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Narendra Modi takes stock of Varanasi floods

Varanasi/New Delhi, Sept 4: In view of the worsening flood situation in Varanasi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday spoke to Mayor Ashok Tiwari and District Magistrate Satyendra Kumar to take stock of the situation in the city and review the ongoing response to the rising water levels. During the conversation, the Prime Minister was briefed about the relief and rescue measures being undertaken by the district administration to deal with the flood situation. He directed officials to ensure people do not face any inconvenience amid the rising water levels and disruption in several parts of the city. PM Modi is the Lok Sabha MP from the Varanasi constituency and has maintained close contact with the local administration regarding developments in the city. He also reviewed the facilities being provided to people in relief camps and directed that all necessary facilities be made available to flood-affected individuals immediately. Instructions were issued to make immediate arrangements should additional relief supplies be required. Directives were given to provide relief on a war footing while continuously monitoring the flood situation and relief operations. Earlier on Wednesday, River Ganga's water level crossed the warning mark. The district administration suspended all boat operations and stepped up monitoring of flood-affected areas. According to data from the Central Water Commission, the water level of the Ganga in Varanasi was recorded at 70.29 metres, which is above the warning level of 70.26 metres. The rise in the river's water level has increased concerns in low-lying areas and locations close to the ghats. The danger level of the Ganga in Varanasi has been fixed at 71.26 metres, while the highest flood level has been recorded at 73.90 metres. In view of the prevailing flood conditions, the administration has suspended all boat operations in the Ganga River as a precautionary measure. Officials have also appealed to devotees, residents and visitors to avoid going towards the ghats and refrain from entering areas where strong currents are present.



Shadab FSSAI licence suspended in Hyderabad crackdown



New Delhi, Sept 3: Major food safety crackdown in Hyderabad: TG SAFE suspends hotel Shadab licence, shuts down unlicensed outlets HYDERABAD — In a sweeping crackdown on urban culinary establishments, food safety enforcement has intensified across the city following two distinct rounds of raids that exposed widespread hygiene lapses and regulatory violations in major eateries. The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) has taken strict administrative action, shuttering unlicensed outlets, seizing adulterated ingredients, and suspending the operational license of iconic establishments like Hotel

Shadab, highlighting a persistent issue of food safety non-compliance in Hyderabad. The enforcement push reached a high point on September 2 when nine joint teams comprising food safety officers and police personnel raided 19 cafes and snack outlets across various neighborhoods. The special drives resulted in the immediate closure of Dreamz Cafeteria in Bagh Lingampally and Asiatic Cafe in Punjagutta, both found operating entirely without valid FSSAI licences or registrations. The crackdown also severely impacted the renowned Hotel Shadab at Madina Circle, where inspectors ordered an immediate halt to operations and

suspended its FSSAI licence due to severe failures in basic sanitation, hygiene, and the unsafe storage and handling of meat products. Despite clear instructions from regulatory authorities to suspend all activities, the landmark hotel reportedly continued serving customers into the night on September 2, raising further concerns over compliance enforcement. Across the 19 establishments inspected in the September drive, officers documented systematic negligence. Kitchens were found littered with open garbage bins next to preparation areas, food handlers lacked basic headgear, and unlabelled or expired ingredients were routinely stored for service. Severe cockroach and housefly infestations were recorded at several sites, prompting officials to destroy perishable foods exposed to pests on the spot. Suspected adulterated stock—including batches of tea powder, ginger-garlic paste, and biscuits—was seized, while 15 samples were dispatched to laboratories for formal chemical analysis. TG SAFE confirmed that show-cause notices were served to five outlets, including Hotel Shadab, Dreams Cafeteria, Asiatic Cafe, Golden Cafe, and Mirosa Cafe and Kitchen. Additionally, 12 popular venues, including Nimrah Cafe and Bakery, Bahar Biryani Cafe, Blue Sea Tea and Snacks, and Diamond Point Hotel, received formal improvement notices with mandatory re-inspections scheduled to ensure corrective compliance.

ED searches premises linked to 'Ganja Queen' Neetu Bai in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, Sept 4: The Enforcement Directorate ED on Thursday conducted searches at multiple premises linked to alleged ganja racket kingpin Neetu Bai in Hyderabad. Officials of the ED were conducting searches at various premises at nine locations allegedly linked to Neetu Bai, notorious as 'Ganja Queen'. The searches are reported to be part of a money-laundering probe arising from cases registered by Telangana's Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE) and the Prohibition and Excise Department against her and her associates. The ED searches are a part of enforcement action being carried out by the Central agency across the country in narcotics cases under the Nasha Mukht Bharat campaign. In Hyderabad, the ED focused on Neetu Bai, who is shown as absconding in multiple cases registered by Cyberabad Narcotics Police Station of EAGLE.

SC slams BCI directives against NALSAR as "bad in law"

New Delhi, Sept 4: The Supreme Court of India on Thursday ruled that directives issued by Bar Council of India (BCI) Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra targeting students and faculty of the NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, were bad in law and completely without legal authority. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi, and Justice V. Mohana explicitly declared that neither the BCI nor any State Bar Council possesses statutory jurisdiction to take disciplinary action against law students. Addressing a writ petition filed by NALSAR alumni Mihira Sood and Abhishek Tiwari, the apex court formally struck down the BCI Chairman's controversial August 13 communications, which had sought to bar the enrollment of NALSAR's 2026 graduating batch and initiate an inquiry over a campaign against the CJI. The court made absolute its earlier interim order protecting the university's students and faculty from any punitive actions by regulatory bar bodies. Dictating the order, the bench affirmed that under the Advocates Act, 1961, the BCI's disciplinary mandate arises only after a law graduate formally registers as an advocate. For current law students, exclusive disciplinary authority rests solely with their parent academic institutions or the prescribed regulatory bodies governing those universities. The court stressed that the Advocates Act confers no express or implied power upon the regulatory bar to police or punish students before their formal registration. During the proceedings, Senior Advocate K. Parameshwar, representing the petitioners,



argued that even though the BCI Chairman withdrew the directions shortly after issuing them due to public backlash, judicial intervention remained essential to establish institutional accountability. He stressed that the issue transcended individual conduct, touching upon the fundamental rights to free speech and expression across an entire university campus. Parameshwar questioned how a statutory body regulating legal education could arbitrarily attempt to block an entire graduating class without clear legal provisions or internal meetings. In response, Senior Advocate Mishra maintained that the council had recalled the letters within an hour of issuance and considered the matter resolved.

Priority is maximum convenience and facilities at Ram temple: Pandey



Ayodhya, Sept 4: Newly appointed member of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust Madan Mohan Pandey expressed gratitude to the temple authorities for bestowing him with an opportunity to serve the Lord and its Ayodhya abode. Outlining his responsibility in the new role, the Trust member said that the first and foremost priority for him is to provide convenience and facilities for all the devotees at the temple. The Ram Temple Trust on Wednesday appointed Air Marshal (Retd) Jeetendra Mishra as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the temple body. It also elevated Swami Govind Dev Giri as the General Secretary and appointed Mahesh Bhagchandka, Madan Mohan Pandey, and Nirmala Yadav as the new trustees, filling three vacant positions within the temple body. Speaking to IANS a day after his appointment, Pandey said: "Our priority will be to look after the convenience of devotees who come to offer prayers at the temple." "After being inducted into the Trust, we will work towards the upliftment of the Ram Temple, as much as possible," he added. Madan Mohan Pandey, an advocate by profession, recalled that he has been associated with the Ram Janmabhoomi movement from the beginning itself. He said: "I have been associated with this struggle from the very beginning, but the actual 'vakalat-nama' was filed in 1994, on behalf of Mahant Paramhans Ramchandra Das. Later, I kept appearing in the High Court and Supreme Court on behalf of the legal team for Ram Lalla Virajman." "Finally the Supreme Court delivered the verdict in our favour," he added. Meanwhile, upon his arrival in Ayodhya on Thursday, newly appointed CEO of the Ram Temple Trust, Air Marshal (Retd) Jeetendra Mishra said he was grateful for the opportunity to serve Lord Ram and contribute to the administration and organisation of the temple. Speaking to reporters, Mishra said he would need some time to formally take over the new responsibility before sharing his detailed plans for the temple administration. "I have reached Ayodhya for the first time after being given this responsibility. Give me some time to take over. I will share the complete plan with you... I have already said that I am thankful to the selection committee, the trust and Lord Ram's blessings," he said. The former IAF officer, who had served during Operation Sindoor, added: "My heart is filled with gratitude. I consider myself the most fortunate person today to have been given this responsibility twice in my life, once to serve the nation and now to serve Lord Ram, the temple and its devotees through its organisation and administration."

Mohan reviews states' preparedness to deal with floods

New Delhi, Sept 4: Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan on Thursday reviewed the preparedness of Himalayan States/UTs against the risks posed by glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) and snow avalanches, similar to those that recently ravaged Nepal. Chairing a meeting in New Delhi with officials from hill states, Mohan emphasised the need for continuous and proactive monitoring of vulnerable glacial lakes and avalanche-prone areas, particularly during periods of heightened risk, said a statement.

Seers, leaders slam Pakistan for 100-year old Hindu temple demolition

New Delhi, Sept 4: Hindu seers and leaders across the political spectrum on Thursday lashed out at Pakistan following the demolition of an over-a-century-old Hindu temple in the country's Punjab province, allegedly for the expansion of a madrasa, while calling for respect for places of worship across the world. Condemning the act, Shankaracharya Swami Adhokshajian said whether a temple is newly built or 100 years old, demolishing it is an insult to the deity. He urged for diplomatic pressure on Pakistan, saying: "All places of worship across the country should be respected." Peethadheeshwar of Tapasvi Chhavani Jagat Guru Paramhans

Acharya issued a warning to Pakistan, saying: "Hindus are being constantly targeted in Pakistan, their faith is being crushed, and temples are demolished... if this temple is not rebuilt, Pakistan will be wiped off the map of the world." Echoing a similar view, Congress MP Imran Masood said: "Demolishing a place of worship anywhere is sad. It is unconstitutional to destroy the religious places which were built even before partition." Congress leader Udit Raj referred to Pakistan as a "failed" and "theocratic" state. "The religious minorities are not safe there. Christians have disappeared; Sikhs have also migrated... Hindus keep coming from there. So,

it is a failed state; there is no democracy there," he told IANS. Samajwadi Party leader Udayveer Singh also backed the strong objection raised by the Indian government against the demolition of the temple. BJP spokesperson Pratul Shah Deo said the situation of minorities in Pakistan is not hidden from the world. He told IANS: "In order to expand a madrasa, a century-old temple was ordered to be demolished despite people protesting against it. Often there are news reports of Hindu girls being forcefully converted and married off, despite Pakistan claiming to give protection to minorities, on international platforms."

Surekha sacked from cabinet after public rift with CM

Hyderabad Sept 4: — Telangana Endowments Minister Konda Surekha faces imminent removal from the state Cabinet following a dramatic fallout with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the Congress central leadership. The crisis, sparked by corruption allegations and political remarks made by Surekha's daughter Sushmita against the Chief Minister, has escalated into an open confrontation that threatens party cohesion in the state. The controversy deepened after Surekha met AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi to address the issue, only to launch public criticisms against party leadership immediately afterward.

Veteran Gujarati singer Gaurang Vyas passes away

Ahmedabad, Sept 4: Veteran Gujarati musician, composer and singer Gaurang Vyas passed away in Ahmedabad on Thursday. He was 87. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi paid their heartfelt tributes. Vyas was the son of celebrated composer and Padma Shri awardee Avinash Vyas and was a prominent figure in Gujarati cinema, folk music and sugam sangeet. He died in Ahmedabad, where his final journey is scheduled to begin from his residence near Hirabaug Crossings in Ambawadi. PM Modi, in a post on social media platform X, said he was deeply saddened by Vyas's death.

EDITORIAL

stop treating food adulteration as minor crime

In India, the act of sitting down to a daily meal has quietly turned into a high-stakes gamble with long-term consequences. Official testing reveals that nearly one in every five food samples evaluated across the country fails to meet safety or quality standards. From milk stretched with detergent, urea, and starch to spices laden with synthetic dyes and lead chromate, and edible oil blended with cheap industrial substitutes, food adulteration has evolved far beyond petty cheating. It has transformed into a pervasive, highly organized public health crisis that compromises human organs, triggers early cancers, and undermines the physical wellbeing of future generations. The recent national outrage surrounding the supply of sub-standard ghee for the iconic Tirupati laddus laid bare the sheer vulnerability of India's food supply chain. Yet, despite routine raids, periodic media furor, and thousands of unsafe food samples flagged annually by regulatory bodies, the practice continues completely unabated. The reason for this persistence is stark: in India, poisoning millions of citizens for commercial profit remains a low-risk, remarkably high-reward enterprise. The core of this systemic failure does not lie in an absence of quality benchmarks, but in an abysmal penal framework paired with crippling institutional paralysis. Under the Food Safety and Standards Act of 2006, along with relevant sections of the criminal code, the vast majority of food adulteration offenses are treated with astonishing lightness. Most non-conforming samples lead merely to civil proceedings that conclude with tiny, symbolic fines. For largescale adulterators and corrupt supply chains, these monetary penalties are viewed not as a deterrent, but as a minor operational expense required to do business. Even on the rare occasions when criminal proceedings are initiated, the actual convictions tell a grim story of impunity. Out of tens of thousands of unsafe samples detected nationwide each year, criminal convictions are secured in only a fraction of cases, yielding an effective conviction rate well below five percent. Compounding this statutory weakness is a severe enforcement deficiency across the country. State food safety departments suffer from deep structural shortages, leaving key inspector posts vacant even in heavily populated regions. When legal processes drag on for over a decade in clogged lower courts and the ultimate penalty for distributing toxic ingredients across an entire state is a brief slap on the wrist, the law completely loses its capacity to intimidate or deter. A look at neighboring countries demonstrates how vastly different the legal response can be when public health is prioritized. Both China and Bangladesh recognize food adulteration not as a mere commercial infraction, but as a direct assault on human life and national security. Following the devastating 2008 melamine-tainted milk scandal, which killed infants and sickened hundreds of thousands across the country, China drastically overhauled its legal framework.

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Aryna Sabalenka powers into the third round of US Open in just 53 minutes

Carlos Alcaraz recovers after dropping the first set to reach third round

New York, Sept 4: Aryna Sabalenka came to the U.S. Open struggling and in danger of losing the No. 1 ranking. She heads to the third round looking every bit ready for a threepeat. The top-seeded Sabalenka overwhelmed Polina Iatcenko 6-1, 6-1 in 53 minutes on Wednesday night, putting on a power-hitting display that made it seem her recent problems are in the past. "Happy with the level I played today, happy with the focus and happy to be through this match," Sabalenka said. A number of players have only finished one match. Another rainy afternoon in New York suspended play for a time on outside courts, allowing action only under the roofs in Arthur Ashe Stadium and Louis Armstrong Stadium to continue uninterrupted. So the players scheduled there avoided the starts and stops that others faced. Jessica Pegula was one, needing only 56 minutes to defeat Sofia Kenin

6-3, 6-1. Kenin, the 2020 Australian Open champion, beat Venus Williams in her first match. "To be out of there in under an hour, it doesn't always happen," Pegula said. "So I think I'm just going to take that one and run, I guess, until the next round." No. 8 seed Ben Shelton followed Pegula on Ashe and beat Hubert Hurkacz 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 7-5, while No. 7 Daniil Medvedev raced past Sebastian Gorzny - except for a brief delay to protest the chair umpire's decision to replay a point when two birds sat on the net - 6-3, 6-3, 7-5. Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz followed Sabalenka on Ashe. Sabalenka was struggling but now feels Sabalenka is trying to become the first player to win three in a row in Flushing Meadows since Serena Williams from 2012-14, but arrived after losing in the fourth round of her past three tournaments. She needs help to stay atop the WTA rankings even if

she wins the title. She won 15 of 16 points on first serve in the first set and only dropped off a little in the second, finishing 21 for 28 in the match, against an opponent who is playing in her first Grand Slam tournament. "I think I struggled a little bit in the middle of the season. Once again, I'm not going to defend myself or explain why, what happened, but I'm happy with my level," Sabalenka said. "I can definitely say that mentally I'm way stronger than I was in the middle of the season, and physically I also feel stronger. So I feel like I'm on my level of play." A three-day first round stretches into a fourth. When the U.S. Open switched to a Sunday start last year, it spread out the first round over the first three days, so Wednesday would have arrived with everyone playing in the second round had the weather cooperated.

'Dhoni has ruled out continuing as Impact Player'

New Delhi, Sept 4: Mahendra Singh Dhoni has told former Chennai Super Kings batter Subramaniam Badrinath that he does not intend to continue as an Impact Player, adding another twist to the uncertainty surrounding his participation in the 2027 Indian Premier League. The Impact Player rule could potentially have offered the veteran wicketkeeper-batter a way to prolong his IPL career further by reducing his workload, but Dhoni has made it clear that he wants to remain a full-time wicketkeeper if he continues playing. Badrinath, however, feels the Impact Player role could actually suit Dhoni at this stage of his career, considering his limited involvement with the bat and the physical demands of keeping wickets for 20 overs. "He has personally told me that he won't play as an Impact Player. He sees himself as a full-time keeper, and that means he has to be on the field for the full 20 overs. So he won't play as an Impact Player, but I feel if he does, it'll tactically benefit CSK. His body cannot withstand long durations, which even Fleming has said. He is only going to bat after the 16th over and keep wickets. When his participation is so less, he would be ideal as an Impact Player," Badrinath said on his YouTube channel.

BCCI to restructure workload protocols to combat rising player injuries

Mumbai, Sept 4: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will seek better scheduling in the next Future Tours Programme (FTP) and strengthen player rehabilitation protocols to reduce injuries caused by an increasing workload of international and franchise cricket, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said on Thursday. The issue of frequent injuries has become a major concern after several players, including Hardik Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar and B. Sai Sudharsan, missed recent tours due to injuries. Bumrah, Sundar, Reddy and Harshit Rana have also been named in the upcoming T20I squad against Afghanistan, subject to fitness. Speaking after a review meeting at BCCI headquarters, Saikia said the heavy playing schedule was taking a toll on players. He pointed out that several members of the Indian ODI squad in England had suffered injuries after playing nearly two months of IPL cricket. The meeting, attended by Test

and ODI captain Shubman Gill, T20I captain Shreyas Iyer and head coach Gautam Gambhir, reviewed existing return-to-play protocols. It was decided that injured players would have to complete the required rehabilitation and fitness clearance before being allowed to return to international cricket. Saikia clarified that no individual player or selection case was discussed. Feedback from the captains and head coach was taken to formulate a broader strategy for preventing injuries during international and bilateral matches. He also rejected reports of communication prob-

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Thursday quashed speculation regarding veteran opener Rohit Sharma's ODI future, insisting his form remains top-class following a high-level performance review meeting conducted at its headquarters in Mumbai. BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia clarified that the former captain's spot remains secure after the board convened to analyse recent overseas tours and map out strategies leading up to the 2027 ODI World Cup. India's T20I captain Shreyas Iyer, Test and ODI skipper Shubman Gill, head coach Gautam Gambhir, and Centre of Excellence (CoE) head VVS Laxman attended the crucial review meeting. They were joined by top BCCI officials - President Mithun Manhas, Secretary Saikia, Joint Secretary Prabhat Singh Bhatia and interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Hemang Amin. "He is playing superbly in all matches. So what more do you want? In the last match, he scored 138-148 runs. So why is there a speculation? So, I do not want to give fodder for the speculators," Saikia told reporters at the conclusion of the meeting.

lems between the national team and the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru. According to him, coordination among the BCCI, Team India staff, coaches and CoE personnel remained strong. On the vacant head of sports science post at the CoE, Saikia said the absence of the specialist was not affecting operations. Around 16 professionals are currently handling fitness, rehabilitation and prehabilitation work, while a highly qualified specialist is being searched for globally. Saikia said the BCCI would also work on improving the FTP for both men's and women's teams. Its scheduling personnel have been instructed to ensure adequate rest for players and provide acclimatisation opportunities, including practice matches, before major series in SENA countries. He said the excessive number of matches remained the biggest challenge and measures would be taken in the next FTP to reduce the workload on players. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has ruled out any logistical concerns regarding player accommodations and facilities for the upcoming Asian Games.

China Masters: Satwik-Chirag rally past Popov brothers to reach QF



Shenzhen, Sept 4: Indian pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty delivered a strong performance to defeat France's Christo Popov and Toma Junior Popov 21-17, 22-24, 21-9, booking their place in the quarter-finals of the China Masters on Thursday.

The Indian pair, who had entered the tournament as the fourth seeds, recovered well after letting the second game slip and dominated the decider to secure a comfortable victory over the French brothers. Satwik and Chirag finished the match with 64 points, compared with the Popov brothers' 50. The Indians also won nine game points, while the French pair managed two. The opening game was closely fought early on, but Satwik and Chirag gradually gained control and held their nerve in the closing exchanges to win it 21-17.

Srikanth stuns Lai, Tanvi loses

Shezhen, Sept 4: Veteran Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth stunned world No. 9 Victor Lai of Canada in straight games to enter the men's singles quarterfinals of the China Masters Super 750 badminton tournament here on Thursday. The 33-year-old Srikanth, who had reached the US Open Super 300 final earlier this year, rallied his way to notch up an upset 21-18 21-19 win over Lai, who won his second World Championships bronze in New Delhi last month. A former world No. 1 and 2021 World Championships silver-medallist, Srikanth will face Hong Kong's Lee Cheuk Yiu in his next match. In women's singles, Tanvi Sharma, who won the Taipei Open World Tour Super 300 title recently, showed gumption to fight but imploded at the back end to go down 17-21 21-18 16-21 to world No. 9 Tomoka Miyazaki of Japan in the second round.

Sumona, Ritesh qualify for national DAV Sports meet

Jamshedpur, Sept 4: The two-day DAV State-Level Athletics and Squash Competition, jointly hosted by DAV NIT Campus, Adityapur, and DAV Bistupur, concluded on Wednesday. The events were held at the JRD Tata Sports Complex and Gopal Maidan, with athletes from 64 DAV schools across 10 clusters participating. Competitions were conducted in Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19 categories for boys and girls. Sumona Isha Mandal of DAV Bistupur won gold medals in the Under-19 100m and 200m events and qualified for the national-level competition. Ritesh Pradhan of DAV NIT Campus secured gold in the

Under-19 shot put and also qualified for the national level. Cluster 4 dominated the running and jumping events, while Clusters 6 and 9 performed strongly in throwing events. The best performance in squash was delivered by players from DAV Bachra, Chatra. At the closing ceremony, winners were presented medals and trophies by Principal and State Sports Coordinator Pragya Singh. She stressed the importance of sports participation and expressed hope that the winners would perform well at the national level. Principals Shashikala, Sujay Kumar Mishra, Madhavi Pandey and Vivekananda Ghosh were also present.



Duleep Trophy final: Rahul, Padikkal, Siraj asked to play

New Delhi, Sept 4: Veteran opener KL Rahul, Sri Lanka series hero Devdutt Padikkal and seasoned pacer Mohammed Siraj have been asked to play the Duleep Trophy final for South Zone against East Zone starting September 6 in Chennai. It is understood that participation of South Zone skipper Tilak Varma, rising sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and keeper Ishan Kishan, all of whom are in India's T20I team, will depend on approval from Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir. "Rahul, Padikkal and Siraj do not have any competitive cricket right now. The national selectors want any India player who is available should play the Duleep Trophy final. The trio played last on August 27. The next they will play is September 27 against West Indies in the ODIs. "Now Padikkal is not a part of ODIs

so he might play India A series. But Duleep final if there is a chance, they should play," a BCCI source privy to the development told PTI on conditions of anonymity. In the case of Sooryavanshi, Kishan and Tilak, it will be coach Gambhir's prerogative. "The Indian team will assemble in Delhi on either September 9 or 10. If head coach wants all three to report as per T20I team's itinerary, then the trio can't play. But if head coach wants them to play the final and report to Delhi on September 10 late evening, they can also do that," the source added. Even as the mystery surrounding his impending extension remains after he was excused from the all-important BCCI review meeting due to family commitments, chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar will be in Chennai to watch the Duleep Trophy final.

Pak team being criticised by those who never achieved anything: Naqvi

Karachi, Sept 4: Livid with the criticism that Pakistan's cricket team has faced after its heavy Test losses to England, PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi said the side is being lambasted by those "who have never achieved anything in their lives". Speaking to the media in London, Naqvi cited other teams' losses to weaker opponents, including India's recent T20 defeats at the hands of Ireland, to assert that a few setbacks do not define an outfit. Naqvi and the Pakistan Cricket Board came under fire after they decided to replace seven players in the touring squad in England and with mostly young names. Pakistan are trailing 0-2 in the three-match series. Clearly irritated by the criticism from all quarters, Naqvi, who is also Pakistan's Interior Minister, said it was unfair to claim that the country's cricket is at its worst right now. "You used to be ranked eighth in ODIs, which has now gone up to fifth. You have had six ODI series, out of which you have won four, but still, our cricket is finished?" he said.

Asian Games: Yashvir replaces Neeraj; Tejas, Abhishek out as AFI names 77 athletes

Ludhiana, Sept 4: Commonwealth Games bronze medallist javelin thrower Yashvir Singh has replaced injured Neeraj Chopra in the Indian athletics team for the upcoming Asian Games in Japan, while long distance runner Abhishek Pal has been dropped after he was served notice for an alleged doping offence by the NADA. Athletics Federation of India (AFI) on Thursday announced a 77-member Indian track and field team for the September 19-October 4 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games at a press conference in Ludhiana which is hosting the National Youth Championships. Men's 110m hurdler Tejas Shirse has also been omitted from the team after he sustained an injury during the recent Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. "We have brought in Yashvir who is a CWG medal winner in place of Neeraj Chopra who is currently injured. It was an injury replacement



and so there was no problem (in Yashvir coming in)," AFI President Bahadur Singh Sagoo said. "Long distance runner Abhishek Pal has been dropped because of the issues he is facing. So this is the final team for the Asian Games," he added. Last month, Abhishek was served notice by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) after his dope sample was found to contain a female fertility drug which the officials said was "below threshold level". "It's not a case of (Abhishek) returning dope positive. The presence of the substance is below threshold level. NADA is currently undergoing investigation.

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Demi Moore shares unseen pictures from daughter Tallulah's wedding

Los Angeles, Aug 17: Hollywood actress Demi Moore has shared a heartwarming note for her daughter Tallulah Willis as the latter tied the knot with Justin Acee. On Monday, the actress took to her Instagram, and shared a series of pictures from the wedding ceremony of her daughter. She also penned a long note in the caption, and shared that her heart is full watching the union of her daughter with Justin. She wrote, "There are moments in life that feel almost too beautiful to be real, and watching my Tallulah become a bride, surrounded by so much love, was one of them." She further mentioned, "My heart is full of memories and gratitude as I watch you step into this beautiful new chapter. Tallulah, seeing you so radiant and so deeply loved filled my heart with a feeling I'll carry forever."



May your life together be filled with adventure, laughter, and a love that only grows richer with time. I love you so much my heart is bursting". Rumer and Tallulah are two of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore's three daughters, with Scout Willis between them. Rumer is the eldest, and is an actress and singer, while Tallulah, the youngest, has explored acting, fashion and creative work. The sisters have remained close and frequently support one another publicly. Earlier, Rumer took to her Instagram, and shared a series of pictures from the wedding ceremony. The pictures capture the festivities, preparation and some heartwarming moments. The actress also penned a long note in the caption, as she celebrated her sister's union with Justin. She wrote, "MY BABY GIRL @buuski IS MARRIED!!! To say it was the best wedding I have ever been to is not an understatement and while I realize I may be biased. It was extraordinary full of love, whimsy heart so much Magic and perfect perfectly Tallulah and Justin. What an absolute gift to share in such an incredible day with the people that I love most."

James Wan promises raw terror in 'Insidious: Out of the Further'



Mumbai, Aug 19: Filmmaker James Wan says the next installment titled "Insidious: Out of the Further" will go deeper into the supernatural world as the "Further" begins to physically spill into the real world. James Wan, who directed the first two films in the franchise, says "Insidious: Out of the Further" takes the ideas, um, further than ever before. "The Further is now leaking - escaping into our real world," he said in a statement. James added: "That's something we've never seen to this extent. We've seen premonitions or glimpses of the Further bleeding into our world, but never

to the extent where they take physical form." With Insidious: Out of the Further taking the franchise in previously unexplored directions, Wan loves the idea that new directors can bring those fresh ideas. He enjoys the process creating a franchise such as Saw, The Conjuring, Insidious, and other stories. "I say to all my directors that come and play in these franchises, 'Here is the sandbox. Stay within the sandbox, but within it, do whatever you want,'" he said. For Wan, that idea fits right in with everything he loves about the horror genre. "The reason a lot of filmmakers re-

ally love playing in this particular playground is that horror allows us to say a lot of things we can't otherwise say with other films," says Wan. "We can make social commentary on the world, talk about the political climate. We can disguise it as a metaphor, an analogy. But people aren't offended by it because at the end of the day it's a scary movie—it's supposed to confront you and offend you." "Insidious: Out of the Further" follows Gemma, a young mother raising her daughter in the house she grew up in who discovers she can travel into The Further, the purgatorial realm of lost souls at the heart of the Insidious universe. When something evil comes after her, Gemma discovers an ability that changes everything, she doesn't just enter The Further, she can bring what lives there back to the real world. Once the demons realize her power, our world becomes their playground. The film will have Lin Shaye reprise her iconic role as Elise Rainier. It is set to release on August 21 in English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.

Kim Kardashian shares photos with Lewis Hamilton from 'somewhere over the rainbow'

Mumbai, Aug 19: Reality TV star Kim Kardashian shared a peek into her holiday with beau Lewis Hamilton and her family from a picturesque tropical locale. Kim shared a handful of images on her Instagram, where Kim and Hamilton were seen walking on the beach as they held each other. Another picture had the couple posing for a mirror selfie. They also posed for a selfie with Kim's sister Khloé Kardashian.

Other pictures and clips had children True, Tatum, Chicago, Saint and Psalm trying their hands in surfing alongside Kim. "Somewhere over the rainbow," Kim wrote as the caption. Kim and Hamilton, who were longtime friends, were first linked on New Year's Eve at Kate Hudson's star-studded celebration in Aspen. It was in January, when it was reported that Kim jetted to the UK for a romantic weekend with Hamilton. In February, cameras caught them sitting side



by side at the Super Bowl in California. The two were seen in Japan next, where the reality star was on a family vacation with her four children, sister Khloé, and niece True Thompson. Kim first gained media attention in 2007 following the unauthorized release of a sex tape with American singer Ray J. Afterwards, she and her family began to appear on the reality television series Keeping Up with the Kardashians. Its success led to the formation of several spin-offs before its revival as The Kardashians, as part of her and her family's multi-year deal with the streaming service. Kardashian founded her beauty and fragrance company in 2017. She then founded the shaping underwear and foundation garment company in 2019.

Cynthia Erivo to 'sweet sister' Ariana Grande on sharing stage: Will never forget this night



Mumbai, Aug 19: Actress Cynthia Erivo shared a note for singer-actress Ariana Grande, whom she lovingly called her "sweet sister", after the duo reunited on stage to perform two songs that hold a special place in their lives. Tagging Grande as her "favorite person to sing with," Erivo said the memorable night was a reminder of their love for music and their fans. Erivo shared a string of video clips from the two performing together on Instagram, where she thanked Grande for inviting her to share the singer's stage, singing 2 songs that represent such a massive part of their lives. "Ari, my sweet sister, my favorite person to sing with. Thank you for inviting me to share your stage, singing 2 songs that

represent such a massive part of our lives. This is what we do it for, for the love of the work and for all of the fans. I missed this. We missed this," she wrote as the caption. Erivo added: "And I wish I had more words, but to put it simply, I will never forget this night. Like a handprint on my heart. All my love, Cynthia." Grande and Erivo performed 'For Good', followed by 'Get Happy/Happy Days Are Here Again' from their "Wicked" journey, where Grande plays Glinda and Erivo plays Elphaba. Wicked is a musical fantasy film directed by Jon M. Chu and written by Winnie Holzman and Dana Fox. It adapts the first act of the 2003 stage musical by Stephen Schwartz and Holzman, which was loosely based on Gregory Maguire's 1995 novel, a re-imagining of L. Frank Baum's 1900 novel The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and its 1939 film adaptation. Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande star as Elphaba Thropp and Glinda Upland, respectively, while Jonathan Bailey, Ethan Slater, Bowen Yang, Peter Dinklage, Michelle Yeoh, and Jeff Goldblum appear in supporting roles.

Prithviraj-starrer Khalifa's makers reveal Malvika Sharma's character in film

Chennai, Aug 19: The makers of director Vysakh, who is directing the eagerly awaited revenge thriller 'Khalifa', featuring actor Prithviraj in the lead, on Tuesday revealed actress Malvika Sharma's look and disclosed that she played a character called Fiza in the film. Taking to his social media timelines to share Malvika's first look poster from the film, actor Prithviraj wrote, "Malvika Sharma as Fiza. @MalvikaSharma Official Character Poster #12. AUGUST 20 — WORLDWIDE." The makers have already revealed that actress Mohini plays a character called Noorjahan while Kyraa Vasudevan plays Vyshanavi in the film, which will have Master Nafash playing Rushin. Actor Shammi Thilakan plays a character called Raghavan in the film that will have Shine Varghese appearing as Sudhip. For the unaware, the unit of the film had wrapped up its shooting in June this year. The 'Khalifa' unit had gone to Dubai earlier this year to shoot some important sequences in the film.



Mumbai, Aug 19: Robin Williams' children Zak, Zelda and Cody have honoured the late star as he marks what would have been his 75th year, reflecting on his extraordinary legacy and the joy his work continues to bring to audiences worldwide. His children Zak, Zelda, and Cody Williams shared a note on Instagram,

which read: "As we recognize what would be our Dad's 75th year, we're grateful to see new generations discovering his work while longtime fans continue to celebrate the joy he brought into their lives." In the note the late stars' children want to ensure that his legacy is preserved online with authenticity, warmth and care, cre-

Coco Jones gets nervous 'playing new songs' for husband Donovan Mitchell



Mumbai, Aug 19: Singer-songwriter Coco Jones shared a video of herself serenading to her newlywed

playing in the background, before the video ends with the couple sharing a sweet kiss. "I still get

husband Donovan Mitchell, and said that she gets nervous "playing new songs" for him. Coco shared a video of herself and Mitchell relaxing by the poolside. In the clip, the singer is seen singing along to a song

nervous playing new songs for him," Coco, who first appeared on the competition series Radio Disney's Next Big Thing, wrote as the caption. On August 15, Coco shared a glimpse of her wedding with Donovan Mitchell. She took to her Instagram and dropped a series of pictures and videos from her wedding ceremony.

In the pictures, the couple can be seen celebrating their union with a kiss as they are surrounded by their loved ones. The Grammy-winning singer-actress also penned a long note in the caption.

Late Robin Williams' children honour his legacy on his 75th year: He continues to inspire us

ating a safe space for fans to remember and celebrate him. "As technology evolves, we want this to be a safe, trusted place where the stories, photos, videos, and memories shared reflect his legacy with authenticity, warmth, and care," the note read. It concluded: "This is our way of sharing his unique talent and humor with the world, including the moments that made us and so many of you laugh, as we remember our Dad's extraordinary life and work. He continues to inspire us and delight people all over the world. Zak, Zelda, and Cody Williams." One of the greatest stars of Hollywood, Robin Williams was known for his improvisational skills. He created a niche in the drama and comedy films. The late star received numerous accolades including an Academy Award, two Primetime Emmy Awards,

and six Golden Globe Awards, as well as five Grammy Awards and two Screen Actors Guild Awards. He was awarded the Cecil B. DeMille Award in 2005. It was in 2014, that Robin Williams passed away. He was declared as suicide by hanging amid Lewy body dementia (LBD) and other associated factors. His acclaimed dramas include The World According to Garp, Moscow on the Hudson, Awakenings, and World's Greatest Dad, as well as the psychological thrillers Insomnia and One Hour Photo. His feature film comedies and family films included Hook, Toys, Mrs. Doubtfire, Jumanji, The Birdcage, Jack, Flubber, Patch Adams, RV, and the Night at the Museum series. He provided voice work in the animated films Aladdin, Robots, Happy Feet, and Happy Feet Two.

Kevin Hart, wife Eniko Hart recreate 10 year old photos in nostalgic throwback

Mumbai, Aug

19 Actor-comedian Kevin Hart has shared a few then-and-now pictures with his wife, Eniko, as they recreated moments from a decade ago. Kevin took to Instagram to share photos of himself and his wife, Eniko. The couple recreated moments from 10 years ago at the same picturesque location where they are currently holidaying. "Back down memory lane.... Came across some photos from 10yrs ago and decided to recreate them #Harts #AgingLikeFineWine," he wrote as the caption. The couple are currently on a holiday as they have completed 10 years of marital bliss. Hart was first married to Torrell Skipper in 2003, and they filed for divorce in 2010 after citing irreconcilable differences. The divorce was finalized in November 2011. It was in 2014 that Hart became engaged to Eniko Parrish. They were married in California in 2016. Their first child was born in 2017. They reconciled and had a second child together, a daughter born in 2020. On the acting front, Hart will next be seen in the new installment of the Jumanji franchise is titled 'Jumanji: The Open World'.

