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Nida Khan granted bail, court flags jail birth trauma
As it granted bail to a pregnant Nida Khan in a Nashik TCS case, a local court observed that the trauma of giving birth in prison is unbearable for any woman, drawing a comparison with the circumstances surrounding the birth of Lord Krishna. **P10**

Future of management careers in the era of AI
Every July, as new batches of management students walk into B-School classrooms with fresh hopes and excitement, the immense responsibility that higher education carries comes with it. An MBA or any postgraduate programme in management. **P6**

Equities recover, but caution prevails
Stock markets recovered on Thursday, with the benchmark Sensex closing higher by 238 points on broad-based buying by investors after a heavy correction in the previous session. The 30-share BSE Sensex opened higher and jumped further 823.05 points. **P11**

Krithi Shetty stuns with new photoshoot
Krithi Shetty continues to remain in the limelight for her style statements on social media. The actress, whose recent releases LIK and Vaa Vaathiyar failed to make an impact at the box office, was once again flooded with praises after sharing the latest. **P12**

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WINDOWS

No vending on Bengaluru's major roads, says Minister

BENGALURU: Minister Krishna Byre Gowda on Thursday said that the co-operation of street vendors was crucial to the ongoing footpath encroachment clearance drive, asserting that it was aimed at ensuring smooth and safe movement for citizens on public roads. During a meeting with representatives of the Joint Action Committee of Street Vendors, he assured them that the government would always stand by the poor. "The government intends that street vendors in Bengaluru should be able to earn their livelihood. At the same time, it is implementing the Supreme Court's directions by clearing all encroachments from footpaths," the Greater Bengaluru development minister said.

As part of the Greater Bengaluru Authority's 'Safe Footpath' campaign, which began on July 1, officials are conducting a drive to clear encroachments in an effort to improve pedestrian infrastructure across the city. According to a statement issued by the minister's office, Gowda said the ongoing drive was aimed at ensuring smooth and safe movement for citizens on public roads and footpaths. "There will be no compromise on ensuring that footpaths remain free and accessible to pedestrians, and the cooperation of street vendors is crucial to the footpath encroachment clearance drive," he said. The minister said that street vending would not be permitted on the city's major roads, which together cover about 1,500 km. "However, vendors will be allowed to carry out their business on the remaining 80-90 per cent of ward roads, and the civic body will extend full support for this," he said.

The minister pointed out that, as of July 8, encroachments had been cleared from 430 km of roads in the city, and that the drive would continue. Stressing that the clearance drive was not limited to street vendors, Gowda said that encroachments by shops, petty shops, pushcarts, sheets, roofs or canopies, staircases, ramps, compound walls, advertisement boards, name boards, and temporary or permanent sheds on footpaths were also being removed. "In the coming days, the authorities will gradually remove all other obstructions from footpaths, including illegal parking and encroachments related to gardens," he said.

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UPSC aspirant-turned-Maths teacher held for aiding Bishnoi gang

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NEW DELHI

A BTech graduate who taught Maths in coaching centres was arrested for allegedly aiding the Hari Boxer-Lawrence Bishnoi gang by conducting a recce of a businessman whom they tried to extort, police said on Thursday. The accused, identified as Amit Bishnoi alias Rudra Pratap Singh (35), originally from Haryana's

Hisar, had been teaching Mathematics at various coaching centres in Mukherjee Nagar since 2018, they said. According to Delhi Police Special Cell, Singh allegedly conducted a recce of the victim's office, recorded a video of the premises and shared it with gangster Hari Boxer, who later used the footage while threatening the businessman and demanding Rs 10 crore.



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Amit Bishnoi alias Rudra Pratap Singh allegedly conducted a recce of the victim's office, recorded a video of the premises and shared it with gangster Hari Boxer, who later used the footage while threatening the businessman

received a social media call from an international number. The caller, who

identified himself as Hari Boxer, threatened to kill the businessman and his

children if the money was not paid within a week," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Praveen Kumar Tripathi said in a statement. Tripathi said the gangster subsequently contacted the victim through multiple foreign numbers and also shared a video of his office to demonstrate that the gang had gathered detailed information about him. "The caller warned that the businessman would

be 'blown up' if he failed to meet the demand," the DCP said. The businessman filed a complaint at the Mukherjee Nagar police station, following which an FIR was registered on July 8, and an investigation was launched. During the probe, the Special Cell apprehended Singh, who allegedly admitted to collecting information about the victim, his family and business at the behest of Hari Boxer, police said.

MODI SEALS URANIUM DEAL WITH AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY

INDIA and Australia on Thursday sealed a raft of landmark pacts spanning civil nuclear energy, maritime security and critical minerals sectors, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese reinforced the vital role of the bilateral partnership in ensuring a peaceful Indo-Pacific. The agreement on civil nuclear energy to facilitate the commercial supply of uranium from Australia to India to fuel New Delhi's nuclear power projects came nearly 12 years after the two countries inked a historic civil nuclear cooperation pact. In another significant decision, India and Australia decided to work expeditiously to firm up the proposed Comprehensive Economic

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Cooperation Agreement as well as a bilateral investment protection framework. A joint declaration on defence and security cooperation, a maritime security collaboration roadmap, a joint statement on energy

security and a partnership for cyber, critical technologies and supply chains were among 18 pacts signed following summit talks between the two prime ministers. Modi described as "unparalleled" the outcomes

from his talks with Albanese, especially in areas of renewable energy, climate action, nuclear energy, critical minerals, technology and education. The agreements sealed at the summit also included one between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Maritime Border Command (MBC) of Australia and it will provide cooperation in the fields of maritime law enforcement, domain awareness, and maritime border protection. The two sides also vowed to work closely in shipbuilding, ship repair and maintenance. Modi landed in Australia from Indonesia on the second leg of his three-nation tour that is aimed at boosting trade, energy and defence ties against the backdrop of an increasingly fractured geopolitical environment.

US ends strikes on Iran after hitting 90 targets

DUBAI

THE US military said Thursday it had concluded its latest round of airstrikes on Iran after striking about 90 targets, according to a statement from US Central Command. The military released black-and-white footage that appeared to show strikes on an airport runway and missile launchers. "US forces remain vigilant, lethal, and prepared to execute operations directed by the Commander in Chief," Central Command said. US airstrikes in Iran over the past two days have killed at least 14 people and injured 78 others, according to Iran's Health Ministry. Missile alert sirens sounded in Jordan on Thursday as Iran retaliated across the wider Middle East over US airstrikes targeting it. The sirens could be heard in Amman, Jordan's capital, and

Missile alert sirens sound in Jordan as Iran retaliates; US airstrikes have killed at least 14 people and injured 78 others



Jordanian media said sirens also sounded in other areas of the kingdom. There was no immediate information provided from authorities. Trump claimed that Iran wants to strike a deal with Washington, DC 'badly', while expressing uncertainty over Tehran's willingness to honour the deal. He said that the Iranian

leadership called to make a deal after US forces started conducting additional strikes against Tehran. "We have already won militarily. They have very little left... They called a little while ago. They want to make a deal so badly. I just don't know if they're worthy of making a deal. I don't know that they're going to honour the deal," he said.

Thieves steal electrical wire in Bihar, train services hit

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GAYA

THIEVES allegedly cut and stole an overhead electrical wire between Tehta and Jehanabad railway stations in Bihar, disrupting train services for nearly three hours in the Gaya-Patna section on Thursday, officials said. The Railway Protection Force has recovered the stolen material, and an investigation is underway to nab the accused. Talking to PTI, East Central Railway Chief Public Relations Officer Saraswati Chandra said, "Thieves cut a 25,000-volt OHE wire (roughly around 100 meters) at



3.05 am on Thursday between Tehta and Jehanabad stations in the Gaya-Patna section, disrupting train services. Affected down trains were operated under single-line working. The electrical wire was repaired by railway staff and declared fit at 6.26 am, the CPRO added.

CBI-DRI bust wildlife trafficking racket

NEW DELHI: From star tortoises and slow lorises to Egyptian vultures and Shikra birds, 53 protected animals and birds were rescued after the CBI and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) busted an inter-state wildlife trafficking racket in a joint operation, officials said on Thursday. Six accused were arrested in Mumbai and Kolkata, they said. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in a statement said the operation, carried out with support from the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), led to the rescue of 15 slow lorises, two binturong, 28 star tortoises, six Egyptian vultures and two shikra birds, all protected under Schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Southwest monsoon covers entire country

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NEW DELHI

THE southwest monsoon has further advanced into the remaining parts of Rajasthan, Haryana, and Punjab, covering the entire country, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Thursday. The department said that there has been a delay of a day in the monsoon, covering the whole country, as it normally takes place on July 8. The monsoon onset over Kerala this year took place on June 4, marking the beginning of the southwest monsoon season (June-September) in the country. Usually, the arrival of the monsoon in the state occurs on June 1. So far in July, India has witnessed a large surplus of

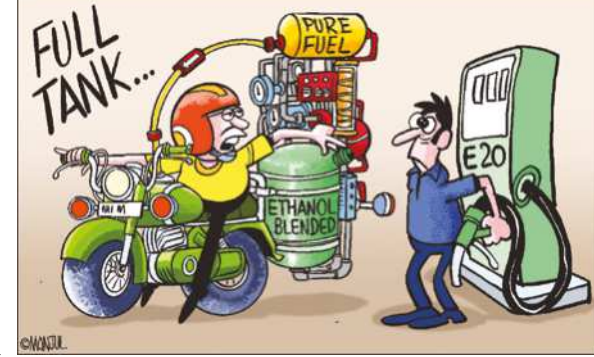


rainfall, while the normal rainfall in the first nine days of the month is 73.8 mm, the country as a whole has seen 101.9 mm of rainfall. Note that in its monthly forecast on June 30, the IMD had predicted rain across the country in the first seven to 10 days of the month. However, it added that July will be drier than usual, with rainfall across the country expected to be 94 per cent of the long-period average (LPA). LPA refers to the rainfall recorded over a particular region for a given period, such as a month or a season, averaged over a long period, typically 30 to 50 years.

Once-a-week diabetes injection launched

NEW DELHI: Danish pharma major Novo Nordisk on Thursday launched in India its once-weekly basal insulin injection, 'Awiqli' indicated for treatment of diabetes in adults. The company is introducing Awiqli in two pen representations of 700 units and 2,100 units, with per unit cost of Rs 3.73. Novo Nordisk India Managing Director, Vikrant Shrotriya told PTI. "It is a modern therapy, and we (India) are the seventh country to launch (the injection)," he added. Explaining the advantages of Awiqli, Shrotriya said in usual therapies patients with diabetes normally will have to take insulin injection every day, which leads to people actually denying insulin as "they think that they have to take every day and they have to take lifelong".

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Probe call records of all those employed in Ram temple: Akhilesh

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LUCKNOW

UPPING the ante on the Ram temple donation issue, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday demanded that the

call detail records of all those employed in the temple in Ayodhya be examined and claimed that 99.9 per cent of them would have links with the BJP. He stated that such a



revelation would trigger a "turmoil" within the ruling BJP. Talking to reporters here, Yadav also accused

the BJP of placing electoral considerations above religious values. Referring to the SIT probe into the alleged

embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple, he said the probe has become a matter of discussion "in every household". "All the call detail records (CDR) of those who were working in the temple complex should be examined. The moment the CDRs are scrutinised, 99.9 per cent of them will turn out to be BJP people. You cannot imagine the 'bhagdad' (turmoil) that will break out within the BJP then. The exodus has already

begun and many people have already started contacting us," Yadav claimed. Raising a question mark on the SIT, Yadav said, "What SIT is this? It is merely an attempt to cover up the matter. Who constituted this SIT? We are also hearing that questions have been raised about the SIT itself. One of its members is facing a cheating case. Tell me, will such a person continue to be part of the SIT?" "This is a much bigger fight than you think. You

are not able to understand it. It is a fight between Delhi and Lucknow. If the people in Delhi (Centre) wanted a proper investigation, agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED), the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Income Tax Department would have conducted the probe," he said. The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister also alleged that the BJP changes its ideology according to electoral convenience.