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# INDIA OVERTAKES CHINA, IS MOST POPULOUS NATION WITH 142.86 CRORE PEOPLE

**INDIA HAS OVERTAKEN CHINA AS THE MOST POPULOUS NATION IN THE WORLD, ACCORDING TO A REPORT BY THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND. THE REPORT SAYS 68 PER CENT OF INDIA'S POPULATION IS IN THE 15-64 AGE GROUP.**

With 142.86 crore people, India has surpassed China to become the world's most populous nation, according to the latest United Nations data. China, with a population of 142.57 crore, is the second most populous country, the latest statistics show.

The data from UN agency UNFPA shows that 25 per cent of India's population is in the 0-14 age bracket and 18 per cent in the 10-19 age group. Twenty-six per cent of India's population is in the 10-24 age bracket and 68 per cent in the 15-64 age bracket. Seven per cent of the country's population is above 65 years of age.

Kerala and Punjab have an ageing population, while Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have a younger population, say experts.



Several studies, carried out by different agencies, have shown that India's population is expected to increase for nearly three decades before it peaks at 165 crore. It will then start to decline, as per reports. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) India's

representative Andrea Wojnar says, "India's 1.4 billion people must be seen as 1.4 billion opportunities." "As the country with the largest youth cohort – its 254 million youth (15-24 years) – and can be a source of innovation, new thinking and lasting solution

," says Wojnar. "The trajectory can leapfrog forward if women and girls, in particular, are equipped with equal educational and skill-building opportunities, access to technology and digital innovations, and most importantly with information and power to fully exercise their reproductive rights and choices," the UN official said. The UN official further said that ensuring gender equality, empowerment and advancing greater bodily autonomy for women and girls are the key determinants for a sustainable future.

"Women and girls should be at the centre of sexual and reproductive policies and programmes. When rights, choices and equal value of all people are truly respected and held, only then can we unlock.



**STOCK**  
**Global markets: SGX Nifty to US Fed rate hike — key triggers for stock market today**  
 On account of investors drooping into uncertainties on US Fed rate hike speculations, US stock market trade cautious as two out of three major indices ended in red zone. Amid US Fed rate hike speculation, US dollar rates continue to trade strong as Dollar Index is still above 101 levels. Meanwhile, signaling sideways.

# MAN ARRESTED FOR KILLING TODDLER IN MUMBAI AFTER GIRLFRIEND ASKED HIM TO GET RID OF WIFE, SON

**Mumbai police have arrested a man for allegedly killing his 2-year-old child and throwing the body in a plastic bag.**

In a shocking incident, Mumbai police has arrested a man for allegedly killing his 2-year-old child and throwing the body in a plastic bag. According to ANI, the police said the man's girlfriend allegedly agreed to marry him only if he got rid of his wife and son. Police added that the body was in a plastic bag and thrown into a drain in Mahim to destroy the evidence.

Earlier on Wednesday, police said they had found the body of a two-year-old child in a plastic bag in the Mahim area of Mumbai. "From preliminary investigation, the police have identified the child and sent it for a post-mortem. Injury marks were also found on the body of the deceased child," said Mumbai Police, as quoted by ANI.



# WORLD

## K-Pop Star Moonbin Of Boy Band ASTRO Dies

K-pop boy group ASTRO member Moonbin was found dead at his home, aged 25, by his manager.

Moonbin of the K-pop boy band ASTRO was found dead at his home on Wednesday, according to South Korean entertainment news outlet Soompi. He was 25 years old. The news outlet added that the Seoul Gangnam Police Station has confirmed that Moonbin's manager discovered him dead in his home in the Gangnam district of Seoul on April 19 at around 8:10 p.m. KST, and the manager immediately alerted the police.

"We are currently discussing the possibility of an autopsy to determine the precise cause of death," the police officials said, according to the report. But the police also stated, "It appears that Moonbin took his own life." According to Pinkvilla, Moonbin debuted on February 23, 2016. He started acting at a young age and starred in the popular K-drama 'Boys Over Flowers, playing the younger self of actor Kim Bum's character. Along with debuting as an ASTRO member, Moonbin also became a part of its first subunit, Moonbin & Sanha, which went on to debut on September 14, 2020.

# ON AARADHYA BACHCHAN'S PLEA, DELHI HC ORDERS YOUTUBE TO TAKE DOWN VIDEOS

The Delhi high court on Thursday ordered Google to take down videos on nine YouTube channels and other websites that published false news about the health of Aaradhya Bachchan, daughter of Aishwarya Rai and Abhishek Bachchan, and told the tech giant that it could not shrug off its responsibility to screen content uploaded to its platforms since it was profiting from it. "If you are making money out of what you are doing, you have a social responsibility. You can't allow such things to be posted on your platform. You acknowledge that there are certain things for which you have zero tolerance. Why should this not fall in that category? That means your policy is faulty," justice C Hari Shankar told Google LLC after its counsel told the court that they do not.

screen the videos that are uploaded on their platform. The observations came on a plea by 11-year-old Aaradhya Bachchan who complained about a bunch of nine videos in particular that made false claims about her health. The high court ordered that the offensive videos be deleted and told the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to block access to all the content uploaded by the nine YouTube channels as well as to any other similar videos or clips containing similar content. "Every child is entitled to be treated with honour and respect whether he/she is child of celebrity or a commoner. Circulating information with respect to the mental and physical health of the child is completely impermissible in law.

# BJP NAMES CANDIDATES FOR REMAINING SEATS; NO SHIVAMOGGA TICKET FOR ESHWARAPPA'S SON

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday night released its fourth and final list of two candidates for the Karnataka assembly elections. In the final list, the party has fielded Channabasappa from Shivamogga, while sitting MLA and senior BJP leader KS Eshwarappa's son was denied a ticket. Eshwarappa, a former deputy chief minister, had recently conveyed to the party's central leadership his decision to retire from electoral politics, and had requested to not consider fielding him in the assembly polls from Shivamogga. The five-time MLA from the seat, however, had sought the ticket for his son KE Kantesh. Reacting on the same, Eshwarappa on Thursday said he was not angry with the BJP, and expressed confidence that the party will form government with

an absolute majority. "I am not angry with BJP. Those who have left the BJP have to be brought back to the BJP who are angry with our party and joined the Congress. The BJP will win and form the government with an absolute majority," he said. Meanwhile, senior BJP leader and MLC Ayanur Manjunath, who was also a ticket aspirant from Shivamogga, quit the party earlier on Wednesday, and joined JD(S). He is now the JD(S) candidate from the constituency. From Manvi, a ST (Scheduled Tribe) reserved constituency, the party has fielded the newly inducted BV Naik as the candidate. Naik, who had quit Congress over ticket denial, had joined the BJP on Monday. With the announcement of this list,

### AS SC COLLEGIUM RECALLS PENDING RECOMMENDATION, CHANCES OF JUSTICE MURALIDHAR'S SC ELEVATION ARE SLIM

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In the latest round of tussle between the Union government and the Supreme Court Collegium, the former appears to have wrested primacy. The Collegium's resolution, uploaded on April 19, recalling its recommendation to transfer the Chief Justice of the Orissa high court, S. Muralidhar, to the Madras high court, makes clear its helplessness, in the face of the government's defiance for over six months. Although the Collegium found it expedient to recall its recommendation, it has chosen to make its displeasure public over the development. "The recommendation has remained pending with the Government of India since then



without any response. Dr Justice Muralidhar now demits office on 7 August 2023 leaving less than 4 months' time", the resolution reads. In view of this delay, the Collegium has stated that it recalled the recommendation of Chief Justice Muralidhar to facilitate the appointment of a permanent Chief Justice - Justice S.V. Gangapurwala - at the Madras High court, which has remained without a permanent Chief Justice for more than six months. The resolution has been signed by the five-member Collegium, comprising the Chief Justice of India, D.Y. Chandrachud, and Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, K.M. Joseph, M.R. Shah and Ajay Rastogi.

### VISVA-BHARATI IS TO TAKE POSSESSION OF LAND FROM AMARTYA SEN ON MAY 6

Visva-Bharati vice-chancellor Bidyut Chakrabarty has claimed Sen's father rented only 1.25-acre land on a 99-year lease in 1943 and .13 decimal land should be returned

Visva-Bharati has issued a notice to Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen saying the central university will take possession of .13 decimal of the 1.38 acre leased land from his ancestral property on its campus at Santiniketan in West Bengal on May 6. The notice, a copy of which HT has seen, accusing Sen of occupying public land was issued on Wednesday under the Public Premises (Eviction and Unauthorised Occupants) Act. Sen, 89, is in the US and usually visits his ancestral home in Santiniketan in winter. "There are directives/advisories from the Gov't of India/West Bengal, reports of the expert committees on security and maintenance of assets of Visva.



Bharati, and the CAG's audit observations regarding the necessity and urgency of removing unauthorized occupation or encroachment from the public premises of Visva-Bharati," the order said. "Now, the question is which portion covering .13 decimals area in the scheduled public premises may be recovered from Sri Sen." The notice said Visva-Bharati owns plots on the west and east sides of the premises. "On the southern side, Sri Sen and his family own their private lands. Sri Sen could have participated in joint survey/hearing, etc and indicate his choice."

### NO RELIEF FOR RAHUL GANDHI IN DEFAMATION CASE, SURAT COURT REJECTS REQUEST

RAHUL GANDHI HAD REQUESTED THAT HIS CONVICTION BE PAUSED PENDING HIS APPEAL AGAINST A COURT ORDER SENTENCING HIM TO TWO YEARS IN JAIL.



In a massive setback for Rahul Gandhi, a court in Gujarat rejected his request to pause his conviction in a defamation case over his 2019 "Modi surname" remark. This means Rahul Gandhi cannot be reinstated as a Member of Parliament for now. Rahul Gandhi had requested that his conviction be paused pending his appeal against a court order sentencing him to two years in jail. The trial court, said the Congress leader, had treated him harshly, overwhelmingly influenced by his status as an MP. The court in Surat disagreed. "Rahul Gandhi failed to demonstrate that by not staying the conviction and denying an opportunity to contest the election, irreversible and irrevocable damage will be caused to him," said trial court judge Robin Mogera. The judge also quoted the Supreme Court as saying that decisions to pause conviction should be exercised cautiously and "not in a casual and mechanical manner... that will shake public confidence in the judiciary". Rahul Gandhi, 52, was convicted by a court and sentenced to prison for two years in Gujarat on March 23 for his speech during the 2019 Lok Sabha campaign. BJP MLA and former Gujarat minister Purnesh Modi had filed the case over Rahul Gandhi saying: "How come all thieves have the common surname, Modi?" The lower court had granted Mr Gandhi bail for 30 days to appeal the verdict. Mr Gandhi's Lok Sabha seat in Wayanad in Kerala is vacant and due for by-elections. Had the court paused the conviction today, his disqualification as an MP could have been reversed. Rahul Gandhi had made "certain derogatory remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in general public and further compared the persons having 'Modi' surname with thieves and the complainant is also having the surname of Modi," Judge Mogera said. "The Appellant was not an ordinary person but a sitting MP, connected with public life. Any word spoken by the appellant would have a large impact in the mind of the common public," the judge asserted, adding that a "high standard of morality" was expected from a person like him.

### SHOW-CAUSE NOTICES TO 12 DELHI SCHOOLS OVER EXPENSIVE BOOKS, UNIFORMS

DELHI EDUCATION MINISTER ATISHI ALSO SAID THAT "UNSATISFACTORY RESPONSES" FROM THE SCHOOLS WILL LEAD TO STRICT ACTION AGAINST THEM.



Taking firm action against the private schools over expensive books and uniforms, the Delhi government has sent show-cause notices to 12 schools and also initiated an enquiry against six other schools, according to an official statement on Wednesday. The "immediate action" has been taken based on parents' complaints, the Delhi government said in the statement. Delhi Education Minister Atishi also said that "unsatisfactory responses" from the schools will lead to strict action against them. "Following complaints from parents, show cause notices were sent to private schools for charging exorbitantly high for books and uniforms. Strict action under the Delhi School Education Act 1973 is to be taken against schools violating the guidelines of the Education Department on books and uniforms. Unsatisfactory response from schools on the issue will lead to strict action against them," Ms Atishi said. Earlier on April 7, the AAP Minister had taken cognizance of the issue of private schools compelling parents to buy expensive books and uniforms from specific vendors and directed the Education Department to take strict action against these schools. "Violation of Education Department guidelines on books and school uniforms by private schools will not be tolerated and strict action will be taken against such schools," Ms Atishi had said in a statement. The Education Department issued strict instructions to schools on March 17 to comply with the guidelines on the sale of books and school uniforms. It states that immediate notice must be issued stating the reasons in case of any complaint. In case of violation, action will be taken under the relevant provisions of the DSE Act 1973. It is to be noted that the guidelines of the Education Department state that private schools must display a class-wise list of books and other study materials on their website before the beginning of the new academic session to inform parents. Additionally, schools must also display at least five nearby shops' addresses and phone numbers.

### AMRITPAL SINGH'S WIFE STOPPED AT AIRPORT, TRYING TO FLEE TO LONDON



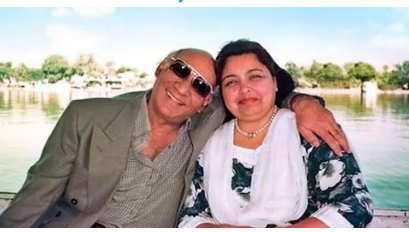
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### NASA ISSUES A SOLAR STORM WARNING THAT MIGHT HAVE DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON EARTH

WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT THE SUN, THE LARGEST OBJECT IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, IS ENRAGED AND MIGHT HIT EARTH WITH ONE OF THE MOST CATASTROPHIC SOLAR STORMS. THE LAST SOLAR STORM THAT STRUCK EARTH ONLY A WEEK AGO HAD ONLY MINOR IMPACTS, BUT THE ONE TO COME MIGHT BE MUCH MORE DAMAGING. THE FIRST HIT IS PROJECTED TO OCCUR TODAY, APRIL 19, 2023, AND APRIL 20, ACCORDING TO NASA. THE US SPACE AGENCY THINKS THIS ENCOUNTER WITH EARTH MAY BE MORE HARMFUL. A LARGE CORONAL MASS EJECTION (CME) THAT IS JOURNEYING TOWARD EARTH IS THE CAUSE OF THIS SOLAR STORM. SINCE THE CLOUD IS TRAVELING IN THE FORM OF A CRESCENT, INDIRECT BLOWS SHOULD OCCUR BEFORE DIRECT HITS. THIS LIMITED STRIKE COULD, HOWEVER, HAVE UNSETTLING REPERCUSSIONS. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, IT MAY WEAKEN THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELDS ENOUGH TO PRODUCE CRACKS IN THEM, ALLOWING A CME TO GET INTO THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE AND TRIGGER A MUCH MORE VIOLENT STORM. TODAY'S SOLAR STORMS CAN BE PRETTY DANGEROUS. IT CAN INTERFERE WITH GPS, IMPAIR MOBILE.

### PAMELA CHOPRA, WIFE OF YASH CHOPRA, DIES AT 74

FILM PRODUCER AND SINGER PAMELA CHOPRA, WHO WAS THE WIFE OF LEGENDARY FILMMAKER YASH CHOPRA, DIED AT THE AGE OF 74 IN MUMBAI ON THURSDAY, THE FAMILY ANNOUNCED IN A STATEMENT ON THURSDAY MORNING. "WITH HEAVY HEARTS, THE CHOPRA FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT PAMELA CHOPRA, 74, PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING. HER CREMATION TOOK PLACE AT 11 AM TODAY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST FOR PRIVACY IN THIS MOMENT OF DEEP SADNESS AND REFLECTION," READ THE STATEMENT. PAMELA CHOPRA IS SURVIVED BY HER FILMMAKER SON ADITYA CHOPRA AND ACTOR-SUN UDAY CHOPRA. HER SON ADITYA CHOPRA IS MARRIED TO RANI MUKERJI. VETERAN LYRICIST JAVED AKHTAR PAID TRIBUTE TO PAMELA CHOPRA IN HIS TWEET. HE WROTE, "TODAY PAM JI THE BETTER HALF OF SHRI YASH CHOPRA HAS PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS A GREAT LADY. INTELLIGENT, EDUCATED, WARM AND WITTY. THOSE WHO LIKE ME HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH YASH JI KNOW ABOUT HER CONTRIBUTION TO HIS SCRIPTS AND MUSIC. SHE WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL PERSON."



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