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Hyderabad sees 25 pc rise in home registrations in November: Knight Frank

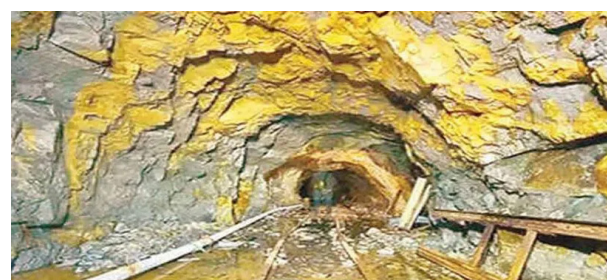


Hyderabad: During the month of November, a total of 6,923 residential properties worth Rs.4,904 crore were registered in Hyderabad. According to a latest report released by the Knight Frank India, the preference for bigger properties continue to grow in the city with 17 per cent of these registrations being for properties spread over 2,000 sq.ft. According to Knight Frank India's latest assessment, residential property registrations in Hyderabad rose sharply by 25 per cent year-on-year (YoY) and 12 per cent month-on-month (MoM) in November 2025, while the total value of homes registered increased by 40 per cent YoY during the same period. According to the report, registrations strengthened in the latter part of the year, with November recording the highest monthly volumes in 2025. Demand for premium housing remains robust, indicated by an 87 per cent YoY surge in registrations for homes valued above Rs. 1 crore. Knight Frank India noted that in November 2025, reg-

istrations of homes valued above Rs.1 crore increased sharply by 87 per cent YoY, reinforcing the ongoing premiumization trend in Hyderabad. This segment accounted for 21 per cent of all registered properties during the month, up from 14 per cent in November 2024. In value terms, homes priced above Rs.1 crore contributed a dominant 51 per cent of total transaction value. Locations such as Kokapet, Puppallaguda, Nanakramguda, Narsingi and Gaganpahad witnessed registrations of homes priced Rs.1 crore and above. At the district level, Rangareddy accounted for 47 per cent of property registrations, followed by Medchal-Malkajgiri at 41 per cent. Hyderabad district contributed the remaining 12 per cent of total registrations. Shishir Bajjal, Chairman and Managing Director, Knight Frank India said, "Hyderabad's residential market continues to display momentum, with home registrations rising by 25 per cent YoY and 12 per cent MoM in November 2025."

Deccan Gold Mines starts production trials at gold mining project in Kyrgyzstan

New Delhi: Gold and critical minerals exploration and mining firm Deccan Gold Mines Ltd on Monday announced the commencement of initial trials ahead of the commissioning of its gold mining project in Kyrgyzstan. In the pre-commissioning phase, the company is likely to process approximately 20,000-30,000 tonnes of ore. Gold recovered during the trial phase will be produced as saleable concentrate or dore bars, providing early validation of process performance before progressive commissioning. "Deccan Gold Mines Ltd...announced the commencement of pre-commissioning trials at its Altyn Tor Gold Project in Kyrgyzstan," the company said in a statement. Deccan Gold Mines Ltd Managing Director Hanuma Prasad Modali said as the project advances toward com-



missioning, the company's focus remains on building a globally credible mining asset that strengthens India's international footprint while delivering enduring benefits to local communities in Kyrgyzstan. Deccan Gold Mines Ltd, the country's first and only listed gold exploration company, holds a strategic portfolio of gold and mineral exploration assets across India and internationally, including projects in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Mozambique, Kyrgyzstan, and Finland.

Kuchipudi in a New Light: Yamini Reddy's 'Surya' Explores the Origins of Life

Hyderabad: 'Surya - Tvam Surya Pranamam yaham' by Kuchipudi dancer Yamini Reddy was held at Shilpa Kala Vedika. With an ensemble of 25 dancers and a live orchestra. Hyderabad city guide Yamini Reddy's Surya, a vibrant and immersive Kuchipudi dance performance, marked an intimate and poetic exploration of the origins of life, celebrating the Sun as the primal force behind creation. The narrative drew inspiration from the ancient Nasadiya Sukta of the

Rig Veda, touching upon the cosmic birth of the Sun, the formation of the Navagrahas and the subsequent creation of life on Earth. With live orchestra by Deevi Ravikanth, M Chandrakanth, Manohar Balachandirane, Anil Kumar, Koduru Prakash and Rayalaprolu Sudhakar alongside Kolanki Sai Kumar and P. Vidyasagar, meticulous light and stage design, and seamless coordination of dancers, Surya combined the creative contributions from Raja and Radha Reddy, along with artistic direction by Kaushalya Reddy

EAM Jaishankar to visit Sri Lanka on Dec 23, hold talks with top leadership

New Delhi: External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar will visit Sri Lanka on Tuesday as Special Envoy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to hold talks with the top leadership of the island nation. "The visit underscores India's Neighbourhood First Policy and takes place in the context of Operation Sagar Bandhu launched to address the devastation caused by Cyclone Dityah," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated. India launched Operation Sagar Bandhu on November 28, as the First Responder in the immediate aftermath of the devastating Cyclone Dityah, to provide urgent Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) support to Sri Lanka. Last week, India delivered relief supplies to various regions of flood-hit Sri Lanka, reflecting its steadfast commitment to assisting the neighbouring nation in times of crisis during Opera-



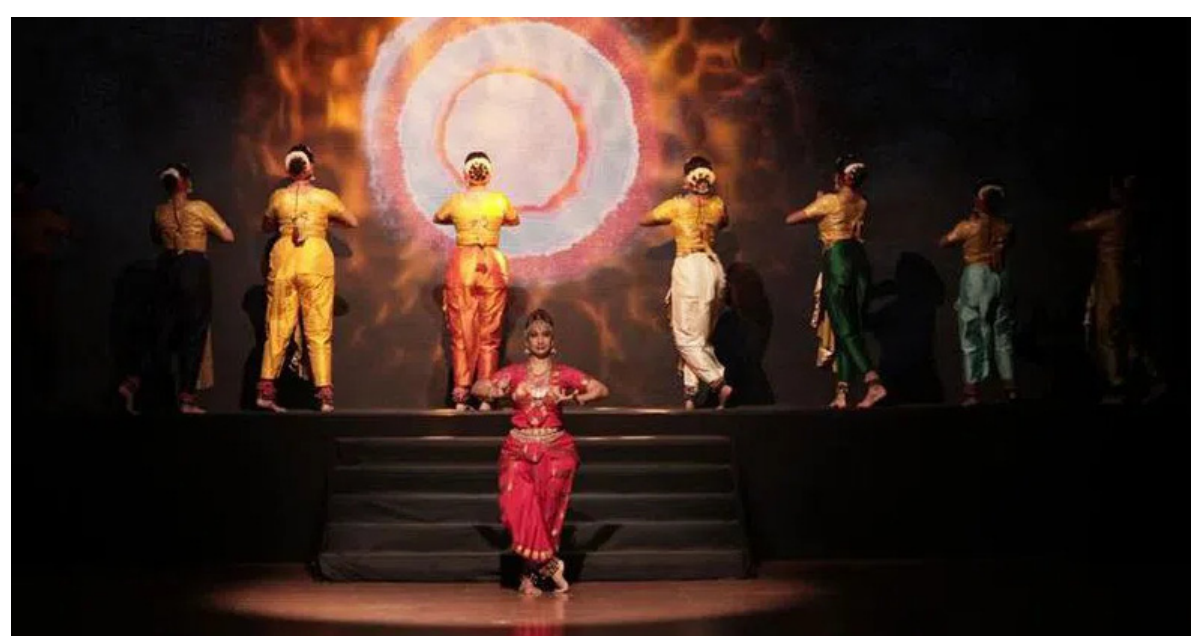
tion Sagar Bandhu. On December 18, India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Santosh Jha, visited the Kolonnawa suburb of Colombo and the Bhaktivedanta Children's Home 'Gokulam' in Wattala - areas that have been severely affected by floods in the wake of Cyclone Dityah. As part of India's continued assistance to the island nation, High Commissioner Jha distributed assistance kits among families in Kolonnawa in coordination with All Ceylon Sufi Spiritual Association and among children of 'Gokulam' at the ISKCON Temple in Colombo, where they have been relocated.

Thailand and Cambodia to resume ceasefire talks after deadly border clashes

Kuala Lumpur: Thailand and Cambodia will resume talks later this week to work toward a more durable ceasefire along their border, Thailand's foreign minister said Monday, stressing that progress depends on detailed bilateral negotiations rather than public declarations that internationalize the dispute. A ceasefire agreement in October was rushed to ensure it could be witnessed by U.S. President Donald Trump and lacked sufficient details to ensure the deal to end the armed conflict would hold, Thai Foreign Minister Sihasak Phuangketkeow said Monday after an Association of Southeast Asian Nations foreign ministers' meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. While Cambodia has publicly said it is ready for an unconditional ceasefire, Bangkok never received any direct proposal and Thailand believed such statements were aimed at increasing international pressure rather than resolving the issue, Sihasak said following the meeting that was arranged to seek ways to end the crisis. The general border committee involving both nations will meet Wednesday to iron out detailed measures toward a lasting ceasefire, he said. "This time, let's thrash out the details and make sure the ceasefire reflect the situation on the ground and the ceasefire is one that really holds, and both sides are going to fully respect the ceasefire," Sihasak told a news conference. The border conflict escalated



into deadly combat two weeks ago and derailed the agreement promoted by Trump, which ended five days of fighting in July. The agreement was brokered by Malaysia and pushed through under pressure from Trump, who threatened to withhold trade privileges unless Thailand and Cambodia agreed. The ceasefire was formalized with more detail at an October regional summit in Malaysia attended by Trump. The fighting has drawn international concern. The U.S. Department of State on Sunday released a statement calling for Thailand and Cambodia to "end hostilities, withdraw heavy weapons, cease emplacement of landmines, and fully implement the Kuala Lumpur Peace Accords, which include mechanisms to accelerate humanitarian demining and address border issues." The fighting is a result of a dispute over patches of territory claimed by both nations along their shared border. The latest round of fighting began Dec. 8, a day after a border skirmish wounded two Thai soldiers.



Editorial

Winter is behind: on the winter session of Parliament, political equations

The winter session of Parliament, which had 15 sittings, witnessed significant and controversial legislative business, along with political grandstanding by the government to mark the 150th anniversary of the national song, Vande Mataram. Ten Bills were introduced and eight were passed by both Houses. Notable Bills that won parliamentary approval include one repealing or amending dozens of outdated laws; another allowing 100% FDI in the insurance sector; one facilitating private sector investment in nuclear power by reducing the liability of suppliers, and, importantly, major changes to the rural employment guarantee scheme, a flagship welfare programme started by the UPA government in 2005. The titles of several Bills, which were in Hindi, caused consternation among Members of Parliament from non-Hindi regions. They pointed to constitutional provisions that require legislation to be drafted in English, with translations made available as required. The insurance Bill is titled Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha, while the rural employment guarantee Bill is called Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), or VB-G RAM G, which became an Act on December 21 with the assent of the President. In the discussion on Vande Mataram, Members spent over 11 hours in the Lok Sabha, with 65 participants, and nearly 13 hours in the Rajya Sabha, with 81 participants. Parliament could instead have passed a unanimous resolution commemorating the song rather than using it as yet another occasion to question the patriotic credentials of political opponents. A heated debate on electoral reforms went on for nearly 13 hours with 62 speakers in the Lok Sabha and for nearly 11 hours with 57 speakers in the Rajya Sabha. This too was a missed opportunity for an open-minded discussion beyond party lines to address the crisis of credibility in Indian elections. The closed-minded approaches of the BJP and the Congress towards questions of election integrity are not helping India's parliamentary democracy. The Opposition sought a discussion on air pollution in Delhi, a massive public health crisis, but the government did not allow it. Bills were rushed through, and the role of parliamentary committees in shaping legislation remains limited, though Question Hour and Zero Hour were more productive. This winter session was far less acrimonious than in the recent past, a fact acknowledged by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge. As a result, Congress representatives accepted the customary invitation for tea by the Lok Sabha Speaker and the Rajya Sabha Chairman at the end of the session.

Soy farmers observe bandh in Adilabad demanding procurement



Adilabad: Farmers observed a day-long bandh demanding the government to procure soy bean across Bela mandal on Monday. Led by different organisations, farmers blocked traffic on Bhela-Maharashtra inter-state highway causing inconvenience to motorists for a while. They raised slogans criticizing the government for showing negligence in purchasing the soy produce from the growers. They withdrew their protest when police advised them to bring their problem to the notice of officials concerned. The growers regretted that they were fac-

ing inconvenience due to delay in procuring the soy bean. They stated that they were forced to pay additional interest to loans availed from money lenders. They said that they shifted the produce at market yards and were waiting for officials to buy the beans.

Meanwhile, commercial establishments voluntarily remained closed and expressed solidarity to the protest of the farmers. The bandh was going off peacefully. Policemen were deployed to prevent untoward incidents in Bela mandal centre, following the protest.

Should you trust PCB or private apps for AQI levels?

Hyderabad: As you wait for the red light to turn green at a busy Hyderabad junction, a quick glance at your car's dashboard or a private AQI app might send your heart racing. But before you panic and frantically roll up your windows because a screen displays an AQI level of 500, experts have a word of advice: breathe easy. There is a high possibility that your car's dashboard or the mobile phone might be utilising private sensors or apps that are not as scientific and accurate as that of the measuring instruments that are maintained by State and Central Pollution Control Board (PCB). Officially, as on Monday, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) recorded Hyderabad's AQI at 102, placing it in the 'moderate' category. In stark contrast, New Delhi recorded an AQI of 377, falling under the 'very poor' category. Despite the official figures, people in Hyderabad, while they commute or even browse, see much higher numbers on their personal devices. Experts familiar with this issue pointed out that a lot of car owners also equip their car interiors with car purifiers and even music systems that come equipped with AQI sensors.

Based on reports and experts from CPCB, such private applications are notorious for being inaccurate because they only measure the air inside the tiny car cabin and not the actual atmosphere.

AQI is capped at 500 in India

Once air quality crosses 400 it becomes severe and any number above that level will continue to be more severe. Whether the AQI level is 400 or 500, the general alert or advisory for the general public will always be 'stay indoors' and it will not change. While Indian authorities have set a cap for AQI measurement, there is no such cap in the United States (US) or Europe. Mobile applications whose soft-



ware is based on Europe and US will tend to display more than 500 AQI levels because of no regulation. Another major reason why AQI levels of PCB are more accurate is the use of high-end measuring equipment. The PCB stations throughout the country monitor AQI levels by utilising Beta Attenuation Monitors (BAMs), which are massive high-end equipment costing anywhere from Rs 20 to Rs 30 lakh. There is so much stress on accuracy that scientists calibrate the machines every month. A similar due-diligence in measuring AQI levels is not present in private mobile apps that are based on low-cost sensors, essentially on laser scattering technology that cost anywhere from Rs 5, 000 to Rs 15, 000. According to reports, such small sensors can be fooled by other major weather parameters like humidity and water vapour, causing them to report massive spikes that usually do not represent the city's AQI levels.

Some important points:

CPCB utilizes the 24-hour moving average of AQI.

Private mobile apps that claim live real-time data are volatile

A private sensor detects a person smokes and its AQI reading can make the entire neighborhood hazardous

Majority of AQI apps installed in air purifiers and sound systems in a car are not trustworthy

Unlike private mobile applications, the CPCB in India has capped AQI levels at 500 avoid panic



Lakhotia College of Design hosts 'Love India 2025' graduation fashion show

Hyderabad: Lakhotia College of Design, with three institutes across Hyderabad at Abids, Banjara Hills and Tarnaka, hosted 'Love India 2025', an annual graduation fashion show at The Amaltas Fort. The annual graduation show featured 18 fashion sequences curated by more than 50 designers of Lakhotia College of Design, highlighting innovative interpretations of India's rich textile and design heritage. The event witnessed the presence of celebrated figures, industry experts, prominent influencers, media personalities, and fashion connoisseurs, making it a significant platform for young designers to showcase their talent on a grand stage. Organised by Lakhotia College of Design, the Graduation Fashion Show 2025 extended beyond the runway, followed by a Royal Ghazal Night, an immersive cultural and fashion experience. Love India 2025 stands as a celebration of youthful creativity, contemporary design, and India's timeless fashion legacy, reinforcing Lakhotia College of Design's commitment to shaping the future of fashion education in India.

Two men hacked to death in Andhra Pradesh

Adigoppula: Two men have been allegedly murdered by a gang using deadly weapons over a previous enmity in Palnadu district, a police official said on Monday. "Sri Ram Murthy and Hanumanthu were allegedly murdered near a temple in Adigoppula late on Sunday by a group led by a local youth over a previous dispute," the official said.

The deceased had a fight with Y Naresh of the village a few days ago and the latter's mother was hit by a stone in the altercation. Hence, Naresh planned and led this attack against the duo, the official said. Along with 10 others, Naresh allegedly attacked Murthy and Hanumanthu with a hunting knife and an iron rod, leading to their instant death, he said. Earlier, the villagers tried to intervene and diffuse the tension between the two sides, but in vain. Naresh and the other accused are absconding. Meanwhile, the police registered a case in this connection, police said.

Three women farm laborers killed, 14 others injured as lorry hits jeep in Mancherial

Mancherial: In a tragic incident, three women farm daily-wage laborers from Maharashtra were killed on the spot, while 14 people sustained injuries when a speeding lorry crashed into a stationary jeep in which they were travelling on Mancherial-Hyderabad state highway at Indaram crossroads early on Monday morning. Police said Meena Latelwar (45), Neelubai Manre (60) and Imlibai Sayyam (45), all from different parts of Chandrapur district sustained serious injuries when the lorry rammed into the jeep

between 3.30 am and 4 am, causing spot death for the three and injuries to 14 people mostly women. The injured laborers also from Maharashtra were shifted to government general hospital in Mancherial town. Twenty-three farm labourers from several places of Maharashtra were proceeding to Karimnagar district at the time of the mishap, carrying rations and their children. They stopped for a brief period at the crossroads for urination by parking the jeep on the roadside. Rash and negligent



driving by the coal-laden lorry driver is suspected to be the cause of the mishap. Migrant laborers of neighboring states are hired by farmers in Telangana considering their high performance and to reduce costs. The laborers camp near

farms and are engaged in harvesting of cotton, plantation of paddy saplings and other activities. A case was registered against Banoth Ramesh, the driver of the lorry from Mahbu babad district. Investigations were taken up.

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Pawan Kalyan to visit Kondagattu on January 3, lay foundation for TTD guest house

Jagtial: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is likely to visit the Kondagattu Anjaneyaswamy temple on January 3 to lay the foundation stone for a Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams guest house and a deeksha mandapam. The TTD is gearing up to construct a guest house with 100 rooms and a deeksha mandapam with a seating capacity of 2,000 at Kondagattu. The proposal was passed with a resolution at a recent meeting of the TTD board.

On Saturday, officials of the TTD engineering department visited Kondagattu and inspected the proposed site for the constructions. It may be recalled that after the alliance government came to power in Andhra Pradesh, Pawan Kalyan visited the Kondagattu temple on June 29 and performed special poojas, as Kondagattu Anjaneyaswamy is his



favoured deity. During the visit, temple authorities and priests informed him that devotees were facing difficulties due to the absence of adequate guest house facilities at the shrine. They submitted a representation requesting the construction of a 100-room guest house and a 2,000-capacity hall through the TTD.

Responding to the request, the Deputy Chief Minister initiated steps for the construction of the guest house and deeksha mandapam.

Engineering student dies by suicide at pvt varsity's hostel in Chhattisgarh

Raigarh: A 20-year-old female student allegedly died by suicide in the hostel of a private university in Chhattisgarh's Raigarh district, police said on Monday. Princy Kumari, a second-year BTech student at OP Jindal University in the Punjipathra area, allegedly hanged herself from a ceiling fan in her hostel room on Saturday, leaving behind a suicide note, an official said. The note, purportedly written by her, read, "Sorry, mummy and papa. I could not live up to your expectations and made you spend a lot of

money." The official said that the death came to light after Princy's family failed to reach her on the phone and contacted the hostel warden, who found her hanging and informed the police. The hostel room was locked from the inside, and the police broke down the door and sent the body for post-mortem, he said. Kumari, a native of Jamshedpur in Jharkhand, was residing at the JIT hostel of the university. A case has been registered, and the exact cause for the extreme step is yet to be ascertained, the official said.

New Year's Eve cruise to offer glimpse of India's lone active volcano

Sri Vijaya Puram: People will be able to enjoy New Year's Eve, witnessing India's only active volcano, with the Andaman and Nicobar administration planning a cruise voyage to the Barren Island. The cruise will depart the Haddo Wharf in Sri Vijaya Puram at 9 pm on December 31, and is scheduled to return by 2 pm on January 1, offering passengers a view of the island in a perfect blend of adventure, celebration, and natural grandeur, an official said. Besides exotic food, there will be music and other fun activities on board MV Swaraj Dweep to celebrate the new year, he said. "This sea voyage will ensure a rare close-up view of the Barren Island, and an unforgettable countdown to the new year under the stars. With a capacity of 1,200 passengers, the cruise has already witnessed an overwhelming public response," he added.

Passengers can opt for multiple travel classes based on comfort and budget preferences, while onboard catering services will be available throughout the journey, the official said. The Directorate of Shipping Services (DSS) will operate the cruise, and tickets can be booked on its website, he said. Ticket prices start at Rs 3,180 per person, and go up to Rs 8,310,



he said. Nearly 140 km away from Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly Port Blair) by sea, Barren Island lies at the junction of the Indian and Burmese tectonic plates. The total area of Barren Island is 8.34 sq km, and the nearest habitation is Swaraj Dweep (Havelock Island) and Narcondam Lookout Post.

Western intelligence suspects Russia is developing new weapon to target Musk's Starlink satellites

Paris: Two NATO-nation intelligence services suspect Russia is developing a new anti-satellite weapon to target Elon Musk's Starlink constellation with destructive orbiting clouds of shrapnel, with the aim of reining in Western space superiority that has helped Ukraine on the battlefield. Intelligence findings say the so-called "zone-effect" weapon would seek to flood Starlink orbits with hundreds of thousands of high-density pellets,

Maoist arms-manufacturing facility busted in Chhattisgarh's Sukma

Sukma: Security forces have destroyed a weapons manufacturing facility operated by Maoists in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district and seized eight rifles and a large cache of materials used in making firearms and explosives, police said on Monday. Based on intelligence inputs, a joint team of the 150th battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and local police busted the illegal weapons-manufacturing unit in the forest hills near Meenagatta village on Sunday, Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavan said. He said that the team recovered eight single-shot rifles, 15 12-bore cartridges, five electric detonators, 30 metres of Cordex wire, 2 kg PEK explosive, 1 kg ANFO (ammonium nitrate fuel oil) explosive, 10 kg ammonium nitrate, eight wireless VHF sets, one welding machine, among other materials, Maoist uniforms and literature. Initial investigations suggest that Naxalites were operating the unit to escalate armed activities in the region, the official said, adding that the vigilance and swift



action of the security forces completely neutralised the facility, inflicting a significant blow to the Maoists. SP Chavan said that as many as 599 Maoists have surrendered, 460 have been arrested, and 71 neutralised in Sukma since January 2024. "The Sukma police are fully committed to maintaining peace and security in Bastar. Operations will continue relentlessly to uproot the Maoists' violent ideology and their supply network," he said.

After Hadi, another Bangladesh student leader shot in head

Dhaka: Unidentified gunmen on Monday shot in the head a second leader of Bangladesh's violent student-led 2004 uprising in the country's southwestern Khulna city, days after the killing of prominent youth leader Sharif Osman Hadi. "The Khulna Division head of NCP (National Citizen Party) and central coordinator of the party's workers front, Muhammad Motaleb Sikdar, was shot a few minutes ago," NCP's joint principal coordinator Mahmuda Mitu said in a Facebook post. Mitu, a doctor, said Sarkar was rushed to Khulna Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. The Kaler Kantha newspaper, quoting hospital sources, said Sarkar was shot on the left side of his head, and he was bleeding profusely when he was brought to the facility, where the doctors started emergency treatment. The attack

came days after Hadi, a prominent leader of the student-led protests last year that led to the ouster of the prime minister Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League government, was shot in the head on December 12 by masked gunmen at an election campaign in central Dhaka's Bijoynagar area. The 32-year-old Inqilab Mancha spokesperson died while undergoing treatment in Singapore on Thursday. Hadi was a candidate for the scheduled February 12 general elections. Interim government of Muhammad Yunus staged a nationwide mourning for Hadi's death on Saturday and said no stone would be left unturned to track down his killers as violence erupted in Dhaka and other major cities afresh over the attack and subsequent death.

Pak's Asim Munir conferred with Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour

Islamabad: Pakistan's Chief of Defence Forces, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, has been awarded Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour, the King Abdulaziz Medal of Excellence. Munir is currently on an official visit to the Kingdom. "Under a Royal Decree issued by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the King Abdulaziz Medal of Excellent Class, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's highest national honour was also conferred upon the Field Marshal," the army said on Monday. The Saudi leadership conveyed its appreciation for Field Marshal Asim Munir's professionalism and strategic outlook, noting his commitment to strengthening the longstanding, brotherly ties between the two countries. Field Marshal Munir expressed gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and the Saudi leadership for the honour, describing it as a



reflection of the enduring bonds between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. He reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to the security, stability, and prosperity of the Kingdom. Munir also called on Prince Khalid bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia, during his official visit to the Kingdom. During the meeting, both sides held discussions on matters of mutual interest, including regional security dynamics, defence and military cooperation, strategic collaboration, and evolving geopolitical challenges.



cluding risks to its own space systems, could steer Moscow away from deploying or using such a weapon, analysts said.

Tollywood Pro League launched: Cinema and cricket unite in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: EBG Group, a fast-growing Indian conglomerate, on Sunday announced the launch of the Tollywood Pro League (TPL)—a premium cricket and entertainment league created exclusively for the Telugu film fraternity. The league was formally unveiled at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC) by veteran film producer Dil Raju, who will also serve as the Honorary Chairman of Tollywood Pro League. The launch event brought together cinema and cricket on one platform, in a structured and professionally governed league format. Legendary Indian cricketers Kapil Dev, Virender Sehwag and Suresh Raina attended the inauguration as chief guests, lending their support to the initiative.

The ceremony was also attended by film personalities Dino Morea, Ashish Vidyarthi and Murali Sharma. The Tollywood Pro League is planned as a six-team, franchise-based league with two seasons annually, combining competitive cricket with fan zones, music, community engagement and high-quality digital content. Featuring celebrities as players and leading producers as team owners, TPL is envisioned to evolve into a marquee sports-entertainment property with strong national visibility. Reinforcing its social commitment, a portion of the league's proceeds will be directed to-



wards welfare initiatives for the film fraternity. Speaking at the launch, Dr. Irfan Khan, Founder and Chairman, EBG Group, said, "The Tollywood Pro League is not just a cricket tournament; it is a cultural movement built on dignity, structure and long-term vision. With TPL, our intent is to create a world-class platform that celebrates the Telugu film fraternity, strengthens unity within the industry and delivers a premium sports and entertainment experience for fans across the country. A defining pillar of the league is Alai Balai—an inclusion-led movement within TPL that ensures representation across every craft of the Telugu film industry." Dil Raju, Honorary Chairman, Tollywood Pro League, said, "TPL is a meaningful initiative that brings our industry together on a common platform. It celebrates every contributor to cinema and creates a sense of pride and unity within the Telugu film fraternity. I am honoured to be associated with a league that combines sport, culture and purpose."

Joshna Chinappa and Veer Chotrani win Western India Squash titles

Mumbai: Top seeds Joshna Chinappa and Veer Chotrani emerged champions in the women's and men's categories respectively, clinching their titles in contrasting fashion at the final of the 80th CCI Western India Squash Tournament at the historic Cricket Club of India (CCI) courts on Sunday. In the women's final, 39-year-old Chinappa lived up to her top billing with a spirited come-from-behind victory over second seed Sanya Vats. After dropping the opening game, the seasoned campaigner raised her intensity to outlast Vats 7-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-5. It was her fifth title at the CCI, having last won in 2007-08. "I have been playing here at the CCI since I was 12 years old and have trained here regularly. Hence, winning here is very special. I feel proud of winning the title," said Chinappa. The



men's final was one-sided as Chotrani outclassed second seed Suraj Chand 11-9, 11-9, 11-2 to lift the crown. It marked his second triumph at the prestigious tournament, having previously won in the 2022-23 season. "I have been practising at this venue since I was seven. The venue is special because of the history attached to it. It is great to be among the great names who have won the tournament," said Chotrani.

Sameer Minhas powers Pakistan to U19 Asia Cup title with 172

Dubai: Sameer Minhas smashed a blistering 113-ball 172 and powered Pakistan to a thumping 191-run win over India to clinch the U19 Men's Asia Cup title at the ICC Academy Ground on Sunday. India, which had an unbeaten campaign so far, suffered its heaviest defeat in terms of runs in Youth ODIs. Pakistan, meanwhile, lifted the U19 Men's Asia Cup trophy for the first time, having shared the 2012 edition with India when the final ended in a tie. Asked to bat first on a pitch that aided strokeplay, Pakistan posted 347/8, with Minhas leading the charge by hitting 17 fours and nine sixes. He shared partnerships of 92 and 137 with Usman Khan (35) and Ahmed Hussain (56). India's bowlers, barring spinner Khilan Patel, struggled to contain Pakistan. The only solace for India was pulling things back in the last 10 overs to keep Pakistan three runs short of 350. In reply, India began brightly, racing to 32 runs in the first two overs. But the chase collapsed after skipper Ayush



Mhatre fell in the third over. Vaibhav Suryavanshi's 10-ball 26 was the only spark before India slipped to 68/5 by the end of the power-play. Despite Deepesh Devendran top scoring with 36, India were bowled out for 156 in 26.2 overs. Pakistan pacer Ali Raza starred with 4-42, while Huzaifa Ahsan took 2-12.

Brief scores: Pakistan U19 347/8 in 50 overs (Sameer Minhas 172, Ahmed Hussain 56; Deepesh Devendran 3-83, Khilan Patel 2-44) beat India U19 156 all out in 26.2 overs (Deepesh Devendran 36, Vaibhav Suryavanshi 26; Ali Raza 4-42, Huzaifa Ahsan 2-12) by 191 runs.

Ajay Devgn-starrer 'Drishyam 3' to release in October 2026

New Delhi: "Drishyam 3", featuring Ajay Devgn, is set to release in theatres on October 2, 2026, the makers announced. Written and directed by Abhishek Pathak, the film is presented by Star Studio 18. It is produced by Alok Jain, Ajit Andhare, Kumar Mangat Pathak and Abhishek.

The film features Ajay in the role of Vijay Salgaonkar, alongside Tabu, Shriya Saran, Ishita Dutta, Rajat Kapoor, and Akshaye Khanna. The makers shared a teaser on Monday as they announced the release date. "#Drishyam3 on #DrishyamDay. Aakhri hissa baaki hai. In cinemas on 2nd October, 2026," read the caption. The story revolves around a cable operator, who uses his knowledge of films to create an elaborate, fool-proof alibi to protect his family after his



daughter accidentally kills a man who was blackmailing her. The first film released in 2015, followed by another installment in 2022. The franchise is a Hindi version remake of Malayalam originals directed by Jeethu Joseph and starring Mohanlal in the role of Georgekutty.

Rashmika Mandanna finds a second job on the sets of 'Cocktail 2'

Mumbai: At the moment, actress Rashmika Mandanna is busy with "Cocktail 2", alongside Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon. It seems like the 'Animal' actress has found her second passion after acting on the set of her next. Rashmika took to the Stories section of her Instagram handle and posted a photo of herself working behind the camera. She was seen giving a goofy expression as she looked into the camera for the still captioned "Shots without actors". Taking a hilarious jibe at her DoP, Rashmika wrote, "My 2nd job is secure..No? @santha_dop (sic)." Rashmika has been treating her InstaFam with various sneak peeks from her shoot diaries for "Cocktail 2". In September, Rashmika posted a few photos from the Italy schedule of the movie. From getting some shut-eye to making goofy faces using her hands, to enjoying the clear Italian sky during a run, to relishing ice cream, Rashmika's time in Italy seemed like all things fun. "Italy - you beauty!!! (Red heart emojis) You have me for a couple of days and I hope amazing memories are created (Red heart emojis) #Cocktail2," Rashmika wrote in the caption. Backed by Dinesh Vijan's Maddock



Films and penned by Luv Ranjan, the details for the plot of the much-anticipated drama have been kept under wraps for now. The director of the movie, Homi Adajania, and Kriti also keep on providing a peek into the behind-the-scenes fun from the shoot of "Cocktail 2". The first instalment in the franchise, "Cocktail" featuring Saif Ali Khan, Deepika Padukone, and Diana Penty, which was also helmed by Homi Adajania reached the audience back in 2012. "Cocktail 2" is expected to get a theatrical release in 2026. Over and above this, Rashmika also has Rawindra Pulle's "Mysaa" waiting to be released. Touted to be an emotional action thriller, the film will show Rashmika as a woman from the Gond community.

Ahan Shetty talks about undergoing military training and gruelling action sequences in 'Border 2'

Mumbai: Ahan Shetty has opened up about undergoing rigorous military training and performing gruelling action sequences for his role in 'Border 2'. He described shooting at NDA Khadakwasla in Pune as physically demanding and deeply transformative. Speaking about training at real military locations, Ahan shared with us, "Shooting at NDA Khadakwasla in Pune wasn't just about capturing authentic visuals - it changed how I approached the entire role. You're training where real officers train. That environment doesn't let you fake anything. Your body, your posture, your intensity - it all has to match the authenticity of the location." "My routine didn't change across locations - Pune, Amritsar, Khopoli, or Mumbai. Non-negotiable: strength training sessions, sports like football and cricket for agility and cardio endurance, and a strict recovery protocol including ice baths, steam, sauna, and red light therapy. Recovery wasn't optional - it was as critical as the training itself. When you're shooting intense combat sequences day after day, your body needs to repair and perform consistently." The 'Tadap' actor added, "Shooting at actual military installations brought



real physical challenges. You're dealing with actual terrain, weather, and the physical demands of tactical sequences. The strength training, the cardio endurance from sports - it all comes together when you're doing combat sequences in 40-degree heat or operating in tactical gear for 12-hour shoot days. In 'Border 2,' Ahan Shetty will be seen essaying the role of a Navy officer. In the first-look poster shared by the makers, the actor was seen amid a war zone, with bloodstains on his face and a steely determination in his eyes. Holding a tank gun, he appeared battle-ready. Directed by Anurag Singh, the upcoming war drama also stars Sunny Deol, Varun Dhawan, Diljit Dosanjh, Medha Rana, Mona Singh, and Sonam Bajwa. Produced by Bhushan Kumar, JP Dutta, and Nidhi Dutta, the film is slated to hit theatres on 23 January 2026.