khan and Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, among others. Karnataka BJP President B Y Vijayendra said: "If bigotry had a face, @ INCKarnataka govt would be the Best of it! At a time, when whole of Karnataka is reeling under se-

vere drought, farmers staring at the worst of crisis with loss of crops & no rainfall & hardly any development works taking off, all that @CMofKarnataka & his team of cabinet ministers could think of is flaunting their Rich Fortunes & Luxury Lifestyles over the poor damsels of the State!". PTI

## INDIA alliance staged protest against suspension of MPs in Parliament

he opposition INDIA bloc on Friday staged a protest at Jantar Mantar here against the suspension of 146 MPs from the two Houses of Parliament during the Winter session and called on people to unite to save democracy in the

country. The protest, which was organised under the banner of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (IN-DIA), was attended by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Rahul Gandhi and leaders of Left parties,

DMK, NCP, SP, NC, TMC, JMM, RJD and other members of the opposition coalition. Addressing the gathering, Kharge said the leaders of INDIA parties have come together as democracy is under threat under the BJP government. **PTI** 

## Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar sends letter to LoP Mallikarjun Kharge over House dysfunctional

endering the House dysfunctional by making a demand to the Chair that cannot be acceded is unfortunate and against public interest, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar is learnt to have said in a letter to Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge. Dhankhar



has written to Kharge stating that the Congress leader's refusal to meet him during the Winter session of Parliament was not in sync with parliamentary practices and has also sought an interaction with him, sources said on Friday. This comes a day after the Rajya Sabha was adjourned sine die on Thursday, a day ahead of schedule. PTI

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### UN: WHO Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus says, "Northern Gaza has no more functioning hospitals"



Torld Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has said that Northern Gaza has no more functioning hospitals, The New York Times reported. The WHO Director-General described scenes of horror witnessed by aid workers in the ruins of two partially destroyed medical facilities.

In a statement posted on X, the WHO chief said that aid workers who visited Al-Ahli and Al-Shifa hospitals on Wednesday during a rare humanitarian mission to deliver supplies "struggled to describe the immense

impact recent attacks have had on these health facilities." At Al-Ahli, the aid workers found rows of dead bodies lined up outside the hospital, while severely injured civilians writhed in pain on the floor and the pews of the chapel inside of it, he said, as per The New York Times. A video posted by Tedros shows a member of the medical mission standing inside the chapel, with injured people and crucifixes on the wall visible behind him.

The aid worker in the video, Sean Casey, says: "There are patients here who have been injured for more than a month and have

had no surgery; there are patients who have been operated on and are now getting post-operative infections because the hospital doesn't have sufficient antibiotics." "They are suffering enormously here," he adds. "This is a completely unacceptable situation." The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs took part in the mission, which it said was only the third humanitarian convoy to reach northern Gaza since a pause in fighting ended on December 1 because of "the ongoing hostilities."

A spokeswoman for the Israeli government did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the WHO's claims. Israel has accused Hamas of using hospitals as command and control centres, allegations that Hamas and medical staff have denied. The Israeli military says it has uncovered tunnels and weapons, including at Al-Shifa, the territory's largest hospital complex, that it considers proof of its allegations, according to The New York Times. **ANI** 

## Pakistan: Islamabad HC says, "Peaceful protest is everyone's right" over Baloch protest

ighlighting the police crackdown on Baloch protestors, the Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court (IHC) said that peaceful protest is everyone's right and the Baloch protestors cannot be "forcefully" sent back to their province, reported ARY News. Emphasising that those who wish to protest peacefully should be allowed, the Chief Justice directed the police chief to arrange a meeting of the women with their counsels.

Chief Justice Aamir Farooq chaired a hearing on the petition filed against the arrest of Baloch protesters in the IHC, in which the court directed the IG Punjab to submit a detailed report about the Baloch women in police custody. Chief Justice Farooq instructed the IG to present data before the court regarding the number of detainees, those related, and any



incidents of harassment with the female protestors in police stations. He further expressed deep concerns over the surge in street crimes in Islamabad and lambasted the IG Punjab as the police did not do its duties effectively in the state capital, reported ARY News. He also highlighted instances when the court's staff members became victims of theft, with mobile phones and wallets being snatched.

Additionally, he also said that the IG had miscommunicated in court yesterday, stating that there

were no women in police custody and demanded that contempt proceedings be initiated against him. Meanwhile, the IG Islamabad stated the latest figures, stating that 216 individuals were in custody, out of which 34 were in judicial custody and one was under physical remand. Moreover, 19 women were released as per the Chief Justice's orders, according to ARY News. Chief Justice Aamir Farooq concluded the hearing by announcing that a detailed decision on today's proceedings would be issued soon. ANI

# Czech Republic: Prague university shooting incident kills around 14 people, 25 injured



s many as 14 people were killed and 25 wounded in a shooting at a university in Prague on Thursday, CNN reported. In a press conference on Thursday, Czech Police Chief Martin Vondrasek said the information he had received so far indicated the shooter took his own life, but added it was not yet confirmed. He also said the suspect had not been formally identified because of the severity of his injuries.

In a later news conference on Thursday night, Vondrasek revised the number of people killed to 14, after previously saying 15 people had died. Of the 25 people injured, ten were in serious condition, the police chief said, as per CNN. Emergency services earlier said that nine people had been severely injured, five or six received medium-severe injuries and ten were lightly injured. The authorities have also revised down an earlier number of people injured, but said those could still change given the developing situation. During the shooting, some students locked themselves in classrooms, the police said in an update on X. A picture shared on social media also showed several students hiding on a ledge high up the building.

The incident - at the Faculty of Arts building of Charles University - happened in the center of the capital. The area is popular with tourists and close to major attractions, just across the Vltava River from Prague Castle, as per CNN. The university was holding classes on Thursday and was due to go on Christmas break on December 23, according to a schedule on the university's website. Vondrasek said the suspected shooter was a 24-year-old male who travelled to Prague from his hometown village of Hostoun. Vondrasek said the suspected shooter was a student of the Faculty of Arts at Charles University in Prague.

According to the police chief, the authorities had information about the shooter prior to the incident, saying the police received a tip saying the shooter was travelling to Prague with the intention to take his own life. Shortly afterward, they received information that a deceased man was found in Hostoun. The man is believed to be the suspect's father. Vondrasek said the police were aware the shooter had a lecture at 2 pm CET and therefore evacuated the building where the lecture was meant to take place. However, the police then received a call about a shooting in a different building, according to the police chief, CNN reported. The suspected shooter had a gun permit and owned several weapons, Vondrasek said. ANI

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# Technology has taken away skills from man's hands and has created a counter-man against man



Vijay Gara

**Expression** 

Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout Punjab

supporter of the non-violent ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and Vinoba Bhave was an Australian-born philosopher, Ivan Illich. His view was that vehicles had taken away the strength of human legs. Mechanical technology has taken away the skills of man's hands and efforts are being made against man to develop a replica of him in the form of 'robot' and leave man alone in the jungle of cement, concrete and machines. There is family and society, yet they are in the clutches of slavery of machines, their freedom by putting intelligence into the robot, we are busy making it the ruler of humans. Till now, the work of developing robots in new forms was done by humans in the form of scientists, but artificial intelligence has given such wings in the sky of technology that robots have now started updating themselves with the help of artificial intelligence.

Whether the consequences of this power of automatic transformation of robots and creation of new robots will be fruitful or fatal, is in the womb of the future, but it is definitely a point to consider. The robot of the future will no longer be merely a mechanical human. Efforts are being made to transform it into a living human being with the help of machines and artificial intelligence. In this direction, American scientists have also invented a model of a living robot.

A group of scientists has succeeded in transforming the living cells of frog embryos into other new life forms. In this, sense perception can be achieved through a device of minimum weight. Twenty-four sensory instruments are attached to it. It carries out work by sensing muscle movements and brain. It is called 'Esper Bionics Prosthetic' Named 'Hand'. Keeping it functional is done with the help of AI and cloud technology. Through this technology, data and programs available on the Internet are obtained. In the initial stage, the robot was a device made

from the coordination of hardware and software

Initially its utility was associated with difficult and dangerous tasks within the reach of humans. In view of its effective productivity, changes continued in it and this technology was named robotics. Over time, living robots became living robots through the coordination of digital, Al and internet technology. A species of robots came into use, which were named 'Bionics' and 'Xenobots'. Scientists of the world have been making efforts to develop two types of artificial humans since the beginning of the twentieth century. One is 'Android' i.e. artificial human and the other is 'Cyborg' i.e. machine human.

Scientists got the idea of creating such humans from fiction literature. Literature and science are two such subjects which have the power to make the present past and the future present in industries. These mechanical humans who used to do manual labor can now do it automatically with the help of artificial intelligence. While being operated, thousands of intelligent machines are becoming humans. The wonder of this artificial intelligence is that now there will be no need for any expert human being to guide it, rather it will remain active automatically with the artificially developed intelligence system in its

Chat-GPT and Chat Bots software will be their tools, which will make them multilingual with advanced word-formation capabilities and will automatically become active towards solving problems. The world's scientists have created artificial intelligence in 'android' and 'cyborg' forms. I am trying to make a human being. Android means such humans, who are made in the laboratory only from organic compounds and are completely artificial. Their structure is similar to that of humans, hence these robots are also called 'human robots'.

Well, we know the word Android very well as Android mobile. Battery operated moving dolls come in this category. In the present world, many types of artificial human-shaped robots have been invented and have come into discussion. various among the community Performing different types of roles. Among these, 'Ada'



is a feminine robot, who has been considered the world's first 'robot artist'. Artificial intelligence is used in its eyes to detect cameras and objects. Through its performance at Oxford Ye Manav University, it proved how different people present art from different angles.

Similarly, a Hong Kong company has given shape to a robot named 'Sophia'. It will become a symbol of the future in the field of artificial humans and intelligence. Is e. Its amazing uniqueness is that it is capable of capturing a person's imagination. It has proved its artificial intelligence in many TV shows and international conferences. It has made significant contributions to the latest research through ultra-modern intelligence. Saudi Arabia has accepted its human incarnation by granting it citizenship. It has been developed with a view to work in the fields of education, research and entertainment. Now the world has moved ahead with the creation of robots that look like men and women. This China is leading in

Now robots like dog, cat, butterfly and other animals based on Android technology have come into existence. China has developed seven hundred and forty types of unique robots. These robots help us in our daily tasks and complete them easily. That is why they have been named companion humanoid robots. Among them, there are robots that prepare tea, coffee and serve food, but there are also robots that clean and keep the scattered items in their place.

Therefore, they are included in the category of professional servants.

They are also capable of talking like humans. India is now taking initiative towards becoming a big player in robot manufacturing. India is far behind America, China, Japan, Germany and South Korea in robot technology. As a result, the government is coming up with a national strategy to give impetus to the robotics business. Under this, the government will provide financial assistance for everything from making robots to adopting robotics.

A complete system of research and development will be developed in this field, starting from the necessary raw materials used in robots. 'Robotics Innovation Unit' (RIU) will be established for this work. This unit will function as an agency under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. At present, robots are used in India for everything from patient surgeries to automobiles. Its global turnover has reached \$6.7 billion. India is still far behind in this field. Approximately 33 thousand robots are operational in all sectors together.

Human robots invented by human intelligence are also proving to be Bhasmasur. kiss by robot The first incident of taking a human life has occurred at the car manufacturing company 'Fox Wagon' plant in Berlin, the capital of Germany. Here a robot caught hold of an employee in its claws and threw him to death. This robot was doing the work of assembling car parts. In this case, since the killer is a mechanical human, police action was also not possible. After all, no machine can be made an accused?

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### **Entertainment**



ctor Adarsh Gouray, who is all set to come up with the upcoming drama film 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan', shared his journey of transforming into Neil in the film. Taking to Instagram, Adarsh shared the still from the ilm featuring himself, Ananya Panday, Siddhant Chaturvedi, and other team

The note read, "The journey of transforming into Neil and playing him has een one of the most satisfying processes as an actor. Thank you @arjunvarain. singh @zoieakhtar @reemakagti1 for believing in me to pull this off Kho Gaye num kahan releases on the 26th December on @netflix\_in." Helmed by debutant lirector Arjun Varain Singh, 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is a 'coming-of-digital-age' story about three friends in their mid-20s navigating life in the world of social nedia.

Adarsh Gourav recently shared, "I am incredibly grateful to producers and ilmmakers like Zoya Akhtar, who believe in actors like me who have carved their own paths. Zoya is a dynamic director with an impeccable eye for talent, and I eel privileged to be a part of her much-awaited project, 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' find myself lucky to be working and collaborating with such great minds and the fact that they recognise my work and have given me roles like the one in Kho Gaye". Zoya Akhtar, known for her exceptional storytelling and bringing out the est in actors, has consistently provided opportunities to talented individuals. Adarsh Gourav's association with Zoya in the upcoming project is highly anticipated by fans and the industry alike.

"Working with Zoya has been a fulfilling experience, and I am eager to share our collaboration with the audience. 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is a project close to our hearts" added Gourav. ANI

## Massive crowds gathered outside theatre ahead of film relase of 'Salaar: Part 1- Ceasefire'

t's a celebration time for superstar Prabhas fans as his much-awaiting action thriller film 'Salaar: Part 1- Ceasefire' is finally in theatres today. Massive crowds gathered outside Hyderabad's famous Sandhya Theatre to watch the first show and fans have ensured that the opening of Prabhas's latest release is nothing less than a celebration.

Fans have taken to the streets with colossal cut-outs of Prabhas and giant posters of the film. Sharing the excitement after watching the movie, one of the fans told ANI, "I liked the film. Salaar movie gave a nice twist at the end. As the movie is about friendship that's why I liked it. Prabhas did a great job. The movie was above than I was expecting it to be." Another fan said, "The movie Salaar which was long awaited has been released. We enjoyed a lot. The love portrayed in the movie and the songs were at its peak."

Several videos and pictures from this massive celebration by fans went viral on social media. Fans were seen dancing to the tunes of Prabhas's songs, carrying posters, and banners. A big cutout of the actor was also spotted at the venue to welcome the film in a grand manner. Showing their excitement, fans were also seen throwing confetti in the air. ANI

## for the upcoming film 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan



## Social media influencer Vishnu Kaushal pens special note for actor Shah Rukh Khan



ocial media influencer Vishnu Kaushal, who made his Bollywood debut in Shah Rukh Khan starrer 'Dunki', penned a heartwarming note to express his feelings. Taking to his Instagram, Vishnu wrote, "We, you & I made our little BOLLYWOOD DEBUT with @iamsrk in a @hirani. rajkumar film. WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT I'D BE WRITING THIS?? This is way beyond my capacity to dream. To be in a movie with @iamsrk @ vickykaushal09 @taapsee & @boman\_irani is an honour & a privilege. And to you, who've cheered for me the loudest or loved me silently, you who've been on this 9-year journey with me- no amount of gratitude and affection can express my sheer love for you my dear peaches."

"This is our win, your win. I have written a couple of jokes as the caption, feel free to add: this wasn't planned or expected but I am so glad it happened (just like my brother @govinuts) I think I have peaked, don't expect more from me. @iamsrk sir ke sath movie mein aane ka tareeka thoda cazual hai. Ok enough. Go watch the Dunki and mere 10 min ke role mein raula paa dena theatre mein I love you," he added. ANI