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## NATION

**Working-age population rising; expected at around 64% in next census: SBI research**

**NEW DELHI:** The working-age population in India has witnessed an increasing trend since 1971 and is projected to reach 64.4% in the soon-to-be exercised census, according to a report by SBI Research.

It will further increase to 65.2% in 2031, the report asserted on Tuesday. The working age population, people in the age bracket of 15-59, rose from 55.4% in 1991, to 56.9% in 2001, and 60.7% in 2021.

However, the average annual population growth is on a downward trajectory and is expected to decline from 2.20% in 1971 to 1% in 2024, putting the national population somewhere in the range of 138-142 crore in 2024, the SBI research said.

State-wise incremental share in total population growth reveals the share of southern states, mainly

Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in the growth to decline while northern states, led by UP and Bihar drive the growth. The North and eastern regions together are expected to have 52% share in the entire population.

The administrative work to hold the long-delayed countrywide census is reportedly underway. The last decadal census was conducted in 2011 and the latest was due in 2021. The 2021 census exercise was delayed citing the then-Covid-19 pandemic and has been on hold since then.

The census provides key socio-economic and demographic data to policymakers and plays a crucial role in governance. The first census exercise was held in 1872. The soon-to-be-exercised census is likely to begin soon, and will provide a range of data of a digital-heavy India that has undergone rapid changes in the last decade or so.

As per the population census data, the share of children in the age group 0-14 years increased till 1971 and gradually declined thereafter.

In 2024, according to the SBI Research report authored by group chief economic adviser Soumya Kanti Ghosh, the proportion of children in the age group 0-14 years is projected to be 24.3% whereas it was 30.9% in 2011. ANI



The working age population, comprising people in the age bracket of 15 to 59, rose from 55.4% in 1991, to 56.9% in 2001 and 60.7% in 2021. SHUTTERSTOCK

**Second phase of J-K polls: Security stepped up at booths**

**SRINAGAR:** More than 13,000 polling staff on Tuesday took positions at 3,500 polling stations set up across 26 assembly constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir, where voting will be held on Wednesday in the second phase polls in the Union territory.

The security forces personnel comprising police, armed police and central armed paramilitary forces left for the polling stations early morning, the officials said.

They said a multi-tier security blanket has been thrown around each polling station to ensure the voting for the second phase is held in an atmosphere free of fear. "As the second phase of voting will take place tomorrow (Wednesday), we have made elaborate security arrangements to ensure that the maximum number of people exercise their right to vote," a senior police official said. PTI

**Monsoon starts to withdraw six days later than schedule**

**NEW DELHI:** The monsoon has withdrawn from some parts of western Rajasthan and Kutch, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Monday, announcing the beginning of a phenomenon that should bring some relief to many parts of the country that has seen a wet monsoon.

Conditions are favourable for further withdrawal of monsoon from some more parts of western Rajasthan and adjoining areas of Punjab, Haryana and Gujarat in the next 24 hours, IMD said.

But the good news stops there. A cyclonic circulation over central Bay of Bengal will likely result in very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall over coastal and north interior Karnataka, Maharashtra and Goa over the rest of the week and heavy rainfall over central, east and northeast India between Sept 24 and 27. HTC

## CITYLIGHTS

**Weekly dengue cases cross 300, taking annual no. to 1,229**

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi has reported over 300 dengue cases in the past seven days, taking the total number of cases in the national capital so far this year to 1,229 as mosquito borne diseases seemingly are on a slow but steady rise in the city, according to official data.

Cases of malaria are considerably higher so far when compared to last year. Delhi has already reported 363 malaria cases till this month while the figure stood at 294 in the corresponding month in 2023. The total malaria cases last year were 426. Most number of malaria cases are reported from West Delhi zone.

As for chikungunya, 43 cases have been reported so far. This is nearly double than last year when the figure stood at 23. A total of 65 cases of the virus was reported last year. The most number of chikungunya cases have been reported from South Delhi zone this year. Last week, the city witnessed a spike of nearly 250 cases of dengue in seven days.

As per Municipal Corporation of Delhi's



Fumigation being carried out in a slum in New Delhi on Tuesday to reduce the breeding of mosquitoes. HT PHOTO

data from January till September 21, a total of 1,229 dengue cases have been reported in the city with the death of a 54-year-old registered in Lok Nayak Hospital, senior official at the hospital had confirmed. Delhi reported 651 cases of dengue this month.

Last month, a total of 256 dengue cases were reported in the city. PTI

**Street artist Hanif Kureshi, 41, passes away in Goa**

**NEW DELHI:** Hanif Kureshi, the creative lead behind India's first public art district and the visionary artist and designer remembered for "making art democratic", died in Goa on Sunday.

His murals on the walls of schools, hospitals and homes in Delhi's Lodhi Colony have come to be known as Lodhi Art District over the last 10 years. Kureshi co-founded the St+art Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation, with four others in 2013. The aim was to paint the streets of India. The pilot project in Delhi that started with two murals today has over 60 by national and international artists. PTI



A mural painted on a wall at the Lodhi art district in New Delhi. PTI

## SCHOOL EVENT

**RD RAJPAL SCHOOL, DWARKA, HOSTS AUREATE '24 MODEL UNITED NATIONS WITH ZEAL**

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## WORD POWER

**Proclivity**

**Proh-kliv-i-tee (Adjective)**

**Meaning:** Natural or habitual inclination or tendency; propensity; predisposition.

**Origin:** Recorded in 1585-95; Latin proclivitas tendency, literally, a steep descent, steepness, equivalent to procliv (is) sloping forward.

**Synonyms:** Tendency, inclination, aptitude, affinity, affection, predisposition, penchant

**Antonyms:** Aversion, distaste, dislike, disinclination, allergy, disfavour

**Usage:** Marie Antoinette had a proclivity for the finer things.

## WORLD

**Biden to address UNGA for the last time as president**

**NEW YORK/KYIV:** US President Joe Biden will look to burnish his foreign policy legacy in a UN speech on Tuesday, still facing the challenges posed by Ukraine's effort to repel Russian invaders and in a Middle East mired in war. With four months left in office, Biden steps up to the green marble lectern to address world leaders at the UN General Assembly with wars in both regions posing dilemmas likely to outlast his presidency. Meanwhile, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who is in New York for the meeting of world officials at the UN, held talks on the sidelines with German, Indian and Japan leaders on Monday trying to shore up support for Kyiv's war efforts. "We talked about how to make a just peace closer," Zelenskyy said on his Telegram messaging app after meeting with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. REUTERS

**IMF to work with leftist Sri Lanka leader on \$3-bn loan**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said it's looking forward to working with Sri Lanka's newly elected leftist president, including on the latest review of the country's \$3-billion bailout package. "We will discuss the timing of the third review of the IMF-supported programme with the new administration as soon as practicable," the organisation said in a statement after President Anura Kumara Dissanayake was sworn into office on Monday. BLOOMBERG

**Trump slams PA early voting, but urges citizens to vote soon**

**INDIANA:** Donald Trump dismissed early voting on Monday as "stupid" but nevertheless encouraged voters in Pennsylvania to cast ballots as soon as possible, as he vowed if elected US president to repel a migrant "invasion" of the battleground state. "If we win Pennsylvania, we win the whole thing. It's very simple," he said of what is perhaps the biggest prize among the swing states likely to determine whether Trump or Democrat Kamala Harris wins the White House on November 5. AFP

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The two-day Aureate '24 Model United Nations conference witnessed participation from numerous schools across the region

## RD Rajpal School, Dwarka, hosts Aureate '24 Model United Nations with great enthusiasm

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Divya Chauhan, the Secretary-General, delivered a compelling opening speech that resonated with the ideals of diplomacy, critical thinking, and collaborative problem-solving.

Thereafter, Saanvi Duggal, who also served as the Secretary-General, officially declared the conference open, signalling the start of what would be two days of intense, yet constructive, discussions.

The opening ceremony also featured the facilitation of the executive

board members, who were introduced and recognized for their pivotal roles in guiding the committees throughout the conference. The MUN itself was divided into various committees, each addressing different aspects of global governance. The United Nations General Assembly was chaired by Rajat Sharma, with Saanvi Duggal taking on the role of vice-chairperson. In the United Nations Environment Programme, Sanya Balhara served as the chairperson, while Divya Chauhan assumed the position of vice-chairperson.

The All India Political Parties Meet was another highlight, with Saksham Tuteja as the moderator, Shishir Srivastava as the deputy moderator, and Kushagra Gulyani as the scribe.

Lastly, the International Press, led by IP head Siddharth Satija, played a crucial role in documenting the proceedings. The conference culminated in a grand closing ceremony that was as memorable as the opening func-

tion. During this ceremony, awards were distributed to delegates who exhibited exceptional skills in diplomacy, negotiation, and public speaking. The closing ceremony also included the facilitation of team members who had worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the event.

The crowning achievement of the conference was the Best School Delegation Award, which was proudly claimed by the host school. The award highlighted not only the competitive spirit of participants but also their commitment to embodying the true spirit of the UN to foster peace, promote dialogue, and work collaboratively towards a better world. Overall, the event was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impression on all participants. Through the event, RD Rajpal School reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing young minds capable of leading the future with wisdom and integrity.

## HEAD OF RAINBOW ENGLISH SR. SEC. SCHOOL, JANAKPURI, RECEIVES STATE TEACHER AWARD

Sourabh Raj Kashyap, head of Rainbow English Sr. Sec. School, Janakpuri, New Delhi, was honoured with the State Teacher Award 2024 during a ceremony held at the Tyagraj Stadium in New Delhi. Kashyap was honoured by then Delhi education minister and now new chief minister Atishi, secretary of education Ashok Kumar, director of education RN Sharma, SCERT director Reeta Sharma as well as other prominent dignitaries from the field of education and the government of Delhi.

The prestigious award recognised Kashyap's outstanding contributions in the field of education for over more than two decades. Kashyap's award is a testament to his exceptional commitment to education and a source of great pride for the entire Rainbow family. He exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding educator. His innovative teaching practices, commitment to student success, and active engagement in professional and community development make him a deserving recipient of the State Excellence in Teaching Award.



The award recognised school head Sourabh Raj Kashyap's outstanding contributions in the field of education



The guests and dignitaries pinned the badges on current interactors and teacher in-charges

## St. Cecilia's Public School, Vikas Puri, conducts the installation ceremony of its interact club

St. Cecilia's Public School, Vikas Puri, conducted the installation ceremony of its Interact club with zeal. This club is a noble platform for students to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of 'service before self', 'community commitment', 'empathetic actions', & much more through initiatives of community health & wellbeing, social service, and environmental awareness.

The event was graced by the school director, principal, the members of Rotary Club of Delhi Southwest, coordinators of senior, middle & primary wings, and the academic supervisor of the primary wing.

The school formally welcomed the guests and Rotarian dignitaries with planters, keeping in mind the monsoon season. The day began with the singing of the national anthem, glorifying the motherland and its valour.

A classical presentation of seeking divine blessings from the 'Devi' was performed meticulously by the trained dancers. The musical jugalbandi of retro guitar, harmonium and tabla was a feast for the eyes. A Rajasthani folk mashup evoked not only the applause but also won the hearts of the audience. The amalgamation of African beats and Brazilian footwork was presented through

an energetic performance by the school's troupe. The cultural opening ceremony left the auditorium reverberating with the sound of claps.

The proud and gleeful members of the interact club marched in with confidence after getting the order from president Mani Bajaj. The esteemed guests and dignitaries pinned the badges on current interactors and teacher in-charges.

In her speech, interact club's past president Amaira Singh highlighted the accomplishments of the club in the year 2023-24 and handed over the charge to 2024-25 session president Sherel Rajput who pledged to carry the beacon as the torchbearer.

The pinned interactors took the official oath of duty and shared space with the dignitaries in group photographs. The audience was blessed by Rotarians -- president Mani Bajaj, Rtn Sandeep Mandal and current president Rtn JP Singh who inspired students to tread the path of humanity, universal brotherhood, compassion and kindness. The principal congratulated the newly-inducted members of interact club and motivated them to engage themselves in programmes and activities with a futuristic vision of being the globally aware denizens of new world.



## ShreeRam World School, Dwarka, organises investiture ceremony

ShreeRam World School, Dwarka, organised its investiture ceremony with zeal and earnestness.

This year, the school introduced its first junior student council with

The young leaders pledged to uphold the values of the school and discharge their duties with honesty

immense pride and excitement.

The ceremony commenced with students' chorus in melodic tunes. From the corridors of Classes 5 and 12 emerged head boys Krish Chauhan (Class 12) and Kayan Rahar (Class 5), and head girls Manvi Duggal (Class 12) and Saarvi Girhotra (Class 5), on the basis of their exceptional

qualities and achievements.

The captains were appointed from Class 12 while the vice-captains were appointed from Class 11.

The ceremonial pinning of the badges and handing over the flags and sashes were officiated by Head of School Sudha Sadangi in a dignified fashion. During the ceremony, aca-

demical and extracurricular achievements of students were acknowledged and applauded.

The young leaders pledged to uphold the values of the school and discharge their duties with honesty. Sadangi extended her warm congratulations, motivating everyone to pursue excellence in all spheres of life.

## Brain International School, Dwarka, hosts storytelling competition with all fervour

Brain International School, Dwarka, hosted a storytelling competition for the 2024-25 academic session, in alignment with the CBSE circular. This initiative aims to empower students to express themselves through the art of storytelling, enhancing their narrative skills while embracing the power of communication.

By submitting storytelling videos on the CBSE website, the school provided students with a unique platform to voice their stories, inspire others, and hone their public speaking abilities.

By weaving together diverse aca-



The contest was a unique platform for students to voice their stories and hone their public speaking abilities

demical themes, students explored the rich intersection between storytelling and subjects like science, history, and literature.



Divided into two modules, the one-day workshop was attended by 60 teachers

## Workshop on cyber safety & security held at Adarsh Public School, Vikaspuri

Adarsh Public School, Vikaspuri, organised a one-day workshop for teachers on the topic of cyber safety and security under the aegis of the CBSE capacity building programme. The event was conducted by Naveen Gupta, head of ICT department of St. Marks Sr. Sec. School, Meera Bagh, and Akansha Aggarwal, an ex-educator in Microsoft Corporation.

The event began with an address on the evolving landscape of cyber threats and the importance of cyber laws. Divided into two modules, the event was attended by 60 teachers. The first module, which was conducted by Gupta, laid emphasis on issues like cyber ethics, netiquette, digital footprints, juice jacking, cyber trolling, cyber harassment and different types of malwares. The second module, conducted by Aggarwal, explained the significance of creating positive digital footprints and shared several practical tips on privacy set-

tings. During the session, the speakers used various digital means to update the teachers on how to recognise fraud attempts and what steps should be taken if they encounter a suspicious email or message.

The event concluded with an encouraging speech by school principal Pooja Malhotra who shared her valuable insights by laying stress on importance of regular cyber security training sessions to keep employees informed about the latest threats and mal practices.

The participants provided positive feedback, highlighting the practical information and engaging delivery of the session. Many expressed a newfound confidence in their ability to handle a fake situation. The workshop successfully met its objective by equipping participants with essential safety knowledge and skills. The event was incredibly valuable and an opportunity to learn to stay safe.

## MIND GAMES

### SUDOKU

		5		9	3	4	7	
			5		1		6	8
		8						9
	6		3	2			1	
5	3	7		6				9
	2				9		3	
				7	8		6	
9	7				8			3
4		3			2			

### SCRAMBLE

Solve the four anagrams and move one letter to each square to form four ordinary words

CCAAO	*	*	*	*
NITRO	*	*	*	*
AEELL	*	*	*	*
EOVCNY	*	*	*	*

Now arrange the letters marked with an asterisk (\*) to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing words as indicated.

We are not lost. We're \_\_\_ challenged. - James M Ford (12)

### WHO LAID HOW MANY EGGS?

1) The sum total of the eggs laid by Hum and Hee is equal to the number of eggs laid by Dum.

2) Hum laid 2 eggs less than the total eggs laid by Dee and Hee.

3) Doe laid 1 egg more than Dee.

4) Together they all laid 37 eggs.

5) Doe and Hee together laid 1 egg less than Dum.

**How many eggs does each hen lay?**

Amrita Bharati Features

### MATHDOKU

10x	4x		6x	
	15x	12x		2÷
12x		40x	10+	
	2÷		15x	

Place numbers into the puzzle cells so that each row and column contains each of the digits from 1 to 5. No number is to be repeated in any row or column. Each bold-outlined cell contains a hint of a number and one of the mathematical symbols + x - /. The number is the result of the operation represented by the symbol to the digits contained.

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### Solutions

ANSWER: We are not lost. We're **intentionally** challenged. - James M Ford

4	8	3	1	2	5	6	7	9
9	7	6	4	5	8	1	3	2
2	5	1	9	3	7	4	6	8
1	2	7	8	6	3	5	9	4
6	3	7	1	6	4	2	8	5
5	9	3	7	1	6	4	2	8
8	6	3	7	1	6	4	2	8
1	2	7	8	6	3	5	9	4
6	3	7	1	6	4	2	8	5
2	5	1	9	3	7	4	6	8
9	7	6	4	5	8	1	3	2
4	8	3	1	2	5	6	7	9

MATHDOKU SOLUTION

Dum	Dee	Doe	Hum	Hee
12	6	7	8	4
x+y	z	z+1	x	y

ANSWER:

SCRAMBLE Solution Words: CCAAO, NITRO, AEELL, EOVCNY

4	1	2	3	5
3	2	5	1	4
1	3	4	5	2
2	5	3	4	1
5	4	1	2	3

MATHDOKU SOLUTION

MONDAY'S BOMBARDMENT OF LEBANON WAS BY FAR THE DEADLIEST SINCE THE ISRAEL-HEZBOLLAH WAR OF 2006

# New Israeli strikes on Lebanon after 558 killed

Agence France-Presse

**BEIRUT:** Israel announced dozens of new air strikes on Hezbollah strongholds in Lebanon Tuesday, a day after 558 people, including 50 children, were killed in the deadliest bombardment since a devastating war in 2006.

Israel's overnight strikes on southern Lebanon came after it said it had killed a "large number" of militants when it hit about 1,600 suspected Hezbollah targets around the country.

Hezbollah said Tuesday it had launched volleys of missiles at Israeli military bases, hours after 180 of its projectiles and an unmanned aerial vehicle crossed into Israeli airspace.

The Israeli military said more than 50 projectiles were fired into northern Israel in less than 10 minutes on Tuesday morning, most of which were intercepted. It said it had carried out more strikes during the morning targeting Hezbollah infrastructure.

In Lebanon, Monday's raids killed 558 people, including 50 children and 94 women, according to Health Minister Firass Abiad.

The United Nations said tens of thousands of Lebanese had fled their homes since Monday, in the face of

the intensifying Israeli bombardment. "Tens of thousands of people were forced from their homes yesterday and overnight, and the numbers continue to grow," UN refugee agency spokesman Matthew Saltmarsh said, adding that "the toll on civilians is unacceptable".

"It was a day of terror," 41-year-old housewife Thuraya Harb told AFP at a makeshift centre for displaced families in Beirut after fleeing her home in south Lebanon. "I didn't want to leave my home, but the children were scared," the mother of four said, adding that the family fled "with nothing but the clothes on our backs".

Longtime foes Hezbollah and Israel have been locked in near-daily cross-border exchanges of fire for nearly a year, since Palestinian militant group Hamas staged an unprecedented attack on Israel on October 7.

Hezbollah, which has been fighting Israel for decades, and other Iran-backed militants in the region have been drawn into the violence.

Monday's bombardment of Lebanon was by far the largest and deadliest, not just in the past year, but since the Israel-Hezbollah war in the summer of 2006. That war killed 1,200



People work at the site of an Israeli strike in Beirut's southern suburbs in Lebanon on Tuesday

REUTERS

people in Lebanon, mostly civilians, and 160 Israelis, most of them soldiers, and devastated large swathes of Hezbollah's strongholds.

### 'Operation Northern Arrows'

Israel has dubbed its raids on Hezbollah "Operation Northern Arrows" after announcing earlier this month it was shifting the focus of its firepower from Gaza to Lebanon.

Hezbollah backer Iran, which arms, trains and funds the group, condemned the raids, with its president, Masoud Pezeshkian, saying Tuesday

that its ally "cannot stand alone" against Israel.

"Hezbollah cannot stand alone against a country that is being defended and supported and supplied by Western countries, by European countries and the United States," Pezeshkian said in an interview with CNN.

"We must not allow Lebanon to become another Gaza at the hands of Israel," he added.

Other leaders have expressed alarm over the rapid escalation, with UN chief Antonio Guterres's spokesman

saying he was "gravely alarmed" and the EU's top diplomat Josep Borrell warning "we are almost in a full-fledged war". The Pentagon said it was sending a small number of additional US military personnel to the Middle East after thousands were deployed earlier alongside warships, fighter jets and air defence systems.

A US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that Washington opposed an Israeli ground invasion targeting Hezbollah and had "concrete ideas" on how to de-escalate the crisis. China's top diplomat Wang Yi expressed support for Lebanon and condemned what he described as "indiscriminate attacks against civilians".

### 'Most difficult week for Hezbollah'

Israeli armed forces chief Herzi Halevi said Monday's strikes hit combat infrastructure Hezbollah had been building for two decades, while Defence Minister Yoav Gallant called Monday "a significant peak" in the operation. "This is the most difficult week for Hezbollah since its establishment -- the results speak for themselves," he said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel was acting to change the "security balance" in the north, while Hezbollah said it was in a "new phase" of confrontation with Israel.

Since the start of the Gaza war, clashes along the Lebanon-Israel border have forced tens of thousands of people on both sides to flee their homes.

### Device blasts

The violence between Israel and Hezbollah escalated dramatically last week, when coordinated communications device blasts that the militants blamed on Israel killed 39 people and wounded almost 3,000.

Then on Friday, an Israeli strike on southern Beirut, a bastion of Hezbollah, killed its elite Radwan Force commander, Ibrahim Aqil.

An Israeli military official, who cannot be identified, said the military is seeking to "degrade threats" from Hezbollah, push them back from the border and destroy infrastructure.

"This is an extremely dangerous situation, but one that for me still leaves room for diplomacy to avoid the worst," said Israeli political analyst Michael Horowitz.

## INDIA'S OLDEST ZOO TURNS 150

The Alipore zoo in Kolkata kicked off its 150th anniversary celebrations on Tuesday. Established on September 24, 1875, the zoo held several events on Tuesday including unveiling the bust of Ram Brahma Sanyal, the zoo's first Indian superintendent. Sanyal's pioneering efforts raised the zoo's stature and its captive breeding initiatives. Two new sesquicentenary gates were also inaugurated on Tuesday. A memorabilia book looking back at the 150 years of the park was also launched.

PTI

West Bengal urban development minister Firhad Hakim and others at Alipore Zoo



Kolkata mayor F. Hakim honours RB Sanyal, the zoo's first Indian superintendent



Zebbras seen in an enclosure during the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Alipore Zoological Garden in Kolkata on Tuesday



Chimpanzees in an enclosure at the Alipore Zoo



## CALIFORNIA PASSES LAW TO BAN OR RESTRICT MOBILES IN SCHOOLS

Reuters

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law on Monday a bill that requires schools to limit or ban the use of smartphones, amid a growing consensus that excess usage can increase the risk of mental illness and impair learning. Thirteen other states this year have banned or restricted cellphones in school or recommended local educators do so, after Florida led the way in 2023.

California has followed the lead of its own Los Angeles County, whose school board banned smartphones for its 429,000 students in June. That same month US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy called for a warning label on social media platforms, akin to those on cigarette packages.

Murthy cited a study in the medical journal JAMA showing adolescents who spend more than three hours a day on social media may be at heightened risk of mental illness, while referring to a Gallup poll showing the average teen spends 4.8 hours per day on social media. California's bill requires school boards or other governing bodies to develop a policy to limit or prohibit student use of smartphones on campus by July 1, 2026, and update the policy every five years.

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## The Hindustan Times

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### 44 killed in temple terror

ARMED TO the teeth desperados stormed Gandhinagar's Akshardham temple, owned by Gujarat's prosperous Swaminarayan sect, on Tuesday evening. They had killed 44 people and injured at least 70 by the time of going to press. The National Security Guards (NSG) were at the temple, but had not reported any success. It was not known who the terrorists were.

Past midnight, the complex's manicured greens were spattered with dry, grey blood; the billiard table surface made clumpy by

stamping feet and commando jackboots. Close to 60 terrorised devotees cowered inside the temple, frozen at the tip of Kalashnikovs wielded by two - may be more - fidayeen.

**2002** Siege begins  
IT WAS about 15 minutes to five when the first deafening boom rang through the sprawling 23-acre temple complex, followed by a thunderous rattle of assault rifle fire.

Two terrorists, wearing monkey caps, had burst through gate no. 3

next to the amusement park to the right of the sanctum, cut across 500m of the lawn and lobbed a grenade at the packed hall where a multimedia show was on. At the gate lay the riddled body of the woman constable they had blown out of their way.

"I saw a man in a hood and a grey shirt running towards me," said Sanjay Singh Rajput, who was near the multimedia centre.



## 717 die in Haj stampede

**717 DIE IN HAJ STAMPEDE**  
MINA, SAUDI ARABIA: A horrific stampede killed at least 717 pilgrims, including four Indians, on Thursday outside the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, the deadliest tragedy to strike the annual Haj pilgrimage in 25 years.

At least four Indians were among the 863 injured at Mina, a few kilometres east of Mecca, when two large groups of pilgrims arrived together at a crossroads at around 9am local time (1130 IST) on their way to performing the "stoning of the devil" ritual at Jamarat on the final day of the Haj, Saudi civil defence said.

Thursday's disaster was the worst to occur at the **2015** pilgrimage since July 1990, when 1,426 pilgrims were crushed to death in a tunnel near Mecca. Both stampedes occurred on Eid al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice), Islam's most important feast and the day of the stoning ritual.

The second major disaster



during this year's Haj raised questions about the adequacy of measures put in place by Saudi authorities to ensure the safety of the roughly 2 million Muslims taking part. A crane collapse in Mecca two weeks earlier had left 111 people, including 11 Indians, dead.

Many of the victims on pilgrimage since July 1990, when 1,426 pilgrims were crushed to death in a tunnel near Mecca. Both stampedes occurred on Eid al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice), Islam's most important feast and the day of the stoning ritual. The second major disaster

## Vaccine to give fight against AIDS booster shot



NEW DELHI: In the first breakthrough in 26 years, an experimental vaccine reduced risk of HIV — the virus that causes AIDS — in a third of the people vaccinated.

The biggest-ever trials done to test the efficacy of an AIDS vaccine on humans lowered infection risk by 31.2 per cent among 16,000 healthy men and women in Thailand, trial

sponsor Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise said on Thursday.

"For the first time, we have a vaccine that confers protection in some people," Dr Alan Bernstein, executive director, told HT from New York.

"It is not the vaccine that will go into production (that'll take another three to five years at least) but this offers hope that an AIDS

vaccine can work." However, the vaccine may not work in India.

"The Thailand vaccine was formulated specifically to protect against HIV-1 subtypes E and B (predominant in Thailand and the US, respectively). So it's premature to say if it will work in India, where subtype C is predominant," said Sujatha Rao, director general, National AIDS Control Organisation.

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PERU HAS A RICH SOURCE OF PRE-HISTORIC REMAINS

Researchers uncover remains of Ice Age mastodons in Peru

Excavations have uncovered behemoths believed to be between 11,000 and 12,000 years old in the town of Chabarbar in Peru. Scientists now hope to find more fossils which could shed light on how and when these mastodons arrived in Peru.



Reuters

LIMA: The fossilised remains of three mastodons from the Ice Age have been uncovered in the Peruvian Andes, raising questions as to how the behemoths arrived in the area.

Excavations starting in 2019 uncovered the behemoths, believed to be between 11,000 and 12,000 years old, in the valley of the town of Chabarbar, about 300 km east of Lima.

One of the specimens is nearly complete, and could be the most preserved mastodon in all of Peru, said palaeontologist Ivan Meza.

"If the skull is found — and everything indicates that the tusks are there — that would have scientific importance at a national and global scale," Meza said. Mastodons were similar to the also-extinct mammoth, but had flatter heads and straighter tusks.

Scientists now hope to find more fossils in the area, which could shed

light on how and when the mastodons arrived. "We're talking about a small area of less than one hectare," Meza said. "To date we've discovered three specimens, with the possibility of there being more, and from other types of animals." The mastodons likely migrated from North America down to South America in search of



Left, Engineer and mastodon researcher Oscar Diaz cleans remains of an Ice Age mastodon in Chabarbar, Peru; Above, A femur from an Ice Age mastodon, believed to be between 11,000 and 12,000 years old, is shown in Chabarbar, Peru

food and water as climate conditions changed, experts believe.

"Over time, the Andes mountain range rose and the sea water receded," said researcher Oscar Diaz. "This area dried up and left lagoons across the Mantaro Valley," he added, which would have provided a source of water. Peru has a rich source of prehistoric remains. In April, a team of palaeontologists unveiled the fossilised skull of a river dolphin, the largest found to date, which had swam through the Peruvian Amazon some 16 million years ago.

COFFEE LOWERS CARDIOMETABOLIC DISEASES



Researchers have found that people consuming moderate amounts — three cups of coffee or 200-300 mg of caffeine a day — had a 40-48% lower risk of developing cardio-metabolic comorbidity, compared to those not consuming or taking under 100 mg of caffeine a day.

'Sipping 3 cups of coffee daily can reduce risk of diabetes and heart attack'

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Three cups of coffee a day could lower one's risk of developing multiple metabolic conditions, including diabetes, and those related to heart, by 40% to almost 50% , a new research has found.

Researchers said that as populations age globally, there is an increase in number of people with at least two cardiometabolic diseases — referred to as 'cardiometabolic multi-morbidity' — which is becoming a public health concern.

Using data from the UK Biobank, the researchers from Suzhou Medical College of Soochow University, China, analysed information of over 1.72 lakh people taking caffeine with that of 1.88 lakh people consuming coffee and tea. The participants were free of cardiometabolic conditions at the study's start.

While coffee and tea are well-known to contain caffeine, the stimulant is also present in chocolates, aerated and energy drinks, and snack bars, all of which count as caffeine intake.

The authors found that people consuming moderate amounts — three cups of coffee or 200-300 milligrams of caffeine a day — had a 40-48% lower risk of developing cardiometabolic comorbidity, compared

to those not consuming or taking under 100 milligrams of caffeine a day. The results are published in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism.

"Consuming three cups of coffee, or 200-300 mg caffeine, per day might help to reduce the risk of developing cardiometabolic multi-morbidity in individuals without any cardiometabolic disease," lead author Chaofu Ke from the School of Public Health at Suzhou Medical College of Soochow University said.

While the protective effects of coffee and tea beverages in people having one cardiometabolic disease have been detailed in numerous studies, the researchers said the potential effects of these beverages in the onset of more than one such condition is largely unknown.

Even though all levels of coffee and caffeine intake were found to be conversely related with the risk of onset of more than one cardiometabolic disorder — higher the intake, lower the risk — those reporting moderate levels of coffee or caffeine intake were found to have the lowest risk.

"The findings highlight that promoting moderate amounts of coffee or caffeine intake as a dietary habit to healthy people might have far-reaching benefits for the prevention of cardiometabolic comorbidity," Ke said.

New Zealand scientists discover ghostly 'spookfish'

Agence France-Presse

WELLINGTON: Scientists in New Zealand said Tuesday they have discovered a new species of "ghost shark", a type of fish that prowls the Pacific Ocean floor hunting prey more than a mile down.

The Australasian Narrow-nosed Spookfish was found living in the deep waters of Australia and New Zealand, according to scientists from Wellington-based National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA).

The specimens were discovered during research in the Chatham Rise, an area of the Pacific which stretches

around 1,000 kilometres east near New Zealand's South Island.

Ghost sharks, or chimaeras, are related to sharks and rays, but are part of a group of fish whose skeletons are entirely made of cartilage.

Also known as spookfish, the ghost sharks have haunting black eyes and smooth, light brown, scale-free skin.

They feed off crustaceans at depths of up to 8,530 feet using their distinctive beak-like mouth.

"Ghost sharks like this one are largely confined to the ocean floor," said research scientist Brit Finucci.

Finucci gave the new species its sci-



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entific name "Harriotta avia" in memory of her grandmother.

"Their habitat makes them hard to study and monitor, meaning we don't know a lot about their biology or threat status, but it makes discoveries

like this even more exciting."

The spookfish was previously thought to be part of a single globally distributed species until scientists discovered it is genetically and morphologically different to its cousins.

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FOOTBALL

Mallorca record first win over Betis in 11 years

SEVILLE: Mallorca tasted victory in Andalusia for the first time in 11 years after a comeback 2-1 win over Real Betis in La Liga on Monday.

Just as in Friday night's match between Alaves and Sevilla, some home fans refused to take their seats for the start of the match in protest at what they said were inconvenient kickoff times.

Football has traditionally been played at weekends and midweek but more and more games have been added on Friday and Monday nights to satisfy TV audiences and cope with increasing fixture congestion.

Giovani Lo Celso scored both of Betis' goals in a 2-1 win over Getafe last week and he lashed in a cracking drive from 25 meters out after seven minutes.

Dani Rodriguez equalized a minute later with a poised finish although much of the credit should go to Canadian striker Cyle Larin, whose superb

control and clever reverse pass set him up. Both sides came up against inspired goalkeeping in the second half but the visitor won in the third minute of stoppage time with a low shot from Valery Fernandez after Betis failed to clear a corner kick.

Meanwhile, Erik ten Hag has warned that increasing number of fixtures will leave top players facing an "almost unavoidable" risk of injury, as Manchester United head into their opening game of the new-look Europa League.

Expanded European events and next summer's extended Club World Cup have led to growing concerns about players' workloads. "The format I think we have to take this experience and then judge," Ten Hag said. "There are too many games. It's clear. Too many competitions," he added. For the top players, they are overloaded and this is not good for football," he said.



Giovani Lo Celso scored for Real Betis.

REUTERS

WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

We are going with our best team, says Harmanpreet



India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and head coach Amol Muzumdar during the pre-departure press conference ahead of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in UAE.

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MUMBAI: The feeling of near misses has haunted Harmanpreet Kaur for long but the Indian captain feels that her team has ticked all the boxes in its bid to cross the line in the Women's T20 World Cup beginning in the UAE from October 3.

Since the tournament's inception in 2009, India have managed to reach the final only once -- in 2020 when they lost to nemesis Australia.

India have also played WODI World Cup final in 2017. Harmanpreet has been a part of both teams and led in the 2020 T20 World Cup.

"This is the best team we are going forward with. The players have been playing together for a long time. For us we came so close last time and lost in semis (2023)."

"We have ticked all the boxes in terms of preparation compared to the

small things were not there maybe in earlier editions," said Harmanpreet at the pre-departure press conference.

India have not had game time since end of July when they surprisingly finished runners-up to Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup. They had an extensive preparatory camp at the NCA where the players spent a lot of time on fitness and fielding, areas where the team has been found wanting in the past. The conference was also attended by head coach Muzumdar and chief selector Neetu David also made a rare appearance. "During the Asia Cup, we played good cricket, one odd day things did not go to plan," said Harmanpreet, who has been part of all the T20 World Cup that have been staged till date.

She has played so many global events in a career spanning close to decade and half but feels that she is as excited as her maiden World

championship.

"I know I have played so many World Cups but I have the same excitement as I had when I was 19," the 35-year-old skipper said.

The main challenge will come from England and Australia, who have found a way to beat India in ICC events even from difficult situations.

"We can beat any team and Australia know that very well. They know if there is one team that can beat them it is us," said Harmanpreet.

India's head coach Muzumdar shed more light on the team's focus areas during the training camp in Bengaluru.

"We did identify a few things (after the loss to Sri Lanka) and we went about in the subsequent camp. We first had a fitness and fielding camp. Then we had a 10 day skills only camp. We brought in a sports psychologist also (Mughda Bawre). She has been fantastic with the group."

"We have focused on enhancing athletic ability, all-round fielding abilities, there were yoga sessions and psychological sessions were added."

On lack of game time, he said: "We are prepared for everything. In the skills camp, we had nets and five games in 10 days time," said Muzumdar. He also displayed supreme confidence in the batting department, which doesn't have the firepower possessed by the likes of Australia and England. "Our top six are the best. Their styles and mannerisms are different. Number three we have identified but we will reveal that when eleven is announced. In T20s, number three sets game the up, in any form actually."

As far as the conditions are concerned, it will be similar to India. The event was shifted to the UAE from Bangladesh due unrest in the South Asian nation.

HOCKEY

India to host Germany in New Delhi

NEW DELHI: The Indian men's hockey team will take on Germany in a two-match bilateral contest at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium here on October 23 and 24, Hockey India announced on Tuesday.

The last time India faced Germany was in the semi-final of the Paris Olympics, where the European giants emerged victorious by 3-2 margin. India won the bronze medal at this year's Olympics beating Spain in the third place play-offs. Hockey India President

Dilip Tirkey expressed his enthusiasm and stated: "This bilateral series against Germany will be a remarkable showcase of world-class hockey. Both India and Germany have a rich history in the sport, and this series will give fans an opportunity to witness an intense competition between two of the most formidable teams in the world."

"We are honoured to host this event, which will not only promote the spirit of hockey but also strengthen the bond between the two nations," he added.

CRICKET

Irani Cup: Rahane set to lead Mumbai vs ROI

MUMBAI: Ajinkya Rahane is all set to lead Ranji Trophy champions Mumbai in the upcoming Irani Cup game against Rest of India in Lucknow, which will also mark all-rounder Shardul Thakur's return to first-class cricket post surgery.

It is understood that all top players including Shreyas Iyer, Musheer Khan, Shams Mulani and Tanush Kotian are supposed to play the match.

However, as of now, there is no clarity whether Sarfaraz Khan, who is in the India squad, will be picked for the tie. The Kanpur Test against Bangladesh starts on September 27

and if Sarfaraz is not picked in the playing eleven, which could be the case, Mumbai Cricket Association might put in a request to let their premier batter play the Irani Cup.

The team will be announced tomorrow.

"Look, Sarfaraz is the only specialist middle-order batter in the squad. Dhruv Jurel is a keeper-batsman and Axar Patel is an all-rounder. What if there is a need for a concussion substitute? But yes, the Irani Cup starts on October 1 and travelling from Kanpur to Lucknow even on September 30 won't be a big deal if the Test match ends early," a BCCI source said

BADMINTON

Sindhu's new coach says goal is to get her back on podium

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NEW DELHI: PV Sindhu still has the hunger to succeed, and the primary aim is to help her regain consistency, says her new coach Anup Sridhar, who has been roped in by the two-time Olympic medallist on a trial basis following the Paris Games.

Sindhu, who returned from the French capital without a medal for the first time in three Olympics, has been training under Sridhar, a Beijing Olympian, for the past three weeks at the Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad.

"I spoke with Sindhu's team a few weeks ago, and she has been training under me in Hyderabad since the start of this month. We've made significant progress, and in two weeks, we'll head to tournaments in Europe," the 41-year-old Sridhar, who also briefly coached Lakshya Sen, told PTI.

Sindhu lost in the pre-quarters to China's He Bingjiao at the Paris Games and will restart her BWF world tour season with the European leg, which includes the \$420,000 Arctic Open in Vantaa, Finland (October 8-13), and the \$850,000 Denmark Open (Oct 15-20) in Odense.

"I'm taking it week by week," said Sridhar, who has been brought on board for the remainder of the season after Indonesian Agus Dwi Santoso's contract ended post-Paris Olympics.

"Since we haven't committed to anything long-term, it's hard to plan for 2025. However, there are a couple of tournaments in 2025 that Sindhu should aim to peak at," he said.



PV Sindhu has roped in former international Anup Sridhar as coach.

REUTERS

"You can plan for physical peaks, but not for form. I have my eye on a few tournaments next year, but the immediate focus is to enhance her consistency and get her back on the podium -- that's the big goal."

Sindhu last won the Singapore Open and Commonwealth Games in 2022 and finished as runner-up at the Madrid Spain Masters in 2023 and the Malaysia Masters Super 500 in May this year.

Reflecting on his run so far, Sridhar, an Arjuna awardee, said: "I've spent this time understanding her situation, and I'm pleased to report that she's completely physically fit, with no signs of aches or pains.

"We've followed our training schedule without missing any sessions. I'm working on helping her unlearn certain things while introducing new elements to her game."

Sindhu suffered a knee injury during the French Open in October last year and returned to competitive play just five months before the Paris Games. "She faced a tough couple of years with some good results but lacked consistency during that period," Sridhar said.

"In just three weeks, I've noticed decent improvements, but there's more work to be done," said Sridhar, who won Asian Championships bronze in 2007.

NADAL, ALCARAZ ON SPAIN'S ROSTER FOR DAVIS CUP FINALS ON HOME TURF

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MALAGA: Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz were named to Spain's roster for the Davis Cup Finals on Monday, raising the possibility of a renewal of their "Nadalcaraz" doubles partnership from the Paris Olympics.

Nadal, a 22-time Grand Slam champion who is 38, hasn't competed anywhere since the Paris Games, where he lost in the second round of singles to longtime rival Novak Djokovic and paired with Alcaraz to get to the quarterfinals of men's doubles before exiting against Americans Austin Krajicek and Rajeev Ram.

Nadal then withdrew from the US Open and the Laver Cup while still dealing with health issues that have limited him to competing only sparingly over the past two seasons.

Alcaraz earned the men's singles titles at the French Open in June and Wimbledon in July to raise his career total to four at the age of 21.

Spain will take on the Netherlands in the quarterfinal round of the Davis Cup Finals, an eight-team event Nov. 19-24 in Malaga, Spain.

The other opening matchups are: defending champion Italy vs. Argentina; the United States vs. Australia; and Germany vs. Canada.

Italy will be led by No. 1-ranked Jannik Sinner, who won the Australian Open and the US Open. The Italian roster also includes Lorenzo Musetti, a semi-finalist at Wimbledon and bronze medalist at the Olympics.

The US roster features Taylor Fritz, along with Tommy Paul and Ben Shelton, plus Krajicek and Ram.

GOLF



Scottie Scheffler of the US Team warms up prior to the Presidents Cup at The Royal Montreal Golf Club in Montreal.

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# Creativity through art and poetry

Students' creativity shines through in these artworks and poems that include sketches of a girl student and an anime character, drawing of Lord Ganesha, depiction of the Sun-Moon dichotomy and a work on a patriotic theme. There are also thought-provoking verses on the challenges faced by students and on the search for real happiness.



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## VERSE ZONE



### Quest for success

The struggle faced by students is real, It's something only they can feel. Everyday they have to face, Challenges along the path. Whenever it's time to enjoy, They start working again. Till they haven't reached the heaven of success, they would not stop again. Failure hits hard to them, Still, they don't give up. They keep on doing the struggle, till they lift their heads up. The struggle faced by students is real, It's something only they can feel!

Avni Gupta, Class 9 A, St. John's School, Sector 7A, Faridabad

### An expedition

I went on an expedition, O stranger! Deep inside the worldly cave, On an adventure. I lit my tiny lamp of wisdom bright, To find real happiness, a guiding light. I looked for it behind a tree, I looked for it deep in the sea, I looked for it in a raindrop, And I trekked to the hilltop. Still, I did not find true happiness..... I read through writings and scriptures, I gazed through paintings and pictures, I looked upon cities and towns, I admired jewels and crowns. Still, I did not find true happiness..... I thought about the past, And imagined till the last I recalled the memories And went back centuries. Still, I did not find true happiness..... Then, I stopped and spoke to myself, Why do thou look for it in the worldly chase, O stranger? True happiness lies within thee, Just like a hidden treasure. With a newfound calm, I turned around, Realising joy in my heart I found. Why to search the world so wide, True happiness lies deep inside.

Hardit Singh Sagoo, Class 9, The Shriram Millennium School, Sector -81, Faridabad

## PICTURE CROSSWORD

Solve this free form crossword where the words are represented by pictures.

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**CROSS:** 2 Yacht, 4 Butterfly, 9 Argentina, 10 Federer, 11 Hexagon, 12 Ginger, 14 Taj Mahal, 16 Marbles.

### AIR FORCE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2024

#### INVITATION TO RETIRED JWOS AND SGTs

01 OCTOBER 2024

1. On behalf of the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Officer-in-Charge Administration invites all retired JWOS and Sgts with spouse for Tea to celebrate the 92nd Anniversary of the IAF, on 01 Oct 24 (Tuesday) at 1630 Hr at Parade Ground Indoor Hangar, Air Force Station New Delhi.

2. All retired JWOS and Sgts may intimate their acceptance on e-mail to [glows-tar@gov.in](mailto:glows-tar@gov.in) or in writing to the following address by 25 Sep 2024.

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