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## ESI dispensary cum branch office set up in Khammam

Khammam: Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Telangana regional director Gouminthang Gangte inaugurated the ESI dispensary cum branch office (DCBO) here on Wednesday.

The DCBO was located at the BSNL building, Raparathi Nagar vegetable market road in the city. Setting up the dispensary cum branch office here would help to provide medical, sickness, maternity, accidental, permanent disability and dependent benefits to the ESI insured persons of Khammam and Kothagudem districts, said an official release.

## Nagaraju takes charge as Power Grid Southern Region Transmission System-1 Executive Director

Hyderabad: A Nagaraju on Wednesday took charge as Executive Director of Power Grid Southern Region Transmission System-1 (SRTS-1). Prior to assuming charge of SRTS-1, Nagaraju worked as Executive Director (ESMD & CSR) at Power Grid Corporate Office, Gurugram. Southern Region Transmission System-1 has substations and projects in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and some parts of Karnataka.

An electrical engineering graduate from Osmania University, Nagaraju started his career as an engineer trainee in NTPC in 1986 and joined Power Grid as an engineer in 1991.

## KTR warns against changes to Telangana Thalli statue design



GNS News Agency, Dec 4

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao has strongly opposed any attempt to alter the design of the Telangana Thalli statue, proposed to be installed in the State Secretariat on December 9. He warned Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy against making any changes in the design, which holds sentimental and historic value for the people of Telangana. Speaking after inaugurating a book exhibition as part of the Deeksha Diwas celebrations at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Rama Rao pointed out that former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, despite leading the BJP to power, did not alter the design of Bharat Matha unveiled by Indira Gandhi. Similarly, designs of Telugu Thalli and Kannada Matha have remained unchanged irrespective of change in political leadership. "I urge Chief Minister Revanth Reddy not to change the Telangana Thalli design due to his animosity towards former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao or attempts to erase his legacy. History and the people of Telangana will not forgive such a mistake," he warned. He vowed that if the BRS returns to power in four years, they would restore Telangana Thalli's statue to its rightful place, replacing the statue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, opposite Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat. The BRS working president emphasised the importance of preserving Telangana's culture and history through literature, arts, and songs. Announcing plans to host an annual 11-day literary and cultural festival from November 29 to December 9 from next year, he revealed that two committees – comprising writers, experts, historians, poets, singers and artistes – will be constituted to organise the event on behalf of the BRS. Apart from Hyderabad, the festival will also take place in headquarters of erstwhile districts including Warangal, Karimnagar, and Nalgonda among others. He urged writers and poets to document Telangana's history and the statehood movement for future generations. "If lions do not document their legacy, hunters' stories will become history," he remarked, stressing the urgency of preserving Telangana's narrative and educate future generations. Explaining efforts of the BRS giving priority to Telangana's identity rather than political leadership, he said during his decade-long rule, festivals like Bathukamma and Bonalu were celebrated officially. Irrigation projects were named after local deities instead of political leaders, reflecting the party's commitment to honouring Telangana's heritage, he added.

## Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy Appeals to CM Revanth Reddy for Resolving Key Constituency Issues



Gadwal: Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at the CM Camp Office in Hyderabad to discuss and bring attention to several pending issues in the Gadwal constituency.

The MLA urged the CM to expedite the release of pending shift-in-charges for residents of Nettareddy village. He emphasized that those who have not yet received their shift-in-charges should be prioritized. Additionally, the MLA requested the release of necessary government funds to help the affected villagers construct homes with all facilities at the R&R (Rehabilitation and Resettlement) center.

The MLA appealed to the CM to extend the eligibility for the CM Relief Fund to cover residents of Gadwal constituency who receive treatment in nearby hospitals located in Andhra Pradesh (Kurumool) and Karnataka (Raichur). This move would ensure financial support for patients receiving treatment in these neighboring states.

Shri Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy emphasized the need for advanced medical facilities and technology at the Gadwal District Medical College.

## Telangana Partners with Google to Establish Cybersecurity Hub in Hyd

GNS News Agency, Dec 4

Hyderabad: The Telangana government has announced a significant partnership with Google to establish India's first Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) in Hyderabad. This will be the first facility of its kind in the Asia Pacific region outside Tokyo and only the fifth globally, joining centers in Dublin, Munich, Malaga, and Tokyo. The GSEC in Hyderabad will serve as a specialized hub for cybersecurity, focusing on developing security and safety solutions tailored to Indian and global challenges. The center will facilitate advanced research, AI-driven security tools, and collaborations among experts, contributing to skill development, employment, and cybersecurity innovation in India. Telangana Secures Global Investment After Google announced plans to establish a GSEC in India during the Google for India 2024 conclave, several states entered the competition to secure the investment. Telangana emerged as the chosen location following Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's visit to Google's Global Headquarters in August. The CM and Industries Minister Dr. D. Sridhar Babu presented Hyderabad's potential as a technological and innovation hub, successfully persuading Google to invest in the city. The GSEC will focus on developing secure online solutions, fostering partnerships with academic institutions, and addressing challenges in cybersecurity. It will also generate thousands of direct and indirect job opportuni-



ties. Hyderabad, already hosting major tech firms like Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, and Meta, continues to strengthen its position as a global IT hub with this addition. "This partnership underscores Hyderabad's role as a leading center for technology and cybersecurity. The collaboration will contribute to digital safety and bolster Telangana's position in the global technology landscape," said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The Telangana government and Google are also exploring further collaborations, including establishing a Cloud Centre of Excellence, an intelligent traffic management system powered by Google technologies, and initiatives to enhance the education system and startup ecosystem.

The GSEC aligns with Telangana's broader vision of technological growth, skill enhancement, and innovation. It will integrate with initiatives like T-Fiber, aimed at connecting rural households across the state. Google's involvement will support these efforts by ensuring robust digital safety measures. Google's Chief Information Officer, Royal Hansen, expressed optimism about the partnership, stating, "Hyderabad has the potential to become a global hub for safety engineering, and this collaboration opens doors to future initiatives that address cybersecurity challenges." The partnership with Google marks a major step in Telangana's journey toward becoming a leader in technology and innovation, with Hyderabad set to play a pivotal role in shaping global cybersecurity standards.

## Holiday declared for schools, colleges in Villupuram, Cuddalore



GNS News Agency, Dec 4: Chennai: A holiday has been declared for schools and colleges on Wednesday in Tamil Nadu's Villupuram and three panchayat unions of the Cuddalore district due to heavy rainfall and flooding along the banks of the Thempennai River, where the water level has yet to recede. In Puducherry, 22 schools are currently operating as relief camps to accommodate those affected by recent flooding caused by Cyclone Fengal. However, all other schools and colleges in the region will function as usual.

A flood alert has been issued to residents along the banks of the Cauvery River. The inflow to Hogenakkal surged from 5,500 cusecs on Monday to 30,000 cusecs by Tuesday at 4 p.m., following heavy rain in the catchment areas. In Tamil Nadu's Dharmapuri, Collector K. Shanthi has ordered the suspension of coracle services and bathing activities at Hogenakkal Falls. Residents along the Cauvery riverbanks have been advised to move to safer areas. Joint

teams comprising fire and rescue personnel, police, and revenue department authorities were patrolling the area to prevent people from entering the river for bathing or washing clothes. The water level in Mettur Dam in Salem is expected to rise steadily in the coming days. On Monday, the inflow into the dam was 7,414 cusecs, which increased to 9,246 cusecs by Tuesday morning. The dam's water storage level also rose slightly, from 110.93 feet on Monday to 111.39 feet on Tuesday. Despite the widespread rainfall, the water released from the dam has been kept low, with 1,000 cusecs for Delta irrigation and 300 cusecs for canal irrigation. Since October 1, Tamil Nadu has received nearly 43 cm of rainfall this season, compared to the average of 36 cm. The intense rainfall from Cyclone Fengal over the past two days has significantly reduced rain deficits across several districts.

Villupuram and Krishnagiri districts have recorded a surplus of 74 per cent and 78 per cent, respectively, in seasonal rainfall as of Tuesday (December 3). The impact of Cyclone Fengal has been severe. In Tamil Nadu, 12 lives were lost in rain-related calamities. A total of 2,11,139 hectares of agricultural and horticultural land were inundated., 1,649 km of electric conductors, 23664 electric poles, and 997 transformers were damaged, 9576 km of roads, 1847 culverts, and 417 tanks sustained damage, as per the reports. The heavy rain has displaced large populations, affecting around 69 lakh families. Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, and Kallakurichi districts received over 50 cm of rainfall in a single day, equivalent to an entire season's average, causing severe flooding and extensive damage to infrastructure and crops.

## 'Maha' suspense over: Fadnavis is new Maharashtra CM, to take oath on Thursday

GNS News Agency, Dec 4

Mumbai: The wait was over after 132 party legislators and five Independents supporting BJP on Wednesday unanimously elected Devendra Fadnavis as the legislature party leader. With this, he is set to take oath for the third time as the Maharashtra Chief Minister at a grand ceremony on Thursday. Fadnavis' name was proposed by former Ministers Chandrakant Patil and Sudhir Mungantiwar and it was seconded by a host of legislators, including the Mumbai unit chief Ashish Shelar. The announcement of Fadnavis' election was made by the party observer and former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, who was accompanied by the co-observer and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Immediately after his announcements, legislators raised slogans like "Maharashtra Mukhyamantri Kaisa Ho, Devendra Fadnavis Jaisa Ho".

Strategy unit chief Chandrashekhara Bawankule in his welcome address thanked the 14 crore people of Maharashtra for their overwhelming support given to BJP and Mahayuti in the just concluded state Assembly elections. "Today is a historical day as the legislature party group leader will be elected. The Mahayuti government will increase the pace of Maharashtra's development," he said. Thereafter, Rupani declared the election process and called upon the legislators to propose and second the names of the legislature party group leader. Chandrakant Patil and Sudhir Mungantiwar proposed Devendra Fadnavis' name



amid slogan shouting from the legislators. Fadnavis' name was seconded by legislators, including Pankaja Munde, Praveen Darekar, Ravindra Chavan and Meghana Bordikar.

After that Rupani asked the legislators whether anyone wanted to recommend another name. Legislators said no and thereafter Rupani announced that Fadnavis has been unanimously elected as the legislature party group leader. Fadnavis was felicitated by the core committee leaders and senior leaders, including party Secretary Shiv Prakash and General Secretary Vinod Tawde. Earlier, the state core committee met and unanimously zeroed in on Fadnavis' name as the legislature party group leader. In her speech, FM Sitharaman said the unprecedented and unexpected mandate in the state legislature is to take forward the Viksit Bharat mission.

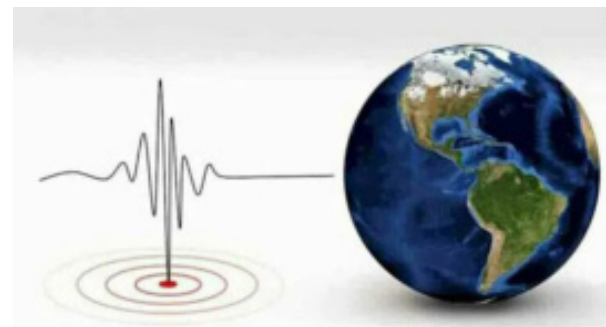
## PM Modi extends wishes on Navy Day, salutes maritime heroes



GNS News Agency, Dec 4

New Delhi: On the occasion of Navy Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed his admiration and gratitude towards the Indian Navy, highlighting their pivotal role in safeguarding the nation's maritime interests. In a post shared on the social media platform X, the Prime Minister lauded the unwavering dedication and courage of the naval forces. On Navy Day, we salute the valiant personnel of the Indian Navy who protect our seas with unmatched courage and dedication. Their commitment ensures the safety, security, and prosperity of our nation. "On Navy Day, we salute the valiant personnel of the Indian Navy who protect our seas with unmatched courage and dedication. Their commitment ensures the safety, security, and prosperity of our nation. We also take great pride in India's rich maritime history," PM Modi wrote. Emphasising the strategic importance of maritime strength, PM Modi quoted the ancient Sanskrit phrase, "Jalmev Yasya, Balmev Tasya (Who keeps control of the ocean is the most powerful)." He further added, "Today, we salute our heroes who sacrificed their lives for this nation's soil. The Indian Navy provides protection and guards our seas and coastal areas. Our Indian Navy has contributed significantly to many historic events, be it the Goa Liberation Movement or the 1971 India-Pakistan war." The Prime Minister also underscored the Navy's role in humanitarian efforts, saying, "The Indian Navy has contributed to social causes, often stepping in to save humanity in times of crisis." In a video message shared on X, PM Modi also mentioned the poetic phrase which according to him is said for the Indian navy, "Chalo naya misaal ho, badho naya kamaal ho, jhuko nahi, ruko nahi, badhe chalo, badhe chalo (Let's set new examples, stride to new heights, don't bow down, don't stop, keep moving forward)." Praising the bravery of the naval forces, he added, "Every Indian is filled with energy with your roar, I extend my special wishes to all the members of the Indian Navy." Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also extended his wishes saying, "As the country celebrates the Navy Day today, I extend my greetings and warm wishes to all Indian Navy personnel and their families."

## Telangana experiences 5.3-magnitude earthquake for first time in 55 years



GNS News Agency, Dec 4

Hyderabad: It's more than half a century later that parts of Telangana experienced an earthquake of 5.3 magnitude on the Richters Scale, which occurred on Wednesday at 7.27 am in Mulugu with Medaram as the epicentre. Head (retd) of Seismology, Hyderabad-based National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Dr Sri Nagesh said: "It was in 1969 that an earthquake of the same magnitude hit the Bhadrachalam region. The seismology division of NGRI has been for the past few decades closely monitoring seismic activity along the Bhadrachalam-Medaram section because it falls under the seismic zone 3. For the past decade or so, this region has been frequently jolted by earthquakes of magnitude 2-4. This is for the first time that a 5.3-magnitude quake took place after 1969," he said.

## BJP condemns assassination bid on Sukhbir Singh Badal

GNS News Agency, Dec 4

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday (December 4, 2024) condemned the assassination attempt on Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) chief Sukhbir Singh Badal and criticised the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab for its "failure to maintain law and order" in the State. At a press conference, BJP MP and spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said Punjab's financial condition and law and order situation deteriorated considerably after the AAP came to power there, attributing it to an ongoing "internal rift" in the party.







## Woman forced to pay 2 lakh as fine for taking more than 5 minutes to pay parking fee



car park in February 2023 and when she tried to pay the parking machine was "out of order", so she tried to pay using a phone app. "I was trying to get reception and wasn't able to, so I got my wi-fi within the store, and paid online through their app," she said. She did the same thing each day and paid the full parking fee daily but one day she received a notice. It asked her to pay £100 within 28 days. "I rang the company and explained the situation, and they basically said 'you have to pay it. So to keep them off my back I did pay the initial parking fine," she said.

"It is the driver's responsibility" However, she received nine more notices like that which were all for £100 along with a "debt recovery" charge and an interest of 8% per annum. In a statement, an Excel Parking spokesperson said: "The signage at the car park made it clear that it was 'Pay on Entry' and that there was a maximum period of five minutes to purchase the parking tariff. This is one of the specific terms and conditions for use of the car park. It is the driver's responsibility to read and understand the terms. It seems that Miss Hudson is the author of her own misfortune." When asked why they ask drivers to pay within five minutes, and the company said this was "to mitigate against abuse from motorists who simply use the car park to drop off and pick up passengers from adjacent retailers". The parking also claimed the woman took "between 14 and 190 minutes to purchase each parking tariff by phone, an average of almost one hour". The case will now be heard in court within six months.

A woman in UK has been charged 2 lakh (£1,906) after she took longer than five minutes to pay after parking her car in Derby. Rosey Hudson claimed she was unable to pay due to poor signal on her phone. She said she had to walk around to get to a serviceable area but by then Excel Parking Ltd had sent her 10 parking charge notices. The car park said that anyone who parks in the lot has to pay within five minutes. Build cutting-edge AI solutions with MIT's expert-led program Start Now. Was trying to get phone reception Hudson said the five-minute payment rule is "totally unreasonable". "I haven't got children but I can imagine a busy mum trying to sort her kids out, trying to pay for something when there's no signal here, and the machine being out of order," she told the BBC.

Hudson said she started using the Copeland Street

## Who is Ketaki Vaidya? Oracle product manager from Hyderabad opens up about her 'very smooth transition' to US



that goes into the system. That's going to be taken into account every time you move up the ladder." This role earned her 2 million Indian rupees, or about \$24,000 annually.

As she moved up the ladder, Vaidya felt a pull towards product management. Thus, she utilised her free time during the pandemic to research what jobs with more business strategy would look like. She revealed, "I set up 15-minute sessions with about 200 people on LinkedIn to understand what this field was. The more I talked to people, the more I realized it was something that I wanted to do." When she felt that she was lacking the required skill set, she applied for a master's course in the US to gain a better understanding of the global work culture. However, when she tried to resign, Oracle "didn't want to let me go," she said. Since her role was crucial to releasing a product, the company offered a product management role in the US, instead. She negotiated a higher salary, considering the significantly increased cost of living in the US, despite Oracle shouldering substantial expenses, including her visa fees. Vaidya shared, "You can't let the excitement show in the conversations that you're having with your hiring managers." To negotiate salary, she visited Glassdoor to gather data about salaries and had conversations with people who had made similar shifts in their careers prior to her. She said, "I was being given this offer for the credibility that I had built in the organization. I felt like I had an upper hand in negotiating. I was much more confident in asking for the things that I deserve — so it ended up being a very smooth transition."

After five years of serving as an employee in Oracle's office, in Hyderabad, India, Ketaki Vaidya felt a need for change. Being a software engineer, working in Silicon Valley had been her for a long time. Thus, in 2022 she planned to move to California and since has been transferred to Seattle. She recently revealed how the seven years at Oracle unfolded into two job promotions, a change of career and an international transfer. Her first step after her college at Oracle's Hyderabad, India was to understand what her team required from her than just focusing on the supervisor's needs. Vaidya said, "Managers always take 360-degree feedback, and they go around the entire team and talk to the entire team to get a sense of what your work is like. When you keep your team happy, you automatically keep your supervisor happy," as reported by Business Insider. She had also planned regular check-ins with her manager to get feedback on her work and expressed her aspirations about working with specific software. This ensured that her manager looped her in when tasks of her interest emerged in the workspace. Vaidya earned 9,00,000 INR or \$10,700 annually. A couple of years later, Vaidya was promoted to the position of software engineer from associate software engineer. She revealed that she followed former idols who served as a reminder to credit herself for the work as well and not just the team. She also ensured that she was vocal about her growth as well as her next promotions with her manager. Moreover, she documented all her achievements.

Vaidya said, "They knew that I was very invested in my career, and then my managers would really help me all around the year to get better projects." She was paid 1.2 million rupees, or \$14,200 annually under this role. The next promotion opportunity presented itself after four years where the software engineer was promoted to the position of senior software engineer and team lead. Her team included seven people. At the end of her projects, Vaidya took steps to showcase her work to leadership, such as sharing her insights with the team via the group chat. Additionally, she meticulously worked on her annual appraisal documents, revising them multiple times to ensure they accurately reflected her contributions. She divulged, "I've seen that a lot of people don't take that very seriously, but it's something

## House Republicans brand Joe Biden 'liar' for pardoning 'criminal' son Hunter



House Republicans have branded Joe Biden a "liar" for pardoning his son Hunter. Following his shock move on Sunday, GOP lawmakers criticised the president for breaking his promise not to interfere in the 54-year-old's criminal lawsuits. President-elect Donald Trump called the full and unconditional pardon of Hunter, who was convicted of multiple felony charges, a "miscarriage of justice." Republicans, including the future president, swiftly called out Biden after he pardoned Hunter of all "offenses against the United States which he has committed or may have committed or taken part in during the period from January 1, 2014 through December 1, 2024." (Read More: What were the charges against Hunter Biden before the presidential pardon?) In the wake of the pardon, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene issued a scathing statement against Biden and his son on X, formerly Twitter. "Hunter Biden broke gun laws, he broke the FARA Act, and worst of all, he broke the Mann Act by sex trafficking women across the country. This pardon is Joe Biden's admission that Hunter is a criminal." Branding Biden a "liar and a hypocrite, all the way to the end," Greene

added, "Biden tried to throw President Trump's sons in jail, but he lets his son off free even though he's a convict. His FBI and DOJ raided Barron's bedroom and Melania's closet at Mar-a-Lago." Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley echoed similar sentiments, tweeting, "I'm shocked Pres Biden pardoned his son Hunter bc he said many many times he wouldn't & I believed him Shame on me." Rep. James Comer also issued a statement on Hunter's pardoning that reads, "Joe Biden has lied from start to finish about his family's corrupt influence peddling activities. Not only has he falsely claimed that he never met with his son's foreign business associates and that his son did nothing

wrong, but he also lied when he said he would not pardon Hunter Biden." The charges Hunter faced were just the tip of the iceberg in the blatant corruption that President Biden and the Biden Crime Family have lied about to the American people. It's unfortunate that, rather than come clean about their decades of wrongdoing, President Biden and his family continue to do everything they can to avoid accountability," the chair of the House Oversight Committee added. Arizona Rep. Andy Biggs slammed the younger Biden as "a criminal," adding that his father "will go down as one of the most corrupt presidents in American history." The criticism of Biden's pardoning of his son

was not limited to Republicans as Democratic Governor of Colorado Jared Polis said, "While as a father I certainly understand President @JoeBiden's natural desire to help his son by pardoning him, I am disappointed that he put his family ahead of the country." "This is a bad precedent that could be abused by later Presidents and will sadly tarnish his reputation. When you become President, your role is Pater familias of the nation. Hunter brought the legal trouble he faced on himself, and one can sympathize with his struggles while also acknowledging that no one is above the law, not a President and not a President's son," Polis added.

## Trump's WH chef dishes on President-elect's McDonald's habit, reveals what will be his 'first meal' after taking office



Donald Trump's former Chef Chef Andre Rush has spilled tea about the President-elect's McDonald's habit at the White House, as well as what will be his first meal upon his comeback in January. Before Trump takes office for a second term, the celebrity chef has persuaded him to stop eating burgers and drinking Diet Coke. Build cutting-edge AI solutions with MIT's expert-led program Start Now. Speaking about Trump's unhealthy appetites and love for fast food, the military veteran turned cook told TMZ, "It's up to the kitchen staff to get creative when it comes to meals - basically, tricking him into eating healthier via tasty dishes." In another interview with The Sun, Rush outlined what efforts Trump should be making to get into shape both mentally and physically. He then recalled how Trump once ordered enough Big Macs, Filet-o-Fish, and McDonald's Quarter Pounders for a football team for a State Dinner. "[You] can't get McDonald's at the White House because it's the White House - no one can bring it inside," the re-

nowned chef stated. Trump prefers junk food due to fear of... Trump is well-known for preferring fast-food restaurants like McDonald's because he fears getting poisoned. According to the Mirror, he feels these meals are safer than other food items since they are prepared in advance.

During his first term, Trump allegedly maintained his privacy by locking himself away from his wife Melania and the Secret Service at night so he could eat hamburgers. Melania would never be spotted eating the same food as Trump, according to Rush, because "she may be on her diet, or have a diet, or he may be on the fly and on the run, and stuff just happens that way." Rush, though, advised the President-elect to eat fast food "sparingly" and make certain changes to keep healthy for the position on his return to the White House. "I would say to him, especially eight years later and at age of 78, is just stop for a second, dictate your meals, get what your dietitian, whatnot, and say, 'Hey, I'll incorporate some healthy meals into my diet,'" he said. Starting from 1997, Rush served as a chef in the White House under Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Donald Trump.

What meal Trump would prefer on first day of WH?

Chef Rush describes the first meal of a president in the White House as "a very big deal". Having prepared Trump's first lunch in 2017, he believes the Republican will not deviate from his usual custom. "He's [either] going to stay on the road and say, 'Hey, I'm going to eat my favorite foods and I'm not letting anybody change me,'" Chef Rush stated. "But me personally, I think he'll probably just stay to what he believes in and maybe have a burger," he added.

## Pakistan's anti-terrorism court sends Imran Khan on 14-day judicial remand in connection with seven new cases

An anti-terrorism court on Monday (December 2, 2024) sent former prime minister Imran Khan on a 14-day judicial remand in connection with seven cases related to the recent protests by his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party. Mr. Khan, 72, was presented before the anti-terrorism court judge at Adiala jail, where he has been incarcerated for months, after the completion of a six-day police remand in a separate case about his party's September 28 protest in Rawalpindi.

Judge Amjad Ali Shah presided over the hearing, during which the court approved Khan's judicial remand in the New Town police station case, as well as in six other cases. The judge rejected a police request for physical remand in six other cases registered between September 28 and October 5. He ordered that Mr. Khan should be sent to jail on judicial remand. The former premier was arrested in six cases related to the protests by his party. Seven cases, including the New Town case, had been registered against him for the protests on September 28, October 4, and October 5. The new cases have been registered against Mr. Khan in various police stations for giving calls of protests that resulted in violent incidents. Mr. Khan's party launched a protest on November 24 to give a sit-in at D-Chowk in Islamabad's Red Zone, where most government buildings are located. The protest, which turned violent, left some security personnel and civilians dead. The protest was pro-



moted by Mr. Khan who on November 13 issued a "final call" for nationwide protests, demanding the restoration of the PTI's electoral mandate, the release of detained party members, and the reversal of the 26th Amendment, which he said had strengthened a "dictatorial regime".

So far, he has not been arrested in the latest 28 cases related to the November 24 protest. Mr. Khan was arrested by the Rawalpindi police in the New Town police after he was granted bail in the second Toshakhana case last month. Dozens of cases have been registered against him since his government fell in April 2022 due to a no-confidence vote.

## Dozens, including children, killed in stampede following clashes at a Guinea football match

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Dozens of soccer fans, including children, were killed in a stampede and as security forces tried to quell clashes during a soccer match at a crowded stadium in southern Guinea's largest city, according to local media and a coalition of political parties. The stampede broke out on Sunday (December 2, 2024) afternoon at the Nzerekore city during the final of a local tournament between the Labe and Nzerekore teams in honor of Guinea's military leader, Mamadi Doumbouya, Guinea's Prime Minister Amadou Oury Bah said on the X platform.

"During the stampede, victims were recorded," Bah said, without being specific about the number of those killed. The regional authorities are working to restore calm in the area, he added. A coalition of political parties known as the National Alliance for Alternation and Democracy said in a statement that the stampede resulted in dozens of deaths and injuries. Local media reported that security forces tried to use teargas to restore calm after the chaos that followed a disputed penalty. "This [the disputed penalty] angered supporters who threw stones. This is how the security services used tear gas," the local Media Guinea reported. It said several of those killed were children while some of the injured being treated at a regional hospital are in critical condition. Videos that appeared to be from the scene showed a section of the stadium shouting and protesting the refereeing before the clashes broke out as fans poured onto the field.

People were running as they tried to escape from the

## Indian bus headed to Kolkata attacked in Bangladesh, alleges Tripura Minister

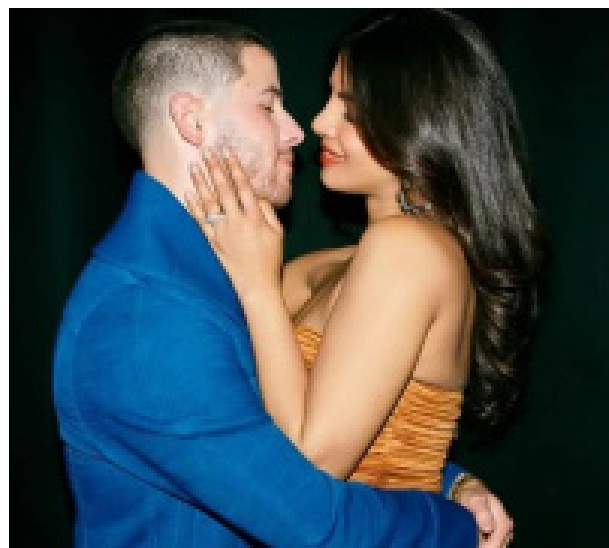
Agartala: Tripura's Transport Minister Sushanta Chowdhury alleged that a bus on the way to Kolkata from Agartala was attacked in Bangladesh. The incident happened on Bishwa Road in Bangladesh's Brahmanbaria district, he said. "A Sahyamoli Paribahan bus on the way from Tripura to Kolkata was attacked in Bangladesh's Brahmanbaria Bishwa Road. The incident terrified Indian passengers on the bus. The bus was maintaining its lane when a truck intentionally hit it. At this point, an autorickshaw came in front of the bus, and the bus and the auto-rickshaw collided," Chowdhury said in a post on Facebook on Saturday, sharing photos of the bus. "Following this incident, locals started threatening Indian passengers on the bus. They also raised anti-India slogans and hurled epithets at the Indian passengers, giving them life threats. I strongly condemn



the incident and urged the administration of the neighbouring country to ensure the safety of Indian passengers," he added. Buses operate between Kolkata and Agartala via Dhaka as it cuts the distance by more than half. It is cheaper than travelling by flight and shorter than travelling by train via Assam, which usually takes over 30 hours. Chief Minister Manik Saha said he received the information about the attack on the bus and was trying to gather more input on it. "I have got information about a Kolkata-bound bus carrying passengers from Agartala coming under attack on Bishwa Road in Brahmanbaria on Saturday. I am trying to gather concrete information on the matter," he said. Voicing concern over attacks on minority Hindus in the neighbouring country.



## Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas twin in black for their wedding anniversary dinner.



Nick on the other hand, wore a jacket, polo shirt, and pants with black shoes.

The duo was exuding charm as they walked in NYC's midtown neighbourhood. A fan page shared photos of Priyanka and Nick from the evening. In one of the pictures, they can be seen holding hands while walking towards their vehicle. In addition, PeeCee was also snapped posing for the paps before entering the car.

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas keep sharing glimpses of their family celebrations on social media. Just a few days ago, Priyanka treated fans with pictures from their Thanksgiving on Instagram. In one of the photos, Nick is seen kissing their little daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas. It also had pictures of a Thanksgiving spread, with turkey, pie, cookies and other delicious treats. Along with the post, Priyanka wrote, "So grateful for the life we're building together. With tremendous gratitude in my heart, I'd like to thank everyone that has been in my corner all these years. It's so important for a person to have champions and I'm very lucky to have always had that. May you all be surrounded by love and loved ones. Happy thanksgiving to everyone celebrating." Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Nick Jonas tied the knot on December 1, 2018, in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The two welcomed Malti via surrogacy in 2022. On the professional front, Priyanka has Heads Of State, The Bluff and the second season of Citadel in the pipeline.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Nick Jonas marked their sixth wedding anniversary on December 1. The couple celebrated the special day by stepping out for a date night in New York on Sunday. They were spotted twinning in black for the romantic dinner. While Priyanka donned a winter staple – mini dress, statement boots, and a leather jacket,

## Abhishek Bachchan advises 'do as your wife says' in a viral video: 'All married men have to do that'.

Abhishek Bachchan recently attended an award event where the actor had a fun banter with the event's host. The actor was asked about his acclaimed performances in his past few films, while replying to which the actor humorously touched upon his experiences in marriage. During the award show, Abhishek Bachchan was asked how he manages to consistently deliver stellar performances. Replying to this, the actor credited the trusting guidance of his directors. He said, "It's very simple. It's got nothing to do with us. We just do what the director tells us to do. Chup chap kaam karke ghar aajate hai (We quietly work and return home)."

The host playfully compared this to following wife's instructions. The actor agreed to the host and said, "Yes. All married men have to do that... do as your wife says." Lately, during the promotions of his film, I want to Talk., Abhishek Bachchan often talked about his wife and daughter at several interviews.

In one such interview with The Hindu, Abhishek Bachchan thanked his wife Aishwarya Rai Bachchan for always being available for their daughter Aaradhya. He said, "In my household, I'm lucky I get to go out and make movies but I know that Aishwarya is at home with Aaradhya and I thank her immensely for that but I don't think the kids look at it that way. They don't look at you as a third person, they look at you as the first person." The actor was recently seen celebrating his daughter Aaradhya's birthday. While



he seemed to have missed his daughter's birthday due to busy schedule, a video shared by the event management company showed the actor being present at Aaradhya's birthday. In the video shared by the event management team, Abhishek can be seen thanking the team for making his daughter's birthday special. Aishwarya Rai and Abhishek Bachchan tied the knot in 2007. In 2011, they welcomed their daughter Aaradhya Bachchan.

## Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah producer Asit Kumarr Modi responds to Palak Sindhvani's allegations of mistreatment and unpaid dues

After actor Palak Sindhvani, known for playing Sonu Bhide in Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah, accused the show's makers of mental harassment and non-payment of dues, producer Asit Kumarr Modi has addressed her claims. In a recent interview, Asit dismissed Palak's accusations, stating that 'every artist gets paid on time' and is given adequate leave. Speaking to Times of India, Asit said it was unfair for Palak to raise concerns after quitting the show. "If people had shared their concerns before leaving, I would have understood," he said. Reiterating his stance on timely payments, he said, "Every artist who has worked with us has been paid on time. Some actors have been with us for 16 years, and they've never faced any problems," he shared.

Asit also revealed that he is handling Palak's accusations legally. He explained that the show maintains strict rules to ensure discipline on set, which includes restrictions on cast members taking up other projects due to the demanding schedule of shooting 26 episodes a month. He said, "We have to maintain discipline on the sets. If you are already working with an organisation, will you be allowed to do other work also, no right? Similarly, we also have certain rules as we have 26 episodes to shoot every month."

He added, "But after working on a show for 5-6 years and then making such allegations, it's hurtful. If the environment on our sets was truly hostile, no one would be able to work there for more than a year." He cited examples of numerous actors, technicians, and crew members who have been associated with the show for years without complaints.

Earlier, Palak Sindhvani alleged mistreatment and threats from the show's makers. She claimed she was



treated unfairly after expressing her wish to leave the show. According to Palak, the makers accused her of breaching her contract and even threatened her to delete her Instagram account. She further alleged that despite informing them about her ill health, she was forced to shoot for 12 hours. Palak also released a statement accusing the production team of withholding Rs 21 lakh in dues. She claimed the working environment on set was toxic, citing instances of verbal mistreatment and a lack of consideration for her well-being. Palak's isn't the first actor to allege mental harassment against the show's makers. Previously, actor Jennifer Mistry had filed a police complaint against Asit, accusing him of harassment. Shailesh Lodha, who portrayed the iconic character of Mr Mehta for several years, took legal action against Modi, alleging non-payment of his dues.

## Sitara Ghattamaneni leads Telugu star kids brigade at event, shares photos with international pop star

India is one of the fastest growing destinations for popular international artists, and Mumbai was witness to one such event last weekend. Popular singer Dua Lipa performed at her second concert in the country, and fans thronged the city to attend the event. This fandom also included the kids of some of the biggest names of Indian cinema.

One such group included Sitara Ghattamaneni, daughter of actor Mahesh Babu, Sukriti Veni, the daughter of Pushpa director Sukumar, and Aadhya, the daughter of Varisu director Vamshi Paidipally. Sitara shared a photo of Dua Lipa with her group of friends,



## Haseen Dillruba actor Harshvardhan Rane suspects co-star Vikrant Massey's 'retirement' may be a PR move; Dia Mirza voices support



Hope he gets back to making films like Aamir Khan sir also did after making a similar announcement. These are great artistes and our country needs their presence in our cinema. I'm praying this is just some PR activity forced on him by some filmmaker," Harshvardhan told Bollywood Bubble. Early on Monday morning, Vikrant posted an emotional note on social media, explaining his decision to step back. He wrote: "Hello, The last few years and beyond have been phenomenal. I thank each and every one of you for your indelible support. But as I move forward, I realise it's time to recalibrate and go back home. As a husband, father and a son. And also as an actor. So coming 2025, we would meet each other for one last time. Until time deems right. Last 2 movies and many a years of memories. Thank you again. For everything and everything in between. Forever indebted!"

The post prompted a wave of reactions from colleagues and fans. Actor Dia Mirza expressed her support, commenting, "Breaks are best ?? you'll be even more amazing on the other side ?? ??" British actor-model Sapna Pabbi, known for her work in the series United Kacche and Never Kiss Your Best Friend season 2, wrote, "I hear you, I see you, I feel you. Congrats on finding and surrendering to purpose and dharma. More power to you. You are an inspiration @vikrantmassey ??."

While many expressed sadness over Vikrant Massey's retirement, some speculated that it might only be a temporary break. Some others, meanwhile, suggested that it could be a promotional strategy. Actors Harshvardhan Rane and Dia Mirza react to Vikrant Massey's 'retirement' announcement. Vikrant Massey's fans and moviegoers in general were left stunned on Monday when the actor announced his retirement from cinema at the age of 37. Taking to social media, Vikrant — who achieved widespread recognition for his performance in director Vinod Chopra's 12th Fail — revealed that he plans to step away from acting after completing one final film.

While many expressed sadness over his decision, especially as he is finally receiving long-overdue acclaim, some speculated that it might only be a temporary break rather than a full retirement. Others, however, viewed the announcement with scepticism, suggesting it could be a promotional strategy tied to a brand or upcoming project. Vikrant's Haseen Dillruba co-star Harshvardhan Rane also weighed in on the matter, describing the news as potentially "a PR activity." He also expressed hope that even if the news is true, Vikrant gets back to making films like Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan. "He is a man with a clear and centered thought process. I respect his work ethic and look up to his acting process on Haseen Dillruba's shoot.

## Sobhita Dhulipala shares photos from 'Pelli Kuthuru' ceremony ahead of wedding with Naga Chaitanya

With just a couple of days left for the big Telugu wedding of actors Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita Dhulipala, they are being part of one ritual after another giving an opportunity to fans to see the wedding revelry. After photos of their haldi ceremony became the talk of the town recently, Sobhita shared images of the 'pelli kuthuru' ceremony on her social media accounts. The 'pelli kuthuru' ceremony, a pre-wedding ritual that focusses on the bride's side as they shower their blessings on the to-be-bride. The beautiful photos from the ceremony feature Sobhita, her sister Samanta, and her brother-in-law Sahil Gupta. In the photos, Sobhita is seen wearing a red-and-gold sari and matching accessories. The couple who got engaged on August 8 after a 2-year courtship are set to tie the knot on December 4.

The wedding of Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita Dhulipala is set to happen at Annapurna Studios, established by the former's legendary grandfather Akkineni Nageswara Rao. Almost 400 guests are expected to attend the ceremony on Wednesday. Meanwhile, it was raining happy occasions at the Akkineni household as was recently revealed that Akhil Akkineni, the son of Nagarjuna and Amala Akkineni, was engaged to Zainab Ravdjee. The engagement happened in an intimate ceremony on November 26. On the



work front, Naga Chaitanya is currently awaiting the release of Thandel, which stars Sai Pallavi as the other lead. Sobhita was last seen in Love, Sitara.

## Priyanka Chopra's uncle forbid her from participating in Miss India, put one condition: 'Girls from our family...'



Priyanka Chopra's mother, Dr Madhu Chopra, has never shied away from talking about her daughter, career, and the past challenges that they had to overcome as a family. Priyanka, who won Miss India title in the year 2000 and was later crowned Miss World, had to go through a lot of hardships to achieve her goal. In a recent interview on the Something Bigger Show, Madhu revealed that she had to quit her medical practice for PeeCee's career because of her husband's patriarchal family. Recalling the difficult period of convincing her husband, late Ashok Chopra, to send Priyanka to Mumbai for Miss India, she shared, "Priyanka was studying in 12th standard and was about to give her board exams, so telling her dad and convincing him to say yes during her gap year was another task. Both the kids came and kept asking him. He said, 'Boards are not easy, let her study, don't bring in all these distractions'. After that, children were disappointed so they went downstairs to their bedroom." Madhu continued, "Then I asked him, 'How many people in this country get this opportunity?' She is in the gap year and this is an opportunity that has come out of nowhere. Its just a matter of a week max. So, he said okay. And then she won, one after the other, then she also got selected for Miss India."

She further revealed that it was an even a bigger task to convince her husband's older brother for the same. "He was like the patriarch of the family. We went to his place and told him everything, then I told him that she has to go to Bombay for the training. He was absolutely against it. He said, 'You people are putting ideas into your child's head. Girls from our family don't do this'. We heard a lot, Priyanka cried a lot. She thought bade papa would melt but he said no. Then, I spoke to his wife and said, 'Again the same thing. Its an opportunity, its not like she is going away from home. If she makes it, fine, if she doesn't, she goes back to school. There is no pressure on her'." "Next morning, he sat me down and said that she can go but you have to forget your medical practice and you will be there with her every minute. You will go to Bombay with her, I said okay and promised. My husband also said that I will work for the two of us, I will take care of the practice," Madhu added. Eventually, her mum became her travelling partner. "I was with her for 5-6 years after winning. I used to travel with her everywhere, every shoot, even in Bombay or anywhere in India. Then I stopped going to India shoots, I would only travel abroad with her," she said.

## Time to 'recalibrate': Vikrant Massey announces break from films

New Delhi: In a rare instance of an actor announcing that he's taking a break from films, '12th Fail' star Vikrant Massey on Monday announced that it was time for him to "recalibrate" and go back home. The announcement comes weeks after the release of his latest movie 'The Sabarmati Report' on the aftermath of the Godhra train burning of 2002. He said during promotions of the film, which released on November 15, that he had received death threats on social media but is not worried as it is "purely based on facts".

Massey, who recently garnered success and acclaim with 2023's '12th Fail' and the recent Netflix movie 'Sector 26', thanked fans for their "phenomenal" support in the last few years.

## Team man Jasprit Bumrah can be India's long-term captaincy option: Cheteshwar Pujara



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India cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara has called fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah to be India's long-term captaincy option. Notably, Bumrah recently led India in the first Test in Perth and inspired the team to a massive 295-run win. The fast bowler was also adjudged Player of the Match for registering figures of 8/72 as he got India off to a perfect start in the absence of Rohit Sharma. The speedster won't be seen captaining the team in the second Test with the return of Rohit Sharma. However, Cheteshwar Pujara has been mighty impressed by Bumrah and even pitched his

case for being a long term India skipper. "He is (a viable long-term captaincy option) with any doubt. The way he has showed that in difficult circumstances when we had a tough series at home and when you are playing a first Test match in Australia and to put up a show like that." Further speaking ahead, Pujara called Bumrah a team man who never talks about himself and praises all his teammates. I think he has the capability of leading the team and he's a team's man: Pujara

"I think he has the capability of leading the team and he's a team's man. You look at him he never only talks about himself, he talks about the team, the other players. What advice he would give," he added. Following his Player of the Match award in the series opener, Bumrah has gone inside the heads of the Australian batters. The 30-year-old has a phenomenal record down under having 40 wickets to his name from eight matches at an average of 18.80 and an economy of 2.46 with two five wicket hauls. The speedster will be raring to go in the second Test which will be a day/night affair with the pink ball which assists the seam bowlers massively. Hence, the India vice captain will be eagerly looking forward to unleash his menacing pace on the Australian batters in the upcoming fixture.

## Mehidy Hasan named Bangladesh captain for West Indies ODIs, no Shakib Al Hasan

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Mehidy Hasan Miraz will lead Bangladesh in their ODI series against West Indies after Najmul Hossain Shanto failed to recover from a groin injury. Mehidy recently led the Tigers in the two-match Test series against the Caribbean team and is set to take charge of the TIGERS in the 50-over format. Left-handed batter Afif Hossain Dhrubo has earned a recall to the ODI team after a year. The 25-year-old last played international cricket on the tour of New Zealand last year. Zakir Hasan, who was a part of the ODI series against Afghanistan, has retained his place in the team. Nahid Rana, who was impressive on his ODI debut against Afghanistan, kept his spot in the team. Towhid Hridoy, in the meantime, could not find a place in the squad due to an injury to his right groin. The BCB medical team will assess his injury after he returns from a two-week rest period. "Hridoy had complained of pain in his right groin region and subsequent investigations have confirmed the presence of a medical condition. He has been advised to rest, and we will reassess him in two weeks to determine his readiness to play," BCB Sports Physician Monzur Hossain Chowdhury said in a press release.

Shakib Al Hasan remains to be absent from the Bangladesh team after he last played for the Tigers on the tour of India. The all-rounder also couldn't take part in his farewell Test in Mirpur against South Africa due to the political tensions in Bangladesh. Faruque Ahmed, the BCB presi-



dent, however, said that Shakib is still more than capable of playing for Bangladesh at the highest level. But he also mentioned that the Magura-born cricketer needs to sort out his issues over security concerns. "As for Shakib Al Hasan, I cannot provide a definitive answer. I want him to play, but his absence is not related to the cricket board. The reasons preventing his participation involve law enforcement and the court. It's not easy for me to address this," Faruque said. "If the issue is resolved, I still believe Shakib has the ability to play for the national team," Faruque added. Bangladesh ODI squad for West Indies ODIs: Mehidy Hasan Miraz (Captain), Litton Kumer Das (WK), Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Soumya Sarkar, Parvez Hossain Emon, Mahmudullah Riyad, Jaker Ali Anik, Afif Hossain Dhrubo, Rishad Hossain, Nasum Ahmed, Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud, Shoriful Islam, Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Nahid Rana

## Manchester City has character to come out of rough patch: Ruben Dias

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Manchester City's Ruben Dias remains optimistic despite a 2-0 defeat to Liverpool, marking their fourth consecutive Premier League loss. The team aims to bounce back as they prepare to face Nottingham Forest. Manchester City defender Ruben Dias expressed confidence in the team's ability to overcome their current slump after the defending champions suffered their fourth consecutive Premier League loss, a 2-0 defeat to Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday. Goals from Cody Gakpo and Mohamed Salah secured victory for the league leaders, leaving City fifth in the standings, 11 points adrift of Arne Slot's Liverpool.

The defeat marked City's first four-game losing streak in the league since 2008 and extended their winless run across all competitions to seven matches. This dismal period includes six losses and a dramatic 3-3 draw at home to Feyenoord in the Champions League. Defensive vulnerabilities have been a significant factor, with City conceding 19 goals during the streak, including four-goal defeats against Tottenham Hotspur and Sporting CP. This defensive frailty is in stark contrast to their earlier form, when they allowed just 11 goals in their first 14 games of the season. Despite the poor run, Dias emphasized the team's resilience and character, expressing optimism that City could bounce back from this challenging phase. "I will not talk about the little details but focus on the bigger picture," said Dias, who was at fault in the lead up to Liverpool's second. "That is, even though it was a difficult moment I did



see a lot of character and I did see the fans behind us and that is the only way we are going to go through it."

Dias feels that City will need to be versatile, adapt and keep on moving forward despite the injuries in their squad at the moment. "This is just part of our legacy. We have won so much and still we are where we are and this happens," Dias added. "We have been able to be versatile, adapt and keep on moving forward and thinking one game at a time... That is what we need to get back to." City will be aiming to get back to winning ways as they host Nottingham Forest on December 4 at the Etihad stadium. Guardiola's side are currently 5th on the Premier League points table at the moment.

## Michael Vaughan blasts Darren Lehmann for 'Joe Root not an all-time great' remark

GNS News Agency, Dec 4, Former England captain Michael Vaughan has lashed out at Darren Lehmann for his comments about Joe Root. Lehmann refrained from calling Root an all-time great as he doesn't have a century in Australia. Former England captain Michael Vaughan has lashed out at former Australia batter Darren Lehmann for his remarks against England batter Joe Root. Notably, Lehmann recently said that Root isn't an all-time great as he doesn't have a century in Australia. The former Australia head coach rated Virat Kohli and Steve Smith above him as they have centuries all over the world. However, the comments didn't go down well with Vaughan who came up with a firing response against Lehmann terming his comments as nonsense and mentioned how Root is about to surpass Sachin Tendulkar's record.

"What a load of nonsense. We're talking about a player that could quite easily - if he stays fit and that back stays strong - surpass Sachin Tendulkar in a few years," Vaughan said on SEN Mornings. Further speaking ahead, Vaughan said Root will come to haunt Lehmann in Australia next year during the Ashes. "Just because he's not got a hundred here in Australia, this isn't the be-all and end-all. You'd like to come here, and score runs. But he'll come next year in the way that he's playing in this England side now at four - playing the Joe Root way rather than the Bazball way - I've got a sneaky feeling that might come back to haunt Darren



next year. He might get a couple of hundreds next year and the way that England are playing, particularly against this Kookaburra ball, I think it's going to be a great contest," said Vaughan. Joe Root's record in Australia doesn't have a century in Australia in 27 innings and has scored 892 runs at an average of 35.68 with nine half centuries. However the star batter has been in sensational form since 2021 and has become England's all-time leading run scorer and century maker in Tests. He currently ranks on the fifth spot in the list of leading run scorers in Test cricket and just 3144 runs away from matching Sachin Tendulkar at the top and become the all-time highest run scorer of the format.

## A former Rugby League chairman and grade cricketer: Meet Todd Greenberg, the man set to be Cricket Australia's new CEO



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Todd Greenberg Cricket Australia CEO Greenberg, a former grade-level cricketer in Sydney, had worked with Cricket New South Wales before making his move to Australia's National Rugby League where he worked first as the chief executive of Canterbury Bulldogs and then became the league's CEO replacing David Smith in 2016. (File and Cricket Australia X) While Cricket Australia's CEO Nick Hockley five-year tenure as Cricket Australia CEO comes to end in March next year, the Australian cricket board is set to unveil former National Rugby League Chief Executive Todd Greenberg as its next CEO. According to Sydney Morning Herald, 53-year-old Greenberg will be Cricket Australia's next CEO after edging out two other candidates after an interview stage run by global recruiting firm Spencer Stuart.

Greenberg, a former grade-level cricketer in Sydney, had worked with Cricket New South Wales before making his move to Australia's National Rugby League where he worked first as the chief executive of Canterbury Bulldogs and then became the league's CEO replacing David Smith in 2016. During his four-year tenure at National Rugby League, Greenberg saw his share of controversies with the first being NRL side Parramatta Eels salary cap scandal which saw the club breaching the NRL Salary Cap for more than five years including breaching the salary cap by more than 5,70,000 dollars in 2016 resulting in a 1 million dollars fine by Greenberg and stripping the team of 12 points.

The official was also involved earlier with a referring

## 'Until now this is the last City game I will play for Liverpool': Mohamed Salah speaks out on contract situation

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Mohamed Salah contract situation Liverpool Manchester City Liverpool's Mohamed Salah runs celebrating after scoring his side's second goal from the penalty spot during the English Premier League soccer match between Liverpool and Manchester City at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England. Mohamed Salah once again spoke out about his contract situation after Liverpool's 2-0 win against Manchester City at Anfield on Sunday, saying that while he was playing the match, in his mind, this was the last time he was playing the defending champions at the Reds home ground.

"Honestly it's in my head. Until now this is the last City game I will play for Liverpool so I was just going to enjoy it. The atmosphere was incredible so I will enjoy every second here. Hopefully we just win the league and will see what will happen," Salah said to Sky Sports. This is the second time in two weeks the Egyptian winger has spoken out about his contract situation, having first done so in the 3-2 win against Southampton in November. "Well, we are almost in December and I haven't received any offers yet to stay in the club. I'm probably more out than in," the 32-year-old had said. He added: "You know I have been in the club for



many years. There is no club like this. But in the end it is not in my hands. As I said before, it is December and I haven't received anything yet about my future." As of now Salah remains within reach of a contract with Liverpool but in another few weeks, the club legend will be able to negotiate contracts with other teams for next season. A pre-season contract signed in January will mean that Liverpool would then be unable to hold onto their star player. Salah is reportedly on a salary of 350,000 pounds a week, a number usually reserved for the league's world-class players.

## 'I did see a lot of character': Manchester City's Ruben Dias hopeful of turnaround after Liverpool loss



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Ruben Dias Manchester City turnaround Manchester City's head coach Pep Guardiola speaks to Manchester City's Ruben Dias after Liverpool scored their second goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Liverpool and Manchester City at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England. Manchester City defender Ruben Dias said the club will bounce back from their rough patch due to the strength in their character.

"I will not talk about the little details but focus on the bigger picture. That is, even though it was a difficult moment I did see a lot of character and I did see the fans behind us and that is the only way we are going to go through it," Dias said after City's 2-0 loss to Liverpool, their 4th straight Premier League defeat since 2008. "This is just part of our legacy. We have won so much and still we are where we are and this happens. We have been able to be versatile, adapt and keep on moving forward and thinking one game at a time... That is what we need to get back to," he added. In the Liverpool match, strikes from Cody Gakpo and Mohamed Salah gave the leaders the win at Anfield an left defending champions City 11 points behind Arne Slot's side in fifth place.

The Pep Guardiola-led side are winless in their last seven matches in all competitions, a run that includes six defeats and a 3-3 draw at home against Feyenoord in the

Champions League. They have conceded 19 goals during the winless streak, shipping four in matches against Tottenham Hotspur and Sporting. Prior to the slump they had conceded 11 in 14 games. City, who have won six of the last seven Premier League titles, have been hit hard by injuries to key players such as Rodri, Mateo Kovacic and John Stones but manager Pep Guardiola has been able to guide the side through injury crises in previous seasons.

## India beat PM's XI in pink-ball game; Rohit bats at No 4, keeps people guessing

Canberra: Shubman Gill dispelled all doubts about his thumb injury with a stylish fifty even as skipper Rohit Sharma kept cards close to his chest by coming in at No. 4 in India's curtailed pink-ball warm-up game against Prime Minister's XI here. The visitors won the match by six wickets. It, however, remains to be seen if the Indian captain would come out to open in the second Test against Australia, starting Friday in Adelaide. It was a 46-overs-a-side affair, which India won by chasing down an easy target of 241 in 42.5 overs, but they carried on batting till the end of the final over. For Australia, Test hopeful Sam Konstas' 107 off 97 balls went in vain. The Indian team management was tactical in its choices as Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah decided on facing each other at the nets rather than providing data to the Aussie think-tank. Interestingly, Ravichandran Ashwin, who didn't play the Perth Test, was seen at the nets, mostly bowling to Kohli. Ashwin had a four-wicket haul in the last Pink-ball Test in Adelaide in 2020-21. Ravindra Jadeja, however, got a few overs and also batted for some time. Rohit persisted with the opening combination of Yashasvi Jaiswal and KL Rahul, dropping himself down to number four.