

Press Note Information about fake website:

The International Press : A fake website, <https://niwr.gov.org>, which claims to be recruiting for the positions of Administration Officer, Sinchpal, and Sinchpal Supervisor under the National Irrigation and Water Resources Board has come to notice of Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti. DoWR, RD &GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti hereby clarifies that the aforesaid

website is fake and no organization titled National Irrigation and Water Resources Board is related to this Department. DoWR, RD &GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti has lodged a complaint regarding the aforesaid fake website at Cybercrime Online portal on 22.06.2023 for further appropriate action. Also, Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has been requested by this Department for blocking the fake website and taking appropriate action against the website's owners.



Donald Trump gets 29-point lead over Ron DeSantis among Republican primary voters in latest NBC poll

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nomination, according to a new national NBC News poll. 51% voters have chosen Trump as their first choice for the Republican primary for president while only 22% chose DeSantis. In the poll, 7% chose Mike Pence, 4% went for Nikki Haley and the rest percentage went to other candidates. Interestingly, in a similar poll by NBC in April 2023, Trump was at 46% while DeSantis was at 31%, the difference between them being 15-points. As per the survey, 64% of Republican primary voters believe that the multiple indictments and investigations against Trump are politically motivated. It is down from 68% in April survey after his indictment in New York for his alleged role in a hush-money case. Moreover, in the poll, nearly half of Republican primary

voters(49%) say that Trump should continue as the party's leader. 21% say that Donald Trump was a good president, but it is time to consider other leaders. 29% say that the Republican Party needs a new leader with better personal behavior and a different approach. The poll took place between June 16 - June 20 after a federal grand jury indicted Trump on criminal charges for mishandling secret documents that were discovered at his Mar-a-Lago residence in 2022. "For the first time in history, a former president has been indicted, and we can't find a marker in this survey that it's had an impact with his standing," said Republican pollster Bill McInturf of Public Opinion Strategies, who conducted this survey with Democratic pollster Jeff Horwitt of Hart Research Associates. "Not only are they sticking with Trump post-federal indictment, there are several signs that his support is growing or others are losing ground, particularly Ron DeSantis," said Horwitt of Republican voters.



After Wagner mutiny, Russia working on bill to regulate private armies: Report



The International Press : The Russian parliament is said to be working on a bill to regulate the activities of private military companies, this two days after Kremlin survived a coup attempt by mercenary Wagner group which called off the rebellion just hundred kilometres away from Moscow. Prigozhin specifically charged defence minister Sergei Shoigu and top army general Valery Gerasimov responsible for the deaths of Wagner fighters. Their feud dating back to a few years, exploded over the ministry's attempt to have the private military contractors sign a contract before July 1. The Wagner boss said Friday that he was ready to find a compromise over the contract but "they have treacherously cheated us". He blamed the ministry of launching "rocket strike on Wagner's rear camps" in which "a huge number of group's comrades got killed."

Prigozhin called off the assault to "avoid bloodshed in Russia" and agreed to go into exile with all charges dropped against him. The world has not heard from the Wagner chief since, who has gone "uncharacteristically quiet." State-owned news agency Sputnik reported that the country's Duma (the Lower House of the Parliament) is working out a bill on the same. The knee-jerk reaction came in response to the mutiny by Yevgeny Prigozhin's military organisation which had overtaken two cities before stopping its advance. Prigozhin accused the Russian defence ministry of carrying out strikes against the group. The events prompted Putin to address the nation, who vowed to crush the rebellion which according to him was "a stab in the back of Russia." The rebellion was later halted after a late-night deal brokered by Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko.

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare signed a MOU with Pixxel Space India Pvt. Limited



The International Press : Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare signed a MOU with Pixxel Space India Pvt. Limited today in the presence of the Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, DA&FW, Pramod Kumar Meherda, Additional Secretary, DA&FW and other senior officers of the Ministry at New Delhi. Shri C. S. Murthy, Director, MNCFC signed the MOU on behalf of Government of India, where as Shri Abhishek Krishnan, Chief of Staff represented M/s Pixxel Space India Pvt. Limited. It aims to develop various geospatial solutions on pro bono basis for the Indian Agriculture Ecosystem using Pixxel's hyperspectral dataset. The project focuses on leveraging sample hyperspectral data from Pixxel's path finder satellites to develop analytics models focused on crop mapping, crop stage discrimination, crop health monitoring, and soil organic carbon assessments. This will enable the Government to develop use cases with hyperspectral data provided by PIXCEL. MNCFC on behalf of the DA&FW will associate with Pixel team for developing and implementing the suitable methodologies. Hyperspectral remote sensing technology includes spectral measurements in narrow wavelength bands by satellites and such measurements offer certain unique indices to monitor and assess health of crops and soils. This is an emerging technology with unique capabilities for monitoring agriculture. Crop health monitoring by detecting the changes in chlorophyll content and canopy moisture status, using hyperspectral data would be beneficial to find crop risk management solutions to farmers. Soil nutrient mapping including soil organic carbon assessments is one of the important applications of hyperspectral technology. The soil reflectance observations measured by the sensors offer more direct, cost-effective datasets to estimate soil organic carbon. This will also help to develop the early detection of crop stress, accurate diagnostics of crop stress due to pest/disease or water using hyper spectral data offer numerous opportunities to strengthen the current advisory system of the Government benefiting to millions of farmers. Secretary, DA&FW expressed that such types of collaboration with young startup company will go a long way for developing innovative geospatial solutions using advanced satellite imaging technology. The new technology will reduce dependence on manual surveys and measurements which are time consuming and prone to errors.

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UTPRERAK will help improve energy efficiency of Indian industry: Union Minister of State for Power Krishan Pal

The International Press : The Ministry of Power, Government of India has set up a dedicated Centre of Excellence to accelerate industry adoption of clean technologies and thus scale up India's contribution to the global energy transition. Named UTPRERAK, short for Unnat Takniki Pradarshan Kendra, the Centre of Excellence to Accelerate Adoption of Energy Efficient Technologies seeks to play a catalytic role in improving energy efficiency of Indian industry. The Centre, named otherwise as Advanced Industrial Technology Demonstration Centre (AITDC), has been set up by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, at the Badarpur, New Delhi campus of the National Power Training Institute (NPTI), Ministry of Power. Shri Krishan Pal inaugurated the Centre at NPTI Badarpur, New Delhi today, June 26, 2023. The Centre is mandated to become the key reference and resource institution on industrial energy-efficient technologies. As its name indicates, the Advanced Industrial Technology Demonstration Centre will demonstrate and showcase energy-efficient technologies in key industry sectors. It will act as an exhibition cum information centre and knowledge repository. It will be a knowledge exchange platform, where best practices from across various key sectors could be diffused among industry professionals through workshops and seminars. More than 10,000 energy professionals are proposed to be trained in next five years. UTPRERAK will also serve as a strategic capacity-building institution and seeks to be a one-stop solution provider for energy professionals from across India for trainings and education in energy efficiency. It is expected to provide intensive training to more than 10,000 energy professionals from the industry and other potential sectors over the next five years. Besides these, the Centre envisages to also provide key inputs for national energy policy formulation, link



education and research in energy-efficient solutions, and develop innovative applied solutions for energy efficiency. "Adoption of Advanced Technologies Key to becoming Developed Nation by 2047". Inaugurating the Unnat Takniki Pradarshan Kendra, the Union Minister of State for Power Krishan Pal underlined the necessity of adoption of advanced technologies in order to help realize the Prime Minister's dream of making India a developed nation by the year 2047. Noting that the government has introduced Production Linked Incentive Schemes in various sectors for this very purpose, the Minister said that the latest technologies are necessary for us to progress and to compete in the global market. "There is a need to manufacture good technology at low cost. UTPRERAK will play an important role in improving energy efficiency of Indian industry; moreover, saving energy will help not just industry, but the nation as well." On the occasion, the Union Minister unveiled the logo of the Centre and released the brochure on the Centre. Check out the brochure here.

"Going to roll out Indian Carbon Market Very Soon" The Power Secretary said that the Centre should play a key role in helping the industry meet emission intensity reduction targets. "India is going to roll out Indian carbon market very soon, the thought is that we will give emission intensity reduction targets to the industry. To enable them to achieve these targets, we need to promote and handhold our industries in the adoption of these new technologies. UTPRERAK is to be seen in the context of this big endeavour." Speaking about the systems needed to make the Centre a success, the Secretary expressed the need for a Steering Committee and an Advisory Body. "To drive value out of the centre, we need to ensure that its facilities are maintained and upgraded continuously. While the Ministry of Power will allocate sufficient funds under the budget for BEE, we need to have a Steering Committee which will meet at the Centre itself, recommend necessary activities and supervise activities so that the centre is maintained well. Second, we need to see how to bring stakeholders together on this platform, so that the core objectives of the centre to disseminate technologies and accelerate their deployment by industry are achieved. Stakeholders include new engineers, energy managers, energy auditors, decision makers and manufacturers of energy efficient technologies. To bring all of them together, we should have an Advisory Body comprising industry and other stakeholders who will guide the centre in how its activities will be taken forward." "Success of Centre should be judged by Rate of Industry Adoption of Energy-Efficient Technologies" The Secretary said that what is most important is knowledge exchange and information sharing at the centre. "The major role would be in interacting with industry and exchanging knowledge so that technologies are deployed. The

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Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports invites nominations for Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2022

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has invited nominations for Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2022. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India confers the National Adventure Awards called "Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award" (TNNA) in order to recognize the achievements of persons associated in the field of adventure and to encourage young people to develop the spirit of endurance, risk-taking, cooperative teamwork and quick, ready and effective reflexes in challenging situations.

The nominations for the TNNA 2022 are being invited through the portal <https://awards.gov.in> from 15th June, 2023 to 14th July, 2023. Guidelines for the award are available at the website of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports at the following URL <https://yas.nic.in/youth-affairs/inviting-nominations-tenzing-norgay-national-adventure-award-2022-15th-june-2023-14th-july>. Any person having excellent performance and having outstanding qualities of leadership, a sense of adventure discipline and continuous achievement

in one particular field of adventure viz. Land, Air or Water (Sea) may apply for the award before the last date i.e. 14th July, 2023 through the above portal.

The award consists of a bronze statuette, a certificate, a blazer with a silken tie/a saree and an award money of Rs. 15 Lakh. The Awards are presented to the winners along with Arjuna Awards by the Government of India.

Usually, One Award is given in four categories namely, Land Adventure, Water (Sea) Adventure, Air Adventure and Life Time Achievement for adventure activities on Land, Sea and Air. Achievements for the last 3 years are considered for the 3 categories namely Land Adventure, Water (Sea) Adventure and for Life Time Achievement award, the achievement of entire career is considered.



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Singhania Commission Auditorium of FICCI, FICCI Federation House. VAdm Sandeep Naithani, Chief of Materiel was the Chief Guest for the conference and delivered the keynote address. The conference provided a unique opportunity for industry / MSME / Startups to interact with

Indian Navy personnel and provided a platform for all stake holders to collectively discuss the indigenisation plans / end requirements of the Indian Navy towards achieving of self-reliance in the defence sector. The dedicated B2B interaction between the Indian Navy and Industry/ MSME / Startups, was held and key

indigenisation requirements of the Navy were discussed as part of 'targeted round table' discussions. The conference promoted indigenisation in congruence with the 'Make in India' vision of the Government of India. More than 100 industries / MSMEs / Startups participated in the conference.

CONTINUATION OF RUNNING OF MALDA TOWN - UDHNA SUMMER SPECIAL



Kolkata, June 26, 2023 : The **International Press :** The Railway authority has decided to continue the service of the 09011/09012 Udhna – Malda Town - Udhna Summer Special train as per its existing path, timings & stoppages. The 09011 Udhna – Malda Town Summer Special will leave Udhna on every Thursday between June 29 & August 31, 2023 (10 trips) and the

09012 Malda Town – Udhna Summer Special will leave Malda town on every Sunday between July 2 & September 3, 2023 (10 trips). Booking of the tickets for extended days of run of the 09012 Malda Town - Udhna Summer special is available through PRS & Internet. In addition to Mail/Express fare, special charges will be realised. Concessional booking is not allowed.

India International Garment Fair must focus on enhancing quality and professionalism in the textile sector: Sh. Goyal



The International Press : Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal said that India is pioneering

sustainable textiles contributing to lesser carbon footprint and promoting circular economy. The Minister said that the Indian textile industry has made a mark in the

world with its innovative and attractive products during his address at the inaugural function of the 69th India International Garment Fair (IIGF) at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh today.

The Minister highlighted that the Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park are being established across 7 states of the country with the objective of promoting India's textile sector in a significant manner. Shri Goyal said that PM MITRA Parks will lead to reduction of logistic costs due to cluster-based approach of manufacturing and production of quality products with appropriate testing facilities. He also said that the locational advantages of the PM MITRA Parks will help the units in these Parks to cater well to domestic demand as well as the exports.

Shri Goyal emphasized that our countrymen deserve the best quality of garments and this should be ensured by all the stakeholders. He encouraged the industry to focus on quality and test their products to comply with quality standards. The Minister also motivated the youth to innovate and develop new technologies to facilitate production of better quality products. He said that the IIGF must focus on enhancing quality and professionalism in the textile sector. Shri Piyush Goyal said that India is actively considering the possibility of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements (CEPAs) and Free Trade Agreements

(FTAs) with various countries. He said that these agreements aim to enhance the market size and facilitate exporters in the thriving Indian textile sector. The Minister said that by entering into these agreements, India aims to tap into new markets, increase exports, and create opportunities for growth in the textile industry. Shri Piyush Goyal applauded the contribution of the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) for organizing the India International Garment Fair and providing an opportunity for enhanced collaboration of the Indian textile industry with the world. The Minister noted the significant role played

by AEPC in serving the textile sector providing livelihood opportunities to crores of people, encouraging new startups and supporting micro and small units in the textile sector. Shri Goyal called for the world's largest Garment fair to be organized in the National Capital Region to strengthen the trade fair ecosystem and engage industry, entrepreneurs, and other stakeholders. Member of Parliament, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Shri Mahesh Sharma, Chairman, AEPC, Shri Narendra Goenka, senior officials and other dignitaries from India and abroad also graced the occasion.

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success of this centre should be judged by the rate at which technologies are deployed in the field. Lastly, once the technologies reach a level of penetration and dissemination, they should be graduated out and we should target new technologies, the Centre should be dynamic, not static." The centre consists of three demo halls for demonstration of technologies for five PAT sectors to begin with, namely Iron & Steel, Cement, Paper, Chlor-Alkali and Textiles. Various energy-efficient technologies such as pre-processing systems for alternative fuels and raw materials, arrangement for feeding alternative fuels and raw materials into the kiln calciner (co-processing) and waste heat recovery systems are displayed in these rooms. The centre also has two lecture halls for training and education activities, such as learning sessions for energy professionals. The centre will also operate as a Regional Hub for conducting Research and Development activities for clean energy technologies in identified sectors (other energy-intensive sectors will be included subsequently). Emerging technologies such as Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage (CCUS) can be tested for the decarbonization of these sectors. When fully functional, it will have state-of-the-art facilities for networking, conferencing, training, and information dissemination on energy-efficient technologies. On the occasion, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed for collaboration between BEE and NPTI. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, Ajay Tewari; DG, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Abhay Bakre; DG, NPTI, Dr. Tripathi Thakur; DGG, BEE, Dr. Ashok Kumar and Economic Advisor, Ministry of Power, Jitesh John were also present at the launch event, besides officers of BEE, NPTI and the media.

KDM opens exclusive store in Kolkata

KDM Jashn reaches Kolkata to take KDM's products to 'Har Ghar' in West Bengal



The International Press : Kolkata, June 26, 2023: Leading lifestyle & mobile accessories brand KDM strengthens its presence in the vibrant state of West Bengal as it opens its exclusive store in Kolkata. The store offers various products under mobile accessories and lifestyle segments ranging from mobile chargers, earphones, speakers,

neckbands and airpods to headphones. KDM as a brand has been established as a leading lifestyle and mobile accessories brand. It has a strong distribution network spread across India that has enhanced its journey of building India's largest and most innovative mobile accessories and lifestyle brand. In a prelude to the opening of the store in

Kolkata, KDM organises a distributors and dealers meet at the JW Marriott, Kolkata for all the channel partners from West Bengal. Speaking on the occasion N D Mali, Founder, KDM said, "As we spread our footprint across the vibrant State of West Bengal, we see huge potential in Kolkata and rest of the West Bengal for our lifestyle and mobile accessories products. Opening of exclusive KDM store and inculcating high spirits in our channel partners, is our endeavour to take KDM's products to 'HAR GAR' in West Bengal. Parvez Alam – Excel Trader is our West Bengal Channel Partner to take our brand to next level in this region." Speaking on the occasion, B H Suthar, Co-Founder, KDM said,

"Kolkata is known for city of joy and KDM is KaroDiKi Marzi, both talks about follow your heart, which gels well with the people of West Bengal. Youth of West Bengal always strives for quality & style, which helps KDM in achieving the vision of HAR GHAR KDM" About the Company: KDM is a leading manufacturer of mobile electronics & accessories products. With the unwavering vision to be a Make in India-Make for World brand, the company provides premium mobile accessories products like earphones, neckbands, wireless speakers, mobile chargers, power banks, etc. at affordable

prices. Headquartered in Mumbai, KDM has a state-of-the-art manufacturing unit in Gujarat. Hailing from a small town in Rajasthan, Chairman and Director N D Mali rose from modest beginnings in 2011 to establish themselves as industry leaders within a decade. KDM was felicitated with 'Rising Brand of the Decade' award at the ZEE



Business Excellence Awards 2021 in the electronics category, recognising its exemplary and ground-breaking performance in the last decade as also the MOBEXX 2021 Award for Most Preferred Mobile Accessories & Gadgets Brand. Besides, Radio City under business title segment has awarded KDM for Quality products.

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The city of Ahmedabad is all set to host the Urban20 (U20) Mayoral Summit on 7-8 July, 2023. This Mayoral Summit is expected to bring together several city leaders and Mayors from across G20 nations. The summit will also be attended by



Sunny Leone confirms Big Boss

It seems like Big Boss OTT season 2 is ready to bring in surprises for audiences this year, as news about Sunny Leone and Mia Khalifa coming to OTT has spread all over social media.



Acquisition cost to be compared with price offered to other countries; Established procurement procedure to be followed

The International Press : National security is the Government's top-most priority and it is committed to protect the sovereignty, unity & integrity of the country. This was stated by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh while addressing a 'National Security Conclave' in Jammu on June 26, 2023. He asserted that India has witnessed a paradigm shift in its security scenario in the last nine years. He pointed out that India's image in 2013-14 was that of a weak nation which allowed its adversaries to create problems, but today the country has the ability to overcome every threat. Elaborating on the blueprint on national security, the Raksha Mantri stated that the Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has been working on four directive principles- to enable the country to deal with threats to its security & sovereignty; to take every action to protect national interests; to create safe conditions within the country to facilitate progress, improve the lives of the people & fulfil their aspirations and to build an environment with friendly countries to tackle global challenges such as terrorism unitedly. Shri Rajnath Singh stated that no stone is being left unturned to equip the military with latest weaponry and modern technology, assuring the Nation that the Armed Forces are fully capable of protecting the borders and the seas. "Our goal is to bring our Armed Forces in the frontline of modern militaries," he said. "Since long time, Pakistan has tried to destabilise peace and harmony in the country through cross-border terrorism. However, when we came to power, we launched an effective action against terrorism. We showed the world the meaning of 'zero tolerance against terrorism'. The bold and first-of-its-kind moves to eliminate terrorists following the Uri and Pulwama incidents are proof of India's 'zero tolerance against terrorism' policy and the unmatched valour of the Armed Forces. Today, most of the countries are moving against terrorism. The joint statement issued after the Prime Minister's meeting with US President Mr Joe Biden is an indication of how India has changed the mindset of the world on the issue of terrorism," the Raksha Mantri said. Shri Rajnath Singh added that the network of terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir has substantially weakened in the last few years as strict and consistent action is being taken. "Terror funding has been curbed. Supply of arms & drugs to terrorists has been stopped. Along with elimination of terrorists, work is being done to dismantle the network of Under Ground workers," he said. On the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir, the Raksha Mantri stated that the decision has connected the people of the Union Territory with the country's mainstream and helped them to usher in a new era of peace & progress. On PoK, Shri Rajnath Singh said, Pakistan does not have a locus standi there as it has illegally occupied the area. The Indian Parliament has unanimously passed at least three resolutions, which state that PoK is a part of India, he said. The Raksha Mantri termed the border situation with China as a matter of perceptual difference, but there are agreements & protocols, based on which the armies of both the countries carry out the patrolling. Referring to the stand-off in East Ladakh in 2020, he said, the Chinese Army ignored the agreed protocols and unilaterally tried to change the status quo on the LAC. He lauded the valour and dedication of the Indian Army which prevented the attempts by PLA to change the status quo. Shri Rajnath Singh reiterated the Government's stand to

resolve the border issue through dialogue and in a peaceful manner. He added that the talks are continuing at military and diplomatic levels to resolve the dispute. He assured the nation that the Government will never compromise on India's border, its honour and self-respect. "We will never let the sanctity of our borders be violated," he added. The Raksha Mantri touched upon the measures taken by the Government to bolster national security, including strengthening border infrastructure and achieving 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence. He listed out a number of steps taken to attain self-reliance, namely notification of positive indigenisation lists and earmarking 75% of defence capital procurement budget for domestic industry in Financial Year 2023-24. "India does not want to depend on imported weapons. Our national security will only strengthen when we become self-reliant in defence manufacturing. Our aim is to 'Make in India, Make for the world'. Our efforts are bearing fruit. Today, we are manufacturing tanks, aircraft carriers, submarines and various kinds of weapons. Defence exports have crossed Rs 16,000 crore from a meagre Rs 900 crore before 2014. The exports will soon touch the Rs 20,000 crore mark," he said. Shri Rajnath Singh also enumerated the structural reforms undertaken by the Government, including the appointment of Chief of Defence Staff and setting up of Department of Military Affairs. He added that the Government continues to move forward and work is being done to set up theatre commands, which will be another revolutionary reform. The Raksha Mantri also shed light on the transformed image of India on the global stage under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He stated that today the world keenly listens to India on international forums due to the Prime Minister's credibility on the global stage. Shri Rajnath Singh underlined the importance of coordination with major world powers, such as the US & Russia, to protect India's security interests in this globalised world. He stated that India and US are being seen as natural allies and their strategic partnership is being further cemented. The Raksha Mantri added that India-US defence cooperation has grown rapidly with the expansion of military-to-military engagements, information sharing and cooperation in the fields of Artificial Intelligence, cyber, space and mutual logistics support. He termed the Prime Minister's recent visit to the US as a landmark event, which ushered the bilateral defence cooperation in a new era. Shri Rajnath Singh called for integrated and united response to deal with global threats & challenges. "India is a major regional power. Therefore, it is important for us to align our security concerns with other countries in our extended neighbourhood," he said. Shri Rajnath Singh mentioned about the General Electric (GE) Aerospace-Hindustan Aeronautics Limited deal to co-produce F-414 fighter jet engines in India. "With this deal, we will become the fourth country to manufacture jet engines. Tejas aircraft will be fitted with these Made in India engines," he said. Rejecting speculative reports on the price and other terms of purchase of MQ-9B drones from the US, the Raksha Mantri stated that the Ministry of Defence will compare the acquisition cost of the drones with the best price General Atomics (GA) offered to other countries. He added that the acquisition will be made only by following the established procurement procedure.

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Besides the deliberations among Mayors, one of the highlights of the upcoming Mayoral Summit will be four thematic sessions focusing on U20 priorities. More than 20 Mayors from across the world and about 25 Mayors from Indian cities will share the stage and share their experiences of their respective city level actions and initiatives. Six white papers focusing on the six U20 priorities will also be released in these sessions by the dignitaries. Another exclusive session for Mayors will be a round table on climate finance led by U20 Conveners, UCLG and C40 and the cities of Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo and Ahmedabad. Spotlight sessions are scheduled during the Summit to focus on aspects of urban resilience, city readiness for investments, inclusion, circular economy and data driven governance, showcasing the

research and works being undertaken by organizations in various cities across India and the world. The key outcome of any U20 Mayoral Summit is the handover of the U20 Communiqué by the attending Mayors to the G20 leaders. The U20 Communiqué is an action-oriented collaboratively prepared document that brings to the fore the role that cities can play in taking forward G20 agenda and

includes recommendations and endorsements from a number of cities. The event will also host an exhibition showcasing India's urban story, especially city level successes, notable projects and innovative initiatives. There will also be a screening of select films to help raise awareness about the multifaceted impacts of climate change on urban areas and vice versa. As part of the Mayoral Summit,

participating Mayors and delegates would also be taken for city excursions to Ahmedabad's historic streets and monuments and introduced to the city's vibrant culture. Mayors will also be planting trees at the U20 Udyan and visit the Sabarmati Ashram. A number of cultural programmes and experiences have been planned for the guests, showcasing Gujarat's and India's rich cultural heritage on the whole.

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CINEMA From Kareena to Malaika and Shilpa Shetty: Bollywood celebrities mark Yoga Day

The International Press : International Yoga Day is celebrated on June 21. The day aims to raise awareness about the various physical, mental and spiritual benefits of practising yoga. The theme of International Yoga Day 2023 is "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", which rightfully captures the sentiment of "One Earth, One Family, and One Future". On the occasion, Bollywood celebrities, including Malaika Arora, Kareena Kapoor and Shilpa Shetty, have shared special messages on social media. Malaika Arora, who is known for her fitness videos, said that yoga occupies a special place in her regime. To mark the day, Malaika has shared a video of herself. She is seen performing the asanas. According to Malaika, yoga is "quieting the mind,

calming the nerves, accepting yourself, developing strength, growth and love among other things". Kareena Kapoor has shared an adorable post to celebrate the day. In the photo, Kareena's husband, actor Saif Ali Khan and their younger son Jeh Ali Khan are performing plank poses on a yoga mat. "It all starts on the mat...Heal...Inspire... Love. Happy International Yoga Day," Kareena wrote in the caption. Kareena Kapoor's elder sister, Karisma Kapoor, too shared her Yoga Day photo. Shilpa Shetty, who has always encouraged fans to make yoga and meditation a part of their lives, posted a video of herself performing the Vrksasana. "A spark of a smile can spread the fire of happiness around us. But to be able to do so, one needs to

be happy within...Make yoga a part of your lives too, for a healthy mind, body, and soul. As they say, a healthy person is a happy person. Wishing everyone a Happy and healthy yoga day. Atmanamaste," the text attached to the post read. As per actress Nimrat Kaur, "Yoga is the music which makes the mind, body and soul dance to one tune." For actress Rakul Preet Singh, "Yoga is a balance of life... a connection of mind, body and soul, a feeling of being one with the consciousness... yoga is a way of life!" She has also extended yoga day wishes to fans and penned a thank you note for her yoga instructor. "A big thankyouuuuuuu always for Anshuka Yoga for guiding me through this path of enlightenment," she added.



Raima in Vivek's 'The Vaccine War'

The International Press : Excitement soars as Raima Sen becomes the latest addition to Vivek Agnihotri's highly anticipated film, "The Vaccine War." The director recently took to social media to announce the star-studded cast, which now includes the talented Raima Sen alongside Nana Patekar and Sapthami Gowda. The film is currently in production. In an interview with Hindustan Times, Raima Sen expressed her enthusiasm for this opportunity. While some may consider it a Bollywood comeback for her, the versatile actor clarified, "It won't be a Bollywood comeback as such. It may be a film (comeback), yes. But, last year my show 'Mai' was released on Netflix. I've also done a show for Amazon Prime Video this year, which is yet to be released." Raima admitted that "The Vaccine War" will mark her comeback in a full-length Hindi film. Her career in

Bollywood began with the critically acclaimed "Godmother," and she went on to showcase her talent in films like "Daman," "Fun2sh... Dudes in the 10th Century," "Parineeta," "Dus," and "Honeymoon Travels Pvt Ltd," among others. She also gained recognition in Bengali cinema, particularly with the success of Rituparno Ghosh's "Chokher Bali," where she shared the screen with Aishwarya Rai. "The Vaccine War" aims to delve into the world of Indian bio-scientists and their revolutionary vaccines that played a crucial role in combating the 2020 pandemic. The film pays tribute to the unwavering dedication of scientists, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who stood tall during the unprecedented challenges posed by the Covid-19 outbreak in India. The film will be released on October 24.



Sunny Leone confirms Big Boss

The International Press : It seems like Big Boss OTT season 2 is ready to bring in surprises for audiences this year, as news about Sunny Leone and Mia Khalifa coming to OTT has spread all over social media. Sunny Leone has confirmed that she will be returning to Big Boss OTT season 2. She also revealed that she is not taking part as a contestant, and that she is set to play an interesting

role in the show. There are also reports that Mia Khalifa will appear as a wild card contestant in the show, along with Shilpa Shetty's husband Raj Kundra. The makers have approached both the contestants but no official confirmation has been released by them. The news of Mia's participation in the show has set the social media on frenzy as fans are eager to find out the official confirmation. It's worth mentioning that the reality program has a history of shocking viewers with its candidates, as shown with Sunny Leone's appearance on "Bigg Boss 5." Leone's appearance on the show catapulted her to worldwide recognition, opening doors to numerous opportunities in reality shows and Bollywood films. She recently made her debut at the renowned Cannes Film Festival with her film "Kennedy."



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Manchester City captain Ilkay Gundogan to join Barcelona on free transfer



The International Press : Ilkay Gundogan, the current captain of Manchester City, is set to leave the club and make a move to Barcelona on a free transfer as his contract expires at the end of this month. While Manchester City had offered Gundogan a new contract, it is believed that he has negotiated a more lucrative three-year deal with the Spanish champions. Gundogan, aged 32, played a vital role in Manchester City's

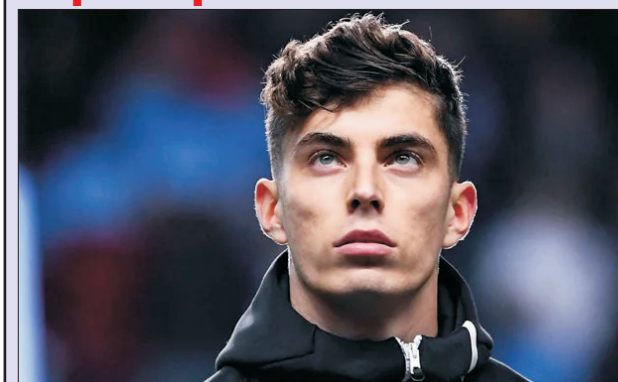
successful season, which saw them achieve an impressive treble. Throughout the 2022-23 campaign, the German midfielder featured in 51 matches and scored 11 goals. His influence became particularly evident in the closing weeks of the season, as he netted six goals in the final seven games, including a memorable brace in the FA Cup final victory over Manchester United. Notably, Gundogan played the entire 90 minutes in the Champions League final,

where Manchester City emerged triumphant with a 1-0 win against Inter Milan. This triumph, coupled with their Premier League and FA Cup triumphs, further solidified Gundogan's status as a key contributor to the team's success. Pep Guardiola, the manager of Manchester City, expressed his desire to retain Gundogan, emphasising his significance to the squad. Earlier this month, Guardiola mentioned that the club's director, Txiki

Begiristain, was actively working on securing Gundogan's stay, hoping for a positive outcome. Having joined Manchester City from Borussia Dortmund in 2016 for a reported fee of £20 million, Gundogan has made an indelible impact. With 304 appearances and 60 goals to his name, he has been an instrumental figure in Manchester City's trophy-laden era, clinching a total of 14 titles, including five Premier League championships, one

Champions League trophy, two FA Cups, four Carabao Cups, and two Community Shields. For the 2022-23 season, Gundogan was bestowed with the captain's armband following the departure of Brazilian midfielder Fernandinho, further solidifying his leadership and importance within the squad. Now, his imminent move to Barcelona marks the end of an illustrious chapter with Manchester City and opens up a new chapter in his career with the Spanish giants.

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The International Press : Arsenal have agreed on a deal in principle to sign the Chelsea's attacker Kai Havertz, as reported by The Athletic on Wednesday. The fee for the German's transfer would be around £65 million. Havertz, 24, who joined the English club in 2020, runs out of his contract in 2025 and has reportedly told the club he has no desire to renew his deal. Arsenal's boss Mikel Arteta is big fan of the club and is convinced that the German has the required potential to perform at the highest level under his system. In order to avoid losing him for free, Chelsea are listening to offers that would make him leave the club with the club getting the money. Chelsea's new boss, Mauricio Pochettino wants to revamp his entire forward line and has just started the process by selling the German midfielder. Havertz cemented his name in the history books of the club when he scored a winning goal in the 2021 UEFA Champions League (final) against Manchester City and helped Chelsea lift the title for the second time in the club's history at the Estadio do Dragao in Porto, Portugal.

However, despite having a very good start with the club, the German struggled to perform consistently as he only scored 32 goals in 139 appearances with the Blues. He won three trophies with Chelsea, UCL and UEFA Super Cup in 2021 and FIFA Club World Cup in 2022. He failed to win a domestic accolade in three years. Earlier on Tuesday, Chelsea announced the signing of the French forward Christopher Nkunku from RB Leipzig. Nkunku, 25, struck a six-year deal with the Blues which will keep him at the club till 2029. The 25-year-old was the Bundesliga's top-scorer last season having scored 16 goals in 25 matches. He also scored in the German Cup final this month helping his team win the competition for two consecutive years. Before his stint at the German club, Nkunku played for the French powerhouse Paris Saint Germain (PSG) for four years where he won the Ligue 1 title three and the French Cup two times. It must be noted that Real Madrid wanted to sign the German attacker but they backed out of the club after the price tag Chelsea put on the 24-year-old.

Verstappen wins pole in Canada on wet track as he chases Senna in win column



The International Press : Max Verstappen won the 25th pole of his career and moved one step closer to tying the late Ayrton Senna for Formula One victories as the two-time reigning world champion overcame wet conditions in Saturday qualifying at the Canadian Grand Prix. Verstappen, who has won five of seven races this season, will lead the field to green Sunday as he attempts to win his 44th career race. It would tie him with Senna for fifth on F1's all-time winners list. Rain in Montreal hampered most of Saturday at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, and although the track was only slightly slick at the start of qualifying, it was absolutely pouring by the pole-deciding third session. The 10 drivers who advanced into the round tried to get a clean lap down, but Oscar Piastri of McLaren crashed and Alex Albon of Williams didn't get on track. Most of the drivers returned to their garages with time still on the clock.

"I like driving in the wet. I come from Holland and we are used to driving in the wet," said Verstappen, who competes under the Dutch flag. "I feel in general it helps if you're confident in the wet. It's sort of a feeling, knowing how to drive it, what lines to take and it is difficult to fully explain," Verstappen said. "It's something you've been learning since you were little kids. I remember back in the karting days, my dad was standing on the track telling me where to drive in the wet because I think back in the day he was also quite good in the wet. So I think it's just learning and understanding yourself what is going on and what you have to do and how to drive fast in the wet."

N'Golo Kante completes Ittihad signing, joins Karim Benzema in Jeddah



RIYADH: The International Press : French superstar N'Golo Kante has completed his transfer to Saudi side Al-Ittihad, the club announce early on Wednesday, and joins fellow Frenchman Karim Benzema in Jeddah. The team made fun of rumors around the deal being scuttled by medical issues in a video skit on Twitter, showing the midfielder failing his medical before breaking the good news to fans. "One time I told you are the best box-to-box player in the world," Benzema said in a video clip conversation with Kante, "now I am happy to play with you again, and of course, in the best team in Saudi." Kante replied: "I am pleased to play with you — the best player

in the world — and I am very excited to play with the Tigers in Al-Jawhara (the team's home stadium)". The club released photos of a smiling Kante holding up the club's iconic black and yellow jersey bearing his name and the number 7. Reports earlier this month said the agreement was being held up by medical checks on the player, who has a history of injuries. The 32 year-old's contract with Chelsea is due to end this month. He missed six months of action for the London side with a hamstring problem this past season. The diminutive defensive midfielder who is renowned for his boundless energy helped France win a

World Cup in Russia in 2018. He was also instrumental in Leicester City's fairytale Premier League win in 2016. He went on to win it again with Chelsea the following year. Kante is expected to bring some of that box-to-box energy for the league winners Ittihad next season. Earlier this month, Ittihad completed the signing of Ballon d'Or-winner Benzema after his years of success with Real Madrid. This follows Al-Nasr's groundbreaking signing of Portuguese legend Cristiano Ronaldo in December. The Kingdom's top domestic competition, The Saudi Pro League, is undergoing renewed interest as some of the biggest names in the game sign for local teams.

England confront selection dilemmas to add to the pain of nail-biting Ashes loss



The International Press : Losing the opening match of the series in a final-day nail-biter isn't England's only concern at the start of the Ashes. In fact, issues already are mounting for captain Ben Stokes. Stokes himself came into the series with lots of scrutiny about the state of his left knee — and he only bowled seven overs in a desperate bid to win the match for England late in the fourth innings at Edgbaston. Indeed, he barely celebrated dismissing Australia opener Usman Khawaja. Is the knee still affecting him? Moeen Ali, the replacement for injured spinner Jack Leach, has a problem now, too, because of a blister on

his spinning finger that led to him dropping out of England's attack at times in both innings. Then there are a couple of selection dilemmas that have cropped up. Jimmy Anderson, England's most successful bowler of all time, had a poor test by his standards and wasn't trusted with the new ball in those key final overs Tuesday as Australia squeezed out a two-wicket win. Will taking only one wicket in two innings at Edgbaston lead to the 40-year-old Anderson getting dropped for next week's second test at Lord's, with the likes of Mark Wood, Chris Woakes and newcomer Josh Tongue as options? There might also be a conversation to be had about the wicketkeeper,

too, after a couple of dropped catches and a missed stumping by Jonny Bairstow proved costly. Bairstow was recalled after injury and replaced Ben Foakes, a specialist behind the stumps, in the team. Might there be room for both, with Bairstow playing as an out-and-out batter? That's plenty of things for Stokes to ponder while he attempts to get over an agonizing loss that puts England in a tough position in the series. The English must win it to regain the Ashes because a drawn series would see Australia retain the urn. Stokes' team, then, must go on the attack to win at least two tests. That fits England's new approach just fine. "The way in which we

applied ourselves, literally from ball one, proves we are able to stand up to Australia in the way in which we want to play," Stokes said. "There was a big question before coming to the series about how we are able to still continue with the style of play against such a good Australian team. Even though we were on the wrong end of the result, I think it proves we literally went toe-to-toe throughout the whole game against Australia. We have four games left and that's what we're going to be concentrating on." Former England captain Nasser Hussain has questioned whether "Bazball" — as England's new style has been labeled — was the optimal way to play in the Ashes.

"It was crazy, the changing conditions are tricky. It was wet to dry to back to wet, so you have to readjust all the time," Hülkenberg said. "Obviously this comes a bit unexpected, but obviously very happy and proud to do this." Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin was third and believes if it rains Sunday, he has a shot at challenging Verstappen. "We have a chance to put some pressure," Alonso said. "They have had it very easy winning and hopefully (Sunday) they have to push." Red Bull is a perfect 7 for 7 so far this season, with Sergio Perez winning the two races that Verstappen did not. The Red Bull dominance has been jarring because of the massive margin of victory race after race. Asked what kind of pressure Alonso planned to put on Red Bull, he said: "Two seconds behind them. Not 20 seconds behind them." He also noted that Perez and Charles Leclerc starting in the back should help other teams challenge Verstappen. Mercedes teammates Lewis Hamilton and George Russell qualified fourth and fifth, and were followed by Esteban Ocon of Alpine and Lando Norris of McLaren. Carlos Sainz Jr. of Ferrari was eighth but summoned to the stewards after the session for "unnecessarily impeding" Pierre Gasly during qualifying. Gasly was livid over his radio at Sainz for most of qualifying. Charles Leclerc qualified 11th for Ferrari and was disappointed in team strategy for the changing weather conditions. "This time it wasn't hard to read that it was a dry track," Leclerc said. "I said that on the out lap. I don't know why stayed with intermediates (tires) on a dry track. We went on slicks when it started to rain. It was supposed to be an easy session, so I don't agree with the team." Perez of Red Bull will start 12th.