

72 killed as protesters and ruling party supporters clash in Bangladesh

Dhaka(KCN): At least 72 people, including 14 policemen, were killed and hundreds injured Sunday in fierce clashes between protesters demanding Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation and the ruling party supporters in different parts of Bangladesh on the first day of the non-cooperation movement over a government jobs quota system.

The clashes broke out this morning when protesters attending the non-cooperation programme under the banner of the Students Against Discrimination with the one-point demand of the government's resignation faced opposition from the supporters of the Awami League, Chhatra League, and Jubo

League activists. So far, 72 people have been killed in day-long clashes across the country, the leading Bengali-language daily Prothom Alo reported. According to the police headquarters, 14 policemen have been killed across the country. Of them, 13 were killed in Sirajganj's Enayeturpur police station. One person was killed in Comilla's Elliotganj, the paper said.

As violence escalated, the Home Ministry imposed an indefinite countrywide curfew from 6pm Sunday. A government agency has ordered the shutdown of Meta platforms Facebook, Messenger, WhatsApp and Instagram. The mobile operators were ordered to shut down 4G mobile internet, the paper



added.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Hasina said that those engaging in "sabotage" across the country in the name of protest are not students but terrorists and asked people to suppress them with a firm hand.

"I appeal to the countrymen to suppress these terrorists with a firm hand," she said. Hasina called a meeting of the National

Committee on Security Affairs at Ganabhaban, the paper reported citing sources from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The meeting was attended by the chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, police, RAB, BGB, and other top security officers. The meeting came as renewed violence spread to several parts of the country.

The government has

announced a three-day general holiday Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to ensure public safety amid the ongoing violent protests across the country. Giving details, the paper said at least five people were killed in Feni, 22 including 13 policemen in Sirajganj, four in Kishoreganj, four in Dhaka, four in Bogura, three in Munshiganj, four in Magura, three in

Bhola, four in Rangpur, three in Pabna, four in Sylhet, three in Cumilla, one in Joypurhat, one in Habiganj and one in Barisal.

Six Awami League leaders and activists were beaten to death and several others injured in a clash between the ruling party supporters and protesters in Narsingdi, the paper reported.

In the capital, protesters

took away the bodies of four people from Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The protesters went to the Central Shaheed Minar with the bodies of the four victims and chanted anti-government slogans, it said.

Citing Dhaka Medical College Hospital sources, the paper said 56 people were brought to the hospital with bullet

injuries from Shahbagh, Shanir Akhra, Nayabazar, Dhanmondi, Science Laboratory, Paltan, Press Club and Munshiganj.

In a related development, a group of former senior military generals Sunday asked the government to withdraw the armed forces from the streets and send them back to barracks.

"We urge the government to undertake political initiatives to resolve the ongoing crisis. Do not destroy the good standing of our armed forces by keeping them engaged in a disgraceful campaign," said former army chief Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan, who served as the army chief under Prime Minister Hasina's

government. Reading out a statement

at a media briefing here, he said, "The Bangladeshi armed forces have never faced off with the masses or trained their guns at the chests of their fellow citizens."

Another former army chief, octogenarian general Nuruddin Khan, who also served as the energy minister in Hasina's past 1996-2001 tenure, was one of those who joined the briefing along with fellow officers, some of them being 1971 Liberation War veterans.

"Time is ripe to immediately take the soldiers to barracks to prepare themselves for any eventuality as the time taken to transition from internal security mode to operational mode takes quite some time," the statement read.

Supreme Court Orders Medical Re-Test Of "Temporarily Unfit" UPSC Candidate

New Delhi(KCN): The Supreme Court has directed the Central Standing Medical Board to undertake a medical re-test of a candidate who passed Prelims, Mains and Interview of Civil Services Examination (CSE)-2014 but was declared 'temporarily unfit' in medical assessment.

The petitioner was declared 'temporarily unfit', due to his Body Mass Index (BMI) being 31.75, which is higher than the prescribed standard of 30 BMI. He applied for a re-medical test but did not appear. Thereafter, in January 2016, a consolidated reserve list of candidates was published for filling up the remaining posts. He



was shown to have secured 93rd rank on that list but was not allotted service.

Giving relief, a bench presided over by Justice PS Narasimha ordered, "in the event the petitioner qualifies in the medical re-examination, he shall neither claim appointment in the 2014 Batch, nor will he be entitled to seniority in the Batch in which he could be appointed. We

The Bench, also comprising Justice Pankaj Mital, asked the authorities to call the petitioner for a re-medical test within a period of four weeks.

Earlier, the Central Administrative Tribunal, Patna, rejected the petitioner's plea seeking directions to be treated at par with the other candidates, observing that he did not qualify for the medical test. In a similar case, the top court in June 2022 directed re-medical test and after that candidate was found fit for all services, it ordered consideration of his appointment, with all consequential benefits excepting salary for the period he did not work.

Raising concern over

the safety and security of the famous Shiva shrine, Badama MLA Bijay Kumar Dalabehara has again written to the local endowment commission office and the ASI. "All our pleas to carry out necessary repair works have fallen on deaf ears. Despite repeated requests to ASI, no action has been taken. We are disappointed with the

Death Count In Himachal Pradesh Cloudbursts Rises To 11, 40 Still Missing

Shimla(KCN): The death count due to flash floods triggered by cloudbursts in three districts of Himachal Pradesh has increased to 11 with the recovery of two more bodies from Mandi district. Over 40 people are still missing after a series of cloudbursts occurred in Kullu's Nirmand, Sainj and Malana, Mandi's Padhar and Shimla's



Rampur subdivision on the night of July 31 and wreaked havoc. The bodies of Sonam (23) and three-month-old

still underway and sniffer dogs, drones and other equipment are also being used to locate the missing people. According to officials, 410 rescuers from teams of the Army, NDRF, SDRF, ITBP, CISF, Himachal Pradesh Police and home guards are involved in the hunt. Over 30 people are missing in Samej village

in Gram panchayat Sarpara in Rampur subdivision.

More machines have been deployed and the rescue operations are going in full swing. As the flow of water has reduced, now machines have reached the spot where the missing persons could be possibly found, Up-pradhan Sarpara C L Negi said.

India beat Great Britain 4-2 in shoot-out to qualify for semifinals of men's hockey

Paris: India beat Great Britain 4-2 in penalty shoot-out to enter the semifinals of the men's hockey event at the Paris Olympics, having played with 10 men for more than 40 minutes here Sunday. This is their second consecutive semifinal appearance at the Games. India were reduced to 10 men after Amit Rohidas was shown a red card for raising his stick against a Great Britain player. Veteran custodian PR Sreejesh, playing his last international tournament, stood like a rock in front of the Indian goal, making saves after saves. Down by a man, it was India who took the lead through Harmanpreet Singh in the 22nd minute from a penalty corner before Great Britain drew level through Lee Morton from a field effort in the 27th minute.

Odisha to create over 100 new cooperative societies in Ganjam

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha government has decided to open 82 new primary agriculture cooperative societies (PACS), 21 primary milk cooperative societies and to make five PACS as multi-purpose societies in Ganjam district, an official said on Sunday. This was decided at the Ganjam district

cooperative development committee meeting, held under the chairmanship of district collector Dibyajyoti Parida at Chhatarpur recently. The collector has directed the cooperative officials to prepare the feasibility reports for opening up of the new PACS in panchayats, where there is no PACS, the official said.

Out of 503 panchayats in the district, the PACS are functioning in 421 panchayats at present. In the last year, 21 new PACS were opened, said Biswaranjan Das, deputy registrar of the cooperative societies (DRCS), Ganjam. Similarly, at present, 55 primary milk cooperative societies are functioning under the

Greater Ganjam Gajapati Milk Cooperative Union. As per the decision of the Central government, each uncovered gram panchayat will have a PACS or a primary dairy or fishery cooperative to generate employment opportunities. This will enable farmers to realize better prices for

their products, and expand their markets, he said.

The DRCS said they have already identified five PACS in the district to develop as multi-purpose societies. The main purpose of the multi-purpose cooperative societies is to diversify the business activities of the PACS and to make

them vibrant economic entities at the panchayat level.

"We will further study their potential before recommending the government to upgrade them as multi-purpose societies," said Das. He said the PACS at Dakhinapur, Kukudakhandi Bipulingi, Bada Baranga and Dharakote will be

upgraded as multi-purpose societies. The PACS will undertake business activities including dairy, fishery, setting up of godowns, procurement of food grains, sale of fertilizers, seeds, LPG, petrol and diesel etc. The societies will also set up common service centres, fair-price shops, etc.

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Woman Dies After Jumping Into Mahanadi From Jobra Barrage

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In yet another case of suicide, a woman ended her life by jumping into the River Mahanadi at Jobra Barrage in Cuttack on Sunday evening. According to sources, some fishermen spotted the woman jumping into the river and rushed to her rescue. They managed to pull out the woman from the strong currents in the river and took her to the SCBMCH. However, the doctors declared the woman dead. The deceased woman has been identified as Kamini Swain of Cuttack's Arilo area. Sources said, Kamini came to Jobra barrage this afternoon and was standing on the bridge for some time. Later, she dumped her vanity bag and sandals on the bridge and jumped into the river.

It is pertinent to mention here that this is the fourth such incident in the last five days, while the bodies of three others are yet to be recovered. On Wednesday morning, Mamata Sahu, a teacher in Cuttack's Odia Bazar, left her scooter on the bridge and jumped into the river. Despite searches, she is yet to be traced.

On that day, Tushar Bhatt, a businessman from Bhubaneswar, jumped from the Trisulia bridge into the Kathajodi River. It is said that he suffered financial losses in online trading and was debt-ridden, following which he took the extreme step. His body is yet to be recovered. Also, one Manoj Behera of Cuttack Khannagar area jumped into the Kathajodi river on Friday night and is still missing.

Gallant Gladiator with Gentleman's Heart-Anshuman Gaekwad



The scribe while on his maiden overseas commentary assignment during the 1976 Caribbean cruise landed at Grantley Adam International Airport, Bridgetown, Barbados on March 3 to make arrangements for the direct broadcast of the India-West Indies series to India. All India Radio (AIR) was covering cricket series from the Caribbean for its cricket-loving listeners for the first time. My fellow commentator Suresh Saraiya joined me the following day to stich a long-lasting friendship till he left me lamenting on July 16, 2012.

After humiliating innings and 97 runs defeat in the first Test in Barbados, we five Indian mediummen walked up to the Windies skipper, Clive Lloyd to ask about the rest of the series. Brimming with confidence, after the innings win, he said, "It'll be clean sweep of the series." However, the following events proved that cricket is a funny game of glorious uncertainties. And improbabilities did unfold in the subsequent Tests

within three weeks. The second Test at India's favourite Caribbean hunting ground was at the picturesque Queens Park Oval, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago proved a different ball game for the West Indies. In the second innings, the visitors committed a fielding hara-kiri when leading Indian fielders Eknath Solkar and Brijesh Patel (unbeaten 49) made the Indian Tricolour fly high at Queens Park Oval. The incredible Indian victory found the Windies skipper Clive Lloyd on the mat. The knives were out for him, and cricket-crazy Caribbean fans had their guns pointing at their national captain for defeat. The meek surrender earlier in Australia and the defeat in Trinidad had put Lloyd's career on the knife. It was a do-and-die situation for him. While Indians had a spring in their step after the victory at Trinidad, West Indies side was approaching in panic mode, desperate not to lose a home series. Lloyd packed his herd with four fast bowlers (Michael Holding, Wayne Daniel, Vanburn Holder and Bernard Julien) and ordered a fiery fast pitch at Sabina Park. The luck favoured him in spin of coin and India was asked to bat first. The West Indies seamers at their fastest, so much was the velocity of the ball that

accomplished the said feat of scoring more than 400 runs to win a Test at Leeds in 1948. In this turn about Test, Anshuman Gaekwad laid the foundation of win by sharing 69 run opening partnership with Sunil Gavaskar who along with Gundappa Vishwanath recorded a century while Mohinder Amarnath (85) and Brijesh Patel (unbeaten 49) made the Indian Tricolour fly high at Queens Park Oval. The incredible Indian victory found the Windies skipper Clive Lloyd on the mat. The knives were out for him, and cricket-crazy Caribbean fans had their guns pointing at their national captain for defeat. The meek surrender earlier in Australia and the defeat in Trinidad had put Lloyd's career on the knife. It was a do-and-die situation for him. While Indians had a spring in their step after the victory at Trinidad, West Indies side was approaching in panic mode, desperate not to lose a home series. Lloyd packed his herd with four fast bowlers (Michael Holding, Wayne Daniel, Vanburn Holder and Bernard Julien) and ordered a fiery fast pitch at Sabina Park. The luck favoured him in spin of coin and India was asked to bat first. The West Indies seamers at their fastest, so much was the velocity of the ball that

one of them swirled away Gavaskar's cap. Luckily it did not fall on the stumps. Holding tested Gaekwad with three bouncers and Gavaskar (66) and Anshuman Gaekwad sharing a 136 run opening partnership, before little master was yorked by Holding. Mohinder looked and Amarnath on 26. The home crowd had yelled the whole day for Mai-kaal, but the Jamaican fast bowler Michael Holding had

In those days when abdominal guard, thigh pad and batting gloves used to be the only form of protection against a cricket ball hurled at them at 140-150 kilometers per hour, it required not just technical skills of the highest order, but also physical courage and mental strength to stand up and face fast bowling without flinching. Egged on by a partisan crowd, Holding and Daniel went full blast at the batsmen who, managed to survive despite taking the occasional blow on their body. Gundappa Viswanath, who replaced Amarnath, was greeted by a vicious bouncer which almost beheaded him. The ball grazed the glove of the batsman as he took a hasty evasive action and crashed one bounce into the fence behind wicket keeper Deryck Murray! Holding bowled a barrage of bouncers and finally got one to rear up from just short of good length. The ball hit Viswanath on his glove, fracturing a finger, and lobbed on to the fielder at short leg for a simple catch.

Next was Gaekwad's turn for 'treatment'. In one over from Holding, he was hit twice with short deliveries and crowd was ecstatic, shouting, "Hit him again, Mai-Kaal" came the lusty chant. Gaekwad and Vengsarkar were together at lunch with a score at 237 for 3. Gaekwad suffered a nasty blow when he ducked into a bouncer from Holding that did not rise as much. He was struck behind his left ear and collapsed on the pitch. He lay writhing in pain as the Indian team rushed to the field to assist him on to a stretcher and take him to a hospital. It was a sad end to one of the bravest innings played in the history of Indian cricket. Next was only a formality for the Windies win and from there onwards use pace as a weapon to keep up their supremacy in international cricket during the next two decades.

Next day, before bidding adieu to Caribbean with famous lines of Calypso, "But I'm sad to say I'm on my way. Won't be back for many a day", scribe went to see bed-ridden Gaekwad in Kingston Public Hospital and moment, he saw me he said, "Thank you, Pandit ji." Today in a obituary to him, "Thank you, Anshu," from Pandi Ji*.

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Kerala Tragedy

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The landslides that occurred in Kerala's Wayanad district early on July 30, 2024, have highlighted the area's increasing susceptibility to natural calamities that are made worse by climate change and human activity. The landslides, one of Kerala's deadliest natural disasters ever, claimed the lives of at least 358 people, injured over 273, and left 206 more missing.

Landslides cause a significant loss of life and livelihoods even if they are not as destructive as cyclones, floods, or droughts. A study from IIT Madras claims that between 2001 and 2011, landslides resulted in thousands of displaced people and 847 deaths, or 8% of all fatalities globally. It also claims that 13.17% of India is susceptible to landslides, which is higher than previously believed, and that 4.75% of the country is "very highly susceptible."

Kerala is the most landslide-prone state outside of the Himalayas, with around 14% of its land mass classified as "extremely high susceptibility". About 13% of Kerala's land is vulnerable to landslides, according to a study done by the Keral University of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences using artificial intelligence.

Causes
Landslides are a natural phenomenon that usually occur in steep mountainous places where large volumes of rock, boulders, loose mud, soil, and debris are driven down the hill with great force. Two factors are the main causes of landslides: precondition variables and triggering variables. Rocks, soil topography, geomorphology, and slope angle are a few examples of conditioning components. The main causes of landslides in Kerala and throughout India are heavy rainfall combined with human activity including road

construction, land use changes, unapproved development, and major deforestation. Kerala has a tropical, humid environment that speeds up the chemical weathering of rock when combined with heavy rainfall. Particularly in regions with steep slopes, this process produces thick layers of unstable soil that are vulnerable to landslides. A growing human presence in

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susceptible areas makes landslides more likely. Two weeks of constant rain, fifty to seventy percent more than usual during that time of year, set the conditions at Wayanad. In certain places, a single day's rainfall of up to 250 mm (10 inches) exceeded the land's ability to absorb water, resulting in disastrous landslides. The topsoil, which was mixed with pebbles and other elements, was saturated by the rainfall.

The Forecast
On July 29 and July 30, respectively, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an orange warning and a red alert. The red alert, which predicted significant rainfall of more than 204 mm within 24 hours and the potential for landslides and flash floods, was issued for a number of districts, including Wayanad, Idukki, Thrissur, Palakkad, Mallapuram, Kozhikode, Kannur, and Kasaragod. Because of the heavy and concentrated rainfall, they also issued a warning about possible flash floods and landslides. On July 29, 2024, landslides were predicted in Kerala. The probability of more than 204 mm of rainfall in a day was indicated by the red alert, raising the possibility of landslides.

Response and Relief Efforts
The problem was handled quickly despite its difficulty. The Kerala State administration coordinated

The IMD's short-term weather forecasts proved to be correct, as seen by the red alert they had issued at 11:30 PM on July 29 and their prediction of severe rains at midnight. It is true that during the early hours of July 30, this rainfall in Wayanad caused several landslides that resulted in severe destruction and fatalities.

Landslides in Odisha pose a significant threat to both human life and the environment. Notable Landslides in Odisha are Rayagada District Landslide (2014); Gajapati District Landslide (2018); Kandhamal District Landslide (2019). Besides this, the hilly and sloppy areas of Koraput and Malkangiri districts are prone to this disaster during monsoon seasons. Landslides in these hilly districts have caused displacement of communities, destruction of farmlands, and damage to infrastructure such as roads and houses. The recurring nature of these events underscores the need for comprehensive mitigation measures in the region.

What can be done to avoid the recurrence of this grave disaster?
In general, afforestation and reforestation; proper land use planning; enforcement of zoning laws; thorough geological and hydrological assessments before approving new construction projects; infrastructure development including retaining walls and terracing; improved drainage systems; early warning systems; Community Education and Awareness and Research and Collaboration can be considered the long-term measures to reduce the loss triggered by landslides.

The Union Home Minister Amit Shah criticized the Kerala government for not taking adequate action based on the early warnings. He pointed out that timely evacuation from high-risk areas could have

saved many lives. The Kerala government defended its actions, citing the unprecedented rainfall i.e., over 572 millimetres which exceeded the anticipated rain from 115mm to 204mm as per the orange alert and emphasizing the need for cooperation rather than blame during such crises.

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worker, he tirelessly worked towards improving the conditions of the underprivileged, advocating for their rights, and providing support to those in need. He touched the lives of countless individuals, bringing hope and light to the darkest corners of society. He also served as President of a National Political party in

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will continue to inspire and guide us. He leaves behind a legacy of compassion, courage, and a relentless pursuit of truth. "Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day."

On this first death anniversary, I celebrate the remarkable life of Damodar Mohanty and the indelible impact on me. His journey from a freedom fighter to a retired police inspector, social worker, political leader and spiritual writer serves as a testament to the power of resilience, determination, and the influence one individual can have. Damodar Mohanty's spirit lives on, reminding me to stand up for justice, serve others selflessly, and strive for spiritual enlightenment.

As his youngest son, with whom he spent the last part of his life, profoundly touched by the legacy he left behind. My father was not just a figure of strength and wisdom; he was my guiding star, my constant source of inspiration. His teachings and love have shaped me into who I am today. "In the quiet moments, I still hear his voice, guiding me, comforting me, and reminding me of the values he held dear. His legacy is a light that will never fade, a beacon of hope and love that continues to illuminate my life."

May his soul find eternal peace, knowing that his legacy continues to inspire generations to come.

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Nimapada for eight years, where he passionately advocated for political change and progress in the region.

In addition to his selfless service, he was an accomplished writer. With a passion for spirituality, he penned five profound books that touched the souls of readers. His writings delved into the depths of human existence, offering insights into the spiritual realm and guiding readers on a path of enlightenment and self-discovery.

Damodar Mohanty's contributions to society will be remembered for generations to come. His unwavering commitment to justice, his selfless service, and his profound wisdom

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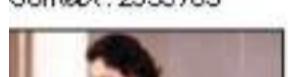
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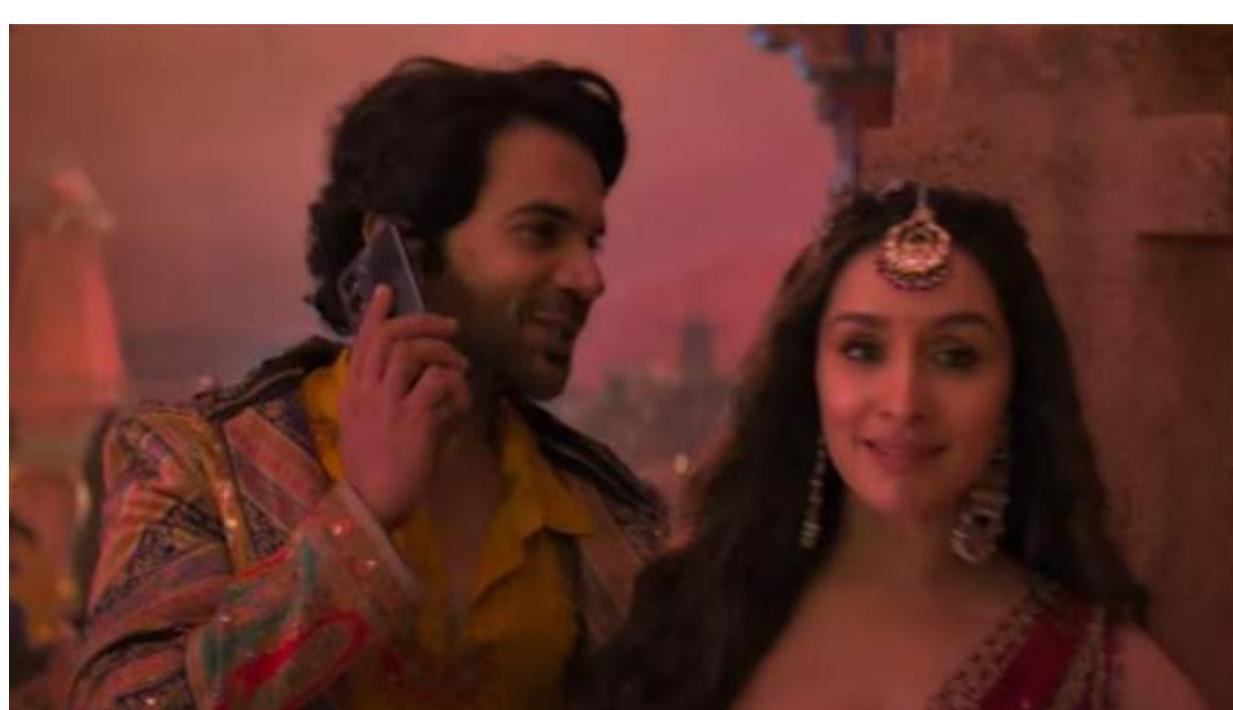
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'Aayi Nai': Rajkummar, Shraddha dance their heart out in 2nd track from 'Stree 2'

The second track from 'Stree 2', called 'Aayi Nai', was released earlier. The song, composed by Sachin-Jigar, has already caught the attention of fans. The anticipation for 'Stree 2' continues to build as the film's second track, 'Aayi Nai,' was released, featuring dynamic performances from lead actors Rajkummar Rao and Shraddha Kapoor. The song, a high-energy dance number, showcases the duo's impeccable chemistry and infectious enthusiasm. In 'Aayi Nai,' Rajkummar and Shraddha light up the screen with their

electrifying dance moves and captivating presence, adding to the excitement for the highly awaited sequel. The song's vibrant visuals and catchy beats have already struck a chord with fans, further amplifying the buzz around the film. The song, sung by Pawan



Thangalaan War Song: Makers Unveil The Ultimate War Anthem Of The Year



The highly anticipated film 'Thangalaan', starring Chiyaan Vikram and Malavika Mohanan, will hit theaters on August 15, 2024. Ahead of its release, the makers have unveiled the title track, 'Thangalaan War Song,' showcasing Chiyaan Vikram as a fierce tribal leader. Music composer GV Prakash Kumar shared the single on X, saying, "Feel the fury of our #Thangalaan and his tribe with

#ThangalaanWarSong." Sung by Sharath Santosh, the song's Telugu lyrics are by Chandra Bose. The title track captures the energetic essence of the film, perfectly setting the stage for the epic tale that Thangalaan promises to be. With its powerful beats and stirring melody. 'War Song' follows the release of the film's first single, "Minikki Minikki," released on July 17th. Thangalaan is a real story of Kolar Gold Fields

(KGF) when KGF was discovered by the British who exploited and looted it for their purpose. It's yet another film from the South with an unusual concept. Directed by Pa Ranjith, the film is set in pre-independence India. 'Thangalaan' starring Chiyaan Vikram and Malavika Mohanan in a pivotal role is scheduled for a worldwide release on August 15, 2024, in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam.

5 Reasons To Stream RSVP Movies 'Ullozhukku' As It Releases On OTT



Directed by Christo Tomy, the film masterfully weaves a narrative that keeps viewers engaged from start to finish. This film features esteemed Malayalam actresses Urvashi and Parvathy Thiruvalothu. The narrative revolves around a family grappling with the challenge of burying a loved one amidst escalating floodwaters, leading them to uncover profound secrets and lies. Exploring themes of love, loss, and personal growth this film promises compelling storytelling and powerful performances. Let's see five reasons why 'Ullozhukku' should be in your watchlist:

1. A Heartfelt Story
Ullozhukku presents a powerful and emotionally resonant narrative that deeply explores its characters' experiences. The film's depiction of the family's harrowing journey through grief and conflict creates a poignant and impactful story. By capturing the emotional depth of the character's struggles, the film delivers a memorable viewing experience that lingers long.

2. Engaging Plot
The movie maintains a gripping and immersive storyline that keeps viewers engaged throughout. The rich narrative, combined with striking visuals and performances, creates a captivating experience. Each twist and turn in the story adds to the suspense and emotional depth, making it a thoroughly engaging watch that draws you into the characters' world and keeps you invested in their journey.

3. Standout Performances
Parvathy Thiruvalothu and Urvashi deliver standout performances that bring their characters to life with remarkable depth and nuance. Their on-screen chemistry is undeniable, making their portrayals a masterclass in emotional expression.

4. Beautiful Music
Sushin Shyam's moving musical score perfectly complements the narrative, elevating the emotional impact of key moments. His compositions will leave you mesmerised, deepening your connection to the characters and their experiences.

5. Honest Portrayal of Human Flaws

Ullozhukku bravely explores the complexities of human nature, showcasing characters with genuine vulnerabilities and difficult decisions. This thoughtful portrayal of personal struggles and the quest for understanding will resonate deeply with audiences.

Ullozhukku has cemented its status as a major success story, now available for streaming on Amazon Prime Video. The film's continued acclaim and popularity highlight its position as one of the standout offerings in its genre.

Ajay Devgn, Tigmanshu Dhulia to unite for film on India's first Dalit cricketer



The film is touted to be based on historian Ramchandra Guha's book 'A Corner Of A Foreign Field'. For the unversed, Palwankar Baloo belonged to the Dalit community and began his journey as a grounds man at a cricket club in Pune. In 1896, he was selected to play for the Hindu Gymkhana. The book, written by Guha, revolves around what transpired throughout his life (the discrimination he faces throughout his career).

Meanwhile, Ajay Devgn was last seen in the biopic 'Maidaan'. It was based on legendary footballer Syed Abdul Rahim. Apart from that, he was also seen in the horror-thriller 'Shaitaan', co-starring Jyotika and Madhavan in lead roles. He will soon be seen in Rohit Shetty's 'Singham Again'. The film features a bevy of actors, including Ranveer Singh, Arjun Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Tiger Shroff and Kareena Kapoor. It is slated for a release on August 15, 2024.

Deputy CM Parida Lauded by Gop Bikash Parishad



Bhubaneswar, (KCN Bureau): In a significant and celebratory event, the Gop Bikash Parishad organized a citizens' felicitation ceremony to honour Odisha's Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida for her remarkable contributions. Presided over by the organization's president Satyapriya Nayak, the ceremony took place in Kushupur, Gop, Puri drawing a distinguished gathering of dignitaries and local

residents. Medical Superintendent of Gop CHC Dr. Jasmine Afroz, Vice Chairman of Gop Block Banaranjan Pattnaik, officers from various governmental and non-governmental offices in the Gop and Konark areas, women's organizations, teacher organization president Sibadatta Nayak, Sevak organization president Alok Jena and others felicitated Deputy Chief

Minister Srimati Parida. Dr. Afroz presented Parida with flower bouquets and a Konark Chakra plaque. In this moment, Srimati Parida complimented Dr. Afroz on the well-managed hospital and excellent patient services. The occasion began with a series of heartfelt tributes celebrating Parida's crucial role in driving developmental initiatives throughout Odisha. Her steadfast

commitment to welfare programmes and infrastructure development has profoundly impacted the lives of many in the state. During her address, Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida expressed her sincere gratitude for the recognition from Gop Bikash Parishad. She highlighted the significance of collective effort in achieving growth and

prosperity across Odisha and pledged to continue her tireless work towards the welfare and advancement of the people. Leaders and members of Gop Bikash Parishad lauded Parida's visionary leadership, emphasizing her role as a driving force for positive change in the region. As the event drew to a close, attendees expressed their optimism for a brighter future, where collaborative endeavors led by dedicated leaders like Pravati Parida continue to uplift and empower communities across Odisha. The felicitation of Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida is a testament to her unwavering commitment to societal betterment and her outstanding service to the community. Among others present at the occasion were Gop Bikash Parishad Secretary Narendra Dash, BJP youth leader Mandeep Paikary, BJP District General Secretary Sushant Swain, Rajkishor Nayak.

After the death of mother and son in Khoda Colony accident, Delhi government and Lieutenant Governor are face to face.

New Delhi(KCN): The entire family is in shock due to the death of mother and son who lost their lives in an accident that happened three days ago on the Delhi-UP border. Tanuja (24) and her son were swept away in the drain due to heavy rains. A happy family died due to the careless system. On the other hand, politics has started regarding this incident. A round of allegations and counter-allegations has started between the Delhi government and the Lieutenant Governor?

In fact, the Delhi government is calling the drain in which the mother and son died after falling as a DDA drain. On the



other hand, the Lieutenant Governor's office clarified on this and said that this drain comes under the Aam Aadmi Party, which is in power in Delhi government and MCD, protested at the residence of the Lieutenant Governor,

lost their lives due to the carelessness of the MCD. On Saturday, workers and leaders of Aam Aadmi Party, which is in power in Delhi government and MCD, protested at the residence of the Lieutenant Governor,

blaming DDA for this negligence. According to the police, LG office gave clarification in Khoda Colony of Ghaziabad: Local MLA Kuldeep Kumar, Aam Aadmi Party MLA Dilip Pandey, MP Sanjay Singh held DDA responsible for this incident and demanded resignation from Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena. They say that DDA comes under LG and he should take responsibility for this incident. However, LG office rejected the statement of these Aam Aadmi Party leaders and said that the drain in which the drowning incident took place in

Khoda Colony comes under MCD. Which is controlled by Aam Aadmi Party. In such a situation, it is wrong to blame another agency. Whenever the blame can be put on Aam Aadmi Party in any case, the Lieutenant Governor is in a hurry to come for photo-op, but his absence in this case clearly shows his ill-will. The drain under the jurisdiction of the MCD, which has recently been transferred to the MCD by the DDA, ends 25-30 metres away from the accident site. The drain constructed by the DDA at the entrance of the market, covered with RCC slabs, has an open manhole into which the child and the mother fell.

Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology celebrated "Sawan Month" with organizing Tree Plantation in the college campus



New Delhi, (KCN): Tree plantation is a very necessary because trees provide oxygen to the environment and make the air quality better. Trees remove carbon dioxide from the air as they grow, tree planting can be used to help limit climate change. If more trees are planted then world's environment will become a safer place to live. Tree plantations also reduce

pollution, thus making the life of future generations secure. Trees contribute to their environment over long periods of time by providing oxygen, improving air quality, climate amelioration, conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife. During the process of photosynthesis, trees take in carbon dioxide and produce the oxygen we breathe. Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology celebrated "Sawan Month" with organizing Tree Plantation in the college campus. All the staff members and students were present. Principal Dr. R. K. Uppal highlighted the significance of tree plantation to the students.

"India will become a Global Guru in Tribal Culture" says Professor Dr. Om Prakash Bharti.

Kolkata, (Arindam Bhattacharya): While discussing tribal lifestyle and culture two important facts are observed firstly nature worship and secondly humanism. The tribal people worship trees, mountains, rivers, animals and birds. And it is often seen that their tribes are named after trees, mountains, rivers, animals and birds. Today the world is concerned about nature and the environment. We can take inspiration from the way of life led by the tribal society to conserve environment

Social worker Anju Sharma started a campaign, Plant trees, save life.



New Delhi(KCN):

Trees and plants are very important in human life. They have an important contribution in environmental protection. Understanding the importance of trees, Delhi's social worker Anju Sharma and her entire family have started a campaign to plant trees and save life. Anju Sharma has started a campaign to plant thousands of trees all over Delhi. She says that planting trees gives peace. These trees will keep the environment in balance. If we want to avoid dangers like climate change, then we will have to plant as many trees as possible. The slogan of Plant trees, save the country is coming to mind today.

humans in many ways like untimely rains, heat in winter, melting of glaciers, epidemics etc. The whole world is worried about this. Many types of campaigns are being run for this. People are also being made aware. Along with water-life-greeneries, thousands of plants have also been planted under MNREGA. Due to which some greenery has come. People are being made aware and motivated to plant trees. The Prime Minister of the country, Narendra Modi, has also started a campaign in the name of Ek Ped Maa. Anju Sharma and her entire family have been feeding mute animals in Delhi for many years. If any mute animal is sick or looks injured and she comes to know about it, she sends her colleague to get it treated. She has been helping a needy person or an orphan girl in marriage and in the education of children. She also stays away from media and social media. She says that help should be done in such a way that no one other than God should know about it.

6th Water Sports Meet - 2024 Sponsored by Jamkash Concluded



SRINAGAR: The 6th Water Sports Meet - 2024, organized by the Swim N Survive Society, was successfully concluded today. The event featured around 15 competitions, with about 120 enthusiastic swimmers aged between 6 and 58 from all walks of life participating.

The valedictory function was graced by Chief Guests Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Director Handicrafts Handloom Kashmir, and Shafat Yahya, Joint Director Budget. A. R. Bhat, Chief General Manager of Jamkash Vehicleades Kashmir Pvt Ltd, who sponsored the event, was also present, along with SNSS-K President Shakeel Ahmad, renowned Swimming Expert Riyaz Wani, SNSS-K Secretary Yasir Makhdoomi, and other swimming experts, including Zahid Iqbal, Mudasir Jeelani Chasti, Sheikh Rashid Fayaz, Mohsin Fayaz, Nasir Majeed Mir, Owais Rashid, Moonis Majid Wani, and Javed Ahmad. The guests praised all the winners and runners-up, commending the dedication of the

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His leadership brought the tribes of different languages and cultures together. Though forest travel was difficult, yet the communication was so effective that for a long time the most powerful and well-trained British army in the world could not crush these tribal revolts. There are many more tribal folk heroes like Tilka Majhi. The nation needs to understand their communication and leadership management. By developing this understanding, India will foster towards becoming a 'Global Guru' with the richness of indigenous culture.

Inter-State Dacoit Gang Busted in Bolangir, Nine Held

Bolangir(KCN): Sohagpur, Dist-Narmadapuram, MP 5. Raju Pawhar, Vill-Turakapa, PS-Sohagpur, Dist-Narmadapuram, MP 6. Bantu Dehelia, Vill-Jamnitala, PS-Sohagpur, Dist-Narmadapuram, MP 7. Niles Deepak Kale, Vill-Natnagar, PS-Satar, Dist-Aurangabad, MH 8. Akshaylalju Chawhan, Vill-Mohannagar, PS-Bhirkala, Dist-Aurangabad, MH 9. Goparanjan Prusty, Vill-Barpali, Dist-Bargarh



Based on the clues obtained by the cyber and CCTV analysis team, multiple teams were formed comprising staff and

officers of Loisinga PS, Patnagarh PS, Town Police and Cyber PS/Cell. These teams apprehended the above-mentioned

accused persons and seized stolen articles from their possession. Seized Items: i. Gold ornaments fitted with a stone weighing about 160.463 gramsii. Silver ornaments fitted with a stone weighing about 1708.42 gramsiii. Cash of rs 2,03,700iv. Bank accounts frozen with Rs 3,40,616 balance.v. One stolen Honda Activa Scootyvi. One silver colour wristwatchvii. 07 numbers of mobile phonesviii. Other house-breaking equipment & articles On 27.07.2024 basing the written report of the complainant Phalguni Bisi of Sarasmunda village of Bolangir, the aforesaid case was registered where the

complainant alleged that he was working as a night watcher at Bharat Gas godown. On the intervening night of dt 26/27.07.2024 at about 12.00 AM, 10-12 unknown persons suddenly entered into their godown took him to the backside and threatened him to hand over the cash or other property available. Before this incident also, a series of burglary cases had occurred under different Police Stations in Bolangir district including in Lathor PS, Patnagarh PS and Bolangir Town PS area. During the investigation of the aforesaid case with the help of analysis of CCTV footage available from different places and with the help of Cyber PS and cyber cell staff it is ascertained that some outsiders who were staying near Balangir Road Rly Station are suspected of being involved in these cases.

42.82L MGNREGS job cards deleted in Odisha

New Delhi(KCN): As many as 42,82,945 Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) job cards from Odisha were among the 4,43,04,661 that have been deleted since 2019-20 fiscal, Union Minister of State for Rural Development Kamlesh Paswan told the Rajya Sabha, Friday. "Verification of job cards is a regular exercise conducted by the states/Union Territories.

Job cards can be cancelled/deleted after due verification only if it is a fake job card (incorrect job card); duplicate job card; households not willing to work; family shifted from gram panchayat



permanently; and single person in job card and that person has expired," Paswan said. Of the total, 22,24,982 job cards were deleted in 2024-25 till July 30 this year. The minister said 1,02,71,048 job cards were deleted in 2023-24, 2,25,38,538 in 2022-23 and 50,39,649 in 2021-22. Job card

deletions stood at 27,97,013 in 2020-21 and 14,33,431 in 2019-20. Among the states, 99,26,063 job cards were deleted in Bihar, 91,42,876 in Uttar Pradesh, 42,82,945 in Odisha, 24,05,859 in West Bengal, 37,74,160 in Madhya Pradesh, 35,54,193 in Andhra

Pradesh and 17,93,357 in Jharkhand since 2019-20. According to the ministry website, 14.23 crore job cards have been issued under MGNREGS, covering 24.77 crore workers. Of these, 9.1 crore job cards are active, covering 13.11 crore workers.

Keonjhar Administration Coordinates Rescue Efforts for 4 Stranded Devotees in Kedarnath



Keonjhar(KCN): The Keonjhar district administration is working dedicatedly to ensure the safe rescue of four local residents trapped in Kedarnath, Uttarakhand, due to adverse weather conditions and recent landslides. Following the state government's instructions, officials are maintaining constant communication with the stranded individuals and providing necessary assistance. Keonjhar District Magistrate Vishal Singh

has personally contacted the Rudraprayag District Magistrate, requesting assurance of the four devotees' safety. The Rudraprayag Magistrate has assured that all four people will be shifted to a safe place tomorrow if the weather turns favourable. The four Kanwariyas have been trapped for the past three days following a massive landslide caused by a cloudburst. The stranded individuals are Sadanada Sahu (35) from Jagmohanpur

village, Kartik Khilar (44) from Sarauli village, Maheshwar Pradhan (54) from Chandrashekhpur village and Rushinath Mahant (28) from Kempasada village. The group had offered prayers at the Kedarnath temple on July 31 and was scheduled to return home on August 1. However, their plans were disrupted when the Kedarnath highway between Sonprayag and Gourikund was washed away due to the

cloudburst on the night of July 31. A bridge on the route was also destroyed by landslides, resulting in at least 16 fatalities and leaving over 1,000 devotees stranded.

In response to the crisis, the Air Force, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have been deployed for rescue operations in the affected area.



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Shami remains unclear on international return, sets sight on Bengal comeback

New Delhi: Star India fast bowler Mohammed Shami revealed that the timeline of his international comeback is still unclear but said that he will play for Bengal first.

Star India fast bowler Mohammed Shami recently revealed that he's unsure of his international return. Notably, the fast bowler has been out of cricketing action since the ODI World Cup 2023 due to an ankle injury. He underwent successful surgery in February earlier this year and has been undergoing rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru to regain fitness.

Recently speaking at an event in Kolkata, Shami said that he's unsure of when he will be back in national colours. However, the speedster



said that he will play for his domestic team Bengal first to prepare himself for the international comeback. "It's difficult to say when I will be back. I am trying hard, but hopefully you will get to see me in Bengal colours before I don the India jersey again. I will come to play two-three matches for Bengal and will come fully prepared for it," Shami was quoted as saying by News18.

Recently, BCCI Secretary Jay Shah revealed that the fast bowler is likely to be fit for the Bangladesh home series. India will take on Bangladesh in a two-match Test series from 19th September followed by three T20Is. Further speaking ahead, the 33-year-old said that he never thought that his injury would turn out to be this serious. Shami disclosed that his plan was to address it only

after the T20 World Cup. However, it got worse during the ODI World Cup itself. The plan was to address injury after the T20 World Cup but it turned worse: Shami "We never thought the injury would be this serious. The plan was to address it after the T20 World Cup since we had the IPL and the ICC T20 mega event coming almost back-to-back after last year's World

Cup. But it turned worse during the ODI World Cup itself, and I also did not find it right to risk playing on with it. Even the doctors could not fathom that the injury would take such a serious turn and would take so much time to heal," he added. Shami had a sensational run in the ODI World Cup 2023 finishing as the highest wicket taker of the tournament with 24 wickets to his name from seven innings. Shami didn't feature in the first four matches for India but an injury to all rounder Hardik Pandya helped him find a place in the playing XI. The speedster also registered the best bowling figures by an Indian in ODIs during the semi final as he picked 7/57 against New Zealand. Shami's services will be badly needed by the team in the Border Gavaskar Trophy in Australia 2024-25 later this year.

Saqlain Mushtaq's take on India not visiting Pakistan: 'No point in making a fuss'



New Delhi: Former Pakistan cricketer Saqlain Mushtaq feels there's no point in making a fuss about the issue as ICC (International Cricket Council) will look into the matter since it's their tournament.

"It's simple. If India wants to come, they can. If they don't want to come, it doesn't matter. There's no point in making a fuss about it. This won't make either party good or bad. This is ICC's event, and they will look into this matter, as they should," Mushtaq was quoted as saying by Cricket Pakistan. Notably, the Asia Cup 2023 was also completely scheduled to be held in Pakistan. However, the tournament was later hosted in a hybrid model after India's reluctance to travel to the country. As a result, all of India's matches were scheduled in Sri Lanka including the final. According to a PTI Report, in the recent annual general meeting

of the ICC, the topic of Champions Trophy's host nation wasn't discussed at all and the PCB (Pakistan Cricket Board) has left it to ICC to convince India to travel to Pakistan.

Mushtaq backs Babar Azam to continue captaincy

Meanwhile, Mushtaq also defended Pakistan's T20I skipper Babar Azam saying people who're demanding his resignation are outsiders. Notably, under Babar's captaincy

Pakistan first failed to qualify for the ICC World Cup 2023 semi final and later got knocked out of the T20 World Cup 2024 in the first stage itself.

"Many people are saying that he [Babar Azam] should quit captaincy and play as a regular player. But all these voices are coming from outside, from people who are watching and listening to things from the outside. These are comments from outsiders," he added.

Boxer Nishant Dev falls agonisingly short of medal after losing quarters



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India's Nishant Dev fell agonisingly short of winning a medal in the Paris Olympics on Saturday, 3 August. Fighting his men's 71kg bout against second seed Marco Alonso from Mexico, Nishant put up a spirited display but lost the bout via a split decision. Nishant's loss fell in the pattern of several Indians falling just short of medal positions in the Paris Olympics, turning Saturday into another day of heartbreak for India.

Hours after Manu Bhaker finished 4th in the women's 25m air pistol competition, Nishant's spirited display was cut short by Alonso, who held his nerve against the strong Indian 23-year-old who was looking to go big or go home. Nishant started off aggressively in the first round of the quarter-final bout. Both boxers started off aggressively keeping their guards down. Nishant got caught by multiple punches from the Mexican but did not take hits, sitting back. Nishant delivered multiple combinations of hooks to the face of the Mexican boxer. This set Marco Alonso on the backfoot and the second seed tried to clinch Nishant as much as possible.

This meant that Nishant in the red corner opted not to keep his guard high in the final round as well and proceeded with his heavy punches against the Mexican. Alonso tried to close into Nishant and land heavy uppercuts from the centre which put Nishant in trouble. This

Premier League: Chelsea has offered Conor Gallagher a new contract, says Maresca

New Delhi: Chelsea boss Enzo Maresca has claimed that the club has offered Conor Gallagher a new contract as the midfielder's future remains uncertain at the moment.

Chelsea head coach Enzo Maresca has revealed that the club is actively seeking a resolution to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding Conor Gallagher's future at Stamford Bridge. Gallagher, whose contract expires next summer, has reportedly turned down a second contract offer from Chelsea. This new deal would have elevated his wages to a level comparable to those of



teammates Moises Caicedo and Enzo Fernandez, according to the British media. Gallagher has been heavily linked with a move to Atletico Madrid during the summer transfer window. Speaking to the media ahead of Chelsea's pre-season game against Manchester City, Maresca said that the club is working to find a solution with Gallagher. The Chelsea boss said that the midfielder had been offered a new contract by the club and that is the only news he had at the moment. "The only thing I can say is I know he is in contact with the club to find a solution."

"The club offered him a new contract. But this is,

at the moment, the only news I received." Chelsea are keen to avoid a repeat of the 2022 scenario with Antonio Rudiger and Andreas Christensen, who both left as free agents after their contracts expired. To prevent a similar situation, the club is working diligently with Gallagher to find a mutually beneficial solution. Gallagher, along with England team-mate Cole Palmer and Spain's Marc Cucurella, was given an extended break after participating in Euro 2024. This does put Gallagher in a tough spot

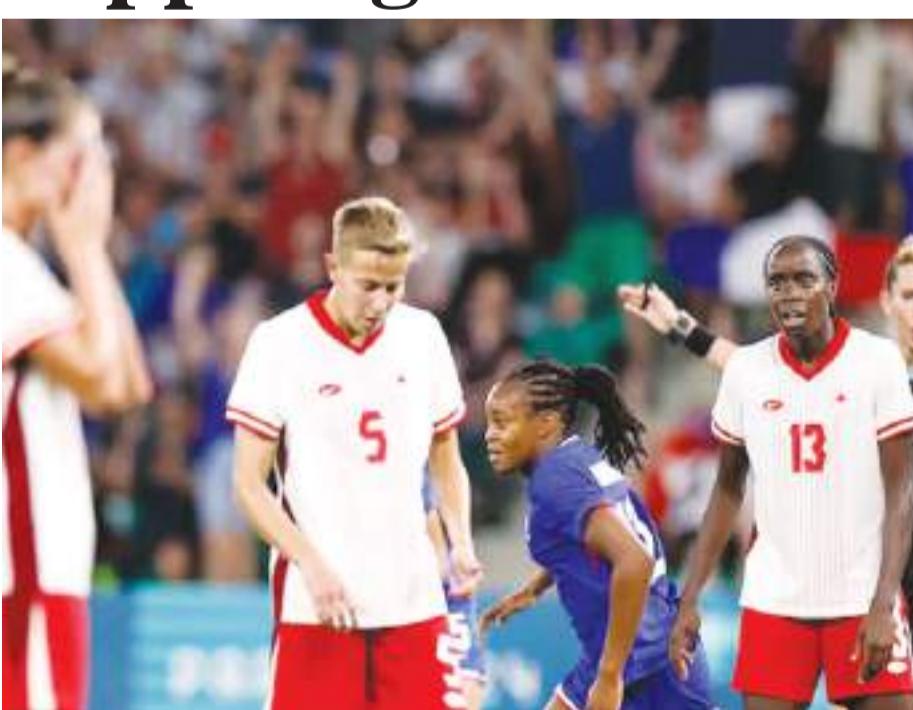
as he could find himself out of the side if a solution can't be found. Maresca remained coy on this and said that there is no update on it and the club is actively working on finding a solution. "At the moment, there is not any update on that." "In football, every summer, different clubs have some problems with some players and then at the end, they find a solution and everyone is happy. Hopefully the same can happen in this situation," said Maresca. Gallagher served as the vice-captain for Chelsea last season and did play a big role in their wins last season.

Paris Olympics: Canada's drone scandal appeal gets dismissed

Paris: Canada's appeal against their soccer team's points deduction at the Paris Games amid a drone scandal was dismissed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport, CAS said on Wednesday, July 31.

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Defending champions Canada were docked six points, while coach Bev Priestman and officials Joseph Lombardi and Jasmine Mander were banned from any soccer-related activity for one year by FIFA after New Zealand complained that Canadian staff flew drones over their training sessions before



their opening match. "The application filed by the Canadian Olympic Committee and Canada Soccer in relation to the six-point deduction imposed on the Canadian women's soccer team for the football tournament concerning

the Olympic Games Paris 2024 has been dismissed," CAS said, with the reasoned decision to be published at a later date. "The Applicants sought a decision from the CAS Ad hoc Division either cancelling or

reducing the points deduction imposed by the FIFA Appeal Committee in its decision of 27 July 2024 after it established that breaches of the FIFA regulations applicable to the Olympic football tournament concerning

the prohibition on flying drones over training sites had occurred." On Monday, Sport Canada said it was withholding funding allocated for the salaries of Priestman and the two other suspended team officials, calling the drone scandal that has rocked the Paris Olympic soccer tournament an embarrassment to all Canadians. Canada won their first two games but are third in Group A with no points, following the deduction, behind table-topping Colombia and second-placed France, who both have three points. Canada play Colombia later on Wednesday knowing a victory will take them into the quarter-finals, while France face bottom side New Zealand, who must win to have a chance of progress.