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> Washington, Nov 7 (The Capital News): Eminent Indian Americans have welcomed the reelection of Donald Trump

> as the 47th president of the United States and

> assured to work with him

on issues of importance in the US-India

ties. "Congratulations

to President Donald

Trump on his decisive

victory. We are in a

golden age of American

innovation and are

committed to working

with his administration

to help bring benefits

to everyone," Google

CEO Sundar Pichai

said on Wednesday.

The American people

have spoken, former



Lancet study linking deaths to air pollution not absolute: Pollution control board tells NGT



Joe Biden gets blamed by Harris allies for vice president's resounding loss

IN BRIEF



PV Sindhu launches badminton academy in Vizag

Visakhapatna: Ace badminton pla yer PV Sindhu inau gurated the PV Sin dhu Center for Bad minton and Sports Excellence on Thur sday, marking a ma jor step toward dev eloping young spo rts talent. Sharing her excitement on social media, Sind hu expressed her goal (Cont.on P2)



Celebration of Bharat Scouts and Guides at Raj Bhavan

Vijayawada: Go vernor of Andhra Pradesh and Preside nt of Bharat Scouts and Guides S. Abd ul Nazeer has partic ipated as Chief Gue st in the 75th Found ation Day and Flag Day celebrations he ld at Raj Bhavan he re on Thursday. Spe aking on the occasion, Governor Abd ul Nazeer has said that (Cont.on P2)



Lanka Dinakar visits Ramesh hos pital's real-time tele **ICU** facility

Vijayawada: Lan ka Dinakar who is the chairman of the 20 point formula co mmittee visited the Real Time Tele ICU Facility for Cardiac patients at Ramesh hospitals on Thursd ay in Vijayawada. On this occasion, chairman of the Ra mesh hospitals expl ained (Cont.on P2)



JD Vance's victory historic, a Telugu woman will serve as US Second Lady for first time: Andhra CM

Amaravati, Nov 6 (The Capital News) Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrab abu Naidu on Wednes day hailed US Vice President elect-JD Vance's victory in the presidential election as a historic moment as it will catapult a woman of Telugu heritage, Usha Chilukuri Vance, as the Second Lady of

the United States. Usha is the wife of JD Vance and her family's ancestral village Vadluru is located near famous Godavari town Tanuku in the lush green West Godavari district, about 35 km from district headquarters Bhimavaram. With the Trump-Vance victory on Wednesday, Usha, 38, is set to become (Cont.on P3)



YSRCP boycotts MLC elections in citing law and order concerns

Vijayawada: Nov 7 (The Capital News): YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has declared a boycott of the upcoming MLC elections in Krishna-Guntur and East and West Godavari districts, citing concerns over law and order. The YSRCP stated that the deteriorating situation across Andhra Pradesh prevents fair and peaceful elections, accusing the ruling TDP government of targeting opposition leaders and stifling dissent. The party claimed that YSRCP leaders and activists are being treated like "terrorists," alleging that police have been given free rein to arrest (Cont.on P2)



New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday asserted that he was not "anti-business" as being projected by the BJP but was "anti-monopoly" and "anti-creating oligopolies". His remarks came a day after he penned an opinion

piece in The Indian Express in which he said the original East India Company wound up over 150 years ago but the raw fear it then generated is back with a new breed of monopolists having taken its place. Gandhi, however, had asserted that a "new deal for progressive Indian business is an idea (Cont.on P2)

Indian Americans welcome Trump's re-election



"Congratulations to

President Trump on a

strong win. Now, it's

time for the American

people to come togeth-

er, pray for our coun-

try, and start the process

of a peaceful transi-

tion," she said. "That

begins with Kamala

Harris conceding. You

in a campaign, you have to show it regardless of the outcome," Haley said. Former Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal called it a great day for America. "Let's take a moment to celebrate. Then begins the hard work to get our country back on (Cont.on P3)



Sexual harassment cases can't be dismissed on compromise : SC

New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News): The Supreme Court has declared that a sexual harassment case cannot be dismissed solely because the accused reaches a reconciliation with the complainant's family. Overturning a previous Rajasthan High Court judgment, the apex court emphasized

that compromise between parties does not warrant the cancellation of such serious cases. The case, which originated in Gangapur City, Rajasthan, in 2022, involved a minor Dalit girl who lodged a complaint against her government school teacher, alleging sexual harassment. Charges were (Cont.on P2)

I'm not anti-business, I'm anti-monopoly: Rahul Gandhi

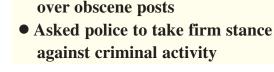


No YSRCP activist will be spared if women are targeted: CM Chandrababu Amaravati, Nov 7 CM warns social media activists

(The Capital News): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu issued a stern warning to social media activists associated with the YSR Congress Party, stressing that no one will be spared if they cross the line, especially when it involves inappropriate posts targeting women. He emphasized that criminals, regardless of their affiliation, will not be let off lightly. During his visit to the Amaravati region on Thursday, CM Naidu inaugurated a new electricity sub-centre

in Thallayapalem vil-

lage, Tulluru mandal.





Addressing a gathering, he condemned the rising trend of offensive social media posts, specifically mentioning how his family and the daughters of Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan had

been targeted with objectionable content. Naidu expressed his disappointment over the emotional toll this has taken on Pawan Kalyan and warned that (Cont.on P2)

SC orders liquidation of grounded air carrier Jet Airways' assets



New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) The Supreme Court on Thursday exercised its extraordinary constitutional powers and ordered the liquidation of grounded air carrier Jet Airways' assets. A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra set aside the National

Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) decision upholding the resolution plan of Jet Airways and approved the transfer of its ownership to Jalan Kalrock Consortium (JKC). Pronouncing the judgement for the bench, Justice Pardiwala allowed the plea of SBI and other creditors against the NCLAT decision (Cont.on P2)

Lokesh envisions AP as top education hub in five years

Amaravati, Nov 7 (The Capital News): Minister for IT and HRD Nara Lokesh has committed to making Andhra Pradesh the top education destination in India within the next five years. In his address at the Internati onal Higher Education Fair (IHEF) organized by VIT-AP at VIT Uni versity on Thursday, Lokesh emphasized th e importance of prep aring youth as job creators rather than job se ekers. He outlined pl ans to introduce adva nced technology and foster startup culture,

backed by a Rs. 250 c

rore seed fund through



the AP Innovation Society. Lokesh created a buzz at the fair as he visited stalls set up by representatives fro m America, Britain, Germany, France, Aus tralia, and Canada, ea ch offering details on higher education opp ortunities, courses, ad missions, stipends, and

pective countries. Eng aging with the delegates, the Minister inq uired about the offerings available to students pursuing higher education abroad, un derlining his commitment to expanding glo bal educational opportunities (Cont.on P3)

Stock Market Today: Asian shares bounce after Trump's victory as focus turns to Fed



Bangkok, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Shares recovered from early losses in Asia on Thursday after U.S. stocks stormed to records as investors wagered on what Donald Trump's return to the White House will mean for the economy and the world. Markets also were turning their

attention to the Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates, due later in the day. Japan's Nikkei 225 was down 0.1% at 39,458.86, while the Kospi in Seoul rebounded to pick up 0.5%, to 2,576.30. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 edged higher to 0.1%8,204.80. Chinese shares (Cont.on P3)

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No YSRCP activist..

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such behavior wou ld not be tolerated. "Anyone attempting to play with him or his family would fac e repercussions," Na idu warned. CM Nai du criticized the YS RCP for spreading fa lse narratives, citing an instance where Sakshi news daily published defamatory articles about him following the mur-der of YS Viveka, ac cusing him of orche strating the killing. He asserted that whi le the YSRCP may attempt to attack the m mentally through these posts, he woul d not back down and would ensure those responsible face con sequences. Naidu al so questioned the Y CP's interpretation of "freedom of expre ssion," asking if it ju stified posting harmful content about oth ers. He reiterated tha t the police should take a firm stance ag ainst criminal activity and stressed the importance of maintaining law and or der in the State.

SC orders.. (From Page 1)

that upheld the resolution plan of Jet Airways in favour of JKC. It said the liquidation of the air ca rrier was in the interest of creditors, wor kers and other stakeholders. The bench rapped NCLAT for its decision. The top court used its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution whi ch gives it the power to make orders and decrees to ensure co mplete justice in any matter or cause pend ing before it. The N CLAT on March 12 upheld the resolution plan of the grounded air carrier and appro ved the transter of its ownership to JKC. The SBI, Punjab Nat ional Bank (PNB) and JC Flowers As set Reconstruction Private Limited have challenged the NCL AT verdict.

Sexual harassment..

(From Page 1) filed under various sections, including the SC/ST (Preventi on of Atrocities) Act and the POCSO Act, and the minor's state ment was recorded as part of the investigation. Recently, the accused, Vimal Kum ar Gupta, submitted a statement on stamp paper from the victim's family, claiming a misunderstanding and requesting no further action aga inst the teacher. The police accepted this document and submitted a report to the court. However, whi le a lower court initially refused to dism iss the case, the Raja sthan High Court lat er canceled the FIR upon the accused's appeal. Challenging this decision, social activist Ramji Lal Bairwa moved the Supreme Court. A bench led by Justice C T Ravikumar and Justice P V Sanjay K umar set aside the Hi gh Court's order, rei nforcing that such ca ses must proceed in the interest of justice.

BJP cemented Goa's political stability under CM Sawant: Party leaders

Panaji, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Chief Minister Pramod Sawa nt, who has now beco me the longest serving CM of Goa, has earned praise from his party colleagues and political analysts for striving to provide a stable government in the stat e.Goa assembly speaker Ramesh Tawadkar's recent decision to dismiss the disqualification petition of the Congress against eight MLAs who switched over to the BJP has further cemented the coastal state's political stability, say experts.B JP leader Sawant, who took over reigns of the state in March 19, 2019 after the demise of then chief minister Manohar Parrikar and successfully contested the 2022 election, has



become the longest serving chief minister of Goa after it attained statehood 19 87.He is in the chair now uninterrupted for 5 years and 231 days. Earlier, when Goa was a Union Territory, its first CM Dayanand Bandodkar had a continuous stint of 6 years and 129 days before

his demise, his daughter Shashikala Kakod kar ruled the state for 5 years and 258 days, while Pratapsingh R ane had an uninterrupted stint of 7 years and 134 days.Local political analyst Siddharth Samant said stability is of utmost importance to the state for its devel opment."I have seen

outside West Bengal.A

bench headed by Chief

Justice D Y Chandrac

hud said the trial court

judge had sufficient

powers to order another

investigation upon feel-

ing it necessary after

examining the evidence.

The top court also exam

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report filed by the CBI

in relation to the case of

rape and murder at

Kolkata's R G Kar

Medical College and

Hospital, but refrained

from making observa-

tions saying the probe

was underway. The apex

court noted that a

Kolkata court had

framed charges against

prime accused, Sanjay

chief minister, providing a stable government to the state," he said.Sawant's capability to lead from the front was clearly visible during the recently Lok Sabha elections held earlier this year in which the BJP won one of the two parliamentary seats in the state, said Samant, who is a lawyer." While the BJP lost Sou th Goa seat, the chief minister gave confidence to voters in the constituency as he was personally campaigning there with full concentration," he said.St ate Fisheries Minister Nilakant Halarnkar, who shifted from the Congress to BJP in 2019, recalled how his chances of winning the Thivim seat in North

Sawant maturing as a

Goa bolstered under the leadership of Saw ant."I contested the Goa assembly election in 2022 on BJP's symbol. I had shifted from Congress to BJP just two years prior to that. I had a smooth sailing under the leadership of Sawant," he said.Halar nkar said the chief mi nister has the habit of facing everything with a smile on his face."He has maturedly handled all the issues which have surfaced during his career," he said.BJ P MLA Sankalp Am onkar said his decision to join the ruling party and quitting the Con gress was majorly due to Pramod Sawant's ch arisma.Sawant has pr ovided a stable govern ment which has resulted in the development of the state, he added.



Shah Rukh Khan receives death threat, Mumbai police file extortion case

Mumbai/Raipur, Nov 7 (The Capital N ews) Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan has received a death threat and a demand for Rs 50 lakh, Mumbai polic e said on Thursday, ad ding an extortion case has been filed in this connection. The threat to Shah Rukh Khan fol lows a series of threats issued to fellow actor Salman Khan, allegedly from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang."Bandra police station received a call threatening Shah Rukh Khan and asking for Rs 50 lakh. An off ence has been registe red. No arrest has been made yet," a senior police official said.A

case has been regis-

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anguish over the find-

tered by the Bandra police under sections 308(4) (extortion invol ving threats of death or serious injury) and 351(3)(4) (criminal in timidation) of Bharait ya Nyaya Sanhita ag ainst the unknown call er who threatened Sha h Rukh Khan, the official said.Police teams have been dispatched at various places for fu rther investigation, he said. While there was no confirmation from Mumbai police on re ports that the call was made from Raipur in Chhattisgarh, a Raipur police official said Mumbai police are giv ing notice to one Fai yaz Khan for threatening Shah Rukh Khan.



Minor among 4 killed, 2 injured as vehicle falls in gorge in J-K

Reasi/Jammu, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Four people, including a minor, died and two others were injured when a vehicle skidded off the road and rolled down into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Thursday, officials said.An SUV skidded off the road, rolled down a hill, and plunged into a deep gorge in the Ganjote area of Mahore after the driver lost its control, they said. Three people died on the spot, while three others sustained injuries and were rushed to a hospital, they said.Aft er receiving first aid, the injured were referr ed to the district hospital in Reasi, where one of three injured also succumbed to his injur ies.The deceased were identified as 40-yearold Manzoor Ahmed (a teacher), his 10-ye ar-old daughter Ulfat Jan, 42-year-old Ghula m Mohi ud Din and his 28-year-old son Bashir Ahmed — all residents of the Mahore tehsil.

SC refuses to transfer Kolkata rapemurder case trial outside West Bengal New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to transfer the rape and murder trial pertaining to a doctor in Kolkata

Roy, on November 4 and a day-to-day trial in the case would start November 11 onwards. During the hearing, the national task force (NTF), formed to create a protocol over the safety of health professionals, submitted its report in the apex court.The top court directed the NTF's report to be shared with all states and union territories and posted the hearing after four weeks. The top court on October 15

questioned the West Bengal government over the hiring of civic volunteers in the state and sought data on their recruitment and appoin tment process. The apex court on September 30 expressed dissatisfaction over the state's "tar dy" progress in installi ng CCTVs and building toilets apart from separate resting rooms in government medical colleges, and ordered its completion by October 15.On September 17,

ings in a CBI status report in the case, refusing to divulge details and observing any disclosure could jeopardise the ongoing investigation.Earlier on Septem ber 9, the top court expressed its concern over the absence of the "challan" -- a key document forwarding the doctor's mortal remains for postmortem -- from the records placed before it and sought a report from the state government.On August 22, the apex court pulled up the Kolkata police over the delay in registering the case of unnatural death of the decease d, calling it "extremely disturbing" while frown ing upon the sequence of events and the timing of its procedural formalities. The top court had

constituted a 10-member NTF to formulate a protocol for ensuring the safety and security of doctors and other health care professionals.Ter ming the incident as "horrific", the apex cou rt had censured the state government over the alleged delay in filing of the FIR and allowing a crowd of thousands to vandalise the state-run facility. The death of

the doctor, whose mortal remains indicated injury marks, had sparked nati onwide protests and an initial probe had led to the arrest of a civic volunteer by the Kolkata police the next day of the crime. On August 13, the Calcutta High Court ordered the transfer of the probe from the K olkata police to the CBI, which began its investigation on August 14.

I'm not anti-business..

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whose time has come". In a video posted on X on Thursday, Gandhi said, "I want to make something absolutely clear, I have been projected by my opponents in the BJP to be anti-business. I am not anti-business in the least, I am anti-monopoly, I am anti-creating oligopolies, I am anti-domination of business by one or 2 or 5 people." "I started my career as a management consultant and I understand the type of things that are required for a business to succeed. So I just want to repeat, I am not anti-business, I am anti-monopoly," the former Congress chief said. In his post accompanying the video, Gandhi said, "I am pro-Jobs, pro-Business, pro-Innovation, pro-Competition. I am anti-Monopoly." "Our economy will thrive when there is free and fair space for all businesses," Gandhi asserted. In his article, Gandhi had said India was silenced by the East India Company and it was silenced not by its business prowess, but by its chokehold. The Company choked India by partnering with, bribing, and threatening more pliant maharajas and nawabs, he pointed out. "It controlled our banking, bureaucratic, and information networks. We didn't lose our freedom to another nation; we lost it to a monopolistic corporation that ran a coercive apparatus," he said. The original East India Company wound up over 150 years ago, but the raw fear it then generated is back, he claimed. A new breed of monopolists has taken its place, amassing colossal wealth, even as India has become far more unequal and unfair for everybody else, Gandhi had said. The BJP had slammed Gandhi for making "baseless accusations" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asked him to examine facts before jumping to conclusions. Hitting back at the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, the BJP wrote on X: "Another baseless accusation against the Modi government through the so-called 'match-fixing monopoly groups versus fair-play businesses' is simply misleading." "Dear Baalak Buddhi, do not jump to conclusions without examining facts," the saffron party said in a veiled reference to Gandhi.

Lanka Dinakar visits...

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importance. Besides, the Health Minister Y Satya Kumar, has been requested to visit the center. The appeal was made following a visit to the facility by a local representative, who commended the services provided by the center in saving lives of patients in remote areas with limited medical infrastructure. The Real-Time Tele ICU system, launched by Dr. P. Ramesh and his team, connects critically ill cardiac patients in ambulances or network hospitals to a central monitoring hu b in Vijayawada. Through the "CL OUD DOCS RAMESH" app, medical professionals monitor patient vitals such as ECG, pulse, and heartbeat, offering real-time support and guidance to ensure timely intervention and treatment. In the past two years, the facility has admitted approximately 15,000 seriously ill cardiac patients, saving nearly 9,000 lives. The service is currently operational within a 150 km radius of Vijayawada and is set to expand to more areas, including Krishna and Guntur districts, with the collaboration of the Andhra Pradesh government. Local leaders, including Revenue Minister Anagani Satya Prasad and Jaggayyapeta MLA Sriram Tataiah, have requested the extension of this service to their constituencies, citing its success in critical care management.

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the Foundation Day & Flag Day is celebrated to garner support from eminent persons in the society, government officials, philanthropists, well-wishers, parents, and general public, for further growth of the movement. V. Vijaya Rama Raju, Dir ector of School Education & State Chief Commissioner of Bharat Scouts & Guid es, Andhra Pradesh State Association, has presented a scarf to the Governor and pinned a Flag. Later, Governor Abdul Nazeer presented Rajya Puraskar certificates to S. Srinivasulu, G Tarunkumar Reddy, G. Tarun Sanjay, D. Jaswanth Surya, U. M ahesh, P. Chinna Iyappa Reddy, A. Durga Rao, A. Swami, G. Dhanush and R.D. So meswara Rao, representing various schools. The Governor congratulated them and wished them success at the national-level also. Dr. M. Hari Jawaharlal, Secretary to Governor and other officers of Raj Bhavan have attended the programme.

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members arbitrarily. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed frustration with the State's law enforcement, stating, "The police system has become indifferent, disregarding our concerns, and is focused on harassing opposition leaders." According to the YSRCP, social media activists were served notices under Section 41A, but arrests were subsequently made without proper consideration. The party alleged that carrying the YSRCP flag is now grounds for intimidation and legal threats. YSRCP further accused the police of brutal treatment, with party workers allegedly taken from their homes and beaten, while no ministers addressed the law and order crisis. The party warned of plans to file a habeas corpus petition and reminded police officials that "things will not remain the same forever in Andhra Pradesh." The YSRCP alleged that governance under the TDP has "collapsed," with the law enforcement machinery fully controlled by the ruling party.

PV Sindhu launches..

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of shaping future champions through this facility, located on two acres of government-allocated land in Chinna Gadhili, Visakhapatnam. However, the project faced local opposition, as residents urged the State government to use the land for a junior college, a long-requested facility in Totaguru. The land, allocated in 2021 by the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government, was transferred from the animal husbandry department, with two acres designated for the sports academy and one acre for the Health Department. Residents argue that the junior college would address educational needs in the area, while the government has specified the land use must remain non-commercial and sports-related.

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Lancet study linking deaths to air pollution not absolute: Pollution control board tells NGT

New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News): The Central Pollution Control Board in the National Green Tribun al opposed the findings of a Lancet study, whi ch claimed poor air qu ality had severely affec ted mortality rates in 10 major Indian cities. Claiming the study's data may not be "absol ute", the CPCP said the deaths couldn't be attri buted to pollution alon e and that the satellite data and modelling tec hniques used for extra polations in it may not necessarily represent the "realistic Indian sc enario".The NGT had taken suo motu cognisance of a newspaper report quoting the stud y, which stated approximately 33,000 annual deaths were linked to air pollution levels that

exceeded the World He alth Organisation guid elines. The study examined the cities of Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bengalu ru, Chennai, Hyderab ad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, Shimla, and Vara nasi.In its reply dated November 4, the CPC B said the study analys ed the daily average pa rticulate matter (PM) 2.5 concentrations at one square kilometre s patial resolution across the country between 2008 and 2020. It also used mortality records from each municipal corporation in the 10 cities."The study concludes that short-term PM2.5 exposure was associated with a high risk of death in India, even at concentrations below the current Ind ian PM2.5 standard. These associations wer



e stronger for locally generated air polluta nts. However, the stu dy has limitations...," claimed the CPCB re port.According to the pollution control boar d, the "variability in th e strength of death registration systems acros s different states and cities" and the analyses of "cause-specific mort ality" as "the international classification of disease codes" was not done by the authors for

most cities."In the absence of cause of death data, several extrapolations of data take place. Therefore, the deaths cannot be attributed to air pollution alone and thereby may not portray a correct comparison," it claimed.Regarding the adverse health impact of PM2.5 and other pollutants, the CPCB report said air pollution was one of the factors affecting respiratory ailments and associated diseases.It said an individual's health was also influenced by several factors, including food habits, occupational habits, socioeconomic status, medical history, immunity and heredity."Ground monitors-based data and satellite studybased data have been used for PM2.5 measurements using a generalised model...satellite data and modelling techniques used for extrapolations may not necessarily represent the realistic Indian scenario and that such an analysis may not be absolute," it added. The CPCB said cities exceeding the national ambient air quality annual standards for PM10 concentrations for five consecutive

years had been designated as non-attainment cities (NAC)."CP CB has identified 130 non-attainment and m illion-plus cities in the 24 states and union territories including Ahm edabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyder abad, Kolkata, Mumb ai, Pune, and Varanas i," the report said. It sai d the national clean air programme (NCAP) w as launched in January 2019 to reduce PM10 concentration by 40 per cent in these 130 cities by 2025-26."W ith the implementation of comprehensive NC AP and various policy interventions, of 130 identified cities, a dec rease in PM10 concentration has been obser ved in 95 cities during 2023-24 as compared to levels during 2017-18," said the CPCB report.



ED searches e-commerce platform sellers in FEMA probe

New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) The Enforcement Dire ctorate on Thursday conducted searches against some sellers who do business on ecommerce giants like Amazon, Flipkart as part of a FEMA investigation, official sour ces said.Multiple locations in Delhi, Gurug ram (Haryana), Hyde rabad (Telangana) and Bengaluru (Karnata

ka) are being searched, the sources said. They said the action is related to the financial tran sactions being done by some of the "preferr ed" vendors and sellers who do business through Amazon and Flipkart like e-commerce platforms. The probe is being conduc ted under the Foreign Exchange Manage ment Act (FEMA), they said.

Immigration check post inaugurated at India-Bhutan border in Assam

New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) An immigration check post for the entry and exit of third country nationals on the India-Bhutan border in Assa m was inaugurated on Thursday in the presence of Bhutanese Pri me Minister Lyonchh en Dasho Tshering To bgay, the Ministry of External Affairs (ME A) said.In his address at the event, Prime Minister Tobgay welcomed the operationalisation of the immigration check post at Darranga, saying it will boost tourism and economic developm ent in eastern Bhutan. He thanked the government of India for its efforts to promote grea er connectivity in the region, the MEA said. During the visit of the



King of Bhutan to Ind ia in November 2023, "the two sides had agreed to designate Darranga (Assam) /Sa Jongkhar mdrup (Bhutan) as Immigrati on Check Post betwee n Bhutan and India to facilitate the entry and exit of third country nationals by land rou te", the MEA said in a statement.During the inauguration, Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya underlined the long-standing ties of friendship between Bhutan and India and recent initiatives for cross border infrastructure development and enhancing people to people connectivity.He reiterated the Indian government's commitment to expand the partnership further based on the priorities of the Royal Government Bhutan, it added. The inauguration ceremony

was also attended by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita, Leader of Opposition of Bhutan Dasho Pema Chewang, elected representatives from India and Bhutan and senior officials from both the countries."Earlier, third country nationals were permitted to enter/exit Bhutan only via the Paro International Airport the Jaigaon-Phuentsholing land border. Opening of this Immigration Check Post for third country nationals is expected to further boost connectivity, promote tourism and people to people ties," the statement said.

Calf elephant strays from herd in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve; rescued

Bhopal, Nov 7 (The Capital News) An 18month-old elephant calf that got separated from its herd has been rescued at Madhya Prdesh's Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, which was in the news over the death of 10 jumbos last week, an official said on Thursday."This female baby elephant does not seem to be from the herd that lost 10 tuskers last week. The calf appears to be from some other herd," BTR deputy dir ector Prakash Verma told PTI over the phone. The calf was rescued around 10 am on Wednesday from a spot inside the reserve, far from the area where the 10 elephants died, he said. The re maining three elephants of the 13-mem-



three days of observation, we will connect it to an elephant herd. Thereafter, we will observe whether the herd accepts it. We want to connect it to its actual herd," the director said, stressing that they want the wild animal to remain in the wild. Verma said the elephant calf, which was given mild sedatives before its rescue, is doing fine.On October 29, four wild

elephants were found dead in Sankhani and Bakeli under the Kha lil range of the reserve in the state's Umaria district, while four others died on October 30 and two on October 31.Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Sunday suspended two senior reserve officials for alleged lapses after a high-level probe team submitted its report in connection with the jumbo deaths.

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also climbed. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.9% to 20,729.01. The Shanghai Composite index also was 0.9% higher, at 3,413.47. Trump has promised to slap blanket 60% tariffs on all Chinese impo rts, raising them still more if Beijing mak es a move to invade the self-governing isla nd of Taiwan. Investors are adding to bets built earlier on what the higher tariffs, low er tax rates and lighter regulation that Tru mp favors will mean. Higher tariffs on im ports from China would add to the burde ns Beijing is facing as it struggles to re vive slowing growth in the world's second-largest economy. Higher tariffs on imports from China, Mexico and other countries also would raise the risk of trade wars and other disruptions to the global economy. But Trump's win raised expectations that Beijing may ramp up its spending and other stimulus to counter such trends. The Standing Committee of Chi na's legislature is meeting this week and is expected to announce further measures by Friday. On Wednesday, the U.S. stock market, Elon Musk's Tesla, banks and bitcoin all stormed higher, as investors made bets on what Donald Trump's return to the White House will mean for the economy and the world. Among the losers the market sees: the renewable-energy industry and potentially anyone worried about higher inflation. The S&P 500 rallied 2.5% to 5,929.04 for its best day in nearly two years. The Dow Jones Industrial Average surged 3.6% to 43,729.93, while the Nasdaq composite jumped 3% to 18,983.47. All three indexes topped records they had set in recent weeks. The impact of Trump's second term will likely depend on whether his fellow Republicans win control of Congress, and that's not yet clear. Investors see Trump's policies

potentially leading to stronger economic growth. That helps push prices down and yields up for Treasurys. Tax cuts under Trump could further swell the U.S. government's deficit, increasing borrowing and forcing yields even higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury jumped to 4.43% from 4.29% late Tuesday, which is a major move for the bond market. It's up substantially from August, when it was below 4%. Investors expect the incoming president's policies, particularly higher tariffs, to fan inflation and add costs to U.S. household bills. Sharp cutbacks in immigration could also leave businesses shorthanded, forcing companies to raise wages for workers faster and put more upward pressure on prices. Much of Wall Street's run to records this year was built on expectations for coming cuts to interest rates by the Federal Reserve, as inflation has headed back down to its 2% target. Easier interest rates help boost the economy, but they can also give inflation more fuel. The Fed will announce its latest decision on interest rates Thursday, where the expectation is still for a cut, according to data from CME Group. But traders are already paring back forecasts for how many cuts the Fed will provide through the middle of next year. In other dealings early Thursday, the U.S. dollar weakened against the Japanese yen, slipping to 154.46 from 154.62. The euro rose to \$1.0740 from \$1.0730. U.S. benchmark crude oil gained 45 cents to \$72.14 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, was up 55 cents at \$75.47. The price of bitcoin slipped to \$75,780 after hitting an all-time high above \$76,480 on Wednesday, according to CoinDesk. Trump has pledged to make the country "the crypto capital of the planet" and create a "strategic reserve" of bitcoin.

Indian Americans..

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track!" said Jindal. "It's almost morning in America," said entrepreneur-turned-politician Vivek Ramaswamy. "Now let's go save a country," he said. "Congratulations to President Trump. We look forward to working with him and his administration on issues of bilateral importance in the US-India relationship, and on global challenges that the two countries can lead together," said M R Rangaswami, founder of Indiaspora, a Trump.

community engagement platform. Ajay Jain Bhaturia, a major fundraiser of the Kamala Harris campaign, also congratulated President-elect "Congratulations Trump! America failed to elect its First Women President again! People have voted for a change to handle border issues, the economy, immigration, crime, and wars! I respect their choice. We did all we could!" said Bhaturia. New York-based prominent entrepreneur Al Mason said: "God saved Trump from two assassination attempts - there is a reason for the same. Trump is going to be a messiah for the American people and the rest of the world. There will be a very prosperous America, a safer world free of wars. In fact, a golden era begins for the United States of America." Dr Krishna Reddy, chair of Indian American Friendship Council, congratulated Trump on the super victory. "This is the beginning of super US-India relations and together we keep the world safe again. This is the great strength of Indian Americans to build a robust economy again and Indian Americans are a great part of

this success," he said.

JD Vance's victory...

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are keeping a close on

the rescued calf, he

said."After it becomes

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America's Second Lady --- the fir st Indian-American in that role. "I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to JD Vance, on becoming the US Vice President-ele ct. His victory marks a historic mom ent, as Usha Vance, who has roots in Andhra Pradesh, will become the fi rst woman of Telugu heritage to ser ve as the second lady of the US," sai d Naidu in a post on X. Calling this a moment of pride for the Telugu community around the world, Naidu said he looks forward to the opportunity to invite them (JD Vance and Usha) to visit Andhra Pradesh. Earlier, the chief minister congratu-

lated Donald Trump for winning the 2024 US presidential election and wished him success. The chief minister said that Trump's election would further strengthen ties between India and the US. "I congratulate Donald Trump on his victory in the US Presidential Elections and wish him success as he prepares to lead his country forward. His first tenure marked significant strengthening of the Indo-US partnership," said Naidu in a post on 'X'. The TDP chief expressed confidence that the two nations, India and the US, will foster greater cooperation under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Trump.

Lokesh envisions..

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for Andhra Pradesh's youth. At the event, Lokesh also took time to expl ore various student innovations sho wcased by Wit University. He expr essed keen interest in a state-of-theart drone developed by the students, capable of detecting floods and aiding agricultural work. The Minister also inspected other notable inventio ns, including a driverless vehicle, ro botic hand rover, smart dog collar, Shakti 2.0 with next-generation pH sensors, and a high-speed drone that can reach 180 km/h in just three seconds. A humanoid robot designed by the students also caught his attentio n. Lokesh congratulated the students on their remarkable creativity, takin g selfies and photos with them to cel ebrate their accomplishments. High lighting the State's transformation, Lokesh encouraged students to foc us on reinvention in line with global

technological advancements. He al so spoke about overcoming personal challenges, citing his electoral defe at in Mangalagiri in 2019, which mo tivated him to serve the people, ultimately leading to his victory in subsequent elections. Lokesh reiterated the government's commitment to de veloping Amaravati into a world-cla ss city, with rapid infrastructure pro gress and plans to make Andhra Pra desh the highest per capita income st ate in India. He also praised Wit-AP for providing a global platform to co nnect Andhra Pradesh students with leading international universities. The event was attended by VIT-AP chancellor G Viswanathan, who also advocated for an increase in India's education budget, noting that only 2.9 per cent of the central budget w as allocated to education last year, compared to 4-6 per cent in developed countries.

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AP Governor Abdul Naseer participating in 75th Day celebrations of Scouts and Guides at AP Raj Bhavan on Thursday







Minister for HRD & IT Nara Lokesh inaugurating international higher education fair at VIT in Amaravati on Thursday. Lokesh taking part with interaction session with students





The priests performing Sri Valli Sahita Subramanya swami kalyanam at Durga temple on Thursday





Newly appointed TTD Board Members Bhanuprakash Reddy and Koteswara Rao taking oath as members at Tirumala on Thursday and receiving Prasadam and blessings from temple officials on Thursday





Minister Vasamsetty Subhash having free meals programme of Durga temple in Vijayawada on Thursday

20 Points Formula chairman Lanka Dinakar visiting real time tele ICU facility center at Ranesh hospitals in Vijayawada on Thursday

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Joe Biden gets blamed by Harris allies for vice president's resounding loss

Capital News): Joe Biden's name wasn't on the ballot, but history will likely remember Kamala Harris' resounding defeat as his loss too. As Dem ocrats pick up the pieces following President-elect Donald Trump's decisive victory, some of the vice president's backers are expressing frustration that Biden's decision to seek reelection until this summer despite longstanding voter concerns about his age and unease about post-pandemic inflation as well as the U.S.-Mexico border — all but sealed his party's loss of the White House. "The biggest onus of this loss is on President Biden," said Andrew Yang, who ran against Biden in 2020 for the Democratic nomination and endorsed Harris' unsuccessful run. "If he had stepped down in January instead of July, we may be in a very different place." Biden will leave office after leading the U.S. out of the worst pandemic in a century, galvanizing international support for Ukraine in the aftermath of Russia's invasion and passing a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that will impact communities for years to come. But

having run four years ago against Trump to "restore the soul of the country," Biden will make way after just one term for his immediate predecessor, who overcame two impeachments, a felony conviction and an insurrection launched by his supporters. Trump has vowed to radically reshape the federal government and roll back many of Biden's priorities. "Maybe in 20 or 30 years, history will remember Biden for some of these achievements," said Thom Reill y, co-director of the Center for an Independent and Sustainable Democracy at Arizona State University. "But in the shorter term, I don't know he escapes the legacy of being the president who beat Donald Trump only to usher in another Donald Trump administration four years later." The president on Wednesday stayed out of sight for the second straight day, making congratulatory calls to Democratic lawmakers who won downballot races as well as one to Trump, who he invited for a White House meeting that the president-elect accepted. Biden is set to deliver a Rose Garden address Thursday about the election. He issued a statement



shortly after Harris delivered he r concession speech on Wedne sday, praising Harris for runnin g an "historic campaign" under "extraordinary circumstances." Some high-ranking Democrats, including three advisers to the Harris campaign, expressed deep frustration with Biden for failing to recognize earlier in the election cycle that he was not up to the challenge. The advisers spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly. Biden, 81, ended his reelection campaign in July, weeks after an abysmal debate performance sent his party into a spiral and raised questions about whether he still had the mental acuity and stamina to serve as a credible nominee. But

polling long beforehand showed that many Americans worried about his age. Some 77% of Americans said in August 2023 that Biden was too old to be effective for four more years, according to a poll by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs. The president bowed out on July 21 after getting notso-subtle nudges from Democr atic Party powers, including former President Barack Obama and former House Speaker Nan cy Pelosi. He endorsed Harris and handed over his campaign operation to her. Harris managed to spur far greater enthusiasm than Biden was generating from the party's base. But she struggled to distinguish how her administration would differ from Biden's. Appearing on

ABC's "The View" in Septemb er, Harris was not able to identify a decision where she would have separated herself from Biden. "There is not a thing that comes to mind," Harris said, giving the Trump campaign a sound bite it replayed through Election Day. The strategists advising the Harris campaign said the compressed campaign timetable made it even more difficult for Harris to differentiate herself from the president. Had Biden stepped aside early in the year, they said, it would have given Democrats enough time to hold a primary. Going through the paces of an intraparty contest would have forced Harris or another eventual nominee to more aggressively stake out differences with Biden. The strategists acknowledged that overcoming broad dissatisfaction among the American electorate about rising costs in the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic and broad concerns about the U.S. immigration system weighed heavy on the minds of voters in key states. Still, they said that Biden had left Democrats in an untenable place. Harris senior adviser David Plouffe in a posting on X

called it a "devastating loss." Plouffe didn't assign blame. He noted the Harris campaign "dug out of a deep hole but not enough." At the vice president's concession speech on Wednesd ay, some Harris supporters said they wished the vice president had had more time to make her pitch to American voters. "I think that would have made a huge difference," said Jerushat alla Pallay, a Howard Universi y student who attended the speech at the center of her campus. Republicans are poised to control the White House and Senate. Control of the House has yet to be determined. Matt Bennett, executive vice president at the Democratic-aligned group Third Way, said this moment was the most devastating the party has faced in his lifetime. "Harris was dealt a really bad hand. Some of it was Biden's making and some maybe not," said Bennett, who served as an aide to Vice President Al Gore during the Clinton administration. "Would Democrats fare better if Biden had stepped back earlier? I don't know if we can say for certain, but it's a question we'll be asking ourselves for some time."

AAP accuses BJP of using police, DDA to stop Purvanchalis from celebrating Chhath

New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Senior AAP leader Somnath Bharti on Thursday accused the BJP of using the police and the Delhi Deve lopment Authority (D DA) to stop Purvancha lis from celebrating Chhath Puja in the national capital.Addre ssing a press conferenc e, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA from Malviya Nagar accused the BJP of preventing devotees from Hauz Khas village from celebrating the festival at a park where it used to be observed for many years."The anti-Purvanchali face of the BJP has been exposed after it stopped people from the Hauz Khas village from celebrat-



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protected forest land."The BJP has not only stopped the people from celebrating the festival, they have also filed an FIR against them citing that the park is part of protected forest land," Bharti said.The accusations follow previous confronta-

tions between the AAP

and the BJP over the

preparations at the

Chhath Ghats.Chhath

Puja has gained prominence in the national capital as it is a significant event for Delhi's Purvanchali community, which consists of Bhojpuri-speaking res-Uttar Pradesh, Bihar Jharkhand.The community makes up for nearly 30-40 per cent of the electorate Delhi where Assembly elections are due early next year.

Bhutan PM invites Indian investors for individual, collaborative ventures

Darranga (Assam), Nov 7 (The Capital News) Bhutan Prime Minister Dasho Tsher ing Tobgay on Thursd ay invited Indian inv estors to his country for individual as well as collaborative ventures, especially in the eastern part of the Hi malayan kingdom.He also stressed on showcasing eastern Bhutan and northeastern India together to the outside world to attract touris ts. Speaking at the open ing of the first Integrat ed Check Post (ICP) al ong the India-Bhutan border at Darranga in Assam, Tobgay said, "We (Bhutanese) didn't need a passport to ent er through Assam, but tourists from other cou ntries needed it."He



Darranga and the problems faced by his companions to enter India. The ICP will ensure that tourists from other countries can now sea mlessly enter into Ind ia, he emphasised. Ter ming it a "momentous occasion", the prime minister pointed out that not only top officials of Royal Bhutan government were in attendance at the inau-

guration but the leader of opposition of the country was also present."We want to prosper together with India. We export boulders to Bangladesh, bu t we are also exporting some manufactured goods and we want to boost it further," Togb ay said, adding that Bh utan is getting both goods and services fro m India, which can be increased further.Stres sing his government's initiatives in eastern Bhutan, along which

ond term after a gap of

four years has increase

is located, the PM said, "I invite investors from Bhutan to invest more meaningfully in eastern part of our country. I also invite investors from India to invest in ventures of their own as well as in collaborative ventures." Highlig hting the age-old relations between the two countries, he said, "We must build on our frien dship and what better way than through people-to-people contact. This ICP will help in to urist as well as busine ss exchanges.""I al so want to commit to a sp ecial programme to ma rket eastern Bhutan an d northeastern India to gether to the world," T obgay added, referring to the shared heritage with the region.

the newly-opened ICP



Bhubaneswar: Passengers protest over cancellation of same flight twice

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Several passengers sta ged a protest at the Biju Patnaik Internatio nal Airport (BPIA) he re on Thursday over th e cancellation of a flig ht to Hyderabad twice. Many of them claimed their work schedule was hampered due to the cancellations.Acco rding to the agitating passengers, their flight to Hyderabad from Bhubaneswar, operated by a private airline, was cancelled on Wed nesday. They alleged that they were told the flight was rescheduled on Thursday but it was cancelled again, thus inconveniencing them. They also alleged that the authorities at the airport did not inform them about any specific reason for the cancellations.The Direct or of BPIA, Bhubane swar, Prasanna Pradha n, said there was a del ay in the flight's arrival from Hyderabad on Th ursday due to technical issues."However, the flight landed in Bhu baneswar at 11.15 am on Thursday and was ready to fly to the destination. Safety is the first and foremost priority in case of technical issues and the passengers should accept the delay," Pradhan said.

Beijing, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Chine se President Xi Jinping on Thursday congratulated President-elect Donald Trump on his election victory and called for China and the US to find the right way to manage the differences by strengthening dialogue and communication.Trump won the US presidential election for a second term on Wednesd ay in one of the most remarkable comebacks in American electoral history.Xi, in his congratulatory message to Trump, called for the two countries to stre ngthen dialogue and communication, properly manage differen ces and expand mutually beneficial cooperation, official media reports here said."I urge China and the US to expand mutually beneficial cooperatio

n," Xi said."I call for th

e right way for China,

and the US to get along in the new era," he said, adding that both the countries, the top two economies of the world, should strengthen dialogue and communication. History teaches that China and the United States gain from cooperation and lose from confrontation, Xi said, noting that a stable, sound and sustainable China-US relationship serves the two countries' shared interests and meets the aspirations of the international community. He expressed the hope that the two sides will uphold the principles of mutual respect, peac eful coexistence and win-win cooperation, strengthen dialogue an d communication, prop erly manage differenc es and expand mutually beneficial cooperation. Also on Thursday, Chinese Vice President Han Zheng congratulated J D Vance on his



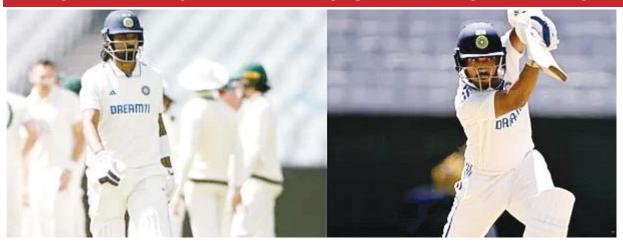
election as vice president of the United States, state-run Xinh ua news agency reported. As the results of the US presidential elections poured in on Wednesday pointing to a sweeping victory for Trump, who pursued a tough policy against China in his first term including clamping tariffs on over USD 380 billion Chinese exports to the US, Beijing reacted guardedly and said that it respects the choice of the American people. Our policy towards the United States has been

consistent and we will continue to view and handle the China-US relations in accordance with the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation," Chinese Foreign Mini stry spokesperson Mao Ning told a media bri efing here.She dismiss ed the question on Tru mp's campaign promise to sharply raise tariffs on Chinese impor ts, higher than his first term."We do not respo nd to hypothetical questions," she said.T he return of Trump as US President for a sec-

d Beijing's anxieties especially when the Chinese economy face d a serious slowdown resulting in a declining growth rate and business environment with job losses and increa sed unemployment.In its flash editorial on Trump's re-election, state-run China Daily said his victory "could mark a new beginning in the China-US relations if the chance that has been offered is not wasted. The upcoming four years will provide new opportunities for the next US administration to take the overall picture of the China -US ties into account and strengthen dialogue and communication with China to pro perly handle the differences that exist betw een the world's two lar gest economies, which range from the Taiwan question to trade, and

President Xi congratulates Trump; says China, US should find 'right way' to manage differences to the South China Sea," it said. In his first term, Trump launched a trade war against China by imposing tariffs on over USD 380 billion on Chinese im ports in 2018-19, saying that China is ripping off America. His successor Joe Biden has continued the tariffs, denting China's profits. During his cam paign, Trump threatened to impose over 60 per cent tariffs on Chi nese imports which la st year accounted for U SD 427.2 billion.The China-US relations be came tense over a host of policies pursued by Trump including bloc king Chinese tech.He also blamed China for the Covid-19 pandemic, saying that the virus emanated from a biolab in Wuhan. The military relations between the two countries also remained tense under Trump's previous presidency.

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Jurel shines, Rahul fails as India A flounder bounce test

Capital News) Dhruv Jurel showcased his sound technique and cool temperament while wickets fell like ninepins at the other end in another shoddy batting display by India A on the opening day of the second unofficial Test against Australia A at the iconic MCG on Thursday. Jurel (80 off 186 balls), who came to bat in the third over scored nearly half of India A's paltry first innings total of 161 in 57.1 overs with only other batter to cross 20-run mark was Devdutt Padikkal (26). Veteran KL Rahul (4), opening the batting, done in by a peach of a delivery from Scott Boland (1/51 in 15 overs). Michael Neser (4/27 in 12.2 overs), one of the finest and unluckiest among contemporary Australian pacers, dealt a telling blow in the open-

Melbourne, Nov 7 (The couldn't recover.At stumps, Australia A were 53 for 2 in reply with Mukesh Kumar again looking best among Indian bowlers. What stood out during the day was Jurel's composure and ability to play late, using soft hands. When there was extra bounce, he would quickly loosen his bottom hand grip to ensure that the ball didn't go to slip or gully region. He judged the length perfectly and the flicked six off Boland was a treat to watch. While Rishabh Pant is the first-choice wicketkeeper batter, Jurel's ability to leave deliveries on length should put him in a better position than Sarfaraz Khan in the middle-order batter role.It was also the day when one got an indication that India senior team might bank on Rahul's experience of opening the innings if Rohit Sharma ing over from which India A skips a match. However, Boland

got him with a perfectly pitched up delivery that straightened to take his outside edge.But Rahul would be any day better than Abhimanyu Easwaran (0) who is increasingly looking out of sorts at this level. This was after Neser bowled a hostile opening over with Easwaran left in a complete tangle to a well-disguised short ball that ballooned to gully.Inform Sai Sudharsan (0) then got a Neser delivery that was aimed at his midriff and he tried to fend it, resulting in a regulation catch in the slips.Skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad's suspect technique got exposed when he jabbed with hard hands at a delivery that bounced a tad extra from length to be caught at slips. Nitish Reddy (16) played the most indiscreet shot as he tried to dance down the track to counter the steep bounce, getting ousted by Beau Webster.

Aston Villa gives away bizarre penalty for handball to gift Club Brugge win in Champions League



ions League ended after a bizarre penalty incident that coach Unai Emery described as the "biggest mistake" he's ever seen in his car eer. The mental lapse by defender Tyrone Mings, who on Wednesd ay conceded a spot kick by picking up the ball with his hand after a short goal kick by goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez, gifted Club Brugge a 1-0 win.Villa had won its first three games without conceding a single goal in the club's first appearance in the elite competition since it was the defending champion 41 years ago."His mistake is completely strange. It's the biggest mistake I witnessed in my career," Emery

Brugge (Belgium), Nov 7 said."It has only happened one (The Capital News) Aston time in all my life. Today."A Villa's winning run in the Champ similar incident did happen already in the Champions League last season — but a penalty kick was not given that time.In the quarterfinals, Arsenal defender Gabriel went unpunished for picking up a short pass from goalkeeper David Raya in the first leg against Bayern Munich.Bayern's then-coach Thomas Tuchel later criticised the referee who had said he would not award a penalty for a "kid's mistake." A difference in the Villa incident was that the ball went forward out of the sixyard box with Martínez seeming to have intentionally restarted play early in the second half.Mings apparently thought

walked forward to pick it up with his left hand and returned it to place it at the corner of the six-yard box.Brugge captain Hans Vanaken converted the penalty in the 52nd minute to give Brugge a 1-0 lead, placing the ball to Martínez's left as the World Cup-winning Argentina goalkeeper dived to his right.Martínez tried to persuade German referee Tobias Stieler after the game that he had made a mistake. Villa defender Ezri Konsa suggested the referee compounded his mistakes because Mings had previously been shown a yellow card in the first half."He's on a yellow already, so why not send him off for that?" Konsa told British broadcaster TNT in a post-game interview. Villa had been the surprise leader in the 36-team standings and provisionally dropped to fifth before hosting Juventus in three weeks' time.Brugge has six points from two wins and two losses, and was in 20th place. After all eight rounds in January that would earn a place in the knockout playoffs round. AP SSC

Mikel Arteta angered by two penalty calls in Arsenal loss at Inter

Milan, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Arsenal coach Mikel Ar teta said a 1-0 loss to Inter Milan in the Champions League was "very, very difficult to accept" af ter two penalty decisions went against his team. The only goal of the game came just before hal ftime on Wednesday after Inter was awarded a penalty when a free kick into the area skimmed off Mehdi Taremi and onto Mik el Merino's outstretched arm, a nd Hakan Çalhanoglu converted from the spot.Merino had a pena lty appeal of his own rejected ea rlier in the match – after being ch ecked by the video assistant refer ee – when he appeared to be pun ched in the head by Inter goalkeeper Yann Sommer as they bo th went for a cross."Well, I don't understand, it's just a deflectio n," Arteta said on the penalty th



at was awarded against Meri no."There is no danger all, you can not react because the ball is very close. But OK, they decide there is a penalty. But then if that's a penalty, the one on Mikel Merino, you know, when he punches in the head, it has to be 1,000% a penalty. And these are the margins in this game and very, very difficult to acce pt."Çalhanoglu's penalty was the first goal conceded by Arsenal in

the Champions League this season.And Arteta felt his team sho uld have got more from what he said was "by far the best (match) that we played in the last few ye ars" in Europe.Arsenal pushed hard for the equalizer but the Int er defense withstood wave after wave of attack."(I'm) extremely frustrated as well because there are two decisions that at the end marks the result and the course o f the game," Arteta said. AP SSC



team confirmed that Thug Life

Ashu

Reddy

Sizzles in

Portugal

smile have captivated her fans.

Social media sensation Ashu Reddy is currently

vacationing in Portugal and has been sharing stun-

ning pictures from her trip. In her latest post, she

looks absolutely stunning in a white and black

cutout dress. Her open hair and glossy makeup,

orous look. Ashu's confident pose and radiant

accentuated by a pink lipstick, complete the glam-



Haasan's next film, Thug Life is directed by Mani Ratnam. The team announced the film's release

date today, on the occasion of Kamal's birthday. The team released a special teaser, on this occasion which also has new shots, featuring Simbhu.The

will be released in theatres on June 5th, 2025 in Telugu and Tamil. The film is billed to be an intense and gripping action drama.In the teaser, we can see different looks of Kamal Haasa n, fighting the goons. There are no dialogues but an interesting score of AR Rahman elevates the teaser. Simbhu is seen in the teaser, playing holi and jumping with a weapon drenched in blood.In the end, a clean-shaven look of Kamal is revealed, with the release date that the film will hit the screens in June next year. Thug Life marks Mani Ratnam and Kamal Haasan's reunion after 36 years. They did Nayakan in the past. Thug Life also features Trisha, Nassar, Joju George, Ali Fazal, Aishwarya Lekshmi and Abhirami.

Ghaati FL: Lady Superstar Is Back

nushka Shetty is back with an electrifying **L** new project Ghaati. Directed by the visionary Krish Jagarlamudi and produced by Rajeev Reddy, Sai Babu Jagarl amudi, and Vamsi-Pramod, the film promises to be an actionpacked thriller that will see the actress in a never-before-seen role. The makers have unveiled the first look poster to coincide with Anushka's birthday, revealing an intense and fierce new avatar of the actress. In the poster, Anushka is seen drenched in blood. Her serious expression, combined with her teary eyes, nose rings, and a bold bindi, makes it clear that she is ready to tackle a role like never before. Anushka's character, as suggested by the first look,



seems to be strong-willed, bold, and unrelenting. What catches the eye is the letter "i" in the title logo, designed as a bindi. The movie comes with a powerful tagline- Victim, Criminal, Legend. As the film nears completion, Ghaati is generating a lot of buzz, with the makers set to release a special glimpse of the film today at 4:05 PM.The production is being handled on a grand scale, with top-tier technical experts involved in various departments. Cinematography is by Manojh Reddy Katasani, and music is by Nagavelli Vidya Sagar.As the first look poster leaves audiences intrigued, it also raises the anticipation skyhigh, making Ghaati one of the most awaited releases in recent times.

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