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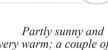
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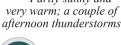


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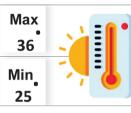








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Stalin will be signing several MoUs with industries during his stay

CM LEAVES FOR SINGAPORE, JAPAN TO ATTRACT INVESTORS

CHENNAI MAY 23

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Tuesday said that new business agreements would be signed during the Singapore trip.

The state government has been giving immense industrial importance to development and has decided to conduct a global investors meet in January, 2024 in the

To woo both the investors and investments to the state, Chief Minister Stalin has taken a nine-day-long trip to Singapore and Japan. He left for Singapore from

the Chennai international airport at 11:25 am on Tuesday. After spending two days in Singapore, he would leave

he would spend seven days before returning to the city on A statement released by the DIPR said, "The state government has been working

towards achieving one trillion

for Japan on May 25 where

dollar economy by 2030-31. To achieve the goal, the state should attract Rs 23 lakh crore investments and create employment opportunities for 46 lakh people.



place in Chennai in January Industries minister TRB Raaja and senior officials accompanied the

Tuesday,

would be meeting S Iswaran, Singapore Minister charge of Trade Relations, K Shanmugam SC, Minister for in the global investors meet Home Affairs and Law, and that has been scheduled to take CEOs of key industrial houses in Singapore - Temasek, Sembcorp, and CapitaLand Investment

> Later that evening, Guidance Tamil Nadu State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT), FameTN, Tamil organized by

Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM), and Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation would take part in an investors conference taking place in Singapore and sign MoUs with Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore India Partnership Office, and Singapore Indian Chamber of

After this, Stalin would participate in a cultural event Singapore

Commerce and Industries.

On May 25, Stalin would be travelling to Japan where he would meet industrial leaders from the next day and invite them to the global

He would also attend a conference that was aimed at encouraging Japanese industries to make investments in the state

He would sign several MoUs with investors during

The visit will be successful and investors will invest in the state. We have created about 15,000 employment

opportunities in six companies through Rs 6,100 crore investment that was obtained as a result of my Dubai visit.



his stay.

He would visit Osaka and hold talks with CEOs of various firms.

Stalin would also take part in an investors conference that would be organized in association with the Japan External Trade Organisation. He would also attend a reception hosted by the Indian community.

During his visit to Tokyo, Stalin would meet Yasutoshi Nishimura. Minister Economy, Trade and Industry Japan, and Ishiguro Norihiko, Chairman

He would sign MoUs

with two renowned industrial houses including Omron in Japan. Stalin would also visit the industrial centre there.

Stalin's visit strengthen the relationship between the countries.

Earlier on Tuesday, Stalin paid a tribute at the memorials of former Chief Ministers Annadurai and Karunanidhi located at Marina beach in the city. Ministers, MPs, city mayor and senior officials wished him for the success of the visits.

Speaking to reporters, Stalin said, "I am travelling to Singapore and Japan to invite investors to participate in the global investors meet that is scheduled to take place in January 2024. I am staying there for nine days to meet investors and sign MoUs with

The visit will be successful and investors will invest in the state. We have created about 15,000 employment opportunities in six companies through Rs 6,100 crore investment that was obtained as a result of my Dubai visit.

We have ensured Rs 2.95 lakh crore investments and created 4.12 lakh employment opportunities in the last two

Actor Sarath Babu passes away, Rajinikanth pays tribute

Veteran actor Rajinikanth paid tribute to the body of late actor Sarath Babu at his house near T Nagar in the city on

actors had acted The together in several films including Muthu, Annamalai, Netrikann Mullum and Malarum, and remained friends in their real life. Sarath Babu was undergoing treatment at AGG hospital in Hyderabad for illness.

died responding to treatment on Monday. His demise has afternoon. saddened the film fraternity.



the morning hours.

Several celebrities, his without tribute to his body. Final rites were likely to take place post-

Actor Rajinikanth paid

law at Trichy law college.

born to Ramasamy and

district.

Veppayi in 1973 in Karur

in Karur and completed his

law at Trichy law college in

Justice Sakthivel was

He completed his studies



We had been good friends friends and families paid and he was a wonderful person. He would always have a smile on his face and I had never seen him with anger.

All the movies in which His body was brought to tribute to his body. Speaking we worked together, including his house near T Nagar in the to reporters, Rajini said, "I Muthu, Annamalai, Velaikaran him."



He loved me dearly. He had been advising me to stop smoking.

If he ever sees me with a cigarette, he would immediately snatch it away. I had never smoked in front of

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CHENNAI MAY 23 Four judges assumed charge as additional judges of Madras High Court in the city

Four new judges sworn-in at Madras High Court

Kumarappan and Kandasamy Rajasekar. The judges, who were working at district Courts, were promoted as the

The acting Chief Justice

T Raja administered the

oath of office to the judges Ramasamy Sakthivel, P Dhanabal, Chinnasamy

on Tuesday.

additional judges of the Madras High Court in March. The advocate general R Shanmugasundaram introduced the newlyappointed additional judges to

the gathering. With the induction of four judges, the working strength of the Court has increased to 64 which includes 48 permanent judges and 16 additional judges.

Justice Dhanabal was a native of Thoranakalpatti in Karuu district. He was born to Pappusammy and



Pallaniammal couple. Justice Kumarappan was born to Chinnasamy He completed his studies

in Karur and completed his He finished his law studies at Coimbatore law college in 1996.

> Justice Rajasekar was born in 1973. After completing his law studies in 1998, he worked as an advocate with Tamil Nadu bar

and Thilagam in Sivaganga

council and then became a Judge in 2011 through direct

He worked as a Judge with labour court and then as principal judge at Tirunelveli court.

He then worked as a member secretary for Tamil state law commission and as principal judge at Coimbatore

UP, Korean province ink MoU to strengthen economic, cultural relations

LUCKNOW, MAY 23

MoUs to strengthen academic, economic and cultural relations, the state government

A high-level delegation led by Gyeongsangbuk-do Independence Day of both the said. Lee Cheolwoo countries are the same. Governor reached Uttar Pradesh for the MoU signing ceremony, held in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at his residence, it said in a release.

The Pradesh Uttar government's Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh and Director General of Gyeongsangbuk-do's Bureau of Economic and Industrial Affairs Lee Youngseok signed the MoU

Adityanath said the MoU is an important step towards enhancing bilateral

The exchange Uttar Pradesh and the expertise in various fields Gyeongsangbuk-do province and the promotion of mutual of the Republic of Korea on investment will contribute to Monday signed a number of the prosperity and progress of Buddhist Circuit has become the two regions.

> Welcoming the guests from the Republic of Korea (South Korea), Adityanath "The dates of

> Today, India is celebrating the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

The relations between India and South Korea are old as both are members of the

Prime Referring to Minister Narendra Modi's speech at the United Nations, Adityanath countries have given war to humanity but the followers of Buddhism have deep respect for India. All the important places associated with Lord Buddha such as Sarnath, Kushinagar, Kaushambi are in Uttar

Kushinagar under the operational, boosting investment and employment

Soon, Shravasti will be connected with air service, he

added Gyeongsangbuk-do is the largest province of South Korea and has played an important role in preserving its age-old traditions and historical places.

taken place Gyeongsangbuk-do.

Global business groups such as Samsung, LG and Posco have their origins in the

Similarly, Uttar Pradesh is the largest consumer centre and is endowed with the fertile Gangetic plains and abundant

Today, Uttar Pradesh is fast moving towards becoming a USD 1 trillion economy, he added.

Governor Cheolwoo. while congratulating Adityanath on becoming the chief minister for the second time, said both Gyeongsangbuk-do and Uttar Pradesh are moving towards progress.

Work is being done for the promotion of Ayurveda in the province while it is getting recognition in Uttar Pradesh

He said Gyeongsangbuk-Intensive industrialisation do and Uttar Pradesh can cooperate in many areas.

> Uttar Pradesh Tourism Minister Jaiveer Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi' Minister Ayush Dayashankar Mishra, and Secretary Shankar Mishra, among others were present at the ceremony.

Education ministry, PARAKH organise workshop on aligning curriculum standards

NEW DELHI, MAY 23

Union of Education and national regulator assessment PARAKH Monday organised the first workshop brainstorm assessments, examination practices and equivalence of boards across the country.

"In India, currently there are around 60 school examination boards that are operating in different states and Union Territories. The aim is to establish a unified framework that enables seamless transitions for students moving between different boards or regions,' School Education Secretary Sanjay Kumar said at the workshop.

"This includes aligning curriculum standards, grading systems and evaluation methodologies to enhance the credibility, recognition of certificates and grades obtained across boards," he



A reform outlined in platform. the new National Education Policy, PARAKH will set assessment guidelines for all boards remove disparities in scores of students enrolled with

different state boards. Performance Assessment, Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development and guidelines for student encompassing assessment and evaluation for all recognised school

Education Testing Service, which conducts key tests such as TOEFL GRE, has been chosen the National Council for Education Research for

on discussion on equivalence across educational boards. Multiple stakeholders were regarding conception of PARAKH. discussion revolved around the need Review and reassess the prevailing rote examination culture in our (PARAKH) will work on is a growing realisation setting norms, standards that holistic assessments, dimensions of a student's abilities and potential, are equally important," a senior education ministry official

"The workshop focused

"Further, the discussion emphasised the well-designed standardised setting up the regulatory papers, ensuring fairness and

"This includes aligning curriculum standards, grading systems and evaluation methodologies to enhance the credibility, recognition of certificates and grades obtained across boards," he added.

consistency across schools and boards. Additionally, there is a call to strike a balance between formative and summative assessments. reducing the burden of high-stakes examinations while effectively measuring a student's progress. An analysis of examination results of secondary and higher secondary boards was also presented," he added.

MCD implements online transfer system in education department

NEW DELHI, MAY 23

Party-led MCD has begun implementation of an online transfer system in the education department that, officials said will help it fight corruption and ensure transparency.

Addressing conference, Mayor Dr Shelly Oberoi emphasised the transformative nature of the online transfer system.

The new policy invites employees who wish to transparency and curbing corruption, the mayor office

This signals the beginning



of a comprehensive plan online applications from to extend online transfers Mayor Dr Shelly Oberoi, this across all departments of initiative aims to usher in a be transferred, ensuring the Municipal Corporation new era of integrity within Department, fairness and accountability

"Under the leadership of promoting the Municipal Corporation, tackling the deep-rooted corruption that has plagued Janata Party (BJP),"

Municipal Corporation, their Party (BJP) in the past 15 government implemented an years, stating that they did unprecedented 100 per cent nothing besides promote online transfer policy.

"As a pilot project, the online transfer process has been initiated in the education department, and we plan to gradually extend it to and officers. The rampant other departments, ensuring a smooth and efficient transition," she said.

With this progressive initiative, the AAP-led MCD has reaffirmed its dedication to streamlining processes and potentially benefiting lakhs of employees who serve within

under the rule of the Bharatiya the Municipal Corporation,

Oberoi highlighted the The mayor announced that lack of progress of the MCD after the unification of Delhi's under the Bharatiya Janata corruption within the MCD.

"The BJP left behind a well-organised department, exploiting the common people, workers, malpractices and dishonesty have also tarnished the institution's image. However, under the honest governance of the Aam Aadmi Party, the Municipal Corporation is undergoing a significant transformation," she said.



Rajagopal Sunkara, Collector of Erode District, planting a sapling at Erode Collectorate on Monday after assuming office on Monday.

Drugs seizure from Indian waters: Court asks NCB to file fresh affidavit

KOCHI, MAY 23 (PTI)

A local court here on Control Bureau (NCB), which from Pakistan had offered the duration, the moisture will not is probing the recent seizure accused, "good money" after affect the drugs. of over 2,500 kilograms of the work was completed. methamphetamine from a vessel in Indian waters in a joint operation with the including the details of the arrest of the accused among the high purity of the seized

The court was considering the petition of the NCB seeking the custody of Zubair Derakshshandeh for

Lawyer representing the accused, B A Aloor, said the court asked the agency to file whether the arrest was made from the Indian waters in order to decide on the jurisdiction of

matter again on Tuesday.

In the remand report filed packed in such a professional

The agency had on May 15 value of the contraband after to Rs 25,000 crore, because of Afghanistan. methamphetamine.

132 bags. "The net weight of methamphetamine came out to Iran, it said. be 2,525.675 kg," the agency

The officials had earlier The court will consider the said that the product was

by the agency on May 16, it manner that even if it was Monday asked the Narcotics had said that a drug trafficker aboard a ship for a longer

The agency claimed that the latest consignment of over said that the actual commercial 2,500 kg of methamphetamine was meant for India, Sri Navy, to file a fresh affidavit its latest evaluation was close Lanka and Maldives from

The drug cache was at a "mother ship" a large vessel NCB had said that the that distributes narcotics contraband was kept in 2,525 to various boats during its plastic boxes and placed in journey from the Makran coast around Pakistan and

As many as 132 sacks of suspected methamphetamine, Initially valued at Rs the intercepted boat and some 12 000 crore, NCB had said other items salvaged from the that it was the largest seizure ship along with the Pakistani of methamphetamine in the national were brought to Mattancherry Wharf and handed over by the Navy to the NCB, it said.

School supervisor booked for raping sweeper in Gurugram Intimidated by the

GURUGRAM, MAY 23 (PTI)

A supervisor of a private school has been booked here for allegedly raping a sweeper, who worked on the same premises, multiple times, police said on Monday.

According to the complaint filed by the survivor on Sunday. the accused raped the woman for the first time in June last year and later threatened to fire or kill her if she told anyone about the incident.

Taking advantage of her situation, the man allegedly raped the 45-year-old woman a few more times the complaint

constant threats for a year, the survivor resigned from her job a month ago, the police said.

Based on the complaint, an FIR was lodged against the accused under Sections 376 (rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code on Sunday, Sushant Lok Station House Officer (SHO) Deepak Kumar said.

The woman's statement was recorded before the Magistrate under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), he added.

"Further probe is underway and the accused will be arrested soon," the SHO said

Telangana CM unveils logo for 10th state formation day celebrations **HYDERABAD, MAY 23**

government is set to organise the state's 10th formation day celebrations on a grand scale spanning 21 days from June 2, Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Monday unveiled the official logo for the events reflecting the state's existence and the progress achieved in the last decade.

Lift irrigation projects like the one in Kaleswaram, agriculture, 'Mission Bhagiratha' (scheme provides purified potable drinking water through taps to every household), Yadadri temple (abode of Lord Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy), Metro rail, T-Hub (Telangana's innovation ecosystem), the new Secretariat named after B R Ambedkar and a 125-feet tall



Talli' (mother), 'Bathukamma' (the floral festival in the state), Pala Pitta or Indian roller (the Telangana state bird) and a martyrs memorial which displays the Telangana state's existence, it

added.Rao had on May directed officials to organise grand festival of marking the 10th anniversary Telangana), 'Bonalu' (a major of Telangana state's formation by involving all sections of people right from the village level and showcasing the progress achieved in various sectors. Telangana came into existence on June 2, 2014 as the state was carved out of Andhra Pradesh.

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Job creation to be major plank of BJP's campaign for Telangana Assembly polls **HYDERABAD, MAY 23**

Creation of jobs on a large scale would be a major plank of BJP's campaign for the Telangana Assembly polls scheduled to be held later this year, party state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar said.

Addressing the party's state executive committee meeting held here on Monday, Sanjay Kumar asked the party leaders and cadre to reach out to people with the party's promise of jobs by launching a vigorous door-to-door campaign.

The BJP, if elected to power, would fill up two lakh job vacancies in the government and announce a "job calendar" every year, a party release stated.

The party has decided to take up a 'Maha Jana Sampark (mass contact programme. Abhiyaan' programme) from May 30 to June 30 to explain to people about the steps taken by the Narendra Modi-led Union government for the country's progress, besides the benefits accrued to Telangana, it said.

The state has not been able to achieve the desired progress



Kumar alleged He highlighted the Modi

government's initiatives for growth and welfare of poor, including construction of toilets under 'Swachch Bharat Abhiyan', supply of free rice and wheat to poor and provision of employment under National Employment Guarantee

Strengthening the road network along with other rural infrastructure and the country's economic growth despite the COVID-19 crisis were also highlighted by him during the meeting.

The release quoted Sanjay Kumar as saying that the Modi

government had spent more than Rs 16,000 crore on rural infrastructure development in Telangana, besides Rs 35,000 crore on various railways projects and Rs 1.50 lakh crore on national highways in Sanjay Kumar, who is

the Karimnagar MP, said people of Telangana are of the firm view that BJP is the only alternative to the BRS. "It is evident from the way the BJP's graph is growing steadily in every election held after 2019," he said.

The state BJP president claimed as to how Congress can dream of coming to power in Telangana when it could not get deposits in any byelection in the state

statue of the architect of India's Ministers Harish Rao,

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		Standalone Results			Consolidated Results		
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1.	Total income from Operations and other income	35.84	472.41	76.25	222.37	1,312.66	160.95
2.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(51.50)	(110.43)	(19.59)	(47.72)	(104.57)	(72.78)
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(51.50)	(110.43)	(295.58)	(47.72)	(104.57)	(72.78)
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or	(51.50)	(51.17)	(295.58)	(50.07)	(47.66)	(71.25)
5.	Extraordinary items) Total Comprehensive Income for the period {Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive income (after tax)}	(51.23) 532.87	(50.90) 532.87	(293.95) 532.87	(49.80) 532.87	(46.56) 532.87	(69.62) 532.87
6. 7.	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.2/-) Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited		(502.73)	002.07	002.07	(704.03)	
	balance sheet of previous year		(002.70)			(104.00)	
8.	Earnings per share (Face value of Rs. 2/- each) -not annualised a. Basic/Diluted EPS before extraordinary items b. Basic/Diluted EPS after extraordinary items	(0.19) (0.19)	(0.19) (0.19)	(0.07) (1.11)	(0.19) (0.19)	(0.18) (0.18)	(0.27) (0.27)

Place: TIRUPUR

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Flower show attracts tourists in Yercaud



SALEM MAY 23

The Flower Show was the major attraction in the 46th Sumer Festival which began in Yercaud on Sunday.

K.N Nehru, the Minister for Muncipal Administration and M.R.K Paneerselvam, the minister for Agriculture inaugurated the flower show and the Fruit Show at the

an official said on Tuesday.

Deputy Commissioner,

Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve

expressed concern over the

involvement of minors and

school-going children in

tobacco use and directed

Hill Development Council

schools to hold awareness

programmes in schools to

aware children about the ill

(LAHDC),

effects of tobacco.

principles

Ladakh Autonomous

Kargil and

various

The Flower Show featured attractive floral decorations in various shapes and styles, such as the Ponniyin Selvan Ship, Dragon Warrior, Chotta Bheem, and Honey Bheem.

employed up to 5 lakh flowers including rare types such as zerbera, coronation, anthurium, and orchid. The flower gallery of 10,000

public places smoking-free in Kargil

at a meeting to chalk out a plan

timely measures to curb the

menace of tobacco products,

Perundurai MLA S Jayakumar took part in the 7th day of 'waiting stir' of Thamizhaga

(Virudhunagar to Gouthampalayam) and substation in the area. The sangam wanted

cancellation of the project as it would hit the farmers much. The MLA supported the

stir and assured to protect the interest of ryots and their livelihood.

Public can apply for TAMCO loan

the official said.

Efforts being intensified to make

Authorities in Kargil at a meeting to chalk out a plan district of Ladakh have to ensure visible impact of

directed for strict enforcement implementation of COPTA on

of Cigarette and Other Tobacco the ground through effective

Product Act (COPTA) to make surveillance and feedback

public places smoking-free, mechanism as well as taking

such as zenias, marigold, torinium, salvia was a major draw.

An important sidelight during the flower show was decorations a fruit show showcasing hill grown fruit varietals.

> An exhibition of schemes and projects implemented by several government ministries

the consumption of tobacco

directed

shopkeepers that sell tobacco

strictly monitor the

products, the official said.

Sukhadeve was speaking aware about the ill-effects of

is also planned.

For the first time the Anna Park and the Lake Park were illuminated with colorful lights and moving lights.

A special private bus was launched for eco-tourism

The bus will go around important spots in the Sheveroyan hills. Food and

snacks are provided to the tourists and is being charged with the bus travel fee.

Several amuszements, culturals and sporting events and contests are being arranged on all the 8 days of the summer festival.

These include hill trek, handball match between locals and tourists, rope

pulling competition, boat race, cricket match, healthy baby contest, tradtional food cookery contest, kolam art competition, dog show, music, drama and film

Special being arranged from Salem to Yercaud and also for sightseeing within Yercaud.

MAY 2023

MOSCOW

Eurasian Economic

capital technology cooperation, the future of integration cooperation formats and aspects of digital transformation will be discussed by the participants in the business programme of the 2nd Eurasian Economic Forum to be held in Moscow on 24–25

"The Eurasian Economic Forum aims to cover the most important areas of interaction within the EAEU. The programme of the Forum will address issues of scientific and technical cooperation and the development of joint approaches in industry, environmental protection and energy, as well as problems of technical and customs regulations and the organization of important task of the Forum is to create a platform for establishing contacts between



work out specific solutions in all spheres of multilateral cooperation," said Mikhail Myasnikovich, Chairman of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission.

The theme of the Forum is 'Eurasian Integration in a Multipolar World'. The key event will be the plenary session of the the internal market of the states. Another Forum. A total of about 35 sessions will take place within the Eurasian Economic Forum 2023, which will be divided into seven

Forum to meet in Moscow **COIMBATORE MAY 23**

products within the 100-metre vicinity of the school area. directed mobilisation and regular

The deputy commissioner personnel directed the officers concerned vigilance in the market areas of police, health and education and to make public places departments to come out with smoking-free. a collective and effective The deputy commissioner appealed to the people plan for the implementation Kargil particularly the

of COPTA and against the tobacco menace in the district. shopkeepers to desist from Sukhadeve also directed the sale of cigarettes and other for special programmes at tobacco products and save the various workplaces where younger generation from the migrant labourers are working ill effects of tobacco products. in large numbers to make them

business and government agencies. I am thematic areas, according to an official confident that the Forum will enable us to communication from the event organisors.

ERODE MAY 23:

Hundreds picketed Collectorate on and a petition to the newly Rajagopal Sunkara against the LBP canal concretisation

ryots irrigation protection coordinators Murungathozhuvu Sudantararasu. Venkatachalam, They Sengottaiyan. demanded withdrawal of GO 276 paving way for concretisation of the entire canal, bunds, its branches and channels etc which could arrest water seepages, percolation into the earth



The views of the present

they pleaded.

Ryots picket collectorate against LBP canal concretisation project

submitted Collector They were led by LBP

and lead to felling down of thousands of trees etc. A case in this regard is pending



project would hit rvots and only old damaged structures should alone be renovated works could be initiated only after holding election 44 irrigation councils of the canal and hearing its views.

the ongoing works under the not be considered for the modernisation work. The environment badly. Hence, earthern bunds of the canal were strong for the past 60 years and only the old under the project. Other concrete structures of the canal were broken so far. So, such structures can alone be in democratic manner to the repaired leaving the earthern bunds and surface as it is,

Education dept staff seek change of working hours

the benefit with Aadhaar, income, residential

certificates, ration card, driving license, and

other certificates sought by co-op banks. TC,

education fee remittance receipt, mark sheet,

can be submitted to get education loan. For

welfare office at the collectorate ph 0422

2300404, said Collector Krantikumar Padi

more details, public can contact the minorities

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TN Minorities Finance Development

loan for starting MSME, artisans loan, and

education loan. The minorities (Christians,

were living in the district, can apply to get

Corporation was giving individual loan, SHG

Muslims, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis, who

TN education department administrative officials association held its state executive at Erode. The Union state president A Sekar, general secretary Pon Jayaram, treasurer N Vinothkumar, functionaries CJ Kurinjivelan, Vijayamanoharan, Selvakumar, Pandithurai, Thirupathi, Rajesh, Ezhililamvazhuthi, Kumar. Pachiammal. David Christopher, and P Palanivel

attended. The demands are:

1.Government should reconsider the change of working hours of the ministerial staff which was changed from 10 am to 5.45 pm to 9.00 am to 4.45 pm.

2. Orders for giving compassionate appointments Education already School Department, regularisation, probation period, Pre-dated regularisation, etc. be issued



without delay.

3. The anomalies in the promotion of lab assistants as junior assistants be removed been promoted be

4. Employees who have worked in an office for more

transfer through general counselling.

and demoting those who have mutual consent, the staff were Model again came to the office where they served already. Such action be stopped.

5. The staff be given the department speedily.

than 3 years were given higher education incentive as given already.

6. Time scale for the staff Now, in the name of working in the Government Schools through RMSA scheme

7. The staff be given laptops to do various works of

Woman among 5 held for burglaries in NCR: **Noida Police**

NOIDA, MAY 23 (PTI) used to find," Chander said. The Noida Police on Monday said they

have arrested a gang of have arrested a gang of of silver, some antique five persons, including items and Rs 3,76,000 cash a woman, for carrying out almost two dozen burglaries in the National Capital Region in the past one year.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Noida) Harish Chander said posing as goods transporters, the gang members used to look for empty houses with either its occupants being away or those located in isolated areas.

"After moving in an autorickshaw used to transport goods, they would do the recce of targeted areas. The gang also carried equipment like screwdrivers, gas cutters, drill machines and glass cutters etc to break into houses. Once inside, they used to decamp with whatever valuables, ornaments and cash they

"More than 330 grams of gold, over 3 kilograms have been recovered from their possession. The gang is believed to have carried out 20 such burglaries in NCR with 15 of them in Noida's posh areas," the officer said.

He said the gang has been active for the past one year, adding that one of its members is also a scrap dealer, who used to buy the stolen goods and at times even helped sell them to

Those held have been identified as Zubair (27) (20), Mohd Masheel Minhaz (21), scrap dealer Mursleen (30) and Gulfisha (22), the police said.

They were arrested by the officials of Sector 58 police station, where an FIR was lodged against them, the police added.



Suzuki Motorcycle opens 4th premium dealership in Coimbatore



COIMBATORE, MAY

Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt. Ltd. (SMIPL), one of

leading two-wheeler manufacturers and asubsidiary of Suzuki Motor Corporation opened the doors to its fourth premium dealership in Coimbatore. The new premium outlet will be operated by Adharvaa Suzuki. Currently, there are around 518 Suzuki Premium

Dealerships across India. Commenting on the inauguration of the new dealership, Mr. Kenichi Umeda, Managing Director, Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt Ltd. said,"In our continued effort to make Suzuki twoincreasingly wheelers accessible to the consumers.

new premium dealership in Coimbatore

The dealership will offer the entire range of domestic Suzuki two-wheelersand the latest range of accessories, apparel and merchandise offered by the company. The new premium dealership is located at Avinashi Road Peelamedu, Coimbatore and will offer its customers an elevated buying experience. The brand new dealership will showcase the latest models from Suzuki's product portfolio. In addition to this new dealership, Suzuki Motorcycle India already has 3 dealerships at Sathy Road, Mettupalayam Road and Trichy Road respectively in Coimbatore.

Heart-ificial Intelligence at Frontier Lifeline Hospital by renowned Cardiologist Dr. Shelby Kutty



CHENNAI, MAY 23

Shelby Kutty, the Director of the Helen B Heart Centreat Johns Hopkins University, Frontier Lifeline Hospital & Dr. KM Cherian Heart Foundation for a live symposium titled,'Heartificial intelligence: Advancing Cardiology through machine learning'. Dr. Shelby Kutty gave a talk on the role of AI in cardiology and highlighted cardiovascular data. Under the guidance of the World renowned Cardiac surgeon, Dr KM Cherian, the talk was attended by eminent faculties from cardiology, including structural heart specialist

Anantharaman

Kauvery Hospitals, as well as Dr.Ragahavan Subramaniam and Dr Karthik Suryan.

During the discussion, Dr. Shelby Kutty, along with the eminent paediatric cardiologists, shed light on the role of AI in echocardiographic assessments and imaging. Dr. Shelby Kutty emphasized the importance of awareness and education on AI in cardiology and the need for more smart hospitals that incorporate technology in healthcare Cherian Dr.KM Foundation proved to be an excellent opportunity for the medical community to discuss the latest advancements in cardiology and the potential of AI in healthcare

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launches new debt fund to achieve financial goals



COIMBATORE, MAY

ICICI Prudential Life fund which will enable customers to lock-in their investments at current high interest rates, build long-term wealth and achieve financial goals.

Arun Srinivasan, Head of Fixed Income, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance said. "We are excited to launch a unique debt fund which makes us the country's first insurer to offer such a fund in the fixed income ULIP space.

Mr. Srinivas Balasubramanian, Head of Products, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance said, "We are delighted to offer customers the industry's first-of-its-kind debt fund. The ICICI Pru Constant Maturity Fund will be available with our linked savings products. Customers can invest their premiums in this fund to take advantage of the high interest rates

prevailing and lock in their investments for the long-term.

This fund is available Insurance launched a debt for investments with the Company's flagship Unit Linked Insurance Plans ULIPs provide (ULIP). customers with a unique proposition of life cover, financial security to the family and facilitate building wealth over the long-term. ICICI Pru Constant Maturity Fund is available with Unit Linked Products from May 15, 2023. Investments in ULIPs provide tax benefits. If annual investments made are up to 2.5 lac and with a life cover of 10 times the annual premium, maturity proceeds are tax-free

for customers. Customers have the option of investing in this fund through the Company's ULIP offerings like ICICI Pru Signature, ICICI Pru Smart Life and ICICI Pru LifeTime Classic. Customers can reach out to their advisors or visit the Company website www. iciciprulife.com

Neeraj Chopra number one in World Athletics men's javelin ranking



NEW DELHI, MAY 23 (PTI)

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra became the world number one for the first time in his career in the latest men's javelin throw rankings issued by the World Athletics.

Chopra topped the charts with 1455 points, 22 ahead of Grenada's reigning world champion Anderson Peters (1433).

Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Jakub Vadleich of Czech Republic was third with 1416 points.

The 25-year-old Chopra rose to world number two on August 30 last year but was stuck behind Peters since then.

In September last year, Neeraj Chopra won the Diamond League 2022 finals

in Zurich, becoming the first Indian to win the prestigious

He won the title at the season-opening Doha Diamond League on May 5 with a throw of 88.67m.

He will next compete at the FBK Games on June 4 in the Netherlands, followed by the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland, on June 13.

Kevin Pietersen suggests Kohli must move to Delhi Capitals

BENGALURU, **MAY 23 (PTI)**

Former England captain Kevin Pietersen has suggested that Virat Kohli change his IPL franchise and move to Delhi Capitals, a day after Royal Challengers Bangalore endured yet another premature exit in the cash-rich league.

In his team's must-win last league stage match, Kohli rose to the occasion and struck a fine hundred to lift RCB to 197 for five, a total which proved insufficient as Guiarat Titans rode on Shubman Gill's unbeaten century to notch a home team's campaign.

"Time for VIRAT to make the move to the capital city!" Pietersen tweeted.

Former India captain Kohli has been with the RCB since the inaugural edition of the league in 2008 and has led them for a major part of his stay in the franchise, relinquishing the role after the 2021 edition.

While RCB were eliminated here on Sunday, Gujarat topped the league with 20 points and will take on second-place Chennai Super playoff on Friday.

six-wicket win and end the Kings in the first playoff on Tuesday with the winner advancing directly to next Sunday's final.

> RCB's loss meant Mumbai Indians sealed the final playoff spot, having beaten Sunrisers Hyderabad in the day's first

> Mumbai Indians will meet third-place Lucknow Super Giants in the second playoff game on Wednesday. The loser of the first playoff will get another chance for a place in the final when it takes on the winner of the second

Vin cius Junior gains more support as Spanish soccer again embroiled in racism

Spanish soccer is again embroiled in racism, with the support for Vin cius Junior growing rapidly after yet another case of abuse against the Brazil forward this

Officials, players and players showed solidarity with Vin cius, who on Sunday considered leaving the field after being insulted by fans during Real Madrid's 1-0 loss at Valencia in the Spanish league.

Vin cius said after the match the Spanish league 'now belongs to racists" and that Spain "is seen as a racist country.

Real Madrid asked authorities to investigate the abusive behavior, saying the club believed the incident to be a hate crime.

"Full solidarity FIFA president Vinicius," Gianni Infantino said. "There is no place for racism in forcefully," Valencia said in a football or in society and FIFA statement, adding it is working stands by all players who have with police to identify more found themselves in such a situation. Events during the match between Valencia and Real Madrid show that this needs to be the case."

The support for Vin cius, who is Black and as been subjected to racist abuse since years ago, came from former players and current stars.

forward Kylian Mbapp said on Instagram. "We are with you and we support you.'

At least one fan was banned for life by Valencia because of Sunday's incident.

"From the moment that the unfortunate events occurred, the club have analyzed all the available footage, working alongside the authorities as rapidly as possible to clarify solutions after the repeated what happened in order to be able to act quickly and

Vin cius isn't the only

player in Spain, or in European soccer, to face racist abuse. But the Brazilian has been the focus of much of the hate in recent years, particularly this season. In January, an effigy he arrived to play in Spain five of the player was hung off a highway bridge in Madrid.

Brazilian President Luiz In "You're not alone," France cio Lula da Silva and several of his cabinet ministers backed Vinicius and were critical of said

> boy who is winning in his life, complaints for racist abuse becoming one of the best in the world, certainly the best at Real Madrid, is insulted in every stadium he goes to,"

Many were calling for racist attacks against Vin cius.

"Another case of racism

league," said former Brazil their abuse, but so far only striker Ronaldo, who spent a Mallorca fan may end up five seasons playing for Real Madrid in the 2000s. "Until when? As long as there is impunity, there will be

Real Madrid said it "strongly" condemned the abuse against Vin cius.

"These events represent a direct attack on the social and democratic model of coexistence of our State based on the rule of law," the club

The Spanish league has "It is not fair that a poor made nine similar formal against Vin cius over the last two seasons, but most of the cases have been shelved prosecutors. Another complaint was expected to be made after an investigation into what happened Valencia was completed.

Fans have been fined and

against Vin cius in the Spanish banned from stadiums for going on trial for allegedly racially insulting the Brazilian during a game.

> "It wasn't the first time, or the second or the third. Racism is normal in LaLiga. The competition thinks it's normal, as does the federation, and the opponents encourage it," Vin cius said on Instagram and Twitter on Sunday. "The league that once belonged Ronaldinho, Ronaldo, Cristiano (Ronaldo) and (Lionel) Messi now belongs to racists ... But I'm strong and I will fight until the end against the racists. Even if far from

> Spanish league president Javier Tebas criticized Vin cius for attacking the league, saying the player didn't show up for talks on the subject of racism that he had requested

The league claims it only



"Another case of racism against Vin cius in the Spanish league," said former Brazil striker Ronaldo, who spent five seasons playing for Real Madrid in the 2000s "Until when? As long as there is impunity, there will be racism."

has authority to denounce cases, and that it's up to local authorities to take action against the perpetrators and the soccer federation to punish clubs and referees. But the Spanish league does have control over the sporting sanctions in its own competitions. FIFA, the sport's governing body, updated its own disciplinary code in 2013 with options for point deductions and mandatory relegation for teams in the most serious cases and asked competition worldwide to follow.

Vin cius wasn't happy with Tebas' stance.

"Instead of criticizing racists, the league president shows up on social media to attack me," Vin cius said. "Although you may say otherwise or pretend not to notice, the image of your championship is shaken. Omitting yourself only makes you equal to the racists. I'm not your friend to talk about racism with you. I want actions and punishment."

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said he was "curious to see what happens" now, but didn't expect much.

"Nothing will happen, because this has already taken place several times in other stadiums and nothing has been done. Nothing," Ancelotti said. "We have to evaluate this situation, because it is very serious.'

No debt ceiling agreement in White House meeting, though Biden and McCarthy call talks productive

WASHINGTON, **MAY 23 (AP)**

President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy both said they had a productive debt ceiling discussion late Monday at the White House, but there was no agreement as negotiators strained to raise the nation's borrowing limit in time to federal default.

It's a crucial moment for the Democratic president and the Republican speaker, just 10 days before a looming deadline to raise the debt limit.

Secretary Janel Yellen said in a letter to Congress, "it is highly likely" the government will be unable to pay all the nation's bills. Such an unprecedented default would be financially damaging for many Americans and others around the world relying on US stability, sending shockwaves through the global economy.

Each side praised the other's seriousness, but basic differences remained. They are at odds over how to trim annual budget deficits. Republicans are determined to cut spending while Biden's team offered to hold spending levels flat. Biden wants to increase some taxes on the wealthiest Americans and some big companies, but McCarthy said early on that that is out of the question.

"The time of spending, just spending more money in America and government is wrong," McCarthy said after the Oval Office meeting.

In a brief post-meeting statement, Biden called the session productive but merely added that he, McCarthy and



their lead negotiators "will "through the night.

Biden said all agreed that "default is not really on the

Though there is no As soon as June 1, Treasury agreement on basic issues, the contours of a deal seem within reach. A budget deal would unlock a separate vote to lift the debt ceiling, now

> 31 trillion, to allow more borrowing.

Negotiations are focused on finding compromise over a 2024 budget year cap that would be key to resolving the standoff. Republicans insisted next year's spending be less than it is now, but the White House instead offered to hold spending flat at current 2023

Republicans sought to roll back next year's spending to 2022 levels, and impose 1% caps on spending growth for 10 years, though a later proposal narrowed that to about six years. The White House wants a two-year budget deal, keeping 2024 spending flat. They proposed a 1% cap on spending growth for 2025, according to a person familiar with the talks and granted anonymity to

A compromise on those topline spending levels would enable McCarthy to deliver

discuss them.

for conservatives, while not continue to discuss the path being so severe that it would avert a potentially chaotic forward." Upbeat, McCarthy chase off the Democratic votes said their teams would work that would be needed in the divided Congress to pass any

> "We're going to find a baseline that we agree to that will be less than what we spent this year," McCarthy said back at the Capitol.

> Time is growing short. The House speaker promised lawmakers he will abide by the rule to post any bill for 72 hours before voting, making any action doubtful until the end of the week just days before the potential deadline. The Senate would also have to pass the package before it could go to Biden's desk to be

> After a weekend of startstop talks, both Biden and McCarthy have declared a need to close out a compromise deal. U.S. financial markets turned down last week after negotiations paused amid a jittery economy.

signed into law.

Biden and McCarthy spoke by phone Sunday while the president was returning home on Air Force One after the Group of Seven summit in

Biden used his concluding news conference in Hiroshima, Japan, to say he had done his part by agreeing to spending cuts and to warn. "It's time for Republicans to accept that there is no deal to be made

solely, solely, on their partisan and, by sparing defense

"Now it's time for the other side to move from their extreme position," he said.

The call between the two revived talks, and negotiators met for 2 1/2 hours at the Capitol late Sunday evening, saying little as they left. Negotiators were back at it again for nearly three hours years. Monday morning ahead of the session at the White House. They returned late Monday

But McCarthy continued to blame Biden for having refused to engage earlier on the debt ceiling, an issue that is often linked to the federal

GOP lawmakers have been holding tight to demands for sharper spending cuts with caps on future spending, rejecting the alternatives proposed by the White House that call for reducing deficits in part with new revenue from

McCarthy has insisted personally in his conversations with Biden that tax hikes are

Republicans also want requirements on the Medicaid health care program, though the Biden administration has countered that millions of people could lose coverage. The GOP additionally introduced new cuts to food aid by restricting states' ability to waive work requirements with high joblessness. But Democrats have said any changes to work requirements for government aid recipients are nonstarters.

GOP lawmakers are also seeking cuts in IRS funding

The Saudi government is

picking up the multi-million-

and veterans accounts from reductions, would shift the bulk of spending reductions to other federal programs.

The White House has countered by keeping defense and nondefense spending flat next year, which would save 90 billion in the 2024 budget year and 1 trillion over 10

All sides have been eyeing the potential for the package to include a framework to ease federal regulations and speed energy project developments. They are all but certain to claw back some 30 billion in unspent COVID-19 funds now that the pandemic emergency has officially lifted.

For months, Biden had refused to engage in talks over the debt limit, contending that Republicans in Congress were trying to use the borrowing limit vote as leverage to extract administration concessions on other policy priorities.

But with June nearing and Republicans putting their own spending legislation on the table, the White House launched talks on a budget deal that could accompany an increase in the debt limit.

McCarthy faces a hardright flank that is likely to reject any deal, which has led some Democrats encouraging Biden to resist any compromise with the Republicans and simply raise the debt ceiling on his own to avoid default.

The president, though, said he was ruling out the possibility, for now, of invoking the 14th Amendment as a solution, saying it's an "unresolved" legal question that would become tied up in the courts.

meetings Prospecting Chairman Gina

In a meeting with partner with India, it said.

fund headquartered Melbourne.



PM Modi meets prominent Australian business leaders in Sydney: invites investments in India

SYDNEY, MAY 23 (PTI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday met business leaders of top Australian companies here and called for enhancing cooperation with the Indian industry in areas such as technology, skilling, and clean energy.

Modi arrived in Sydney on Monday for the third and final leg of his three-nation tour during which he will hold talks with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese and attend a community event to celebrate the country's dynamic, diverse Indian diaspora.

He is visiting Australia as a guest of the Australian Government.

Modi held bilateral with Hancock Executive Rinehart Fortescue Future Industry Executive Chairman Andrew Forrest, and AustraliaSuper CEO Paul Schroder.

During his meeting with Rinehart, the prime minister highlighted the reforms and initiatives being undertaken in India and invited her to partner in technology, investment and skilling in the mining and minerals sector, a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi said.

Schroder, he said that India is one of the most preferred major economies for foreign investments in the world and invited AustralianSuper to

AustralianSuper is an Australian superannuation

during Similarly, meeting with Forrest,

welcomed the Group's plans to work with Indian companies in going to be huge Australia the field of Green Hydrogen.

"Emphasising India's ambitious renewable energy plans, the Prime Minister highlighted the transformative reforms and initiatives being taken by India, such as the Green Hydrogen Mission," it added

Forrest briefed the Prime Minister on Fortescue Future Industries' plans and projects in India. After the

meeting. Schroder said that Australian super does invest in India and in particular in the National Indian Infrastructure Fund.

"We have had a very good experience in investing in India," he said.

Forrest said that he and the prime minister acknowledged that the fossil fuel sector has only limited time to run and it must be replaced with a fuel which causes no harm but can do everything which oil and

Rinehart said that there are huge business opportunities between India and Australia.

The Indian economy is growing at a healthy pace and reached about USD 3.5 trillion and there are plans to take it to USD 32 trillion in the next 25 years

"Growth in the future is really needs to work harder to develop its relations with India," she said, adding India has taken several steps to attract foreign investments by cutting approvals and regulations.

During April and December 2022, India received USD 1.07 billion in investments from Australia, according to government data.

Both countries have already implemented an interim free trade agreement on December 29 last year. The two nations are now engaged in widening the scope of that agreement into a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).

Australia is the 13th largest trading partner of India in 2022-23. While exports stood at USD 6.95 billion, imports from that country in the last fiscal aggregated at USD 19 billion.

India is Australia's largest export market for gold and chickpeas, the second-largest market for coal and copper ores and the third-largest market for lead and wool.

Key products of imports from Australia include coal, copper ores and concentrates and petroleum.

CAPE CANAVERAL, **MAY 23 (AP)** The International

Space Station rolled out the welcome mat Monday for two Saudi visitors, including the kingdom's first female astronaut.

SpaceX's chartered flight arrived at the orbiting lab less than 16 hours after blasting off from Florida.

The four guests will spend just over a week there, before returning to Earth in their capsule.

The 270-mile-high (430-kilometer-high) docking puts the space station population at 11, representing not only Saudi Arabia and the U.S., but the United Arab Emirates and Russia. "This shows how space brings everyone together," said

Saudi Arabia's first female astronaut, Rayyanah Barnawi, a stem cell researcher. "I'm going to live this experience

Space station welcomes 2 Saudi visitors, including kingdom's 1st female astronaut

Saudi fighter pilot Ali al-Qarni dedicated the visit to everyone back home. "This mission is not just for me and Rayyanah. This

mission is also for the people

with ambition and dreams.

dollar tab for both of them. John Shoffner, a Knoxville, Tennessee, businessman who started

paying his own way.

Retired NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson is their chaperone. She now works for Axiom Space, the Houston

a sports car racing team, is

to the space station. The company cited ticket prices of 55 million each for last year's private trip by three businessmen, but won't say how much the latest seats Only one other Saudi

company that organised

the 10-day trip, its second

has flown before in space, a prince who rode on NASA's shuttle Discovery in 1985.

BSF intercepts fifth Pakistani drone in last four days at International Border in Punjab

JALANDHAR, **MAY 23 (PTI)**

The Border Security Force intercepted a fifth Pakistani drone in the last four days that intruded into India from along the International Border in Punjab to drop a drugs consignment, officials said on Monday.

The latest drone was "downed" in the Amritsar sector. The Border Security Force (BSF) has recovered the large black-coloured drone with a payload of suspected narcotics attached beneath it,

The quantity and quality of the consignment is being ascertained, the officials

This is the fifth reported interception of a "rogue" unmanned aerial vehicle along the Punjab border since May

A few more instances



of troops picking up the reported over the last four days but nothing more could be established, the officials

The BSF troops shot down two drones and intercepted a third along the front on Friday (May 19). A BSF spokesperson had said the third drone fell into Pakistani territory and could not be recovered.

A drone that "violated Indian airspace on Saturday (May 20)

intercepted by firing in the buzzing sound of a drone were jurisdiction of the Amritsar sector" and the force recovered 3.3 kilogrammes of suspected narcotics that was slung under

> Punjab shares an over 500-kilometre-long with Pakistan that is guarded by the BSF and drones and unmanned aerial vehicles taking flight from that country into India with drugs and arms and ammunition payloads have become a matter of concern for security agencies over the last three-four years.

PM Modi's Jaipur Foot announcement to create a lot of goodwill for India in Pacific Island nations: D R Mehta



JAIPUR, MAY 23 (PTI)

The founder of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), the parent body of the Jaipur Foot, DR Mehta said on Monday the inclusion of Jaipur Foot in the 12-point development plan Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled for Pacific Island nations will generate a lot of

Earlier in the day, PM Modi announced the development plan for the Pacific Island nations at Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea

As part of the plan, Modi said India will organise a Jaipur foot camp in Papua New Guinea this year. The prosthetic limbs are offered in Jaipur foot camps. "Starting from 2024, two such camps will be organized every year in the Pacific island countries," Modi said

D R Mehta said the camps in Papua New Guinea and two other islands would be organised in association with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

He expressed hope the camps in the Pacific Islands will generate enormous goodwill for the country.

Haryana govt working on scheme for youths undergoing pilot training, says deputy CM

CHANDIGARH, **MAY 23 (PTI)**

The Haryana government is working on a scheme that will enable youngsters from the state undergoing pilot training to pay only half the cost or course fee, Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said on Monday.

"Under this scheme, the government will bear half the fees. For this, talks are going on with various civil aviation companies. Two rounds of talks have also taken place at the state level. "The state government

employment in this field by imparting training to the maximum number of pilots Chautala, who also holds

the civil aviation portfolio,



aviation as an industry on a priority basis during the last three years.

"About 350 youths are taking training in private and government Flying Training Organizations in the state. aims to provide ample this, around 120 are being trained by the Flight Simulation Technique Centre in the state," Chautala said in and the rest by the Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation.

"The airstrips of Karnal, Pinjore and said the state government Mahendragarh and Bachhod has worked to establish civil are being developed by the

government," he said in a statement.

Chautala further said the Bhiwani airstrip is being

'...work will be done to widen the runway, make taxi tracks, increase facilities for youth taking pilot training and establish a terminal, fire station etc at the earliest," he

The Jannayak Janata Party leader inspected the expansion work at the airstrip. He also held a meeting with officials of the Power and Public Works departments.

He said solar lights should be installed on the airstrip and directed the officers concerned to prepare an estimate for

He also interacted with the youths undergoing training there and inquired about the facilities being provided to



Congress TCTU (INTUC) state vice president Kulam Rajendran, Congress Erode Maanagar district president Thiruselvam, SC, ST wing president Gurusamy and many others offering floral tribute to late PM Rajiv Gandhi's portrait on his 32nd death anniversary near party office at Erode.

UP man claims wife, daughter gang-raped by thieves

MAY 23 (PTI)

A man has lodged a complaint alleging three men raped his wife and their 14-year-old daughter and also stole cash and a mobile phone from their home in Saifni, police said on Monday.

The police have cast doubts over the allegations but have registered a case and

Sanjay Kumar, a subinspector posted at Saifni police station, said a gangrape case has been registered against three men and an investigation launched.

On Sunday, a man lodged a complaint that his mobile phone and Rs 5,000 were stolen from his home.

He returned to the police station some time later and alleged that alongside the cash and the phone being stolen, his wife and minor daughter were gang-raped late on Saturday.

Superintendent of Police examination," he said.



Ashok Kumar Shukla said the man first lodged a complaint Shukla said the man informed of theft and then alleged that his wife and minor daughter were gang-raped.

"The incident seems to be a bit doubtful. We will verify the incident and collect evidence.

The mother and daughter have been sent for medical

Citing the complainant, the police that three thieves broke into their home, tied him up and took his mobile

Based on the complaint, the police registered a case and the matter was being state. investigated.

said the three people allegedly of law and order in Uttar gang-raped his wife

daughter. The incident seems to be doubtful as one of the accused allegedly had an argument with the complainant a few days back.

The police have registered a case of loot and gangrape,'

One of the accused has been identified as Kaif.

"Kaif has been detained is being questioned. A few days ago, Kaif had an argument with the complainant," he said. Taking note of the matter, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said the incident sparked panic in the entire state.

He said in a tweet in Hindi, "The heinous incident of robbery and gangrape of the wife and minor daughter of a local businessman at his house in Rampur in Uttar Pradesh has created panic in the entire

Such crimes expose the "Later, the same person hollowness of BJP's claims

Light rain likely to bring some relief to Jharkhand as mercury soars to 45 degC



RANCHI, MAY 23 (PTI)

The Met department predicted that light rain in parts of Jharkhand on Tuesday may bring some relief from the soaring heat as the mercury touched 45 degrees Celsius in some areas of the state.

The weather office, in a bulletin, said that parts of Garhwa, Latehar, Pakur, Palamu, Sahibgani and Godda districts are likely to experience light to moderate thunderstorms accompanied by wind gusting at 30-40 kmph on Tuesday evening.

"Daltonganj registered the highest temperature in the state at 45 degrees Celsius, followed by Jamshedpur (44.2), Garhwa (43.9) and Koderma (43.8). The temperature might dip by two to three notches after light rain in some parts of the state," Ranchi Meteorological Centre in-charge Abhishek Anand said.

The temperature in Ranchi was 40 degrees Celsius. Roads in the state capital wore a deserted look as excessive heat forced people to stay indoors.

Frequent power cuts in various parts of the state have added to the woes of the people.

to handle sniffer dogs



COIM-**BATORE MAY**

time in the state, ias appointed two women cops to handle sniffer dogs. Dog squad became a part of the city police in 1965. A special unit to train and city in 2001.

has seven sniffers

and with the addition of two new sniffers including an eightmonth-old Madhana, the number has increased to nine. About ten sniffers from Dindigul and Palayamkottai were

cases including murder, robbery, bomb and drugs detection. For the past 21 years, men cops were handling the sniffers. For the first time in the state, women cops were deployed

For the first handle the sniffers was started in the

The unit now

trained here at the unit. The squad has been used in many

to handle the sniffers. The constables – Kavipriya, a native of Tirupur district and Bhavani, a native of Theni district – were working with home guards. While Kavipriya has been handling a sniffer named Wilma, Bhavani has been handling

Women cops appointed 'RRR' director SS Rajamouli condoles Ray Stevenson's demise: Working with him was pure joy

HYDERABAD. **MAY 23 (PTI)**

Director SS Rajamouli on Tuesday remembered actor Ray Stevenson, who played the villainous British governor in "RRR", as someone who brought "infectious" energy to

the film's sets. Stevenson died in Italy on Sunday, four days before his 59th birthday, his publicist confirmed with entertainment website Variety. No cause of death was available.

In a Twitter Rajamouli said he was shocked to know about the Irish actor's death.

"... Just can't believe this news. Ray brought in so much energy and vibrancy with him to the sets. It was infectious. Working with him was pure joy. My prayers are with his family. May his soul rest in peace," the filmmaker captioned a throwback picture with Stevenson from "RRR" sets. The official Twitter page



of "RRR" shared a behind-thescenes photo of the late actor filming a crucial action scene

"He was 56 years old when we were shooting this difficult scene but he did not hesitate while performing this too soon," the tweet read.

In his career spanning 25 years, Stevenson also

played Volstagg, an Asgardian warrior in the "Thor" films and

a member of the 13th Legion in the BBC/HBO drama series "Rome" Filmmaker James Gunn said while he didn't work extensively with Stevenson, stunt We will forever cherish he has fond memories of

having you on the sets of collaborating with the actor #RRR, Ray Stevenson. Gone while shooting post-credits scenes of "Thor: The Dark World" (2013).

"Damn. So sorry to hear

"He was 56 years shooting this difficult

scene but he did not hesitate while performing this stunt. We will forever cherish having you on the sets of #RRR, Ray Stevenson. Gone too soon," the tweet



about the passing, far too young, of Ray Stevenson. I only knew him a little from shooting post-credits of Thor 2 & a couple interactions at events, but we had some good laughs & he was a joy to work with. His friends & family are in my heart today," Gunn said

The official Twitter page of Marvel Studios, home to "Thor" film franchise, said the actor will be missed.

"We are deeply saddened Stevenson, humor and wit to the character of Volstagg. He was a wonderful actor who will be deeply missed, and our thoughts are with his family and loved ones," the studio

Stevenson also did voice work in "Star Wars Rebels" and "The Clone Wars" as Gar Saxon.

He has a role in the upcoming "Star Wars" liveaction series "Ahsoka", in which he plays a villain, Baylan Skoll. The eightepisode season is expected on Disney+ in August.

Stevenson has three sons with Italian anthropologist Elisabetta Caraccia, who he met while working on "Rome"

Gujarat HC grants interim stay on further proceedings against Delhi LG Saxena in assault case

AHMEDABAD, **MAY 23 (PTI)**

on Tuesday granted interim stay on further proceedings against Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) VK Saxena in 2002, pending before a trial court.

Justice MK Thakker granted interim relief to Saxena in terms of stay on further proceedings against him in the trial court till pendency and final disposal of his plea, challenging a metropolitan court's order rejecting his application to in abeyance till he holds the office of Lieutenant Governor of the National

Capital Territory of Delhi.

The court also issued the state The Gujarat High Court government and complainant Patkar, and kept the matter for further hearing on June 19. On May 8, metropolitan magistrate P C Goswami in a case of alleged assault on refused to stay the trial social activist Medha Patkar against Saxena, as requested by him in the case dating back to April 10, 2002, when he and three other accused allegedly assaulted Patkar during a peace meeting organised at the Gandhi Ashram in Ahmedabad.

Saxena's lawyer told the HC that the metropolitan court made an erroneous observation that if protection keep the trial against him is granted to him, the examination of witnesses will have to be conducted afresh, and that would cause delay in the trial

observation is erroneous in view of the fact that even if the trial is concluded, the court would not be in a position to send him in custody in view of the protection under Article 361 of the Constitution (related to legal protection to President and Governors from criminal proceedings), the lawyer said. He also pointed out that the trial was delayed on 94 occasions due to adjournment applications moved by the complainant. As per the case detail, a group of people allegedly attacked Patkar when she was part of a peace meet organised after the 2002

Gujarat riots. After the April

10, 2002 incident, a case was

lodged by her at the city's

Sabarmati police station. The

trial of the case is going on in

The metropolitan court's a metropolitan court here.

Cross examination three other accused --Ellisbridge MLA Amit Shah, Vejalpur MLA Amit Thaker (both of BJP) and Congress leader Rohit Patel -- was completed. When Saxena's term came, his lawyer moved an application seeking abeyance of trial against him on grounds of immunity under Article 361 of the Constitution.

The case against the accused was registered under Indian Penal Code Sections 143 (unlawful assembly), 321 (voluntarily causing hurt). 341 (wrongful restraint), 504 (intentional insult to provoke breach of trust) and 506 (criminal intimidation). The matter will be taken up for hearing on June 19.

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West Bengal cabinet nod to 30 acre land for ECL for reopening abandoned mines



KOLKATA, MAY 23

West cabinet on Monday decided to give land to the Eastern Coalfield Limited (ECL) for the construction of new pits and expansion of nonoperational coal mines, a senior official said.

The cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, decided to allot around 30 acre of land in the Asansol industrial area in to ECL, he said.

Coal India, had sought project. the land from the state government, he added.

Law Minister Moloy

Ghatak said the land will be given to ECL to reopen six abandoned mines in Dalurbadh in Pandabeswar, Kenda in Jamuria, Raniganj, Damolia and Dalora.

"There were 1.30 lakh people working in the coal mines of ECL. Due to the closure of the mines, many lost their jobs. This decision of the state government will provide employment to many locals," Ghatak said.

Besides, the cabinet also Paschim Bardhaman district decided to give around 4 acre of land to Eastern Railway ECL, a subsidiary of for the freight corridor

> The cabinet also granted promotions to officers of the Kolkata Police and West

'State violence' in UP giving birth to 'gun culture': Akhilesh Yadav on Noida university shootout

NOIDA, MAY 23 (PTI)

Samajwadi president Akhilesh Yadav on Monday accused the Uttar Pradesh government of giving birth to "gun culture" in the state, and also held the dispensation accountable for an incident at a private university in Greater Noida where a student killed a batch-mate shooting himself dead.

21-year-old BA third year student had on Thursday shot dead his woman batchmate inside the Shiv Nadar university premises.

The two were allegedly in a relationship but had broken up due to some

"Due to poor security arrangements in the prestigious Shiv Nadar university in Uttar Pradesh's Noida, near Delhi, the killing of a girl student by three gunshots is a painful incident. The UP administration had been

equally negligent. Uttar Pradesh mein shaasnik hinsa ne nayi 'tamancha sanskriti ko janm diya hai (The state violence in UP has given birth to a new gun culture in UP,' Yadav tweeted in Hindi.

differences after which the Noida, near Delhi, the killing student took the extreme of a girl student by three according to local police officials.

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birth to a new gun culture in UP," Yadav tweeted in Hindi.

The former chief minister has been critical of the Yogi Adityanath government over what he described as "fake encounters" of suspected criminals by the state police.

Meanwhile, the local police continued its probe to ascertain from where the deceased student had procured the country-made 0.32 bore pistol for the shootout, an official said.

An FIR was lodged at the Dadri police station under sections 3, 25 and 27 of the Arms Act against the deceased student, the official

Odisha to provide free crop insurance to farmers for 3 years

BHUBANESWAR,

MAY 23 (PTI) The Odisha government on Monday announced that

it will provide free crop insurance to all farmers in the state for the next three years. Cooperation Minister Atanu announcement after a review of his department by Chief

Minister Naveen Patnaik.

Cooperation Department would bear the premium of the insurance from the 2023 Kharif season to the 2025-26 Rabi season. Odisha is the first state in the country to provide free Sabyasachi Nayak made the crop insurance to farmers,

He said the department marginal farmers have been has been providing short terms agriculture loans to the farmers at low interest rates.

promised during elections, the state government has increased the interest-free loan cap from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 Under the scheme, more than 7 lakh small and

provided loans, amounting to Rs 16,683.57 crore during the 2022-23 financial year, Nayak said.

Besides, Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) have been formed to further extend short-term loans to the farmers, he said

Ministers pat Perundurai Kongu ITI student for his innovation

ERODE MAY 23:

Udayanidhi Stalin, Ponmudi, CV Ganesan and TN Skill Development Corporation Director Innocent Divya appreciated II year electrician course M Gokul of Perundurai Kongu ITI, functioning within Kongu Polytechnic, for his innovation of producing power through water flow in the pipeline from domestic tank by using a turbine and generator which could help people use the power in houses.

Gokul, son powerloom worker Murthy of Vijayamangalam, studied upto10th std in government school at Seenapuram and



joined the ITI.

He says "his concept is one among 170 submitted by students across the state in the competition arranged by the TN Skill Development Corporation and of which his model was one among 13 were adjudged best and the ministers inspected them at the Anna centenary library recently and appreciated the students'

The prize - winning student says "I have participated in various competitions thanks to the support of Principal faculty members. Kongu Polytechnic College ITI Correspondent A. Venkatachalam felicitated him in the presence of ITI N.Dhineskumar Polytechnic Principal Dr.V.Vedhagiri Eswaran and faculty members.



Erode district Collector Rajagopal Sunkara hearing public grievances of diffables at the Monday public grievance redressal day program held at the collectorate.

EDITORIAL

AFTERNOON

The public who did not react to withdrawal of **Rs 2000 note!**

fter the Reserve Bank of India's announcement to withdraw the Rs 2000 note, political parties from North India to South India and political party leaders only criticize the Bharativa Janata Party's central government. But the surprising information is that the public across the country did not notice this announcement.

It is also noteworthy that the poor and middle class people have not been seeing the 2000 rupee note for months and have not been using it for years. What if the 2000 rupee note, which is almost not in use among the public, goes out of circulation? But the politicians, businessmen and celebrities who hoard black money and keep crores of cash without paying taxes are getting angry at the announcement that the 2000 rupee note has been withdrawn. They are criticizing the central government, Bharatiya Janata Party and Prime Minister Modi.

Even though the Reserve Bank of India has given permission to change the 2000 rupee note in various ways from today, the announcement to withdraw the 2000 rupee note has caused a great shock to those who have hoarded crores of rupees. Celebrities who have hoarded 30 thousand crores to 40,000 crores are at a loss as to how to exchange that note. Some of the powerful people in power have come to the fore in changing the 2000 rupee note. But the biggest question mark is how celebrities, businessmen and film industry celebrities who are not in power will exchange 2000 rupees of black money.

Everyone said it was a ridiculous decision while printing the 2000 rupee note. It was also said that this would only pave the way for the proliferation of black money. But the BJP people are saying that Modi's diplomacy lies in allowing the black money hoarderers hide the 2000 rupee note and then getting out the 2000 rupee note back again.

At the same time, there has been talk for the last couple of years that the 2000 rupee note will become obsolete. It is also said that celebrities avoid those currency notes as a precaution.

The poor and middle class people can easily exchange their 2000 rupee notes ranging from a few thousand to a few lakhs. On the whole, unlike the last time, it is noteworthy that this 2000 rupee note withdrawal announcement is the announcement that has come out without any problems for the poor and the middle class people!

Mumbai: Cop on CM's 'bandobast' duty injured in scooter accident; accused flee leaving behind vehicle

MUMBAI, MAY 23

A traffic constable on bandobast (security) duty for a visit of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was scooter since two persons injured in Vakola area of were riding pillion. However, Mumbai after being hit by a the scooter knocked him down scooter carrying three persons, while the rider made a bid to

The incident took place on Sunday night and the three, who have been charged three persons on the scooter with rash driving, assault fled leaving behind the two- on on-duty police personnel wheeler, the Vakola police and other offences under station official added.

"Constable Vijay Chavan was on duty near Gate Number 8 of the old airport at Kalina when the incident took place.

He wanted to to stop the

Efforts are on to nab the Indian Penal Code and Motor Vehicles Act, he said.

Security forces conducted area domination patrol in Rajouri town

RAJOURI/JAMMU, **MAY 23 (PTI)**

Security forces carried out a comprehensive area domination patrol (ADP) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri town, in an exercise that involved a large number of personnel, officials said.

in Rajouri and traversed SP Vivek Shekhar Sharma through key locations such as and officers from the Central Gujjar Mandi, the main bus armed paramilitary forces. stand, the main market, Tariq bridge, Salani bridge before concluding at the police lines, they said.



Led by Rajouri Senior they said. Superintendent of Police The patrol commenced had several police officers from the district police lines including Rajouri Additional

discussions with local traders region. and residents in Rajouri town,

Amritpal Singh said Amritpal Singh, the patrol the primary objective of the Area Domination Long Range Patrol was to enhance the familiarity of security forces with the surroundings. Additionally, the patrol aimed During the operation, to bolster the confidence of the officers engaged in the civilian population in the

Law and order in Bengal not good at all': Union minister Meghwal

KOLKATA, MAY 23 (PTI)

Union minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on Monday asserted that the law and order situation in West Bengal is "not good at all". The newly appointed union minister of state for Law and Justice was on an official visit to the city. Asked by reporters about some recent incidents in the state, including a blast at Egra in Purba Midnapur district claiming 12 lives, he said, "I feel that the law and order situation in West Bengal is not good at all.

his opposition to an ordinance brought by the coming out in the open.

central government. The BJP-led government at the Centre has brought an ordinance related to the transfer and posting of officers in the Delhi government.Meghwal claimed that Kejriwal, who had an interaction with Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday, is meeting non-BJP chief ministers over the

"The ordinance has been brought in accordance with constitutional provisions. Those who are in power can bring an But I will survey that first and then ordinance and we have done that," he said will be able to speak (more) on that."On at the airport here.Meghwal, who is also Tuesday's scheduled meeting between West the MoS in the Ministry of Parliamentary Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Affairs, said that a debate can always be held with her Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal at in Parliament since it has to be tabled before Nabanna', the state secretariat here, Meghwal the House. He claimed that Kejriwal is upset said he was trying to drum up support over that allegations of corruption against him are

All 12 MCD zones to have 2 unique parks each

NEW DELHI, MAY 23 All the 12 zones of the

Municipal Corporation Department here will have at least one unique 'pink park' and 'sculpture park,' officials said on Monday. The horticulture

department is planning to develop more than 150 parks in the initial phase.

Mayor Shelly Oberoi convened a review meeting to discuss and implement Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's vision of redeveloping Delhi's parks across all 12 zones.

"She announced that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will embark on an extensive project, creating over 150 parks in the first phase. Additionally, each zone will boast a unique Pink Park and Sculpture Park," the mayor's office said in a statement.

"The MCD aims to establish a 'pink park' and a sculpture park' in each zone. This groundbreaking initiative parks in the Civil Zone. will result in the creation of 12 pink parks and 12 sculpture parks during the initial phase. A detailed list of these parks, categorised by zones, will be released soon.



cater to women, boasting a unique pink theme, while the Sculpture Parks will showcase artistic sculptures made from recycled materials. These parks will undoubtedly enhance the city's aesthetics and allure," it added.

According statement, the plan envisages the development of 17 parks in the Central Zone, 10 parks each in the South Zone and Karol Bagh Zone, 5 parks in the City SP Zone, 22 parks in Shahdara North Zone, 13 parks in Shahdara South Zone, 6 parks in Narela Zone, 28 parks in Rohini Zone, 6 parks in the West Zone, 17 parks in Najafgarh Zone, 18 parks in Keshav Puram Zone, and 5

The high-level meeting of MCD officials from all zones, held at the Civic Centre, focused on a comprehensive plan for park development.

A detailed list of parks

categorised by zones was discussed prepared and during the meeting, with the Mayor urging officials to ensure the plan's successful implementation within the designated timeline. "Shelly Oberoi

emphasised the importance meeting Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal's vision of transforming Delhi's parks into lush green spaces. The greening of these spaces will only beautify the city but also provide residents well-maintained and accessible recreational areas and enhance the quality of their lives," the mayor's office

The first phase will witness the development of parks spanning over an acre within three months, with meticulous attention given to the cultivation of grass and various plant species, the statement said.

The Aam Aadmi Partyled MCD is committed to providing citizens with wellequipped parks that cater to their needs, Dr Oberoi said.

The development of parks will be widespread across all zones, with a focus on meeting the diverse needs of different

Projects should not be launched without assessing ecological impact, says Medha Patkar in Joshimath

GOPESHWAR (U'KHAND), MAY 23 (PTI)

Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar on Monday said infrastructure projects should not be launched without properly assessing their ecological impact as she extended support to the Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti.

Arriving the subsidence-hit Uttarakhand town on Monday, Patkar apologised for visiting late.

"The Joshimath crisis is a warning bell. The authorities Patkar added. must wake up to the damage caused by mega development



projects Infrastructure should not be launched without properly assessing their impact on the ecology,

She also addressed a meeting organised by the

Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti on the tehsil premises and said she stood with the affected people.

The Samiti's 11-point list of demands includes the permanent scrapping of the NTPC's Tapovan-Vishnugad

that, it feels, are responsible for the subsidence crisis in Joshimath. It has also demanded that the entire town be declared disaster-hit.

Meanwhile, protesting against Patkar's visit, scores of BJP workers reached the venue and raised slogans against her.

Rishi Prasad Sati, Joshimath's former municipal president who was among the protesting BJP workers, said the state government is dealing with the problem

Calling the agitation unnecessary, Sati said it has

hydel power and the Helang- ruined the local economy and Marwadi bypass road projects alleged that the agitators have

nothing to do with Joshimath.

Patkar later told reporters that she has been associated with mass movements in different places across the country and added she has nothing to do with any political party.

"Joshimath is actually a warning from the Himalayas. Similarly, the Ghats is giving a warning to Kerala. Satpura is also giving warnings, every river is getting wasted due to which a cycle of drought and flood is being created and even people living near riverbanks are yearning for water," she said.

Delhi govt to de-silt Ring Road trunk sewer line to alleviate overflow issues

The Delhi government the first time this year, it said in a statement on Monday.

The initiative aims to provide relief to Delhi residents from persistent sewer

overflow problems, contribute areas such as Chandni Chowk, to the rejuvenation of the Daryaganj, Sarai Kale Khan, Yamuna river and effectively will de-silt all trunk sewer address waterlogging on the lines in the national capital for roads, it said. The project Nagar. will commence with the cleaning of the 9.8-kilometre the Ring Road trunk sewer Ring Road trunk sewer line

pumping station, benefitting

Ajmeri Gate, Pragati Maidan, Nizamuddin and Sunder

The decision to clean line was made following a from the Red Fort Gate to directive by Chief Minister the Maharani Bagh sewage Arvind Keiriwal.

to reduced flow capacity and back-overflow situations during the rainy season,

which has not been de- on the roads, resulting in traffic silted for over 18 years, has congestion and inconvenience accumulated a significant to both pedestrians and amount of sediment, leading vehicles, it said. The project, which has a budget of Rs 34.7 crore, aims to alleviate these issues and restore smooth and the government said in the uninterrupted sewer flow in the area. the statement added.