We'll get through this somehow. It's been a wonderful day.

one more time, everything was the last time... It has been a

perfect journey, I would do it all over again

year-old Ankita Bhandari, a

by Pulkit Arya, son of former

BJP minister Vinod Arya,

was recovered from the Chil-

la Barrage in Rishikesh early

Saturday morning by a deep-

diving team of the state disas-

ter response force. Angry lo-

cals soon gathered at the re-

sort, which was demolished

by the state government with

the help of bulldozers on Fri-

day night, in large numbers

ciates have been accused of killing Ankita after she refu-

sed to comply with their alle-

ged demands of indulging in

prostitution at the property.

They were arrested and sent

to judicial custody on Friday.

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Tirupati: Tirumala Tirupati

Devasthanams (TTD), the ri-

chest Hindu endowment body

in the world, has announced

that it owns 960 properties

across the country valued at

Rs 85,705 crore. Officials told

TOI that this figure has been

arrived at as per government

calculation and that the actual

market value of the properti-

es would be at least 1.5 times

higher, around Rs 2 lakh crore.

This is the first time in recent

years that TTD has officially

given details of its properties.

tion of top companies: the

market cap of Sun Pharma for

instance is Rs 2.2 lakh crore;

Wipro Rs 2.16 lakh cr; and Ada-

ni Ports & SEZ Rs 1.9 lakh cro

For perspective, that figure compares with the valua-

Tirumala controls

properties worth

₹85k cr across India

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Pulkit and two of his asso

and set its remnants on fire.

I told the guys I'm happy, not sad. I enjoyed tying my shoelaces

Locals burn U'khand resort after

murdered girl's body recovered

demolished by the state government on Friday night

kit Arya "an earful" after he allegedly tried to kiss her.

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Nod for study into cannabis use in cancer fight

Tata Memorial Centre will soon study if cannabis can help check recurrence of cancerous tumours. The trial is part of an ongoing study to look at the effectiveness of injecting anaesthetic agents in and around tumours before surgeries. The first findings from the research showed lower metastasis rate among breast cancer patients injected with local anaesthesia Lidocaine before surgery. Tata now wants to look at alternatives like cannabis. P15

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Ahmedabad Forecast: Partly cloudy sky. Max temp will be 33.0°C

Spit to know if you have oral cancer

A'bad Team Devises **Early Screening**

Test Using Saliva Parth.Shastri@timesgroup.com

Ahmedabad: Those chewing tobacco colloquially referred as 'mawa' and 'faaki' may be notorious for spitting any and everywhere, but their spit - for a change - can soon help detect early cancer and possibly save a lot of suffe-

ring and even life! A team of researchers from Ahmedabad University and HCG Cancer Centre has developed a method to isolate micro ribonucleic acid (miR-NA) from saliva and analyse it to ascertain whether the person has oral cancer and al-

CLINICAL TRIAL LIKELY SOON

 Suspected patient's spit is collected in a tube, microRNA (miRNA) extracted to isolate RNA

 RNA undergoes PCR test to ascertain presence of miRNA-1307, which indicates presence of cancerous cell

The non-invasive method gives result in 24 to 48 hours

 After proof of concept, the clinical trial is expected to start in Ahmedabad soon

recently in Swiss journal 'In-

so its severity. The study titled 'Salivary miRNA-1307-5p Exosomal Predicts Disease Aggressiveness and Poor Prognosis in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma Patients' was published



years that TTD has officially given

The latest numbers have co-

me at a time when TTD's

monthly income through dona-

tions in the temple 'hundi' has

steadily increased in the last fi-

ve months. Since April, the to-

tal donations through the hun-

di have crossed Rs 700 crore.

This is higher than the dona-

tions it received in the pre-pan

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details of its properties

Ahmedabad had 5K plus head and neck cancer cases in 2021. of which 41% of patients were below 45 years

ternational Journal of Molecular Sciences'. The authors include Aditi Patel, Shanaya Patel, Parina Patel, and Vivek Tanavde from Ahmedabad University, and Dr Kaustubh Patel and Dr Dushyant Mandlik from HCG Cancer Centre.

degrade due to the presence of various enzymes. Thus, we took another route where we isolated exosomes or sacklike structure in a cell from the sample that has miRNA trapped in it. We purify it to isolate RNA and then do a PCR test to derive the result," he said.

Vijayan condemns

'guerrilla attack'

"guerrilla strike" during

called by the outfit, said

one will be spared. P12

Friday's statewide protest

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan

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didn't want to feel alone WHEN GOATS CRY tonight," said Roger Federer after he played his farewell game

at 41, teaming up with rival Rafael Nadal in a doubles match in the Laver Cup at London's O2 Arena on Friday, capping a superlative career that spanned nearly a quarter century. And he wasn't alone. Not in his tears - Nadal cried harder, each occasionally taking the other's hand to console or be consoled.

in one of the greatest sporting images of our era - and not in his smiles as members of Team Europe, including Djokovic, and Team World hoisted him on their shoulders. "I wanted it to be a celebration at the end. It is exactly what I hoped for," the legend signed off. For those interested in the result, Federer and Nadal lost to Frances Tiafoe and Jack Sock of Team World. Shortly after, Nadal pulled out of the remainder of the Laver Cup citing personal reasons

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When Roger leaves the Tour, an important part of my life is leaving too

-RAFAEL NADAL

Armyman held in Punjab univ video leak case

Chandigarh: The Punjab police arrested an Armyman from Arunachal Pradesh on Saturday in the Chandigarh University objectionable video leak case. The suspect, Sanjeev Singh, may have been blackmailing the accused girl student, police officials said. This is the fourth ar rest in the case. Officiating DGP Gaurav Yadav said that based on forensic and digital evidence, a Mohali police team was dispatched to Arunachal Pradesh to arrest the accused. TNN

India slams Pak PM **Sharif for Kashmir** remark at UNGA

Says It Was Meant To 'Obfuscate Own Misdeeds'

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New Delhi: India hit out at Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif for raking up the Kashmir issue at the UN General Assembly saying that Sharif's false allegations against India were meant to obfuscate Islamabad's own misdeeds. In a sharp response to Pakistan, India said in the UNGA that a country that claims to seek peace with its neighbours would never sponsor cross-border terrorism nor would it shelter planners of the horrific Mumbai terrorist attack, disclosing their existence only under pressure from the global community.

India exercised the 'Right of Reply' in the UNGA on Friday to respond sharply to the



EAM S Jaishankar participates in a BRICS meeting with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the sidelines of the UNGA

Pakistan PM, who had raked up the issue of J&K during his address to the high-level general debate earlier in the day.

"It is regrettable that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has chosen the platform of this august assembly to make false accusations against India," first secretary in the permanent mission of India to the UN, Mijito Vinito, said in the 'Right of Reply'.

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'It's land grab in Ukraine, India faces same threat'

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New Delhi: While endorsing PM Narendra Modi's "this is not the era of war" remark. Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse and one of

the countries leading the West's response to Russia, has said the conflict in Ukraine is about keeping international borders safe and Russia's "land grab" is a reason to worry for countries like India which have suffered from border infring-

In an interaction with TOI, German ambassador to India Philipp Ackermann said his country won't tell India what to do on either importing oil from Russia or on the issue of the G7's proposed price cap on Russian oil, but underlined that countries like India and Germany shared the same values. He said the proposed price cap was a complicated issue and not something that would come into effect overnight. P11

Two labourers from Bihar shot at in J&K, stable

wo migrant labourers were shot at and injured by terrorists at Ratnipora in South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Satur day evening. An official said that the labourers were identified as Shamshad Ahmad and Faizan Qadri, both residents of Bihar. He said that soon after the firing, both were shifted to a nearby hospital, where their condition was said to be stable. TNN P12

Phone tap case: **CBI** arrests ex-Mum top cop

he CBI has arrested former Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey in connection with illegal phone tapping of NSE employees by his IT firm, officials said on Saturday. Pandey was already in judicial custody after being arrested by the ED in connection with probes against him. Cops approached the court and took him in four-day remand for interrogation. TNN P12

CBI cracks down against child porn circulation

he CBI on Saturday filed two FIRs and conducted raids at 59 locations in 21 states on basis of inputs by the Interpol's units in New Zealand and Singapore regarding online circulation and distribution of child sexual abuse material. The raids were carried out after around 75 individuals were traced and identified using IPDR analysis of their devices. TNN P12



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Simple screening method can do wonders in Gujarat

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The team said that they employed widely used kits to isolate RNA, and due to Covid now almost all labs have PCR machines. The test reveals presence of miRNA-1307 which indicates cancerous cells. The results come in 24 to 48 hours.

Dr Patel said if detected early, oral cancer can be 90% treatable. We often get patients only when there is a visible patch or tumour, or pain. Patients are often wary of invasive methods, and a simpler screening method can do wonders in Gujarat, considered the oral cancer capital of India due high prevalence of tobacco consumption," he said.

Officials added that after primary validation of the method, they will soon start fullfledged clinical trials, so that the method can reach hospitals

in a few years.

The team said the plus point is the cost-effectiveness and ease of repeated testing. For example, even after removal of a tumour, surgeons want to know whether there's a re-growth. If the tumours turn chemo or radio-therapy resistant, there is a risk they can grow again and regular testing can help.