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THE KARNATAKA ELECTION IS A LESSON FOR PM MODI EXPERTS AS THE EXIT POLL GIVES AN EDGE TO CONGRESS

After voting for the Karnataka election 2023 concluded on Wednesday evening, most exit-poll agencies predicted a hung House in the state while putting the Congress ahead. This would be a big blow for BJP as it would lose the only southern state that it has in its kitty. Experts are of the opinion that winning Karnataka would be the key to building a good head of state ahead of the bigger battle new book about the BJP, said the state elections are a general elections full of belief and Karnataka will ultimately offer helpful lessons to Modi conviction. While losing Karnataka about what works with voters, Mehta said, as quoted would dent the BJP's claim of Bloomberg. "The outcome of this contest will be a pan-India party, it would influence much of the political discourse on the road give the much need shot in the to the 2024 national polls." Karnataka sends as many arm to the Congress as it eyes a as 28 members to the Lok Sabha, second only to Tamil Nadu at 39, and, losing the state would come as a setback for the BJP and its plans to extend its electoral reverses.



After the Karnataka election, PM Modi has extensively campaigned in the state participating in several road shows and public rallies. The voting in the Karnataka Assembly election 2023 was held on Wednesday and the result for the three-cornered contest between the ruling BJP, The Congress and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda's JD(S) will be announced on Saturday, 13 May. It should be noted that exit polls are not always accurate and have often got the verdict wrong in earlier elections, especially in states with diverse populations, castes and communities. But they are helpful in identifying trends.

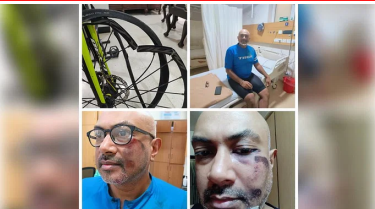
"A loss in Karnataka would cost the prime minister given his personal involvement in the campaign," said Gilles Verniers, a senior fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, a think tank in New Delhi. Ahead of the Karnataka elections, PM Modi has extensively campaigned in the state participating in several road shows and public rallies. The voting in the Karnataka Assembly election 2023 was held on Wednesday and the result for the three-cornered contest between the ruling BJP, The Congress and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda's JD(S) will be announced on Saturday, 13 May. It should be noted that exit polls are not always accurate and have often got the verdict wrong in earlier elections, especially in states with diverse populations, castes and communities. But they are helpful in identifying trends.



STOCK
Stocks to buy today: Ambuja Cements, IndusInd Bank
Indian market is expected to trade higher on Thursday tracking positive global cues. S&P BSE Sensex rose nearly 200 points while Nifty50 settled above 18300 levels on Wednesday. India VIX was up by 3.17% from 12.67 to 13.08 levels on Wednesday. Volatility has been rising from the last four sessions and creating swings in the market.

CYCLIST'S ACCIDENT SHEDS LIGHT ON PERILS OF MUMBAI'S STREETS: URGENT ACTION NEEDED FOR SAFER CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

The cyclist sustained injuries to his face, miraculously missing his eye. drain grill and he fell face-first. Cyclists are now Mumbai: The unfriendly streets of asking the BMC why grills have been placed Mumbai don't discriminate between vertically in the direction of the traffic. The BMC, pedestrians and cyclists. Not just for its part, said it has narrowed the gap to avoid lack of dedicated cycle paths, the any further mishaps. A professional photographer iron grills on drains on some and cinematographer, Vashani was out of work for stretches are a hurdle not to be two days after the accident and could not hold or taken lightly. Recently, an avid cyclist use his camera owing to injuries to his right hand met with a serious accident when a and a finger. A resident of Vile Parle, Vashani said, wheel of his bicycle got stuck in one "Every morning, at 5.45 am, we gather at Tulip Star such grill at BG Kher Marg between Hotel and take different routes. Malabar Hill and Kempers Corner. Some days it is Worli and NCPA, and on other days it is Mulund and even Airoli. We plan longer circuits on the cyclist, Premal Vashani, our days off. On May 1, we planned a trip to the south side and were returning when the accident sustained injuries to his face, happened. Thankfully, there were doctors in the group so I had immediate help and was sent to a hospital." miraculously missing his eye. Vashani bought his bicycle from another avid cyclist for Rs1 lakh; it originally cost Rs3.5 lakh. Its wheel is has been cycling for the past 10 about 25mm and he will need to spend nearly Rs30,000 for a new one. "Our bicycles have carbon bodies years on city roads. On May 1, he and thin, aluminium wheels. Another cyclist had tweeted the issue and tagged the BMC. Back on my feet, I swerved to the left to avoid vehicles retweeted the post," said Vashani. "When they cover drains, they need to think about two-wheelers and coming from the right as BG Kher bicycles as well and not just four-wheelers," said Dr Ami Deokar, the doctor who administered help after Marg merges with another road Vashani fell. She said the road slopes downward and the cycle's speed increases with body weight. before the Kemps Corner signal. Thankfully, there were no cars and Vashani, an experienced cyclist, was fully equipped with safety gear, including the helmet.



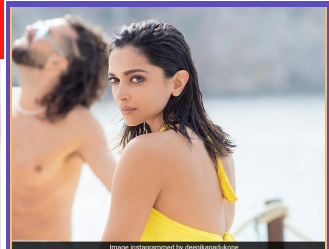
Mumbai Police on Wednesday issued fresh preventive orders for the city and extended the routine prohibitions till May 26. The preventive order issued by an official said, "It is a regular Mumbai Police said, whereas the order said, for the period apprehended that there is commencing from 00.01 hours on likelihood of breach of peace and 12/05/2023 and ending at 24.00 disturbance of public tranquility hours on 26/05 /2023 throughout Mumbai, the following are human lives and loss of prohibited- Any assembly of five or properties. On that account, it is more persons, Any procession considered expedient to issue any persons and prohibitory order for restricting Any use of loudspeakers, amplifying movement and unlawful assembly instruments, musical band and of five or more persons for bursting of crackers in any prevention of breach of peace., procession by the assembly.

MUMBAI POLICE EXTENDS PREVENTIVE ORDERS FOR CITY TILL MAY 26, SHARES LIST OF EXEMPTIONS

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IL&FS MONEY LAUNDERING CASE: ED SUMMONS NCP LEADER JAYANT PATIL ON FRIDAY

MUMBAI: Enforcement Directorate (ED) summoned NCP leader and former minister Jayant Patil in a money laundering case pertaining to Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS). In October 2018, the government superseded the board of IL&FS Patil has been asked to appear before the law enforcement agency on Friday to record his statement. The ED is examining Patil's accounts to ascertain if he had received proceeds of crime generated from IL&FS fraud. The ED initiated the investigation in IL&FS case in 2019 and in the same year in August it had recorded the statement of MNS chief Raj Thackeray in connection with the case. For the last four years, there was no major development in the investigation and on Wednesday the ED had raided premises of auditor firms Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP and BSR & Associates. Subsequently, the ED also summoned Jayant Patil in the case. In October 2018, the government superseded the board of IL&FS and appointed a new board, which has set about seeking clear dues of around Rs 91,000 crore and realise some of the funds from sale of assets in hundreds of subsidiaries. It is alleged that then top management of IL&FS group had given dubious loans to many companies who defaulted the payment. It caused losses to the IL&FS creditors invested in the non-convertible debentures of the company. It was alleged that IL&FS management were involved in ever-greening of loans.



Entertainment
Deepika Padukone On Political Backlash Over Besharam Rang And More: "Don't Feel Anything"
"I don't know if I'm supposed to feel something about it," said Deepika Padukone. Hindi cinema star Deepika Padukone, the latest Indian personality to feature on the cover of the TIME magazine, says she doesn't feel anything about the "constant political backlash" she has faced in her over 15-year career. In her cover interview with the US-based outlet, the actor briefly addressed being in the eye of the storm over "Padmaavat" for allegedly distorting historical facts, her solidarity with JNU students during the release of her maiden production Chhapaak, and more recently, dealing with allegations of hurting religious sentiments by wearing a "saffron" bikini as a Pakistani spy in Pathaan song Besharam Rang. According to the TIME magazine story, a "long pause" followed when Padukone was asked about the "constant political backlash".

MAHARASHTRA GOVT TO USE PRIVATE AGENCIES FOR SHORT-TERM HIRING IN CASE OF STRIKES OR EMERGENCIES

MUMBAI: Two months after the state government issued an order outsourcing recruitment for short-term government and semi-government posts to nine private HR agencies, it has issued a new directive clarifying that this method of hiring can also be used in the case of strikes by government employees or emergencies, including natural disasters. A government resolution (GR) issued on Tuesday lays down the standard short-term hiring in government jobs operating procedures (SOP) to be followed caused a major stir in the state assembly in for short-term hiring to fill government posts March. The Opposition had alleged that the in case of strikes and emergencies. move suggested the government had no the earlier order was issued in mid-March intention of fulfilling its promise to fill during the strike by government employees 75,000 government posts with permanent over the Old Pension Scheme but did not employees. Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar spill out that the private agencies could be had also said this method of hiring could used for short-term hiring in such cannot be used for government posts that eventually. +The new GR is only clarifying require secrecy. However, deputy chief the original SOPs," said a senior state official, minister Devendra Fadnavis had said that adding that while recruitment still had to the earlier MVA had also used the same begin, the agencies had been chosen and the method and that some government government was setting up the portal on projects did not require permanent which the vacancies had to be registered. employees.



NITISH KUMAR, TEJASHWI PRASAD YADAV TO MEET SHARAD PAWAR & UDDHAV THACKERAY IN MUMBAI TODAY

MUMBAI: As part of his initiative to mobilize anti-BJP political parties, Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar and deputy chief minister Tejashwi Prasad Yadav will meet NCP president Sharad Pawar and former chief minister and Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray of the Maha Vikas Aghadi on Thursday. Legislator Kapil Patil said Nitish Kumar and Yadav will meet Thackeray at his residence, Matoshree, and Pawar at his residence, Silver Oak. "In the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Nitish Kumar has embarked on a new mission to mobilize anti-BJP political parties. Even Sharad Pawar has given a call for an alternative at the Centre," Kapil Patil said. Kapil Patil said Nitish Kumar and Pawar are two important politicians who have the capacity to take on the NDA government. Pawar has stressed on drafting a strategy to unseat the NDA.



government and in that direction, he has begun deliberations at the national level, while Nitish Kumar had a meeting with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi. Nitish has since also met Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav. On Tuesday, he met Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik in Bhubaneswar but Patnaik said no discussion on forming any alliance was held at the meeting. Patil said soon, Nitish Kumar will convene a meeting of all anti-BJP politicians for drafting a national agenda. "The meeting of prominent anti-BJP politicians will be held soon after interactions with all," he said. Pawar has said he is willing to support any initiative that is about providing an alternative to the BJP government.

5 YEARS AFTER KILLING THEIR WIFE, LABOURER KILLS CONTRACTOR

ALMOST FIVE YEARS AFTER A 49-YEAR-OLD LABOURER FROM DONGRI WAS ARRESTED FOR KILLING HIS WIFE, OVER A SUSPICION OF HER ILLICIT RELATIONSHIP WITH A CONTRACTOR, THE JJ MARG POLICE ON WEDNESDAY, ARRESTED HIM AGAIN AFTER THE LABOURER ALLEGEDLY KILLED THE CONTRACTOR TOO BY STABBING HIM 18 TIMES. POLICE SAID THE ACCUSED HELD A GRUDGE AGAINST



Almost five years after a 49-year-old labourer from Dongri was arrested for killing his wife, over a suspicion of her illicit relationship with a contractor, the JJ Marg police on Wednesday, arrested him again after the labourer allegedly killed the contractor too by stabbing him 18 times. Police said the accused held a grudge against the contractor for his affair with his wife and planned to eliminate him after he was released from jail on January 26. Senior police inspector Subhash Borate, of JJ Marg police station, said, "We have registered a case of murder against the accused." The accused Brijeshkumar Suresh Prasad is a contractual cleaner who hails from Bihar and was living on Jail Road at Khadyachi Wadi in South Mumbai. An officer said, "At around noon on Wednesday, the accused allegedly killed the contractor Dharma Nadar by stabbing him 18 times with a knife on the footpath in front of SK Patil Park, Charni Road." Police said a local reported the matter to the police station after which the injured contractor was rushed to JJ Hospital where he died during treatment. Subsequently, the accused who was found roaming around the spot was also detained for further questioning. Prasad confessed to the police that he killed him for his affair with his wife. Upon further probe, police got to know that he had also killed his wife Sunita in June 2018. An officer said, "Both worked as labourers. On June 12, 2018, after a verbal altercation while taking lunch, Prasad allegedly killed her by brutally assaulting her with an iron broom." She died of injuries to her head, said the police. The accused had at that time confessed to the police that he killed her because of her suspected affair with Nadar. Prasad was arrested by LT Marg police and jailed. However, after his release on January 26, police said Prasad had been planning to kill Nadar. "It appears he sensed an opportunity on Wednesday when he went and stabbed him," said Borate.

TWO MUMBAI CITIZENS LOSE RS 19 LAKH TO CRYPTOCURRENCY CYBER FRAUD

A DOCTOR AND A HOMEMAKER WERE ALLEGEDLY DUPED BY CYBER FRAUDSTERS WHO ASKED THEM TO INVEST IN CRYPTOCURRENCY AND CHEATED THEM OF RS 6.23 LAKH AND RS 13.10 LAKH, RESPECTIVELY.



In two separate cases of cryptocurrency fraud, two Mumbai citizens, including a doctor, lost nearly Rs 20 lakh to cyber fraudsters. In the first case, a 53-year-old homemaker from Kandivali (West) was targeted. The woman noticed last December that her number had been added to a Bitcoin trading WhatsApp group of 250 or more members, the police said. Though she did not sign up for such a group, she did not exit it and viewed the messages shared in the group. When the woman saw the group administrator and some other trading 'experts' guiding people, giving tips, and helping them make profits through cryptocurrency trading, she became interested. A few days later, she received a message from a person who said he could help her start investing money in cryptocurrency trading and made her install the 'LON App', the FIR said. After this, the woman's number was added to another group where she was given tips on how to invest money in profit-making cryptocurrency trading. She was also made to download another app where a virtual account was opened where her earnings would be deposited, the police said. Following the instructions of the group administrator, she invested money in cryptocurrency and could see her profits being deposited into her virtual account. On January 26, 2023, the woman allegedly earned \$28,480 (equivalent to around Rs 24,77,760), but when she tried to withdraw it, her request was declined. When she asked the person who had been guiding her, she was informed that she would have to pay a 30 per cent tax to the Indian government or else she would not be able to withdraw the money, the FIR stated. "The complainant woman then paid \$8,545 until February 8 (equivalent to nearly Rs 7,43,415). After this, her instructor told her that in two hours she would receive a tax certificate that she would have to submit to the income tax department. However, after this, she did not hear from the accused. She then realised that she had been defrauded," a police officer said.

LOHANI DANCE THEATRE'S NEW PIECE BRINGS TO MUMBAI A VISUAL TREAT FOR ALL DANCE LOVERS

Deeply affected by a newspaper photograph that depicted a Syrian child uttering his last words: "I'm going to tell God about everything," choreographers Neeraj Lohani and Reshma Sharma began conceptualising a contemporary dance performance that would reflect sentiments of great loss and unbearable grief. That is how Letter was born two years ago. Initially a four-minute piece, it has now evolved into a 55-minute performance, comprising six dancers. It will be showcased in its new format for the first time with the help of G5A Foundation, and additional support from BNP Paribas. Letter is the fourth project to emerge from the foundation's In-Residence programme — an initiative that allows artists to pitch ideas, collaborate with their production team to develop them

MUMBAI'S BYCULLA ZOO WELCOMES NEW ENTRANTS

MUMBAI: BRINGING IN CHEER TO THE VISITORS FLOCKING TO MUMBAI'S VEERMATA JIJABAI BHOSALE VANASPATI UDYAN AND BYCULLA ZOO, THE AUTHORITIES STARTING THURSDAY WILL BE PUT ON VIEWING THE TWO NEWBORN TIGER CUBS OF THE ROYAL BENGAL TIGER PAIR, SHAKTI (7) AND KARISHMA (9). APART FROM IT, THE ZOO'S PENGUIN FACILITY HAS ALSO PUT ON DISPLAY THREE NEWBORN PENGUINS WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED DORA, SIRI AND NEMO. THE NUMBER OF HUMBOLDT PENGUINS HAS NOW TOUCHED 15. BORN ON NOVEMBER 4, 2022, THE ALMOST SIX-MONTH-OLD MALE CUBS HAVE BEEN NAMED JAY AND RUDRA. THE BIRTH OF THE TWO NEW CUBS COMES AFTER THE DEATH OF A TIGER CUB VEERA WHO WAS BORN IN NOVEMBER 2021 TO THE SAME PAIR SHAKTI AND KARISHMA. ZOO OFFICIALS SAID THAT VEERA PASSED AWAY IN MAY LAST YEAR LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER HER BIRTH OWING TO HEALTH COMPLICATIONS. SHAKTI AND KARISHMA WERE BROUGHT FROM SIDDHARTH GARDEN AND ZOO IN MAHARASHTRA'S AURANGABAD CITY IN FEBRUARY 2020 JUST BEFORE THE COUNTRY WENT UNDER A NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN. THEREFORE NOT MANY WERE ABLE TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE ANIMALS. IT WAS ONLY IN FEBRUARY 2021 THAT THE ZOO OPENED UP AGAIN ALLOWING VISITORS TO CATCH A VIEW OF THE BIG CATS. HOWEVER,

VIRAL TWEET ABOUT A GYM DISAPPEARING WITHOUT NOTICE REMINDS PEOPLE OF PHIR HERA PHERI'S LAXMI CHIT FUND CULT. FIT HAS ASSURED THE AFFECTED CUSTOMER THAT THEY ARE INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT AND WILL SOON PROVIDE AN UPDATE.

A Twitter user recalled an odd incident where her old gym, a Cult. fit outlet closed down without notice and as a result, she lost the belongings stored in the gym's locker. In a now-viral Twitter post, podcast consultant Anushka Chhikara (@anushkache) shared a picture of an emptied-out space that still bore the remains of the gym's motivational wall posters and wrote, "Got covid and took a 2-week break from the gym, come back today and the whole place is shut down and everything from my locker is gone What's up yo @cultfitofficial no notice on app/email/msg nothing?". This tweet soon gathered hundreds of likes. In another tweet, she wrote how Cult. fit would bombard her with marketing emails but they did not inform her about the outlet's closure interestingly, this -prompted many others to share similar experiences. A Twitter user wrote, "This happened last year. No info at all. I go there and found the centre doesn't exist anymore both physically and digitally." Another person commented, "This had happened to me too, I had bought their membership two days before it happened. no notice, nothing." Many people jokingly referred to the now abandoned Cultfit outlet with the infamous Laxmi Chit Fund office from Phir Hera Pheri, a hit comedy from 2006. In the comments, Cult. fit apologised for the inconvenience caused and assured Chhikara that they are investigating the matter and will soon reach out to her with an update.



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