# **Nation** News

# 'Yoga now a global mass movement'

Yoga has become a global cultural bridge through IDY observances.

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NEW DELHI: Yoga has transformed from a personal wellness routine into a global mass movement, over the past 10 years, due to the consistent efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and it is now being practised with enthusiasm in more than 170 countries, Union Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav said. In an interview with PTI ahead of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) on June 21, Jadhav credited the prime minister for popularising yoga globally.

"The widespread global adoption of Yoga can be attributed to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who not only proposed the idea of IDY at the United Nations General Assembly in 2014 but also personally reached out to world leaders to garner unanimous support," Jadhav said.

He said the resolution was co-sponsored by 177 nations and adopted within a record 75 days, making it one of the fastest-passed proposals in UN history.

Since then, yoga has ing with the resonant

**Extortion racket** 

in Delhi busted;

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Union Minister of State of AYUSH (Independent Charge) Prataprao Jadhav and others during 'Yoga Connect'

emerged as a cultural bridge connecting people across continents with annual observances of IDY becoming a global movement, Jadhav, who is also the Minister of State for

Delegates from over 40

countries are expected

to join the prime min-

ister in Visakhapatnam

on June 21, while events

will also be held abroad

in over 10 countries, he

said. "This convergence

is not just about collec-

tive health, it's a celebra-

tion of cultural identity

and unity, with sessions

beginning and conclud-

Health, said. From New York's Times Square to remote islands in the Pacific, yoga mats now roll out in celebration of health and harmony, he said. The global reach of Yoga is minister said.

not just ceremonial, it is substantive, with its increasing integration into public health strategies, wellness programs, and school curricula worldwide, the

## Ayush Ministry launches Yoga Sangam, My Bharat portals for inclusive participation

#### **HIGHLIGHT**

#### More than 170 countries embraced India's traditional yoga system.

sound of 'Om' and traditional Vedic prayers, affirming India's rich spiritual heritage on a global stage," Jadhav asserted. As a lead-up to the main event, Yoga Connect, one

of the key programmes, was organised at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on Saturday, featuring yogabased cultural exchange programmes and interactions among delegates from partner countries. It aimed to build bridges of understanding and wellness diplomacy, showing how yoga can unite cultures and promote peaceful coexistence.

## Unravelling the secret

MUMBAI: Remember little Anandi from Balika Vadhu-the child bride who stole our hearts back then? Well, Avika Gor is all grown up and head-over-heels in love! The television darling is making a homecoming to the channel that made her a household name-COLORS. However, this time, she's bringing someone special along with her. Joining her on this exciting ride is her fiancé, social activist Milind Chandwani. The duo is all set to feature in COLORS' brand-new reality show Pati Patni Aur Panga-a celebration of love, laughter, and the beautifully messy magic of relationships. Just yesterday, the internet melted when Avika dropped dreamy roka pictures with her long-time beau. Fans across the internet went "aww", and now we know why-it was just the trailer to something even bigger. The couple is ready to pull the curtain back on their love story with some candid moments! 'Pati Patni Aur Panga' will be unravelling the secret of the forever kind of love by showcasing the shared laughter, the

quiet effort, the teamwork, and the small everyday victories that build an unshakeable bond. This heartwarming reality ride gives a joyful, honest glimpse into the lives of celebrity couples as they face off against each other, taking on fun, emotional, and wildly entertaining challenges that reveal just how strong their con-

nection is.

## Sabar tribe takes 'sweet step' towards self-reliance

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jars, officials said. "The

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Groups (PVTGs), includ-

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BDO Kiku Mahato told

PTI. "We want to ensure

that the women, who

have already formed a

self-help group, become

fully self-reliant -- from

honey production to

packaging and market-

ing," he said.

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They began a 'sweet revolution' with better branding and marketing.

JAMSHEDPUR: The primitive Sabar tribe in Jharkhand has been dependent on honey collection from the forest for centuries, but now, with the help of a government scheme they have began a 'sweet revolution' by reaching their produce to more people with branding, packaging and marketing, officials said.

The transformation began in Khokhro village in East Singhbhum's Boram block in September last year, when the Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) was established under the PM-JANMAN (Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) scheme, they said.

"Earlier, the Sabars used to collect around two tons of forest honey annually, but their hard work often went in vain due to a lack of proper marketing channels, price mechanisms, and storage facilities," a senior district official said. "Now, we are seeing a remarkable shift," he added. Traditionally dependent on non-timber forest produce like **NEWSLINE** 

## NEW DELHI Meghwal for institutional arbitration



Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on Saturday pitched for institutional arbitration, saying it was part of Indian culture after the ONGC chairman urged making arbitration proceedings timely and not "timeless" The government has been pushing for institutional arbitration instead of ad hoc arbitration asserting it is efficient and more result oriented.

The industry on the other hand feels arbitration in India is slow, inefficient and plagued with red tape. Singapore, London and Dubai have emerged as hubs of international arbitration to settle high stakes, high value commercial disputes.

Addressing a conference on institutional arbitration here, the minister also said that organ isations should be ready to be flexible and rigid depending on the need of the hour, to ensure that its interests remain protected and it contributes towards nation building.

#### AMARAVATI

## 'Nip corruption in bud'



## **Financial** savings on track

NEW DELHI: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has threatening to implidisbursed over Rs. 900 cate them in legal cases crore as loans against related to animal cruelty. traditional policies to its All three are part of customers in FY2025. the Pawan gang and they The loan against policy operated a well-strucfeature is very useful as tured extortion network it provides customers targeting traders in and with liquidity without disaround the Ghazipur turbing their long-term savings plan. In FY2025 the Company disbursed loans to over 42,700 customers. Amish Banker, Chief Operations Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "Life insurance is a long-term product, and customers may face liquidity challenges during the tenure of the policy. The loan against policy feature can ensure the financial savings plan remains on track. Notably, customers can avail of a loan up to 80% of the policy's surrender value. The process for availing loan against policy is paperless and quick. In FY2025, more than 98% loans were dis-

# GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS **'Need for embracing** technology-driven governance'

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Police has busted an extortion racket in which the members of a gang used the name of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) to threaten animal traders and transporters at gunpoint into paying protection money, an official on Saturday said.

The official said that three members of the gang, identified as Ravinder Sharma (47), Pawan Kumar (56) and Mustaq Ali (50), have been arrested, adding that extorted money by intimidating traders and

### Mandi area, police said.

"They posed as vigilantes or informers affiliated with animal welfare enforcement, using the SPCA's name to extract money from traders transporting livestock," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Crime, Harsh Indora, in a statement.

The DCP said the police received inputs about Ravinder's movement in the Najafgarh-Dwarka area and a trap was laid on Kakrola Nala Road where he was intercepted in a car. A country-made pis-

tol and one live cartridge were recovered from his possession, he added.

**ITANAGAR:** Arunachal Pradesh Governor T Parnaik has emphasised the urgent need for embracing technologydriven governance while chairing a special Cabinet meeting held to mark the completion of one year of the present state government's tenure. This is the first special cabinet meeting attended by the governor, a Raj Bhavan

release said. Presiding over the meeting at the Chief Minister's Office in Itanagar, the governor on Friday called for strategic integration of digital tools, artificial intelligence, and



Arunachal Pradesh Governor K T Parnaik

automation-from the cirevery rupee sanctioned cle level to the state headtranslates into visible and quarters-to empower meaningful outcomes on decision-makers with realthe ground. He also called time data and analytics, it for zero tolerance towards said. "Automation is not corruption and the reinforcement of accountabilonly about making governance efficient, it is also ity at all levels of adminabout preparing ourselves istration. The governor for the opportunities and congratulated Chief Minischallenges of tomorrow," ter Pema Khandu, Deputy he remarked. Highlight-Chief Minister Chowna ing transparency and Mein, and all Cabinet minefficiency as essential eleisters on completing one ments of modern goveryear in office. He comnance, Parnaik urged the mended their leadership government to ensure that and commitment to inclu-

Governor urged focus on four pillars of sustainable development.

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sive public service, noting that welfare initiatives and development schemes had reached even the remotest corners of the state.

Parnaik said the past had witnessed vear responsive governance and unprecedented growth. "Guided by the mantra of reform, perform, transform, Arunachal Pradesh has pursued inclusive development targeting the garib (poor), yuva (youth), annadata (farmers), and nari (women)," he said.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chan-

drababu Naidu on Saturday directed officials to nip corruption in the bud, which would help build an administration focused on zero corruption. During a review meeting at his residence in Undavalli, the chief minister emphasised the need to identify areas where corruption is taking place so that immediate action can be taken if allegations are proved. "Corruption at any level in any department by anyone will not be tolerated," an official release quoting the CM said. Further, the TDP supremo took stock of public feedback on the TDP-led NDA government gathered through a counle of surveys

## | ACCUSE | Cong now 'fake news factory'

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**NEW DELHI:** Hitting back at the Congress, the BJP on Saturday said the opposition party has become a "fake news factory" after it attacked the Modi government for India abstaining from voting on the UN General Assembly resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. BJP national spokes-

person Pradeep Bhandari accused the Congress of spreading "half-truths" on the issue, saying India's abstention was not a deviation but a continuation of "past votes",

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based on "unwavering belief" in dialogue and diplomacy as the only sustainable path forward.

"Congress, before unleashing theatrical outrage, should take a moment to read India's official Explanation of Vote at the UN on June 12," he wrote on X, post-

ing a screenshot of the purported document. 'The Congress and its intellectually dishonest ecosystem has become nothing but a fake news factory," he charged.

bursed within 24 hours.

193-member The UN General Assembly voted overwhelmingly to adopt the resolution introduced by Spain that demanded an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire.

India was among the 19 nations that abstained, while 12 countries voted against the resolution, which got 149 votes in favour.

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