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AAP DETHRONES BJP FROM MCD

With 134, AAP wins clear majority; BJP proves exit polls wrong, bags 104 seats, raises vote share by 3%

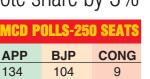
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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday ended the BJP 15-year rule in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) bagging 134 seats, eight more than the required majority in the 250member civic body, and increasing its vote share by a whopping 16 per cent to 42.05 per cent. However, contrary to the exit polls' predictions, the BJP went past the three-digit figure winning 104 seats despite the perceived anti-incumbency. And though winning fewer seats, BJP's vote share rose by almost three per cent to 39.09 per cent.

This is the first time the AAP has ousted the BJP from power in any election even as it awaits the results of the Assembly polls in BJP-ruled Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh on Thursday

Expectedly, the Congress came up with yet another dismal performance managing just nine seats, and losing nine per cent of its vote share in the process to garner just 11.68 per cent votes. The plight of the Congress can be gauged from the fact that its candidates on

188 seats forfeited their deposit. Despite its impressive performance, three AAP candidates lost their deposit while 10 BJP candidates shared a simi-



lar fate. Overall, 780 candidates lost their deposit.

From clearing garbage mounds to solving parking problems, the AAP will have its hands full with the BJP, given its decent numbers, not expected to allow it any breathing space. The two parties are also likely to be at loggerheads over a plethora of other issues, viz, the election of Mayor and the nomination of elder members. BJP IT department head

Amit Malviya indicated about the things to come, saying the Mayor's election is still an open game and noted that Chandigarh, where its rival was the largest party, has a mayor from BJP ranks.

The Muslim vote seems to have been split between the AAP and the Congress. This gave the BJP an advantage in many wards, especially in Northeast Delhi, where riots had broken out in late February

The AAP clearly benefitted from the crossover of the Congress voters disappointed and disenchanted with the grand old party's functioning over the last few years. But the BJP giving it a fight ensured



Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal with Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann and Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia during celebrations after the AAP crossed the majority mark in the MCD polls, at the party headquarters in New Delhi on Wednesday

that the AAP fell way short of its target of winning 230 seats, which it had publicly announced.

The BJP seems to have lost out due to the "urban apathy" as the results on two seats with the highest and lowest voter turnouts would suggest. A cadre-based party, the BJP won the Bakhtawarpur ward with the highest margin as its workers mobilised party's supporters to come out and vote for it. The AAP won the Andrewsganj seat with the

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Will rid MCD of graft: Kejriwal

Pollowing the AAP's impressive win in the MCD polls, its convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday promised to "make Delhi clean and beautiful".

"People of Delhi have now entrusted their son to clean Delhi and rid MCD of corruption, I won't let them down. Thank & congratulate the people of Delhi for this historic

mandate; now we all have to come together and make Delhi clean and beautiful.

"First, the people of Delhi gave us the responsibility of schools, hospitals, electricity and water; we put in day and night but we fixed everything through hard work. Just like we eradicated corruption from the Delhi Government, we have to eradicate corruption from MCD too," Kejriwal said.

The AAP chief also sought

the "blessings" of the Prime Minister and the Central Government for the incoming municipal government, saying, cooperation is required towards the goal of transform-

ing Delhi. He also appealed to all the 250 councillors to understand that they are the public's councillors and not of any party and they need to work for Delhi as

BJP bags 7 of 12 wards in riot-hit North-east Delhi

he BJP won seven of the 12 Twards affected in the 2020 North-east Delhi riots while the AAP won three seats. Incidentally, two of the total nine seats the Congress won came from this region.

Another riots-affected Muslim-dominated ward Jahangirpuri, which interestingly had two Hindu Brahmin candidates — Timsy Sharma (AAP) and Divya Jha (BJP) fighting it out, saw the former

emerging victorious.

Three wards in North-east Delhi which were affected in the 2020 riots, Maujpur and Karawal Nagar East and West, elected BJP candidates. Anil Kumar Sharma of the BJP defeated Vinod Kumar Sharma of the AAP from Maujpur ward. Similarly, Shimla Devi of the BJP defeated AAP's Asha Bansal from Karawal Nagar

The BJP also bagged Karawal Nagar West ward with ed to work for Delhi as n. Satpal Singh defeating Jitender Bansal of the AAP. The BJP managed to polarise the votes either went to the AAP or the Congress. The split in minority votes helped the BJP to win these seats, BJP insiders said.

The people of Karawal Nagar, Gokulpuri, Yamuna Vihar had expressed annoyance over the manner in which Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal defended the then AÁP councillor Tahir Hussain, who was the prime accused in the North-east riots case in

In Bhajanpura, AAP's can-didate Rekha Rani defeated Ram Raj Tiwari of the BJP by a margin of over 12,000 votes Rani got 20,717 votes while Tiwari received 8,710 votes. Bhajanpura was also affected by riots. A majority of the Muslims here voted for the AAP instead of the Congress.

Muslims, however, sided with Sameer Ahmad of the Congress who defeated Aditya Choudhury of the AAP in the Shastri Park ward by a margin of 3,049 votes. Ahmed got 12,053 and Choudhury man-

aged only 9,454 votes.

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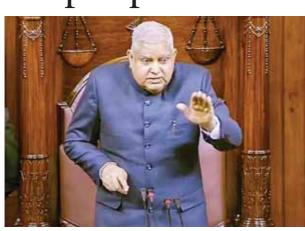
Striking down of NJAC Act by SC disregard of people's mandate: VP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

In his maiden speech as the Jagdeep Dhankhar Wednesday yet again raised the issue of the Supreme Court striking down the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act

passed by Parliament. Terming it a "glaring instance" of "severe compromise" of Parliamentary sovereignty and disregard of the "mandate of the people", the Vice President stressed upon adherence of the "Lakshman Rekha" among the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary and cautioned any incursion will

upset governance "apple cart". Referring to the 2015 Supreme Court judgment striking down the NJAC Act, Dhankhar had last week while delivering the LM Singhvi Memorial Lecture, in the presence of the Chief Justice of India, said, "Power of the peo-



Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar conducts proceedings in the House on the first day of the Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday PTI

ple, which was expressed through a legitimate platform, that power was undone. The world does not know of any such instance?

Giving this stern message again, he said Parliament, being the custodian of the "ordainment of the people" was duty bound to "address the issue"

and expressed confidence that

ʻit will do so". His comments came against the backdrop of recent run-ins between the Government and the judiciary

over the appointment of judges. Dhankhar said it was time for "all Constitutional institu-

to public display of adversarially challenging stance/trading or exchange of advisories ema-

nating from these platforms". the new custodian of the Upper House, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was assuming charge at a time when the country was witnessing two historic occasions, including presidency of the G-20 grouping and "Amrit Kaal" of India's

independence. He said it will be period of national development and

glory.
Dhankhar said the Rajya Sabha needs to "promote the synergic functioning of constitutional institutions, emphasising the need to respect

Laxman Rekha". He said, "Democracy blossoms and flourishes when its three facets — the Legislature, the Judiciary and the Executive - scrupulously adhere to their

respective domains. Continued on Page 2

Corruption charges cost AAP 6 seats in Sisodia, Jain bastions

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AAP lost six of the seven wards to the BJP in the Assembly constituencies represented by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and jailed Minister Satvendar Jain, both facing corruption charges.

The charges of corruption in excise, education and labour departments handled by Sisodia and VIP treatment to Jain in Tihar jail seem to have dented AAP's prospect of a landslide victory in the MCD polls. Patparganj and Shakur Basti are considered strongholds of Sisodia and Jain

respectively. The BJP had mounted unrelenting attacks on the duo in the run-up to the MCD elections against the AAP's "kattar imandar" (dry honest) slogans. The BJP alleged that the

BJP wins 6 of 7 seats AAP had used the excise polpromised that Sisodia, who was "instrumental" in framing it, would "face the music and the law".

> There are a total of four wards under the Patpargani constituency — Mayur Vihar Phase-II, Patpar Ganj, Mandawali, and Vinod Nagar. The BJP won from Patparganj, Mandawali, and Vinod Nagar, whereas Mayur Vihar Phase-II

was bagged by the AAP. As per data shared by the State Election Commission (SEC), BIP's Renu Chaudhary won Patparganj by a margin of 403 votes against Seema of the AAP. Vinod Nagar was won by Ravinder Singh Negi of the BJP by a margin of 2,311 votes; Shashi Chandna of the BJP defeated Reena Tomar of the AAP by a margin of 186 votes

in Mandawali ward. Continued on Page 2

In U-turn, AAP, TMC attend

Kharge's meet; Didi asks

BJP's -ve campaign fails to cash in on **AAP's Achilles heel**

Despite almost being on the verge of beating the 15-year anti-incumbency by collecting 104 of the 250 seats in the MCD polls, BJP's shrill and negative campaigning seems to have damaged its prospects in its battle against the AAP.

The loss of MCD seats by the AAP in the constituencies of their two powerful Ministers — Manish Ŝisodia, Satyendar Jain — is a reflection that all was not "that good" for Arvind Kejriwal's party and all was not "that bad" for the BJP despite their being in power in the civic body for 15 long years.

Besides not offering any fresh and revitalising programmes to the people of Delhi during their rule in the MCD, the BJP's negative campaign of deriding the leaders of their main political rival seemingly undid the saffron poll strategy



observers feel.

In the major part of its campaign, the BJP was "reveling" in the controversies and allegations against the AAP leaders instead of "factually" countering the AAP promises and schemes made to Delhites and giving a better develop-

mental roadmap to the voters. BJP's daily hunt for anti-AAP allegations and attempt to "fix" the alleged one-time crusader against corruption as being "most corrupt" seemed to have backfired and could not become a substitute for Kejriwal's tangible "free electricity" and free bus rides for

women in Delhi. Continued on Page 2

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CYCLONIC STORM LIKELY TN BRACES FOR RAIN Chennai: The depression over

Bay of Bengal intensified into a deep depression and lay about 750 kilometres off Chennai on Wednesday, and it would develop into a cyclonic storm influencing moderate to heavy rainfall in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

MSRTC SUSPENDS BUS SERVICES TO K'TAKA

Mumbai: Amid the simmering border row. Maharashtra's state-run bus operator MSRTC on Wednesday said it has suspended 382 bus services to Karnataka, of the total 1.156 services operated by it daily to the neighbouring State The decision of partial suspension of bus services to Karnataka was taken following the instructions from the local police and the district

administration, the MSRTC said

in a statement

Ronaldo-replacement Ramos powers Portugal into WC QF

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With Cristiano Ronaldo on the bench, the superstar striker's replacement scored a hat trick to lead Portugal over Switzerland 6-1 and into the World Cup quarterfinals on Tuesday. Goncalo Ramos, a 21-year-

old forward who only made his

Portugal debut last month, made his first start for his country and demonstrated the kind of clinical finishing Ronaldo was once known for. Ramos scored the opening goal in the 17th minute and added others in the 51st and

were swirling around the 89,000-seat Lusail Stadium. The 37-year-old Ronaldo entered as a substitute in the 72nd minute to loud cheers, though Portugal had the game

67th — by which time chants of "RONALDO!"



round of 16 soccer match between Portugal and Switzerland, at the Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar, on Tuesday

defenders Pepe and Raphael Guerreiro also scoring. Rafael Leao added a another goal in stoppage time. Manuel Akanji wrapped up by then with scored for Switzerland.

Portugal advanced to the quarterfinals for the third time, after 1966 and 2006, and will play Morocco on Saturday. Continued on Page 2

RBI hikes rate by 35 bsp to tame inflation

PTI MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday raised the benchmark lending rate by 35 basis points to 6.25 per cent in a bid to tame inflation, which has remained above its tolerance level for the past 11 With the latest hike, the

repo rate or the short-term lending rate at which banks borrow from the central bank now has crossed 6 per cent. This is the fifth consecutive rate hike after a 40 basis points increase in May and 50 basis points hike each in June, August and September. In all, the RBI has raised the benchmark rate by 2.25 per cent since May this year.

The RBI expectedly slowed the pace of increase in borrowing costs in signs that rates may be nearing the peak.

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party to cosy up to Cong SAUGAR SENGUPTA/PNS KOLKATA/NEW DELHI

Changing tack, the TMC and the AAP on Wednesday attended the meeting of "ill-" ing of "like-minded" parties called by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata,

who met her party MPs separately, directed them to go soft on the Congress and accommodate them and other Opposition parties as she mentioned that 16 Bills listed for passage this Winter Session directly interfere in State matters and need to be addressed in appropriate manner by the

united Opposition. Under intense pressure from the Opposition parties post school-level recruitment Session of Parliament. Continued on Page 2



party leaders, Mamata dropped hints of cosying up with the Congress. Sources present in the meeting said she told her party MPs to handle Akbar Road (Congress HQ) with care and also forbid them from making adverse remarks against any Opposition party, particularly the Congress. Leaders of 13 Opposition

parties attended the meeting convened by Kharge to evolve a joint strategy for the Winter

judgment, orders **RBI**, Centre to put plans on record PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed the Centre and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to place on record relevant records relating to the Government's 2016 decision to demonetise currency notes of ₹1,000 and ₹500 for its perusal. Reserving its verdict on a batch of pleas challenging the

Centre's 2016 decision, a fivejudge constitution bench headed by Justice SA Nazeer heard the submissions from Attorney General R Venkataramani, RBI's counsel, and the petitioners' lawyers, including senior advocates P Chidambaram and Shyam Divan. The top court directed the parties to file written submissions by December 10.

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Kerala Govt releases revised action plan on climate change

erala is very vulnerable to Kclimate induced disasters owing to its geographical location and therefore, the government has come out with a revised action plan on dealing with climate change, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said here on Wednesday.

Vijayan, speaking at the Climate Development Partners' Meet held here, said climate change was fast becoming one of the biggest threats to mankind and environment, and it has become imperative that all stakeholders come together to

As a step in that direction, the southern state has come out with a revised action plan on climate change, he said.

The Chief Minister further



said that the southern state was a front-runner among the major states of the country in taking a lead on carbon neutrality and its efforts have also been recognised by the NITI Aayog in its State Energy and Climate Index (SECI).

He also spoke about the various initiatives, strategies, policies and plans the government has formulated to ensure Kerala achieves the aim of becoming 100 per cent renewable energy based by 2040 and net carbon neutral by 2050.

"Kerala aspires to become

a 100 per cent renewable energy based state by 2040 and a net carbon neutral by 2050. We have taken several path breaking initiatives to pave the way for an inclusive and sustainable development strategy that is sensitive to climate change," Vijayan said at the event where he launched the state's revised action plan on climate change.

He said the updated action plan focuses on adapting to climate changes and prioritising interventions to enhance resilience of vulnerable communities against climate induced hazards.

The Chief Minister further said that "due to its geographical location, Kerala is highly vulnerable to climate change induced disasters and calami-

"Therefore, building disaster resilient infrastructure and strengthening institutional mechanisms for better disaster responses and raising incomes to bolster capabilities of individuals and communities to adapt to local impacts of climate change are important," he

This approach needs focused state interventions, international cooperation and multilateral initiatives and platforms, the Chief Minister said adding that the Rebuild Kerala Initiative (RKI) plays a crucial

Vijayan said RKI has not only been working to address climate change risks and strengthen preparedness against future disasters, it also facilitates and monitors disaster and climate resilience projects worth Rs 8,196 crore across multiple sectors and

Three former women Mayors of Delhi among BJP's winners

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Three former women may-ors of Delhi who fought on the BJP's ticket emerged victorious in the civic polls on Wednesday, while an ex-mayor of North Delhi lost the contest in the Civil Lines ward.

The elections to the 250 wards of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) were held on December 4 and the counting of votes was taken up on Wednesday.

Till around 3 PM, the AAP had won over 130 wards, crossing the majority mark of 126, while the BJP's tally stood at 104, according to State Election Commission figures. The Congress managed to bag nine wards and three Independent candidates were among the winners.

Traders, RWAs in Delhi hope civic amenities will improve

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Traders and Residents' Welfare Associations in Delhi on Wednesday expressed hope that civic amenities in the national capital would improve following the AAP's victory in the MCD elections as there would be limited opportunity to shift blame.

The AAP ended the BJP's 15-year stint in the 250-ward Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) -- trifurcated in 2012 into north, south and east corporations and unified this year -- by winning 134 seats while restricting the BJP to 104 seats. The Congress won just nine seats while three wards went to Independent candidates. The majority mark is 126.

Traders and Residents' Welfare Associations (RWAs) see cleanliness as the biggest challenge in the city and urged the AAP-led civic body to deliver on it. United RWAs Joint Action (URJA), a confederation

of more than 2,500 RWAs in Delhi, demanded the AAP release its strategy for the first 100 days. "Now, the (scope for) blame game is over. We expect the situation to improve immediately. The AAP had offered a comprehensive list of assurances and I want them to come forward with its agenda for the first 100 days and the strategies for the next five years to fulfil these guarantees," URJA chief Atul Goval said.

Ashok Randhawa, who heads the Sarojini Nagar Mini Market Traders' Association, said the BJP and the AAP used to blame each other for lack of civic amenities but now the same party would run the municipal corporation and the

city government.
"Earlier, each side accused the other of not doing any work. People have seen the work of the (Arvind) Kejriwal government and they have shown faith in him. Now we are hopeful that the situation might improve," he said. "The biggest issue is cleanliness and the AAP has promised to work on it," he added. Randhawa also warned that if the AAP failed to deliver, the people had the power to toss them out. He also said all problems in the MCD such as non-payment of salaries and the budget issue would be resolved," he added.

Delhi residents also expressed hope that the AAP would bring change. "People gave 15 years to the BJP and we got three garbage mountains. MCD-run schools are in a pathetic state. We wanted

After the AAP came to power in Delhi, the BJP used to say that the MCD was being denied funds. With the AAP in power both in the government and the civic body, I am hopeful that it will change the face of Delhi, these garbage mountains will be removed and civic amenities improved," said Mayur Vihar resident Saurabh.

Will rid MCD of...

"They (BJP) used to say building schools and hospitals doesn't convert into electoral wins, Delhi has shut everyone's mouths today. If we spend all our time towards hurling abuses at others instead of focusing on the public issues then how will this country progress," Kejriwal said.

He further said, "Only AAP is practising positive politics in the country today; this is the fourth election we have won in Delhi on the basis of electricity-water, educationhealth. To make India No 1, we need positivity, we need to focus on schools, hospitals, electricity, water and issues that matter to a common man's household."

"No force in the world will be strong enough to stop India from becoming the strongest nation globally if we all start practising positive politics," he added.

Post the victory in the polls, celebrations broke out at AAP Headquarters as the party

conquered BJP's 15 year old bastion of MCD, after kicking Congress out of the contest in Assembly elections

Kejriwal reached the AAP headquarters to celebrate the victory with the volunteers of the party. AAP's anticipation of its thumping victory could be seen from afar. The whole area was decked in blue and yellow balloons while volunteers went around distributing

However, the atmosphere celebrations inside the premises was at a different level altogether with party workers and leaders dancing to the beats of dhols.

Welcoming Kejriwal, party workers chanted, "Ache Honge Paanch Saal, MCD Main Bȟi

The AAP credited the victory to the Kejriwal Model that trumped the BJP's conspiracies. "Kejriwal Model triumphs over BJP's conspiracies, AAP scripts history with a landslide victory in MCD," a jubilant AAP

Corruption charges cost AAP...

From Page 1

Mayur Vihar Phase-II ward was won by AAP's Devendra Kumar by a margin of 1,588 votes against Bipin Bihar of BIP.

In Shakur Basti, BJP's Sikha Bharadwaj won Saraswati Vihar against AAP's Urmila Gupta by 3150 votes. In Paschim Vihar, BJP's Vineet Vohra defeated AAP's Shalu Duggal by 2,044 votes. In Rani Bagh, BJP's Jyoti Aggarwal defeated AAP's Mithlesh Pathak by 1,387 votes.

Sisodia's name figured in the FIR filed by the CBI and the ED as the prime accused in the excise policy scam. The two agencies had questioned him and raided his residence in October this year. After the raids, Sisodia and chief minister Arvind Kejriwal claimed that the agency has given a clean chit to Sisodia.

The BJP leaders also filed a complaint to the Anti Corruption Branch against Sisodia, Jain and others alleging a huge scam to the tune of over Rs 2,000 crore has been carried out in NCT of Delhi in respect

of construction of school rooms/buildings at highly inflated costs by the Government of Delhi. The BJP also alleged corruption to the tune of Rs 900 crore which it alleged was disbursed to 'ghost, bogus' construction workers

by the Delhi government. Jain, who is in jail in an Enforcement Directorate case bore the brunt of the BJP's attack, especially after purported videos of him getting a massage and receiving visitors in his cell came to light.

On November 19, a video went viral on social media showing VIP treatment being meted out to Jain. Jain was seen receiving foot and head massages. In a bizarre defence of Jain getting a foot massage, Sisodia claimed that Jain was taking physiotherapy for a 'spine injury.' Later on, it was revealed that the masseur of jailed Delhi Minister, whose videos of getting massages went viral, has been identified as one rape accused named Rinku, and not a physiotherapist.

SC reserves DeMo...

From Page 1 "Heard. Judgment reserved. Learned counsels of the Union of India and Reserve Bank of India are directed to produce the relevant records," the bench, also comprising Justices BR Gavai, A S Bopanna,

Ramasubramanian, and BV Nagarathna, said. The AG submitted before the bench that he will submit relevant records in a sealed cover. The top court was hearing a batch of 58 petitions challenging the demonetisation announced by the Centre on November 8,

The apex court had on Tuesday said that limited scope of a judicial review in economic policy matters does not mean that the court will fold its hands and sit back, observing that the manner in which a decision is taken by the government can always be examined. Calling the demonetisation of ₹500 and ₹1000 currency notes "deeply flawed", Chidambaram

had argued that the Union Government cannot on its own initiate any proposal relating to legal tender which can only be done on the recommendation of the RBI's central board.

Resisting the apex court's attempt to revisit the 2016 demonetisation exercise, the Government had said the court cannot decide a matter when no tangible relief can be granted by way of "putting the clock back" and "unscrambling a scrambled egg." The RBI had earlier admitted in its submission that there were "temporary hardships" and that they too are an integral part of the nationbuilding process, but there was a mechanism by which problems that arose were solved.

The Centre recently told the top court in an affidavit that the demonetisation exercise was a "well-considered" decision and part of a larger strategy to combat the menace of fake money, terror financing, black money, and tax eva-

BJP's negative campaign fails to cash in on AAP's ...

From Page 1 The small mountains of garbage, broken roads and potholes in and around the national Capital could not have been improved by proving corruption charges against the AAP

"Corruption has never been a real issue in elections and seldom fetched voters," said a BJP leader requesting

The BJP's shrill and almost abusive speak of "sharab" against rivals in their daily press conferences, ironically, gave AAP an edge which tactfully spoke of "cleaning garbage" from the city.

The BJP failed to provide a developmental narrative to the people who needed it desperately to give a "pro-incumben-cy vote"

Ronaldoreplacement Ramos... From Page 1

Portugal coach Fernando Santos now has to decide whether to stick with Ramos or restore Ronaldo, the top scorer in men's international soccer and one of the game's greatest ever players.

Ronaldo had a couple of chances after coming on, and even thought he had scored when he ran through and drove a low shot past Switzerland goalkeeper Yann Sommer. The goal was disallowed for offside, much to the irritation of the fans — Portuguese or from other countries — who had come to see him.

After the final whistle, as Portugal players stayed on the field to applaud the team's fans at one end of the stadium, Ronaldo walked off on his own — perhaps wondering where his career goes from here. He is currently without a club after leaving Manchester United midway through the

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In U-turn, AAP, TMC attend Kharge's meet...

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Besides TMC and AAP, Left parties, DMK, RJD, AAP, NCP, NC and RSP were represented in the meeting convened

for the first time in a meeting CGHS Ltd. convened by the Congress is seen also against the backdrop of Kharge assuming charge and the absence of either Rahul Gandhi or Sonia Gandhi, who had kept distance from the PD(90214)A Kejriwal-led party on several occasions.

The Opposition is seeking to corner the Government on several issues including price rise, unemployment and is demanding a discussion on the border security situation in the wake of "incursion" by China and the alleged misuse of agencies by the Government.

During the last couple of vears the TMC used to abstain itself from the Congress-led Opposition meetings during the Parliament sessions and had expressed differences within the floor of the House on some Bills after Mamata had stated the non-existence of any form of UPA chaired by then Congress president Sonia Gandhi. Those were the times when the TMC supremo had established a parallel contact with NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray and a couple of other opposition leaders.

Mamata, who chaired the TMC MPs' meeting at the residence of senior leader Saugato Roy in Delhi, dwelt on two fac-Strategically the MPs have been barred from speaking out of turn, particularly with the media without the permission of the leadership.

Besides, the Chief Minister has also asked the MPs to cultivate the other opposition leaders and even try to ensure floor coordination with the Congress MPs inside Parliament.

"Ensure floor coordination with the Opposition parties ... and accommodate the Congress if they want to come along," she is known to have advised her MPs. In an apparent bid to avoid inviting unnecessary reference of affairs including job scam and law and order issues — in Bengal Mamata has asked the TMC MPs to raise pan Indian issues.

"She has asked to concentrate on issues not only related to Bengal but other States also ... this is because being a national leader she thinks in terms of the general situation of the country," one of the TMC leaders said.

As for maintaining discipline the Chief Minister has

asked the MPs not to speak out of turn and not use disparaging languages. They will be required to discuss a matter inside the party before bringing them in public, sources said. "She has asked the MPs to think before making any statement as sometimes some remarks lead to big controversies," a TMC leader said adding the MPs have also been asked not to go abroad frequently.

Making foreign tours subject to clearance from the party, Mamata has said that the MPs will have to devote more time on issues at hand instead of making foreign trips.

Talking to the media later, Mamata hit out at the government alleging it was using its majority to "forcefully" push through bills in Parliament and expressed concerns over the future of parliamentary democracy.

"You have seen that if the opposition raises its voice. because of the majority, the ruling party passes bills forcefully without even voting. They don't accept reports of standing committees or select committees. We are afraid whether our parliamentary democracy will persevere and its prestige and respect which has been preserved till now will be protected," she told reporters.

AAP DETHRONES

However, while an aggregate of exit polls gave the BJP a maximum of 84 seats, it well surpassed it by winning 20 seats more.

Thanking the people of Delhi, Kejriwal said bribery". Incidentally, the AAP lost six of the seven wards to the BJP in the Assembly constituencies represented by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and jailed Minister Satyendar Jain, both facing corruption charges.

Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta said, "Despite 15 years of anti-incumbency, our per-

formance is better. We worked for the people of Delhi at the municipal corporations but maybe some people were not happy. There was no anger against the BJP though.

Indicating the tough battle, 12 candidates eight of these seats going to the BJP and four to the AAP. Interestingly, the AAP was able to scrape through with two of the lowest margins of victory (44 and 187 votes).

Moreover, its candidate also recorded the biggest victory margin of 17,134 votes in Chandni Mahal.

BJP bags 7 of 12 wards in riot-hit North...

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In Shastri Park ward, the Congress managed to retain its core vote bank.

In Sadatpur ward, which is

part of the Karawal Nagar Assembly constituency, Neeta Bisht of the BJP defeated Rekha Tyagi of the AAP by a margin of 4.100 votes. Rekha is the wife of former leader of the opposition of the erstwhile East MCD, Manoj Tyagi of the AAP.

BS Panwar of the BJP defeated Pravin Kasana of the AAP from Dilshad Garden ward by a margin of 944 votes. Similarly, Pramod Gupta of the BJP won from the Yamuna Vihar ward, defeating AAP's candidate Vaneeta by a margin

of 9,455 votes.

In Jahangirpuri ward, AAP's Timsy Sharma defeated BJP's Divya Jha by a margin of 1,188 votes. AAP got 11,086 votes as compared to BJP's 9.898 votes. There was a direct fight between the AAP and the The Jahangirpuri ward is

considered a minority-dominated area which is part of the Badli Assembly constituency. It was also at the centre of a communal flare up following a demolition drive carried out by the DDA. Communal tensions had erupted following clashes as a Hanuman Jayanti rally crossed the local Jama Masjid in April this year. The incident

led to injuries to eight policemen and a civilian.

BJP-led North MCD

launched an anti-encroachment drive subsequently on April 20 by demolishing buildings, and shops in the area claiming them to be illegal constructions. The Supreme Court later passed stay orders but around 20 shops and the front of a mosque were demolished by then, with the drive continuing for over an hour despite the apex court's injunc-

From Seelampur ward, Independent candidate Shakila Begum defeated Seema Sharma of the BJP by a margin of 4,262

Striking down of NJAC Act by SC disregard of people's mandate...

Pointing out that the "sublimity of Doctrine of Separation of Powers" is realised when the legislature, judiciary, and executive function in tandem, ensuring scrupulous adherence to respective jurisdictional domains, the Vice President went on to say, "Any incursion by one, howsoever subtle, in the domain of the other, has the potential to upset the gover-

nance apple cart." "We are indeed faced with

this grim reality of frequent incursions," he noted. Dhankhar added that the Rajya Sabha was "eminently positioned to take affirmative steps to bring about congeniality amongst these wings of the governance".

He asked the members to reflect and engage "in a way forward stance" and pointed out that "Parliament is the exclusive and ultimate determinative of the architecture of the Constitution".

The Chairman said the

essence of democracy lies in the prevalence of the "ordainment of the people reflected through a legitimised platform", and that parliamentary sovereignty is inviolable in any democracy.

He said the power is "unqualified and supreme, not amenable to executive attention or judicial intervention except for the purpose of deciding any case involving a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution envisaged in article 145(3) of the Constitution".

Dhankhar said Parliament used that Constitutional power to effect "wholesome structural governance changes to further spinally strengthen democracy" by providing a comprehensive mechanism for Panchayati Raj, municipalities and cooperative societies.

"In a similar vein, the Parliament in a much-needed historic step passed the 99th Constitutional Amendment Bill paving way for the National Judicial Appointment mandate" on October 16, 2015, Commission (NJAC). There in a 4-1 majority, "finding the Iudicial

was unprecedented support ... On August 13, 2014, the Lok Sabha unanimously voted in its favour with there being no abstention. This House, too, passed it unanimously on August 14, 2014, with one abstention. Rarely in Parliamentary democracy, there has been such massive support for a Constitutional

legislation." The Supreme Court undid this "historic parliamentary

same as not being in consonance with the judicially evolved doctrine of 'basic structure' of the Constitution, Dhankhar said.

"There is no parallel to such a development in democratic history where a duly legitimised constitutional prescription has been judicially undone. A glaring instance of severe compromise of Parliamentary sovereignty and disregard of the mandate of the people of which this house and the Lok Sabha are custodians."

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BJP, AAP increase vote share; Cong, Independents face loss

STAFF REPORTER NEW

The BJP on Wednesday lost **1** the MCD polls to the AAP in a closely-fought contest, but managed to raise its vote share by three per cent as compared to the 2017 civic body elections in the national Capital.

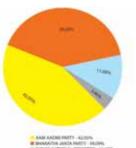
The AAP won the MCD elections held on Sunday with a comfortable majority, bag-

ging 134 of the 250 wards. The vote share of the ruling party in Delhi also soared from 21.09 per cent in 2017 municipal polls to 42.05 per cent, as per figures of the State Election Commission (SEC). The BJP that had won 181 of



Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal with Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai and other leaders during celebrations after the AAP crossed the majority mark in the MCD polls, at the party headquarters in New Delhi on Wednesday

aged to win only 104 wards this time surrendering its 15-year-rule at the civic body to the Arvind Kejriwal-led party. The Congress has managed to get only 11.68 per cent of the



Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) got only 0.62 per cent votes. The BJP obtained 39.09

per cent of the total votes polled in the elections for 250 wards. In the 2017 municipal polls, the party had secured 36.08 per cent votes. An analysis of vote share of different contestants showed that the Congress which had obtained 21.09 per cent votes in 2017 could manage to get only 11.68 per cent votes this

Also, the vote share of Independent candidates slid to 3.46 per cent as compared to 8.8 per cent in the 2017 civic body polls, suggesting that the votes of Congress and Independents shifted to the AAP and BJP. The increased vote share of the AAP shot up its seat tally to 134 from the 48 it had won in the 2017 civic body polls.

Interestingly, the vote share of BJP in the MCD polls is higher than that it had got in 2020 Delhi Assembly elections while the AAP registered a significant decline in its vote share. The AAP had received nearly 54 per cent votes, winning 62 Assembly seats in 2020 while the BJP bagged 8 seats with 38.5 per cent votes. BJP leaders claimed that the middle class

the AAP shifted as the party was facing charges of corruption. "The middle class voters who earlier used to vote for AAP deserted it after corruption in the Kejriwal Government was exposed by us and voted for the BJP in MCD polls," claimed Delhi BJP vice-president Virendra Sachdeva.

Referring to BJP's sweep in wards of Patparganj and Shakur Basti Assembly seg-ments, BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra said on Twitter, "The people of Delhi have given their verdict against corrupt Ministers of AAP' in their constituencies.'



"It is a very good thing that the AAP has a MLA in Vidhan Sabha and the now councilors are also of the same party which will result in fast processing of the files and speedy development of the Capital. Akhil Gupta, AAP supporter



"I have been working in a MCD hospital for many years and did not get my salary on time. We did not get salary hike which the BJP has promised in the last elections. But with the AAP in the MCD all problems faced by us will be.' Madhubala, AAP supporter



"The clean sweep that the leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party were claiming in the national Capital is not possible now as the residents are aware of the dirty deeds done by them. Nighat Abbas, BJP spokesperson



"This is not the victory of the AAP but this is the win of education, health and truth. The residents of the city have chosen the most imandar Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal so that the Capital moves towards a developed state. Rashid Siddiqui, AAP supporter



"We should have prepared a chart of the work done by the party in the last 15 years in the municipal corporation instead of showing the people the reality of the AAP leaders.

> - Samdish Sharma, **B.IP** supporter



"BJP's vote share increased in this election and this is a mandate against the 62 AAP MLAs whose voter base shrank. Even after 15 vears of anti-incumbency. AAP was not able to make a clean sweep." — Sanket Gupta, BJP



"The connection between the leaders of the BJP and the residents of the national Capital became weak, and we will try to strengthen the connection again in the years to come. - Sumit Pandey, BJP supporter



"We are happy that an imandaar sarkar will be in power in MCD and Delhi will be rid of the corruption being done by BJP. The people of Delhi wanted a change in the MCD and they have proved it by handing over MCD's reins to Keiriwal." — GP Singh, AAP supporter

AAP celebrates win, BJP happy over rise in vote share | Most candidates from political



Tellow and blue balloons, Yellow and blue comparty banners, flags fluttered at the AAP's headquarter on Wednesday morning. Jubilant party workers were seen distributing sweets, dancing to drum beats with patriotic songs blaring through loudspeakers no sooner the results of the MCD polls started coming out in favour of their

Songs such as 'Aisa Des Hai Mera', 'Hindustani' along with the theme track of the AAP for the MCD elections, 'MCD Mei Bhi Kejriwal' were heard at the party head office situated at Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg. Hoardings with the tag line of the party "Ache honge 5 saal, MCD mein bhi Kejriwal" were displayed across roads along with numerous yellow buntings with the AAP's logo in blue hovering prominently.

As the results of each ward vere announced by the State Election Commission (SEC) over the day, the victorious candidates were seen reaching the party office with sweets to celebrate the win with party workers, supporters and their lead-Prominent AAP leaders

including Gopal Rai, Atishi, Saurabh Bhardwaj and Durgesh Pathak, started gathering at the party office even as the counting progressed, expressing their joy and meeting the winning candidates. After the final results were

announced by the SEC, around 3 PM, AAP supremo and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal along with Manish Sisodia, Sanjay Singh, Bhagwant Mann, leading to the party's office Raghav Chadha and other

senior members of the party reached the office to address hundreds of AAP workers gathered there, celebrating the party's victory.

The AAP workers welcomed the senior party leaders with continuous chanting of slogans such as "MCD Mei Bhi Kejriwal", "Kejriwal Ki Sarkar, Kejriwal Ka Parshad" etc. The mood at the BJP office,

too, was jubilant as it found solace in the fact that despite the anti-incumbency factor, the party showed good performance by increasing its vote Several senior BJP leaders

including Adesh Gupta, Ashish Sood, Kuljeet Singh Chahal, Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga were present at the party office to greet the winning candidates and the workers. The candidates were seen visiting the BJP office to meet the senior leaders and take their blessings. Back-to-back party meetings were going on to chalk out the strategy after the final results were declared.

Even as the AAP scored a victory in the MCD elections, the saffron party leaders exhibited confidence that they would elect the Mayor of the unified civic body.

Praveen Shankar Kapoor, BJP spokesperson said, "This is not a victory for the AAP, as they did not clean sweep the polls even after the saffron party faced 15-year-old antiincumbency factor."

"The people of the national Capital have rejected the AAP, as this is the first election that party scored around 50 per cent of total seats. It was a neckto-neck competition."The Congress party office, which scored minimal in civic elections, was deserted.

families emerged victorious

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Most candidates hailing from political families emerged victorious in the Delhi civic polls, while the richest contender got a drubbing. Three women former Mayors of Delhi won their ward while an ex-Mayor of North Delhi lost the contest in Civil Lines.

AAP's Aaley Mohammed Iqbal, son of AAP MLA Shoaib Iqbal, trounced his Congress rival Mohammed Hamid by 17,134 votes -- the highest victory margin. Iqbal got 19,199 and Hamid bagged 2,065 votes.
Former Seelampur MLA
Mateen Ahmed's daughter-inlaw Shagufta Choudhary romped home by 15,193 votes, making it the second-highest victory margin.

Aditya Jha's wife Sunrika Sharma lost to AAP's Preeti by 2,643 votes in Dilshad Colony. The AAP's Ashu Thakur defeated the BJP's Kanchan Choudhary in Chittaranjan Park by the narrowest margin of 44 votes. Choudhary is former Councillor Subhash Badhana's daughter.

Kunwar Arjun Pal Singh Marwah, son of former Jangpura MLA Tarwinder Singh Marwah who recently joined the BJP, defeated Subhash Malhotra of the AAP in the Lajpat Nagar ward. AAP MLA Pawandeep Sawhney's son Punardeep Sawhney won the Chandni Chowk ward by 1,216 votes, defeating Ravinder Kumar of the BJP.

Former Congress MLA Balram Tanwar's son Joginder lost by over 4,000 votes in the Jyoti Prakash Jarwal, the wife of AAP MLA Prakash Jarwal, won over BJP's Meera by 6,191

Former Okhla Congress MLA Asif Mohammad Khan's daughter Areva won from the Abul Fazal Enclave, while former Nangloi MLA Bijender Singh's son Mandeep clinched the Nihal Vihar ward. The only transgender candidate in the fray, Bobby of the AAP, defeated Varuna Dhaka of the Congress by 6,714 votes in Sultanpuri A. Dhaka is daughter-in-law of former Sultanpur Majra MLA Jaikishan.

AAP's Sarika Chaudhary won from Daryaganj ward. Chaudhary defeated BJP's Lalit Bhambhry and Congress' Farhad Suri to emerge as the winner from Daryaganj.

Former North Delhi Mayor Avatar Singh of the BJP bit the dust in the Civil Lines ward, while former BIP Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh won against Former Mayor Narendra

Antul Kohli of AAP by 577

Chawla's wife Urmila Chawla won from Janakpuri West ward, while former south Delhi Mayor Kamaljeet Sehrawat trounced AAP's Sudha Sinha by 6,877 votes. Women ex-Mayors Neema Bhagat and Satya Sharma also won.

Shalini Singh, a former Mrs India who also served in the Indian Army, lost to BJP's Ram Niwas in Dwarka A by

1.755 votes. The BJP's Ram Dev Sharma, the richest candidate to have contested the MCD polls, lost to AAP's Mohd Sadiq by 11,626 votes in Ballimaran. In Shastri Nagar, Manoj Kumar Jindal of the BJP got the better of AAP's Babita, one of the richest candidates. by 12,209 votes.

mer Mayor Farhad Suri, son of Congress leader late Tajdar Babar also lost in the Darya Ganj ward Nandani Sharmi, who had declared assets worth over Rs 49 crore, lost to the AAP's Leena Kumar in Malviya Nagar ward, by 3,630 votes. Youngest AAP candidate Shivani Chouhan, 23, lost to the BJP's Yogita Singh in Kalkaji.

Singh polled 7,792 votes against Chouhan's 6,580. Jahangirpuri which witnessed violence on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti in April this year saw Timsy Sharma of the AAP defeating Divya Jha of the BJP by 1,188 votes.

Delhi Commission for Women member Promila Gupta of the AAP defeated Amarlata Sangwan of the BJP in Timarpur by 5,361 votes. BJP's Rekha bagged the Malka Ganj seat after recounting. She defeated Guddi Devi Jatav of the AAP by 482 votes.

BJP, Cong accept mandate of Delhiites

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The BJP on Wednesday I thanked the people of the national capital to making them win more than 100 seats in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections saying that Delhiites have voted for the party on their 15 years work. However, the Congress

accepted the mandate of the people and promises to work for the interest of the society. BJP National Spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said even after 15 years, the party retained its vote share on the basis of its work. The BJP's northeast Delhi

MP Manoj Tiwari, in a tweet in Hindi, thanked the people of Delhi and party workers for showing faith by giving so many seats to the party for the fourth consecutive time. Praveen Shankar Kapoor, BJP spokesper-



son said that the party has retained its votes and the people of the Capital has showed so much support to us that after the three times anti incumbency, the saffron party managed to win 104 seats.

Meanwhile, Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar, while accepting the defeat, said that they fought the MCD elections based on the progress and development achieved during the 15-year Congress Government good governance in Delhi under capital," said Kumar.



Sheila Dikshit, and the Vision Documents the party had announced.

"Congress also exposed the corruption and failures of BIP's 15-year misrule in the MCD. and Aam Aadmi Party's corruption and misgovernance in the past eight years, but the both the parties, misusing power and money, tried to suppress it's development agenda, as they spread lies and falsehood to mislead the people of the national

AAP records biggest and narrowest victory margins

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As the AAP swept the elections to the 250-ward Municipal Corporation of Delhi on Wednesday, its candidates recorded the biggest and the narrowest victory margins in the polls. AAP's Aaley Mohammed Iqbal won from Chandni Mahal with the biggest margin of 17,134 votes and Ashu Thakur bagged Chittaranjan Park seat by a wafer-thin margin of 44 votes.

While Iqbal defeated Congress' Mohd Hamid, Thakur was pitted against BJP's Kanchan Choudhary. Congress' Shagufta Chaudhary romped home with a margin of 15,193 votes — the second highest in the elections. In Shastri Nagar, BJP's Manoj Kumar Jindal beat AAP's Babita, one of the richest candidates, by 12,209 votes. AAP's Mohd. Sadiq defeated BJP rival Ram Dev Sharma, the richest candidate, by 11,626 votes in

After a close fight, AAP's Ramesh Kumar Bisaiya defeated BJP's K M Rinku in Nand Nagri by a slender margin of 54 votes and BJP's Yogesh defeated AAP's Deep Kumar by 91 votes in Alipur.

Kishan Lal of BJP defeated AAP's Ashok Kumar by a slim margin of 104 votes in Shakurpur and Urmila Gangwal of BJP registered a 146-vote win against Reena Tomar of AAP in Raghubir AAP's Sachin Tyagi by 176 Nagar. Mukesh Kumar Goel, votes in Keshopur.

join the AAP and was at the centre of a controversy over the alleged selling of tickets by the ruling party, defeated BJP's Anubhav Dhir by a thin margin of 187 votes in Adarsh Nagar. BJP's Poonam Sharma won by 156 votes in Ashok Vihar. AAP's Hemchand Goel clinched Molarband ward by 127 votes.

In Deoli, BJP's Anita defeated AAP's Sneh Lata Fauji by 164 votes. Anil Kumar Tyagi of BJP defeated AAP's Ashish Tyagi by 173 votes in Burari.

BJP's Shashi Chandana won from Mandawali by a thin margin of 184 votes, while Harish Oberoi of BJP defeated

Meet Bobby, Delhi's first transgender Councillor

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The national Capital has got cillor after AAP's Bobby Kinnar won the civic polls from Sultanpuri-A ward on Wednesday. Bobby Kinnar (38) was given a ticket from Sultanpuri A seat.

She has been associated with AAP since the Anna movement and later when the party was formed. Bobby defeated the Congress' Varuna Dhaka, daughter in law of former MLA Jai Kishan by 6,714 votes. This is the first time in the electoral history of Delhi where a transgender has won the seat. She had contested the civic polls in 2017 but lost. "Aaj meri khushi ka

thikana hai nahin... (My hap-



today). This is a celebration of the victory of change and people are becoming more accepting of people like me," she said "The mentality is changing. I would say the mentality of 70 per cent of people has changed, I will change during my tenure as councillor," Bobby said. Bobby was only 15 when her family handed her over to a

'guruji' from the transgender

community under societal

pressure. Having had to drop out of school when she was in Class 9 because of bullying and harassment, she will now be the first transgender member of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).

Bobby wants to beautify her constituency and improve the lives of her neighbours. Bobby is also the president 'Hindu Yuva Samaj Ekta Awam Anti-Terrorism Committee' Delhi unit. She has been associated with this organisation for the last 15 years.

"My number one priority will be cleaning the area. Under Congress and BJP councillors, the BJP was riddled with corruption. The beautification of parks that have been lying in disarray will also be a priority

BJP poaching AAP Councillors: Sisodia HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MCD RESULTS

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Wednesday alleged that the BJP was trying to poach newly-elected AAP councillors and asserted that none of them will fall prey to their "game". He said the newly elected councillors have been instructed to record "such phone calls" in case they receive one.

Sisodia's allegations come after the Aam Aadmi Party won the MCD polls with 134 seats, ending the 15-year rule of the BJP in the prestigious municipal corporation and reducing the Congress to just nine seats in a house

The BJP, which was predicted to suffer a massive defeat in exit polls, put up a spirited fight, winning 104 municipal wards. "BJP's game has begun. Our newly elected councilors have started receiving phone calls. None of our councillors will be sold. We have told all our councillors

that if they get a phone call or if some-

one comes to meet them, they should

record those calls and meetings," he said in a tweet in Hindi. BJP IT department head Amit Malviya also suggested that the mayor's election is still an open game and noted that Chandigarh, where its rival was the largest party, has a mayor from BJP "Now over to electing a mayor for

Delhi. It will all depend on who can hold the numbers in a close contest, which way the nominated councillors vote etc. Chandigarh has a BJP mayor, for instance," he said in a tweet.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga also claimed that the city will again have a mayor from his It is interesting to note that Anti-

defection law does not apply in municipal polls. This means that elected councillors can switch parties without the fear of disqualification, unlike in Assembly or Lok Sabha elections. A legislator defects when she or he voluntarily gives up the membership of a party or disobeys the party whip when it comes to voting.

 AAP won the municipal elections, bagging 134 of 250 wards. It had bagged 48 out of 272 seats in 2017. The BJP won 104 wards. Its tally was 181 in 2017.

 Congress was reduced to nine municipal wards from 31 won by the party in 2017 civic body polls. As many as 188 candidates from

Congress forfeited security deposit. All the three independent candidates who have won are women

 AAP was unable to sway voters in its favour in wards falling under the assembly constituencies of AAP ministers Manish Sisodia and Satvendar Jain. The BJP swept three of the four wards in Sisodia's constituency and all three in Jain's constituency

◆BJP managed to raise its vote share by three per cent to 39.09 per cent as compared to previous civic body elections in Delhi in

◆The vote share of AAP in Delhi also soared from 21.09 per cent to 42.05 per cent while Congress' vote share reduced to 11.68 per cent from 21.09 per cent in 2017 civic body

 Security deposits of 784 candidates have been forfeited in MCD polls as they failed to

get at least one-sixth of the valid votes. These include 370 independents, 188 candidates from Congress, 128 from BSP, 13 from AIMIM, three from AAP and ten from the BJP,

 In MCD elections, 57,545 votes (0.78 per cent) were for NOTA

Over 125 women candidates won Only transgender candidate in MCD

Most candidates hailing from political

elections, Bobi, won Sultanpuri-A ward. Bobi contested election on AAP's ticket BJP's 'Pasmanda Muslim' experiment failed the MCD poll test, all the four women candidates from the community were defeated

families emerged victorious while the richest contender faced a drubbing Three former women mayors of Delhi who fought on BJP tickets emerged victorious. AAP's Aaley Mohammed Iqbal, son of AAP

MLA Shoaib lobal, won with the highest victory margin of 17,134 against Congress rival Mohd Hamid. Iqbal got 19,199 votes and Hamid bagged

2.065 votes. AAP's Ashu Thakur defeated the BJP's

Kanchan Choudhary in Chittranjan Park by the lowest margin of 44 votes.

Smooth run for 1st day of Winter Session of Parliament

MODI URGES ALL PARTY LEADERS TO MAKE WINTER SESSION OF PARLIAMENT MORE PRODUCTIVE

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday took note of frequent disruptions and adjournments in Parliament proceedings and urged leaders of all parties to make collective efforts to make the winter session more pro-

The winter session commenced on Wednesday with both the Houses having a smooth run during the day. Speaking to media ahead of the session's start, he said parliamentarians, including from the opposition, have told him that they suffer due to frequent disruptions and adjournments in Parliament as they are unable to speak and asked leaders from different parties to understand their "pain".

Stating that he had congenial discussion with various leaders during a recent all-party meet on India's presidency of G20, he expressed hope that its reflection will definitely be seen in Parliament too.

India hosting the G20 summit, which will be held next year, is not merely a diplomatic event but also a chance to showcase the country's capabilities before the world in a holistic manner, the prime minister said.

"India is such a large country, mother of democracy and has so much diversities and potential. Therefore, this is a big opportunity for the world to know India and for India to show its potential to the whole world," he added.

Modi expressed confidence that efforts will be made in the session to take important decisions to take the country to new heights of development amid the current global situation.

The prime minister also sought all political parties to give first time MPs a chance to participate in debates for the remaining period of the 17th Lok Sabha before the next general election for their bright future and also for preparing the next generation in democracy.

The Prime Minister said young MPs tell him that Parliament is a big university of democracy but they don't get to learn and understand due to disruptions and absence of discussions.

Young MPs say they are not getting opportunities and, therefore, the functioning of the two Houses is very important, the prime minister said, adding this is the voice from young parliamentarians of all parties, he Modi said, as the country is now in 'Amrit Kaal', a term used by him to describe the 25 year period till the centenary of India's Independence, and has got the opportunity to preside over the G20. "India has made a space in



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the media on the first day of the Winter Session of Parliament, at Parliament complex in New Delhi on Wednesdav

the global community and expectations from it have increased. India is also increasing its participation on global platforms. It is a huge opportunity to host G20 Presidency at such a time," he said.

Noting that this will be the first session where Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar will preside as Rajya Sabha chairperson, he offered the "farmer's son" his best wishes.

Standing committee chairpersonship denied against set norms: Cong, TMC

New Delhi: The Congress and the Trinamool Congress on Wednesday raised the issue of the two parties being denied parliamentary standing committee chairmanship in a break from the convention in the Raising the issue in the Lok

Sabha on the first day of the winter session of Parliament, Leader of Congress Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and TMC leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay flagged changes made in the composition of the committees in October. "The convention of appointing chairman of parliamentary committees from opposition parties is being done away with," Chowdhury said. Bandyopadhyay said that despite the TMC being one of the largest party in the Lok Sabha, it was informed by the Parliamentary Affairs Ministry manship of any committee. In a reconstitution of parliamentary panels, notified by secretariats of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, chairpersons of several committees were changed in the Congress.

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After two years' hiatus, Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to be held from Jan 8-10

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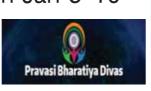


tourist capital for 2022-23.

Outlining some of the major international events lined up in the near future including the G-20 summit while making a statement in the Rajya Sabha on 'Latest Developments in India's Foreign Policy,' he also said Kashi's selection "would facilitate showcasing of our age-old knowledge inheritance and cultural heritage.

On hosting the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya, the minister said it will be held in Indore from 8-10 January 2023. President of Guyana Irfaan Ali will be the chief guest of the Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas.

On criticism for buying oil from Russia during the ongoing Ukraine conflict, Jaishankar said the government does not ask Indian companies to buy oil from Russia but it is a sensible policy to get the best deal in the



interest of Indian people.

Highlighting some of the key features of India's foreign policy, Jaishankar said today it is no longer just an exercise of a ministry or even simply that of the government, it has a direct impact on daily lives of all Indians. "Our endeavour is that the welfare of the Indian people is ensured however challenging the situation," he said. He also said Indian foreign policy is to serve the Indian people and "We will do whatever it takes to discharge that respon-

On the situation on the border in Ladakh for the last two years since the first face-off took place between the armies of India and China, Jaishankar said "Diplomatically, we're clear with Chinese we won't tolerate attempts to unilaterally change Line of Actual Control(LAC). If they continue to do that and built up forces which constitute serious concerns in border area then our relationship isn't normal and that abnormality is evident in last few years.

V-P gets Elders' assurance of cooperation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar was assuming charge as Rajya Sabha Chairman at a time when the country was witnessing two historic occasions including presidency of the G-20 group-ing and 'Amrit Kaal' of India's independence. He said it will be a period of national devel-

opment and glory.
Welcoming the new
Chairman on the first day of winter session of the Upper House, he also said the country will play an important role in giving direction to the

Several leaders including Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Leader of House Piyush Goyal and Leader of Opposition M Mallikarjun Kharge lauded Dhankar's rise to the high office from a humble background. All the Elders assured Dhankhar of smooth functioning of the house.

On a lighter note, the Prime Minister said while former chairman M Venkaiah



Naidu was known for his twoliners, the new incumbent is known for his witty remarks. Modi also said being a Supreme Court lawyer, Dhankhar will not miss it as many of his colleagues are

Modi said "India has just assumed the presidency of G20 and this is also a time when we have commenced our journey into 'Amrit Kaal'.

Not only will 'Amrit Kaal' be a period of development and glory for the country it will also be an occasion when India will play an important role in giving direction to the world." In this journey, India's democracy, parliament and parliamentary traditions will also play a significant role, he added.Hailing Dhankhar as a leader who has both the ele-ments of 'jawan' (soldier) and 'kisan' (farmer) imbibed in him, the Prime Minister said the House was fortunate to receive "his able and effective leadership at this juncture in history." "Our Vice President is a 'Kisan Putra' (son of farmer) and he studied at a Sainik school. Thus, he is closely associated with jawans and kisans," he said.

The Prime Minister exuded confidence that under the guidance of Dhankhar, "all members will effectively perform their duties and the House will serve as an effective platform to help realise the dreams and pledges of the country." He also saluted the Armed Forces on the occasion of the Armed Forces Flag Day.

"The country is happy to see the achievements of Kithana's 'lal' (son)," Modi said, referring to Dhankhar's birthplace Kithana in Rajasthan. Referring to Dhankhar's humble origins, he noted that like President Droupadi Murmu, who is guiding the country, the son of a farmer has now reached the top position in the Rajya Sabha. Describing the Chairman as a "bhoomiputra," Kharge expressed concern over the reduced number of sittings of Parliament thereby depriving discussion on serious issues. He along with several other speakers stressed on scrutiny of government bills by parliamentary standing committees and more time for smaller parties during debates.

Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Sukhendu Sekhar Ray, former prime minister and JDS leader H D Deve Gowda, Tiruchi Siva(DMK), Sasmit Patra(BJD), Raghav Chadha (AAP), Ramdas Athawale (RPI), Elamaram Kareem CPI (M), Priyanka Chaturvedi (Shiv Sena), Birendra Prasad Baishya (AGP) and Ram Gopal Yadav (SP) also spoke on the occa-

Leader of the House Piyush Goyal said a new tradition is taking shape in the country where people from ordinary backgrounds have reached top positions in the government. He cited the examples of President Droupadi Murmu and Modi.

Centre brings Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022; Opp wants standing committee to review it

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Wednesday intro-duced the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which seeks to bring transparency and accountability in the sector in the Lok Sabha, amidst demands from Opposition MPs that it be referred to a standing committee for review.

The Bill, introduced by Minister of State (MoS) for Cooperation BL Verma, also seeks to create a "Co-operative Election Authority" to bring electoral reforms in the sector and authorise the Central Government to appoint one or more co-operative ombudsman. Opposition MPs alleged the Bill's provisions encroach on the rights of State Governments.

The bill also proposes a Co-operative Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Development Fund for the revival of sick multi-state co-operative societies. Another important change proposed in the existing law is increasing the monetary penal-



ties on multi-state co-operative societies for the contravention of norms. Cooperative society is a State subject.

There is a clear indication that the Central Government has been encroaching upon the territory of State Governments (and) that is why protests are cropping up across the nation," said Leader of Congress in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

This government has always called for

cooperative federalism and it should have been followed before the preparation of this Bill, he said. "This (Bill) may lead to the concentration of power of the central government, which may impact the autonomy and functioning of the multi-state cooperative society and create potential for misuse. "Given the intricacies, given the ramifications and encroachment of the state territory, this Bill should be referred to a standing committee," he said. DMK leader R Baalu also accused the

Central Government for encroaching the

domain of State Governments. RSP leader

NK Premachandran said there are technical issues in the Bill and it is against the spirit of the definition of cooperative societies as enshrined in the Constitution. The Bill seeks to "take away" the rights

of state governments and is against the federal structure of the country, he said. Congress leader Manish Tewari called for the withdrawal of the Bill and said certain provisions of the proposed legislation strike at the heart of the autonomy of cooperative societies". He also pointed out five clauses of the

Bill which he claimed are beyond the legislative competence of the House clause 6 in sub-section 10 into sub-section 17, clause 13, clause 17, clause 24 and clause 45. "This Bill should be withdrawn.

Environment Min tables Wild Life (Protection) Bill

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New Delhi: Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav on Wednesday tabled the Wild Life (Protection) Bill in the Rajya Sabha that seeks to

include a dedicated framework to regulate or ban international trade of endangered species as well as permit certain traditional activities of communities living around forest areas. The bill was cleared by the

Lok Sabha in the monsoon session of Parliament. The minister said there were two main objectives of the bill which includes bringing the international treaty that India has signed into the legal

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framework. "Along with this, some level of protection to people living in forest area for their livestock and traditional rights was necessary till the time they are completely relocated," Yadav said.

The bill seeks to amend the principal Act for better management of protected areas. It inserts an explanation to provide for certain permitted activities such as grazing or movement of livestock, bona fide use of drinking and household water by local communities. The minister said the bill has been brought in to strengthen local administration and give

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Congress Party member Vivek K Tankha said that the power to act on wild life was vested with the states but it has now been moved to the concurrent list.

He said when Wild Life Protection Act 1972 was enacted, 11 states had passed resolutions that they want central enactment to address the subject at the national level. Tankha said the amendment proposed in the new bill deals with several international treaties. He said section 43 of the bill permits transfer and transportation of

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'any other purpose" which

makes things very vague. The Congress MP referred to a data by nonprofit organisation PETA which shows that there are 2,675 captive elephants and 1,251 have ownership certifi-

While CPI(M) member John Brittas said there was deliberate design in every action of the government to usurp power of the states and opposed the bill., DMK member Kanimozhi NVN Somu sought allocation of Rs 2,000 crore to Tamil Nadu for enhancing wild life protection and conservation activ-

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Drugs to fight antibiotic resistance in neonates needed urgently: Study

Even as over 2.3 million new-borns die of severe bacterial infections (neonatal sepsis) worldover annually with an increasing number becoming resistant to available antibiotics, not enough is being done to develop effective life-saving drugs, leading public health global experts have flagged concerns, calling for urgent intervention in the sector. In India too the situation is dismal as an estimated 60,000 neonates die each year from sepsis caused by bacteria resistant to first-line antibiotics. Presently, of 40 antibiotics approved for use in adults since 2000, only four have included dosing information for neonates in their labeling.

"The urgent need to prioritise the development of antibiotics specifically for newborns through a global antibiotic development and access network" has been outlined in a paper coauthored by the international experts in the field of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

The paper is published in the December 2022 Bulletin of the WHO. They include experts from the Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership (GARDP), Penta -Child Health Research and St George's, University of London (SGUL) as well as neonatologists in India and South Africa.

Over the last decade, AMR has worsened to the point where around 50-70per cent of common pathogens exhibit a high degree of resistance to available first and second-line antibiotics. Despite substantial progress in medical research and a steep decline in the number of children under the age of five who



problems related to child health remain to be tackled. Severe bacterial infections are one of them. 'There is an urgent need to

identify high priority antibiotics to understand which ones work best and safely in children. and then make them available where they are needed," said Mike Sharland from St George's, University of London, and member of the Antimicrobial Resistance Programme at Penta Child Health Research.

"By achieving global consensus, we can streamline the process of antibiotic development, allow for faster access to antibiotics, and reduce the burden of AMR on the vulnerable neonatal population," added Manica Balasegaram, Executive Director of GARDP.

Carlo Giaquinto, president, Penta Foundation, echoed similar views saying that "by bringing together academic clinical trial networks, international research networks, regulators, donors, government and industry sponsors, these public-private partnerships can leverage their multi-disciplinary expertise and funding to speed up access to antibiotics and facilitate the update and routine implementation of global treatment guidelines." In fact, GARDP, Penta -Child Health Research, SGUL, and other partners have collaborated on a recent global observational study of 3,200 babies

with neonatal sepsis across 19

hospitals in 11 countries.

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Uddhav-Sena blames Centre for border row

'Declare Belagavi and surrounding Marathi-speaking areas UT'

TN RAGHUNATHA

As skirmishes over the Maharashtra-Karnataka border dispute continued for the second consecutive day on Wednesday, the Opposition Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) upped the ante, by accusing the Centre of indirectly supporting the violence in the border city of the southern state and demanding that Belagavi and the surrounding Marathi-speaking areas be declared as a "Union Territory".

(UT).
With no let up in the violence in the two states, at least four buses were defaced by the the Shiv Sena (UBT) and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) activists, while Kannada-speaking activists hurled stones at vehicles entering Karnataka from the Maharashtra side near a toll booth at Hirebaugwadi in Belagavi district

A front named as MVA morcha floated by the Opposition Maha Vikas Agadi (MVA) on Wednesday

announced that it would stage a massive protest at Kolhapur in western Maharashtra against the Karnataka government for "its efforts to precipitate" the situation in the border areas. The MVA forum has invited Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MVS), an outfit fighting for the Marathi-speaking people in Karnataka, for the

In a related development, the services of as many as 475 state transport bus services operating between Karnataka and Maharashtra have been suspended. While 330 daily bus services operating between various and cities and towns of Maharashtra like Mumbai, Kolhapur, Ratnagiri, Sangli and Satara have been suspended, while 145 daily services operating between Karnataka and Maharashtra have been stopped following the incident of violence in Belgavi on

As the political stand-off between the two states intensified, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP and chief spokesperson Sanjay Raut claimed that the incidents



of violence could not have taken place in Belagavi without New Delhi's support and demanded that Belagavi and surrounding Marathi-speaking areas along the Karnataka-Maharashtra border be

declared as a Union Territory.

'Workers of the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti have been arrested. The game of ending Marathi self-esteem by breaking its backbone has started. The attacks in Belagavi

are part of the same conspiracy. Get up Marathas get up!' Raut tweeted.

Interacting with the media later in the day, Raut charged that the Eknath Shinde government was "impotent" and it had failed to handle the issues relating to the border row firmly. "If Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has guts, he should demand the disputed areas be declared as a union territory immediately," he said.

ED files charges against TET scam 'kingpin' TMC MLA

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

here was more trouble for the ruling Trinamool Congress with the Enforcement Directorate investigating the school level recruitment scam school level recruitment scam on Wednesday submitting a supplementary chargesheet against jailed party MLA and former Primary School Board chairman Manik Bhattacharya. In a 150-page chargesheet filed on the 58th day of his arrest the ED has identified Bhattacharya as the kingpin of

Bhattacharya as the kingpin of the TET scam (involving recruitment of thousands of primary teachers, Group C and D staff).

In the chargesheet the ED has quoted 60 witnesses, submitted 6,000 documents including those related to 61 bank accounts.

The ED has claimed that Bhattacharya was responsible for perpetrating the scam and collecting illegal money which was then routed upwards.

Incidentally the Calcutta High Court had in an earlier order directed the investigating



agencies including ED and CBI to find out the topmost people benefited by the scam leading the Opposition parties to wonder whether Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her close aides were not in the know of the proceedings that involved more 22,000 fake appointments and transactions involving Rs 5 lakh to Rs 25 lakh per appointment.

The ED has also mentioned the names of Bhattacharya's wife Satarupa and son Souvik who in the scam. While the former was found to be jointly holding an account with a dead person and transacting money there off in



that account the latter through a number of coaching outlets collected crores from the private colleges imparting training under Diploma in Elementary Education a prerequisite for appearing in TET exams.

The CBI in the same case has informed the High Court how about 22,000 OMR sheets were manipulated and how 9,000 of them were simply destroyed. Sampling a few OMR sheets the CBI said how blank OMR sheets were submitted by the candidates and how 0 mark was converted to 53 marks and how 1 and 2 marks respectively were converted to 51 and 52 marks.

TMC infighting: **Bullets fired.** bombs thrown at rival's house

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

There seems to be no stopping of bombs booming in Bengal. After Bhupatinagar and Basirhat blasts that killed three and injured some others, alleged infighting saw one group of the Trinamool Congress goons shooting and bombing the house of the leader of another group late on Tuesday night.

According to sources 12 rounds were fired and bombs were charged at the residence of former Bhangar block Trinamool Congress president Fajle Karim. Though the TMC leader was in the house he was not injured as he slept under the bed, he said.

The bullets thus fired pierced the wooden doors and made pock marks in the walls. Bombs were also charged at his house, Karim said blaming the rival group of Kaiser Aalam the present TMC block president.

Bhangar is a block notorious for political clashes some 20 miles east off Kolkata.

ED seizes gold worth ₹2.51 cr from beneficiary of Kerala smuggling scam

PNS NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday said it has seized gold worth Rs 2.51 crore from a "secret" chamber at the premises of a Malappurambased jewellery house promoter, who is an alleged beneficiary of the Kerala 'gold smuggling scam through diplomatic bag' case.

The action has been taken against Aboobacker Pazhedath, the promoter of Malabar Jewellery and Fine Gold Jewellery, both based in Malappuram in Kerala and one of the shareholders of Atlas Gold Super Markets Pvt. Ltd., Kozhikode, the agency said in a statement.

The ED, NIA and Customs department are conducting separate investigations into the racket that was unearthed with the seizure of gold worth Rs 15 crore from the diplomatic bag-gage of the UAE Consulate at Thiruvananthapuram airport on July 5, 2020.

The ED said probe found that "Aboobaker Pazhedath of Malappuram is part of the ed by Sarith P S, Śwapna Suresh and Sandeep Nair, under the patronage of IAS officer M Sivasankar (former principal secretary to the Kerala chief minister) and was one of the beneficiaries.

"Out of the smuggled gold seized by the Customs on 05.07.2020, 3 kgs of gold belonged to Aboobacker Pazhedath," it said.

The agency said Pazedath had "admitted" that 3 kgs of gold seized by Customs belonged to him and apart from that, he had also admit-

ted that he had smuggled 6 kgs gold in similar manner in the past through diplomatic baggage of the UAE consulate.



ED attaches ₹201 cr assets of **Haryana-based builder Sobha Ltd**

PNS NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached 'proceeds of crime' (PoC) in the form of immovable properties amounting to Rs 201.60 crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) of Harvana based builder Sobba Haryana-based builder Sobha

the basis of FIR registered by Haryana Police against Sobha Limited and others for violation of rules laid down by DTCP (Directorate of Town and Country Planning), Haryana and cheating the general public for selling plots meant for "No Profit No Loss (NPNL)" category at exorbitant market prices in the Sobha International City, Gurugram.

Haryana Police has already filed chargesheets against Sobha Limited and other related persons of the company for the offence.











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NIA arrests 3 people in Coimbatore car bomb blast case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) Wednesday arrested three persons in connection with Coimbatore car bomb blast

The three arrested accused persons Mohammed Thoufeek (aged 25 years) of Podanur, Coimbatore, Umar Faaruq alias K Srinivasan, 39, from Connor, Nilgiris district and Ferose Khan, 28, of South Ukkadam, Coimbatore.

The case relates to the bomb blast through an explosives-laden car in front of Kottai Eswaran Temple of Coimbatore district on October

"Upon preliminary investigations, it has emerged that the deceased accused, Jamesha Mubeen, after taking bayath (allegiance) to the ISIS, planned to carry out a suicidal attack and cause extensive damage to symbols and monuments of a particular religious faith and with the intention to strike terror among the people," the

NIA said in a statement.



istered as FIR No. 207/2022 dated October 23 at Police Station Ukkadam Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu and reregistered by NIA on October

"Investigations have revealed that accused persons Umar Faaruq and Ferose Khan were part of the conspiracy meetings attended by Jamesha Mubeen in Umar's residence at Coonor, Nilgiris district, Tamil Nadu and also provided support to Jamesha Mubeen in the commission of the terror acts. Mohammed Thoufeek was in possession of incriminating literature / books connected to radical Islam and also had handwritten notes on preparation of explosives," the agency said, adding, further investigations in the case are in progress.



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No excuses now

With the Delhi Govt and the MCD both under AAP, Kejriwal must perform to a T now

■ t is not often that a political party celebrates after losing an election. The BJP's supporters did that after it became clear that their party was relinquishing its 15year control over the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The reason was simple: they had expected a landslide in favour of the Aam Aadmi Party at their expense; what they got instead were 104 seats against AAP's 134. This is quite creditable, especially if we take into account the functioning of the three MCDs (which were united just before the announcement of the election) in the last 15 years. They have been accused of incompetence and corruption; from waterlogging during rains to the (literally) mountains of garbage, the local authorities have failed quite miserably. It was sheer hard work and perseverance of BJP leaders and cadre that helped them overcome, to a large extent, the negativity created by performance in MCDs. Its cam-



paign blitzkrieg, involving Union Ministers and top leaders, was in sharp contrast with the canvassing by the Congress which has been reduced to a single digit, nine. The grand old party must learn from the never-say-die attitude of the BJP workers; the latter succeeded in ensuring a respectable number of seats in the MCD for their party. Grandstanding, which Rahul Gandhi is engaged in, has its use in politics, but it must be complemented with work on the ground; profound statements and smart tweets alone do not yield political dividends.

There is also a lesson for AAP: Its flirting with soft Hindutva is not bringing votes. In the North East Delhi Lok Sabha constituency, where communal riots

took place in February 2020, the BJP won 21 out of 41 municipal wards. It may be recalled that AAP, which habitually slams the BJP, did not criticise the saffron party at that time. This had disheartened AAP's Left-liberal supporters. AAP has been continuously trying to portray itself as a Hindu party though without fringe baggage. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has become a Hanuman bhakt; he and his deputy, Manish Sisodia, appear in televised Diwali puja. Kejriwal expresses his approval of a uniform civil code; he throws up the idea of printing the pictures of gods and goddesses on currency notes. AAP, however, fails to derive any political mileage from religious polarisation. But the hard work and persistence of AAP leaders and activists stood them in good stead. As is its wont, the BJP did everything to discredit and demean AAP — from using Satyendra Jain's video clips to accusing Sisodia of corruption — but Kejriwal's party managed to get a clear majority in the MCD. With the State Government and the MCD both under AAP, now Kejriwal will not have any excuse for non-performance. But he is an ingenious person; he can always blame the Lieutenant-Governor for impeding AAP from doing good work for the Capital's people. We hope that AAP focuses on performance and not on deflecting blame.



'G20 Sherpas' arrive to attend a cultural programme, in Ranakpur on Wednesday

Gun culture

600 mass shootings through November 22 this year, but America is still cocking its guns

ore Americans are getting killed by sporadic shooting incidents back home than in the war zones, yet the arms lobby and gun owners resist it with all their might. America's shameful tradition of our violence once again took the lives of innocent people at Walmart in Chesapeake, Virginia. At least six people were killed in the store, according to local officials, with four battling for lives in the hospital. The Walmart shooting comes just three weeks after a shooting incident at the University of Virginia that left three dead, and, even more recently, a shooting at a Colorado Springs LGBTQ nightclub that left five dead. These incidents have naturally jolted every American but there are many who would defend their right to keep a gun. The gun debate rages in the US as the government can't do much about it as any presidential decree may be blocked in the Congress. Many Americans hold their right to bear arms, enshrined in

the US Constitution, as sacrosanct. But others say that right threatens another: the right to life.

Each shooting seems to embolden each side with new arguments and counter arguments coming up after every debate. The gun owners lobby would have us believe to stop this menace more guns is the solution, every one defending himself as criminals would always have guns. On other hand the counter argument is that in most shooting incidents common people having no criminal background were involved, for instance, the manager of Walmart was involved in the latest shooting incident. In an all too familiar cycle, a shooting will prompt some to push for more gun control and others to lobby for less firearm regulation. A

tense debate plays out before the issue fades from the national conversation. President Joe Biden has called for congressional action, but the reality of a divided Congress from January makes this unlikely. "This year, I signed the most significant gun reform in a generation, but that is not nearly enough. We must take greater action," the president said in a statement. Statistically the states with weaker gun laws have higher rates of gun deaths, including homicides, suicides and accidental killings, according to a January study published by Everytown for Gun Safety, a nonprofit on gun violence prevention. Yet the political debate on gun control in America is not on rational grounds but is highly emotive. There have been at least 607 mass shootings through November 22 this year. How many more no one knows as America cannot control its guns.

We are left with Hobson's choice

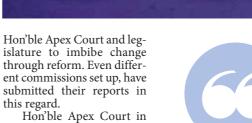


Imperfect discerning & inability to address intriguing problems may lead to cosmetic changes instead of tackling the issues of electoral dynamics

he main and most important factor ailing, vitiating and contaminating the election process is the abuse of money power. The abuse manifests in connotational facets like luring the impecunious to vote for the unscrupulous lots indirectly ridiculing their predicaments intimidation of the voters, rigging, booth capturing, post-election violence as such all these obnoxious things are directly or indirectly caused by money Criminalization of politics and criminality by the candidate poses a great threat to democracy. Coercion and compulsion resulting in election of undeserving candidates to govern make the process a farce only. A system is bound to be a sick system if infested by such obnoxious things and the process becomes a farce.

As a logical corollary, if the beginning is maledictory, the outcome is bound to be toxic. It has to be discussed, discerned and delineated in transparent and clear language as how to break this vicious cycle. It is easier said than done. To purify the process hitherto contaminated with anathematic things and to initiate a paradigmatic change requires sincerity of purpose and perfect implementation. The factors contaminating

the electoral process revolve around the points as stated above. Even certain other factors like playing divisive cards of caste, language and religion etc, offering/promising freebies to lure voters and other electoral malpractices also provide roadblocks. Cleavage based voting factors and some spatial issues also influence the process negatively. A meaningful reform has to take into accounts all these factors to initiate the change. The impact and severity of all these factors have to be deciphered in detail and cogitated to refurbish the most important process of the country. Many steps have been taken by the These decisions had far election commission of Índia, reaching effects on the elec-



many a case has delivered landmark judgments for positive changes in Union of India vrs Association of Democratic reform, 2002, Hon'ble Supreme Court dealt with the matter that contesting candidates would disclose all their assets, liabilities and facts in regard to criminal conviction etc at the time of filing nominations. In Lily Thomas vs Union of India, 2013, the order was passed in regard to conviction (of the candidate) in a crime and disqualification including losing membership of the House.

In People's Union of Civil Liberties vs Union of India, 2013, the decision regarding voters' right to negatively vote in the election process including NOTA (None Of The Above) in the ballot paper was



THE LATEST POINT UNDER **DELIBERATION** AND DISCUSSION (SUB JUDICE IN HON'BLE APEX COURT) IS REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF FREEBIES WITH TAXPAYER'S MONEY TO ENTICE THE VOTERS

tion process. Many committees like vohra committee (1993) Indrajit Gupta Committee (State funding of election) Law Commission report (on reform of electoral law) 1999 and Election Commission of India's report, 2004 (proposed electoral reforms) also touched upon many essential points. The plethora of pervasive reports remind me of some lines from S.T. Coleridge's. 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'- "water, water everywhere, not a drop to drink". With plenty of reports around, we still stand on the brink of impurity. The latest point under deliberation and discussion (in subjudice in Hon'ble Apex Court) is regarding distribution of freebies with taxpayers money to enteric the voters.

But an in depth study would reveal that all our reforms and endeavour to gush in fresh air of change though have touched some issues or other but have not touched the core point to bring out the cherished rem edy. Unless and until there is a direct attack on the abuse of

money power, criminalization of politics, the divisive factors like caste, language, religion and customs etc and distribution of freebies with taxpayers money etc the desired reform cannot be effected upon.

While addressing the most complicated task (purity the election process), certain facts are to be kept in mind, so that a solution, however difficult it may be, would be pragmatic and effective. The size of our nation, demographic factors (population dynamics), the diversities prevalent, (in regard to caste, religion legion language and culture) the size of population below poverty line, literacy rate, increasing crime rate and criminalization of politics and abuse of money power and its dimensions and ramifications are to be thoroughly studied and analyzed before taking up reforms suitable, acceptable and desirable.

> (The author is a superannuated senioi IAS officer. The views expressed are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNWELCOME GUESTS

Sir — It was the blunder on the part of the scheduled visit of a Maharashtra delegation to Belagavi in the neighbouring state of Karnataka which was called off in wake of the ongoing border row between the two States. Maharashtra ministers were appointed for coordinating the state's border dispute with Karnataka to meet activists of the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti at Belagavi in the southern state and hold talks with them on the decadesold border issue. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai dare the Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde not to send his cabinet colleagues to Belagavi as their visit may disrupt the law and order situation in the border district.

On November 30, the Supreme Court was scheduled to hear arguments about the maintainability of a petition filed by the Maharashtra government, challenging some provisions of the State Reorganization Act, 1956 and demanding 865 villages from five districts of Karnataka.The two states have been at loggerheads over the inclusion of some towns and villages along the border ever since the State Reorganization Act was passed by the Parliament in 1956. The Act was based on the findings of the Justice Fazal Ali Commission, which was appointed in 1953 and submitted its report two years later. With this the scheduled cancelled visit of Maharashtra ministers to Karnataka was the biggest blunder and insult to people

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

DOMINIQUE LAPIERRE PASSES AWAY

Sir — The beloved 'Son of Kolkata' (Dominique Lapierre) will live on in the hearts of the people of the metropolis, indeed of the entire people of this country, though physically he breathed his last on 4th Decemeber, 2022, at 92 years of age. Dominique Lapierre was a renowned French author who wrote the celebrated novel, "City of Joy" (in 1985), by staying for long in Kolkata and closely observing the local people and their on-the-sur-

Autism requires due attention

cific foods.



hildren with special needs are not rare or strange, they only want what everyone else wants: to be accepted. When a person was eventually diagnosed with autism much later in life - at the age of 60 - it gave me a new understanding of how and why we behave the way we do. That includes certain childhood behaviors, from fabric-stroking to the

But it also raised questions, such as what might these preferences reveal about how children with autism experience the world? And how could we use this understanding to help children fulfil their potential, form friendships, and enjoy life? As a science journalist, we naturally look to scientific research for answers - and there is a growing body of evidence providing fascinating new insights into behaviors that were long considered a mystery. However, it may take a while before we would have all the answers to autism. So we need to understand these special children with special needs. Indeed a little love and support and love can go a long way in helping them live a productive and

Jayanthi Subramaniam I Mumbai

face humdrum and dreary lives. The book, and a subsequent movie, was based on the life of Novel leaureate Mother Teresa and method actors Om Puri and Shabana Azmi played stellar roles in the film of the same name. Lapierre even donated \$50,000 earned on that book to Mother Teresa's charity foundation in Kolkata. His funding and other donations from readers made it possible to cure a million TB patients in 24 years and care for 9,000 children with leprosy. Yes! His name is etched permanently in the hearts of the people. A noble soul writer of words, deeds and implementation. The Indian government rightly bestowed Padma Bhushan award on this gentleman to the core. He followed what he wrote and preached. That explains his

real humane, nice, compassionate nature. He wrote six books along with his American friend-cum-author Larry Collins. All the 6 were superhits and sold 50 million copies. This self explains the duo's narration, presentation and explaining literary-art skills. Examples are: "Freedom at midnight" (on the heroics and struggles of Indians for independence from the British) and "is Paris burning"? (On the heroics and struggle of the French against German invaders). Vasudeva Rao Sreelekha | Secunderabad

ALL-PARTY MEET

Sir — It's good that the government has conducted an all party meeting to discuss the planning for G 20 programmes in the coming year. The Prime Minister Modi interacting with all party leaders in this regard has sent a positive message in the country.

It's apt for the Indian government to include all political parties across the table at home when the agenda for G 20 is inclusive development globally under its presidential position. Though the top position in G-20 is ceremonial literally, it can be influential to some extent or taken seriously. A chance to be utilised

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New Delhi's procurement was just one-sixth of the European purchase in the last nine



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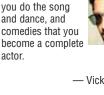


China has changed very much over the last few years and I think the whole region can see this and feel this.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock

In a Bollywood set-

up, it's only after



- Vicky Kaushal



for himself and when someone has himself, you cannot look at him and sav 'Oh he should be

from one-day cricket Cricketer Dinesh Kartik

need to be welcomed if I am going there. I am not going to NCP. Such matters were not discussed with PC Chacko



Congress leader

FIRST COLUMN INDIA CAN SET AGENDA ON CLIMATE CHANGE

G20 places India in a position to gear up the world for key challenges



KOTA SRIRAJ

he G20 is an association of twenty nations formed in 1999 comprising the world's largest developed and developing economies to discuss international economic and financial stability. Over a period of time more pressing global matters too have been added to the G20 agenda, making the forum's mandate quite exhaustive.

However, even as India has taken the presidency, politics on the home front has started right in earnest over the credit for the "honorable" achievement. While the ruling party is pitching the presidency as a feat, the opposition on the other hand is mortified over the portrayal of a rotational post as an incredible achievement. But usual politics notwithstanding, this development has an innate and latent potential to make a quantifiable difference in the fight against climate change.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has outlined the four broad objectives of tackling climate change, terrorism, disaster management and dealing with the pandemic as the frontline problems facing the world.

During the course of the presidency, India will hold 200 events in over 50 cities culminating in the G20 summit in September 2023. The G20 member states are home to 67 per cent of the world population, and they account for 85 per cent of global GDP and over 75 per cent of global trade.

India as the G20 president can utilise the wide and influential member base to set a benchmark in the fight against climate change and in the process establish its institutional credibility. But in order to do



this, India must extract full mileage from being at the helm of such a prestigious forum and this is possible only if an agenda is set up on war footing and the same is implemented in an expedited manner. Agreeably, one year is too short a time to effect a change, but that's precisely why India must hit the ground running.

India must bring climate finance, energy and food security into play. For instance, India is already ambitious about becoming a green hydrogen export hub. Green hydrogen has immense potential and is the new hope for decarbonising sectors such as refining, fertilisers, steel and cement. India could use the G20 platform to discuss green hydrogen's supply chain challenges, private sector participation in technology development and policy incentives for sectors to transition.

India should also emphasise finance delivery as per ea mitments, but the same is fraught with bottle necks and hurdles. As the head of G20, India must encourage an enhanced private sector partnership, enable access to a global pool of environmental, social and governance (ESG) capital and highlight the role of multilateral development banks (MDBs). Additionally, India must also factor in the volatile geopolitical situations on account of ongoing conflicts such as the Russian-Ukrainian war.

India must also ensure preparedness for various global capital access risks like currency depreciation, monetary policy tightening, rising inflation and high interest rates. India must also push for the member nations to share their country specific case studies of innovative climate financing techniques, such as blended finance for de-risking capital, especially for new technologies like battery storage, offshore wind, and green hydrogen. These real-time case studies will help as they are important for a well-rounded discussion before policy making.

India can help countries adopt appropriate governance, strategy and risk management structures to manage climate risks. This in turn can help in the greater flow of capital to climate adaptation and mitigation. India must leave an indelible mark of high productivity in the shortest time possible as the G20 President. That would be considered as an achievement and not just occupying a rotational post.

(The author is a foreign affairs commentator)

India@100: Science will lead the path

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Without substantial progress in the fields of science and technology, it would be an onerous task to meet challenges & turn India into a developed country

n August 15, 2022, when India turned 75, Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted us all to enjoin ourselves on a journey where India would transform into a developed nation by 2047 that is by the time we would have completed a century as an independent country. The keynotes of his address were the three facilitators of such a trajectory—the fact that we have become an aspirational society, that there is now a cultural and civilisational reawakening amongst Indians, and that the world is taking our claims of attaining our rightful place at the global high table seri-

Twenty-five years are not such a long time in such a scheme of things, and it is clear that without substantial progress in science and technology, it would be difficult to attain this 'developed' tag. There should be a well-defined roadmap accordingly for Indian science if it is indeed to achieve developed status. These matters have been highlighted by the recent assumption of the Presidency of G20 last week in Bali,

More specifically, Science-20, or S20, the Science Engagement Group, has been set

up by the Government.

In no time, Union Minister Jitendra
Singh chaired a high-level review meeting to oversee the preparations for the S20 Summit meetings. Scheduled to be held in Coimbatore in July next year, the theme of the S20 Summit meeting will be 'Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Growth'. Complementing those are the side events under the theme of 'Research Innovation Initiated Gathering' (RIIG).
The sub-themes for RIIG gathering will

be Materials for Sustainable Energy, Scientific Challenges and Opportunities towards Achieving a Sustainable Blue Economy, Biodiversity and Bio-economy and Eco-Innovations for Energy Transition. The government is hopeful that the summit will foster a cooperative climate where encouraging frameworks for environmentally friendly technologies can be created. In addition to that, technology transfers, creation of a global start-up ecosystem and assertion of IP sharing is on the agenda.

In terms of numbers, it is easy to see that with a growth rate of 7.8 per cent in GDP this year, the \$5 trillion economy target will be achieved by 2026-27 (unless there are drastic fluctuations in oil prices). With the possible switch from fossil fuels to renewables, one may envisage a \$9 trillion economy by 2031-32 and a \$40 trillion economy by 2047, whereby we would be within the top three countries of the world in absolute monetary terms and not just PPP numbers

What should we do to achieve the 2047 target? R Jagannathan and Ashish Chandorkar have written in Swarajya on what we must concentrate on. Additionally, we would add that education, health including pharmaceuticals and women's



health, exports, taking into account demand-supply imbalances, nutrition including fertilisers, water OUR WEAPONS PROGRAMME AND including ocean and polar research, climate change, genomics, advanced materials including nanomaterials, **ENERGY NEEDS** HAVE A robotics, electric and solar powered vehicles, drones, outer space, and IT, COMFORTABLE in general, are essential sectors BUFFER SUPPORT where scientific methodology practiced by experts need to the TER SUPPURI tised by experts needs to be translated into globally competitive tech-PROGRESS Given the compressed 25-year time scale, we simply cannot avoid imported solutions. OF OUR R&D imported solutions in certain bottleneck areas. This requires a well thought-out foreign policy keeping IN THORIUM

TECHNOLOGY. India's interests paramount and ALL THIS WAS noting that a country may switch between being a friend, neutral, or POSSIBLE adversary depending on the circumstances. On the economic front, BECAUSE THE DAE technical matters need to be synergised with issues of scalability, skill development, blockchain technol-WAS ALLOWED TO RUN USING ogy, artificial intelligence, and supply chain inadequacies—quite a ITS OWN CLOSED, package.

CAREFULLY proper management of education. SELECTED GROUP Since the time of India's independence, successive governments have OF SCIENTISTS paved the way for accessible education to all. Institutions of nigner learning — IISc, IITs and IIMs have given the world a cursory glance at what India is truly capable of. Despite all this, a lot more needs to (Gautam R Desiraju of be done to modernise our education the Indian Institute of system and the overall infrastructure

> that facilitates it. In this regard, the primary concern is investment. At present we spend around 0.8 per cent of our GDP on education and research.

A vital aspect of progress is a

the GDP at the very least. China made these heavy investments starting around 1990: the results are apparent today with their thriving scientific ecosystem. Given the present state of our healing economy, the required amount for the government alone to bear is too much of ask. The role of the private sector in the education sphere is not just necessary but needs to attain dominance under careful regulation.

However, there is yet another aspect that needs to be considered. Given again the compressed 25-year time scale, and the fact that any fundamental change in education will start showing results only after 15 years, we urgently need a strategy that optimises the usage of the resources we currently possess. In the meantime, the government should start vacating the business of running educational institutions in terms of funding, admissions, and administration. The disparities between central and state universities must be removed because the vast majority of students attend the

Most of the technological and R&D heft that India needs should come from mission-oriented government laboratories with no educational component, and from corporate research laboratories that dovetail closely with government laboratories. The IITs cannot be expected to solve problems of scalability, economic leverage and supply chain management. Their activities can at most take one to the level of good start-ups but that is insufficient for the big, basic breakthroughs that India 2047 needs. The USA moved quickly in the Vannevar Bush dispensation in the early 1950s because of a perfect synergy between academia, industry and government, mostly their defence laboratories. A similar strategy is underway in China's civil-military fusion. We should aim for nothing less.

The Department of Atomic Energy is a wonderful example as to how a government scientific department should be organised, independent of educational undertakings. Beginning in the 1950s, we were subject to draconian restrictions with regard to the import of uranium ores to make fissile U-235, an essential component for nuclear weapons. India developed its own route via thorium extracted from monazite sand beaches. India has the largest supplies of thorium in the world, with comparatively poor quantities of uranium. India has projected meeting as much as 30 per cent of its electrical demands through thorium by 2047.

Our weapons programme and energy needs have a comfortable buffer support in the form of our R&D progress in thorium technology. All this was possible because the DAE was allowed to run using its own closed, carefully selected group of scientists (and a very small number of student-employees). This rovision needs to de extended to all non-educational scientific laboratories and institutions that have been charged with the duty of rapidly translating science into immediately applicable technologies, strategic security, and towards products and services.

The when, what, and how having been defined it now requires the political will to effect these changes so that we may all proudly hold our heads high by 2047 as citizens of a truly developed nation of the world.

India. Sharan Setty is an Associate Editor at This number needs to be bootstrapped up to say 3-4 per cent of

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AND SHE (KAJOL) IS AN ACTOR PAR EXCELLENCE. SHE KNOWS HOW TO LIE VERY WELL. SEE, HERE, YOU CAN LOOK FOR YOURSELF. SHE ISN'T AT ALL SCARED OF ME.

— ACTOR

Rahul's gamble of skipping poll campaigns for Yatra

The latest Assembly election verdicts in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh will hold a message for the former Congress president

Pormer Congress president Rahul Gandhi skipped the carry kipped the campaign in Himachal Pradesh and canvassed barely in Gujarat while concentrating on his Bharat Jodi Yatra. Was it part of a strategy, or was it an ill-advised move? Could Rahul's strategy be to save the party's ammunition for more significant battles?

What is intriguing is how a defeat in one or both states could help him when victory is at a striking distance.

Senior Congress leaders close to Rahul claim it was a conscious decision. They say that he was looking ahead and preparing for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, which he would lead. He was fighting a much bigger battle of tak-



ing on the RSS, which would pay the party a much-needed dividend in future. The real enemy was the RSS and not the BJP.

However, the BJP leaders criticise Rahul for skipping the campaign, mainly fearing defeat and avoiding a loss of face. Traditionally, the two states had witnessed a direct fight between the BJP and Congress. With Himachal's history of not repeating the same party, it is the turn of Congress to snatch power now. It will give the sagging morale of the party a definite boost and enable it to build on its momentum.

Of the two, Gujarat is a high-stakes battle for PM Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, as both

been campaigning in the state, not leaving anything to chance

All surveys predict that the BJP is far ahead of Congress in a tight contest. So, the BJP will create a record if it wins one or both states. For Congress, which has been out of power in Gujarat for 27 years, another defeat will further demoralise the cadre and affect its chances in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. With the BJP facing indiscipline, Congress could still win, not because of the leaders but because of the workers.

The ambitious Aam Admi Party has also entered the fray, making it a threecornered contest. The AAP is upbeat after winning Punjab hail from Gujrat. They have last year. The entry of the

Congress as the AAP would only take away the Congress

From 2014, since Modi appeared on the national scene, Congress faced a continuous electoral slide and lost state after state. Since then, the party's successes or failures in elections have been attributed to Rahul Gandhi, who became the party chief in 2017. He resigned in 2019 but continued to take decisions.

Congress and its allies governed 13 states, with nine ruled by a Congress-led government in 2014. Even those states that Congress won legitimately had fallen, allowing the BJP to form the government. Now, it has only Group feel neglected. Former until 2024.

AAP would further weaken Rajashtan and Chhattisgarh. minister Anand Sharna is on Both parties suffer from

infighting and indiscipline. Despite anti-incumbency, the BJP depends on Modi's magic to regain power. Both parties needed to build stronger state leaders. In the past, Congress and the BJP had strong leaders like Veerabhadra Singh and Sukh Ram (Congress) and Prem Kumar Dhumal (BJP).

Congress is weak in Gujarat because of the absence of late Ahmed Patel. Youth icons like Alpesh Thakore and Hardik Patel, who were part of the 2017 Congress contest, have also left the party. Though the rebel Group of 23 rebels has been dismantled, senior Congress leaders from the

record that senior leaders had yet to be utilised adequately.

Rahul and his advisors are confident that the impact of the Bharat Jodo Yatra can improve the party's performance in the future. However, even if the yatra becomes a success, the effect will be known only after the 2024 polls.

One is intrigued why Rahul cannot see that winning one or both states would boost the morale of the workers and the party can prepare for the 2024 polls with more enthusiasm. Rahul Gandhi should have organised the yatra after the Himachal and Guiarat elections, Also, Rahul has to sustain the momentum

Perhaps Rahu kept away from the campaign to show that Congress needed the Gandhis. The new party president Mallikharjun Kharge required more time to come to grips. The irony is that Gandhis would get the credit for winning either or both states, but Kharge would face the blame for the losses

The poll results on December 8 will show which way the wind blows. Poll pundits say that Congress could still bag Himachal. Had Congress worked to a winning strategy in both the states, the chances would nave been much better.

If Rahul wins in his gamble, it will go to his credit. If not, he continues to be where

(The author is a senior journalist)

UKRAINE LEADER DEFIANT AS DRONE STRIKES RUSSIA AGAIN

rones struck inside Russia's border with Ukraine on Tuesday in the second day of attacks exposing the vulnerability of some of Moscow's most important military sites, experts said.

Ukrainian officials did not formally confirm carrying out drone strikes inside Russia, and they have maintained ambiguity over previous high-profile attacks.

But Britain's Defense Ministry said Russia was likely to consider the attacks on Russian bases more than 500 kilometers (300 miles) from the border with Ukraine as "some of the most strategically significant failures of force protection since its invasion of Ukraine."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Russian authorities will "take the necessary measures" to enhance protection of key facilities. Russian bloggers who generally maintain contacts with officials in their country's military criticized the lack of

A fire broke out at an airport in Russia's southern Kursk region that borders Ukraine after a drone hit the facility, the region's governor said Tuesdav. In a second incident, an industrial plant 80 kilometers (50 miles) from the Ukrainian border was also targeted by drones, which missed a fuel depot at the site, Russian independent media

"They will have less aviation equipment after being damaged due to these mysterious explosions," said Yurii Ihnat, spokesman for the Air Force Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. "This is undoubtedly excellent news because if one or two aircraft fail, then in the future, some more aircraft may fail in some way. This reduces their capabilities

Moscow blamed Kyiv for unprecedented attacks on two air bases deep inside Russia a day earlier. The attacks on the Engels base in the Saratov region on the Volga River and the Dyagilevo base in the Ryazan

region in western Russia were ome of the most audacious inside Russia during the war.

In the aftermath, Russian troops carried out another wave of missile strikes on Ukrainian territory that struck homes and buildings and killed civilians, compounding damage done to power and other infrastructure over weeks of missile attacks. Approximately half of

households in the Kyiv region Ukraine's territory. remain without electricity, the "Everyone sees your strength and your skill. ... I'm regional governor said Tuesday,

raised real heroes," Zelenskyy said in a video address to Ukrainian forces from the city of Sloviansk, a key Ukrainian stronghold in the east.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, speaking at a news conference in Washington, said the United States has "neither encouraged nor enabled the Ukrainians to strike inside of Russia." But he said the U.S. is determined — along with many other countries that back Kyiv to make sure that the Ukrainians have "the equipment that they need to defend themselves, to defend their territory, to defend their freedom.'

Russia's Defense Ministry's charged that the attack was launched with Soviet-made drones. After the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, which split Russia and Ukraine into separate countries, Ukraine inherited some Soviet-designed Tu-141 Strizh drones, which entered service in the 1970s and have a range of 1,000 kilometers (over 600 miles.)

US approves USD 425 million in arms sales to Taiwan

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Biden administration on Tuesday signed off on two new significant arms sales to Taiwan in approvals that are sure to rankle China.

The State Department said it had okayed sales worth more than USD 425 million of spare aircraft parts to support Taiwan's fleet of F-16 fighters, C-130 transport planes and other US-supplied weapons systems.

The package includes USD 330 million in standard replacement parts and USD 98 million in non-standard equipment along with related accessories and logistics.

The sales were announced just weeks after President Joe Biden met his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping for talks in Indonesia in which China's increasingly aggressive behaviour toward Taiwan was a major

China regards Taiwan as a renegade province and has vowed to reunify the island with the mainland by force, if

It has roundly condemned previous US arms sales to Taias violations of Washington's "one-China policy" and is expected to react similarly to Tuesday's announce-

But successive US administrations of both parties have said ties with Taiwan are governed by the Taiwan Relations Act that allows the sale of military equipment to the island for its defense against potential threats from China.

"This proposed sale serves US national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts

to maintain a credible defensive capability," the State Department said of the latest approvals.

'The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region," it said, adding that it would also "contribute to the sustainment of the recipient's aerial fleet, enhancing its ability to meet current and future threats while providing defensive and transport capabilities critical to regional security.

Donors race to get generators, other aid to hard-hit Ukraine AP KYIV, UKRAINE have no access at all, he said. Donors race to get generators, other aid to hard-hit Ukraine porarily disabled. Donors race to get generators, other aid to hard-hit Ukraine uting money directly to people to buy

while authorities in southern

Odesa — which was hard hit

Monday — say they have man-

aged to restore power to hospi-

Ukrainian President Volodymyr

Zelenskyy traveled near the

front line in the eastern Donetsk

region. Marking Ukraine's

Armed Forces Day, he vowed to

push Russian forces out of all of

In a new display of defiance,

tals and some vital services.

 $W^{hen\ Russian\ forces\ launched\ a}_{military\ campaign\ against\ infrastructure\ in\ Ukraine\ nearly\ two}$ months ago, they opened a front that carried the war along power lines, water mains and heating systems to homes, schools, offices and churches.

The government in Kyiv and the Western countries that have backed it with billions in military aid now are scrambling along with the United Nations and aid groups to get blankets, insulation, generators, medical supplies, cash and more essentials into the invaded country as winter looms.

Millions of Ukrainians are without regular access to heat, electricity and water in sub-freezing temperatures, Martin Griffiths, who heads the

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, told the U.N.

"In Ukraine today, the ability of civilians to survive is under attack, Griffiths said.

Despite a swift response and a high commitment from donors to a U.N. aid appeal, the needs are changing fast — and swelling. Much has been made of the need for diesel generators whose buzzing motors create stopgap electricity for cellphone towers, restaurants and especially hospitals, which are the Ukrainian government's highest priority. Sporadic electricity has wide-

spread impacts. It deprives people of warmth from electric space heaters, steady light in the evenings and power for the millions of electronic devices and computers in a highly digitized country - and thus for liveli-

Strikes that disable deliveries of gas cut off the flames for furnaces and Security Council on Tuesday. Some stoves. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko



advised the capital's residents to consider moving temporarily to rural areas, where basics like wood to burn

In the most desperate, hard-hit cities, some residents resort to scooping up dirty water from puddles in the street while water systems are tem-

Saviano Abreu, a spokesperson for U.N.'s humanitarian affairs office's operation in Ukraine, said it pulled together hundreds of generators starting back in June, aware of the country's harsh winters.

"With this situation and people living in damaged houses, we did know back then that we would have problems with heating, water and electricity, but not at this scale," Abreu said, noting that supply chain issues posed obstacles to securing more equipment.

"In the neighboring countries around Ukraine, it's already not available, so we bring it from much farther at this point," he said.

The Office for the Coordination Humanitarian Affairs said last week that it would roll out its "largest cash assistance program in history" in Ukraine, totaling \$1.7 billion for 6.3 million people. It said the experience in other countries has shown distrib-

food, clothing and other basics is an effective strategy.
The U.N. Development Program

is taking a different, longer-term approach. It's seeking to fill requests from Ukraine's government for technical equipment like power transformers, transformer substations, high-frequency stoppers, high-voltage inputs, surge arresters, industrial gas turbines and other items to help restore the electricity grid and ener-

Together with the World Bank, (we're) doing an assessment across Ukraine of all the damages and needs that have resulted from this targeting of the energy infrastructure," Jaco Cilliers, the program's acting resident representative in Ukraine, said.

"We are in the process of putting that together, which includes obviously the larger-scale equipment that would be needed for the restoration."

Prosecutors said those

detained are alleged to have last

year formed a "terrorist organ-

isation with the goal of over-

turning the existing state order

in Germany and replace it with

their own form of state, which

was already in the course of

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armed group, according to pros-

being founded."



Taliban allow high school graduation examinations for Afghan girls

AP ■ ISLAMABAD

Afghan girls will be allowed to take their high school graduation exams this week, an official and documents from the Taliban government indicated on Tuesday — even though they have been banned from classrooms since the former insurgents took over the country last year.

According to two docu-ments from the Taliban ministry of education, obtained by The Associated Press, the decision applies to 31 out of Afghanistan's 34 provinces where the winter December.

Ehsanullah Kitab, head of the Kabul education department, said the exams would take place on Wednesday.

He provided no other details and it was not clear how many teenage girls would be able to take the exam.

One of the documents, from the Kabul education depart-

The suspects were aware their aim could only be achieved ment, said the exams would last from 10 am to 1 pm.

A second document, signed

by Habibullah Agha, the education minister who took office in September, said the tests would be held in 31 Afghan provinces. The three excluded provin-

ces — Kandahar, Helmand and Nimroz — have a different timetable for the school year and high school graduation exams typically take place there later.

US approves \$4B sale of Abrams | Germany: 25 arrested on battle tanks to NATO ally Poland

The Biden administration on Tuesday approved a nearly USD 4 billion sale of advanced and a large amount of assorted weaponry to NATO ally Poland at a time of heightened security concerns because of the war in neighbouring Ukraine. The State Department said

it had given the OK for Poland to purchase 116 M1A1 Abrams Battle Tanks and other equipment, including tens of thousands of rounds of various ammunition, worth approximately USD 3.75 billion.

At the same time, the department said it had also approved a USD 1.5 billion sale of Chinook helicopters to treaty ally South Korea.



The department said both sales were in support of US national security interests and would not alter the basic military balance in either region, which are facing threats from Russia and North Korea.

The Abrams tank purchase by Poland "will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe," the

department said in a statement. It added that the tanks and other equipment would "improve Poland's capability to meet current and future threats is capable of deterring adversaries and participating in NATO operations."

The sale of the Chinook helicopters to South Korea will improve Seoul's "capability to meet current and future threats by strengthening its army heavy lift capability," the department said in a separate statement.

(South Korea) to conduct missions in support of bilateral operational plans which include, but are not limited to, medical evacuation, search and rescue, parachute drops, and disaster relief," it said.

The choppers "will allow

Germany's top security official said the group was "driven

suspicion of planning armed coup the barracks was searched. Along with detentions in Thousands of police officers Germany, prosecutors said one person was detained in the Austrian town of Kitzbuehel

Larried out raids across much of Germany on far-right extremists who allegedly sought to overthrow the government in an armed coup. Officials said 25 people were

Federal prosecutors said some 3,000 officers conducted searches at 130 sites in 11 of Germany's 16 states.

While police raids against the far right are not uncommon in the country — still sensitive to its grim Nazi past — the scale of the operation was unusual.

Justice Minister Marco Buschmann described the raids as an "anti-terrorism operation," adding that the suspects may have planned an armed attack on institutions of the

by violent coup fantasies and conspiracy ideologies.

"colossal" torment Ukraine is

suffering from "senseless war"

and Russian destruction of its

United States and its Western

allies at a UN Security Council

meeting, but strongly opposed

by Russia, which accused

Úkraine of seeking its destruc-

Griffiths outlined the toll of "the

widespread death, displacement

and suffering" caused since Russia's February 24 invasion of

Ukraine, exacerbated by Mos-

cow's recent attacks that have

created an energy and water cri-

sis in the country as tempera-

tures plummet below freezing.

now forcibly displaced from

Over 14 million people are

Humanitarian chief Martin

That view was echoed by the

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

infrastructure.



Prosecutors said the suspects were linked to the so-called Reich Citizens movement, whose adherents reject Germany's postwar constitution and have called for bringing down the government.

Officers detained 22 German citizens on suspicion of "membership in a terrorist organisation," prosecutors said.

Three other people, including a Russian citizen, were held on suspicion of supporting the

organisation, they said. Another 27 people were under investigation.

Spiegel reported the searched locations included the barracks of Germany's special forces unit KSK in the southwestern town of Calw.

The unit received scrutiny in the past over alleged far-right involvement by some soldiers.

Federal prosecutors declined to confirm or deny that

by military means and with force, prosecutors said. German media outlet Der bers had made "concrete preparations" to storm Germany's

> "The details (of this plan) still need to be investigated" to determine whether any of the suspects can be charged with treason, they said

ecutors.

UN aid chief: Ukrainians are suffering 'colossal' torment Ukrainian armed formations,

Suicide bomber hits Indonesian police station, killing 1

Muslim militant and convicted bomb-maker Awho was released from prison last year blew himself up on Wednesday at a police station on Indonesia's main island of Java, killing an officer and wounding 11 people, officials said. The attacker entered the Astana Anyar police

station with a motorcycle and detonated one of two bombs he was carrying as

police were lining up for a morning assembly, said Bandung city Police Chief Aswin Sipayung. The other explosive was defused

A video that circulated on social media showed body parts near the damaged lobby of the police station, which was engulfed in white smoke as people ran out of the building.
Food vendor Herdi Hardi-

ansyah said he was preparing meals behind the station when a loud bang shocked him.

He saw a police officer whom he recognised as one of his customers covered in blood, being carried on a motorcycle by two other officers to a hospital.

He later learned the officer died. Ten others and a civilian were wounded

National Police Chief Gen. Listyo Sigit Prabowo told reporters when he visited the station on Wednesday afternoon that the attacker was believed to have been a member of the militant organisation Jemaah Anshorut Daulah, or JAD, which pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group and was responsible for other deadly suicide bombings in Indonesia.

He said police identified the man as Agus Sujatno, also known by his alias Abu Muslim. He was released from the Nusakambangan

prison island last year after completing a four-year sentence on charges of terrorist funding and making explosives that were used in a 2017 attack on a municipal building also in Bandung, the capital of West Java province. JAD was designated a terror-

ist organization by the US in 2017. Sujatno was still on police "red" lists of militant convicts after being freed from prison because of his rejection of the gov-

ernment's deradicalisation pro-

gram, Prabowo said. "He was still difficult to talk to, and tended to avoid the (deradicalisation) process," Prabowo said.

The deradicalisation program has been used since 2012 as part of the government's soft approach to rehabilitate militants and wean them off radical views so they can better integrate into society once they are released.

According to the National Counterterrorism Agency, from about 2,500 militants arrested between 2000 to 2021, about 1,500 have been released from prisons, and nearly 100 of them were recaptured in several attacks or for plotting attacks.

The deradicalisation process involves distheir homes, including 7.8 milcussion classes with religious figures, prominent lion living across Europe and 6.5 scholars and community leaders, as well as million still within the country, financial assistance for opening a business once he said. A total of 17,023 civilmilitants are released ians have been killed, including

419 children as of December 1, according to the UN human The UN humanitarian chief on Tuesday decried the rights office, though "the real toll is far greater," and there have

> health care operations. "In Ukraine today, the ability of civilians to survive is under attack," Griffiths said, pointing to strikes on power stations and heating plants that have left millions of people without access to heat, electricity and water in sub-freezing temperatures, families deprived of health care, and children unable to go to school.

been at least 715 attacks on

Griffiths put the urgent need to help Ukrainians get through the winter in the broader context of "a world gone mad," saying the number of people globally needing humanitarian assistance next year is projected to rise by nearly 24% to 339 million. As a result, the UN humanitarian appeal for 2023 is a record USD 51.5 billion.

US deputy ambassador Lisa Carty told the council that global hunger "already at extreme levels" because of the COVID-



19 pandemic, other conflicts and climate change surged this year because Russia disrupted the world's global food systems."

She said Russia turned 'Ukraine's rolling wheat fields into battlefields" and destroyed Ukrainian grain once supplied to the developing world. "Now, as Ukraine fights

back to reclaim its sovereign territory and defend its people, President (Vladimir) Putin has focused his ire and fire on Ukraine's civilian population," she said, pointing to the barrage of missile strikes and destruction of critical infrastructure. Russia's UN ambassador,

Vassily Nebenzia, claimed a Ukrainian Security Council official recently said Western weapons were needed to destroy Russians "so that they stop existing as a country."

Moscow has to react "to such hateful rhetoric by Kyiv ... to counter these heinous actions, including by conducting strikes on infrastructure that are used for military supplies for logistics and communications for the

he said. "In other words, we will weaken the Zelenskyy regime." Nebenzia insisted Russia

kes" and claimed civilian infrastructure wouldn't suffer if Ukraine had not placed air defense systems in residential areas Carty recalled that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told US Ambassador

Linda Thomas-Greenfield dur-

was conducting "precision stri-

ing her recent visit to Kyiv that he is seeking "a just peace" based on the UN Charter and its principles. She said Putin's escalating attacks on Ukraine's infrastructure "are evidence that he has no

genuine interest in negotiation

or meaningful diplomacy." "Instead, he is trying to break Ukraine's will to fight by bombing and freezing its civilians into submission," Carty said. "But he will not succeed because Ukraine is fighting for its freedom and for the future of its children, and we will do everything in our power to keep

hope alive in Ukraine."

World leaders gather in Montreal for COP15 Biodiversity Summit

eaders and negotiators from 196 countries, includ-Ling India, gathered here in Canada for a two-week conference expected to adopt a landmark agreement to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030. During the UN Biodiversity

Conference (COP15) being held from December 7 to 19, about 20,000 delegates from across the world will negotiate an eightyear plan to preserve and restore biodiversity

They will do so through the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), a treaty adopted for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and related issues.

Among the key issues under discussion are preserving 30 per cent of the world's land and water by 2030, and accepting the fair and equitable sharing of benefits of genetic resources.

Addressing the opening ceremony of COP15 on a windy cold day, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said: "Nature is under threat: In fact, it's under attack. The job we're doing as a world is just not good

He said Canada is committed to safeguarding nature, noting it has agreed to protect 30 cent of nature by 2030.

Trudeau's speech was briefly interrupted by a group of Indigenous protesters' singing and drum beating.

Speaking on the occasion,

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged the governments to come together and stop "waging war on nature." "Nature is humanity's best

friend. Without nature, we have nothing. Without nature, we are nothing," he said. Guterres took aim at multi-

national corporations which, he said, are "filling their bank

accounts while emptying our world of its natural gifts" and making ecosystems "playthings

He condemned the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a tiny number of mega-rich individuals.

This phenomenon works against nature and the real interests of the majority: "the delud-

ed dreams of billionaires aside, there is no Planet B," he said.

Huang Runqiu, China's minister of ecology and environment who serves as the president of the COP15 conference, thanked Canada for hosting the

"This is a historic moment, urgent action is required," Runqui said.

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, the executive secretary for the UN convention on biodiversity, said people need to pay attention

and the negotiators need to get

this right because "biodiversity

underpins our very existence on

It is the food we eat, the water we need, we use, we drink, the clean air we want to

breathe, the goods and services, the health, in terms of medi-

While the biodiversity COP short for Conference of the Parties – takes place every two years, this year's summit is hailed as the biggest in 10 years as a new global biodiversity framework is set to be adopted.

The Post-2020 Global

Biodiversity Framework will be the first global framework on biodiversity adopted since the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in

In 2010 at COP10 in Nagoya, Japan, the governments set out to meet the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets by 2020, including that natural habitat loss would be halved and plans for sustainable consumption and production would be imple-

According to a 2020 CBD report, none of these targets have been fully met.



Trump Organisation convicted in executive tax dodge scheme

AP ■ NEW YORK

Donald Trump's company was convicted of tax fraud Tuesday for helping executives dodge taxes on extravagant perks such as Manhattan apartments and luxury cars, a repudiation of financial practices at the former president's business as he mounts another run for the White House.

A jury found two corporate entities at the Trump Organization guilty on all 17 counts, including charges of conspiracy and falsifying business records. Trump himself was not on trial. The verdict in state court in New York came after about 10 hours of deliberations over two days.

The conviction was validation for New York authorities who say their three-year investigation into Trump and his businesses is continuing. The probe, which began as an inquiry into hush-money payments made on Trump's behalf, later morphed into an examination of the company's asset valuation and pay practices.

The company faces a fine of up to \$1.6 million. Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 13. The defense said it will appeal. "A former president's com-

panies now stand convicted of crimes. That is consequential," Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said outside the courtroom. "It underscores that in Manhattan we have one standard of justice for all. Trump, a Republican who

launched his 2024 campaign last month during the trial, blasted the verdict as a part of a Democrat-led "MANHATTAN WITCH HUNT!"

"This case is unprecedented and involved no monetary gain to these two Corporations." Trump said in a statement, adding: "New York City is a hard place to be Trump."

The verdict adds to mount-

ing legal woes for Trump, who faces a criminal investigation in Washington over the retention of top-secret documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate, as well as efforts to undo the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Those inquiries are being led by a newly named Justice Department special counsel. The district attorney in Atlanta is also leading an investigation into attempts by Trump and his allies to overturn his loss in that

The verdict also comes amid a series of self-inflicted crises for Trump in recent weeks, including anger over his dinner with

a Holocaust-denying white nationalist and the antisemitic rapper formerly known as Kanye West, and the former president's for the "termination of all rules, regulations, and articles, even those found in the Constitution" to address his baseless claims of mass election

The Trump Organization and Trump's management of it was at the center of "The Apprentice," the reality show that solidified his global celebrity. That fame in turn helped fuel his unlikely political rise, allowing him to sell himself to voters as a successful businessman who could take lessons from that sphere and apply them to

Washington.

The Manhattan case against the Trump Organization was built largely around testimony from the company's former finance chief, Allen Weisselberg, who previously pleaded guilty to charges that he manipulated the company's books to illegally reduce his taxes on \$1.7 million in fringe benefits. He testified in exchange for a promised five-month jail sentence.

Xi visiting Saudi Arabia amid bid to boost China's economy

Thinese leader Xi Jinping is Cattending a pair of regional summits in Saudi Arabia this week amid efforts to kick-start economic growth weighed down by strict anti-COVID-19 The Foreign Ministry said

on Wednesday that Xi will attend the inaugural China-Arab States Summit and a meeting with leaders of the six nations that make up the Gulf Cooperation Council in the Saudi capital of Riyadh. His state visit to Saudi

Arabia will end on Saturday.

Xi's attendance at the China-Arab States Summit marks the "largest and highestlevel diplomatic event between China and the Arab world since the founding of the People's Republic of China and will become an epoch-making milestone in the history of China-Arab relations," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told reporters at a daily briefing on Wednesday. Mao said China hopes the

summit will set a future agenda

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presidency.

rgentine Vice President Cri-

Astina Fernández de Kirchner

was convicted and sentenced to

6 years in prison and a lifetime

ban from holding public office

for a fraud scheme that embez-

zled USD 1 billion through

public works projects during her

A three-judge panel Tuesday found the Peronist

leader guilty of fraud, but reject-

ed a charge of running a crim-

inal organization, for which the

sentence could have been 12

years in prison. It's the first time

an Argentine vice president has

been convicted of a crime while

US federal judge on

Argentine VP Cristina

Fernández guilty, gets



for relations between the sides and "help build more strategic common understandings on major regional and international issues ... And defend multi-

The last was an apparent reference to China's efforts to challenge the US-dominated international order that has seen Beijing find common cause with Russia, Iran and other states hostile to Washington.

Xi's visit underscores China's role as the world's second-largest economy and a major source of outward investment, lately under the rubric of Xi's signature "Belt and Road Initiative" and the more recent

keep getting elected.

tim of a "judicial mafia."

Speaking after the verdict,

Her supporters vowed to

she described herself as the vic-

paralyze the country with a

nationwide strike. They clogged

downtown Buenos Aires and

marched on the federal court

building, beating drums and

shouting as they pressed against

all the accusations. Argentina's

dominant leader this century,

she was accused of improperly

granting public works contracts

to a construction magnate close-

deepen fissures in the South

American nation, where politics

can be a blood sport and the 69-

year-old populist leader is either

The verdict is certain to

ly tied to her family.

Fernández roundly denied

police barriers

"Global Development Initiative."

Those programs aim to have Chinese companies build and finance roads, power stations, ports and other infrastructure across Asia and beyond, vastly increasingly Beijing's influence in the developing world. So far, they've met with

only limited success, amid accusations that many of the projects are impracticable, overpriced and unaffordable to the mostly poor nations taking them on. To fuel China's massive demand, the country imports

half of its oil. Fully half of those

imports come from Saudi Arabia, amounting to tens of billions of dollars annually. China's economic growth had been on a steady decline for years and was dealt a major blow by rolling lockdowns imposed

across the country as a response

to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chinese economic growth rebounded to 3.9 per cent over a vear earlier in the three months ending in September, up from the first half of the year's 2.2 per cent, but still well short of the

China eases Covid restrictions after protests: Moves closer to scrapping zero-Covid policy

After widespread protests, China on Wednesday rolled back major Covid-19 restrictions, moving a step closer to scrapping its dreaded zero-Covid policy, which drastically slowed down the economy and the movement of people across In light of the changing sit-

uation and the weakened virulence of the Omicron variant, the State Council or China's cabinet released the new measures to further optimise the response to COVID-19, an official announcement here said.

The new measures limit the lockdown to individual apartment floors and buildings, rather than entire districts and neighbourhoods.

The lockdowns enforced by officials in hazmat suits have become a symbol of repression and confinement of millions of people to their flats and apartment blocks in Chinese cities, including Shanghai and Beijing.

The sudden relaxation of the rules also sparked concerns that



the daily virus cases which were averaging around 30,000 a day could increase rapidly as more people are expected to step out. China is currently in the thick of its winter season with temperatures dropping to below

The relaxation of rigid measures under the zero-Covid policy comes in the backdrop of last month-end protests in many cities opposing the policy. Some protestors even called for President Xi Jinping and the ruling Communist Party to step

Acknowledging the protests, Xi in talks with EU President Charles Michel early this month said that the demonstrations were carried by "mainly students" who are "frustrated" after three years of the pandemic.

Nawaz Sharif would return to Pakistan next month: PML-N leader PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Nawaz (PML-N) supremo

and former prime minister

Nawaz Sharif would return to

the country next month from

London where he has been liv-

Pakistan Muslim League-

ing since last three years, a senior party leader has said. The 72-year-old former three-time premier had left for London in November 2019 after the Lahore High Court granted him four-week permission allowing him to go abroad for his treatment. But he never came back to Pakistan where he was convicted for corruption and jailed. His party is under pressure without him and PML-

N leaders are frequently asked

about the return of their leader. Minister for Economic Affairs Ayaz Sadiq was asked during the Geo TV talk show on Tuesday night when Sharif would come back and he said the party was looking forward to his homecoming. "He (Sharif) is expected to come back in January (2023)," Sadiq said, adding that he would also allothe next general elections.

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2022.

In the court of Sh. Mridul Gupta Administrative Civil Judge-cum-ARC(Central) Room No. 113, 1st Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi SC No. 198/2022

Neel Kamal Pahuja Versus State

Smt. Neel Kamal Pahuja W/o Late Sh. Suresh Pahuja R/o 17/19, First Floor, Rajinder Nagar, Delhi-60

Whereas in the above noted petition the applicant/ petitioner has applied for Succession Certificate to the Hon'ble Court Under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, in respect of the debt and securities of Rs... As per record to be standing in

the name of Late Sh. Suresh Pahuja, deceased. Whereas the 25-03-2023 at 10' o clock in the forenoon has beer fixed for hearing or the application notice is hereby given to all

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 03-12-

Administrative Civil Judge-cum-ARC(Central) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

EU TAKES CHINA TO WTO OVER

6 years in jail for fraud World Trade Organisation nian content." that could take years. She'll against China over what it says remains immune from arrest are import restrictions Beijing meanwhile, as long as she can has imposed on Lithuania. The European Commis-

sion estimates that China cut trade from the EU member after Lithuania broke with diplomatic custom in 2021 by allowing a Taiwanese office in Vilnius to bear the name Taiwan, instead of Chinese Taipei, which most other countries use to avoid offending Beijing. China considers Taiwan to be part of its territory with no right to diplomatic recognition, and Lithuania's move infuriated Beijing, which withdrew its ambassador to Vilnius and expelled the Lithuanian ambassador to Beijing. The Baltic state has since

closed its embassy in Beijing. The commission, which handles trade on behalf of the EU's 27 member countries, said it is taking WTO action

because "China has applied discriminatory and coercive mea-The European Union annosures against exports from unced on Wednesday that Lithuania and against exports of it has begun legal action at the EU products containing Lithua-

China said it regrets the EU move, which also includes a second dispute about European companies' rights over their hightech patents.

China has always managed country by 80 per cent this year foreign trade in a manner consistent with WTO rules, said the Ministry of Commerce.

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Notice is hereby given on behalf of 1) Mr. Darshan Lal Gulati, 2) Mr. Jagdish Lal Gulati & 3) Mr. Manohar Lal Gulati who are Guiati & 3) Mr. Manonar Lai Guiati who are the owners of Plot/Property bearing No. C-1/14, Block-C-1, situated at Mianwali Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi vide Conveyance Deed dated 04. 12. 1995, which is registered as Document/Registration No. 18482 in the office of SRO-I. Delhi, registered on 05.12.1995 and intend to mortgage the aforesaid property against the financial assistance from **RBL Bank Limited.** That Original Conveyance Deed dated 04.12.1995, which is registered as Document/Registration No.18482 in the office of SRO-I, Delhi, registered on 05.12.1995 is not available misplaced/lost. To comply the requirements o BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that i any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/ or creating mortgage of the days at below address

Lucem Legal LLP 269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Park, South Ext. II, New Delhi-110049 Contact # 011-40046316

PUBLIC NOTICE Under instructions from and on behalf of my client Shrif Kabir Shran Dagar, R/o RZ-140, Gali no.2, Manas Kuni Road, Near N.R. Jindal School, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59, Delhi, I do hereby notify to the public at large that one Mr. Sita Ram and his associates indulged my client in Share trading business since 2015 to Oct 2022, during this period he had taken one blank signed cheque as a security beside this he also taken the signature on some blank and typed papers form my client. Later on my client came that he had stolen blank signed cheque book. Mr. Sita Ram and his associates will misuse my client blank signed cheque how. Mr. Sita Ram and his associates will misuse my client blank signed cheques. In this regard my client made a police complaint to SHO, Bindapur, Vide DD number 8176001222 and also to higher police authorities. If any one in future or Mr. Sita Ram and his associates will misuse blank signed cheques of my client. My client shall not be responsible for any of their illegal act and deeds in any manner whatsoever. The public at large! is informed accordingly. Ch.No. C-153. C.L. Joseph Block, informed accordingly. S.K. GANDHI- ADVOCATE Ch.No. C-153, C.L. Joseph Block, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi -54 **COURT NOTICE** PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED

me that the accused **Sandeep Gullah**, S/o Late Shri V.K. Gullah, R/o C-85 (Fourth Floor), Road No.40, West Punjabi Bagh New Delhi -110026, Mobile No.+91 8470000001 has committed (or uspected to have committed) the offence in Criminal Complaint Case No.CC N Act/2968/2022 dated 11.03.2022, Notice first by me on 19.04.2022, U/s 138 read with Section 142 of the Negotiable Instruments Act 1881 registered in my court with P.S. Malviya Nagar, New Delh and it has been returned to a warrant o arrest there upon issued that the said accused Sandeep Gullah, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sandee Gullah, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sandeep Gullah, of Crimina Complaint Case No.CC NI Act/2968/202 dated 11.03.2022, U/s 138 read with Section 142 of the Negotiable Instruments Act 1881, P.S. Malviya Nagar, New Delhi, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 21.01.2023.

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LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION - IV.

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EXTENSION NOTICE-3

Again in view of the poor response the last date of receipt of tenders (online), bid submission end date and bid opening of NIT No: TLMD/IV/e-NIT/20 of 2022-23 for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of digital programmable/ universal meters in existing place of old/defunct /malfunctioned digital Megawatts, Ammeters and voltmeters for control room control desk of 450MVA, 220/132kV Grid station Pampore is further extended as under:

2 Date of opening of online techno commercial 13-12-2022 at 14:00 hrs

All other terms and conditions shall remain same. The tender document NIT / BOQ can be downloaded from website http://jktenders.gov.in.

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ATuesday dismissed a lawsuit against Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed District of Columbia US District

US court dismisses suit

bin Salman in the killing of US-based journalist Jamal Khashoggi, bowing to the Biden administration's insistence that the prince was legally immune in the case. Judge John D Bates heeded the US gov-

ernment's motion to shield Prince

Mohammed from the lawsuit despite

what Bates called "credible allegations of



against Saudi prince in killing

his involvement

Khashoggi's murder."

in Istanbul in 2018. Khashoggi, a columnist for The Washington Post, had written critically of the harsh ways of Prince Moh-

A team of Saudi officials killed Khashoggi

inside the Saudi consulate

ammed, Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler. The US intelligence community concluded the Saudi crown prince ordered the operation against Khashoggi.

The killing opened a rift between the Biden administration and Saudi

12-12-2022 up to 14:00 hrs 1 e-Bid submission end date and time

> **Executive Engineer, TLMD-IV Pampore**

RBI raises rate by 35 bsp, plateauing hike intensity



PTI MUMBA

The Reserve Bank's decision to raise the benchmark lending rate by 35 basis points is on expected lines and indicative of softening of intensity of rate hikes going forward, opined industry bodies and experts on Wednesday.

After effecting three consecutive repo rate increases of 50 basis point (bps) each over and above 40 bps in May, the RBI on Wednesday slowed the pace of increase in borrowing costs in signs that rates may be nearing the peak, even as it reit-

erated its resolve to fight inflation that has stayed above the comfort zone for 10 straight

FICCI President Sanjiv Mehta said the RBI's policy action hiking the repo rate by 35 bps was widely anticipated as the war against inflation is still far from over.

While the CPI inflation projection has been maintained at 6.7 per cent for 2022-23 and some early signs of inflation cooling down on a sequential basis are coming to fore, we need to see this trend emerge on a durable basis for RBI to

indicate a change in stance," he

Industry body Assocham too said the 35 bps increase in the policy rate by RBI is on the expected lines, though there is a signal that the rate hike intensity "is being softened".
"Despite the challenges in

the global economy and uncertainties with regard energy prices, supply chain and geopolitical situation, India remains amongst the fastest growing economies of the world, as elaborated by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das," said chamber Secretary General Deepak Sood.

The Reserve Bank on Wednesday also lowered the country's GDP growth forecast to 6.8 per cent for the current fiscal from 7 per cent earlier, on account of continued geo-political tensions and tightening of

India, however, remains a bright spot in the otherwise gloomy world and will be among the fastest growing major economies, said RBI Governor Das.

Another industry body PHD Chamber said as inflation is cooling, a calibrated approach to maintain economic growth would be vital to

Don't create 'fear psychosis' on privacy concerns, says Das



Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das announces the bi-monthly monetary policy on Wednesday

PTI MUMBAI

Asserting that the newly-introduced central bank digital currency does not leave any trail with a bank, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said there is no need to create a "fear psychosis" in the minds of people over pri-

The pilot on the wholesale central bank digital currency (CBDC) has been very satisfactory, and the RBI is keen to pick up learnings from the ongoing pilot for the retail CBDC and implement them, Das told reporters at the postpolicy press meet here.

Answering a query on possible raids by agencies like the Enforcement Directorate in the future because the CBDC does not possess the anonymity which the paper currency

offers, Das said one must not be worried over privacy concerns.

"Let's be clear, when you pay in currency notes to anothperson...Here also incidentally, let me say, you cannot find out because the information is not available to the bank. The bank does not know," Das said.

"It (CBDC) goes from my mobile to somebody else's mobile. So why should we create this fear psychosis?," he asked. "The Income Tax department has certain limits for cash payments... (for) withdrawals beyond a certain limit, you have to give your PAN card number. The same rules will apply in the case of CBDC also because both are currency," he noted. Many experts, including former RBI governor D Subbarao, have flagged concerns over the privacy aspect of

Sensex sheds 216 pts post RBI rate hike; RIL top drag

The BSE Sensex tumbled for the fourth session on the trot on Wednesday after the Reserve Bank raised the key interest rate by 35 basis points and lowered the country's GDP growth forecast to 6.8 per cent for the current fiscal due to continued geopolitical tensions and tightening of global financial conditions.

The central bank also said it remains focussed on bringing down inflation that has stayed above the comfort zone for 10 straight months.

Subdued Asian markets continued selling by foreign investors further weighed on investor sentiment, traders

The 30-share BSE benchmark ended 215.68 points or 0.34 per cent lower at 62,410.68. Similarly, the broader Nifty fell 82.25 points or 0.44 per cent to 18,560.50. NTPC was the top loser in

the Sensex pack, shedding 2 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finserv, IndusInd Bank, Tata Steel, Reliance Industries, Sun Pharma, HCL Tech and Wipro. On the other hand, Asian

Paints, HUL, L&T, Axis Bank, ITC and M&M were among the gainers, climbing up to 2.10 per cent.

"As the economy deals



with the global headwinds, the RBI has become more realistic, lowering FY23 GDP growth forecast from 7 per cent to 6.8 per cent. The focus remains on fighting inflation which will lead to increase in interest rates in future.

"Along with a global slowdown, corporate earnings forecast for H2FY23 and FY24 can be downgraded. The market is currently trading at premium valuations... A slowing earnings growth will impact market sentiment," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Sector-wise, interest rate sensitive BSE realty, consumer durables and auto indices closed up to 1.11 per cent lower. The Reserve Bank on

the benchmark lending rate by 35 basis points (bps) -- the fifth increase since May -- saying it remains focussed on bringing down the inflation to a tolera-

Terming the Indian economy a bright spot in the otherwise gloomy world, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lowered its estimate of GDP growth to 6.8 per cent in the fiscal ending March 31, 2023, from an earlier forecast of 7 per

It, however, kept the inflation forecast unchanged at 6.7 per cent for the current fiscal and projected it to come below the upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent in the fourth quarter of the current financial year.

RBI projects inflation to fall below 6% by March

To keep 'Arjuna's eye' on price situation

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank on Wednesday projected inflation to come down below the upper threshold level of 6 per cent by March quarter of the current fiscal saying the worst of inflation is behind us, but there is no room for complacency in the fight against price-rise.

It, however, retained its 6.7 per cent average retail inflation forecast for the current fiscal. The retail or consumer price index (CPI) based inflation has remained above the RBI's upper tolerance threshold of 6 per cent for 10 months till October.

In its monetary policy statement RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the central bank will keep 'Arjuna's eye' (keen focus) on the evolving inflation dynamics and projected inflation to remain above 4 per cent for the next 12 months.

"Over the next 12 months, inflation is expected to remain get... While being watchful of the impact of our earlier monetary policy actions, we will keep Arjuna's eye on the evolving inflation dynamics and be ready to act as may be neces-

sary, Das said.

The RBI's interest rate-setting panel on Wednesday hiked benchmark rate by 35 basis points to 6.25 per cent, taking the cumulative rate hikes to 2.25 per cent since May 2022.

aspect of growth in mind. It has cut the GDP growth forecast for current fiscal to 6.8 per cent, from 7 per cent projected in September. The Reserve Bank has the mandate of keeping inflation under 4 per cent, with a band of (+/-) 2 per cent.

geopolitical tensions, financial disruptions.

In recent times, global commodity prices, including

"Taking into account these factors and assuming an average of USD 100 per barrel, headline inflation is projected at 6.7 per cent in 2022-23, with Q3 cent and Q4 (January-March) at 5.9 per cent," the RBI said.

Home loan rate to be costlier; realtors see

I the repo rate will have a moderate short-term impact on

inflation outlook is exposed to heightened uncertainties from market volatility and the rising incidence of weather-related

crude oil, have undergone some downward correction, but the resurgence in domestic services sector activity could also lead to price increases, especially as firms pass on

(October-December) at 6.6 per

moderate impact on housing demand The RBI said its actions will be 'nimble' keeping the The RBI's decision to hike

housing demand on likely rise in home loan interest rates, according to the real estate With borrowing costs for Das said the medium-term developers set to rise, many builders said that housing

prices might also increase. On Wednesday, the RBI increased the Repo rate by 35 basis points amid inflationary concern.

Realtors apex body CREDAI President Harsh Vardhan Patodia said: "Any increase in repo rate has a direct impact on the end consumers, including home buyers, as banks will ultimately pass on this increase to customers and this may impact the current momentum in the

consultant Anarock Chairman Anuj Puri said there may be some reper-

cussions on housing sales. "This hike will undoubtedly push up home loan inter-



est rates, which had already crept up after four consecutive rate hikes this year. However, as long as interest rates remain in single digits the impact on housing will at best be moderate," he observed.

Sanjay Dutt, MD & CEO of Tata Realty & Infrastructure Ltd, said the RBI move will push the interest rates on home loans. However, he said, the coming quarter of 2022-23 would all segments of real estate, driven by the overall strong talentdriven job markets.

Venkatesh Gopalkrishnan, CEO, Shapoorji Pallonji Real Estate, said: "35 bps repo rate hike by the RBI would be reasonable to address inflation as well as continue the growth of the real estate industry".

Piyush Gupta, Managing Director, Capital Markets and Investment Services, Colliers India, said affordable and midhousing are the most sensitive to prices and these segments might see some slowdown in the short term. "On the real estate side,

have increased to around 8.5 per cent from 6.5 per cent before May this year, but thankfully we have not seen any impact on housing demand

Rupee gains 3 paise to close at 82.47 against US dollar

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The rupee pared initial losshigher at 82.47 against the US dollar on Wednesday after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hiked the key repo rate by 35 basis points. Easing crude oil prices also supported the domestic unit, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.74 and touched an intra-day high of 82.40 and a low of 82.75 against the greenback. The local unit finally settled at 82.47, registering a rise of 3 paise over its previous close

"In line with expectation, the RBI raised rates by another 35 bps. It lowered its FY23 GDP forecast to 6.8 per cent from 7 per cent," said Gaurang Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

The RBI mentioned that inflation could remain above 4 per cent in the next 12 months. "The commentary from



the RBI governor was less hawkish and impact on the currency has been relatively muted as it was more or less in line with market expectation," Somaiya said. "We expect the USD-INR (Spot) to trade sidewavs and quote in the range of 82.20 and 82.80." Meanwhile, the dollar

index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, advanced 1.10 per cent to 105.68. Global oil benchmark

Brent crude futures fell 1.79 per cent to USD 77.93 per barrel.

market front, the 30-share BSÉ Sensex declined 215.68 points or 0.34 per cent to end at 62,410.68, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 82.25 points or 0.44 per cent to 18,560.50.

Gold falls ₹35; silver dips ₹251

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dipped by ₹35 to



₹54,054 per 10 grams in the national capi tal on Wednesday amid a fall in rates of the precious metal overseas, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the yellow metal had set-

tled at ₹54,089 per 10 grams. Silver also declined by ₹251 to ₹65,928 per kilogram. "Gold price is trading slightly lower amid risk-off

moods on recession fears, which was driving a move back to safe havens," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities.

In the international market, gold was quoting lower at \$1,772.8 per ounce while silver was down at \$22.30 per ounce.

"Gold prices struggled for momentum in early Asian next week's US Federal Reserve policy meeting for clues on the pace of rate hikes," said Navneet Damani, Senior VP Commodity Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

RBI to add feature in UPI platform to help customers in e-comm, share purchases

The RBI on Wednesday said it has decided to add a feature in the UPI platform to aid payments where delivery of goods and services happens later, like e-commerce pur-chases, hotel bookings or investments in securities.

Through the 'single-blockand-multiple debits' feature on the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) platform, customers will have more trust while carrying out such transactions.

"It has...been decided to introduce a single-block-andmultiple-debits functionality in UPI, which will significantly enhance the ease of making payments in e-commerce space



and towards investments in securities," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said after announcing the bi-monthly policy review.

Das said a customer will create a payment mandate against a merchant by blocking funds in his/her bank account for specific purposes which can be debited, whenever needed. Such a facility will build

higher degree of trust in transactions as merchants will be assured of timely payments, while the funds remain in the customer's account till actual delivery of goods or services, the governor added.

The governor said the feature will also be helpful in purchase of government securities using the RBI's retail direct scheme. He also said separate

instruction will be issued to the

Corporation of India (NPCI) to

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implement the enhancement. Meanwhile, Das also announced an expansion in the scope of Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to include all payments and collections.

'Agriculture sector remains resilient; Rabi sowing got off to a strong start'

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said the agriculture sector remains resilient, and the rabi sowing has got off to a strong start.

However, India is expecting some moderation in kharif production due to uneven rainfall. India's total kharif crop production is estimated to moderate to 149.92 metric million tonnes (MMT) from 156.04 MMT in the previous kharif crop year, as per the first advance estimate.

said, "The agricultural sector

remains resilient. Rabi sowing

year from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

On the supply side, Das



got off to a strong start. The area sown so far is 6.8 per cent higher than the normal sown area (as on December 2, 2022)".

Area sown to wheat has increased by 5.36 per cent year-on-year to 211.62 lakh hectares in the first two months of the ongoing rabi (winter) season, with higher coverage

being reported in Rajasthan, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, according to the agricultural ministry data released on

The sowing of wheat, the main rabi crop, begins in October and harvesting in March-April. Besides wheat, rice and pulses, such as gram, and urad as well as oilseeds like groundnut and mustard are grown in this season.

On the Indian economy, Das said the outlook is supported by good progress of rabi sowing, sustained urban demand, improving rural demand, a pick-up in manufacturing, a rebound in services and robust credit expansion.

RBI allows resident entities to hedge gold price risks at IFSC

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esident entities from India Kwill now be permitted to hedge gold price risks at the International Financial Services Centre, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Wednesday.

At present, resident entities in India are not permitted to hedge their exposure to gold price risk in overseas markets.

"With a view to providing greater flexibility to these entities to hedge the price risk of their gold exposures efficiently, it has been decided to per-

mit resident entities to hedge their gold price risk on recognised exchanges in the IFSC," Das said after announcing the bi-monthly policy review.

The detailed instructions

on the same will be issued separately by the central bank, he added.

Meanwhile, Das also announced to extend the dispensation of enhanced HTM (held to maturity) limit of 23 per cent up to March 31, 2024, and allow banks to include securities acquired between September 1, 2020, and March 2024, in the enhanced HTM limit.

Banks should not ask for verification at branch level if customer does e-KYC: RBI

The Reserve Bank on Wednesday said banks should not ask for verifications/updates at the branch level in case a customer has done e-KYC or those who have completed the KYC (know-your-customer) process on C-KYC portal.

Bank customers who've completed their KYC verifications online can do the annual updates as well as changes if any in their personal details online. A bank should not be



fication/updates. There is no

such rule from the Reserve

Bank on this, governor Shaktikanta Das told reporters

on Wednesday.

Renault India to hike prices next month PTI NEW



next month to partially offset

rising input costs.

The company — which sells small car Kwid, multi-utility vehicle Triber and compact SÚV Kiger with prices ranging from ₹4.64 lakh to ₹10.62 lakh however, did not disclose the quantum of its impending price

Sebi to auction assets of 4 cos to recover investors' money

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m M}$ arkets regulator Sebi on Wednesday said it will auction the properties of four companies, including Infinity Realcon and Sumangal Industries, on January 10 to recover money that was illegally raised by them from investors. Other two firms, whose properties will go under the hammer are GSHP Realtech Ltd and Infocare Infra Ltd, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a notice. A total of 25 properties of the four companies will be auctioned at a reserve price totalling ₹12.2 crore, it noted. Of these properties, 16 belongs to Infinity Realcon, five relates to Sumangal Industries and two each to GSHP Realtech and Infocare Infra. These properties include land parcels, plots, single storied buildings and a flat located in West Bengal.

Worst of inflation behind us, but no room for complacency: RBI Guv PTI MUMBAI Since then, in three successive monetary policy reviews, the MPC has hiked the policy rate

After delivering its fifth straight rate hike, the Reserve Bank on Wednesday said "the worst of inflation is behind us" and signalled that the battle for price stability is bearing fruition.

Earlier in the day, the

Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), in a 5:1 decision, deliv-Inviting bids for the sale of properties in the recovery proered a market-expected 35 bps ceedings against the four firms and their promoters or directors, repo rate hike, taking the key Sebi said the auction will be conducted online on January 10 next policy rate to 6.25 per cent.

The Reserve Bank ended



regime in May when after an unscheduled MPC meeting, it announced a 40 bps hike in the repo rate from 4 per cent.

Wednesday) does not mean that there is room for any complacency on the inflation battle and the policy stance is far from neutral, Governor Shaktikanta Das and Deputy Governor Michael D Patra told reporters at the customary post-policy presser at the RBI headquarters here.

by 50 bps in each round.

Lowering the size of the

rate hike (from three rounds of

50 bps each to 35 bps on

RONALDO LOSES PORTUGAL SPOT Dropping Ronaldo purely strategic: Santos T said that it was closed said. TO SULLY WORLD CUP JOURNEY

So, the dream is still alive for Cristiano Ronaldo. Soccer's most prolific modern-day scorer might yet, at the age of 37 and probably playing in his last World Cup, claim the one major title to elude him in a career like no other.

It didn't quite feel that way, though, as he walked off the field alone at Lusail Stadium, leaving the rest of the Portugal team to celebrate getting through to the quarterfinals after a 6-1 rout of Świtzerland on Tuesday.

In fact, it was a rather sad sight. A veteran in decline departing the scene as his teammates - some barely half his age - continued to party.

This has been a turbulent and bruising few weeks for Ronaldo. First came the explosive interview with Piers Morgan that shaped the start of his fifth World Cup campaign. Then the fallout, which included the termination of his contract at Manchester United.

When the tournament started, he broke a record — becoming the first male player to score at five different World Cup and then he underwhelmed, failing to score in back-to-back games and responding to a substitution against South Korea by showing his displeasure and angering his coach.

Then came Tuesday night and the moment that might be looked back on as the start of the end of his glittering, record-



breaking international career. Not only was he dropped by his national team, but the 21-yearold player who replaced him -Goncalo Ramos — scored a remarkable hat trick. Just imagine the thoughts going through Ronaldo's head as he trudged off the field after playing around 20 minutes as a substitute?

This was one of Portugal's greatest wins — indeed, it was the country' largest margin of victory in a World Cup knockout game - and it felt like

Ronaldo could hardly get off the field quick enough. So where does this leave Ronaldo? Alreadv without a club, he is now likely to be second choice for Portugal to Ramos, who only made his Portugal debut three weeks ago.

Portugal coach Fernando Santos threw Ronaldo a lifeline, saying he'd continue to select players according to the strengths and weaknesses of the team's opponent. But it's unthinkable that Ramos will lose his place now for the quarterfi-

nal match against Morocco. "I will use what I believe is the right strategy, as I have done my entire life," Santos

said, as bullish as ever. Tellingly, Santos praised his team for playing with "a lot of fluidity" and "as a collective."

That style is harder to forge when Ronaldo, whose mobility is just not what it was, is the sole

His goal that was ruled out for offside against Switzerland was an example of a player trypensate for his lack of pace, and

it's not the first time that has

happened at this World Cup. Meanwhile, Ramos needed just 72 minutes in his first start at a World Cup — in fact, it was his first start in international soccer — to show he might be the

Portugal coach Fernando Santos said his decision to leave Cristiano Ronaldo out of his team for Tuesday's 6-1 triumph over Switzerland in the World Cup last 16 had been "strategic and nothing more."

Santos had expressed his unhappiness with Ronaldo's reaction to being suspended in the final group stage game against South Korea but he said that matter had no impact.

and it was closed. Cristiano Ronaldo is one of the best players in the world playing professionally and as a captain ... so we have to just think about this team collectively," he said.

Asked whether it was the most difficult decision of his career to leave out Ronaldo, Santos said: "I have a very close relationship I always have, known him since he was 19 at Sporting, and then for years here in the national squad," he

"Ronaldo and I never confuse the human and personal aspect with the coach and player relationship. He is a very important player to have in the team," he said.

Santos said he expected a "very difficult" game against Morocco in the quarter-finals but said his team were clearly in good form.

"If we can continue like this and improve some things then that is a good path," he added.

Ramos 'never dreamt' of World Cup hat-trick

Portugal's hat-trick hero Goncalo Ramos said he had not even dreamt of starting a World Cup knockout match, let alone scoring three in his first start in the tour-

The 21-year-old striker was handed a surprise start ahead of five-times Ballon d'Or winner Cristiano Ronaldo and rewarded coach Fernando Santos with a brilliant match-winning display. "Not even in my wildest dreams did I think of making my first start in a World Cup knockout game and scoring three goals," he said.

But we have to think game by game

and prepare for the game (quarter-final with Morocco). This result doesn't matter now. We're going to go all out in the next Ramos was only two years old when Ronaldo made his debut for Portugal and

37-year-old. The man of the match at the Lusail Stadium was asked how the dressing room — and Ronaldo — had reacted to the

has often spoken of his admiration for the

surprise team selection from Santos. "Honestly no one in the team talked about it. Cristiano, as captain, did what he does, he helped, he talked to us, not only



to myself but to my teammates," he said. "Cristiano Ronaldo has always been a role model, he is an idol for many. I also like (Robert) Lewandowski and (Zlatan) Ibrahimovic," he added

Ramos was only making his fourth appearance for the national side, having played ten minutes across two games in the

He only made his debut on November 17 in a pre-World Cup friendly against Nigeria, coming on as a 67th minute substitute and promptly scoring 15 minutes later with the fourth goal in a 4-0 win.

Born in Algarve, the forward has burst onto the scene with Benfica this season after being given an enhanced role as the central striker following the sale of Darwin Nunez to Liverpool. He has scored 14 goals in 21 games in all competitions, quickly adjusting to his new role.

"My favorite position is forward, but last year I was asked to play in support of Darwin. It's clear that with his departure a space opened up for me. It's great to now have the role that I love the most," he said in a recent interview. Should he continue his impressive impact on this Portugal side in the quar-

ter-final against Morocco he would surely find himself a target of the same kind of big money approach that saw Nunez But for now his thoughts are purely on

contributing to Santos' increasingly impressive side and he isn't even taking his starting role for granted. "That is something that doesn't concern

me. I always work to the fullest and hopefully that is evident," he said.

World Cup heavyweights gear up for quarter-finals

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cco). This result doesn't matter

now. We're going to go all out in

knocked out by Morocco on

penalties after a match they

totally dominated — a familiar

story for their long-suffering

fans. They attempted over 1,000

passes but ended up with noth-

ing to show for it, forcing Yassine

Bounou into only one save

before an embarrassing penalty

not lifted a major trophy since

won a single knockout game at the World Cup since triumphing in South Africa in 2010.

"We dominated the game but we lacked a goal," lamented

effective in the final third, but I

am more than satisfied with

"They represented perfect-ly what my idea of football is."

World Cup quarter-finals for the

possession — not out of fear,"

Regragui said. "We are humble

enough to say that we are not yet

"We had agreed not to take

first time in their history.

what my players did.

"We could have been more

Luis Enrique.

Spain's exit means they have

shootout, which they lost 3-0.

Spain were sent packing,

the next game.



 $B^{\text{razil, France and other}}_{\text{World Cup heavyweights}}$ started the build-up to their quarter-final matches in earnest on Wednesday after Portugal made a huge statement of intent against Switzerland.

Five-time winners Brazil, defending champions France, Lionel Messi's Argentina and England are all still in the mix as the tournament in Qatar paused for a first rest day.

But 2010 winners Spain were licking their wounds after crashing out to Morocco, ruminating on an identity crisis as they jetted home.

Portugal added their name to the list of favourites with a 6-1 hammering of Switzerland on Tuesday, with young gun Goncalo Ramos smashing in a hat-trick after replacing Cristiano Ronaldo. Ramos was only two years old when Ronaldo made his debut for Portugal and has often spoken of his admiration for the 37year-old, who came on as a late substitute to a raucous reception.

"Not even in my wildest dreams did I think of making my first start in a World Cup knockout game and scoring three goals," said the 21-year-old.
"But we have to think game compete with them in terms of possession. "Nobody managed to steal

France, Germany or England, to

the ball from them, so I accepted not having the ball. I'm not a magician. FIFA president Gianni

Infantino on Wednesday hailed the World Cup group stage in Oatar as the "best ever". The opening phase featured some eye-catching shocks, with

Saudi Arabia's win over Argentina the first major upset. Japan also beat Germany group, while Morocco saw off

Belgium and drew with Croatia

to finish top of their pool. "I have seen all the matches, indeed, and put very simply and very clearly, this has been the best group stage of a FIFA World Cup ever. So, it's very promising for the remainder of the FIFA World Cup," said Infantino.

"The matches have been of great, great quality in beautiful stadiums — we knew that already. However, as well, the public who was there was incredible. Over 51,000 on aver-Euro 2012, while they have not

Brazil, who face beaten 2018 finalists Croatia in the first of the quarter-finals on Friday, remain favourites to lift a sixth World Cup in Qatar after their 4-1 mauling of South Korea.

Argentina, who have hit their stride since their shock defeat against Saudi Arabia, will come up against an in-form Netherlands team, who remain unbeaten.

But there was joy for Morocco, who qualified for the On Saturday, Morocco take on Portugal before focus shifts to the late kick-off between England and France.

England midfielder Declan Rice missed training on Wednesday due to an unspeciI'd stay Spain coach all my life, but I must think: Luis Enrique T uis Enrique wants to stay on

Las Spain coach but said his future was not yet decided after Morocco knocked La Roja out in the World Cup last 16 on Tuesday. The manager, who led

Spain to the Euro 2020 semifinals, saw his side beaten 3-0 on penalties after a 0-0 draw with the North African side over 120 minutes. "I can't say, because I don't

know," Luis Enrique told a press conference when asked about his

"The national team has time. I am very happy with the



Spanish FA, the president and with (the sporting director).

"If it was up to me I would stay all my life, but that is not the

"I have to think calmly what is the best for me and for the national team. All situations will have an influence.'

The coach was first appointed in 2018 after Spain were eliminated in the last 16 of the Russia World Cup by the hosts.

He stepped away for a short period in 2019 because his late daughter had been diagnosed with bone cancer, before returning and guiding Spain to a strong finish at the Euros last year, where Italy beat them on

Mirabai clinches Silver at World

Luis Enrique's side missed

all three spot-kicks against Morocco, with Pablo Sarabia hitting the post, while Yassine Bounou saved Carlos Soler and Sergio Busquets's efforts.

"I chose the takers, I thought they were the best on the pitch," said Luis Enrique.
"I chose the first three and

I would do it again. (If I could change something) I would take Bounou away and put another goalkeeper there.

"(Penalties) are not a lottery for me. You have to control yourself, to know how to control it. I would choose the same players again."



Morocco players celebrate with Palestinian flag

Morocco's players unfurled a Palestinian flag during their on-pitch celebrations after the team's stunning World Cup upset victory against Spain on

The Palestinian flag which has been fluttering widely across Qatar during the finals was seen being held aloft by Moroccan players following the dramatic penalty shoot-out win over the Spaniards.

FIFA regulations prohibit

the display of banners, flags and fliers that are deemed to be "political, offensive and/or discriminatory nature." In the past, football's governing bodies have issued fines for displays of the Palestinian flag inside stadia.

Morocco's players also displayed the Palestinian flag after the team's win against Canada during the group stage last week. World Cup host Qatar has no relations with Israel and remains a supporter of the decades-long Palestinian cause

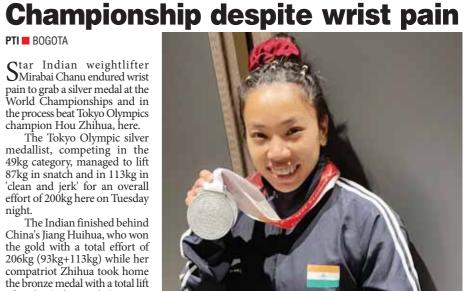
of 198kg (89kg+109kg). It is Manipuri lifter's second medal at the World Championships, having won a gold in 2017. 'It's an emotionally proud

moment for me to bring another world championship medal back home after five long years. The competition at the world championship is always intense with the best Olympian competing to at the highest level," said Mirabai after winning the medal.

"I had a wrist pain but I am always ready to push myself to cross the line for my country....I hope I'll be able to give India more of such moments preferably a Gold at the Asian Games and Paris Olympics as well," she added.

Chanu, who hurt her wrist during a training session in September, had competed in the National Games with the injury in October. "We couldn't do much

(about the injury) because we didn't want to skip the World Championships. Now, we will focus on her wrist because we have a lot of time before the next event," India's head coach Vijay Sharma said



"We were not taking any pressure for this event. This is the weight Mira lifts regularly. From now we will start increas-

"Seeing Mira I believe we are on the right track and she is definitely going to only work harder to bring out her A- game in the upcoming Asian Games

ing the weights and improving.

and the Olympics."
While the 11-lifter field was highly competitive, most lifters refrained from stretching themselves. Zhihua even skipped her final clean and jerk attempt to settle for bronze.

Competing in her first international tournament since winning a gold at the Commonwealth Games, Chanu had an underwhelming snatch session. She started with an 84kg lift but her second attempt of 87kg was deemed a no lift.

Expectedly, Chanu didn't go for the much-awaited 90kg lift. In her final attempt, the 28year-old, who had her wrist bandaged, wobbled a little but was able to hoist the 87kg barbell, which is a kilogram less than her personal best in the section.

Fifth after the snatch sec-

tion, Chanu set the highest clean and jerk entry weight but her first attempt of 111kg was deemed a no lift as her left elbow wobbled a little.

The Indian camp challenged the decision but the judges

However, Chanu, the world record holder in the category, succeeded in her final two attempts of 111kg and 113 kg to collect the overall and clean and jerk silver. He also took silver in snatch category.

Medals are awarded separately for snatch, clean and jerk, and total lift in continental and World Championships. But, just one medal for total lift is awarded in the Olympics.
India have four more lifters

in the fray. S Bindiyrani Devi (59kg), Chanambam Rishikanta Singh (61kg), Achinta Sheuli (73kg) and Gurdeep Singh (+109kg) will compete in their respective categories.
The 2022 World Cham-

pionship is the first qualifying event for the 2024 Paris Olympics, where weightlifting events will be cut from 14 at Tokyo Games to 10.

Hazard quits international footba ready. I will miss you." behind Morocco and Croatia.

international football on Wednesday, days after the team crashed out of the World Cup in the group stage.
The Real Madrid forward, 31, made the announcement on social

 $B_{\text{announced his retirement from}}^{\text{elgium star Eden Hazard}}$

media, saying "a page turns today". "Thank you for your unparalleled support," he posted on Instagram. "Thank you for all this

happiness shared since 2008. I have

decided to put an end to my inter-

national career. The succession is

The Belgium team tweeted: "All the best, captain." Hazard, who played as an

attacking midfielder or winger, made his Belgium debut in 2008 as a teenager and collected a total of 126 caps, scoring 33 goals.

He was the standard-bearer of Belgium's much-vaunted "golden generation", which reached the semi-finals at the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

The team are still ranked second in the world by FIFA but many of their players are in their 30s and they finished third in Group F



Hazard, who was the team's

skipper, made a surprise admission during the tournament in Qatar, saying the team's best chance to win the World Cup had come and

Belgium were stalked by rumours of in-fighting in Qatar and a number of the country's other stars including Kevin De Bruyne and Thibaut Courtois have likely played their final World Cup matches.

In the aftermath of their exit, Belgium coach Roberto Martinez announced he was leaving his job.



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Chinese modernization is benefiting the whole world

"More than 73 million yuan (US\$10.4 million) worth of goods are transported between China and the rest of the world every minute, and more than 40 trains connect China with 200-odd European cities every day. As China transforms from an all-encompassing 'world factory' to a most promising 'world market', Chinese modernization is benefiting the whole world," a recently published article in the French edition of Novelles D'Europe so described China's connectivity and interaction with the world.

China's path to modernization is one of peaceful development. Mutual benefit and common development are an outstanding feature of this

path. In recent years, more and more countries are embracing development opportunities that China has to offer and learning from China's model of economic development and national governance. The international community is paying increasing attention to the significance of Chinese modernization for the world.

The coffee industry has been supporting East Timor's economic and trade, and East Timorese companies has begun to explore the Chinese market in the past years. The China International Import Expo (CIIE) has introduced a series of measures to support the companies of the least developed countries,

including providing them

with free booths. East Timorese companies have participated in all the past CIIEs, and their coffee products are already quite popular in the Chinese

East Timorese Prime

Minister Taur Matan Ruak said, by putting forward the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative, China "has contributed its solutions to addressing the common challenges to mankind, bridging the development gap, and breaking out of the global security dilemma, which have brought hope to developing coun-

Costantinos Bt. Costantinos, a professor at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, believes that China's development achievements have inspired developing countries to pursue social progress and inclusive development. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said, China's Global Development Initiative is in line with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and China has made unparalleled efforts to help developing countries achieve common development.

In a village of Bubanza, Burundi, a team of Chinese agricultural experts have helped to lift the farmers there out of absolute poverty through a hybrid rice demonstration project. In Cambodia, the Phnom Penh-Sihanoukham Expressway built by a Chinese company has

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strung five densely populated provinces and cities, namely Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Speu, Koh Kong, and Sihanoukham. This expressway has not only made it easier for people to travel but is expected to create more than 10,000 jobs. It will boost investment and consumption along the route and promote economic development in southwestern Cambodia and even the

entire country. China has hosted a number of major expos, including the China Import and Export Fair, the China International Import Expo, the China International Fair for Trade in Services, and the China International Consumer Products Expo. It has also accelerated the

building of pilot free trade zones and implemented the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with high quality. All these efforts show that China is embracing the world with open arms. In the process, it has promoted common development through its own development and availed the world new opportunities for a shared future.

Mexican Ambassador to China Jesús Seade said, as China continues to expand its economy and increase participation in international trade and investment, it is carrying greater weight in the world and is actively involved in the reform and development of the global governance system.

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Hwang Jae-ho: China always shares development opportunities with other countries

Hwang Jae-ho, a professor at the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies and director of the University's Global Strategic Cooperation Center, said in a recent interview with our reporter that under the CPC leadership, China has made remarkable development achievements and significantly improved the living standards of its people. It is actively involved in global governance, injecting new impetus into global development and global governance.

In his recently published book My New Observation on China, Hwang tells the story of how he was drawn to China and what he thinks of China's politics, economy, diplomacy, culture, and social life.

"Two decades on, I've often been amazed by the rapid development and changes in China," said Hwang. When he first came to China in the summer of 1994, it took him nearly

three hours to travel by train from Beijing to Tianjin. Today, it is only a 30-minute highspeed railway ride between the two cities. Beijing, Tianjin, and Hebei are becoming a "onehour life circle" and developing in a coordinated manner.

"I often communicated with the locals when in China. My conversations with them show that China's development has indeed improved Chinese people's wellbeing and increased their pride and confidence," said Hwang.

Hwang believes that China has brought its opening up to greater width and depth in the past ten years, playing a major part in stabilizing the global economic order against the backdrop of a sluggish world economy. "China has always shared development opportunities with other countries and has greatly promoted global development," he said.

(People's Daily)

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Drones to patrol 90,000 km power transmission lines in Yunnan

In Degin county of northwestern Yunnan province, a drone recently completed an automated patrol of the 35 kV power line between Mingyong and Degin. It means that drones, or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), can be used to patrol all the 35 kV or higher voltage power lines in the province, which stretch for

"It takes a human twenty days to patrol a 100 km power line, but a drone can get the job done in a matter of four days," said a worker of China Southern Power Grid Yunnan Power Grid Co Ltd. In the past, he

and his colleague often had to spend hours climbing up a mountain, and sometimes it would take a whole day to inspect a single base tower. Now, the drone enables them to patrol power lines without having to climb up the mountains or towers. They just press a button, and all necessary data can be collected, thus preventing the risk of fall or electric shock

While increasing the efficiency five to ten times, the drone can also reduce the patrolling cost by 50 percent. Given Yunnan's complex terrains and climate conditions, it is really

good news for power crews responsible for patrolling the aerial power transmission and distribution lines.

Yunnan features a large elevation difference, with altitudes ranging from a dozen meters to more than 6,000 meters, and more than 80 percent of power lines in the province are located in high mountains and deep valleys. According to the company, the smart drone patrol can not only make power grid operation and maintenance more efficient and safer, but also remarkably reduce labor intensity for its employees.

(Xinhua)

Cross-border railway proves mutually beneficial

As of December 2, the China-Laos railway has been in operation for one year, transporting 8.5 million rides and over 10 million tons of cargoes cumulatively. According to Zhou Mingbo, deputy director of the Pu'er Railway Service Section in Yunnan, the railway has proved mutually beneficial for both countries.

In the past year, more than twenty Chinese provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions have launched international freight trains to Laos. When the railway just went into operation, the goods transported were limited to chemical fertilizers and articles of daily use. Now it is transporting over 1,200 categories of goods, such as electronics, photovoltaic products, and coldchain fruits. According to Lao Ambassador to China Khamphao Ernthavanh, the China-Laos Railway has helped to support the Lao government's poverty alleviation policy, increase people-to-people exchanges between the two countries, and extended the transportation network in Laos and even the entire Southeast Asia region.

Data from the Laos-China Railway Co Ltd show that the output of iron ore, cassava flour, rubber, and other products in Laos has increased sharply since the railway went into operation. In the first eight months of this year, trade between the two countries reached 3.7 billion US dollars, a year-on-year in-crease of 23.86 percent.

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ple's Daily)

PEOPLE

Jidhin: I hope to act as an envoy of cultural exchanges between India and China

"Five years of studying and living in China have taught me many priceless things," said Jidhin, an Indian student majoring in clinical medicine at Kunming Medical University. Now, he is working on an internship at the Second Affiliated Hospital of Kunming Medical University. Besides putting medical theory to use and building experience on clinical practice, he has also made many friends and received instructions

from a number of teachers. He said that he feels warm in the open, inclusive, and friendly envi-

Jidhin was all smiles when interviewed about his studies in China. "Studying in China is one of the best things that have ever happened to me. I've made a right and beautiful choice to study in Yunnan," he said. Foreign students enjoy grand opportunities to tap their talents at Kunming Medical University, and they can also experience different cultures in the open environment of Kunming.

Talking about his future plan, Jidhin said, "I'll try my best to study and become an excellent doctor. I want to honor my parents and teachers. He also hopes to act as an envoy of China-India cultural exchanges and contribute to the friendship between the Chinese and Indian peoples.

(Yunnan Daily)

NEWS



Zhang Ziquan, a practitioner of Duyun Maojian tea frying technique, demonstrates the whole process of tea frying. (Online photo)

China's tea-making added to UNESCO intangible cultural heritage list

On November 29, the item "traditional tea processing techniques and associated social practices in China" passed the examination at the 17th session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Rabat, Morocco. China now has 43 items on the intangible cultural heritage list, continuing to be the most enlisted country in the world.

The traditional tea processing techniques and associated social practices in China consist of knowledge, skills, and practices concerning the management of tea plantations, picking of tea leaves, manual processing, drinking, and sharing of tea. In China, 44 registered national-level intangible cultural heritage entries are related to tea, and many of them are from Yunnan province, including the Dayi tea, tribute tea, De'ang sour tea, Bai three

cups of tea, Dian black Tea, and Xiaguan caked tea.

Since ancient times, Chinese people have been planting, picking, making, and drinking tea. Tea producers have developed six categories of tea: green, yellow, dark, white, oolong, and black teas. Together with reprocessed teas, such as flower-scented teas, there are over 2,000 tea

products in China. Yunnan leads all Chinese provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions in tea production area and output, and nearly 70 percent of the Pu'er tea produced in the province supplies overseas markets. In 2021, Yunnan's tea plantations amounted to an area of 7.4 million mu (49.33 hectares) and produced 490,000 tons of tea leaves in total, generating an output value of 107.1 billion yuan (US\$15.26 billion) throughout the industry chain.

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COP15

COP15 to see its second phase held in Montreal, Canada

The second phase of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) is scheduled to kick off on December 7 in Montreal, Canada, China will continue to act as chair in guiding substantive and political affairs. The theme (Ecolog-

ical Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth), logo, and other elements of COP15 will remain unchanged.

The second phase of COP15 will be closed on December 19, and the most important landmark outcome is expected to be the conclusion of The Post2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The first phase of COP15 was held in October 2021 in Kunming, Yunnan. It adopted the Kunming Declaration, which has lent strong political thrust to the global biodiversity governance

(Xinhua)



Jidhin in China. (Photo by Jidhin)

development targets Yunnan province recently bounds; in the period from

Yunnan vows to achieve

"3815" strategic

announced its "3815" strategic development targets to see that it will basically realize socialist modernization by 2035 in tandem with the rest

According to Yunnan's "3815" strategic development targets, in the 3-year period from 2023 to 2025, it will take a series of actions to achieve a new level of high-quality development by leaps and

2023 to 2030, it will devote eight years of efforts to significantly narrowing its development gap with the rest of the country; in the period from 2021 to 2035, it will build on the foundation created by the moderately prosperous society with a further fifteen years of hard work to basically realize socialist modernization alongside other parts of China

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