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K-POP SINGER-ACTOR LEE JIHAN DEAD IN ITAEWON STAMPEDE

Singer and actor Lee Jihan is confirmed to have passed away in the crowd crush that occurred during Halloween celebration in Seoul, South Korea over the weekend. His agency 935 Entertainment confirmed the sad news late Sunday night.

'MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PAID BILL FOR MY BIRTH'

Actress Julia Roberts says the late Martin Luther King Jr and his wife Coretta Scott King paid the hospital bill for her birth. The actress revealed the couple made the gesture as her parents couldn't afford the fee, and said her mum and dad befriended the Kings while living in Atlanta running a theatre school.



FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES
You will be very enterprising and industrious today. You make your plans very carefully and execute them perfectly. Despite this, your progress will be very slow. However, Ganesh advises you not to despair and showers his blessings on you.

TAURUS
This one of those ordinary days that, somehow, do not turn out too well. Unexpected expenses, that could totally upset your budget, cannot be ruled out. Something or the other is likely to give you an uncomfortable stomach upset. Ganesh urges you to take your medicines on time, and exercise moderation and discretion while deciding what and how much you should eat.

GEMINI
You had better start sharing your feelings with your family today, says Ganesh. Also, it's time to tell your family about your current financial status. It will help you feel better. Your energy levels will soar and you will approach everything with renewed vigour.

CANCER
You may discuss certain serious issues with your beloved today, predicts Ganesh. Your time till afternoon will be spent in discussions and deliberations about the issue. However, this issue may not be enough in letting you off the hook on the work front.

LEO
After a long time, it seems as if the stars are aligning to bring something special for you. Call it your field day, but today, everything will go your way, says Ganesh. Expect to get appreciated for your hard work in office. As for the home front, you will get all the support you need from your family members for refurbishing your home.

VIRGO
Surf's up as you enjoy an unexpected achievement! But your joy ride today may well be spent in vexing about the problems you have. Expect to gain new money for a new venture. Your business will rise atop the highest wave today, foretells Ganesh.

LIBRA
Working for the government is always a key responsibility, says Ganesh. But today of all days proves to be fabulous and phenomenal for all those in government service. Your actions will translate into accomplishment and you may rest assured that you shall be duly recognized and rewarded for your meritorious service.

SCORPIO
Your business associates will emerge as intangible assets for you today, says Ganesh. You will probably start off an innovative joint venture without any doubt or indecision. Hard work and enthusiasm are always a good combination for achieving success. Your skill and business sense will bring you positive feedback from your seniors, feels Ganesh.

SAGITTARIUS
The sage within you will take the lead today. You are likely to prescribe yourself to your own medication for peace of mind. Wise and content that you are today, you will spread the message of love around you. All in all, a peaceful day is in store for you today.

CAPRICORN
People may call you a busy bee, but that you admittedly will be, says Ganesh. Work will demand your undivided attention, but the good thing is you will quickly get done with pending work one by one. In fact, you will be left with plenty of time in the evening which you are likely to spend romancing with your sweetheart.

AQUARIUS
It's a busy day at work, and you're probably involved in some pending project work. It's advisable that you don't get complacent. Keep an eye on your opponents to have an edge over them, suggests Ganesh. Colleagues will be supportive, and so will family.

PISCES
Today is a day of mixed fortunes. So, while you may not win a gazillion dollars in the daily lottery, you might just end up winning a return air ticket to Timbuktu. No one has really been there, but it is better than nothing. However, the distress of those lost dollars is likely to be eased by the ecstasy awaiting you in the evening.



Malavika burns internet with metallic outfit

MUMBAI: Silver metallic clothing is currently all the rage on celebrity Instagram accounts. It may not be a new trend, but it certainly isn't going out of vogue any time soon and Malavika Mohanan is the most recent addition to the metallic trend.

Malavika Mohanan is the most well-known actress, who has been appearing on the style radar for all the right reasons. She is renowned for turning heads with her gorgeous appearance. Malavika has once again dazzled everyone and lit up the internet with her most recent photos. Mohanan put on a gorgeous metallic ensemble by Deme X Kalki Fashion. She can be seen wearing a metallic silver skirt with a thigh-high slit and pleat details. She wore it with a matching metallic crop top that had full sleeves, a front ruching detail, and a sweetheart neckline. Her silver outfit is worth Rs. 19,540.

With a pair of silver earrings, rings, and minimal makeup that included black sharp eyeliner, silver eye-shadow, and sparkly pink puckered lips, she made sure to accent her appearance. She kept hair open to create the softest waves possible to successfully take over Instagram. From the style to sass, her ensemble was a complete stunner.

On the work front, Malavika was last seen in Tamil film *Maaran* alongside Dhanush and also has the Hindi film *Yudhra* in the pipeline with Siddhant Chaturvedi.

AGENCIES

Priyanka shares excitement about her homecoming

LOS ANGELES: Priyanka Chopra is one of the top actresses and has managed to make her name as an international artist.

She has been living in the United States for years now. After three long years, she is all set to come back to India and this certainly is a piece of exciting news for all Priyanka Chopra fans. Earlier Monday, she took to Instagram Stories to share her excitement about her homecoming. She shared a photo of her boarding pass and wrote, "Finally...going home. After almost 3 years." Meanwhile, this will be her first trip after the birth of her daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas' birth, whom she welcomed in January via surrogacy.

Looks like PeeCee has returned to India to kick start the prep for her much-anticipated film, *Jee Le Zaraa* with Alia Bhatt and Katrina Kaif in the lead. However, she has not officially announced it yet. The film is helmed by Farhan Akhtar, who will be returning to director's chair after his last venture *Don 2*. Meanwhile, *Jee Le Zaraa* marks Chopra's return to the Hindi silver screen after the 2019 film, *The Sky Is Pink*, which was directed by Shonali Bose.

The *Bajirao Mastani* actress was expected to return to India in April this year, however, it did not happen.

AGENCIES



KBC:Odia contestant makes Amitabh walk the ramp

Pooja Tripathy, the first runner-up of Miss Odisha, called the walk 'lion walk' and not 'catwalk' as she wanted to make it look more graceful

Mumbai: Megastar Amitabh Bachchan walked the ramp along with Kaun Banega Crorepati 14 contestant and former Miss Odisha's first runner-up, Pooja Tripathy, on her request.

She called it 'lion walk' and not 'catwalk' as she wanted to make it look more graceful with the host.

Pooja also spoke about the efforts her parents put into her education. Her mother mortgaged her gold ring so that she could participate in 2014's Ms Odisha beauty pageant. She also handed over a cheque for Rs 3,20,000 to her father as a tribute for his hard work to fulfill her dreams.

Pooja said: "Everything about KBC was so surreal. It still feels like a dream. I feel elated when I recall my moments on the show. The fact that I was able to give my cheque to my father as a tribute and walk with Mr Bachchan have been my best achievements which will stay with me forever."

She added: "I cannot imagine my episode to have gone more perfectly. It is a time that I will always cherish."

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Carpet woven for Shah Jahan auctioned for £ 5,442K

The auction comprised 265 lots, including works of art, paintings, carpets and manuscripts from the 9th through to the 20th century

NEW DELHI: An exceptionally rare Royal Mughal pashmina carpet, woven for the court of the Indian Emperor Shah Jahan, circa 1650, sold Sunday at Christie's for 5,442,000 pound, achieving over twice the low pre-sale estimate. Competitive telephone bidding in the room on the

Mughal Carpet lasted for over 10 minutes. The Mughal pashmina carpet is of Lattice and Flower design, exemplary for its brilliant colour and pattern, woven with the most luxurious and costly materials with prized pashmina goat hair woven onto a fine silk foundation. It is one of only four 17th century pashmina carpets remaining in private hands.

Due to the fragility of the silk and the finely spun pashmina pile very few examples survive, making a carpet of this size and con-

dition an extraordinarily rare survivor from the golden age of Imperial Mughal carpet production.

The carpet was a highlight in Art of the Islamic & Indian Worlds including Oriental Rugs and Carpets sale which totalled 15,989,352 pound. The auction comprised 265 lots, including works of art, paintings, carpets and manuscripts from the 9th through to the 20th century, and from Spain in the east to India in the west.

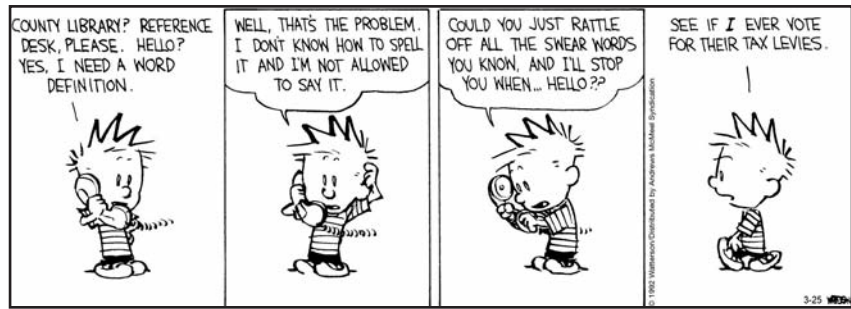


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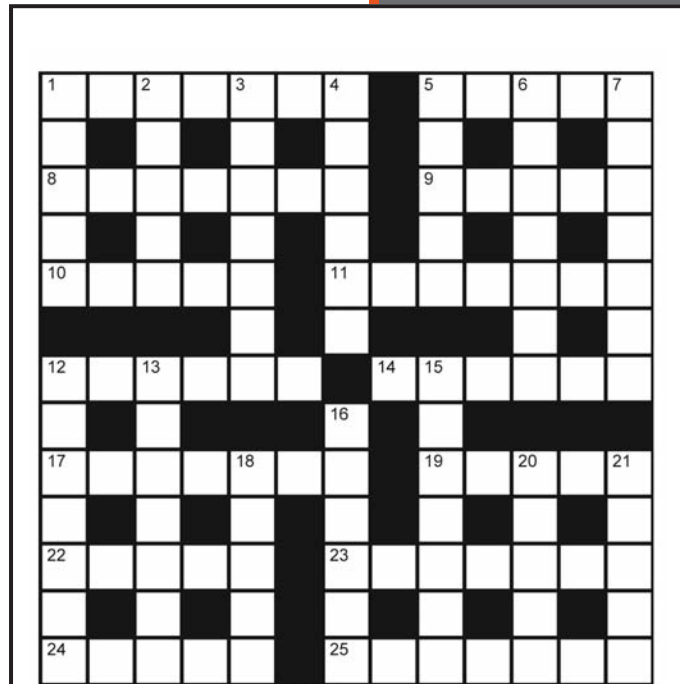


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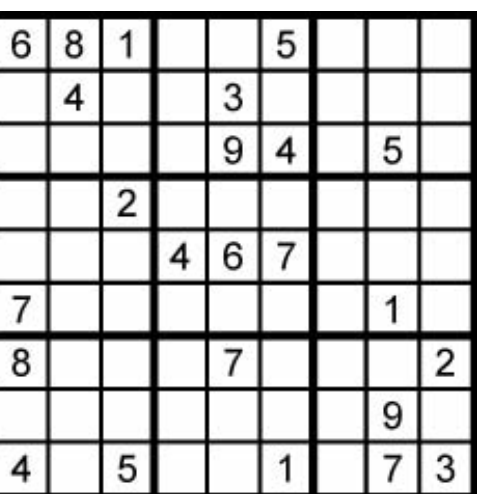
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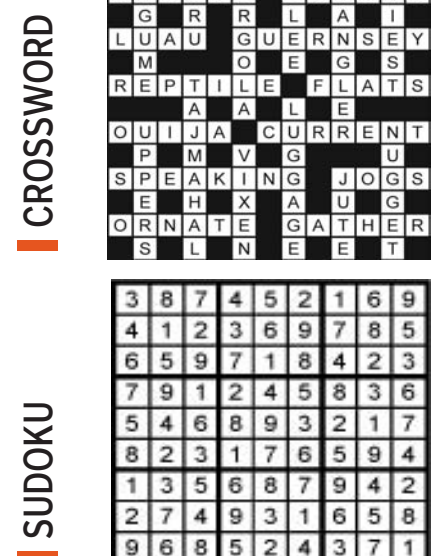
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 - 5 Impersonator
 - 8 Whale's insulating layer
 - 9 Billiards bounce
 - 10 Sports facility
 - 11 Height
 - 12 Spice tree
 - 14 Conformed
 - 17 Charge card
 - 19 Peruvian beast
 - 22 Loafer
 - 23 Torment
 - 24 Barracks boss
 - 25 Like some peanuts
- Down**
- 1 Deadly snake
 - 2 Sky-blue
 - 3 Kiss or hug, e.g.
 - 4 Social turmoil
 - 5 Coffee shop order
 - 6 The smallest planet
 - 7 Praise
 - 12 Table linens
 - 13 Movie promo
 - 15 Capital of Emilia-Romagna
 - 16 Cream puff
 - 18 Crisp
 - 20 Listing
 - 21 Plant-sucking insect

SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

international



More than 70 journalists have been killed this year and a record number of media persons are incarcerated today while threats of imprisonment, violence and death against them keep growing
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MISSION SUCCESSFUL

China Monday successfully launched a second lab module to be part of its ambitious space station currently under construction



of the day quote

While some of the Tamils of Hill Country origin had integrated successfully into the Sri Lankan society, some have failed and measures would be taken to assist them to do so

RANIL WICKREMESINGHE | SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT

I feel really honoured and deeply touched and it's very heartwarming to know that I am one of the first leaders from the world visiting my brotherly and friendly country China. That shows and reflects the depth of our friendship and strength of our understanding and our bond

SHEHBAZ SHARIF | PAKISTAN PM

The natural gas field is the energy and economic future of Israel

YAIR LAPID | ISRAELI PM

SHORT TAKES

Sharif to visit China

Beijing: Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will arrive here Tuesday on his maiden two-day visit to China to felicitate President Xi Jinping on his re-election, amid turmoil at home and Beijing's increasing concerns over recurring attacks against the Chinese workers in the country. Sharif will be the first head of the government to felicitate 69-year-old Xi in person for securing an unprecedented third five-year term at the recently held Communist Party Congress, becoming the first leader after party founder Mao Zedong to continue in power after 10-year tenure.

Netanyahu eyes comeback in polls

Jerusalem: Election-weary Israelis will go to the polls Tuesday, the fifth in less than four years, in which former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu will try to stage a comeback, amidst indications that the outcome this time too is too close to call. The prospect of the next government hinges around two factors - the level of right-wing polarisation, not necessarily in favour of veteran politician Netanyahu but for him to lead the coalition, and the extent of voter apathy, surprisingly, in the Arab sector.

Halloween crush: Probe begins

Seoul: South Korean police are investigating what caused a crowd surge that killed more than 150 people including 26 foreigners during Halloween festivities in Seoul last weekend in the country's worst disaster in years, as President Yoon Suk Yeol and tens of thousands of others paid respects to the dead at special mourning sites. Police said they've launched a 475-member task force to investigate the crush.

Lula makes stunning comeback

This was the country's tightest election since its return to democracy in 1985, and the first time that a sitting President failed to win re-election

Da Silva's win extended a wave of recent leftist triumphs across the region, including Chile, Colombia and Argentina

Among world leaders offering congratulations was US President Joe Biden, who in a statement highlighted the country's free, fair, and credible elections

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Sao Paulo, Oct 31: Brazilians delivered a very tight victory to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva in a bitter presidential election, giving the leftist former president another shot at power in a rejection of incumbent Jair Bolsonaro's far-right politics. Da Silva received 50.9 per cent of the vote and Bolsonaro 49.1 per cent, according to the country's election authority. Yet hours after the results were in - and congratulations poured in from world leaders - Bolsonaro had yet to publicly concede or react in any way. Bolsonaro's campaign had made repeated - unproven - claims of possible electoral manipulation before the vote, raising fears that, if he lost, he would not accept defeat and try to challenge the results. For da Silva, the high-stakes election was a stunning comeback. His imprisonment for corruption sidelined him from the 2018 election won by Bolsonaro, who has used the presidency to promote conservative social values while also delivering incendiary speeches and testing democratic institutions.



"Today the only winner is the Brazilian people," da Silva said in a speech on Sunday evening at a hotel in downtown Sao Paulo. "It's the victory of a democratic movement that formed above political parties, personal interests and ideologies so that democracy came out victorious."

Da Silva is promising to govern beyond his party. He says he wants to bring in centrists and even some leaning to the right, and to restore the kind of prosperity the country

enjoyed when he last served as president from 2003-2010. Yet he faces headwinds in a politically polarised society.

Bolsonaro's four years in office have been marked by proclaimed conservatism and defense of traditional Christian values. He claimed that his rival's return to power would usher in communism, legalized drugs, abortion and the persecution of churches - things that didn't happen during da Silva's earlier eight years in office.

Indian shot dead in Uganda: Report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Johannesburg, Oct 31: A 24-year-old Indian businessman has been shot dead allegedly by a police constable in Kisoro town of Uganda, according to a media report.

The deceased was identified as Kuntaj Patel. Police constable Elioda Gumizamu, 21, from the Field Force Unit (FFU) has been charged with murder after he was apprehended and handed over to the police on October 27 while he was trying to flee the scene of the crime on the main street, The Daily Monitor newspaper reported.

The accused policeman along with other persons, who are yet to be tracked, walked into an Indian shop dealing in hardware and shot the Indian businessman in the chest at around 2pm on Thursday, Ely Maate, the regional police spokesperson, was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

The policeman was intercepted and arrested. He's currently detained at Kisoro police station for interrogation to establish the motive. "The victim was taken to St Francis hospital in Mutolere in Kisoro District in critical condition," Maate said.

Hours later, Patel succumbed to the gunshot wound, police said. One of the eyewitnesses, Gilbert Mwiseneza, a casual worker at Kuntaj's shop said he and his boss were attending to a client when the armed officer walked in and aimed the gun at his boss before firing a bullet that hit him in the chest.

"After the shooting, he (policeman) tried to run away but he was intercepted by people who gave a chase," Mwiseneza said. The Kisoro Resident District Commissioner Shaffique Sekandi condemned PC Gumizamu's action saying he had been in the Force for four years.

The incident came after two Indians were reportedly killed in Kenya months after they were abducted.



A pet owner dressed as The Mandalorian takes a picture with her dog in a Grogu Baby Yoda costume during a Halloween pet costume competition, in Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines

Iran charges 1,000 over unrest in Tehran

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dubai, Oct 31: Iranian authorities announced Monday they will hold public trials for 1,000 people in the capital, Tehran, over the protests that have convulsed the country. The mass indictments mark the government's first major legal action aimed at quashing dissent since unrest erupted over six weeks ago.

Iran's state-run IRNA news agency quoted judicial officials as saying that a thousand people who had a central role in the protests would be brought to trial in Tehran alone over their "subversive actions," including assaulting security guards, setting fire to public property and other accusations.

The nationwide protests first erupted over the Sept 16 death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in the custody of the country's morality police. She was detained for allegedly violating Iran's strict dress code



for women. Although the protests first focused on Iran's mandatory headscarf, or hijab, they have since transformed into one of the greatest challenges to the ruling clerics since the chaotic years following the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

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GHOLAM-HOSSEIN MOHSENI EJEI | IRAN'S JUDICIARY CHIEF

dards," said Iran's judiciary chief, Gholam-Hossein Mohseni Ejei, indicating that some protesters would be charged with collaborating with foreign governments. Tehran officials have repeated unsupported claims that Iran's foreign enemies have fomented the unrest.

"Without a doubt, our judges will deal with the cases of the recent riots with accuracy and speed," he said. Security forces have dis-

persed gatherings with live ammunition and tear gas over the weeks of sustained protests. At least 270 people have been killed and 14,000 arrested, according to the group Human Rights Activists in Iran. Demonstrations have continued - even as the feared paramilitary Revolutionary Guard has warned young Iranians to stop.

Ejei claimed that prosecutors sought to differentiate between angry Iranians who merely sought to vent their grievances on the streets and those who wanted to take down the theocracy. "Even among the agitators, it should be clarified who had the attention of confronting the system and overthrowing it," he said. Judicial authorities have announced charges against hundreds of people in other Iranian provinces. Some have been accused of "corruption on earth" and "war against God", offences that carry the death penalty.

Imran to file ₹10 bn lawsuit against EC chief

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Islamabad, Oct 31: Imran Khan Monday targeted the chief of the Election Commission (EC) of Pakistan and announced that he will file a Rs 10 billion defamation suit against him for destroying his reputation by disqualifying him, as the ousted premier addressed his supporters at the start of the fourth day of his long march.



Khan has announced that his objective was to gain Haseeqi Azadi (real freedom) through the march to Islamabad which in his words was possible if free and fair elections are held immediately. Khan, 70, was earlier this month disqualified from membership of the current National Assembly by a five-member panel of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), which was headed by its chief Sikandar Sultan Raja.

"Sikandar Sultan, I will take you to court... so that in the future, you do not destroy anyone's reputation on someone else's instructions," Khan said while addressing PTI supporters at Karonki at the start of the fourth day of his long march.

He alleged that the ECP's decisions against him in Toshakhana and prohibited funding cases were given on the instructions of the incumbent "imported government".

Shanghai Disney visitors trapped after lockdown

THE RESORT HAD SATURDAY SAID THAT IT HAD STARTED OPERATING WITH A REDUCED WORKFORCE TO COMPLY WITH COVID MEASURES

REUTERS

Shanghai, Oct 31: Shanghai's Disney Resort abruptly suspended operations Monday to comply with COVID-19 prevention measures, with all visitors at the time of the announcement directed to stay in the park until they return a negative test for the virus.

The resort said at 11:39 a.m. local time (03:39 GMT) it would immediately shut the main theme park

and surrounding areas including its shopping street until further notice to comply with virus curbs.

The Shanghai government said on its official WeChat account the park was barring people from entering or exiting and that all visitors inside the site would need to await the results of their tests before they could leave. Anyone who had visited the park since Oct 27 would need to test for COVID-19 three times in three days, it said.



The theme park continued to operate rides for visitors stuck in the park during the closure on Monday, social media users reported. A Shanghai Disney Resort spokesperson said the resort was

still operating "limited offerings" and that they were following measures in line with guidelines from Chinese health authorities.

The resort had Saturday said that it had started operating with a reduced workforce to comply with COVID measures. Shanghai reported 10 locally transmitted cases for Oct 30, all of which it said were people without symptoms.

The closure marks the latest disruption for the Shanghai Disney Resort, which was shut for over three months during Shanghai's lockdown earlier this year.

The park was also closed for two days in November last year with more than 30,000 visitors stuck inside, after authorities ordered all of them to be tested in a

contact tracing exercise. Videos circulating on China's Weibo platform on Monday showed people rushing to the park's gates, which were already locked.

The Shanghai Disney Resort did not respond when asked about how many visitors were inside. Local authorities across China have continued to impose abrupt and extreme measures to cut any possibility of virus transmission once cases arise, in line with the country's ultra-strict zero-tolerance approach towards COVID-19.

The Universal Resort in the country's capital of Beijing reopened on Monday after a five day closure, which was also prompted by virus measures.

