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Hold local body polls sans OBC quota: HC to UP Govt

Yogi says 'will hold elections only after ensuring quota', UP Govt to move SC

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The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on Tuesday quashed the State Government's draft notification on urban local body elections and ordered holding the polls without reservation for the OBCs. The verdict passed by a division bench of Justice DK Upadhyay and Justice Sauray Lavania annulled the December 5 draft notification issued by the Uttar Pradesh Government providing reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the urban local body elections.

The bench ordered the State Election Commission to immediately issue notification for the election.

Unfazed by the HC order. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the elections would not be held before the grant of reservation to the OBCs and the State would go to the Supreme Court to challenge the High Court's order for immediate notification of elections, if need be.

"The UP Government will



directed by the Allahabad High Court that will conduct a survey of OBCs as per the Supreme Court guidelines. We will not go for the elections without ensuring reservation for the OBCs. If required, we will go to the Supreme Court against the High Court's order,"

The verdict comes in the light of PILs challenging the preparation of the OBC reservation draft without following the triple test formula prescribed by the Supreme Court.

The petitioners had pleaded that the State Government must follow the apex court formula and constitute a dedicated commission to study the political backwardness of OBCs before fixing the reservation.

The State Government

was as good as the triple test. The UP Government had earlier this month issued a provisional list of reserved seats for mayors of 17 municipal corporations, chairper sons of 200 municipal councils and 545 nagar panchayats and sought suggestions/objections

contended that it had con

ducted a rapid survey and said

it was as good as the triple test

But the HC brushed aside the

argument that a rapid survey

within seven days. According to the December 5 draft, four mayoral seats — Aligarh, Mathura-Vrindavan, Meerut and Prayagraj — were reserved for OBC candidates. Of these, the mayor's posts in Aligarh and Mathura-Vrindavan were reserved for OBC women.

SP, BSP, Congress tear into Yogi Govt

The Samajwadi Party, the Bahujan Samaj Party and the Congress launched a scathing attack on the Yogi Adityanath Government over the decision of the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court, which ordered holding the local body polls without reservation for the OBCs.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav slammed the Government and said it was the result of a conspiracy by the BJP Government to deprive the backward classes of reservation.

"The Allahabad High Court directing conduct of the urban local body' elections without OBC quota is unfortunate. Relevant facts were deliberately not placed before the bench of the Allahabad High Court by the Uttar Pradesh Government. The OBCs who constitute 60 per cent of the population have been deprived of their constitutional right of reservation," Yadav said on Tuesday. He added that the "BJP manipulated the issue of reservation for

the OBCs only for its political

BSP supremo Mayawati tweeted that the State Government had to finalise the process of elections by fixing the system of OBC reservation on the basis of a triple test, following the instructions of the Supreme Court with full devo-tion and honesty, which didn't

happen.
"The OBC society will definitely punish the BJP for this mistake," she said.

The Backward Classes Department of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee too slammed the Yogi Government, alleging that the present BJP Government is systematically denying the backwards and Dalits their rights in the civic elections.

Manoj Yadav, president of the backward classes department of UPCC, said the BJP and the Yogi Government wanted to end reservation. He said that under the guise of the HC order, the BIP was determined to end the reservation system for the deprived com-

No foul play in citizens' death: Russian embassy

Antov, vocal against Putin's Ukraine attack, and his friend, found dead in 2 days in Odisha

PNS NEW DELHI

As mystery shrouds the death of two Russian citizens within a span of two days in Odisha at the same hotel, the Russian embassy said here on Tuesday the local police have not found any criminal link in the deaths.

This assertion came against the backdrop of reports alleging foul play.

The two deceased were identified as Pavel Antov and Vladimir Bidenov. Their postmortem was conducted on Monday. Authorities and the

Russian Embassy are treating it a suicide case. Antov, a multi-millionaire

and elected politician, was reportedly highly critical of President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine and called it "terror". 'We are in constant contact

with the relatives of the

deceased as well as with local authorities. As we know, police do not yet see a criminal component in these tragic events, the Russian Embassy said. Antov, 65, was found dead

in a pool of blood at a hotel in Odisha's Rayagada district on

Saturday, December 24. Reports say he fell from the terrace of the hotel and died. Antov was in Odisha for accidentally.

He was travelling with 61year-old Vladimir Bidenov, his associate, and a couple, Mikhail Turov and Natalia Panasenko. They were also accompanied by an Indian tourist guide.

his 66th birthday celebrations.

Bidenov was found dead in the same hotel just two days before Antov's death. He was found lying unconscious in his room on the first floor of the hotel.

As per police, Bidenov died due to a stroke and was cre-mated. His friend, Antonov, was depressed after Vladimir's death and he too died on December 25, the police further said.

The police are investigating

including the possibility that he has fallen from the terrace

"First tourist was found unconscious, after medical examination he was found dead. Second tourist was mentally disturbed after his friend's cremation, he was found lying on hotel premises. When taken to hospital, he was found dead," the owner of hotel Sai International in Rayagada, where the Russian tourists stayed, told the media.

Pavel Antov is not the first high-profile Russian to have died a mysterious and sudden death. In September this year, oil boss Ravil Maganov died after falling to his death from the sixth floor of a hospital in Russia. He was reportedly on antidepressants.

China ends Covid Nationwide mock drills assess Covid combat readiness ban on foreigners' arrival from Jan 8

PTI ■ BEIJING

Days after it faced nation-wide anti-government protests against its stringent zero-Covid policy, China in a major shift of its coronavirus response policies has announced that it will scrap quarantine for international travellers from January 8 next year as it reopens its borders and comes out of international isolation after nearly three

The National Health Commission (NHC) on Monday announced that Covid-19 management will be downgraded from Class A to B from next month, in the same category as less-severe diseases, such as dengue fever.

China will cancel | PNS ■ NEW DELHI national arrivals starting from January 8, 2023, it said.

Previously passengers coming from abroad had to mandatorily stay in over two weeks of quarantine in government accommodations, which was gradually reduced to five days with three days' of observation.

These announcements come at a time when the country is grappling with a sudden spurt in coronavirus infections fuelled by the Omicron variant after the Xi Jinping regime relaxed its stringent zero-Covid policy earlier this month following a wave of anti-government

IMA, top doctors urge Govt to allow people to take

2nd booster dose

▼ndia on Tuesday held Covid response mock drill across the country as part of precautionary measures to check its preparedness to deal with any surge in cases with Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya cautioning that the country might witness a spike in cases and there is a need to

be on the guard. "It is important that the entire Covid infrastructure in terms of equipment, processes and human resources are at a state of operational readiness", Mandaviya said after reviewing the Covid response mock drill at the centre-run Safdarjung Hospital here to check its readiness to deal with

any increase in the number of coronavirus cases.
"I reviewed the Covid

response mock drill at Safdarjung Hospital. This mock drill was necessary to know how prepared our hospitals are," the minister said.

"Covid cases are rising all er the world and India might witness a spike in cases too. Hence it is important that the entire Covid infrastructure in terms of equipment, processes and human resources are at a state of operational readiness," he stat-

Meanwhile, representatives of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and other top doctors and public health experts on Tuesday urged the Minister to allow people to take their second coronavirus booster doses.

The meeting, over a video conference, was called to discuss the preparedness for any possible surges in the out-



Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya speaks with a doctor as a medic collects swab sample of a woman, during a nationwide mock drill for Covid-19 preparedness, at Safdarjung hospital in New Delhi on Tuesday

CAPSULE

KOCHHAR, HUSBAND

APPROACH BOMBAY HC Mumbai: Former ICICI Bank CEO and MD Chanda Kochhar and her husband Deepak Kochhar on Tuesday approached the Bombay High Court, calling their arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation

in a loan fraud case illegal 7 FRESH MEASLES

CASES IN MUMBAI Mumbai: At least seven fresh cases of measles were reported and 15 children hospitalised in Mumbai on Tuesday, an official from the Brihanmumbai

Municipal Corporation said

GOVT TWEAKS GST RULES FOR TAX CREDIT CLAIM New Delhi: GST taxpayers will be required to reverse by November 30 the input tax credit (ITC) claimed in the last fiscal in case their suppliers fail to deposit the due tax by September 30, the Finance Ministry has said. The taxpayers can reclaim the ITC later following the deposit of taxes by

the supplier.

On rethink, BJP to contest MCD mayor, deputy polls

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Taking a U-turn on its earlier stand on not contesting the mayoral elections in Delhi the BJP on Tuesday named Rekha Gupta and Kamal Bagdi as its candidates for the posts of mayor and deputy mayor of the MCD. Gupta is a threeterm councillor from Shalimar Bagh, while Bagdi is a firsttimer from Ram Nagar.

The elections for the post of mayor and deputy mayor will be held on January 6.

The BJP has also named Kamaljeet Sehrawat, Gajendra Daral and Pankaj Luthra for the standing committee member posts.

The AAP has named Dr

Shelly Oberoi and Aaley Mohammad Igbal for the

mayor and deputy mayor posts. The AAP ended the BJP's 15-year-rule in the MCD winning 134 of the 250 wards in the civic body polls earlier this month. The BJP managed to win 104 wards. One indepen-



on Monday. The Congress has nine councilors, while there are two independent councillors.

The BJP's mayor candidate, Gupta, has been a general secretary and member of the party's national executive. She was the president of the Delhi University Students Union from 1996 to 1997. She has a stronghold in North she said.

Gupta, after filing her nomination, asserted that she will contest the election with full strength. "I appeal to all the councillors that vote for the development and betterment of Delhi. I hope they will choose the right mayor for the city by listening to the voice of their conscience," Government for the safety of

Maha resolution plans to merge Marathi-speaking K'taka villages into State

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

 $R^{\text{eiterating its stand that it}}_{\text{would pursue its litigation}}$ in the Supreme Court for inclusion of 865 disputed border villages in the State, the Maharashtra Assembly on Tuesday adopted a resolution urging the Centre to implement the decision taken at the recent joint meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah with the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde and Chief Minister of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai in New Delhi.

In its resolution passed unanimously in the ongoing winter session of the State Legislature in Nagpur, the Maharashtra Assembly expressed its solidarity with the Marathi-speaking people in border areas and asked Union Home Minister Amit Shah to seek an undertaking from the Karnataka

its people living in the border

Condemning Karnataka Government for its acts of "oppressing and ter-rorising the Marathi popula-tion" and also for its "anti-Marathi" stand in the border areas, the Eknath Shinde Government reiterated its claim for inclusion of 865 Marathi-speaking areas in Maharashtra.

While moving the resolution on Maharashtra-Karnataka border issue, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said, "All the necessary efforts would be made in the Supreme Court for inclusion of Belgaum, Karvar, Nipani, Bhalki, Bidar towns and 865 Marathi-speaking villages of Karnataka in Maharashtra under any circumstance."

The resolution said, "The Maharashtra Government pital, sources said. stands firmly with the Marathspeaking people in 865 Marathi-A doctor at the hospital said, "all were stable with speaking villages in the border

Modi's brother, family injured in road accident near Mysuru

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's brother Prahlad Modi and family members sustained injuries when the car in which they were travelling met with an accident near here, police said on Tuesday. According to sources, other

than the driver, Prahlad Modi, his son, daughter-in-law and a grandchild were in the car. They are said to have suffered some injuries and have

been shifted to JSS Hospital for treatment. As per the police, the injuries are said to be "minor" in nature.

The incident happened near Kadakola around 1.30 pm when their car, on the way to Bandipur, is said to have hit the road divider.

Mysuru Superintendent of Police Seema Latkar has visited the spot and the hos-

ing. X-rays and CT scans have been done...Only the child has suffered a small fracture on left leg tibia, but it is not major and is being minor injuries when they



Modi's brother Prahlad Modi and family members were reportedly travelling, in Mysuru on Tuesday

Member of Parliament came, they were immediately from Mysuru-Kodagu conattended and are out of danger without any major bleed-

stituency Pratap Simha, who visited the hospital too, said the family that was on a private visit had sustained "minor" injuries, and the child has suffered a minor fracture, and is undergoing treatment.

Public Relations is also means of giving information: Governor

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

ublic relations is also a means of giving infor-mation, educating and enhancing knowledge. Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi always inspires all his MPs to do public relations and instructs them to stay connected to the ground, because if public relations are not good then even the best schemes fail, said Mangubhai Patel, Governor of Madhya Pradesh at concluding ceremony of 44th All India Public Relations Conference.

In the concluding session, Pushpendra Pal Singh, Chairman of Public Relation Society of India, Bhopal Chapter and the organizer of this conference, introduced all the guests.



Public Relation Society of india (PRSI) should guide all educational institutions in the field of public relations education and training.

The Public Relations Society of India should guide all the universities and institutes in the field of education and training of public rela-

tions, public communication. Founder of Perfect Relations Dilip Cherian said communication is a renewable resource, which never ends, rather the more you

invest in it, the better it gives

returns and makes a person Senior journalist Girija Shankar said that he has seen the field of Public Relations changing a lot during his

MP Rao Uday Pratap Singh if any person or organization has to move forward in life, then attention has to be given to public relations.

In the closing session of the conference, Governor Mangubhai Patel presented the Best Chairman Award to the Chairman of PRSI Bhopal Chapter, Pushpendra Pal Singh.
Pride of Bhopal Award-

2022 was given to Girija Shankar (Senior Journalism), Santosh Choubey, Academician, Narayan Dwivedi (Literature and Public Relations) and Gaurav Tiwari (Institution

State Tourism and

Culture Minister Thakur said Public relations people can fill the entire country, abroad and society with positivity. Public relations connect the works of the government with their creative creativity and take it to the people. To make India a world guru, the scientific basis of Hindu belief has to be spread to the masses.

State Agriculture Welfare Minister Kamal Patel also attended the function as a guest. He said that it was because of India's sages, sages and ancestors that India got the status of world guru. Health

State Commissioner Sudam Khade spoke on the topic "The New Era of Health Care in India" and informed that the condition of skilled health persons is continuously improving.



Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel felicitates Managing Editor Rojgar Nirman MP Madhyam and Bhopal Chapter President of Public Relations Society of India PP Singh for his excellency in the public relations during the 44th All India Public Relations Conference at Minto Hall in Bhopal on Tuesday.

Bhopal's story writer Indira Dangi felicitated in Jabalpur

PNS JABALPUR

ationally renowned story writer of Bhopal, Indira Dangi was felicitated with Chhantwe Gayatri Katha Samman at a grand ceremony organized by Pathey Sahitya Kala Akademi in Kala Vithika in the memory of famous story writer Gayatri Tiwari.

She was felicitated with cash and a shawl. The chief guest of the event was former mayor Prabhat Sahu. It was presided over by Rajkumar Sumitra.

Sumitra said that a man's imaginations are also the reality of his mental life. With these imaginations, due to the current conditions and human compassion, the writer creates for the healthy development and progress of the society. Such a creation is a meaningful creation which can bring positive changes in



Prabhat Sahu while mentioning the creation and social services of Gayatri Tiwari said that a writer is a visionary of the era. Her respect is the respect of the basic spirit of the society. Sharing views on the contemporary literature, great poet Acharya Bhagwat Dubey said that

Gayatri Tiwari created a valuable creation. Mausami Parihar shared views on the

personality of Dangi. Dangi was honored by Patheya Šahityakala Academy Bhavna Shukla, Rajesh Pathak 'Praveen', Harsh Tiwari, Jagdish Kantharia (Kishangarh), Premnarayan Shukla (Noida), Radhika

Charan Tiwari (Tikamgarh), Mohni Tiwari. After the announcement of Vidushi Priyam Tiwari, the program started with Swastivachan by Rajesh Shastri.

Gavatri Srijan Samman

Gayatri Srijan in the second step, with respect to the father of bodybuilding Mr. B.K. Pathak, senior physician Shobha Nelson, writer Devendra Gontia Devraj, Girish Billare 'Mukul', jour-nalist Sunil Sahu, storyteller Anita Singh Bhopal along with Kalasadhika Asmita Shelly were honored.

The presence of Pratul Srivastav, Vijay Jaiswal, Santosh Nema, Vijay Nema, Chhaya Trivedi, Archana Malaiya, Praveen Mishra, Salapnath Yadav, Rajendra Tiwari, Animesh Shukla, Sharanjit Singh, Shashikala Sen, Prabha Sheel, Geeta Geet was noteworthy in the

By swapping card, Rs 2.85 lakh taken from HDFC ATM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

rsing the trick of swapping ATM card, the school principal of Chhatarpur was duped to the tune of Rs 2.85 lakh at HDFC ATM in the state capital.

The card was changed during the day, but the fraudster withdrew the money at 11.30 pm.

All the transactions were done from Jaipur. The victim said that as soon as the message of the first transaction came in the mobile, he called the trollfree number of the bank to close the account but it took 20 minutes in the inquiry itself which cost him a lot of money.

Till then the fraudster had withdrawn Rs 2 lakh 85 thousand rupees from the account. On the complaint of the principal, the Koh-e-

On the complaint of the principal, the Koh-e-Fiza police have registered a case against the unknown. **Police have** sought CCTV footage from the bank

Fiza police have registered a case against the unknown. Police have sought CCTV footage from the bank to identify the accused.

According to the police, Sunila Kumar Mishra (53) of Chhatarpur, is the principal of BEHS Sumati Academy. At Lalghati airport, he went to HDFC Bank's ATM booth to with-

Covid preparedness drill organised

at AIIMS Bhopal emergency wards

draw cash while processing to withdraw money a young man came and even before he could take out the ATM, the fraudster took out the card and handed over another dummy card of same bank, after this he left for Chhatarpur by bus.

At around 11.30 in the night on the same day the first message of withdraw-al of money from his account came on his mobile. He immediately called the toll-free number of the bank to get the account blocked.

On reaching Bhopal on Monday, a case was registered at Kohefiza police station. Sunil said that along with the accused changing the card, he had also seen the password while standing near the ATM. Police have asked for CCTV footage from the bank to identify the accused.

CM pays tribute to the soil brought from the village of martyrs **STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today planted saplings with the yatris of Shaheed Yatra 2022 from village Tarsama (Porsa) in Morena district to Bhopal. CM Chouhan bowed down to the soil brought from village Tarsama and

used it for plantation. Chief Minister Chouhan planted saplings of Khirni, Kadam and Kachnar today. All the persons involved in plantation also offered shramdaan. From the year 1942 till now, about 15 soldiers from Tarsama village have attained martyrdom while protecting Mother India. CM Chouhan said that he salutes the soil brought from the village of the martyrs. This soil and village Tarsama inspire for

patriotism. Along with Chief Minister Chouhan, Vice President of Porsa Municipality Arvind Singh Tomar, Convener of Shaheed Yatra: 2022 Ankit Tomar along with Mahesh Singh, Mayank Singh, Manoj Singh, Anil Upadhyay, Raghvendra and Rajesh Shukla also

planted saplings.
Along with Chief
Minister Chouhan, senior social worker Radheshyam Agarwal planted saplings on his birthday.

Mohit Agarwal, Shravan, Mohit, Umesh and Ananya Agarwal were present. Dhakad Mahasabha office bearer Gauri Shankar Nagar also planted saplings. Gaurav, Chahak Nagar, Saroj Nagar and Sardari Lal Nagar were also present.



STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL The preparations of the Hospital have been specifically observed, therefore

the visit of Medical Emergency and wards has been taken, the fever clinic for effective management of fever patients and the suspected patients has been planned which is being started, the functioning of essential lifesaving equipment have also been deeply checked, and with 30 MT capacity of Liquid Medical Oxygen and 1000 liters/minute PSA Oxygen generate plant as a back-up of the oxygen is also functional.

A dedicated team for taking samples of the COVID patients is working in the Medical Emergency Department. Genome sequencing along with



for COVID patients is also available. Moreover, the vaccination drive for the public and healthcare workers are organised and precautionary dose of COVID is available at Dhanvantri Bhavan. COVID patients admission facilities have been inspected by a team comprising of Medical

Manisha Shrivastava, Deputy Medical Superintendent - Dr. (Major) Mayank Dixit, Incharge Superintendent Engineer, Assistant Superintendent, Biomedical Engineer, I/C Medical Gas Pipeline etc as per directives of Executive Director - Prof. (Dr.) CM Chouhan greeted

of Vajpayee Nagar, dies

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

28-year-old man died after he fell from the third floor of EWS building at Vajpayee Nagar in Shahjahanabad area; man fell accidentally while trying to peep down from the balcony.

Police said that the man died after he lost balance and fell down. He died after falling from a height of about 35 feet. The youth's family was at home at the time of the incident. Police are investigating the

ASI Mithilesh Tripathi said that Manoj Karole (28), a resident of Vajpayee Nagar Multi, used to work as a daily wage worker. He was addicted to drugs.

On Monday morning at around 10 am, he was standing on the balcony after getting drunk, when suddenly he became unbalanced and fell from the third floor. The family was at home at the time of the

Hearing the sound, the relatives saw Manoj lying

unconscious. The relatives took him to Hamidia Hospital with the help of neighbors. He died during

treatment at 2 pm. Police have registered a case under section 174 of the CrPC and have started further investigation.

Meanwhile, a 46-yearold man committed suicide by hanging with the ceiling at Sterling Globe Ground under Misrod police station area; police suspect that man was depressed over her prolong illness.

Ravindra Pawar was found hanging and taken to hospital. He used to live with his family. The deceased used to work as field officer with a private company. Police have not found any reason behind the suicide.

Familyof deceased would be questioned regarding the reason behind the suicide as no suicide note or any reason was revealed by the family members in the investigation. The police have registered a case under section 174 of the CrPC and started further investigation.

Man falls from third floor After abrupt changes in weather, dense foggy conditions likely in the State



STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

ith the abruptly changing weather conditions after severe cold conditions moderate to dense foggy conditions would be witnessed in the state; temperatures would witness dip after 72 hours.

The Chattarpur region witnessed cold wave conditions making the weather shivering cold.
With Nowgong record-

ing its lowest night temperature at 4 degree celsius in the past 24 hours in the state, it has been shivering for the

past two days.

The Met has issued an alert of moderate foggy conditions in Damoh, Sagar, Chattarpur, Tikamgarh while Bhind, Morena, Sheopur Kalan, Shivpuri, Gwalior and Datia would witness dense foggy condi-

The night temperatures have recorded significant dip in the Datia recorded night temperature at 4.5 degree celsius, Gwalior at 5.8 degree celsius was the coldest among the major

Among other coldest places Khajuraho recorded 6.8 degree celsius, Rajgarh at 8 degree celsius while Ratlam, Dhar, Rewa and Sagar recorded night at around and over 9

degree celsius. Bhopal recorded day at 23.8 and night at 12.2 degree celsius.

No significant change in minimum temperature is expected over Madhya Pradesh during the next 3 days, after

which it is likely to fall by 2-3 degree Celsius. There is a possibility of mainly dry weather in most

parts of the state. With the lowest minimum temperature, Rajasthan remains the coldest state in the plains of northern India.

The temperature will not drop further and it will hover around the similar zone. In view of the above weather conditions, there is no possibility of any significant change in the minimum temperature over Madhya Pradesh.



Students present a cultural programme at the inauguration ceremony of National Institute of Fashion Technology Converge-2022, at Tantya Tope Stadium in Bhopal on Tuesday

AYUSH issues orders for the posting of 343 CHOs

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Department has issued orders for the posting of 343 AYUSH CHOs in the vacant posts of Health and Wellness Centres in the state. Approval has been given to set up 562 Ayush health and wellness centres in the state under the National AYUSH Mission.

Posting orders have also

been issued on the departmental website of the AYUSH department and on the portal of MP Online.

Under the Department of AYUSH, Ayush Health and Wellness Centres are being established by upgrading selected Ayush dispensaries identified out of 1773 Ayush dispensaries.

Herbal gardens are also being set up in the Ayush Health and Wellness Centres

to acquaint the general public with the properties of medicinal plants. Along with this, the centres also have arrangements to conduct yoga for the public by the instructors.

The purpose of setting up the Health and Wellness Centres is also to reduce the patient load in the hospitals by providing different modes of AYUSH system of medicine at one place.

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Various types of art and culture hidden in tribes

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

overnor Mangubhai Patel said that Madhya Pradesh holds a special identity in the field of arts, handicrafts and handlooms in the whole world. There are more than 45 tribes in Madhya Pradesh, in which lay various types of hidden art and culture. Governor Patel was addressing the Converge 2022 festival organised by National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)

at Tatya Tope Nagar on Tuesday. Governor Patel expected the teachers and students of NIFT to take advantage of this diversity and incorporate it in their designs and products. This will not only encourage the culture of India, but also provide cultural and economic security



to these tribes on the land full of historical art and natural beauty of Bhopal.

Governor Patel said that NIFT is counted among the top fashion education institutes in the world. Due to the growing

need in this field, NIFT Bhopal is one of the 18 campuses located in different states and union territories of the country. He said that along with fashion education, NIFT is also promoting sports, culture and literature through this festival Patel inaugurated the programme by releasing pigeons and balloons. He unveiled the special cover of the Postal epartment.

Governor Patel said that at the time when the Central Government formulated the Cheetah Project to bring back the extinct Cheetah species to India, at the same time NIFT Bhopal chose Cheetah as the memento of the festival. The Governor appreciated the recent arrival of 8 African Cheetahs in the State due to the special efforts of the Central and State Governments

Director, NIFT Bhopal, Lt Col Ashish Agarwal gave the welcome address and Joint Director Akhil Sahai proposed the vote of thanks

MP receives budget allcation of Rs 172 cr

Bhopal: This year, the state has received a budget allocation of Rs 172 crore 79 lakh under the public development scheme of the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs. With this amount, infrastructure development works are being done along with education in minority dominated

Out of the allocated amount, funds are also being spent on the upgradation of Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal. Along with the construction of a 180-seater girls' hostel in Bhopal's residential school Arif Nagar and Government Unani College, smart class is also being constructed in Government Polytechnic College, Khandwa. Out of the total amount spent in the scheme, 60 percent is the share of the Centre and 40 percent is the share of the state.



Madhya Pradesh Congress party activists here staged a protest demanding to start OPD at Government KN Katju hospital in Bhopal on

CM invited by Odishas

CM's residence today. He

gave Chief Minister

People visiting stalls during the 7th International Agriculture and Horticulture Technology Expo at Bittan market Dussehra ground in

Every class contributes in the development of the nation: CM

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was felicitated by EWS Aarakshan Sangh Madhya Pradesh today by arriving at the CM's residence. In the presence of Cooperative Minister Shri Arvind Singh Bhadoria and MLA Mandsaur Yashpal Singh Sisodia, he was felicitated for the decision to give

10 percent reservation to the poor general category of Madhya Pradesh in all recruitments and for relaxation in minimum passing marks. Representatives of poor general class from different places of the state were also pre-

In reply to felicitation, Chief Minister Chouhan said that justice to all classes is his view point. No

one should be deprived of justice. The general class has an important contribution in the development of the nation. We all are children of Mother India.

Injustice will not be allowed to happen to any class. Prime Minister Modi is committed to the fact that every section should get its rights. I am also in favour of this. As soon as this matter came to my notice, there was no delay in taking a decision. If there is discrepancy in other areas also, then on being pointed out, necessary decisions will be taken after examination.

It is noteworthy that this system is applicable only in 5 states of the country, in which Madhya Pradesh is also included. With this decision, opportunities have increased for poor general youth of Madhya Pradesh to join various services.

MOS Pujari in World ter for the FIH Men's **Cup Tournament** Hockey World Cup tournament to be held in Odisha Bhopal: Chief Minister and also presented a T-shirt Shivraj Singh Chouhan was of the World Cup Hockey. called on by Odisha's Hockey World Cup-2023 Minister of State for Higher matches will be played in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. Education (Independent Charge) Rohit Pujari at The tournament is to be

13 to 29 January 2023.

Chouhan an invitation let-Chouhan congratulated Minister of State Shri Pujari for the event. CM Chouhan informed about the development of sports in Madhya Pradesh by the state government and the facilities provided to the players. The Chief Minister also told held during the period from about the activities to be held in Khelo India Games.

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited (hereinafter referred to as "ARCIL") is a securitization and Reconstruction company incorporated under the companies Act, 1956 and registered with the Reserve Bank of India under section 3 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financia assets and Enforcement of security interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and whereas the Borrower / Co-Borrowers as mentioned in Column No. 2 of the below mentioned chart obtained loan from various banks and whereas ARCIL has acquired the financial assets relating to the loan accounts mentioned in Column No. 2 of the below mentioned chart and Whereas ARCIL being the secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 2 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand calling upon the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers as mentioned in Column No. 2, to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served upon some of them for various reason

	Sr. No.		Borrower / Co-Borrower Name	Total Outstanding as on
	,	LAN: LHMIH00001262569 & LHMIH00001276498 Selling Bank: ICICI HFC Date of 13(2) Notice: 29.11.2022	Bharti Gupta, Dharmendra Gupta	Rs. 30,46,247.29/- as on 28.11.2022
ı		Description of the Property: Moja Maihar, Baba Alau	deen Ward No - 5, Unit No - 2	2, Ph No - 43, Plot Area

Rs. 9,36,113.40/

Description of the Property: Plot No - 59, Tri Murti Nagar, Ward No - 5, Chandra Shekhar Marg, Rajgarh The - Sardar Pura, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh - 454116 LAN: 604207510235288, Gurjeet Kaur, Patanjali Rs. 1,68,66,157.42/-

Arogya Kendra Sagda, Guru Charan Singh & Taranjeet Singh Alag

Ward Having Plot No - 83/4, of Sainik Society Gruh Nirman Sahakari Samiti, Part of 271/1, Tehsil & District – Jabalpur. (2) Mouja Sagda, NB No – 421, Ph. No. 28/33, R.N.M Jabalpur 1, Tripuri Ward Having Plot No - 83/4, of Sainik Society Gruh Nirman Sahakari Samiti, Part Of 271/1/Ka, Tehsil And District - Jabalpur Boundaries For 550 Sq. Feet. (3) Mouza Aithakheda, N.B. 79, Ph. No. 31/36/35, New R.N.M Jabalpur - 2 Thesil And District Jabalpur, Part of Khasra No. 254/1, to 254/4, New 255, Plot No 4,5 Plot Area 2219 So Feet, Plot No – 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 81, 83 Total Area 7124 Sq Feet, Total Plot Area 9343 Sq. Feet. Boundrie Plot No 4: East - Road; West - Other Land; North - Plot No - 5; South - Plot No - 3, Plot No 5:- East Road; West - Other Land; North - Plot No - 6; South - Plot No - 4, Plot No 39:- East - Plot No - 83; West Side Road, North - Plot No. - 40; South - Other Land, Plot No 40:- East - Plot No - 81; West - Side Road North - Plot No - 41; South - Plot No 39 & 83, Plot No 41:- East - Plot No - 80; West - Side Road; North Plot No - 42; South - Plot No - 40, Plot No 42:- East - Plot No - 79; West - Side Road; North - Plot No - 43 South - Plot No - 41. Plot No 43:- East - Plot No - 78: West - Side Road: North - Plot No - 44: South - Plot No - 42, Plot No 81:- East - Side Road; West - Plot No - 40; North - Plot No - 80; South - Plot No - 82 & 83

LAN: NHHSG00001267478 & NHHSG00001267477 Rs. 17,67,759.03/-Rajeev Namdeo. Selling Bank: ICICI HFC Bhawna Namdeo

Rajendra Singh Kaurav, Selling Bank: ICICI HFC Sapna Kaurav Date of 13(2) Notice: 10.12.2022

Narsingpur, Madhya Pradesh of Shri. Rajendra Kaurav S/o, Shri. Anurudha Prasad Kaurav. North: Road Oi Nagar Palika; South: House Of Jaisram Sindhi; East: Road Of Nagar Palika; West: House of Seller 6) LAN: NHSAA00000833897 & NHSAA00000856886 Rameshkumar Basrani / Rs. 48.31.819.77/-Selling Bank: ICICI HFC Sapna Devi Basrani as on 30.11.2022 Date of 13(2) Notice: 05.12.2022

Area Situated At Mouja No. 443, Lalai Tori, Tulsi Nagar Ward, Sagar RNM, Sagar 1 Tehsil & District Sagar Madhya Pradesh. North: Deepchand Basrani; South: Mahesh Basrani; East: Open Land; West: Road. LAN: NHDHA00000926490, NHDHA00000926489 Rs. 14.53.108.45/-Sada Shiv Sen. Selling Bank: ICICI HFC Manjula Sen as on 30.11.2022 Date of 13(2) Notice: 05.12.2022

Description of the Property: Residential House along with open plot of land property constructed at part

Jagannath Nai; East: Road; West: Property of Kishan Maharaj. Rs. 9.32.058.01/-Selling Bank: ICICI HFC

as on 30.11.2022 Date of 13(2) Notice: 05.12.2022

9) LAN: NHMIH00001202174 & NHMIH00001259346 Veeru Gupta Rs. 10.77.759.99/-Selling Bank: ICICI HFC Pooja Gupta as on 30.11.2022 Date of 13(2) Notice: 05.12.2022

Date of 13(2) Notice: 05.12.2022 Singh Arneja / Tripat Kaur 452002. North: Road; South: Plot No B - 38; East: Others Plot; West: Plot No. - 40.

Bandana Upadhya / Rajeev Kumar Upadhyay Selling Bank: ICICI HFC Date of 13(2) Notice: 05.12.2022 Bharat Prasad Upadhyay

Description of the Property: Plot out of Kh. No. 249/1/K/5/1/Kh/ And 249/1/K/6/1/Kh (Presenty Kh No 249/1/K/5/1/Kh/2 And 249/1/K/6/1/Kh/2) situated at Mauza Manpur Village Panchayat Jeetnagar Pt. Halka No. 44 R.N.M. And Tahsil Maihar District Satna, Madhya Pradesh. North: Land Of Seller; South: Land of

Notice, is therefore given to the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers, as mentioned in Column No. 2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in Column No. 3, against the respective Borrower Co-Borrower, within 60 days of publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective Loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 3. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with further interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, ARCIL shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon proper ties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed

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under the Act and the rules made hereunder Place: Bhopal / Satna / Jabalpur / Indore **Authorized Officer**

	Sr.	Loan Account Number / Selling Bank Name /	Borrower /	Total Outstanding
ı	No.	Demand Notice Date	Co-Borrower Name	as on
ı	1)	LAN: LHMIH00001262569 & LHMIH00001276498	Bharti Gupta,	Rs. 30,46,247.29/-
ı		Selling Bank: ICICI HFC	Dharmendra Gupta	as on 28.11.2022
ı		Date of 13(2) Notice: 29.11.2022		
ı		Description of the Property: Moja Maihar, Baba Alau	deen Ward No - 5, Unit No - 2	2, Ph No - 43, Plot Area
ı		- 585.48 Sq Mtrs, Tehsil Maihar, Distict - Satna, Madhy	a Pradesh 485771	

Selling Bank: ICICI HFC Date of 13(2) Notice: 29.11.2022

604207210235295 Date of 13(2) Notice: 29.11.2022 Description of the Property: (1) Mouja Sagda, NB No. - 421, Ph. No 28/33, R.N.M Jabalpur 1, Tripur

Plot No 83:- East - Side Road: West - Plot No - 39: North - Plot No - 40 . 81: South - Plot No - Other Land

Date of 13(2) Notice: 10.12.2022 Description of the Property: Property Constructed House Situated at Moja Dongari, P.C. No. 17, Ward No. 18, Hoshangabad, Tahsil & District Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh. North: Road; South: Others Property; East: Open Land; West: Open Land Asset. 5) LAN: NHSAA00000831384 & NHNRS00000849908

Description of the Property: Khasra No. Nill, B. No. 36, P.H. No. 41, House No. Nill, At Najul Sheet No. 12, Plot No. 18/1, 20/3, 20/4, Area 4,646 Sq. Feet Plot Situated At Moja Kandeli, Tehsil - Narsinghpur, District

Description of the Property: Khasra No. 84/6, 85/22, B. No. Nill, P.H. No 79, Area 1,386 Sq. Feet, Plot

of Aabadi Land, Survey Number 68, Total Area -720 Sq. Feet Sitauted At Nagar Panchayat Ward No. 1 Gandhi Marg, Rajgarh, Tehsil Sardarpur, District Dhar, Madhya Pradesh. North: Gali; South: Property of LAN: NHSEN00000848475

Description of the Property: Municipal No. 209, Ward No. 3, Devjhiri, Sendhwa District Badwani Total Area 800 Sq Feet. North: Sanitary Lane; South: Public Path; East: Tappar Of Tarabhai; West: Land of

Description of the Property: Plot out of Kh. No. 10/5 Gha, (Presently Kh. No. 10/5/Gh/2) Situated At Village Udavour, Tola Maihar Pt Halka No. 41 R.N.M. And Tahsil Maihar, District Satna, Madhva Pradesh

Area 1,000 Sq. Mtr. (or 92.93 Sq Mtr). North: Sellers Land; South: Sellers Land; East: Sellers Land; West Rs. 40,82,004.71/-10) LAN: NHIND00000733237 Arneia Carriers Pvt. Ltd. / Selling Bank: ICICI HFC Surject Singh / Surendra as on 30.11.2022

Description of the Property: Plot No. - 39, Samrat Ashok Nagar Colony, Indore, Madhya Pradesh LAN: NHMIH00000857691

Mithilesh Namdeo; East: Khusinand Tiwari; West: Road.

Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. Date: 28.12.2022 **ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD.,** CIN No.: U65999MH2002PLC134884 • Website: www.arcil.co.in

BJP's meet organised to chalk out poll strategy Om Sport signs MoU with MP Tourism Board

of the schemes will be obtained. At the same time, four groups each

The Government of Madhya Pradesh will enter into an MoU with the Capacity Building Commission of the Government of India. In this, the focus will be on the training programme. Mission Karmayogi Yojana is a step taken by the Government of India in the direction of increasing the efficiency of the officers of the Ministries and Departments. In this direction, Madhya Pradesh will work to increase the efficiency of human resources in the gov-

Seva Mitras will be deployed at each development block level from whom information about the implementation

of ministers and senior officials have been formed to improve the image of the government. These groups will meet every month. Each in-charge minister will be accompanied by a researcher who will assist in data and programme infor-

ernment sector by assessing them.

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adhya Pradesh is becoming a hub for shooting of films and web series. Famous filmmakers and directors of the country are choosing the heartland of the country for shooting after being influenced by the film tourism policy of Madhya Pradesh.

In this series, Om Sport has signed an MoU with Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board and Madhya Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation to shoot five films and two web series in the state. The production house will also invest Rs 50 crore in these projects over five years.

Vivek Shrotriya, Additional able cooperation to the film-

Managing Director of the Board in the presence of Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary, Tourism and Culture Department and Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board.

Producers Ashim Khetrapal and Radhika Khetrapal were present from Om Sport. According to the MoU, the company will provide training to local artists and give them a chance in web series. The tourism destination of the state will also be promoted.

Company's producer Radhika Khetrapal said "it is a matter of pride for us to have an MoU with the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

The tourism department The MoU was signed by has always been of commend-

would celebrate his birthday on December

day wishes to him on social media Facebook,

Twitter, Instagram and Koo platform. It may

be mentioned that even in the last wave of

Corona, he had celebrated his birthday vir-

October". नाम परिवर्तन

makers. We will shoot seven

projects in the state. Everyone's

script is ready. The shooting of

the first film 'Children of God'

will start in January-2023 and

the film will be released in

में. मीर गौस अली सर्वसाधार को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेरे पुत्री असरा अली (Asra Ali) के शैक्षणिक प्रपत्रों में पिता एवं उनकी माँ के नाम के स्थान पर मेरा नाम GAUS AL एवं उसकी माँ का नाम SEEMA PARVEEN लिखा गया है जो कि गलत है जबकि मेरा और मेरी पर्ल का सही नाम (पिता) मीर गौस अर्ल MIR GHOUSE ALI एवं उसके (माँ) का नाम सीमा अली (SEEMA ALI) है. जो सत्य व सही है और उसके जन्म प्रमाण पत्र रजिस्टेशन क्रमांक 30722 में उल्लेखित है वर्तमान में हम इसी नाम से पहचाने और पुकारे जाते हैं और भविष्य में भी इसी नाम से जाने पहचाने एवं पुकारे जाएंगें। अत: मेरी पुत्री के शैक्षणि प्रमाण-पत्रों में पिता और माता के गलत नाम GAUS AL और SEEMA PARVEEN के स्थान पर सही नाम MIR GHOUSE AL और SEEMA ALI लिखा और पढ जाए. आमजन, सर्वजन सचित हों। पराना नाम (पिता GAUS ALI मो SEEMA PARVEEN)

(पिता MIR GHOUSE ALI माँ SEEMA ALI)

POSSESSION NOTICE

(Rule 8(1)) For

Mock drill held in Hamidia Hospital over Corona preparations

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the public to the government.

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schemes

the 2023 assembly elections in

BJP and Congress have stepped up

their preparations. The BJP, which is in

power in Madhya Pradesh, took sever-

al major decisions on Monday to provide

better benefits to the general public of

the Central and State Government

group of ministers after the capacity

building training programme of Shivraj

cabinet ministers at Chief Minister's res-

idence. After this training, it was decided that CM fellows would be posted in

each district. He will also cooperate with

the ministers in charge. Their work will

be to implement the schemes of the gov-

ernment and to convey the feedback of

At the same time, on January 15,

CM Shivraj discussed with the

Madhya Pradesh are to be held

next year. Even before this, both

orona mock drill was conducted at Hamidia Hospital today in the presence of Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang. Minister Sarang ensured the availability of Corona treatment beds, ventilators, ICU, human resources, oxygen plant and other arrangements including medical equipment. He instructed to remove the shortcomings found during the mock drill soon. In view of the alarming situation arising out of Corona in China, the Central and State Governments are on alert mode. Mock drills were conducted in medical institutions across the country on Tuesday to deal with the possible threat of Corona.

Oxygen plant was also tested during the Corona mock drill at Hamidia Hospital. During this, Minister Sarang told that the capacity of oxygen plant in Hamidia Hospital is 2 thousand LPM. 24-hour GPS system has also been arranged for monitoring in the oxygen plant with which oxygen can be provided by the service provider by tracking even before there is a shortage of liquid oxygen.

In a discussion with journalists, Minister Sarang said that in view of the possible danger of Corona, mock drill was conducted to check all the arrangements like oxygen generation, ICU, PICU, oxygen beds, medicines etc.. In Madhya Pradesh, all the preparations related to Corona are tight. He told that the situation of Corona is completely under control. For the last 4 days, not a single Corona infected patient has been found in the state. About 43 thousand beds are available in the state for the treatment of Corona patients. About 200 beds have been marked for

center of Hamidia Hospital during the mockdrill. He took information about the treatment system of Corona patients from the doctors present at the trauma center and gave instructions to prepare SOP as per the Corona protocol. Minister Sarang also

concentrator, ventilator and

Sarang appealed to the patients and their relatives coming to Hamidia Hospital to wear masks and get booster doses. He said that protection from Corona is the only protection. To protect yourself and your family from the possible danger of Corona, it is very important to wear a mask and adopt Covid-appropriate

Corona patients in Hamidia Hospital. 29 virtually. He has appealed to the well wish-Minister Sarang inspected the trauma ers to wish only virtually. Minister Sarang said that on the occasion of his birthday on December 29, well wishers can send birth-

inspected the oxygen supported bed, oxygen

expressed satisfaction over the arrangements. Dean of Gandhi Medical College Dr. Arvind Rai, Superintendent of Hamidia Hospital Dr. Ashish Gohiya and other departmental officers were present.

In view of the possible spread of new variant of Corona, Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang appealed to the people to follow the Corona protocol and said that he

🖈 केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Sai Baba complex, Near GDA building, Phool Bagh

Immovable Property Gwalior. 07512423126 The Undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Canara Bank Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002, in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12 read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice on below mentioned date to the following Borrowers/Guarantors, calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Notice with ir 60 days from the date of receipt of said notices. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, Notice is here by given

to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herei elow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Securit Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on dates mentioned below, the borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public i eneral is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank, for an amount herein below mentioned & Interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited t ovision of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Name and Address of Borrower / Property owner Outstanding Amount (Rs.) Description of the Property Borrower - Ashok Kumar Paliya S/o Shri Lalli Ram Paliya

Add: 2/GH, Ayodhya Colony, Dabra Gwalior (M.P.) Pin-475510 Mob. No. 919926519966

Name of Account /

Borrower/ Guarantor

Rs. 6,16,068.29 Interest and other expenses - Reco 26/09/2022 21/12/2022

Property Owner- Ashok Kumar Paliya S/o Late Shri Lalliran Paliya- Immovavle Property Survey No.151/M-1 Village- Dabr. Picchore Tiraha Ward No.2 Gwalior Road Dabra (M.P.) Measuring- 2100 SqrFt. Boundaries : East- Gwalior Jhanshi Road West- House of Chanda Nagar, North- Plot of Amar Singh Jata South – Property of Madhu Mishra.

Zonal Office : Bhopal Zone

Tel.: 0755-2555169, 2556770

Description of Property

POSSESSION NOTICE

Authorised officer, Canara Bank

Place: Gwalior

BANK OF INDIA

(For Immovable Properties) The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of India under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated mentioned below to the following borrowers/guarantors, calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of

receipt of said notices.

The under mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantor and the public in general that undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned in respective columns. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of India, Nasrullaganj Branch for an amoun in below mentioned & in Demand Notice Date Possession Date Amount outstanding

as per Notice Nasrullaganj Branch All that part and parcel of the property situated at kh. No 222,223,226,228, 229/3/2/1/1/1/1, ward no 02 Ph no 21 Vrindawar Borrowers: M/s Swati 15.07.2022 Machinery Store evam 22.12.2022 Nagar colony kasba Nasrullagani Tehsil Nasrullagani district Sehore Krishi Sewa Kendra ₹ 1515796.90 (Proprietor- Arjun Panwar Intt. w.e.f. 07.06.2022 & other charges Shri Bhagwan Singh, South: Rasta & House of Shri Pappu Sen, East uarantor-Vishram Panwar Road & H/o Shri Bhagirath ji, West : P/o Shri Rasheed Date: 22-12-2022, Place: Nasrullaganj

Authorised Officer, Bank of India

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frequent trials at high speed between Rithi - Salaia Section of Bina - Katni 3rd line Project followed by regular running of trains in Rithi - Salaia section. Please note that unauthorised entry in Railway land, except at authorized locations e.g. level crossings when open to road traffic, is criminal offence under section 147 of Indian Railways Act while punishment up to 6 months of confinement or fine up to ₹ 1,000.00 or both. Even while crossing the track at level crossings, general public are requested to follow rules of crossing, that too after observing trains on both sides and Cross only when it is safe to cross it.

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BJP slams Khurshid for likening Rahul with Ram

Stop using Lord Ram's name, riding roughshod over Hindu sentiments, says BJP to Congress

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With senior Congress leader Salman Khurshid comparing Rahul Gandhi "going out in T-Shirts in freezing cold" for his Bharat Jodo Yatra to 'Lord Ram' and describing him a "yogi doing tapasya", the BJP on Tuesday lashed out at him asking "if he would make similar analogies with other faith" and for putting "parivaar ki bhakti" (devotion to family) above "bhagwaan and rashtra ki bhakti" (devotion to God and nation).

The BJP also alleged that the Congress, when in power, had questioned the existence of Lord Ram and accused its leaders of repeatedly riding roughshod over Hindu sentiments.

"Will Salman ji ever make similar analogies for other faith? Can he?" BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla tweeted. It is important to note that this is the same Congress which has doubted the existence of Lord Ram and has filed an affidavit in the court stating that Sri Ram does not exist and is a mythological character, he



Hitting out at the opposition party leaders for their show of "sycophancy", the BJP said comparing a person out on bail in a corruption case, a reference to the National Herald probe, to a God worshipped by so many people not only hurts the feelings of Hindus but also

the entire society.

BJP leader and SC advocate Nalin Kohli accused the Congress of "conveniently accepting and refusing the existence of Lord Ram". "Congress should resist from taking Lord Ram's name into responding to a question about

all this. They use the name of Sri Ram according to their convenience," he said. Khurshid had on Monday said: 'Rahul Gandhi is superhuman. While we are freezing in cold and wearing jackets, he is going out in t-Shirts for his Bharat Jodo Yatra. He is like a 'yogi' doing his 'tapasya' with focus.'

Khurshid, a former Cabinet minister, also likened Congress workers to Lord Ram's brother Bharat. "Lord Ram's 'khadau' (wooden slipper) goes very far. Sometimes when Ram ji is not able to reach, Bharat takes his 'khadau' and goes to places. Like that, we have carried the 'khadau' in Uttar Pradesh.

Now that 'khadau' has reached Uttar Pradesh. Ram ji will also come, this is our belief," he maintained while

the Gandhi-led yatra not passing through Uttar Pradesh till now. Asked about BJP's reaction to his remarks, Khurshid told reporters on Tuesday, "If I believe somebody is following the path shown by God, then what will I say if I have to praise him? How do you praise a person if he has attained such a height? Isn't this said that he is like God? No one can replace God but everyone can try to

"Why should anyone object if I say someone is following that path and that people can again see the story they associate with God. If the BJP has never seen a good man, then it's their problem."

walk the path shown by him.

The yatra will enter Uttar Pradesh on January 3 through Loni in Ghaziabad. It will then pass through Baghpat and

'Kattar paapi' Sonia, Rahul should break silence on Vadra's graft: BJP

Demanding that Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi break their "silence" on corruption and money-laundering allegations against Robert Vadra, the BJP on Tuesday dubbed the Gandhi family as "kattar paapi

It cited the Rajasthan High Court's rejection of Vadra's plea to quash a money laundering probe against him. The Congress slammed the BJP questioning why the ED has not filed a chargesheet in the case in the last eight years.

The Rajasthan High Court had last week rejected a petition seeking the quashing of an Enforcement Directorate investigation into the purchase of land in Bikaner by a company (Skylight Hospitality), linked to Vadra and his mother, through alleged shady

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia described the purchase of land in Bikaner as fictitious and a complete fraud and facilitated by the Congress state government to benefit Vadra at the instance of the Gandhi family. Vadra is married to people. Huge parcel of land

Rahul's sister and Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi. The Congress has ended up in the ownership of the company in which Vadra and politics of hate," the Congress Rajya Sabha MP said. often claimed that the corruption charges against Vadra are politically motivated.

"This is a 'kattar paapi parivaar' (extremely immoral family) of India. Its only work has been to do corruption and rab land to hand over to Vadra," Bhatia alleged and rejected the Congress's claim of a witch hunt against Vadra, claiming that it amounted to casting aspersions on the judiciary which has refused to quash charges against him.

"They are the most corrupt family in Indian politics. Three members of the family are out on bail in corruption cases.

It is a serious matter of concern for a government with zero tolerance for corruption," he said, in reference to the corruption probe against Sonia and Rahul, both former Congress presidents, in the National Herald case.

Bhatia cited the details of the case against Vadra in Rajasthan and said the Congress government there during 2008-13 acquired land and allotted it to non-existing

through a maze of transactions involving fictitious entities, he

alleged.
"The then government headed by Ashok Gehlot bypassed laws and rules to appease Sonia Gandhi's sonin-law," he claimed, alleging that Vadra became the lead of a land mafia.

Gehlot is the current chief minister as well. Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala slammed the BJP and questioned why the ED has not filed a charge sheet in the case in the last eight years.

He claimed that the BJP is working overtime to throw spanners and obstacles in the way of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, from a malicious disinformation campaign about the Yatra and Yatris to taking cover behind Corona to secretly block the Yatra, and now, to level false allegations against the Congress government in Rajasthan and Vadra.

"Objective is clear – distract, mislead and misinform - from the focus on the issues of Inflation, unemployment, unequal distribution of wealth

Taking on the BJP's charge, Surjewala said, "BJP today indulged in fakery by stating two things. First, they said that between 2008-13 Congress snatched 1,000 bighas of land in Bikaner from farmers and allotted the same to two people - Hariram and Natharam, both of whom are fictional people. An FIR was then reg-

"Secondly, this land was then sold to Skylight Hospitality of Vadra and the Rajasthan High Court has rejected a case to quash the FÍR," he said. "These are devious and bogus attempts at fakery and to peddle lies.

The Congress government in Rajasthan did not take an inch of the land of farmers between 2008 and 2013 or allot it to Hariram and Natharam," he said, adding that the land was sold during the BJP government in Rajasthan.

Surjewala claimed it was the BJP government that allotted land in Bikaner's Gainer village in February 2007 to

EC begins delimitation of Parliamentary, Assembly seats on 2001 census in Assam

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday initiated the delimitation process of Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies in Assam and will use the 2001 census figures for the readjustment of seats.

received from the Union ministry of law and justice. In its order, the EC said a ban has been put in place effective January 1, 2023 on the creation of new administrative units in the state till the exercise is com-Delimitation is the process

of fixing limits or boundaries of the territorial constituencies in a country or a state with a

IN SHORT

MHA OK'S NAME CHANGE

New Delhi: The MHA has given

its consent to change the names

of two places - Mundera Baazar municipal council in Gorakhpur

recommendations from the state

government. The MHA issued

no-objection certificates to

change name of municipal

council to Chauri-Chaura and

that of village to Telia Shukla

SC STAYS NGT ORDER OF

New Delhi: The Supreme Cour

has stayed an order of National

municipality for failing to control

discharge of waste water into

Justices K M Joseph and BV

Nagarathna issued notices to

Centre, Odisha government and

others while seeking their replies

KUWATI NEW FOREIGN MIN

FINE ON KENDRAPADA

Green Tribunal imposing a

penalty of Rs 24 lakh on

Gobari river. A bench of

EAM CONGRATULATES

Minister S Jaishankar on

Tuesday congratulated his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-

Sabah on his appointment as the foreign minister, saying he

looks forward to working together for strengthening

bilateral ties. In October this

vear. Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-

Jaber Al-Sabah was appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs of

Odisha's Kendrapara

and Telia Afghan village in Deoria district - in Uttar Pradesh, following

OF 2 PLACES IN UP

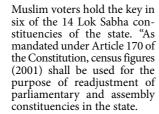
The move follows request legislative body. The term of the current Assam Legislative Assembly will end on May 20, 2026. The state has 14 Lok

Sources said that earlier this month, the Assam government has written to the Centre saving that the law and order scenario in the state is now conducive for the EC to carry out the delimitation exercise to redraw the boundaries 1976. bly constituencies. Muslim voters in Assam account for about

Sabha, 126 assembly and seven

Rajya Sabha seats.

37% of the state's electorate. The current assembly of 126 MLAs has as many 30 tiated following a request from Muslim legislators - 16 from the Union Law Ministry," it Congress and 14 from AIUDF.



Reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will be provided as per Articles 330 and 332 of the Constitution of India," the poll panel said in a statement.

"Under the provisions of the Delimitation Act, 1972, the last delimitation of constituencies in Assam was effected on the basis of 1971 census figures by the then Delimitation Commission in

seats of Assam as per Section 8A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 has been inisaid.There will be a complete ban on the creation of new administrative units with effect from January 1, 2023 till the completion of delimitation exercise in the state.

The delimitation of Assam's assembly constituencies is long overdue. The Delimitation Commission, which was set up in 2002 to readjust the division of assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies on the basis of the 2001 Census figures, completed the exercise in 25 states and Union Territories.

But the work was suspended in Assam following stay orders of the Gauhati High Court on a PIL challenging the validity of the 2001 Census report in 2007.

On February 28, 2020, the central government cancelled deferred delimitation in Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh due to security issues, saying the exercise could be carried out "now" as previous circumstances cease

More training on extradition matters needed: MHA Secy

Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Tuesday inaugurated Interpol Liaison Officers Workshop organised by CBI here. The theme of conference was "LRs/MLAT AND Extradition

The participants including Interpol Liaison Officers (ILOs) from States, Union Territories, other Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and officers from CBI attended Workshop. Addressing workshop, Bhalla said Union Home Ministry has designed a new online portal on Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) / Letter Rogatory (LR) requests which can be utilised for purpose and assured further assistance, if needed.

For effective law enforcement in respect of crimes having transnational footprints, further impart training on LRs and MLATs to the personnel in law enforcement chain and offered all assistance, including organising workshops/conferences in States. The Union Home Secretary further stressed

New Delhi: Union Home that requests from other countries for legal assistance should also be treated on priority as part of reciprocity. He invited feedback and practical suggestions towards improving efficacy of international cooperation channels for assistance in criminal

It was underlined that LEAs should make use of informal channels of police cooperation for seeking and sharing information on I 24X7 platform of Interpol through CBI as NCB India (National Central Bureau). The workshop also focussed on utilising Interpol Notices and drafting requests on crime investigation cooperation. The daylong workshop

deliberated on subject "Presentation on Guidelines of MLA/LRs & Procedural aspects of drafting LRs/MLA requests; portal, Presentation on extradition guidelines & procedural aspect of drafting extradition requests; Informal Cooperation through Interpol and points to be kept in mind while making urge for Interpol Matters".

Centre, Manipur ink peace pact with ZUF towards making NE insurgency-free PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

The Centre on Tuesday ■ signed a peace agreement with a Manipur insurgent group, which agreed to give up violence and join the peaceful democratic process. The tripartite agreement was signed by the Central and Manipur Governments and the Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) rebel group which mostly operated in Manipur.

In a statement, the Union

Home Ministry said fulfilling the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi of an 'insurgency-free and prosperous Northeast' and under the guid-Amit Shah, the government of India and the government of Manipur entered into a cessation of operation agreement in New Delhi with ZUF that had been active for more than a decade. Representatives of the armed group agreed to abjure violence and join the peaceful democratic process as established by law of the land, the

statement said.

The agreement provides for rehabilitation and re-settlement of the armed cadres. A joint monitoring group will be constituted to oversee enforcement of the agreed ground rules. This will be a significant Manipur, the statement said.

The agreement was signed by senior home ministry officials and the government of Manipur and the representatives of ZUF in presence of Chief Minister N Biren Singh.

Plea in SC against KGB panel to examine grant of SC tag to converts

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Aplea has been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the formation of a commission headed by former CJI K G Balakrishnan to examine giving Scheduled Caste status to people who claim to have historically belonged to the SCs but have converted to Christianity or Islam. Constitution

(Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 (amended from time to time) says that no person professing a religion other than Hinduism or Sikhism, or Buddhism can be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.

The plea filed by advocate Pratap Baburao Pandit contended he was a Christian of Scheduled Caste origin belonging to the Mahar community. The petitioner submitted that



the Union government has formed multiple commissions over the years and the appointment of a new commission will further delay the hearing of the issue in the apex court.

The top court is already seized of a number of petitions which were filed in 2004. "The petitioner is aggrieved because the main Writ Petition (Civil) No. 180/2004 and related petitions are pending for the past 18 years. The apprehension of the petitioner is that if the pre-

sent commission is allowed, the hearing on the main petition may be further delayed causing irreparable damage to the Christians of Scheduled caste origin, who are denied this SC privileges for the last 72 years. "It is also affecting the fun-

damental rights of the affected community, giving speedy justice is mandatory as per Article 21," the plea, filed through advocate Franklin Caesar Thomas, said. Besides Balakrishnan, the three-member panel includes retired IAS officer Ravinder Kumar Jain and member UGC Professor Sushma Yadav, according to a gazette notification issued by the Social Justice and Empowerment ministry.

The panel will examine the matter of giving Scheduled Caste status to new persons, who claim to have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes but have converted to a religion other than those mentioned in the Presidential Orders issued from time to time under article 341 of the Constitution.

The Centre had earlier told the apex court that the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 does not suffer from any "unconstitutionality" and the exclusion of Christianity and Islam was due to the reason that the "oppressive system" of untouchability was not prevalent in either of these two religions.

The government had said it has not accepted the report of the Justice Ranganath Misra Commission, which had recommended inclusion of Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims in the Scheduled Castes list, as

SC to hear on Jan 2 pleas challenging State laws regulating conversions due to inter-faith marriage New Delhi: The Supreme harassed under these laws Court is scheduled to hear on across the country. As per the

January 2 a batch of pleas challenging controversial State laws regulating religious conversions due to interfaith mar-

A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha is scheduled to hear the PILs filed by advocate Vishal Thakre and an NGO 'Citizens for Justice and Peace'.

The Supreme Court will also hear a plea by Muslim body 'Jamiat Ulama-I-Hind' which it had allowed last year to become a party to the petitions as it claimed a large number of Muslims are being office report uploaded on the apex court website, so far no reply has been filed by the Centre or any of the states which have been made parties to the litigation.

On February 17, 2021, the top court had permitted the NGO to make Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh the parties to its pending petition by which it had challenged some controversial state laws regulating conversions due to interfaith marriages. The apex court had on January 6, 2021 agreed to examine certain con-

troversial new laws of Uttar

Pradesh and Uttarakhand regulating religious conversions due to such marriages. It had, however, refused to

stay the controversial provisions of the laws and issued notices to both the state governments (Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh) on the petitions.

The pleas, filed by Thakre and the NGO, have challenged the Constitutional validity of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Religious Conversion Ordinance, 2020 and the Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion Act, 2018 which regulate religious conversion of people in interfaith marriages.

Inspection of Maiden Pharma held over quality concerns

A gainst the backdrop of the Controversy surrounding the quality of the cough syrup produced and exported by Haryana-based Maiden Pharma to Gambia, the DCGI along with State drugs officials has started conducting joint inspection of identified drug manufacturing units to ensure high standards of quality compliance with respect to drugs manufactured in the country. Though officials in the Union Health

Drugs Controller General of India

Ministry said that the step was initiated following directions from Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and it had nothing to do with the Maiden Pharma case, sources said that the move comes amidst a Gambian Parliamentary Committee allegations that concluded that the cough syrups imported from India linked to

the deaths of 70 children were contaminated with toxic substances. "The Select Committee is convinced that Maiden Pharmaceuticals Ltd is culpable and should be held accountable for exporting the contaminated medicines that was linked to the death of at least 70 children in The Gambia in 2022," the Parliamentary panel had said.

The Union Health Ministry officials, however said, the joint inspections are being conducted all over the country as per the Standard Operating Procedures. The serious complaint from the Gambia parliamentary committee had come days after the Union Health Ministry virtually gave a clean chit to the phar-

A committee of two Joint Drugs Controllers has been constituted at CDSCO (HQ) to monitor the process of inspection, reporting & subsequent action so as to ensure compli-

ance to the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules. This will ensure high standards of quality compliance with respect to drugs manufactured in the country, said the official. An action plan for nationwide inspection of manufacturing units which are identified to be at the risk of manufacturing Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) /adulterated/spurious drugs was made prior to carrying out inspections. The objective of drug regulation is to ensure safety, efficacy and quality of drugs available in country.

Consider posting staffer with 85% hearing disability to native place: Centre to Depts

New Delhi: The Centre has asked all its departments to explore the possibility of posting one of its employees with 85 per cent hearing disability to his native place in Kerala, according to an official order. The case relates to Vishnu S Nair (a person with benchmark disability or PwBD) with 85 % hearing disability in both ears.

Nair, a regular Section Officer of the Central Secretariat Service, is presently posted in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). He had requested for a transfer to his native place Ernakulam district in Kerala due to his hearing dis-

Nair had also approached the Commission for Persons with Disabilities for its intervention to arrange for his posting in any government organisation near his home district, said the order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

AWARENESS IN 5 STATES New Delhi: The Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecological Societies of India is undertaking a vatra across five States to raise awareness about mitigating the rising incidence of anaemia

YATRAS ON ANAEMI*a*

AIADMK will lead mega alliance for 2024 LS polls: Palaniswami

PTI ■ CHENNAI

AIADMK interim general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami on Tuesday urged party members to strive hard and improve the tally in the 2024 Lok Sabha election and said the party would lead a mega alliance for the poll.

Palaniswami, who is confronted by estranged colleague O Panneerselvam over the leadership tussle, hopes to resurrect the party, surmounting all odds, and steer it to victory, a senior leader said.

"His agenda is to form an alliance and win the Lok Sabha polls decimating the DMK," he

At the district secretaries meeting held here, Palaniswami told the functionaries that the AIADMK will forge a mega alliance and that the party

members should strive hard to ensure victory at the hustings.
The party should be

strengthened at the booth level and the members should focus more on people's issues, Palaniswami said at the meeting attended by several senior

The AIADMK leadership would decide on the number of seats to be allocated to the alliance constituents, he said.

"The year 2023 is very crucial for us. We hope to make a turnaround in our political fortunes and ensure the AIADMK registers a huge victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha election," former state minister D Jayakumar

Speaking to reporters after the district secretaries' meet, Jayakumar reiterated that the alliance would be formed



Asked about the con stituents, he replied, "there's still a year to go. You will come to know about those parties."

leader and former state minister Natham Viswanathan "Honestly speaking there echoed the general feeling was no discussion about O Panneerselvam, V K Sasikala or among the party members on T T V Dhinakaran at today's not taking back Panneerselvam meet. Our sole objective is to into the AIADMK.

Value education should be included in curriculum: Murmu

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday stressed on the importance of teaching value education to children to make them good citizens.

Murmu, who addressed the students and faculty members of the Keshav Memorial Educational Society at a function organised as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav here, said parents also, in view of competition, focus on children studying the syllabus taught in their books.

"I say everywhere that value education should be added in our curriculum, our system, our syllabus," she said.

If value education is imparted from the beginning, it will help in ushering in a good society, she said. She was responding to a

query from a student that the absence of study of ethical values is leading to unwanted incidents in the society. In her speech, she xpressed confidence that the

implementation of National Education Policy 2020 will create a learner-centric education system to foster critical thinking and creativity.

This shift in focus will not

only benefit the students as individuals, but will also contribute to the overall progress and development of the nation,

Emphasising on the importance of reading, the President said the habit of reading is one of the most effective means for

self-development. It is a skill

that would serve students well throughout their life, she said.

'In an age of internet and social media when attention span is getting shorter and communication is limited in characters, I will urge you to read more in order to improve your understanding and widen your perspective," she said.

Principals, teachers face CBI-ED in Bengal job scam

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Anumber of college principals and lecturers may soon come under the scanner of the Enforcement Directorate and Central Bureau of Investigation for their alleged role in the multi-crore school level recruitment scam. According to sources the

agencies have stumbled upon the names of some professors and college principals during the course of investigation and are preparing a list of these persons who have allegedly acted as intermediaries in the SSC and TET recruitment scam.

According to sources many of these functionaries had colluded with then TET chairman and Trinamool Congress MLA Manik Bhattacharya and then SSC chairman Subires Bhattacharyya.

Both of these persons are presently in jail along with former Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee who was also the second senior most minister in the Mamata

Though their exact role is not known it seems that these people acted as conduits who presented the names of would be appointees and also probably reached the cash they paid to the people higher up in the chain ... this was easier for them to do as they came from the same education department ... besides they were on high posts which increased their credibility," agency sources said.

Scores of illegally appoint-people have already lost their jobs following directives issued by the Calcutta High Thousands of people pur-

chased jobs in schools in what is being called a multi-layered

While lakhs of aspiring candidates appeared for TET and SSC exams in successive years several thousands of them managed to purchase their jobs as school teachers in the primary, upper primary, sec-ondary and higher secondary

levels. On the other hand many eligible candidates despite having qualified the exams were bracketed in the waiting lists.
The scam also took place in

the appointment of Group C and D employees.

The candidates' marks were arbitrarily increased whereas thousands of OMR sheets written by them were destroyed in a bid to obliterate the footprint of the crime. Notwithstanding, the

investigating agencies in due course of investigation managed to recover a few thousand OMR sheets and hard discs of various exams from Uttar While many of these OMR

sheets showed that some candidates had obtained "Zero" mark. Mysteriously however, their marks were artificially increased in the website of the According to sources these

jobs were sold for anywhere between Rs 5 and Rs 30 lakh, Meanwhile, Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu



Adhikari on Tuesday said that the big thieves of Bengal who had masterminded the scams would go to Tihar jail.

tions and to defeat the DMK,'

At the meeting, senior

Jayakumar said.

Asking the people to prepare for the panchayat elections Adhikari said "soon the biggest fishes that had perpetrated cattle smuggling, coal smuggling, teachers' scam and even usurped the poor people's houses in the PM Awas Yojna scheme would be banished to

"The ill-gotten cash from all these scams had finally found their ways to Kolkata where the TMC's top leadership gobbled them up ... these people will never be spared ... you take care of the smaller thieves in the villages during the panchayat elections and we will take care of the

In a parallel development in a major blow to the ruling Trinamool Congress the Birbhum district vice president of the party Biplab Ojha on Tuesday joined the BJP.

He has been close to Birbhum TMC strongman and party national executive member, Anubrata Mondal who is currently in jail on charges of

I&B Min buildings' audit led to vacating 11 lakh sqft space in 20 cities: Thakur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Tuesday said a space audit of buildings of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting led to vacating space of over 11 lakh square feet across 20 cities. During an informal interaction with reporters, Thakur said a space audit and efficient management of buildings carried out as part of the Swachh Bharat Abĥiyan also led to earnings of about Rs 22 crore. The space audit was started on September 29 by Thakur's visit to Doordarshan Kendra in Ahmedabad and concluded in Bhopal on Monday.

Personal inspection by Thakur in buildings housing offices of the ministry in Mumbai led to clearing of 90,000 square feet of space at prime locations which, if rent-



The vacated space is spread across 20 cities -- Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kurnool, Chennai, Thrissur, Thiruvananthapuram, Jabalpur, Chandigarh, Lucknow, Coimbatore, Panaji, Amritsar, Sambalpur, Bhawanipatna, Puducherry, Mangaluru, Berhampur and

to co-locate its various offices in the space vacated during the audit to bring about greater synergy among sister organisations and effective dissemination of information through integrated publicity plans, Thakur said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also mentioned the space audit carried out by the ministry in his 'Mann ki Baat' programme on December 25.

BSF jawan murdered by 7 members of family in Guj

He had gone to accused house to protest against

PTI ■ KHEDA

42-year-old Border ASecurity Force jawan was murdered allegedly by seven members of a family in Gujarat's Kheda district after he went to their house to protest while holding one of them responsible for circulating an objectionable video of his minor daughter on social media, police said on Tuesday.

The incident took place at around 10 pm on Saturday and the seven accused were arrested on Sunday, they said.

BSF jawan Melaji Vaghela, his wife and son went to the house of Dinesh Jadav at Chaklasi village in Nadiad taluka of the district to protest against the objectionable video of Vaghela's daughter, which they claimed was circulated on



social media by Jadav's son. "After a heated argument

over the issue, Jadav and his six other family members attacked Vaghela and his family members with sticks and sharp weapons," Nadiad's Deputy Superintendent of Police V R Bajpai told reporters.

Vaghela received injuries on his head and other body parts and died on the spot, he

His son Navdeep too suffered severe head injuries and his wife was also injured, the

An FIR was registered on Sunday night at Chaklasi police station under various Indian Penal Code Sections including 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult) and 143 (unlawful assembly), he said.

All the seven accused were arrested. They were sent to judicial custody on Monday, the official said.

An investigation was on into the incident. A forensic team was in the process of collecting evidence, he said.

The incident took place when Vaghela was visiting his family on a holiday before his transfer to Barmer in Rajasthan from Ambasan in Mehsana Superintendent of Police Rajesh Gadhiya said.

Deshmukh to walk out of jail, HC refuses stay on his bail

High Court on Tuesday refused to extend its stay on an order granting him bail in a corruption case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation

Justice M S Karnik had granted bail to the 73-year-old Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader on December 12, but stayed the order for 10 days as the CBI sought time to challenge it in the Supreme

The probe agency moved the apex court but the appeal would be heard only in January 2023 as the court is closed for vacation.

Last week, the high court had extended the stay till December 27 on the CBI's request

On Tuesday, the central agency sought another exten-

Aniket Nikam and Inderpal Tormer Maharashtra Home
Minister Anil Deshmukh is
Singh claimed that the CBI was court rejected his bail plea last trying to "overreach" the earlimonth. He sought bail both on likely to walk out of jail on er order of the HC which had medical grounds and merits of stances another extension will

be granted. They are failing to make out any urgency in the Supreme Court, and coming here seeking stay. This cannot be permitted," Nikam argued.

The vacation bench of the High Court, after hearing the arguments, said that "no further extension can be granted".

With the court refusing to extend the stay, Deshmukh could be released on bail on Wednesday, his lawyers told

The high court, while granting bail to Deshmukh, had noted that except for dismissed police officer Sachin Waze's statement, no testimony recorded by the CBI indicated that money was being extorted from bar owners in Mumbai at the behest of the NCP leader.

Deshmukh approached the high court after a special CBI

He has been in jail since November 2021 after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested him in an alleged money laundering case.

In April this year, the CBI arrested him in a corruption

Deshmukh, who has denied the allegations levelled against him, is in judicial custody at the Arthur Road Jail in Mumbai.

In October, the high court had granted him bail in the ED

Former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh in March 2021 alleged that Deshmukh, the then home minister, had given a target to police officers to collect Rs 100 crore per month from restaurants and bars in Mumbai. Former assistant police

inspector Waze, who was the party, said, "It has been



sives-laden vehicle found near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's house in Mumbai last year, also levelled similar allegations.

The high court in April 2021 directed the CBI to carry out a preliminary inquiry.

Based on this inquiry, the CBI registered an FIR against Deshmukh and others for alleged corruption and misuse of official powers. The NCP on Tuesday wel-

comed the court's decision. In a statement, Mahesh Tapase, chief spokesperson of

was wrongfully framed in a fake case and he will come out of the jail tomorrow after spending more than one year behind the bars. We will take his case to the people and make them aware of the injustice meted out to him."

The allegations against Deshmukh were politically motivated and no "money trail" was found, he said.

The party extends its support to Deshmukh and we will continue to fight against the people who falsely framed him," Tapase added.

TMC's Mondal arrested for cattle smuggling gets bail in attempt to murder case



PTI ■ DUBRAJPUR

court in West Bengal's ABirbhum district on Tuesday granted bail to TMC leader Anubrata Mondal in an attempt to murder case.

Mondal, arrested by the CBI in August in the cattle smuggling case, was booked by the police under IPC sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 325 (causing grievous hurt) and 307 (attempt to murder) on the complaint of a TMC worker

who alleged that he was assault-

The sub-divisional court in Dubrajpur granted bail to Mondal when he was produced, after the expiry of his ven-day police custody.

Public prosecutor Rajendra Prasad Dey said, "The investigating officer prayed for police custody but the court after examining the case diary and other records granted him bail. On behalf of the state, opposed the bail petition.

Vijayan meets Modi in Delhi

SilverLine,

The state government has

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM/NEW

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the latter's official residence in New Delhi, an official source said.

The Chief Minister's Office shared photographs of the meeting which is being held in the wake of farmers and residents of areas close to forested parts of the southern state protesting against implemen-tation of the one-kilometre eco-sensitive zones (ESZ) in those places.

Other than photographs of the meeting, no other details were released by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

An official source on Monday had said that the ESZ issue was likely to be discussed during the meeting.
Besides that, the delay in

getting the Central govern



ural disasters and pandemic, distorted policies of the Centre, connecting Kasaragod in the north to the implementation of the GST Thiruvananthapuram in the without much contemplation, south, and the financial crisis delayed distribution of GST that has gripped the state durcompensation and imposition ing the time of COVID-19 of cuts in the borrowing limit pandemic may also be topics of of the state by the Union govdiscussion, the source had said. ernment for the economic cri-

The protesting employees

Kashmiri Pandit staff move CAT challenging order prohibiting transfer from Valley

PTI ■ JAMMU

Protesting Kashmiri Pandit employees have approached the Central Administrative Tribunal against a Jammu and Kashmir administration order stating those granted employ-ment under the prime minister's special package cannot be transferred.

The move to approach the CAT's Srinagar bench comes days after Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha announced that the striking employees would not be given salaries, a statement criticised by all major political par-

Kashmiri Pandit employees have been on a strike for over seven months to demand their "relocation" from the Valley in view of targeted killings by ter-

hearing after the tribunal resumes functioning on

have also sought interim relief from being forced to join work at their respective postings till the government provides them a secure work environment and releases their pending salaries. The petition filed by

Boopinder Bhat and Yogesh

Pandita is likely to be listed for

They have challenged subrule 4 of rule 4 of the Jammu and Kashmir Kashmiri Migrants (Special Drive) Recruitment Rules, 2009, which provides that "in case the appointee migrates from valley again for any reason whatsoever, he shall lose the job without any notice and shall stand

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National parties?

Both the BJP and Congress units in Maharashtra and Karnataka have opposite views on land dispute

aharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has upped the ante by presenting a resolution on the decades-old border dispute with Karnataka in the state Assembly. It enunciates Maharashtra's resolve to contest the pending case in the Supreme Court with full strength for the inclusion of each and "every inch" of 865 villages including Belgavi, Karwar, Nipani, and Bidar Bhalki. This is reminiscent of the resolution that both houses of our Parliament unanimously adopted on February 22, 1994, stressing that Jammu and Kashmir was an integral part of India, and that Pakistan must vacate parts of the state under its occupation. But Pakistan is an enemy nation that has illegally grabbed our territory; in the present instance, both states involved are Indian and following the Indian Constitution. In both states, the Bharatiya Janata Party, which prides itself on its nationalist credentials, is in power. Such a resolution is an affront to nation-



al unity. To be fair to Shinde and his deputy, Devendra Fadnavis, their Government was apparently responding to an equally deplorable resolution passed by the Karnataka Assembly a few days ago. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai moved the resolution which was unanimously adopted by a voice-vote. "There is no compromise on the matters relating to Karnataka's land, water, language and Kannadiga's interest. The feelings of Karnataka's people and members [of the Assembly] is one of this subject, and if it is affected, we are all committed to unitedly take constitutional and legal measures to protect the interest of the state."

Since both resolutions were unanimously adopted in the respective Assemblies, all parties, includ-

ing the BJP and the Indian National Congress, consented to their contents. A question arises: where do these *national* parties stand on the land dispute between the two states? The state units of BJP and Congress Maharashtra believe that "every inch" of the land in dispute belongs to Maharashtra; similarly, the state units of BJP and Congress Karnataka believe that "every inch" of the land in dispute belongs to Karnataka. What, pray, do the BJP and the Congress believe — that is, if they believe in anything other than power? For how long can national parties keep pandering to the groups which thrive on sentimentalism, be it region, linguistic, or religious? Governance is a serious business, which must be carried out with reliance on facts, commonsense, and reason; it cannot be allowed to run amok, following the vicissitudes of demagogic politicians. But, unfortunately, that is exactly what seems to be happening. Former Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray is of the view that the Centre should declare "Karnataka-occupied Maharashtra" areas as a Union Territory. Despite the inappropriate description of the dispute areas, his suggestion is worth examining; it can be a UT till the Supreme Court decides over the matter. It is, however, not just the duty of the Centre to sort out the dispute but also of the two national parties.



Snow-covered Himalayas mountain range after fresh snowfall, seen from Shimla

Nature's wrath

Extreme weather is playing havoc in the USA where such a big chill is being witnessed after decades

t least 48 people have already died and thousands of flights have been canceled in the USA due to storms and severe cold conditions which are being touted as one of the biggest chills in decades. The cold is so stark that it is posing danger not only to humans but to entire ecosystem. Though it has been over a week there are no signs of any let-up and it is feared that the worst is yet to come. Buffalo, New York is one of the severest hit areas by the storm which is causing high-speed wind, rains, and snow across the US. According to the forecasts, the extreme cold settling over the US this week will be biting, as a blast of arctic air and strong winds threaten to plunge several regions into subzero temperatures. Roughly 150 million people across the US are facing the frigid conditions, posing life-threatening dangers to anyone without shelter, wrecking havoc on holiday travelers and causing power

outrages, and blocking supply lines. Since this extreme weather is not normally witnessed in the USA it is not as prepared to face it as Canada where subnormal temperatures are routine. Govt agencies across the country are urging households to prepare for the worst, with strong winds adding to the possibility of disruption in power supply. People are being advised to keep extra supplies, including blankets, to face any eventuality. This could be life saver.

Ironically, worldwide stark winters are becoming less common. The dramatic and sudden shift in temperatures, can have a profound effect on adaptation, especially for plants, animals, and ecosystem. The extreme weather and storms may be direct con-

sequence of upheaval in climate change, and fall out of human actions and interference . But it's clear that the underlying impacts caused by global heating may make them harder to endure. The abruptness of the drop in temperatures is also expected to impact aquatic life. It may be intriguing to know that such conditions can prevail in warmer climates like ours as some scientists are indicating. What has been the reason for such a sharp decrease in such a short span of time is still being debated but the reason for so many deaths can be attributed to a lack of preparedness and lesser tolerance for extreme cold conditions. This extreme winter is also a reminder that no matter how technically advanced you might be, you cannot beat nature which can take away what it gives. Life!

Restore deterrence along LAC for peace-



A 'Snow Leopard' style operation is needed to dissuade China from doing another Yangtse. The lasting peace can come only through quid pro quo.

am Madhav, once a powerful RSS voice who counted in the government, recently remarked that Indian action at Yangtse was only defensive but India is now prepared for China, adding that only Operation Snow Leopard against China was proactive. On the 15,000 feet high Yangtse plateau, the LAC follows Yangtse Ridge, the watershed where Indian border posts are located along a stone wall. Overlooking the plateau are the Yangtse heights which command a towering 360-degree view, especially of Tawang bowl 30 km away extending to Sela Pass where a tunnel is being built. It is one among several disputed areas resulting from the patchy marking of the McMahon Line on an 8-inch map and perhaps the only disputed area in Indian possession. This riles China as it was occupied by the bold actions of local commanders in Tawang when PLA infiltrated across LAC into Wangdung/Sumdorong Chu in June 1986. Over time, Tawang developed into a fortress. It has the 341-year-old Galden Namgey Lhatse monastery, second only to Lhasa's Potala monastery, the world's largest Tibetan Buddhist place of worship. More importantly, the 6th Dalai Lama was born in Tawang which Tibet administered till 1950.

For China, the succession of the 14th Dalai Lama is linked to the status of Tibet and its control over Tawang. During the talks starting in 2005 over finding a political settlement to the border, skipping LAC identification, three clauses turned out to be key: 'not to disturb settled populations'; 'political compromise'; and 'national sentiment'. India's claim to Tawang's 'settled population' was trumped by China's use of 'national sentiment; and 'political compromise. The Chinese offer in the 1950s of a border solution was a swap: India conceded Aksai Chin while China accepted the McMahon Line. Unfortunately, this Chinese position has hardened from concessions in the west to concessions in the east, mainy in Tawang. In no way

crook, even by use of force, try to retake Tawang which was under its possession for two months in 1962. China's new border law 2022 equates territory with sovereignty and makes recovery of lost territo-

The PLA's attempt to unilaterally alter the status quo at Yangtse is not their first. They've done so regularly since 2016 to assert China's claim over disputed territory. According to the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, supported by satellite imagery Dec 2022 of Planet Labs, Chinese infrastructure has improved significantly in one year with a road now 150 m short of LAC with new villages coming up close by. China's infrastructure development along LAC has created an 'escalation trap' for India which it tries to compensate for with increased readiness and surveillance to reduce the risk of accidental escalation. On 9 December, the PLA operation started around 3 am in foggy conditions, expecting to overwhelm Indian troops who were forewarned and beat back intruders with clubs and sticks. Through these attempts, says ASPI, China is testing indian willingness and readi China will compromise on ness to resist while eroding the Tawang and will by hook or status quo.



INDIA HAS GONE SILENT ON **DOKLAM IN BHUTAN WHERE** IN 2017, INDIAN TROOPS **ALLEGEDLY 'ILLEGALLY** CROSSED LAC' INTO CHINESE TERRITORY TO PREVENT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD TO THE DISPUTED TRI-JUNCTION **INVOKING ITS OBLIGATIONS** India has gone silent on Doklam in Bhutan where in 2017, Indian troops allegedly 'illegally crossed LAC' into Chinese territory to prevent the construction of a road to the disputed tri-junction invoking its treaty obligations with Bhutan. Following an agreement, the Indian and Chinese disengaged after 73 days. But the Chinese feigned withdrawal and soon returned. According to Planet Lab's, imagery obtained this month Chinese village 9 km east of Doklam at Pangda is inside Bhutan with now a bridge over Torsa Nullah. This will create a new red-line situation for India with Indian troops at Dokla just meters away from PLA at Doklam. India has allowed the Doklam front to reopen as Bhutanese would any day settle their differ-ences with China but for India's security concerns in Chumbi valley.

It is increasingly clear China will neither clarify LAC nor settle the border question. It will repeat its 2020 tricks in East Ladakh in other areas as its infrastructure expands further. After withdrawal from Hot Springs in September, China said it would not accept the status quo of 2020 created by India's 'illegal crossing of LAC. This fiction China has

used after every clash with Indian troops in shifting the onus of blame to India. High time India paused to rethink its China policy of diplomacy which has hit a cul de sac. PM Modi's handshake at Bali with President Xi Jinping has made little difference. Last week's 17th round of military talks produced a blank with zero progress on friction points Depsang and Demchok. It is the end of Disengagement without any Deescalation.

Madhav is wrong claiming India is prepared for China. Far from it. Deterrence has broken down and military diplomacy has also failed. The government's resolve to keep Parliament in the dark and Modi's reluctance to utter the 'C' word add to the complexity of the LAC dilemma. China is extracting maximum advantage from it. One way to rebuild deterrence is through QPQ (Quid Pro Quo) operations like Snow Leopard. Political will is needed for QPQ but so is a worthy allocation to next year's defence budget to boost deterrence.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT ANYWAY?

Sir — This is in response to Prafull Goradia's article titled "The life & career of Mohammad Ali Jinnah" (December 24). Though it would be unfair to say that the Partition of India was the handiwork of MA Jinnah only, the whole world knows that the Muslim League leader played a pivotal role in that gory episode. Had Pakistan been achieved by taking resort to non-violence dialogues debates and the population of the sub-continent not got adversely affected; perhaps a favorable case could have been made for Jinnah.

But the fact remains that it was Jinnah's call of "Direct Action Day" that provoked the year-long Great Calcutta Killings and resulted in thousands of innocents being butchered to death. Jinnah's dream of Pakistan got fulfilled at the expense of the lives of millions. And those who survived the mayhem found themselves raped, widowed, orphaned, uprooted, and homeless overnight. After achieving his goal, Jinnah acted pious by promising equality for all Pakistanis, irrespective of their religious affiliation! But that rhetoric is not enough to absolve Jinnah of the deadly crime that he had perpetrated against humanity. So painting him as "originally secular" is meaningless in the context of his future deeds.

NEW GOVT IN NEPAL Sir — Instability in Nepal for the last few decades has cast an ugly shadow on both its internal and external affairs. The November general election failed to produce a single candidate as no party could claim to form the govt despite Nepali Congress emerging as the single largest party. However, in a dramatic turn of events after weeks of speculation and negotiations were put to rest as former Maoist rebel leader Pushpa Kumar Dahal, Prachanda, is set to become the PM of the Himalayan state. His previous

A good decision



he decision or initiative of the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who invited Samaiwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati and Jayant Singh of Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) to participate in the Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY), as per

sources for the unity of the country is a welcome step. A formal letter has been written by the Congress leader but its not received consent from these leaders.

The Bharat Jodo Yatra will resume on January 3 from Ghaziabad in UP and it is said that Congress wants all like-minded parties to participate in the Yatra which is already successful in other states with a very large participation of people from all castes, communities, and religions. Earlier, many non-Congress leaders and celebrities including actor and politician Kamal Haasan joined the vatra. It is high time leaders of political parties must join the Yatra irrespective of different ideologies.

Bhagwan Thadani I Mumbai

political crisis over sharing of power. His decade-long armed struggle from 1996 to 2006 only ended with establishing peace in November 2006 by means of an

agreement. In a nation clouded by political and economic instability where smaller parties role as brokers by siding either with Mr Deoba or Mr Oli, it is no surprise then that its pressing problems like maintaining law and order, fighting corruption, creating jobs, improving economic conditions, providing health **Kajal Chatterjee** | *Kolkata* and quality education remain as elusive as ever. The new govt has its task cut out. The political changes may not bode well for India as the guerrilla leader's proximity to China and his pro-China stance will pose problems for a healthy relationship.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

SPORTSPERSONS' CAREERS

Sir — Sportspersons' careers often hang on slender threads, waltzing amidst swings in fortunes. None can be a better example of this fact than the two soccer giants - Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, whose contrasting campaigns two terms in 2008_2009 and 2015-16 were the highlights in the recently con-

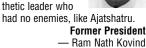
were marred in controversy owing to a cluded FIFA 2022 World Cup. While Messi reached the pinnacle of glory by winning the cup, in contrast, Ronaldo's extraordinary career has undergone a sudden, undeniable, and maybe irreversible shift. It is really sad that the Portugal star, post world cup, has been relegated to a state where he has millions of die-hard fans, yet still being lonely. Imagine a football giant, who everyone came to watch, yet was stuck on the bench often because of the rift in the relationship between him and Coach Fernando Santos. Or precisely, being Cristiano Ronaldo, yet not being wanted now.

Hitting the football into the net with regularity was what Ronaldo had been doing for years. But when he can't do that anymore, his value plummets. Sadly, just in the space of one world cup, Ronaldo's legacy has been battered beyond repair. As for Messi, completing the set of trophies with the summit clash of the game is not only phenomenal but also like cutting through the knife in the heart

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

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He (Vajpayee) was a rare combination of a politician, poet, fearless human being, and sympa-





I wished (Modi) a successful G20 presidency...now I count on India's participation in its implementation. I also thanked (him) for humanitar-

ian aid and support in the UN. **Ukraine President** — Volodymyr Zelensky

.. I was coming out of some serious cinema with Uri. Bhoot. As an actor even I was hungry to exploret.





I feel honoured to have been assigned this responsibility by Management

Committee and will have no stone unturned in fulfilling this responsibility to the best of my abilities.

Pakistan cricketer - Shahid Afridi

being spread about Rahul-ji. They should start Rahul Gandhi Troll Ministry and put

Smriti Irani as the in-charge. She does not talk about when atrocities are committed against women. Congress Social Media incharge

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FIRST COLUMN HEALTHY, FIT INDIA IS MUST FOR WELLBEING

Govt is addressing numerous critical health challenges



MONIKA ARORA

ealth is the building block for the prosperity of a nation. The Covid-19 has brought the focus back on healthy living and the need for robust health infrastructure, and the Indian government has been quick to respond. Even before the pandemic struck, the government was emphasising on the holistic health and well-being of all

With programmes like Ayushman Bharat and Mission Indradhanush, the government has been addressing numerous critical health challenges and promoting Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Another important but often ignored area for health programming has been women and adolescents. The health of the nation depends on the health of its women, children, and youth but health-seeking data among them in India is less than one per cent as per a study.

Similarly, only a few adolescents (5 per cent young men and 8 per cent young women) are aware of AFHC in India. Health Promotion among adolescents is the need of the hour as their empowerment is crucial to address the looming burden of overweight – obesity and NCDs among adolescents alongside the unfinished agenda of malnutrition and com-

POSHAN Abhiyaan is a path-breaking government flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, adolescent girls, pregnant



CNNS data has highlighted huge overweight-obesity prevalence among 10-19 years in India with five per cent in both girls and boys. Over 17 million children, aged 5-19 years in India are affected by obesity. If left unchecked, these numbers will increase to 27 million by 2030-34. Thus, addressing the food environment to enable healthy choices for children and adolescents is crucial. Findings of a recent study conducted by the PHFI's research team with support from the WHO country office for India in 2021 highlighted that the advertising environment in and around schools is obesogenic, despite government and educational institutes guidelines on restricting the availability and accessibility of HFSS foods.

Another PHFI study conducted a content analysis of food advertisements on popular television channels among children and youth in India. The results revealed that a total of 88.6 per cent of 1735 food advertisements were for HFSS foods and a higher proportion of food advertisements were seen on children's channels (38 per cent) than on youth channels (23 per cent). The study highlighted that the majority (90-95 per cent) of advertisements broadcast on television channels targeting children and youth were of HFSS foods. These studies laid the foundation for designing and initiating the "Let's Fix Our Food" (LFOF) campaign to combat an obesogenic environment for children and youth.

Better adolescent health can only be achieved by meaningfully engaging adolescents in intervention design and implementation. Recently, when multiple stakeholders convened nationally on the issue of addressing obesity among children and adolescents in India, it was noted that adolescents' voices were missing in these academic and scientific debates. It led to the launch of the 'LFOF initiative, which is co-created with adolescents. Under this initiative, their meaningful engagement in creating a healthy food environment in the country and leading to ownership of issues as campaigns are designed and delivered by the youth themselves. It will create health-promoting norms among adolescents, in families, and communities and will also support policies that will enable addressing malnutrition by addressing both ends of malnutrition: obesity and undernutrition. The time is ripe to come together and work towards the nation of our dreams, a healthier and happier India, by bringing all the relevant stakeholders for strengthening awareness and adoption of healthy behaviours around nutrition and physical activity among adolescents.

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Teachers should play role of friend, parent



A teacher's job is to equip the students to overcome the travails they face in their later life

here was a time when a teacher was looked upon as a role model by students. Apart from imbibing knowledge, students also copied their teacher's atti-tude and character in their private life. A teacher is considered at par with God; whatever they deliver is considered divine by the students and the parents. They were the sole provider of knowledge for students. Before the implementation of the Right to Education (RTE) Act 2009, corporal punishment by teachers was never considered a punishable act.

There are instances where parents supported the action of the teachers, for they knew that teachers punish students only for their betterment. Situations have changed recently, and parents consider even compelling a student to learn as a grave crime! If a student commits suicide, authorities make the teacher a culprit, and the media also goes against the teachers. A true teacher should act as a guiding light in the life of students, correcting them when they make mistakes and acting as a philosopher to provide tips to manage the travails in life.

But in today's digital era, the public perception of teachers has changed a lot. They are no longer considered a provider of knowledge. For today's generation, Google and YouTube are the knowledge sources. Even a kindergarten child knows how to use these on a laptop and smart-phone. Today's children learn to attain every skill through the internet. They learn foreign languages, learn music and other skills easily using apps available on the

Suppose the purpose of a university is to facilitate the advancement of knowledge and the development of high cognitive skills in the community. In that case, Google can aptly be called a 'Google

In this era of 'Google University', a teacher is considered secondary, mostly to act as an intermediate between humans and machines. For teachers to survive in this new world is challenging, especially for school and college teachers.

Teachers in the earlier generations ranked based on their knowledge in their domain and their attitude. Today if a teacher has to earn respect in the knowledge domain, they need to overpower the Google University. This is a difficult task for many. The attitude of a teacher in the present generation is hard to define. Indian society gives high respect to teachers and the teaching profession. Our tradition considers teachers at par with God, and hence they expect some qualities from a teacher that a student can emulate.

Truthfully speaking, most teachers are just moving with the trends of the society and never try to keep their individuality at the forefront. They try to satisfy the needs of the present generation of students.



IN THIS ERA OF 'GOOGLE

BETWEEN **HUMANS AND** MACHINES. FOR SCHOOL AND

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TEACHERS

Many of today's teachers try to be friends with students to be in their good books and be among them. Partying with students, dancing with them and being with them on social media are new means of impressing students. There are hardly very few students who expect their teachers to be a knowledge repository.

Everyone in our society, be it UNIVERSITY', A students or teachers, has become an attention seeker through social TEACHER IS media. Seeking attention is the basic human instinct. Toddler CONSIDERED basic human instillet. Totalet seeks attention from their parents; SECONDARY, a student seeks attention from their teachers; a teenager from friends MOSTLY TO ACT of the opposite sex, a professional from their peers; in every sphere AS AN of life and every stratum of soci-INTERMEDIATE ety, people have become attention

The quantum of posts available on various social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, or Pixstory is ample proof of this. A TEACHERS TO digital society is no exception. Teachers dancing with students, SURVIVE IN THIS leacners dancing with students, or even partying with students, or even CHALLENGING, has become a new norm in this ESPECIALLY FOR new world. Many teachers play appeasement politics with their students for their survival.

Of course, like any other per-COLLEGE son, a teacher has a professional as well as private life. There is no need to intrude into their private life. That doesn't make sense to have the teacher and student consuming alcohol together or taking a smoke together. There are excellent teachers who have their tempta-

tions like any other person. The authorities should check whether the teacher is doing their profession judiciously.

Even though a good teacher should be a friend to a student, they should know where to draw the line. They should know how to keep a distance from students. Too much closeness to students may be misused by some.

Many institutions have put forth a dress code for teachers, driven mainly by the prevailing traditions in that society. The dress code also gives dignity to the profession and helps demarcate teachers from students. Otherwise, it would be tough to identify a young teacher from a student. Imagine how our army men/ women would look without proper uniforms.

The unwritten rules and codes of ethics formulated by society are based on the experience our ancestors gained through their experience. The teachers are dealing with students, who are mostly in the age group of adolescents or teenagers. Their brain is fluid NEW WORLD IS dating students and posting their and is driven by the temptations caused by body chemicals. Many times the outward behaviour a student expresses is beyond their control. It's the duty of every teacher not to instigate their physiological status to extremes. In a recent affidavit filed by the Kerala University of Health Sciences at the Kerala High Court, it was stated that "absolute freedom on attaining the age of 18 may not be appropriate and good for the society, and maturation is fully accomplished at the age of 25".

In this digital communication world, a teacher must be more cautious in their attitude and behaviour on social media, as their students are constantly monitoring them. In this era, it is the duty of teachers to teach students how to behave on social media and how to tackle crimes associated with it. They should teach students how to

use the internet judiciously. With the emergence of AI technologies, all creative things like writing, drawing, compositions, etc., where human brains need to be used, can be done using the internet within minutes. In this situation, evaluating a student and developing content for teaching is an arduous task for the teachers.
A teacher's job is not only to

complete the syllabus or pass examinations but to equip the students to overcome the travails they face in their later life. A good teacher should play the role of a good student, friend and parent. Only if they consider themselves a student will they be curious to learn more from their domain. Similarly, they should be a good friend to students, listening to their concerns. They should also play the role of parents showing empathy and correcting them when they make mistakes.

The problem we face in our education system is that we lack teachers who are passionate about the profession. Many have taken up the job either by accident or by peer pressure.

Teaching is a divine profession, and teachers should show divinity by inculcating the spirit gained from our rich heritage.

YOU CHANGED THE ENTIRE [PCB] CONSTITUTION TO BRING IN ONE PERSON, NAJAM SETHI, AND TO ADJUST HIM. I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

— EX-CHAIRMAN OF PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD



THE CRICKET REGIME HEADED BY RAMIZ RAJA IS NO MORE. THE 2014 PCB CONSTITUTION STANDS RESTORED THOUSANDS OF CRICKETERS WILL BE EMPLOYED AGAIN. THE FAMINE IN CRICKET WILL COME TO AN END.

— CHAIRMAN PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD

Next year will be crucial for India on several counts

Economy, politics and foreign affairs will hog limelight with keen global interests in 2023

hat is in store for the year 2023? Will it be good or bad? For the past three years, the world has faced an unprecedented pandemic, Covid-19, which has devastated the globe. Crystal-ball gazers are hoping for a better scenario next year. They expect the economy's health will be restored and hope to resolve the war-like situation in Ukraine.

But the famous French astrologer Nostradamus predicted that in 2023 the Ukraine crisis might lead to a world war. He foretold a temperature rise and heralded the arrival of a new Pope, a civil war in America, civil unrest in the world, and a Mars landing.

The Economist magazine notes the global interlocking challenges, including the war



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in Ukraine, food and fuel prices, the fight against inflation, the transition to renewable energy, and China's uncertain post-pandemic path. India might overtake China as the world's most populous country next year. It has the world's largest youth population.

On foreign policy, India will host the prestigious 18th G20 Heads of State and Governments summit on September 9-10, 2023 in New Delhi. As part of the Summit, India will hold more than 200 events spread across major metro cities. Prime Minister Modi plans to showcase himself and India in a grand show to project himself as a world leader ahead of the 2024 polls.

The coronation of King Charles 111 is a colourful

event next year. Politically, for India, the upcoming nine state elections are the most significant in 2023. It will decide the fate of several parties and their leaders, including Congress, the BJP, and other regional parties. The strength of Rahul Gandhi will be tested in these polls after his current Bharat Jodo yatra ends in February. Nine states will go to polls

over the next 12 months. They are-Meghalaya, Tripura, and Nagaland in February; Karnataka in May; Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Telangana, and Rajasthan in November. The government might also hold elections in Jammu and Kashmir. The results will be a precursor for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Who wins and who loses will impact the electorate and the workers' morale. The ruling BJP is making

all efforts to expand its base. For the Opposition, it is vital to ensure that non-BJP parties win to stop the BJP juggernaut. There is a direct fight between the BJP and the Congress in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh. In Karnataka, there will be a triangular contest between BJP, Congress, and JDS. In Telangana, a triangular fight will be between TRS, Congress, and BJP. In Tripura, too, there will be a triangular fight between the BJP, the ongress, and the Left Front.

Of these, the BJP rules Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. Both are critical for Congress and the BJP. And so are Chhattisgarh and ernment from the BJP.

Rajasthan, the only two states Congress currently holds. The BJP wants to wrest Telangana from chief minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao, who fancies himself as the challenger to Modi. Confident because his party has maintained over 40 percent vote share, establishing its formidable position in Telangana, KCR wants to perform a hat trick. Though he has finished the Congress and Telugu Desam, to his dismay, the BJP has emerged as the main opposition party in the space vacated. The immediate focus is on

Karnataka. The BJP has high stakes as that is the only state the BJP is ruling in the south. The Congress-JD(S) combine has a chance to wrest the gov-

Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Mizoram are poll bound in the Northeast. The BJP currently rules Tripura. In Meghalaya and Nagaland, the BJP-backed governments are in power. The Mizo National Front government is ruling in Mizoram. The once pre-eminent Congress is almost finished now.

Will Congress revive its strength? Will Rahul Gandhi emerge stronger? The Himachal Pradesh win this month has boosted the morale of the Congress. It has allowed a chance for Congress to unite

the Opposition. The opposition parties have realised that Modi will get a third term unless they combine. They will decide on the prime ministerial candidate only after the polls. There are at least half a dozen contenders, mostly the egoistic regional satraps like Mamata Banerjee, KCR, and Arvind Kejriwal.

The return of covid with a new variant is a new threat. India managed to contain the pandemic by vaccinating a billion plus people. Still, the government should be on guard against any new variants.

On the economy, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget on February 1. Inflation and price rise are two critical issues. The World Bank expects India's GDP growth to be better than expected, but inflation would stay above 7 per cent.

Overall, 2023 might bring us better prospects in most

Russia says it shot down Ukrainian drone near airbase

The Russian military report-L ed Monday that it shot down a Ukrainian drone approaching an air base deep inside Russia, the second time the facility has been targeted this month - again revealing weaknesses in Russia's air

Russia's Defense Ministry said debris killed three servicemen at the Engels air base, which houses Tu-95 and Tu-160 nuclear-capable strategic bomber planes that have struck Ukraine with missiles in the 10month-old war.

Russia's Baza news outlet reported that four people were wounded and said a fire had broken out, with explosions, sirens and flashes on a video it posted on its Telegram channel. The Defense Ministry claimed no Russian aircraft were damaged. It wasn't clear whether the drone had been launched from Ukraine or Russian ter-

If the drone had been launched from Ukraine, it would have traveled more than 600 kilometers (370 miles) to reach Engels, located in Russia's Saratov region on the Volga River. Shooting the drone down

Russia again raises questions about the effectiveness of Russia's air defenses, particularly those intended to protect its most strategic military assets such as warplanes capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

In keeping with the Kyiv government's long-standing practice of not confirming cross-border attacks but welcoming their results, Ukrainian air force spokesperson Yurii Ihnat didn't directly acknowledge his country's involvement in Monday's incident in an interview on Ukrainian television, but said: "These are the consequences of Russian

He added: "If the Russians thought that the war wouldn't affect them deep behind their lines, they were deeply mis-

ous cross-border attacks during the war on its main territory, as well as on the Crimean Peninsula, which it illegally annexed in 2014. The incidents have outraged Russian military bloggers who say they show the country's weak air defenses and security systems in gener-



incident that couldn't be independently confirmed, Russia's Tass news agency reported Monday that the country's security forces had killed four Ukrainian saboteurs attempting to enter the Bryansk region from Ukraine. The report claimed the infiltrators carried explosive materials when they were caught Sunday.

The cross-border attacks on Russian military and other strategic sites prompted In another cross-border Russian President Vladimir

Putin to order almost weekly missile and weaponized drone attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, causing widespread blackouts that also knocked out heating and water supplies in increasingly frigid weather. The attacks, which began in October across much of the country, have been occurring as ground fighting focused on Ukraine's southern

and eastern regions. In eastern Ukraine on Monday, Luhansk's Ukrainian

governor, Serhiy Haidai, said Russian forces have withdrawn from their military command operations post in the town of Kreminna as Ukrainian forces were approaching after months of intense fighting. Russia's Defense Ministry didn't comment on the withdrawal claim.

Russian forces relocated to Kreminna and several other areas in September after they pulled back from the Kharkiv region in eastern Ukraine.

Kreminna is in the eastern

Luhansk region, which is almost entirely under Moscow's control, and is on an important supply route for Russian forces and serves as a gateway for movement into other strategic

Earlier, Haidai reported that Russia had withdrawn its occupying government administration from Svatove, 51 kilometers north of Kreminna.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address Monday that "the situation there is difficult. painful. The occupiers are expending all the resources available to them - and they are considerable resources - to squeeze out at least some advance.'

Haidai told Ukrainian television on Monday that Russian forces in the region are "suffering huge losses and medical facilities are overwhelmed with wounded soldiers." The Russian army is redeploying paratroopers from the Kherson region to the area, he added.

In neighbouring Donetsk region, partially occupied by Russia, fierce battles continue around the city of Bakhmut, which Russian forces have been trying to seize for weeks to consolidate their grip on Ukraine's east. Zelenskyy said last week Bakhmut was the hottest spot on the war's 1,300-kilometre

Ukrainian officials have maintained ambiguity over previous high-profile attacks, including drone strikes on Russian military bases earlier this month.

On Dec. 5, unprecedented drone strikes on Engels and the Dyagilevo base in the Ryazan region in western Russia killed a total of three servicemen and wounded four others. In retaliation, Russia launched a massive missile barrage in Ukraine that struck homes and buildings and killed civilians.

Elsewhere on the battlefield, at least four civilians were wounded in Russian shelling of five Ukrainian southeast regions over the past 24 hours, according to the deputy head of Ukraine's presidential office, Kyrylo Tymoshenko. Overall, the intensity of the shelling from Sunday night into Monday was significantly lower.

For the first time in weeks, Russian forces didn't shell the Dnipropetrovsk region, which borders the partially occupied southern regions of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, its governor, ed on Telegram.

This is the third quiet night in 5.5 months since the Russians started shelling" the areas around the city of Nikopol, Reznichenko wrote. Nikopol is located across the Dnieper River from the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, which is under the control of Russian forces and whose six reactors are shut

Ukrainian-controlled areas of the neighboring Kherson region were shelled 33 times over the past 24 hours, according to Kherson's Ukrainian Gov. Yaroslav Yanushevich. No casualties were reported.

On Sunday, Russian forces attacked the city of Kramatorsk, where Ukrainian forces are headquartered. Three missiles hit an industrial facility and damaged residential buildings, but no casualties were reported, according to local officials.

On Saturday, a deadly attack on the city of Kherson, which Kyiv's forces recaptured last month, killed and wounded scores of people. Local residents are lining up to donate blood for the wounded, Yanushevich said Monday.

Ukraine FM aims for February peace summit

Ukraine's foreign minister said Monday that his nation wants a summit to end the war but he doesn't anticipate Russia taking part, a statement making it hard to foresee the devastating invasion ending

Ukrainian Minister Dmytro Kuleba told The Associated Press that his government wants a "peace' summit within two months at the United Nations with Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as mediator.

The UN gave a very cautious response.

"As the secretary-general has said many times in the past, he can only mediate if all parties want him to mediate," UN associate spokesperson Florencia Soto Nino-Martinez said Monday.

Kuleba said Russia must face a war-crimes tribunal before his country directly talks with Moscow. He said, however, that other nations should feel free to engage with Russians, as happened before a Turkey and Russia.

The AP interview offered a glimpse at Ukraine's vision of how the war with Russia could one day end, although any peace talks would be months away and highly contingent on complex international negoti-

Kuleba also said he was "absolutely satisfied" with the results of President Volodymyr

Zelenskyy's visit to the US last week, and he revealed that the US government had made a special plan to get the Patriot missile battery ready to be operational in the country in less than six months. Usually, the training takes up to a year. Kuleba said during the

interview at the Foreign Ministry that Ukraine will do whatever it can to win the war "Every war ends in a diplo-

matic way," he said. "Every war ends as a result of the actions taken on the battlefield and at the negotiating table.'

Commenting on Kuleba's proposal, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told the state RIA Novosti news agency that Russia "never followed conditions set by others. Only our own and common sense.

A Kremlin spokesman said last week that no Ukrainian peace plan can succeed without taking into account "the realities of today that can't be ignored" - a reference to Moscow's demand that Ukraine recognise Russia's sov- at an international court. ereignty over the Crimean in 2014, as well as other terri-

Kuleba said the Ukrainian government would like to have the "peace" summit by the end

"The United Nations could be the best venue for holding this summit, because this is not about making a favour to a certain country," he said. "This is really about bringing everyone



At the Group of 20 summit in Bali in November, Zelenskyy made a long-distance presentation of a 10-point peace formula that includes the restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity, the withdrawal of Russian troops, the release of all prisoners, a tribunal for those responsible for the aggression and security guarantees for Ukraine.

Asked about whether Ukraine would invite Russia to the summit, he said that Moscow would first need to face prosecution for war crimes

"They can only be invited

About the UN Secretary General's role, Kuleba said: "He has proven himself to be an efficient mediator and an efficient negotiator, and most importantly, as a man of principle and integrity. So we would welcome his active participa-

The UN spokesman's office had no immediate comment.

Other world leaders have also offered to mediate, such as

The foreign minister again downplayed comments by Russian authorities that they are ready for talks.

those in Turkey and Saudi

"They (Russians) regularly say that they are ready for negotiations, which is not true, because everything they do on the battlefield proves the opposite," he said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin claimed few days ago that his country is ready for talks to end the war in Ukraine, but suggested that the Ukrainians are the ones refusing to take ments, Moscow's forces have kept attacking Ukraine - a sign that peace isn't imminent.

Želenskyy's visit to the US was his first foreign trip since the war started on February 24. Kuleba praised Washington's efforts and underlined the significance of the visit.

Ukraine secured a new USD 1.8 billion military aid package, including a Patriot

missile battery, during the trip. Kuleba said that the move "opens the door for other countries to do the same.'

He said that the US government developed a programme for Ukrainian troops to complete training faster than usual "without any damage to the quality of the use of this weapon on the battlefield."

While Kuleba didn't mention a specific time frame, he said only that it will be "very much less than six months. And he added that the training will be done "outside" Ukraine.

During Russia's ground and air war in Ukraine, Kuleba has been second only to Zelenskyy in carrying Ukraine's message and needs to an international audience, whether through Twitter posts or meetings with friendly foreign officials.

On Monday, Ukraine called on UN member states to deprive Russia of its status as a permanent member of the UN Security Council and to exclude it from the world body. Kuleba said they have long "prepared for this step to Russia of its status."

The Foreign Ministry says that Russia never went through the legal procedure for acquiring membership and taking the place of the USSR at the UN Security Council after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

This is the beginning of an uphill battle, but we will fight, because nothing is impossible, he told the AP.

Amid Ukraine conflict, COVID-inflicted crises, India emerges as voice of Global South

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

 \mathbf{I} ndia emerged as a voice of the Global South during its two-year term in the powerful UN Security Council, which acrimoniously deliberated on Russia's invasion of Ukraine that led to unprecedented levels of global food and fuel insecurity as the world continued to grapple with inequalities amplified by the pandemic.

Before relinquishing its non-permanent seat in the 15member Council on December 31, 2022, India presided over the powerful UN body in December with the country's first woman Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj sitting in the President's seat at the horse-shoe table.

Just about two months into India's second year of its 2021-2022 term on the Council as elected non-permanent member, Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a 'special military operation' in eastern Ukraine

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres made a direct and strong appeal to Putin to "stop your troops from attacking Ukraine" and give peace a chance as the UN chief called the invasion the 'saddest moment in my tenure as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

As the Russian invasion unfolded, India's then UN

envoy Ambassador T S Tirumurti in February underscored New Delhi's call for urgent de-escalation of tensions and cautioned that the situation was in danger of spiralling into a major crisis.

In statements in the Council and the General Assembly throughout the year, India consistently and the statement of the consistently and the statement of the st India consistently called for an immediate cessation of hostilities and an end to violence. New Delhi emphasised that dialogue and diplomacy are the only way forward and actions that exacerbate the conflict

"Our world faced many trials and tests in 2022 - some familiar, others we might not have imagined just one year ago," Guterres said, adding that even in the brutal war in Ukraine, the power of determined, discreet diplomacy has helped people and tackle unprecedented levels of global food insecurity.

India abstained on most

resolutions related to the Russia-Ukraine war in the Security Council, General Assembly and the Human Rights Council, including on a Security Council procedural resolution to convene a rare emergency special session of the General Assembly.

The 193-member General Assembly, the most representative body of the United Nations, convened the rare emergency session on February 28 on Russia's aggression against Ukraine, only the 11th such emergency session of

Kamboj, who took charge of India's Permanent Mission in New York in August, has asserted that in the course of the Ukraine conflict, India has spoken in one voice that we are for peace. Peace is also a side and we favour diplomacy and dialogue...We are among the few countries, dare I say, which are speaking to both

Assassination bid on Imran 'planned conspiracy', says JIT



The assassination bid on Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan during his long march to Islamabad last month was a "well-thoughtout conspiracy," according to the Joint Investigation Team

(JIT) probing the incident. Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, suffered bullet injuries in the right leg on November 3 when two gunmen fired a volley of bullets at him and others standing on a container-mounted truck in the Wazirabad area (some 150-km from Lahore), where he was leading the long march

to press for snap polls Briefing the media on the findings of the JIT headed by Lahore police chief Ghulam Mahmood Dogar, Punjab Home Minister Ömar Sarfraz Cheema said on Monday that

organised one and wellthought-out conspiracy.' He said the JIT investiga-

the gun attack on Khan was

tion found that more than one attacker tried to assassinate 70-year-old Khan in the rally.

Police had arrested the prime suspect, Muhammad Naveed, who has been in the JIT custody on a physical remand till January 3 for inter-

The minister said Naveed is a "trained assassin and he was present at the crime scene with accomplices.'

He said Naveed also failed polygraph test. Naveed had told police he wanted to kill Khan as music was played during Azan time during his long march/rally.

Naveed's cousin Muhammad Waqas has also been in the JIT's custody till January 3 for a controversial

social media post. Waqas on November 3 had tweeted "something big is going to happen today in Imran Khan's

Khan had blamed Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and Major General Faisal Naseer of ISI for hatching a plot to assassinate him. Tĥe Punjab police had registered the FIR in connection

with the assassination attempt on Khan but didn't mention the high-profile suspects including ISI's top man Khan held responsible for the attack. Khan dismissed the FIR,

saying without nominating Sharif, Sanaullah, and ISI Counter Intelligence Wing head Maj-Gen Faisal in the FIR it is a mere "piece of trash".

The Punjab police said

they nabbed Naveed from the crime scene and he had confessed to his crime. Naveed in his confessional statement said that he wanted to kill Khan as music was played during Azan time during his long march.

Indirectly blaming the powerful military establishment, Khan had said: "I wonder if I, being former Prime Minister of Pakistan, can't get an FIR registered in connection with the attack on me and other PTI workers what will happen to the common man.

Sharif pledges to eliminate terrorism from Pakistan



PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

As Pakistan reels from multiple incidents of terrorism, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reaffirmed his vow to eradicate the menace amid criticism from ousted premier Imran Khan on the government's "failure" to curb militancy during its eight-month stint.

Addressing a gathering in the Dera Ismail Khan district of the restive Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province on Monday, Sharif said that the menace of terrorism was on the rise and the state would crush it very soon, the Dawn newspaper quoted him as saying.

He said that with the help of provincial governments and security forces, the government would eliminate terrorism in all its forms. Sharif said that a meeting

the National Security

Committee (NSC) would be summoned in a few days to take stock of the security situ-

Commenting on the attack on a security compound claimed by the outlawed Pakistani Taliban (TTP) terror group in the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Bannu district last week, Sharif said it was heart-breaking and added that the law enforcement agencies conducted a successful operation, killing all terrorists who had taken over the compound.

Meanwhile, former prime minister Khan, who wants snap polls in the country at all costs and is likely to dissolve Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assemblies, lambasted the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) government for its "failure" to rein in terrorism after coming to power

in April this year.
During a Pakistan Tehreek-

e-Insaf meeting at his residence in Lahore, Khan, the chairman of the party, claimed that his government had "controlled terrorism and was proudly leading the country towards making it one of the world's top tourism destina-

He expressed his concern over the situation at the Pakistan-Afghan border as well. He claimed there was a 52 per cent increase in terror incidents since April and chided the government for the resurgence of terrorism.

"At least 52 per cent increase has been recorded in terrorism cases across the country that claimed some 270 precious lives and left over 550 people injured," the former premier said.

Separately, PTI party leader Fawad Chaudhry told reporters that terrorism was returning to Pakistan.

He said that during its tenure, the PTI government was proudly projecting Pakistan as the world's top tourist destination, and now the nation was being pushed into the "fire of terrorism, and the embassies were issuing advisories to their employees to avoid five-star hotels" in



Pakistan makes 'special' security plan for Islamabad amid terror alert

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Police on Tuesday announced special security measures, including setting up 25 new check-posts, to tighten security in the federal capital here after several countries, including the US, UK, Saudi Arabia and Australia asked their citizens to restrict their movement, warning of a possible terror threat.

According to the security plan, shared on Islamabad police's official Twitter account, entry points of the Red Zone will be recorded via Safe City cameras while video surveillance of metro bus passengers would also be conducted.

Pakistani citizens as well as foreign nationals have been asked to carry their identification documents with them.

"Special security plan issued in view of the current

Temporary security check posts have been established at 25 different locations in Islamabad," Police also advised the local people to register tenants

and employees at the nearest

police station and warned that

security situation in Islamabad.

those employing unregistered local or foreign workers will be investigated. All motorists have been instructed to ensure their vehicles had number plates issued by the excise office. People have been asked to inform authori-

ties of any unusual activity on

the helpline. The security plan comes in the wake of the US, UK, Saudi Arabian and Australian governments issuing advisories to their respective citizens in Pakistan to restrict their movements due to possible terror

Western New York hit by cold, storm; death toll ups to 28

 $B_{\text{around space heaters, hunt-}}^{\text{uffalo}}$ ed for cars buried in snow drifts and looked for more victims Monday, after 28 people died in one of the worst weather-related disasters ever to hit western New York.

The rest of the United States also was reeling from the ferocious winter storm, with at least another two dozen deaths reported in other parts of the

Up to 9 more inches of snow (23 centimeters) could fall in some areas of western New York through Tuesday, the National Weather Service said.

'This is not the end yet," said Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, calling the blizzard "the worst storm probably in our lifetime," even for an area accustomed to punishing snow.

Some people, he noted, were stranded in their cars for more than two days.

President Joe Biden said his prayers were with the victims' families, and offered federal assistance Monday to the hard-

Those who lost their lives around Buffalo were found in cars, homes and snowbanks.

snow, others when emergency crews could not respond in time to medical crises.

Melissa Carrick, a doula, said the blizzard forced her to coach a pregnant client through childbirth by telephone. An ambulance crew transported the woman to a hospital about 45 minutes south of Buffalo because none of the closer hospitals were reachable.

"In any other normal Buffalo storm? I would just go because that's what you do – just drive through the snow," she said. "But you knew this was different.

Scientists say the climate change crisis may have contributed to the intensity of the storm. That's because the atmosphere can carry more water vapour, which acts as fuel, said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center at the University of Colorado,

Victor Gensini, a meteorology professor at Northern Illinois University, likened a single weather event to an "atbat" — and the climate as your "batting average." "It's hard to say," Serreze

said. "But are the dice a little bit loaded now? Absolutely.



Utility trucks line up in Buffalo, N.Y., where thousands remain without power after blizzard conditions on Monday

The blizzard roared across western New York Friday and Saturday. With many grocery stores in the Buffalo area closed and driving bans in place, some people pleaded on social media for donations of food

"It was like looking at a

white wall for 14 to 18 hours straight," Poloncarz, the county official, said. Relief is coming later this

peratures to slowly rise, said Ashton Robinson Cook, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Cook said the bomb cyclone — when atmospheric pressure drops very quickly in

ened. It developed near the Great Lakes, stirring up blizzard conditions including heavy winds and snow.

Some 3,410 domestic and international flights were cancelled Monday as of about 3 p.M. EDT, according to the tracking site FlightAware. The site said Southwest Airlines had 2,497 cancellations about 60% of its scheduled flights and about 10 times as many as any other major US

Southwest said the weather was improving, which would stabilize and improve our sit-

Based on FlightAware data, airports all across the US were suffering from cancellations and delays, including Denver, Atlanta, Las Vegas, Seattle, Baltimore and Chicago.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul toured the aftermath in Buffalo — her hometown — on Monday, calling the blizzard "one for the ages". Almost every fire truck in the city became stranded Saturday, she

Hochul noted the storm came a little over a month after the region was inundated with another "historic" snowfall. Between the two storms, snowthe 242 centimeters the area normally sees in an entire winter season.

The National Weather Service said the snow total at Buffalo Niagara International Airport stood at 1.25 metres at 10 am Monday. Officials say the airport will be shut through Wednesday morning. Shahida Muhammad told

WKBW that an outage knocked out power to her 1year-old son's ventilator. She and the child's father manually administered breaths from Friday until Sunday when rescuers saw her desperate social media posts and came to their

In a makeshift hut in her living room, Trisha LoGrasso was still huddled around a space heater Monday with three of her children and her eldest daughter's boyfriend. The temperature inside her Buffalo home was 5.5 degrees Celsius. She was without heat because of a gas leak, and burst pipes left her with no running water.

"I've lived here my whole life, and this is the worst storm I've ever seen," the 48-year-old said. Melissa Osmon and her husband James were without

in the Buffalo suburb of Williamsville, and would retreat to their car to stay

warm for hours at a time. We even watched the Buffalo Bills game on our phone," Osmon said, speaking by phone from her GMC

said. "That's how cold it is."

The storm knocked out power in communities from Maine to Seattle.

Acadia. "You can see your breath inside the house," she

Storm-related deaths were reported practically nationwide, including at least eight killed in crashes in Missouri, Kansas and Kentucky. A woman fell through Wisconsin river ice, and there was a fatal fire at a Kansas homeless per-

In Jackson, Mississippi, crews struggled Monday to get water through the capital city's beleaguered water system, authorities said. Many areas had no water or low water pressure. On Christmas Day, residents were told to boil their drinking water due to water lines bursting in the frigid temperatures.
"The issue has to be sig-

nificant leaks in the system that we have yet to identify," the city said in a statement Monday.

More Rohingya refugees reach Indonesia after weeks at sea

AP ■ PIDIE

Asecond group in two days of weak and exhausted Rohingya Muslims landed on a beach in Indonesia's northernmost province of Aceh on Monday after weeks at sea, offi-

At least 185 men, women and children disembarked from a rickety wooden boat at dusk on Ujong Pie beach at Muara Tiga, a coastal village in Aceh's Pidie district, said local police chief Fauzi, who goes by a single name. "They are very weak

because of dehydration and exhaustion after weeks at sea." Fauzi said. They were taken to the village hall and will stay there while they receive help

United Nations agency is

Aseeking information about

the voyage of over 100

Rohingya Muslim refugees

who landed on an Indonesian

beach this week, and warned

Tuesday that there will likely be

lated widely in social media

showed the dehydrated and

exhausted Rohingya, crum-

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the Protection Associate at

Commissioner for Refugees,

apan's Prime Minister Fumio

Kishida on Tuesday dis-

missed his fourth minister in

two months to patch a scandal-

tainted Cabinet that has raised

questions over his judgment of

charge of reconstruction of

Fukushima and other disaster-

hit areas, has faced allegations

of mishandling political and

election funds and of having

murky ties to the Unification

Church, whose cozy political

ties and practices surrounding

followers' huge donations have

Kenya Akiba, minister in

staff credentials.

Fauzi said.

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Japan PM sacks 4th minister

to patch up scandal-hit Cabinet

At least 185 men, women

many crying for help.

A distressing video circu-

more.

UN agency probes

origin of Rohingya

refugees in Indonesia

from residents, health workers and others.Fauzi said that immigration officials and police were trying to identify the refugee to determine if they were from the group of 190 Rohingya who were reported by United Nations to be drifting in a small boat in the Andaman Sea for a month.

The UNHCR on Friday

urged countries to rescue the

refugees, saying reports indicated they were in dire condition with insufficient food or "Many are women and children, with reports of up to 20 people dying on the unsea-

worthy vessel during the journey," the agency said. Also on Friday, another group of 58 Rohingya — all

said the agency would provide

Rohingya language translators

and counselling to determine if

they were from the group of

190 Rohingya who were

reported by United Nations to

be drifting in a small boat in

the Andaman Sea for a month.

and insecure situations in their

country of origin, it is possible that the movement of refugees

to find safe places will continue to grow," he said.

works in support of Myanmar's

Rohingya, confirmed Tuesday

that the boat that landed

Monday on Ujong Pie beach

UNHČR could not verify that

information and was still coor-

dinating with governments in

the region.

Rohingya refugees.

raised controversy.

"I have made a heavy

decision and submitted my resignation," Akiba told

reporters after meeting with

Kishida. He repeated that he

has never violated any law in

relation to the issues for which

reconstruction minister

Hiromichi Watanabe as a

replacement. Watanabe's

appointment was to be official

as Kishida's attempt to remove

an administration's soft

Akiba's dismissal was seen

after a palace ceremony.

Kishida tapped former

he has been criticised.

Chris Lewa, the director of

'With prolonged-conflict



Indonesian soldiers help ethnic Rohingva women and children to step out of a military truck upon arrival at a temporary shelter after their boat landed in Pidie Aceh province, Indonesia on Monday

men — arrived in Ladong village in Aceh Besar district.

Azharul Husna, who heads the Aceh brach of KontraS, an Indonesian rights group, said Monday that the men in the group all carried UNHCR cards from refugee they came ashore in Aceh. left in search of a better life in

Ćiting one of them, Husna said the 58 refugees left Cox's

Bazar in Bangladesh, where more than 700,000 Rohingya from Myanmar had fled, to work on plantations in Malaysia. Their boat was damaged and the engine failed, leaving them drifting at sea until

security forces have been accused of mass rapes, killings and burning of thousands of homes belonging to Rohingya.

Israeli air force veterans say incoming government a danger



AP ■ JERUSAI EM

"But we will continue to ver 1,000 senior Israeli air Oforce veterans, including search for further information to ensure the actual data,' a former Israeli chief of staff, Syukri told reporters on on Monday urged the coun-Tuesday while visiting the try's top legal officials to stand tough against the incoming In a letter to the chief of

Israel's Supreme Court and other top officials, they said the alliance of religious and ultranationalist parties threatens Israel's future. The letter was delivered days before the new government is to take "We come from all strata

of society and from across the political spectrum. What we have in common today is the fear that the democratic state of Israel is in danger", the letter said.

It called the legal officials "the final line of defence" and implored them to "do everything in your reach to stop the disaster that is affecting the country.

Among the nearly 1,200 signatories were Dan Halutz, who served as military chief from 2005-2007; Avihu Ben-

Israeli doctors reject Netanyahu ally's

anti-LGBTQ remarks

AP ■ JERUSALEM

srael's largest medical centre and healthcare workers from hospitals around the country have spoken out against remarks by allies of Benjamin Netanyahu calling for a law to allow discrimination against LGBTQ people in hospitals and busi-

It was part of a broader blowback against remarks made this week by Religious Zionism politicians calling for legal discrimination against LGBTQ people.

Netanyahu's new government — the most religious and hard-line in Israel's history — is made up of ultra-Orthodox parties, an ultranationalist religious faction, and his Likud party. It is to be sworn in on Thursday.

Nun, a former commander of the air force and Amos Yadlin, a former head of military intelligence.

All three are former fightpilots. Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his ultra-Orthodox and far-right partners captured a parliamentary majority in Nov.

Foreign firms happy as China ends quarantine the latest wave of outbreaks to

 $F^{\text{oreign companies welcomed}}_{\text{China's decision to end}}$ quarantines for travellers from abroad as an important step to revive slumping business activity while Japan on Tuesday joined India in announcing restrictions on visitors from the country as infections surge. The ruling Communist

Party's abrupt decision to lift some of the world's strictest anti-virus controls comes as it tries reverse an economic downturn. It has ended curbs that confined millions of people to their homes and sparked protests, but hospitals have been flooded with feverish, wheezing patients as the virus spreads. The announcement late

Monday that quarantines for travellers from abroad will end Jan. 8 is the biggest step toward ending limits that have kept most foreign visitors out of China since early 2020. Quarantines were reduced last month from seven days to five.

Also Monday, the government downgraded the official seriousness of Covid-19 and dropped a requirement for people with the virus to be quarantined. That added to a rapid drumbeat of steps to dismantle controls that had been expected to stay in place at least through mid-2023.

"It finally feels like China has turned the corner," the



China, Colm Rafferty, said in a statement. He said ending the quarantine "clears the way for resumption of normal business travel." Business groups have warned companies were shifting investment away from China because for-

from visiting. The American chamber said more than 70% of companies that responded to a poll this month expect the impact of

eign executives were blocked

last no more than three months, ending in early 2023.

The British Chamber of

Commerce expressed hope China will restart normal processing of business visas to "resumption of crucial people to people exchanges." It said that will "contribute to restoring optimism and reinstating China as a priority investment destination.'

The move "will potentially boost business confidence," but companies are likely to "wait to see how the situation on the ground evolves" before making long-term decisions, the European Chamber of Commerce in China said in a statement.

Meanwhile, announced visitors from China will undergo virus tests starting Friday as a "temporary emergency measure.

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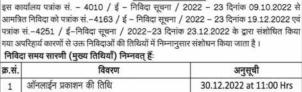
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My client Shri Ram Lals/o Late Shiv Lal r/c 603, Sunlight Colony-II, New Delhi-110014 hereby disown his (1) grand-son Shri Tarui Kumar s/o Shri Harbans Lal, (2) grand-daugh ter-in-law Smt. Anita, w/o Shri Tarun Kumai both r/o 619, Sunlight Colony-II, New Delhi share in entire property No.619, Sunlight Colony-II, New Delhi-110014, belonging to my client, as my client Shri Ram Lal has already transferred the said property in favour of his son Shri Harbans Lal. Anyone dealing with the doing so at his own risks and consequences Kapil Gupta, Advocat



ई-निविदा संशोधन



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1	ऑनलाईन प्रकाशन की तिथि	30.12.2022 at 11:00 Hrs
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6	ऑफ लाईन रूप से जमा किये जाने वाले प्रपत्र (निविदा प्रपत्र हेतु निर्धारित शुल्क, बिड सिक्योरिटी, स्टॉम्प पेपर एवं अन्य सम्बन्धित दस्तावेज)	12.01.2023 up to17:00 Hrs
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मेन, पाइप लाइन बिछाने एवं पम्पिंग प्लान्ट सामग्री की आपूर्ति अधिष्ठापन एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य हेतु 'जल संचय-जीवन संचय''

निविदा को पत्रांक सं. 4163/ई-निविदा सचना/2022-23 दिनांक 19.12.2022 से जलजीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत कटा पत्थर पेयजल योजना में नलकूप अधिष्ठापन, उर्ध्व जलाशय निर्माण, राइजिंग

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Public Notice

In accordance with rule 19(2) of DCS rules, members of the Bihar Bandhu CGHS Ltd. have resigned from the society and they have been paid their share money & contributions. The names of resigned member are Sh. Mahesh Chandra Pant (M. No. 129) and

2. Smt. Anshu Sharma (M. No. 237). anyone who is having objections, may lodge objections at the society office, which is located at Flat No.3, Pocket-5, DDA Flats, Sector-12, Dwarka, New Delhi-78, or at the

RCS office, Parliament Street, New Delhi within 7 day from the date of publication of the public notice Secretary - Bihar Bandhu CGHS Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Rama Chauhan Wo. Mr. Arun Kumar Chauhan who is/are purchasing the Fourth Floor, built up on Eastern Side Portion, area measuring 75 Sq Yds., part of Property bearing Municipal No.XV/1980, 1981, 1983 & 1984, Ward No. XV, comprised in Khasra No.375 (743/218/216) and 376 min, situated at Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055; from (1) Mr. Anil Kumar and (2) Mr. Parveen Kumar both S/o Late Mr. Ramesh Chand vide Relinquishment Deed dated 08.10.2018, vide Document No.921, registered with the office of Sub-Registrar-III, Asaf Ali Road, Delhi, registered on 15.10.2018 and same to be finance & mortgage by Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Limited. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim/right/title/ interest/creating mortgage ever the said reporter. lype of claiminght little / interest / creating mortgag over the said property, may inform in writing, at address mentioned below, about his objections within 7 days from today, failing which it shall b presumed that the said property is free from all typ of Encumbrances, lien etc.

ew Delhi-110049 Contact: 011-40046316, 4166732

OFFICE OF THE PROJECT MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION UNIT, UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM GHINGARIKHAL, RANIKHET, DISTT- ALMORA 263645 E-Tender Notice

Name of the work:- CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSE SURFACE PARKING AT MAJKHALI, DISTRICT - ALMORA Estimated Cost: - Rs. 49.81 Lakh

Period of Completion: - 6 Month

Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:

27-12-2022 (17.00 hrs) Online Bid submission: End date: - 16-01-2023 (17 00 brs

Date & Time of Technical bid Opening: -18-01-2023 (11.00 hrs)

Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid: - Project Manager, Construction

Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place:- 30-12-2022 (11.00 hrs Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Ranikhet. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in

PROJECT MANAGER

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Regd. Office: PSEB, Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001 Corporate Identification Number(CIN):U40109PB2010SGC033813

Contact No.: 96461-19383, 96461-11036

Tender Enquiry No. QQ-243/PO-C

Date: 27.12.2022

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor Multi-storey Building, The Mall Road, Patiala, invites E-tender for procurement of 15.3 MT ISI Marked Polypropylene yellow coloured rope, 3 strand, Hawser Laid, conforming to IS:5175-1992 (with latest amendments) and PSPCL Specification QQ-243 for 10mm, 16mm & 20mm sizes. For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to https://eproc.punjab

gov.in from 06.01.2023 from 11:00 PM onwards.

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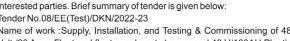
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Office of the Executive Engineer (Test), Dhakrani invites Tenders from nterested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below: Tender No.08/EE(Test)/DKN/2022-23

Date of Availability of bid document on website: 27.12.2022

tender document can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com"



olt /20 Amp. Float and float cum boost charger and 48 V/100AH Plant's Battery Bank for Kulhal Powerhouse. Estimated cost: Rs.13.00 Lakh (GST extra)

Last date for submission of bids: 18.01.2023 up to 16:00 hrs

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website: www.ujvnl.com.The

Govt tweaks GST rules for claiming input tax credit

GST taxpayers will be required to reverse by November 30 the input tax credit (ITC) claimed in the last fiscal in case their suppliers fail to deposit the due tax by September 30, the Finance Ministry has said.

The taxpayers, however, can reclaim the ITC later following the deposit of taxes by the supplier.

The ministry has inserted Rule 37A in Central Goods and Services Tax rules to give effect to the new provision.

"Where input tax credit has been availed by a registered person..., but the return in Form GSTR-3B for the tax period corresponding to the said statement of outward supplies has not been furnished by such supplier till September 30..., the...Input tax credit shall be reversed...On or before November 30 following the end of the such financial year," the ministry said.

KPMG in India, Partner Indirect Tax, Abhishek Jain said insertion of Rule 37A merits attention as the same provides for the instances and the manner where ITC is required to be reversed in case of non-payment of tax by the

"Companies should take note of these changes and align business practices accordingly,"



AMRG & Associates Senior Partner Rajat Mohan said this change would benefit only select cases in litigation due to two reasons.

"Firstly, it is a prospective change only that will not curate any benefit till fiscal 2021-22. Secondly, very few cases will be able to qualify the conditions stipulated in these rules," Mohan said.

Saurabh Agarwal, Tax Partner, EY, said while the GSTR 1 would capture the details of supplies made by the seller to multiple buyers, it

would be very difficult for the buyer to ascertain whether the tax has been discharged by the seller on GSTR 3B against their invoices or not as the said return doesn't capture invoice wise tax payment.

The amendments made would further increase the onus of compliance on the recipient of goods/services. It is advisable that industry should look at digitalising this process of compliance either through IRP or through ASPs in order to avoid undue leakages in the system," Agarwal added.

Sensex, Nifty rise for 2nd day as banking, metal shares shine

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 $B^{\rm enchmark\ stock\ indices}_{\rm Sensex\ and\ Nifty\ closed}$ higher for a second straight day on Tuesday on gains in banking, IT and metal shares following a firm trend in the global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 361.01 points or 0.60 per cent to settle at 60,927.43. During the day, it rallied 420.26 points or 0.69 per cent to 60,986.68

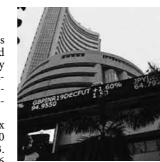
The broader NSE Nifty climbed 117.70 points or 0.65 per cent to end at 18,132.30.

From the Sensex pack, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Larsen & Toubro, Asian Paints, Wipro, Bajaj Finance, ICICI Bank, Tech Mahindra and Titan were the major winners.

Hindustan Unilever, ITC, Mahindra & Mahindra and Nestle were the laggards.

"With strong support from global peers, the domestic market is attempting to recoup its previous week's losses. Metal stocks shone amid hopes of a demand revival in China on reports of loosening Covid restrictions. This, along with fears over supply disruptions from winter storms in the US, resulted in oil prices rising," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial

"Markets gained over half a per cent in a range bound ses-



sion, tracking firm global cues. After the initial uptick, the Nifty surrendered all the gains in no time however buying in select index majors pushed the index to the day's high again as the day progressed," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 1.46 per cent and midcap index advanced 0.78 per cent.

Among sectoral indices, metal jumped 4.59 per cent, commodities climbed 2.34 per cent, telecommunication (1.54 per cent), industrials (1.38 per cent), realty (1.38 per cent) and power (1.15 per cent).

FMCG remained the only laggard.

Elsewhere in Asia, equity markets in Seoul, Tokyo and Shanghai ended with gains.

Equity exchanges in

Europe were trading in the positive territory in mid-session deals. Markets in the US were closed on Monday.

Indian banks' GNPAs decline to 5% in Sept 2022: RBI

'But current situation can impact health'

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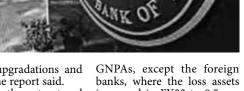
Indian banks' gross non-performing assets declined to 5.8 per cent, but the present macroeconomic environment can impact lenders' health, the Reserve Bank said on Tuesday.

The GNPAs, which touched a peak in FY18 following the asset quality review, have been declining sequentially to reach 5 per cent in September, the RBI said in the Trends and Progress of Banking in India' report for FY22 released on Tuesday.

The number stood at 5.8 per cent in March 2022, according to the report which also had a strong commitment by the RBI to be not complacent, given the present environment.

"Although presently the Indian banking sector remains robust and resilient with improved asset quality and strong capital buffers, the policymakers remain mindful of dynamically evolving macroeconomic conditions that may impinge on the health of reg-ulated entities," the report said.

The decrease in the GNPAs was attributed to lower slippages and also a reduction in outstanding GNPAs through



recoveries, upgradations and write-offs, the report said.

However, the restructured assets ratio increased by 1.1 percentage points for all the borrowers and by 0.5 percentage points for large borrowers, the report said, adding that the efforts to help individuals and small businesses with the loan recast scheme has been successful.

In what can be called as a divergent trend between the state-run lenders and the private lenders, the report said, the reduction in the stock of GNPAs was due to write-offs in the public sector banks in FY22, while in the case of private banks, upgradation of loans was the primary driver for asset quality improvements.

Interestingly, all the bank groups showed a decline in the

increased in FY22 to 0.5 per cent from 0.2 per cent in FY21.

The reliance on large borrowers for loans seems to be going down with the increase in the retail business, and accounts of over ₹5 crore accounted for 47.8 per cent of the outstanding credit in FY22 as against 48.4 per cent in

However, such accounts' contribution to overall dud assets improved more substantially to 63.4 per cent of the overall NPAs in FY22 as against 66.4 per cent in FY21.

An acceleration in income and contraction in expenditure boosted the profitability of SCBs in 2021-22, measured in terms of return on equity and return on assets, the RBI said.

'Coal India to meet 700 MT production target of FY23'

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Coal India Chairman Pramod Agrawal on Tuesday exuded confidence that the PSU will achieve the production target of 700 million tonnes for the current

financial year.
Coal India (CIL) accounts
for over 80 per cent of the
domestic coal output." I am confident...Coal India will achieve the 700 million tonne coal production target this financial year," the chairman was quoted as saying in a

Addressing virtually a team congratulated company officials for registering a growth of 15.9 per cent over the targeted production of coal, which is almost 19 million tonne.

Stating that the demand for power will increase in coming days, Agrawal said,"There will be

increased demand for coal from Coal India, and MCL, which is successfully supplying about 435,000 tonne of coal daily to the power sector, will have to increase its contribution.

Quality of domestic coal increased considerably: Govt

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 $T^{
m he}$ Government on Tuesday said the quality of domestic coal has increased considty of fossil fuel has improved to 69 per cent in the current fiscal. The Government and the coal companies, including Coal India, have taken several steps to achieve the objective of supplying quality coal to all con-

Rupee falls 25 paise against US dollar on forex outflows

The rupee declined 25 paise to close at 82.90 against the US dollar on Tuesday, as month-end dollar demand from importers and significant foreign fund outflows sapped investor appetite.

Moreover, the risk-off mood among investors and firm crude oil prices in the international market weighed on the rupee, forex dealers

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened lower at 82.71 against the greenback and witnessed an intraday high of 82.69 and a low of 82.90.

down 25 paise over its previous close of 82.65.

"Month-end demand from oil importers and year-end rebalancing foreign fund outflows weighed on the Indian rupee in Tuesday's trade as it surrendered



crude and precious metal prices also weighed on the local unit," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

The rupee has been stuck in the range of 82.40 to 82.90, lacking the directional move ahead of the year-end.

"In the near term, the rupee is expected to trade between 82.40 to 82.90 against the dollar. The bias for the local as it trades below 82.40, Parmar added.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.27 per cent lower at 104.02.

Global oil benchmark

per cent to USD 84.62 per bar-

The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 361.01 points or 0.60 per cent higher at 60,927.43, while the broader NSE Nifty climbed 117.70 points or 0.65 per cent to 18,132.30. Foreign Institutional

Investors (FIIs) were net sellers in capital markets on Tuesday as they sold shares worth ₹867.65 crore, according to exchange data. The gold price rose ₹173 to

₹55,074 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid gains in precious metal internationally, according to HDFC Securities.

announcement on Monday, China will scrap quarantine for international travellers from January 8 next year, as it reopens its international borders and comes out of international isolation after nearly

Sebi bans Moneytree Research, its proprietor from securities mkts for three yrs

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Markets regulator Sebi has barred Moneytree Research and its proprietor Narendra Madan Rathod from the securities markets for three years for providing unauthorised investment services.

The order came after Sebi received a complaint against Moneytree and Rathod. Thereafter, the regulator examined the matter and subsequently issued a show-cause notice to Moneytree Research and Rathod in August 2021.

Moneytree Research and Rathod are collectively referred to as noticees.

In its order, the regulator found that noticees was never capacity as an intermediary.

By operating as an 'investment adviser', without obtaining a registration from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), the regulator found that noticees have violated the IA (Investment



Adviser) rules.

The noticees had received a total amount of ₹41.07 lakh during June 2017 to November 2018, Sebi said in its order passed on Friday.

Sebi has directed the noticees to refund, within three months, the money received from investors in respect of their unregistered investment advisory activities.

debarred the noticees from accessing as well as dealing in the securities markets for a period of three years from the date of completion of refunds to clients along with depositing of the balance amount with Sebi, whichever is later.

₹173; silver **zooms** ₹926 PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold rises

old price rose ₹173 to Gold price rose the national capital on Tuesday amid gains in precious metal internationally, according to HDFC Securities.

The yellow metal had ended at ₹54,901 per 10 grams in the previous trade. Silver also zoomed ₹926 to

₹70,205 per kilogram.

"Gold price continue to trade higher, helped by a softer dollar," Navneet Damani, Senior VP - Commodity Research at Motilal Oswal

Financial Services, said. In the international market, gold was trading higher at \$1,807.60 per ounce while sil-

"Comex gold prices rose in the asian trading hours supported by a softer dollar, although trading was thin after the long Christmas weekend," an analyst at HDFC Securities

Punjab & Sind Bank board to consider fundraise of ₹ 250cr on December 30

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ity-based Puniab & Sind Bank on Tuesday said its board will meet on December 30 to consider a proposal for raising up to ₹250 crore by various modes, including equity and bonds issuance, the bank

Tuesday The bank said it plans to raise capital up to an amount and aggregating to ₹250 crore in any combinations of equity shares or debt in the form on III compliant

The capital will be raised in one or more tranches within a period of 12 months from the date of approval by way of issue of these instruments, the lender said.

Govt proposing to grant status of national importance to IIFT

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The Government is proposing to declare the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) as 'institution of national importance' with an aim to empower it to attain standards of global excellence. IIFT has three branches in New Delhi, Kolkata and Kakinada. The institute is a deemed university.

It was set up in 1963 by the government as an autonomous

organisation to help professionalise the country's foreign trade management and increase exports by developing human resources, analysing and disseminating data and conducting According to the draft bill posted on the commerce ministry's

website, all the Indian Institutes of Foreign Trade would be declared as"institutions of national importance with a view to empowering these institutions in attaining standards of global excellence in international trade (management and international economics) and allied areas of knowledge".

The draft — The Indian Institutes of Foreign Trade Bill, 2022 stated that the director would be the chief executive officer of every institute, and would be responsible for proper admin-

Govt mulls offloading 15-20 lakh tons of wheat from FCI to contain prices in 2023

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The government is considl ering releasing 15-20 lakh tonnes of wheat next year from the FCI stock for bulk consumers like flour millers, under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) to contain rising retail prices, according of official sources.

According to the data maintained by the consumer affairs ministry, the average retail price of wheat was at ₹32.25 per kg on December 27, higher than ₹28.53 per kg in the year-ago period. Wheat flour (atta) price too remained higher at ₹37.25 per kg than ₹31.74 per kg a year ago.

Under the OMSS policy, the government allows staterun Food Corporation of India (FCI) to sell foodgrains, espe-



cially wheat and rice, at predetermined prices in the open market from time to time to bulk consumers and private traders. The purpose is to boost the supply during the lean season and moderate the general open market prices.

An official source said,"The nodal Food Ministry has moved an OMSS policy for 2023 for wheat and the plan is to release 15-20 lakh tonnes from the FCI for bulk users under the OMSS."

Wheat grown in the last two crops will be issued from

the FCI stock and the rate has not yet been decided, the source said.

Another source said there is a possibility of releasing wheat under the OMSS as the government is comfortable with the foodgrains' stock position. Moreover, the new wheat crop prospect is seen to be bright as total acreage has been

Even the flour millers

higher so far.

have demanded the government offload wheat stocks from the FCI godowns to meet the shortage in the open market which has pushed up both wholesale and retail prices of wheat and wheat flour.

As of December 15, around 180 lakh tonnes of wheat and 111 lakh tonnes of rice were available in the cen-

crosses one billion units power trading-mark

Hindustan Power Exchange

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Hindustan Power Exchange (HPX) on Tuesday said it has reached the milestone of one billion units of power traded within six months of its launch.

With more than 360 market participants, HPX has also raced to register participants comprising 80 per cent buy volume of overall Day Ahead Market (DAM); 90 per cent sell volume of Green DAM and 70 per cent buy of Real-Time Market (RTM), an HPX statement said.

HPX — promoted by PTC India, Bombay Stock Exchange and ICICI Bank — has reached the milestone of one billion units of power traded within six months of its launch, it stat-



platform was ₹1,250 crore, it

claimed.

Though eastern entities have contributed about 51 per cent in this amount since the commencement of operations of the exchange, the participation from Southern entities has increased in the last two months, and they contributed 41 per cent in December.

Max Healthcare partners with genomics biotech firm Anuva

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 $M_{\mathrm{said}}^{\mathrm{ax\, Healthcare\, on\, Tuesday}}$ partnership with genomics biotech firm Anuva to conduct genomic-based research on various communicable and non-communicable diseases in

The two partners have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a five-year engagement, Max



research will be to identify

insights for precision medicine

application across diseases

including breast cancer, lung

ease, kidney disease, drug resistant tuberculosis, and others, it Under the collaboration,

Max Healthcare will provide its expertise in clinical research and will serve as the clinical centre for data and/or sample collection from individuals who consent to share their data for the purpose of There is a lot to discover

cancer, diabetes, cardiac dis-

in the field of genetic and lifestyle diseases. With the coming of precision medicine and genomics, it has the potential to provide efficient solutions and transform the way we look at modern medicine today," Max Healthcare Group Medical Director, Sandeep Budhiraja said. Anúva CEO Jonathan

Picker said the promise and potential of genomics to transform medicine is enormous.

The industry size of airbags, a key safety feature in vehi-

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

cles, is expected to grow to up to ₹7,000 crore by FY2027 in India, from the current levels of around ₹2,500 crore, according to ratings agency Icra. The growth in the airbag industry, which is one of the fastest growing auto compo-

from higher regulatory requirements and voluntary increase in the number of airbags per vehicle for enhancing safety, Icra said in a state-

Airbag industry in India to grow to ₹7K cr by FY27: Icra

'The mandatory content per vehicle for airbag manufacturers is expected to rise from ₹3,000-4,000 currently to ₹8,000-10,000 by October 1, 2023. The average number of nent segments, is expected to airbags per car sold is about be fuelled by the increase in three currently, and this is content per vehicle arising expected to increase signifi-



cantly post the mandatory implementation of six airbags per car from October 1, 2023," Icra Vice President and Sector Head Vinutaa S said.

Accordingly, Icra said it expects the industry to grow to

₹6,000-7,000 crore by FY27 from the current levels of ₹2,400-2,500 crore, at a fouryear CAGR (compound annual growth rate) of 25-30 per cent. The ratings agency pointed out that earlier, only one

airbag per car (driver airbag) was mandatory from July 2019. This increased to two airbags (dual front airbags) for category M1 vehicles (vehicles that can seat up to eight passengers and weigh less than 3.5 tonne) manufactured from Jan 1, 2022.

REDS MAKE FLYING START ON PL RETURN

iverpool got off to the fly-ing start they craved on the Premier League's return from the World Cup as a 3-1 win at Aston Villa on Monday cut the gap on the top four to five

Mohamed Salah and Virgil van Dijk put the Reds in a commanding position before half-

But Jurgen Klopp's men had to endure some nervy moments in the second half after Ollie Watkins pulled a goal back for Villa before teenager Stefan Bajcetic came off the bench to secure the three points with his first senior goal.

Liverpool struggled to match their standards of recent seasons during the first part of the season, but looked refreshed to inflict Unai Emery's first league defeat since taking charge

Salah is one of a number of Klopp's key players who was not involved in Qatar and took just five minutes to net his 15th goal of the season.

The Egyptian swept home Andy Roberson's pass after Trent Alexander-Arnold's through ball had opened up the Villa defence.

Emery's men were left to rue a host of big chances to get immediately back on level terms



as Liverpool showed no sign of remedying their defensive issues so far this season.

Leon Bailey and Watkins were both guilty of wasteful fin-

ishing.

At the other end, Darwin Nunez was even more profligate despite causing chaos with his powerful running in behind the Villa backline.

The Uruguayan headed over Robertson's inviting cross and then fired straight at Villa's stand-in goalkeeper Robin Olsen with just the Swede to beat after Ezri Konsa's error.

Van Dijk was not so forgiv-

ing to finally give the visitors a two-goal cushion as the Dutch defender calmly steered home Salah's pass from a corner.

But Villa refused to accept their fate in a breathless second

Watkins had the ball in the net within three minutes of the restart but had just strayed offside before firing into the far cor-

John McGinn also fluffed his lines with just goalkeeper Alisson to beat before the home side got the goal their start to the second half deserved.

Watkins made one of his

Liverpool agree deal for Gakpo AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool appear to have won the race to sign Dutch international forward Cody Gakpo after PSV Eindhoven announced an agreement with the English giants on Monday.

Gakpo, who scored three goals at the World Cup for the Netherlands, had previously been linked with a move to Liverpool's rivals Manchester United.

"PSV and Liverpool FC have reached an agreement on the proposed transfer of Cody Gakpo," PSV sait.

The 23-year-old attacker will leave for England imminently where he will be subjected to the necessary formalities ahead of the completion of the transfer."

PSV general manager Marcel Brands said the transfer fee would be a club record for the Dutch club. According to reports,

the fee could rise to as much as 50 million euros (\$53 million, £44 million).

Arsenal comeback opens up 7-point lead on top

A rsenal opened up a seven-point lead at the top of the Premier League after coming from behind to beat West Ham 3-1 at the Emirates on Monday.

Bukayo Saka and Gabriel Martinelli turned the game around in the space of five sec-ond half minutes before Eddie Nketiah stepped up in the absence of Gabriel Jesus to seal all three points. Said Benrahma's first half

penalty had given the Hammers the lead, but David Moyes' men remain just one point above the relegation zone in 16th.

Arsenal's momentum towards a first league title since 2004 could have been halted by a six-week break for the World

Mikel Arteta made no allowances for his stars that have been away in Qatar as William Saliba started just eight days after being part of the French squad that lost the final on penalties to Argentina.

However, that decision backfired when Saliba hesitated to allow Michail Antonio latch onto a ball over the top and then dived in on Jarrod Bowen.

Despite Bowen not going to ground immediately, referee Michael Oliver pointed to the spot and Benrahma confidently dispatched the penal-

Arsenal thought they had a spot-kick of their own in first half stoppage time but Oliver reversed his initial decision

Saina named for selection trials

after seeing a replay of Martin Odegaard's shot come off Aaron Cresswell's head rather than the left-back's arm.

The Gunners got the break they needed to turn the tide eight minutes after the break when Odegaard's mishit shot fell perfectly into the path of Saka to sidefoot home.

Martinelli added the second goal moments later with the help of West Ham goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski, who was far too easily beaten at his near post.

A prolonged injury layoff for Jesus had raised doubts over Arsenal's ability to maintain their title challenge in the coming months with games against Newcastle, Tottenham

and Manchester United to come in January alone.

But Nketiah grabbed his opportunity on his first Premier League start of the season with a brilliant spin and low finish into the far corner from Odegaard's pass 21 minutes from time.

Manchester City can reduce the gap at the top to five points and move back above Newcastle into second place with victory when they travel to Leeds on Wednesday night.

However, another show of resilience from Arsenal showed the fight that lies ahead of the defending champions if they are to retain the title once more in the second half of the

number seven, while Kidambi Srikanth lost a place

to be at the 12th position.
P V Sindhu slipped a

place to world number seven in women's singles, while Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and

Chirag Shetty were steady at

The fast-rising pairing of MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila

gained three places to be

world number 21, while

tion of Gayatri Gopichand

and Treesa Jolly, which had

won a bronze in Birmingham

CWG, climbed a place to

world number 17.

number five.

Behardien calls it a day

PTI ■ CAPE TOWN

South African white-ball spe-cialist and former T20I skipper Farhaan Behardien announced his retirement from professional cricket on Tuesday.

The 39-year-old, who played 59 ODIs and 38 T20Is and captained the Proteas in a three-match T20 series against Sri Lankan in 2017, took to social media to announce his decision to retire.

The all-rounder said the decision to quit professional cricket after playing for more than 18 years was tough, and the last couple of weeks were especially tough for him.

Predominantly a batter, he made 1074 ODI runs and 518 T20I runs, though it was his procricket which stood out. Behardien made his first-class debut in 2004 and scored more than 7,000 runs in 125 games with his highest being an unbeaten 150. He had to wait eight years to make his South Africa debut and became a regular in the white-ball sides.

He was part of the Proteas' T20 World Cup campaigns in 2012, 2014 and 2016 as well as the ODI World Cup in 2015.

Gardner new No.1 in women's T20I all-rounders' ranking



PTI DUBAI

Australian all-rounder Ashleigh Gardner has overtaken West Indies skipper Deepti Sharma and New Zealand captain Sophie Devine to attain a career-best No.1 spot in the latest ICC Women's T20I player rankings for allrounders released on Tuesday.

Following a closely-fought five-match T20I series, which Australia won 4-1, Gardner, who was named Player of the Match in the last game for her 32-ball unbeaten 66 and bowlthe all-rounders' list for the first time after moving up

Gardner (417 points) holds a big advantage over Devine (389) and Deepti (387) in second and third spots respectively, with Matthews dropping two places (381) to

The 25-year-old Australian is also up two places to a career-best seventh position among batters and progressed three places to a career-best 14th among bowlers in the latest weekly undeter est weekly update. Deepti Sharma, who is third on the all-rounders' list with 387 points, is also main-

taining a similar position in the T20I bowlers' ranking, while final T20I sees her move up three places to 29th in the batting rankings.

Among batters, India's Smriti Mandhana is third with 727 points with Australia's Tahlia McGrath leading the charts with 814 points, followed by country-mate Beth Mooney (760 points). India's Jemimah Rodrigues has slipped two places (607) to ing figures of 2/20, has topped 12th in the ranking for batters.

of Asian Mixed Team C'ship PTI NEW DELHI

more difficult chances count

with a brilliant header back

across goal to halve Villa's

strength in depth compared to

their competitors for a place in

the top four was exposed by

Klopp needing to turn to two teenagers off the bench as 17-

year-old Ben Doak also made

his first Premier League appear-

But 18-year-old Bajcetic showed a maturity beyond his

years with a calm finish after

Nunez had been denied once

more by Olsen.

Liverpool's relative lack of

Two-time Commonwealth Games champion Saina Nehwal has been named for next month's selection trials of Mixed Championships, to be held in Dubai from February 14 to 19.

The senior selection committee had a virtual meeting on December 25 to finalise the trials for picking the team for the Asian event. Based on their superior

world rankings, the committee decided to give direct entry to singles players Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy, PV Sindhu and men's doubles pair of Chirag Shetty.

The rest of the 14-member team will be picked in the selection trials, scheduled to be held in Delhi on January 2

"The members unanimously agreed that since it is a big competition with limited number of entries, only BWF rankings from 16-50 should be considered for inviting players for the trials for the



rest of the available spots," the BAI said in a letter.

In women's singles, apart from Saina, Malvika Bansod and Aakarshi Kashyap have been invited for the trials, while in men's doubles --Arjun/Dhruv Kapila, Krishna Prasad Garga/Vishnuvardhan Goud P and Ishaan Bhatnagar/Sai Patheek K were

For the two spots in doubles, Commonwealth Games bronze medallists Treesa Jolly and Gayatri P Gopichand,

Sikki Reddy and Ashwini Ponnappa, Ashwini Bhatt and Shikha Gautam and Haritha Manazhiyil and Ashna Roy were invited. Ishaan Bhatnagar and

Tanisha Crasto, Venkat Gaurav

HS Prannoy regains career-best rankings Sen remained static at world

Star Indian shuttler HS Prannoy regained his career-best number eight position in the latest BWF world rankings issued on Tuesday.

The 30-year-old from Kerala, who has been in good form this year, had achieved the number eight ranking in 2018 for the first time before slipping to 34 in

However, some memorable performances in the season, including the Thomas Cup win, seven quarterfinals, two semifinals and a runner-up finish at the Swiss Open, saw him rise like a phoenix in 2022.

Among others, Lakshya

Bhatnagar and Tanisha Crasto also moved two places to achieve the 18th spot.

In mixed doubles, Ishaan

Prasad and Juhi Dewangan and Rohan Kapoor and Sikki Reddy were invited for the tri-

als which will pick the one mixed doubles pair for the

Djoker, Nadal to kickstart bid for 2023 supremacy in Australia

Nadal kickstart their 2023 campaigns this week in Adelaide and Sydney respectively, with the superstar veterans and great rivals eyeing up yet more Australian

Open glory.

With the pair sharing 43 Grand Slam titles between them -- Djokovic has 21 and Nadal 22 -- the scene is set for an epic showdown at Melbourne Park in

Nadal is the defending Australian Open champion and Djokovic is a nine-time winner.

Djokovic returns Down Under for the first time since being sensationally detained and then deported ahead of the 2022 Australian Open because of his refusal to get vaccinated for

Covid-19. He starts his bid for an incredible 10th Australian Open title at the Adelaide International from Sunday, following a troubled and truncated year in which he missed two majors because of his vaccine

Djokovic was initially barred from entering Australia before 2025, but a new government in Canberra reversed the ruling and he is now gunning for more silverware at his most successful Grand Slam venue.

"Over the years I've been really fortunate to start very strong in Australia and I love playing



there," said the world number five in Dubai last week, after ending 2022 with a record-equalling sixth ATP Tour Finals crown.

"After obviously what happened earlier this year, hopefully I can have a decent reception there and hopefully that can help me

year, Spanish great Nadal swept past Medvedev to win the play some good tennis. Australian Open in an epic five-He will face a top-notch field setter -- then backed it up with a

in Adelaide, including Felix Auger-Aliassime, Daniil Auger-Aliassime, Medvedev and Andrey Rublev, ranked six, seven and eight respec-Ín Djokovic's absence this

tions in Sydney at the United Cup, a new mixed-teams event, where a blockbuster showdown with Australian showman Nick Kyrgios will test his credentials.

Eighteen countries will compete in the event across 11 days from Thursday, with Brisbane,

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Perth and Sydney hosting group games in a round-robin format. Ties comprise two men's and

two women's singles matches and one mixed doubles. The finals series will be played

in Sydney. , World number three Casper Ruud and Germany's Alexander Zverev, who is returning from a serious ankle injury, will partici-

Top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz will warm up at the Kooyong Classic exhibition in Melbourne from January 10-12 as he battles back from the abdominal injury that shortened his pre-season

training block. The 19-year-old Spaniard, a major threat to Djokovic and Nadal, missed the season-ending ATP Finals and Davis Cup Finals

with a muscle tear, but is confident he will be ready.
"I would say the key is to prac-

tise a lot, spend a lot of hours on court," he said this month. "I will be ready and 100 per-

cent heading into Australia. Italy's Jannik Sinner and world number nine Taylor Fritz, among others, will also use Kooyong to fine-tune.

Women's world number one

Iga Swiatek will acclimatise in Perth with her Polish teammates at the United Cup on the back of winning the French Open and US Open in 2022. The three-time Grand Slam

champion is targeting a first Australian Open title after losing in the semis this year to Danielle Collins, who then crashed to Ashleigh Barty in the final. Swiatek inherited the top

ranking following the shock retirement of Barty in March, and has been dominant ever since. American world number three Jessica Pegula and resurgent French world number four

Caroline Garcia, fresh from beating Aryna Sabalenka to win the WTA Finals, also feature at the United Cup. Four of the other top 10 women begin the year in Adelaide, with second-ranked Ons Jabeur, world number five Sabalenka

world number eight Daria

Kasatkina and world number

nine Veronika Kudermetova all

Novak due to return to Australia, tennis boss says

AP ■ SYDNEY

 $F^{\rm ormer\ world\ number\ one\ Novak\ Djokovic}_{\rm was\ due\ to\ return\ to\ Australia\ on\ Tuesday,}$ almost one year after he was deported for refusing to be vaccinated against Covid-19, the country's tennis boss said.

Djokovic was initially banned from the country for three years after losing a highstakes legal battle earlier this year over his vaccine status.

Nine-time Australian Open champion

Australia has since lifted its requirement for visitors to show proof of vaccination against Covid.

The government confirmed in November that the unvaccinated Serb was no longer banned and had been granted a visa allowing him to play in the next Australian Open, which starts in January.

Tennis Australia chief executive Craig

Tiley said he hoped local fans would embrace Djokovic's return.

"We welcome him back to Australia," he told reporters. "I think as we speak he's landing in Adelaide and I think that he is going to be

again the player to beat. "I have a great deal of confidence in the Australian public. I have a lot of confidence that the fans will react how we hope they will

helped me immensely that way You always have a role to play

as a bowler even when you aren't getting the wickets. You can create pressure and put bat-ter in doubt and other bowlers

What worked for Unadkat was his ability to bowl long spells on flat decks. 12 years

from his debut, he was also a

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thing coming my way and that

is how I got that extra bounce."

left-arm pacer India have been

looking for years but he is not thinking about that. When Jasprit Bumrah and

Moĥammad Shami are back, finding a spot in the XI will be much tougher.

"I was pretty young when I made my debut. All these years (at Ranji level) I never felt like

a veteran. I am still 31 and at my peak. These four to five

years would be the peak of my

career and I want to continue

ing his place for the Border

Gavaskar Trophy beginning

Does he see himself retain-

as much as I can.'

"I knew if I will stick to my strengths, there will be some-

Unadkat could be the next

"I got my chance as the

can capitalise on that."

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6	2022_UAD_240346_1	1000043491	अमृतलाल चन्देल	2021, सिद्धी विनायक कॉलोनी	27.12.2022 से 16.01.2023 अपरांह 5.30 बजे	17.01.2023 अपरांह 5.30 बजे
7	2022_UAD_240346_1	P000035949	ओम प्रकाश कुशवाह	104, सुरज नगर	27.12.2022 से 16.01.2023	17.01.2023
ρ		P000002974	,	पोल्ट्री फ. गौरा गांव	अपरांह 5.30 बजे 27.12.2022 से 16.01.2023	अपरांह 5.30 बजे
8	2022_UAD_240346_1	F0000029/4	मुम्ताज अहमद	_	अपरांह 5.30 बजे	17.01.2023 अपरांह 5.30 बजे
9	2022_UAD_240346_1	P000002975	अफजल अहमद	गौरा गांव गौरा गांव	27.12.2022 से 16.01.2023 अपरांह 5.30 बजे	17.01.2023 अपरांह 5.30 बजे
	2022_UAD_240346_1	P002801294	जमना प्रसाद मारण	गौरा गांव	27.12.2022 से 16.01.2023	17.01.2023
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DIDN'T FEEL PRESSURE OF REPLACING KULDEEP: UNADKAT

PTI NEW DELHI

Jaydev Unadkat did get his much-awaited chance with the red ball and he kept his "promise" with a spirited effort in his first Test for India after

His love for the longer version of the game became apparent more than ever in January when he typed a tweet that went viral.

"Dear red ball, please give me one more chance.. I'll make you proud, promise!" the leftarm pacer had posted.

"Everyone thought that I was referring to a national comeback. I was just missing red ball cricket in general as Ranji Trophy was postponed for a second time (due to COVID)," Unadkat said after his arrival from Bangladesh.

The 31-year-old, who had played his first and only Test way back in 2010 with the great Sachin Tendulkar and current head coach Rahul Dravid being his celebrated teammates, featured in his second outing last week in remarkable circumstances.

Having not been on selectors' radar despite a record-breaking performance in the 2020 Ranji Trophy, a national recall came for Unadkat when he expected it the least.

He was not even part of the India A side that toured Bangladesh before the Test series, so one could not fault him for keeping his hopes to



Eventually, his patience and perseverance prevailed as he was flown to Bangladesh as a backup pace option, with Mohammad Shami not regaining full fitness for the series.

The visa delays meant he could only reach Chattogram after the start of the first Test but against all expectations, stand-in skipper K L Rahul gave Unadkat the big break he was waiting for while toiling on the domestic circuit for years.

The opportunity came at the expense of spinner Kuldeep Yadav, whose exclusion after an eight-wicket haul in the series opener triggered a selection

Warner retires in pain after

Travis Head was not out 48

Marnus Labuschagne (14) were

the only wickets to fall. But wor-

ryingly for Australia, Cameron

Green, who took 5-27 in South

Africa's first innings, also retired

hurt after a nasty rap on the fin-

run partnership took the game

further away from South Africa.

whose bowlers toiled in temper-

Smith and Warner's 239-

ger from Anrich Nortje.

with Alex Carey on nine. Steve Smith (85) and

making 200 in 100th Test

show that Unadkat took three wickets in his comeback Test but his impact was bigger in the

With years of first-class experience under his belt since his Test debut in South Africa, Unadkat relished the pressure. Getting the most out of flat tracks in Rajkot is something Unadkat had done for years and the Porbandar-born cricketer found himself in similar territory in Mirpur.

It did not take long for him to make his presence felt as he removed previous game's centurion Zakir Hasan with a ball that jumped from good length. That was his maiden wicket in The scoreboard would Tests and Unadkat says that

> atures touching 37 degrees Celsius (98.6 Fahrenheit). Opener Warner, 36, snapped a near-three-year century drought in typically aggressive and gritty fashion, reaching three figures for a 25th time after coming into the game under pressure on a lean run.

It was his first Test hundred since January 2020 and as the opposition bowlers tired, he

battled the elements and con-

verted it to 200 for only the third His wife Candice told host

broadcaster Fox: "You'd think by now people would know writ-

ing David Warner off is the But it was an exhausting

effort, as he passed 8,000 Test

out for Warner and Smith to rest

Chairs had to be brought

runs en route.

moment will remain the most special of his career.

"I was trying to extract bounce off length and I felt I could do that. The feeling (when it happened) will remain one of the most special memories of my cricketing career. Getting a Test wicket is something I visualised 1000 times,"

Did he feel the pressure of

"Absolutely not. When you don't expect things and they happen, I take it in my stride. I just wanted to contribute. If not take a wicket then create pressure from the other end. That was the thought.

"Domestic cricket has

said Unadkat.

replacing Kuldeep?



England to tour B'desh for white-ball series in March

PTI LONDON

The England men's team of Bangladesh since 2016 when it travels to the country to play three One-day Internationals and an equal number of T20Is in March next year.

on in the drinks breaks, with The tour will commence towels draped over their heads with three ODIs, the first two matches taking place at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket and ice-packs on their shoul-Warner needed treatment Stadium in Dhaka on March 1 and 3. The final match of the for cramp several times and retired in pain after reaching 200 series will take place on March and dropping to his knees, eventually helped from the field 6 at Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram.

by support staff.
"The boys were cramping left, right and centre," Smith told The three-match T20I series will start on March 9 in Chattogram, with the final two reporters. "So, difficult (condimatches, on March 12 and 14, tions) but nice to get us to the scheduled to be played in position where we are now. I Dhaka. think we're in a nice spot.'

The last time the teams

played a series was in 2016, when England won the ODIs 2

expected to play two warm-up fixtures ahead of the ODIs, the dates for which will be announced in due course, said an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) statement.

"It is exciting that the England Men's white-ball squad will return to Bangladesh for the first time since 2016. The atmosphere generated in Dhaka and Chattogram for this eagerly-anticipated tour will be fantastic," said ECB interim CEO Clare Connor.

"There is a great passion for cricket across Bangladesh, and we expect a tough challenge against a side who have an excellent record in home con-

Avesh picks four as MP bowl out Railways for 274

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AP MELBOURNE

Cricket Ground.

David Warner battled through searing heat to hit

an epic unbeaten 200 in his

100th Test on Tuesday before

retiring in pain as Australia con-

solidated their advantage against

South Africa at the Melbourne

hosts were 386-3 at stumps on

day two of the second Test, lead-

ing by 197 after the Proteas were

dismissed in their first innings

On a scorching day, the

Avesh Khan took four wickets as defending champions Madhya Pradesh bowled out Railways for 274 on the opening day of their Ranji Trophy Group D match here on Tuesday.

Avesh returned with figures of 4 for 69, while Saransh Jain and Puneet Datey (2/52) shared four wickets between them as Madhya Pradesh took 87.4 overs to fold Railways' innings. Besides, Kumar Kartikeya (1/57)

and Shubham Sharma (1/8) picked up a wicket each. Electing to bat, Railways did not have the best of starts as Avesh struck in the fifth delivery of the match, removing Vivek Singh. The India pacer came back in the

16th over to account for the wicket of Shivam Chaudhary (21) before Shubham Sharma dismissed Rahul Rawat (29) to reduce Railways to 68 for 3 in the 25th

Mohammad Saif (39) and Shubham Chaubey (24) added 44 runs for the fourth wicket before both the batters departed.

Skipper Upendra Yadav top-scored for Railways with a gritty 61 off 123 balls and hit eight boundaries in the process.

Towards the end, Akash Pandey (24 not out) and Adarsh Singh (24) played useful hands to take Railways past the 250-run mark.

SAMARTH'S TON DRIVES K'TAKA Porvorim: Opener R Samarth's fine

knock of 140 and his century partnerships with skipper Mayank Agarwal and Vishal Onat powered Karnataka to 294/3 against Goa in their Group C match.

Agarwal won the toss, opted to bat and provided a strong start for the team by adding 116 runs with Samarth. The two looked untroubled against the Goa attack and completed a century stand after a cautious start.

Agarwal appeared set for a big score before he fell LBW to Lakshay Garg for 50, which included five boundaries and two sixes. Samarth and Onat (73 batting, 172 balls, 9 fours) built on the platform provided by the opening partnership and piled on the Goa bowlers' misery.

The home team attack comprising Arjun Tendulkar, Garg, Darshan Misal and Mohit Radkar was taken to the task by Samarth and Onat. Samarth raced to a ton and was bat-

ting on 120 at tea. He added 20 more runs to his score before being dismissed by Tendulkar (1 for 30). It was a third straight first-class century for Samarth, after having done so against Services and Puducherry in previous games.

At Thumba, Kerala ended the day at 100 for 2 after having dismissed Chhattisgarh for 149 in under 50 overs with the experienced spinner Jalaj Saxena picking up five wickets.

TN RESTRICT DELHI

New Delhi: In-form Dhruv Shorey blew away an opportunity to score his third successive hundred in as many innings as Tamil Nadu restricted hosts Delhi to 212 for six on opening day of a Group B Ranji Trophy game here on Tuesday.

Shorey (66, 168 balls) and left-handed Jonty Sidhu (57, 107 balls) added 105 runs for the third wicket but the home team could hardly dominate on a Feroz Shah Kotla track which became good for batting after the first hour and half.

But the manner in which Sidhu and Vaibhav Rawal (11) were out defending slow bouncers from pacer Sandeep Warrier (3/59 in 22 overs) was embarrassing to say the least.

Warrier and fellow seamer L Vignesh (3/42 in 19 overs) were disciplined as they bowled a probing line and hit good lengths time and again.

DHAPOLA TAKES 8

Dehradun: Uttarakhand seam bowler Deepak Dhapola breathed fire on the opening day of their Group A match, grabbing eight Himachal Pradesh wickets as the visitors were bundled out for 49 runs on Tuesday.

Dhapola, 32, dismissed three players for duck and returned figures of 8/35 off 8.3 overs as Himachal could not weather the storm and were dismissed inside

At stumps on day one, Uttarakhand were batting on 295 for six, having taken a massive 246-run first-innings lead. Aditya Tare (91 not out) and Abhay Negi (48 not out) showed there were no demons in the pitch as they batted with But the highlight of the day was

Bageshwar-born Dhapola's bowling. The seamer, who made his first-class debut in 2018 and is playing only his 15th game, had a previous best bowling figures of 7/50 in an innings, but on Tuesday he bettered his personal best as Himachal batters made a beeline to the dressing room.

Dhapola's feat did not miss the attention of the BCCI secretary Jay Shah who termed it as one of the finest bowling performances of the tournament.

'Ranji Trophy has time and again helped bring out raw homegrown talent onto the forefront. This time it's Deepak Dhapola! His 8/35 against Himachal is one of the finest bowling performances of the tournament. Long way to go! tweeted Shah.

Dhapola, who was the leading wicket-taker for his state in the group stage of the 2018–19 Ranji Trophy with 44 dismissals in seven matches and finished the tournament with 45 wickets in eight games, will look to improve his best bowling figures in a first-class match (12/96) when he comes out with the red cherry in the second innings.