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SC upholds Centre's 10% quota to EWS



The five-Judge Bench that gave a 3:2 majority decision, which set aside 50% quota limit fixed under Mandal Commission judgment in Supreme Court on Monday. PTI

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Bench set aside 50% cap on reservations

PNS NEW DELHI

Adivided Supreme Court on Monday upheld the Centre's 10 per cent reservation for **Economically Weaker Sections** (EWS) in admissions in educainstitutions and Government jobs. The fivejudge Bench gave a 3:2 majority decision, which set aside the 50 per cent quota limit fixed under the Mandal Commission judgment. Interestingly, Chief Justice UU Lalit concurred with the dissenting judge Justice S Ravindra Bhat, who opposed

excluding the poor from the SC, ST and OBC communities from the EWS quota. Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, Bela M Trivedi and JB Pardiwala upheld the EWS quota, passed through 103rd Constitutional Amendment in 2019.

The Bench headed by the Chief Justice delivered four judgments on 40 petitions against the Amendment that was passed after the Centre decided to grant quota to the economically marginalized sections. The majority judgment said that treating EWS as a separate category is reasonable classification and the 50 per cent ceiling on the total reservation under the Mandal judgment is "not inflexible."

Justice Maheshwari, who read the judgment for himself, said the 103rd Constitutional

Amendment cannot be said to breach the basic structure of the Constitution. He said reservation is an instrument of affirmative action so as to ensure an allinclusive march towards the goals of an egalitarian society and it is a means of inclusion of any class or section so disad-

"Reservation is an instrument of affirmative action by the State so as to ensure an all-inclusive approach. It is an instrument not only for the inclusion of socially and educationally backward classes. Reservation for the EWS does not violate basic structure on account of 50 per cent ceiling limit because ceiling limit is not inflexible," Justice Maheswari, who was called upon to pronounce the operative part of his judgment first, said.

and killed in 2012 for turning down a proposal

PTI NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday acquitted three men sentenced to death for the gangrape and murder of a 19-year-old woman in Delhi's Chhawla area in 2012. In its order, the court said that the "appellants-accused were deprived of their rights to have a fair trial".

The woman was

raped, brutalised

The three men are accused of abducting, gangraping and brutally killing the woman in February 2012. Her mutilated body was found three days after she was abducted. In 2014, a trial court awarded death penalty to the three accused, terming the case as "rarest-of-rare". The judgment was later upheld by the Delhi High Court.

Speaking about the trial court order, the Supreme Court said the courts cannot convict the accused on the basis of moral conviction or suspicion alone. "It may be true that if the accused involved in the heinous crime go unpunished or are acquitted, a kind of agony and frustration may be caused to society in general and to the family of the victim in particular. However, the law does not permit the courts to punish the accused on the basis of moral conviction or on suspicion alone," the top court said.



SC frees 3 facing death

According to the prosecution, the woman worked in Gurgaon's Cyber City area and belonged to Uttarakhand, She was returning from her workplace and was near her home when the three men abducted her in a car. When she didn't

with car tools, glass bottles, metal objects, and other weapons. She was also raped, they said. Police arrested the three men involved in the crime and said one of the accused allegedly took revenge after the woman turned down his pro-

return home, her parents lodged

a missing person report, the prosecution said, adding that the

woman's mutilated and decom-

posing body was found in a vil-

injuries on the woman's body.

Further investigation and autop

sy revealed she was attacked

The police found multiple

lage in Rewari, Haryana.

Have lost will to live, SC has let us down: Parents of Chhawla gangrape victim

We have not just lost the battle but also the will to live," said the mother of the Chhawla gangrape-cum-murder victim as she broke down following the Supreme Court's decision on Monday to acquit

all the three accused.

The victim's father said the apex court had "let them down" and they had lost faith in the judiciary after fighting for justice for their daughter for over 11 years. He also alleged that the system is taking advantage of their poverty.

"We lost the battle...I was living with this hope...I have lost my will to live. I thought my daughter would get justice,"

the victim's mother said, breaking into tears.

The father of the victim said, "It has been 11 years since we have been running from pillar to post. The lower court also announced its verdict. We were relieved. From High Court also we were given assurance. But Supreme Court let us down?

"What was supposed to happen with criminals ulti-

mately happened with us.
"The law and order system in our country is not for poor people. If this had happened with a rich influential person or a politician, would they also have faced the same fate like us? Overall, its like taking advantage of poverty," he said.

COURT PAVES WAY FOR ARMS DEALER'S RETURN New Delhi: A court in the United Kingdom has allowed for the extradition of arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari to India. Bhandari faces money laundering and tax evasior charges in India and is being investigated by CBI and ED.

TWITTER FIRES 90% OF INDIAN STAFF

New Delhi: Twitter Inc. fired more than 90% of its staff in India over the weekend — part of global reductions by new owner Elon Musk — severely depleting its engineering and product staff in a potential growth market. The company employed just over 200 people in India, and the cuts left it with just about a dozen staff, people familiar with the matter said.

NOW, MAJOR LAYOFFS COMING AT META TOO

New York: After job cuts at Twitter Facebook's parent company Meta is planning to begin "large-scale layoffs" this week in what could be the largest reduction to date at a "major technology corporation in a year that has seen a techindustry retrenchment," a media report said. The WSJ reported that the layoffs at Meta are expected to affect thousands and could come as soon as Wednesday.

'HINDU' IS DIRTY PERSIAN Word: Cong Leader Belagavi (K'taka): Stirring up controversy, Karnataka Congress Working president Satish Jarkiholi has claimed that the word 'Hindu' is Persian and has a very dirty meaning. He also said that "a word and a religion from elsewhere is being

forcefully imposed on people

Excise scam accused Arora seeks pardon, wants to turn witness

Court to decide on Nov 14 whether to allow CBI to make Sisodia's close aide

an approver

PNS NEW DELHI

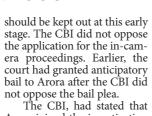
A Delhi court will decide on November 14 whether to allow the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to make businessman Dinesh Arora, the 'close aide' of Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, an approver in the Delhi excise an approver in the Delhi excise policy case.

Special Judge MK Nagpal will also hear arguments on Arora's plea to grant him pardon in the matter and allow him to become a witness in the case. During the hearing, the



accused told the court that he was ready to make "true dis-closure voluntarily" about the case and that he wanted to be an approver. In response to the court's query, Arora said, "There is no pressure or threats by the CBI or anyone else.'

Arora's counsel also moved an application for in-camera proceedings, saying it is a sensitive matter and the media



Arora joined the investigation and disclosed certain facts which were vital for the probe and hence, "the CBI has no objection if the anticipatory bail is granted to the applicant

by this court." In August, the CBI had registered a case in the alleged excise policy scam and issued a Look Out Circular (LOC) against eight suspects named as accused in the case.

Among the accused public servants are Sisodia, then Excise Commissioner Arva Gopi Krishna, Deputy Commissioner Anand Tiwari and Assistant Pankaj Commissioner Bhatnagar. Cont on Page 2

Delhi schools, Govt offices to reopen as AQI improves

BS-III petrol, vehicles still face **GRAP** curbs

■ EWS reservation upheld by

Supreme Court in 3:2 major-

Justices Dinesh Maheshwari,

Bela Trivedi and JB Pardiwala

upheld 10% EWS Reservation excluding SC,ST & OBC

■ Justice S Ravindra Bhat

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STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government on Monday decided to reopen primary school classes from November 9 and revoke the order asking 50% of its staff to work from home in view of improvement in the city's air quality. However, plying of BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel four-wheelers in Delhi will remain banned under stage III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP). Curbs under Stage IV of the GRAP to check rising air pollution were lifted in Delhi on Monday lifted by the Delhi Government a

day after the Commission for



Air Quality Management (CAQM) asked for it citing improvement in air quality, which has been in the "very

poor" category since Saturday.
After a high-level meeting following the CAQM's order, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said the primary schools will reopen on November 9 and outdoor activities are once again permitted within the school. The ban on

vehicles entering Delhi has now been lifted, and Delhi's Government offices can now

open to their full capacity. However, the restrictions imposed under GRAP-III and the ban on private construction and demolition operations will remain in place. School principals have welcomed the Delhi Government's decision to restart primary classes.

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Big relief to Soren in mining lease row

SC allows plea of J'khand Govt, Soren; nixes HC order

PNS NEW DELHI

In a big relief to Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the Supreme Court on Monday allowed the appeals filed by him and the State Government against a High Court order accepting the maintainability of PILs for a probe in the mining lease issue. The top court also set aside the Jharkhand High Court's June 3 order. "Satyamev Jayate," Tweeted Soren, after the

Supreme Court's ruling.

"We have allowed these two appeals and have set aside the June 3, 2022 order passed by the Jharkhand High Court, holding that these PILs were



not maintainable," the Bench comprising Chief Justice UU Lalit and Justices S R Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia. The apex court had earlier restrained the High Court from proceedings with the PILs seeking a probe against Soren in the mining lease issue.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the State Government, had earlier submitted that the High Court had decided on maintainability even before all the documents were placed before it.

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'Builders to pay 8% interest to authorities for delay in payment' PNS NEW DELHI

 $F^{\text{rom now on, builders have}}_{\text{to shell out an eight per cent}}$ interest for every delayed payment to the authorities, the Supreme Court said on Monday. The court recalled its 2020 order while hearing the Amrapali case, where due to insolvency cases, the interest part of payment was shelved.

The order was passed by the Bench comprising Chief Justice UU Lalit and Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Bela Trivedi. In September, Senior advocate R Venkataramani, a court-appointed receiver in the Amrapali homebuyers case (current Attorney-General), told the Supreme Court that 11,858 flats will be delivered in two to three months to the homebuyers, of which 5,428 units will be handed over for possession in October

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Sena, NCP may join Cong's Maha yatra



PNS NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

The Bharat jodo yatra of the Congress crossed into Maharashtra on Monday evening after spending 12 days in Telangana. Congress allies Shiv Sena and NCP are likely to show their presence in the Rahul Gandhi-led Yatra which will begin its Maratha phase from Tuesday. Rahul Gandhi will cover 382 km on foot dur-ing his 14-day Maharashtra yatra and will be touring five districts, including Buldhana, Akola, Hingoli and Washim, apart from Nanded. Congress has planned a big rally on November 8 in Nanded on the occasion of Guru Nanak's Jayanti in the holy city of Sikhs.
Sources confirmed NCP

supremo Sharad Pawar , Shiv Sena leaders Aditya Thackeray and Priyanka Chaturvedi are likely to participate in the padyatra. *Continued on Page 2*

Court tells Twitter to block INC handles

Bengaluru/New Delhi: A Bengaluru court on Monday directed Twitter to temorarily block handles of ndian National Congress and its 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', in a copyright infringement suit initiated by MRT Music alleging that the handles illegally used sound recordings of film KGF-Chapter 2.

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The Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Uday Umesh Lalit with CJI-designate Justice DY Chandrachud and other dignitaries during a farewell ceremony organised for Justice Lalit by the Supreme Court Bar Association, at the Supreme Court premises

Imported cheetahs in Kuno kill 1st prey

PNS NEW DELHI

The two male cheetahs brought to the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh from Namibia have made their first kill within 24 hours of their release from a quarantine zone.

Officials supervising the 'Cheetah re-introduction project' in the country have termed it as the first step towards resettlement of the predators in the wild.

Cheetah Project head SP Yadav said that the cheetahs — Freddie and Alton — hunted down a spotted deer either on Sunday night or in the early hours of Monday. Yadav also heads the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), an autonomous body set up to strengthen tiger con-

servation in the country. This was the first hunt of the two African cheetahs since they were brought to India along with six others in mid-September.



that the transcontinental shifting may have dulled their preyhunting capabilities.
"So far they have been fed in

the quarantine. The independent kills by them, however, after their release in the bigger enclo-sure show their killing instinct This indicates their survival instinct and criteria to become independent in the wild," explained Yadav, adding that the wild cats are being monitored

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HC notice to Guj **Govt on Morbi** bridge tragedy

The Gujarat High Court on Monday took suo motu cognisance of the Morbi bridge collapse tragedy and issued notices to the State Government and local authorities and also sought a status report in the matter by November 14.

The British-era suspension bridge on the Machchhu river in Morbi collapsed on October 30, claiming 135 lives.

The bridge was thrown open for the public on October 26 after seven months of repair

work by a private firm. "We have taken a suo motu

(on their own) cognisance of the Morbi incident. But for the vacation, we would have sat on the same day itself," a division bench of Chief Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice Ashutosh Shastri said addressing Advocate General Kamal Trivedi. The bench took cognisance of the incident on the basis of a newspaper report.

It issued notices to the State Government through the chief secretary, state home department, commissioner of municipalities, Morbi municipality, district collector and the State Human Rights Commission and relisted the matter on November 14.

"They have sought the advice of a constitutional expert in New Delhi by paying a consultation fee of ₹45 lakh to find ways and means to oust me,' the Governor told media persons at Ernakulam on

tent to the core.

He was referring to media reports which said that the Kerala Government has sought

Democratic Front Government

in the State as Arif Mohammed

Khan on Monday morning

ridiculed the inefficiency of the

administration to take on him

legally. "I never knew the State

administration was incompe-

Constitutional lawyer's advice to 'oust' him $K^{\text{erala is all set to witness a}}_{\text{unique battle between the}}$ by paying a consultation fee of ₹45 lakh to tame him Governor and the Left legally.

Kerala Guv attacks State Govt for seeking

Interestingly, Monday is the last day the Kerala High Court has given to the eight vice-chancellors of the State to give their replies to the show cause notices issued to them by the Governor asking them why their services should not be terminated in the backdrop of the October 21 Supreme Court verdict disqualifying the vice chancellor of the Kerala Technical University from

"Let me go through the replies sent by them and then I'll let you know what is the next course of action," said the

holding office.

'Guv's speeches violate **Constitutional propriety'**

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

The CPI(M) late Monday evening retorted to the charges made by Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan against Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in the harshest of language. "The Governor speaks like a Fascist. He is a Fascist," thundered M V Govindan, the party's Kerala Secretary and the polit bureau

Speaking to mediapersons, Govindan said the Governor's

words violate Constitutional propriety and limits of all public decency. "His language does not augur well for the position he occupies. Who is he to ask certain media houses to get out of the media meet?", asked Govindan.

The Governor while speaking to media persons at Ernakulam Guest House had asked the official mouthpieces of the CPI(M) and Jama-at-Islam to get out as he "was not interested in speaking to party cadres masquerading as jour-

NIA raids 3 spots in Kerala in PFI conspiracy case

PNS NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday conducted searches at three locations in Malappuram district of Kerala in connection with the PFI conspiracy case.

The case pertains to the criminal conspiracy hatched by the office bearers, members and cadres of Popular Front of India (PFI) having its registered office in New Delhi and Unit Offices/Area Offices/Zonal Offices/State Offices all over India, along with others, who are involved in raising or collecting funds from within India and abroad through banking channels, Hawala and donations for committing or getting

committed, terrorist acts in various parts of India including States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi., the NIA said. It was also revealed that the accused persons were conducting training camps for terrorist activities at various locations across the country.

Searches were earlier conducted at 39 locations across the country on September 22 and 20 accused persons have been arrested so far in the case.

During the searches conducted on Saturday, incriminating materials including digital devices and documents have been seized. Further investigations in the case are in progress, it added.

'Builders to Delhi pay 8% interest to authorities for delay...

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Recently the apex court was informed that only 4,981 of the approximately 46,000 Amrapali homebuyers have received possession of their flats in the three years since the Supreme Court entrusted the developer's unfinished projects to the State-owned NBCC (formerly National Building Construction Corporation) in July 2019.

The top court has been monitoring the cases related to the embattled real estate company after many homebuyers approached it alleging malpractices and non-delivery of homes or flats.

Amrapali Group's exdirectors Ånil Kumar Sharma, Shiv Priya, and Ajay Kumar were put behind bars on the top court's order in 2019 and multiple cases have been lodged against them for allegedly homebuyers diverting money.

Recently, Sharma was granted bail in some cases. He was facing more than 30 cases, including charges for money laundering under PMLA.

Previous month, while granting bail in many cases, the top court asked him to oach the PMLA for

In 2019, the apex had given a go-ahead to the Governmentowned National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) to start the process of completing two stalled Amrapali projects.

schools...

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"Entry of trucks into Delhi will be allowed and the ban on linear projects such as highways, flyovers, and roads has been lifted," he added.

Rai further said petrol BS III and diesel BS-IV vehicles will remain banned. "The restrictions for these two categories of vehicles were imposed as per Stage III of Grap. Therefore, we are not lifting them as all Stage III measures are still being followed. The exemptions for diesel vehicles are only those vehicles that are involved in essential or emergency services," said Rai. There are estimated to be around 300000 BS IV diesel vehicles and around 200000 BS III petrol vehicles in Delhi.

Rai said the restrictions that were put in place during

the third phase of GRAP will still be in effect. "Private construction and demolition would also be prohibited inside Delhi, with the exception of projects relating to the railway, metro, airport bus terminal, national security, defence, hospitals, and other facilities of national importance," he

At least 500 brand-new environmental buses have been ordered to be operated. During this time our emphasis will be on mechanical road sweeping and water spraying in Delhi.

The fire brigade vehicles will continue to be used for water sprinkling at hot spots. It will be our endeavour that the pollution level which is decreasing in Delhi continues," Rai said.

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are still being followed. The exemptions for diesel vehicles are only those vehicles that are involved in essential or emergency services," said Rai. There are estimated to be around 300000 BS IV diesel vehicles and around 200000 BS III petrol vehicles in Delhi.

The minister said there has been a rapid improvement in the air pollution situation in Delhi and farm fires have also reduced ."Therefore, it has been decided to lift the curbs imposed under stage four of the Graded Response Action Plan in compliance with the direction from the Commission for Air Quality Management," he

As the air pollution in Delhi-NCR ameliorated over the last two days, the Centre's air quality panel Sunday directed authorities to lift the ban on plying of non-BS VI diesel light motor vehicles in the region and the entry of trucks into the capital imposed under the final stage of the Graded Response Action Plan.

Court tells Twitter...

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It also directed Twitter to take down three links from its platform and further ordered it to block the twitter handles of INC and Bharat Jodo Yatra. The court ruled that prima facie materials established that if the alleged illegal use of sound records was encouraged, MRT would suffer an irreparable injury and the same would also lead to encouraging piracy at large "Plaintiff has specifically

produced a CD showing the side by side file i.e., original version of his copyrighted work with that of the illegally synchronized version.

These prima facie materials available before this court at this stage establishes that if the same is encouraged plaintiff who is in the business of

acquiring cinematography films, songs, music albums etc., will be put to irreparable injury and further same leads to encouraging the piracy at large," the special commercial court stated.

The court, via an order of ex-parte injunction, restrained the defendants from unauthorizedly and illegally using the copyrighted work owned by MRT till the next date of hear-

Counsel for MRT contended that since the respondents were illegally using their music and infringing their rights, it was necessary to appoint a Commissioner to inspect and conduct an electronic audit and to preserve the infringing material on INC's Twitter account and Bharat Jodo Yatra's Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook

The Court agreed with the same and stated that the object of granting injunction would stand defeated if a commissioner was not appointed.

ED opposes **AAP Min Jain's** bail application in court

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Opposing the bail application of AAP minister Satyendar Jain, Enforcement Directorate (ED) Monday told the court that the companies under investigation were "only paper companies, they did not earn any income and did not have any intrinsic value" and that co-accused Vaibhav Jain and Ankush Jain were the AAP leader's dummies. Appearing for the ED, Additional Solicitor General (ASG) SV Raju said that Jain was the kingpin who was not only involved in "converting black money to white" but also in tampering of evidence, while opposing his bail in a money laundering case.

Delhi doctors back MBBS students protesting Govt's policy in Haryana

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

To express their solidarity with MBBS students in Haryana's Rohtak protesting a policy that mandated them to pay a bond fee of around ₹10 lakh during admission, doctors at various government-run hospitals in Delhi on Monday

The Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) has given a call for the nationwide black ribbon protest, saying it was in response to the alleged police action against MBBS students of a medical college in Rohtak who were protesting against the "new bond policy".

Excise scam accused Arora...

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Apart from this there are nine private persons/businessmen and two companies.

The FIR was registered on a reference from the office of Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena routed through the

The agency has alleged that Sisodia and other accused public servants recommended and took decisions on the excise policy 2021-22 without the approval of competent authority with "an intention to extend undue favours to the licencees post tender".

Big relief to Soren...

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Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Soren, had questioned the credentials of the PIL petitioner. Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the Enforcement Directorate, had said criminal petitions should cal grounds.

BJP national vice president and former Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das in February this year claimed Soren abused his position and granted himself the favour of a mining lease, an issue involving both the conflict of inter-

est and corruption. He also alleged violations of provisions of the Representation of People Act. Taking cognisance of the controversy, the Election Commission sent a notice to Soren in May seeking his version on the mining lease issued in his favour when he held the Mining and Environment port-

Owning a lease violates Section 9A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which deals with disqualification for government contracts, etc, EC sources had with the poll panel. The pleas before the Jharkhand High Court had sought a probe into alleged irregularities in the grant of mining lease as also the transactions of some shell combers and associates.

Sena, NCP may join Cong's...

From Page 1 Last week, Maharashtra Congress in-charge HK Patil, Congress legislature party leader Balasaheb Thorat and former CM Ashok Chavan, met Uddhav Thackeray and Pawar inviting them to join the

Sources said that while there is still uncertainty about former Maharashtra CM Udhhav Thackeray joining at any point due to his health conditions, Aditya Thackeray has made up his mind to join Rahul. Shiv Sena leader Sachin Ahir said Aadittya Thackeray

is already touring Marathwada and the yatra would also be passing through the region. "The possibility of Aaditya

Thackeray attending the Bharat Jodo Yatra cannot be ruled out. Coincidentally, he is also touring the region (Marathwada) and attempts are being made to see if he can join the padyatra," Ahir, who is also the spokesman of the party, said in Mumbai.

"The idea behind Bharat Jodo Yatra is to bring everyone together and knowingly or unknowingly, people from supporting it. This is to be welcomed if they are coming to Maharashtra," the Sena leader said. Sources said Priyanaka Chaturvedi, also a former Congress spokesperson, may join the junior Thackeray.

Both the Shiv Sena and Congress are together now in

Opposition in the State after the BJP usurped power joining hands with the breakaway faction of the Shiv Sena led by

Both the parties along with NCP are fighting against the Centre's propelled ED and CBI raids on their leaders including Shiv Sena MP and spokesman Sanjay Raut who continues to be in judicial custody for over a month now.

incumbent CM Eknath Shinde.

Pawar too is set to join hands with Rahul in the yatra this week. In case his health doES not permit it, then his MP Supriya Sule and NCP state unit president Jayant Patil will definitely participate at some point of time.

The party has also invited several political parties including Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar, RJD supremo Lalu Yadav, SP leaders from across the states and leaders, organisations to take part in one of the largest movements for unity of the nation.

The Yatra entered Naded in

Maharashtra Monday evening after exiting Telangana following an event where President of the Congress' Telangana unit Revanth Reddy handed over the national flag to his Maharashtra counterpart Nana Patole at the border of the two states. Before this a public meeting was organised in Menuru village of Madnoor Mandal in Jukkal Constituency

The Bharat Jodo Yatra commenced on September 7 from Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. Rahul Gandhi completed the marathon walk in Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, before entering Telangana.

which was addressed by Rahul.

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Imported cheetahs in Kuno...

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However, another forest official said that it was too early to celebrate as the "pinnacle of success" for any reintroduction,

Online Tender for mentioned below are being invited. The Tender have been uploaded on the mptenders

system of Public Works Department on the Portal <u>www.mptenders.gov.in</u> Tender details are as below:-

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Across Keldhara River in KM 13/6 & Karai

is reproduction. "If you have reproduction occurring, that means the animals have settled in. They're settled enough that they can raise young," he said.

The other six cheetahs --

Savannah, Sasha, Obaan, Asha, Cibili and Saisa -- remain in the quarantine zone. "We will try to release all of them in the bigger enclosures by November 15, Yaday said.

The five females and three males were brought to India as part of Project Cheetah to reintroduce the big cats in the wild, more than 70 years after it went extinct in the country.

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From Page 1 Justices Trivedi and Office of The Chief Engineer M.P.P.W.D Bridge Construction Zone Bhopal (M.P.)

> ment submissions that the 50 per cent ceiling on the total reservation as envisaged in the Mandal judgment was inviolable and held that its alleged breach did not violate the basic structure.

> Justice Maheswari, at the outset of the pronouncement, referred to the questions which were deliberated upon by the bench saying that the first issue was whether the 103rd Constitution Amendment was violative of the basic structure for providing reservation solely on the basis of economic cri-

"Whether the amendment is violative of the basic structure for excluding the poor

Centre's among the SC/ST/OBC categories from EWS Quota," he said, adding that the third question was if the amendment violated the basic structure for breaching the 50 percent

> Justice Trivedi said that the State was empowered to take "an affirmative action" by providing reservation for the EWS category and "it cannot be said to be unreasonable classification". "Treating EWS as a separate class would be a reasonable classification. Just as equals cannot be treated unequally, unequals cannot be treated equally. Treating unequals equally violates under equality Constitution," she said in her

(SEBCs) cannot be said as "discriminatory or violative of the Constitution". Justice Trivedi and Pardiwala, however, said it becomes vested interest.

to minority Judgment. First was then Chief Justice JS Khehar was part of the minority judgment in Triple Talaq ban case. The CJI, on his last day of presiding court proceedings, was in minority with Justice S Ravindra Bhat when other three Judges Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, Bela M Trivedi and J B Pardiwala

The dissenting Judge Justice Bhat said that the idea of reservation to EWS is appreciable, but the exclusion of poor of SCs, STs, and OBSs from its ambit the Amendment practices "constitutionally prohibited forms of discrimination". Justice Bhat, who pronounced the verdict at the fag end, said that the quota on the ground of economic criteria was not "per se not violative", but it has to go due to the exclusion of poor of SCs, STs, and OBSs from its

" However, by excluding the poor among SC/ST/OBC from economically backward classes ..., the 103rd Amendment practices constitutionally prohibited forms of discrimination," Justice Bhat said in his minority view. "Our Constitution does not permit exclusion and this amendment undermines the fabric of social justice and thereby the basic structure.

This amendment is deluding us to believe that those getting social and backward class benefits are somehow better placed. This court has held that 16(1) and (4) are facets of the same equality principle... The exclusion is based on social origin which destroys the equality code," the minority verdict said. The apex court had on

September 27 reserved the verdict on the legal question of whether the EWS quota violated the basic structure of the Constitution after hearing a battery of senior lawyers, including the then Attorney General K K Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, in a marathon hearing that had lasted for six-andhalf-days.

The bench, on September

gested by the then attorney general for the decision broadly" covered all the aspects relating to the petitions on the constitutional validity of the decision to grant the reservation. 'Whether the 103rd Constitution amendment Act

It had said the three issues sug-

can be said to breach the basic structure of the Constitution by permitting the State to make special provisions, including reservation, based on economic criteria," read the first issue framed. The second legal question was whether the constitutional amendment could be said to breach the basic structure by permitting the state to make special provisions concerning admissions to private unaided institu-

"Whether the 103rd Constitution amendment can be said to breach the basic structure of the Constitution in excluding the SEBCs/OBCs, SCs/STs from the scope of EWS reservation," the third issue, to be adjudicated upon by the bench, read.

Sabha cleared the bill on January 8 and 9 in 2019 respectively and it was then signed by then President Ram Nath Kovind. The EWS quota is over and above the existing 50 per cent reservation to SCs, STs, and Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

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Chief Engineer **Bridge Construction Zone Bhopal**

panies allegedly linked to the chief minister's family mem-**SC** upholds

Pardiwala concurred with the views of Justice Maheswari and said the quota in jobs and admissions on the sole economic criteria did not violate the basic structure of the Constitution. They were also of the same

view in dismissing the vehe-

ceiling limit of quota. The majority opinion answered the three questions in the negative.

separate but concurring ver-

Justice Trivedi said that the amendment created a sep arate class of EWS and the exclusion of socially and educationally backward classes

that there was a need to have a time-span for such reservations as they cannot be continued for all the time. Both the judges said the reservation is meant to secure social justice but it should not continue for indefinite time so that This is for the second time Chief Justice of India belongs

upheld the EWS quota.

ambit.

8, had framed three broad issues for adjudication arising from the pleas challenging the Centre's decision to grant 10 per cent reservation to EWS in admissions and jobs. Lok Sabha and Rajya

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BJP, AAP spar over Sukesh's fresh letter to L-G

Sukesh in his third letter requests L-G for CBI enquiry into his allegations

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The BJP and the AAP sparred over the jailed conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar's third letter to Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena demanding an inquiry by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into his allegations of threat and pressure from jailed AAP Minister Satyendar Jain. In the letter the conman

given the details of the 'deals' done at AAP Minister Kailash Gahlot's farmhouse with the consent of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

He also went on to request



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the L-G to allow him to file an FIR in the matter. The BJP on Monday slammed Delhi Chief Minister Arving Kejriwal and demanded a CBI probe into Sukesh's claims that he had bribed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). Addressing a press conference, Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta also demanded the transfer of jailed AAP minister Satyendar Jain from Delhi to a prison in either Uttar Pradesh or Haryana.

The BJP leader said



party delegation will soon meet Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena in this connection. BJP MP Parvesh Verma, too, demanded Jain's transfer to a prison in any state except the AAP-ruled Punjab. "If Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia gets arrested in the liquor scam as Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal claims, he too should not be kept in any Delhi jail,"

Leader of Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri also



demanded a thorough investigation into the Sukesh's allegations against AAPians. Terming the conman's letter fake. AAP leader Saurabh Bhardwaj alleged that the BJP is resorting to its "old tactics of spreading lies" as the Gujarat and Delhi municipal elections are

He alleged that the BJP is taking help from jailed conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar to "repeat the same tactics" and in a bid to win the elections. "As the elections are nearing, the BJP is resorting to its old tactics of spreading lies. Right before the Punjab elections, they brought Kumar Vishwas and alleged that Arvind Kejriwal was involved with nefarious and anti-social ele-

And now, they are taking help of jailed conmen like Sukesh Chandrashekhar to repeat the same tactics," he said. Bharadwaj further claimed that the BJP can make "random allegations" in order to win the upcoming elections.

In the letter, the conman requested that a CBI inquiry should be conducted and that he be permitted to register an FIR because "the pressure is getting too much and any undue event may take place before the truth about AAP is

The conman went on to

Satyendar Jain, but that Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Kailash Gehlot have been deeply engaged in all of the cases involving him. "I have read the news and

seen that Mr Arvind Kejriwal has tweeted that BJP is putting me forward during election times and he wrote that I am the country's biggest thug, which is misleading and diverting from the issue," Sukesh

In the letter, Sukesh has made a fresh accusation against Delhi Health Minister Satyendra Jain and former Director General of Prison, Sandeep Goyal, alleging that he has been getting "severe threats" from the jail administration on behalf of Jain and sacked DG."...that now I will be taught a serious lesson, and also I will be shown stars by

duced to courts, for what I have done. They said I will have to pay the price now," he said, listing out the alleged threats. "I am (not) intimidated by

them, but requesting to direct the CBI to initiate an urgent investigation in detail and allow me to file FIR for the same, as the pressure is getting too much and any undue event may take place, before that the truth about AAP should be exposed, as the matter is not only about Satyender Jain but also Arvind Kejriwal and Kailash Gahlot are also a part of all the episodes that $\bar{h}\text{ave}$ taken place," the letter reads.

'The matter is much more than what meets the eye, I have in the month of August 2022 itself have given a part statement regarding the same to CBI AC-V during the probe of some other case of mine," the his claim that Kejriwal took Rs 50 crores from him to expand AAP in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, alleging that he was instrumental in former Bengaluru police commissioner Bhaskar Rao's AAP joining. In his second letter, Sukesh has alleged that Kejriwal asked him to collect Rs 500 crore for the party. The AAP, however,

has dismissed his charges. Earlier, Chandrashekar had written an open letter to the media alleging, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convenor and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal took ?50 crores from him in the promise of a Rajya Sabha seat.

He had alleged that Kejriwal contacted him through Jain. After his first letter, Tihar DG Sandeep Goel was removed from his post and was ordered to report to Delhi

Govt reopens primary classes from tomorrow

BS-IV diesel vehicles will remain banned till Nov 13, entry of trucks allowed

Revokes order on 50 per cent cap on staff to work from home

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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m and\ BS\ IV}$ diesel vehicles in Delhi will remain banned till November 13, while trucks will be allowed to enter the national Capital, according to

As the city's air quality improved, the Delhi government on Monday also decided to reopen primary classes from November 9 and revoke the order that asked 50 per cent of its staff to work from home. "BS-III petrol and BS-IV

diesel four-wheelers in Delhi will remain banned under

The transport department, in an order, said the vehicles found plying in violation of the rule will be prosecuted under the Motor Vehicles Act, which could invite a fine of Rs 20,000.

Vehicles deployed for emergency services, and government and election-related work do not come under the ban's purview.

As per the directions provided under Stage III of revised GRAP, there will be a restriction to ply BS- III petrol and BS- IV diesel light motor vehicles (four-wheelers) in the jurisdiction of NCT of Delhi.

The above directions will remain enforced till November 13 or downward revision in GRAP stage, whichever is earlier. The restrictions will continue beyond November 13, if CAQM (Centre for Air Quality Management) orders GRAP-III and above restrictions," the

Photo by PTI



Stage 3 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)," Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said at a press conference

"If any BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel LMV is found plying on roads, it will be prose-

CAQM orders anti-smog guns at construction, demolition sites

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The The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has asked pollution control boards in Delhi-NCR to ensure deployment of antismog guns at construction and demolition sites in view of poor air quality in Delhi. The ĈAQM has also rec-

ommended other measures, such as the use of wind brokers, dust barrier screens, covering of construction material and its debris, and proper disposal of construction wastes, including transportation in covered vehicles, at these sites. The panel noted that these

sites are a major and consistent source of air pollution in Delhi-NCR. "At least one anti-smog gun necessary for a total construction area between 5,000 to 10,000 square metre. Two antismog guns for area between 10,001 to 15,000 square metre.

"For construction area between 15,001 to 20,000 square metre, at least three antismog guns are necessary. At

Act, 1988," it further stated.

The department, in another order, said there will be no ban on the entry of trucks into Delhi and Delhi-registered diesel operated medium goods and heavy goods vehicles.

In a related development, LocalCircles, a community social media platform, conducted a survey which received responses from over 9,000 owners of BS-IV diesel cars.

least five anti-smog guns should be deployed for a total construction area above 20,000 square metres," the statement from CAQM said.

"Dust from the C&D activities is a major and consistent source of air pollution and contributes adversely to the spike in PM2.5 and PM10 levels in the NCR. Use of treated water to

mitigate large quantities of dust generated at C&D sites through use of anti-smog guns, sprinklers etc. with prescribed wet suppression, wind brokers, dust barrier screens, covering of construction material and C&D debris, proper disposal of C&D wastes including transportation in covered vehicles etc. are some of the steps that are essentially to be followed by C&D projects in the NCR," it said.

It has directed the pollution boards of of NCR and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee to ensure continuous use of anti-smog guns at these sites.

section of the car owners expressed displeasure at the CAQM move.

Nearly 11 per cent of them said they will violate the ban and face the consequences, while 25 per cent said they will switch to public transport. Another 49 per cent diesel car owners said they had access to vehicles which did not come under the ban and will use

No place for 'revdi politics' in India, Puri taunts AAP

Minister launches video vans of BJP's electoral campaign

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Taking a dig at the chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, Union Housing and Urban Affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday said that India will become a developed country by 2047 as per the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi where there is no place for "revri Puri was speaking after

flagging off a fleet of video vans as part of the BJP's electoral campaign. Union minister Meenakshi Lekhi, Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta and other senior party leaders were also present at the event.

Under the Modi government, India has become the fifth largest economy of the world and is slated to be the third largest in a few years. According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, India has to become a developed country by 2047, in which anarchism and 'revri politics' have no place," Puri underlined.

The housing and urban affairs minister said the central government is committed to make Delhi one of the best capitals in the world.

Attacking the Arvind the minister said the dispensation did not allow the implementation of various welfare schemes of the Centre in Delhi.

"Before elections, they (AAP) start talking about freebies...," he alleged. The word "revri" (sugar candy with sesame) was used by Modi in one of his speeches, referring to freebies like free water and electricity promised by political parties ahead of polls.



Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri flags off vehicles for campaigning of upcoming Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) election, in New Delhi on Monday, BJP Delhi President Adesh Gupta, party leaders Harsh Vardhan, Gautam Gambhir and

AAP launches 'Kude Par Jansamvad' drive

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head of the Municipal A head of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the AAP on Monday launched 'Kude Par Jansamvad' campaign to reach out to Delhiites about their woes regarding BJP's garbage mismanagement. The campaign will start on November booths in the national capital.

In a joint press conference with Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai, AAP leader Durgesh Pathak said, "the party will conduct Jansamvad at all 13,682 booths of Delhi from November 8 to November 20.

It has appointed more than 600 spokespersons for the dialogue, they've also been given training for outreach.

During the Jansamvad, the the residents there?, Fourth, public will be asked five important questions related to garbage including, will the responsibility of cleaning the garbage again be given to the BJP which has failed in the last 15 years or to AAP which has proven its merit?"

Giving the details about the questions that will be asked by the public from the Jansamwad, Pathak said that the questions are First, do you often see garbage piled up in our gali-mohallas? Do you face problems because of the garbage? Does the garbage ever get cleaned up? "Second, when you step out of your house do you see litter all over the way or not?, Third, have you seen the three garbage mountains of BJP, have you thought about the condition of

do you know that the BJP is planning to develop such landfills in every Vidhan Sabha? Do you want Garbage Mountains in your locality?" said pathak.

"Fifth and last Question, will BJP who failed at cleaning garbage in 15 years clean it now or will AAP and CM Arvind Kejriwal clean it?" he Rai said that they are "directionless" and they don't even have agenda in forthcoming MCD elections.

Taking a dig at the saffron arty for their slogan 'Seva Hi . Vichar, Nahi Khokle Prachar', Rai said that they only talk of seva and khokhla prachar but, if they really had done it then they done have make their incumbent councillors sit out

One candidate files nomination from Green Park ward

NEW DELHI: As the nomination for the MCD polls began from Monday, only one person has filed his nomination from ward 150 (Green Park) Meanwhile, a total of 219916 illegal banners and hoarding were removed by the 24 teams of the MCD, following the direction of the SEC, ahead of the civic polls.

Polling for the Civic polls will be held on December 4 and the votes will be counted on December 7.

According to State Election Commission, a total of 219916 illegal banners and hoarding were removed by the 24 teams of the MCD, following the direction of the SEC, ahead of the civic polls.

In all the 12 administrative zones of the Corporation, the teams have removed 219916 banners out of which 99401 removed on Monday, 49774 were taken out on Sunday and 70741 were removed on Saturday

The enforcement teams have removed 18848 banners and hoarding in Shahdara South Zone which is highest, while City SP zone witnessed lowest removal of poster 1723. "4282 banners and hoardings were removed in Rohini Zone, while 7553 were taken out in Civil Line Zone," it said.

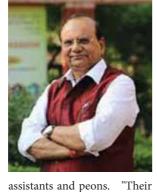
LG orders filling of 117 vacancies in DSSSB

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There are 30,000 posts lying vacant mainly in the education and health department of Delhi government since 2013 is expected to be expedited following the directions of the Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena to fill 117 vacancies in Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB). The process to recruit these 117 people is expected to be completed within two weeks.

According to DSSSB sources, these posts have been lying vacant since as long as 2013, due to the lackadaisical attitude of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, which has been preferring to appoint contractual employees against permanent government vacancies.

Sources said that with these 117 people onboard, the process to fill up the 30,000 vacant positions in the Delhi government, some of which are lying vacant since 2013, will be expedited. These posts were created by a decision of the lieutenant governor in May and consist of deputy secretaries, section officers, assistant section officers, senior assistants, junior assistants, legal



recruitment is in the final stages and will be completed within two weeks.

Once these posts are filled, the DSSSB will be fully staffed and we can expect it to expedite the process of efficiently conducting examinations and interviews to select the 30,000odd candidates for various government departments, including health and education," sources said.

The 30,000 pending vacancies include those of teachers, nurses, paramedical staff, physical training instructors and technicians. Sources at Raj Niwas said that the LG, right after taking over had expressed serious concern and displeasure over unduly and inordinately delayed vacancies in



several government departments of critical importance to the people of Delhi.

He had also flagged the issue of filling up of such permanent vacancies on a contractual basis, which often led to favoritism in appointments, misappropriation of government money in the name of ghost employees and ultimately an unconstitutional deterrent to the equal right of employment provided to the citizens of Delhi and the country, vide the Constitution of India.

The DSSSB is mandated to select candidates for Group 'B' (non-gazetted) and Group 'C' for government departments, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Corporation and other government undertakings.

RERA orders Vatika Ltd to refund money to 28 allottees

PARVESH SHARMA **GURUGRAM**

The Haryana real estate regulatory authority (RERA), Gurugram, ordered Vatika Limited to refund money to 28 allottees with interest at the prescribed rate. The order has come in the backdrop of a project in which the promoter failed to commence construction even at the primary level.

The court said that the promoter Vatika will have to pay the loan amount to respective banks also if or in case the same is availed by the allottees.

"Since the project has been abandoned by the promoter the allottees are entitled to the refund of the amount paid by them to the promoter against the allotment of their units with interest at the prescribed rate of 10.25 per cent per annum from the date of each payment till the date of actual realisation within the timelines as prescribed under the rule 16 of the Rules 2017," said the RERA court.

The court said, "However while depositing sale consideration of the allotted units, some of the allottees raised loans from the different financial institutions and the same was paid to the promoter.

While refunding the amount deposited by the allottees who raised loans against the allotted units the promoter would be liable to pay that ing in view all these facts 28 amount with interest up to date allottees of the project to those financial institutions approached the authority seekand the remainder, if any, ing a refund of the paid-up would be paid back to the allotamount besides compensation

The case pertains to a real estate project 'Turning Point' of Vatika Limited located at sector 88-B, Gurugram. Vatika Limited obtained a licence from the DTCP in 2013 to develop Turning Point - a residential group housing project. The court observed, "After

its launch by the promoter units in the same was allotted to different persons on different dates and that too for variable sale consideration. Though the due date for

completion of the project and offer of possession of the allotted units was mentioned as the validity of the registration certificate being September 15, 2025, after the expiry of more than four years from the booking there is no physical work progress at the site except for some digging work." So, keepby taking a plea that the project has been abandoned.

REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY HARMAN

Keeping in view the complaints, the authority marked an enquiry into the affairs.

The authority directed the enquiry officer to report also about the compliances of the obligations by the promoter regarding the project and more specifically having regard to 70 per cent of the amount collected from allottees of the proiect minus the proportionate land cost and construction cost whether deposited in the separate RERA account as per the requirement of the Act of 2016 and Rule 2017.

The enquiry report mentioned, "There is hardly any progress regarding development such as the construction of the site." Dr KK Khandelwal RERA chairman said, "Such offences are unacceptable. The

promoters cannot take allottees for granted after realising their hard-earned money. RERA has to act as per the law and ensure allottees' money is safe and they get also compensation for mental trouble."

Meanwhile, Vatika in a statement said, "Vatika has invested approximately ?168 crores in the project but there is no access due to the ongoing work on Dwarka expressway. In addition, sector roads or internal roads have not been constructed by GMDA. Therefore, Instalments are

not being raised by the company for the last few years. The company has not only refunded but also reallocated clients to other projects with mutual consent and acceptance. The company is most

compliant with the prevailing rules and has always been most considerate to all its stakeholders including its customers. The company has voluntarily applied for deregistration of the project".

Enjoyed my stint both as lawyer & judge: CJI Lalit

Outgoing Chief Justice of India Uday Umesh Lalit turned nostalgic on Monday as he recalled his journey of nearly 37 years in the Supreme Court, saying he enjoyed his stint both as a lawyer and a

judge. CJI Lalit, who is set to retire on November 8, was speaking as he sat on the ceremonial bench in the apex court for the last time with his designated successor Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice Bela M Trivedi this afternoon.

He said it was a great feeling to pass on the baton to the senior-most judge, Justice Chandrachud, as he began his stint in the top court by appearing before his father and 16th Chief Justice Yeshwant Vishnu Chandrachud.

"I have spent something like 37 years in this court. My journey in this court began through Court Number 1. I was practising in Bombay and then came here to mention a case before CJI Y V Chandrachud. "My journey began from this court and today it ends in same court. The person before whom I mentioned matter, he passed on the baton to subsequent Chief Justices. "I now pass the baton to a very distinguished person and the son of that man himself. It is a beautiful occasion



for me and I couldn't have asked for anything greater than that," CJI Lalit said

Referring to forming several Constitution benches, CJI Lalit said it has been a very memorable and satisfactory feeling "to have done something for the Bar". "I am a product of this Bar and at the same time, I have a feeling that I was able to do something for the bar. That is a very great feeling as I will be walking out of this court for the last time," CJI said.

Justice Chandrachud, who is set to take over as India's 50th CJI, said CJI Lalit has the unique distinction of being called to the senior advocateship by this court and then rising to

become an SC judge.

The CJI-designate assured him that there would be a sense of continuity in reforms adopted by him in apex court. "I have known Chief Justice for a long time though I opposed him on only one matter," he said, with- a judge.

out elaborating. Justice Chandrachud along with Justice Abdul Nazeer recently objected to the selection of Judges through a circular seeking opinions by CJI Lalit. Due to the dissent, the selection of new four judges to the apex court was stopped.

Praising the CJI for his "nuanced understanding of not only the law but of Indian social life," Justice Chandrachud said it has added to the stability of this court. "He has had a great sense of stability in turbulent times. All the best for the future. Thank you for the way you have been," Justice Chandrachud said.

Attorney General R Venkataramani said he is deeply indebted to the CJI and finds it difficult to gather his thoughts while Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said CII Lalit has had a successful tenure as a lawyer and an equally successful tenure as

BJP lauds SC verdict, calls it Modi's victory for social justice With time, rules and

laws should also change, says Shah

PNS NEW DELHI

The BJP and Union Ministers lauded the Supreme Court's verdict upholding the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) quota on Monday, saying it is a victory for Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his "mission" to provide social justice to the country's poor.

Welcoming the judgment, Union Minister Amit Shah said, "With time, rules and laws should also change".

He said some people had challenged it but "I am happy that the Constitutional bench of Supreme court has approved and continued with the EWS reservation, and accepted that it is fully constitutional." The home Minister said people have welcomed Modi-government's decision on EWS reser-

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the Supreme Court's decision is a slap on the face of parties with vested interests who have tried to sow discord amongst citizens with their propaganda.
"The amendment is valid

and in no manner alters the basic structure of the constitution... will open up new doors of opportunities for economically weaker sections, espe-cially in admission to HEIs and

Dhankhar to attend ASEAN-India

Commemorative Summit in



central govt. jobs, further strengthen social justice as well as the spirit of 'Sabka Sath and Sabka Vikas' ," Pradhan said in a series of tweets. Another union minister Giriraj Singh said the apex court verdict is welcomed by those who believe in the Constitution.

Congress and other opposition parties are attacking constitutional institutions today in a manner that will pose a threat to the democracy of India," said Singh. BJP general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh praised the court order and tweeted," Another big credit for PM Narendra Modi's vision of Gareeb Kalyan.

A big boost in the direction of social justice." Echoing the view, another BJP general secretary C T Ravi said the verdict is yet another victory for Modi in his mission to provide social justice to the country's poor.

The ruling party also slammed Congress spokesperson and its SC-ST department head Udit Raj for his allegation following verdict that apex court is "casteist", saying it has exposed the opposition party's "anti-poor" mindset.

Opp divided on EWS verdict, calls it setback to social justice struggle

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Opposition parties including the Congress appeared to be a divided lot over the Supreme Court's judgment on the EWS quota on Monday. Several leaders of the opposition parties like the Congress and TMC did not take a uniform stand for or against the judgment.

While some of them welcomed the SC verdict, others called it a "setback to the struggle for social justice" and alleged the apex judiciary had "upper class mindset".

Hailing the top court's verdict, Congress chief spokesperson Jairam Ramesh credited UPA governments led by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for initiating the process that led to the 103rd Constitution amend-

'The Amendment itself was the result of a process initiated by Dr Manmohan Singh's government in 2005-06 with the appointment of the Sinho Commission that submitted its report in July 2010. Thereafter, widespread consultations were held and the Bill was ready by 2014," said Ramesh in a statement.

"It took the Modi Sarkar



ed. It also bears mention here that the Socio Economic and Caste Census was completed by 2012, when I myself was the Union Rural Development

The Modi Sarkar has yet to clarify its position on an updated Caste Census, something that the Congress party supports and demands," he added. However, Congress leader

Udit Raj called the Supreme Court verdict a result of "upper caste mindset".

"I am not against EWS reservation but is pained to observe the upper caste mindset of Supreme Court that it took total U turn today what it had been holding ever since Indira Sahani judgement.

Whenever SC/ST/OBC reservation matters came, SC always reminded the limit of 50per cent," Raj said in a tweet five years to get the Bill enact- message. Congress's ally and

the ruling party in Tamil Nadu, DMK, too held a different view. DMK president and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin said the verdict in the reservation case for economically backward classes is a "setback in the century-long struggle for social justice". urge all like-minded organisations to unite to uplift the call for social justice in the entire

nation," Stalin said.

TMC MP Saugata Roy hailed the verdict and called it "historic". "This is a historic judgment. This is a big step towards achieving economic equality in the country," said

However, TMC chief spokesperson Sukhendu Sekhar Ray said, "The apex court has given a verdict and we have nothing to say on it as

Another major opposition alliance partner party RJD remarked the SC verdict is a split one and such judgments historically are subjected to interventions. "RJD alongwith DMK have been pressing for scientific data on caste census and we have taken up related matters in the Parliament as well. We will keep on fighting for social justice," RJD spokesperson and Rajya Sabha member Manoj Jha said.

India set to assume presidency of G-20

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As India is set to assume the presidency of the G-20 nations next month from the current chair Indonesia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unveil the logo, theme and website of the country's G20 presidency here on Tuesday. He will participate in the G-

20 summit in Bali, Indonesia on November 15-16. Several world leaders including Chinese President X Jinping, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and US President Joe Biden will also be present at the high-profile event. Russian President Vladimir Putin may also attend OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.H. DIVISION, ANGUL

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the summit. Making the announcement on Monday about the logo, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the G20 presidency offers a unique opportunity to India to contribute to the global agenda on pressing issues of international importance.

The logo, theme and website of India's G20 presidency will reflect country's "message and overarching priorities" to world, it said. India will assume

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the presidency of the powerful grouping on December 1. The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies. It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union (EU).

"The prime minister will unveil the logo, theme and website of India's G20 presidency on November 8 at 4:30 pm via video-conferencing,' the MEA said.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar will visit Cambodia from November 11-13 to attend the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (A S E A N) - I n d i a Commemorative Summit and the 17th East Asia Summit. Cambodia as the current Chair of ASEAN is hosting these summits. External Affairs S

Vice President.

Dhankhar will attend the A S E A N - I n d i a Commemorative Summit in Phnom Penh on 12 November 2022. This year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations and is being cele-Friendship Year, the ministry of external affairs said here on Monday while giving details of his schedule.

Iaishankar will accompany the

On November 13, the Vice President will participate in the 17th East Asia Summit which comprises the ten ASEAN member states (i.e. Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam)



and its eight dialogue partners-India, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Russia.

During his visit, the Vice President will also have bilateral engagements with the Cambodian leadership. On the margins of the summits, he will hold bilateral meetings with leaders from other countries as

While returning from Phnom Penh, he will also visit vation and restoration work being undertaken by India at Cambodian heritage sites.

The ASEAN summit is taking place amid a geopolitical turmoil triggered by the Ukraine conflict and China's military muscle-flexing in Taiwan Straits. Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually attended annual ASEAN-India Summit in October last year.

Moscow stands with Delhi for 'more just', 'polycentric' world order: Russia eral. "The ministers will also

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

As the Ukraine conflict rages unabated and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is set to discuss its fallout during his talks with his counterpart in Moscow on Tuesday, Russia on Monday said it along with India stands for the formation of a "more just" and "polycentric" world order. It said both sides demonstrated the proximity of positions on the most pressing issues.

In a statement, the Russian foreign ministry said Jaishankar and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, in their talks, will focus on trade and investment, use of national currencies for trade, "promising projects" in the energy secrity architecture in the Asia-Pacific region.

"Russia and India stand for the active formation of a more just and equal polycentric world order, and proceed from the inadmissibility of promoting the imperialist diktat on the global arena," it said. "Both countries stand for the adherence to the universally recognised norms of international law, enshrined in the UN



also said, "We are aimed at promoting a unifying agenda and building a constructive dialogue in the field of interstate relations. The Russian foreign min-

istry said Jaishankar and Lavrov will also discuss ways to further "advance joint work" in the key areas and compare notes on upcoming contacts. "The talks will focus on

trade and investments, transport and logistics, the use of settlements, as well as promising projects in the energy sector, especially in the Arctic shelf and the Russian Far East," it

The ministry said the two ministers will exchange assessments of the current international issues with an emphasis on interaction within the UN, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), G20 and the Russia-India-China trilat-

discuss India's presidency in the SCO, efforts to fight terrorism, as well as a number of the regional issues, including the formation of a security architecture in the Asia-Pacific region, the situation around the Iranian nuclear problem, state of affairs in Afghanistan, Syria, and Ukraine," it said.

Announcing Jaishankar's visit to Moscow last week, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said issues pertaining to bilateral economic cooperation in various domains will be discussed

Jaishankar will also hold talks with Russian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade and Industry Denis Manturov. In the last few months, India has increased the from Russia notwithstanding increasing disquiet over it by several Western powers.

Jaishankar and Lavrov have already met four times after the Ukraine conflict began in February. Since the Ukraine conflict began, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin as well as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy a number of times.

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of

(Er. Bilash Kumar Behera) Executive Engineer P.H. Division, Angul

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Number (Loan Account Number (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN)	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession Date of Symbolic Possession In Demand Notice (Rs.)		
1.	- Anamika Biswas/ Amal Kumar Biswas (1330000636 & QZDEL00005039991) Prop. No- 11, Third Floor, With Roof (R.H.S) KH. No. 80/5, Vill- Hastsal, Roop Vihar, Om Vihar Phase-V, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi/ November 04, 2022		February 07, 2020 Rs.20,49,284/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Lalit Ram/ Devki (24900001352 & QZJNK00005008728)	July 08, 2021 Rs 19,47,066/-	Delhi/ NCR	
3.	Zainab Nisha/ Mohammad Usman (9600001737 & QZDEL00005015713)	man (9600001737 & Floor With Roof, Village Bassai Darapur Sudarshan		Delhi/ NCR
4.	Bhola Kumar Jha/ Sudha Jha (960001863 & CANDELO0005006349) Prop No. 3 & 3a, 3rd Flr With Roof, Southern Unit Kh. No.7, T Block, Vil-Bindapur, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi./ November 04, 2022		March 26, 2021 Rs. 19,53,310/-	Delhi/ NCR
5.	Santosh Kumar Singh/ Beauty Singh (26600001408 & QZDEL00005022237)	F-159-A, First Floor Without Roof, Sitauted At Plot No-159, Block-f, Gali No.2, Khasra No-31/19, 22, Village Khyala, Vishnu Garden, Delhi./ November 04, 2022	August 20, 2020/ Rs. 18,77,000/-	Delhi/ NCR

provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : November 08, 2022 Place : Delhi/ NCR Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Loan Account Number (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN) & Address Property Addres of Secured Asset tobe Enforce		Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date	
1.	Rajeev Joshi, Renu Joshi, J-196, Third Floor, Vishnu Garden, Vishnu Garden, DelhiWest Delhi. Loan No. 27900001803, A/C No:- QZGNO00005010891	Property No. J- 48, 1st Floor, KhasraNo. 15/2, Village Khyala, Block- JVishnu Garden, Delhi Delhi	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 11,72,177/-	8-Jun- 2022	
2.	Nagender Singh Negi, Arti Negi, Rz 64 B Puran Nagar, Ground Floor Palam Colony,DelhiDelhi. Loan No. 19800041614, A/C No:- QZPTU00004997716	Rz-110 First Floor Gali No- 4 Raj Nagar- 1,Palam Colony Delhi New Delhi	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 8,71,743/-	8-Jun- 2022	
3.	Amrish Kumar Tyagi, Suman Tyagi, House No 132/46, Sirohi Enclave, Shahidabad Uttar Pradesh Thaziabad. Loan No. 20000042593, A/C NO:- QZNOD00005010136,	H. No. 1/3127, Rear First Floor, Gali No.3 Kh No. 606, Vill- Sikdarpur, Ram Nagar Ext Loni Road, Shahdara, Delhi New Delhi	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 9,10,512/-	8-Jun- 2022	
4.	Anil Kumar, Pooja, H No 63, Balmiki Mohalla, Vill Shah Pur Garhi, Narela Delhi Delhi. Loan No. 2660000936, A/C No:- QZDEL00005020397,	Wz- III-B/56, 2nd Floor Without Roof Khasra No. 31/6/1, Village Khyala, Vishnu Garden Delhi Delhi	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 16,09,854/-	8-Jun- 2022	
5.	Mohan Sukhija, Geeta Sukhija, A 84, Ram Dutt Enclave, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi New Delhi. Loan No. 13000002409, A/C No:- QZGUR00005003351	Prop No. Rz-B-39, 2nd Fir Without Roof Kh No.189, Village- Bindapur Indra Park, Uttam Nagar Delhi New Delhi	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 10,23,922/-	11-May- 2022	
6.	Subhash Kumar, Vikash Kumar, H. No-92/10, Sikanderpur Ghosi Tehsil Gurgaon Haryana Gurgaon. Loan No. 19700042207, A/C No:- QZGUR00005040240	Flat No 218 2nd Floor Wembly Estate E W S Rosewood City Sec 49-50 Haryana Gurgaon	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 8,55,448/-	11-May- 2022	
7.	Mohdlrfan Alam, Samsun Nisha, Wz-130E First Floor, Narayan Village, Delhi, Delhi Delhi, Loan No. 19800041555, A/C No:- QZPTU00005025678	P/ No.166-B & 167, 3rd Fir Front L.H.S, With Roof, Khasra No. 20/1, T-Ext Part-1, Village Matiyala, Uttam Nagar Delhi New Delhi	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 15,47,543/-	30-Jun- 2022	
8.	Sachin Kumar Sharma, Navin Kumar Sharma, B 64 S/f, Hanuman Mandir Road, GulabBagh, Nawada, Uttam Nagar, Near Nawada Metro Station, Delhi New Delhi. Loan No. 19800041483,	Plot No. B-195, Upper Ground Floor Back Side, Kh No. 10/16- 23 Gali No. 5 Sainik Nagar, Village Matiala Delhi New Delhi.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 14,72,134/-	7-May- 2022	

A/C No:- QZPTU00005013043 The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: November 08, 2022 Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Govt to continue to fund Bio Energy Prog till 2025-26

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW

Against the backdrop of COP27 climate change meet which opened on Sunday in Egypt, the Government on Monday announced that it will continue the Bio Energy Programme till 2025-26, indicating its commitment to continue with the measures to mitigate its carbon footprints.

The Union Ministry of New & Renewable Energy said that a budget outlay of Rs 858 crore has been allocated for the first phase of the programme that will aid the use of huge surplus biomass, cattle dung, and industrial and urban biowaste available in the country for energy recovery.

On November 2, the National Bioenergy Programme was notified. It will include the three Sub-schemes: Waste to Energy Programme, Biomass Programme and Biogas Programme.

The Waste to Energy Programme (Programme on Energy from Urban, Industrial and Agricultural Wastes /Residues) will support the setting up of large Biogas, BioCNG and Power plants (excluding MSW (municipal solid waste) to power projects).

Biomass Programme

Manufacturing of Briquettes & Pellets and Promotion of Biomass (nonbagasse) based cogeneration in Industries) will support the setting up of pellets and briquettes for use in power generation and non-bagassebased power generation pro-

The biogas programme will also support the setting up of family and medium size Biogas in rural areas. According to a team of researchers from IIT-Delhi and Mumbai, clean energy transition via utilizing biomass resources has been projected as an important climate change mitigation strategy.
A vital characteristic of bio-

mass is its localized nature; therefore, bioenergy utilization should follow decentralized planning. Agrarian countries like India can take advantage of its large agricultural biomass waste pool to produce clean renewable energy, they said in their study.

Rebels queer Cong, BJP's pitch in HP polls

20 BJP leaders to contest as independents, 12 Cong rebels to fight against official picks

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Rebels have queered the pitch for both the BJP and the Congress in Himachal Pradesh that goes to polls on November 12.

Out to buck the trend of the hill State of not electing a party for a second consecutive term, the BJP finds that its move to give tickets to can-didates, backed by surveys, has resulted in 20 party leaders turning rebels and filing their nominations as inde-

The BJP could, however, draw some comfort from the fact that its main rival, Congress, is also not without the share of rebels with as many as 12 filing nominations to contest against the official candidates.

The poll campaign has peaked with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday holding two back to back rallies even as BJP president JP Nadda and union ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Anurag Thakur among others have been touring the State for the last few months addressing public rallies covering the nerve centre of the 68 strong Assembly seats

From the Congress its general secretary Priyanka Gandhi has been leading from the front with his

brother and former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi busy with his 'Bharat Jodo Yatra.' Priyanka has concentrated on the Kangra district which returns 15 of the total 68 Assembly MLAs to the Himachal assembly.

The Congress on Saturday released its manifesto and promised 10 guarantees to the state's people including employment to 5 lakh youth, 300 units of free electricity and monthly compensation of ₹1500 to women besides restoring the old pension scheme and conceding demands of apple growers. The last two promises have made the BJP leaders more anxious with just a week left for

Congress -led Rajasthan, AAP-ruled Punjab and JMM-Congress-RJD coalition in Jharkhand have already announced their decision to implement the old pension scheme. A large number of pensioners in Himachal Pradesh want the old pension scheme to be re-implemented

The BJP has sought to counter the Congress's doles by offering 3 free LPG cylinders, bicycles to 6 to class 12 girls, scooty to girls in higher education and GST to be limited to 12 per cent for apple growers. This apart, the saffron manifesto promised

implementation of Uniform Civil

The BJP rebels are protesting ticket allocation "based on surveys" and threatening to spoil the victory margins of party nominees including in Bilaspur, the home district of Nadda.

The BJP has denied tickets to 11 sitting MLAs. Additionally, ticket allotment to two Congress turn-coats has resulted in the BJP adding two more to the list of rebels. Congress defectors Pawan Kajal and Lakhwinder Rana will contest on BJP ticket from Kangra and Nalagarh seats respectively.
Though BJP has managed to pla-

cate some of the MLAs denied tickets, rebels are in the fray in Mandi, Bilaspur, Kangra, Dharamsala, Jhanduta, Chamba, Dehra, Kullu, Hamirpur, Nalagarh, Fatehpur, Kinnaur, Anni, Sundernagar, Nachan The BJP earlier this week

expelled five leaders for anti-party activities, including four former MLAs and a party vice president. All five are contesting as Independents from their constituencies. Apart from the six expelled lead-

ers, some prominent BJP rebels who

are fighting the polls despite party

pressure include former secretary and media in-charge Praveen Sharma in Mandi and Kulbhash Chand Chaudhary in Kangra. Nadda has been making vigorous efforts to pla-cate the rebels and managed to per-suade three leaders to withdraw from the race.

In Chief Minister Jairam Thakur's home district of Mandi too rebel leaders like Gian Chand, former minister Roop Singh's son Abhishek Thakur and Praveen Sharma are posing problems for the BJP.

The advantage of the BJP is that it has already projected Jairam Thakur as its CM for a second term while it has not been the case with the Congress and the AAP.

is a worrying factor in a close contest with expected thin margin of vic-The Congress poll campaign has relatively started late and has still

The anti-incumbency, however,

remained low key like in Gujarat, another poll-bound state. The BJP had won 44 seats in the 2017 elections, restricting the Congress Party to 22 seats. At present, the Himachal Pradesh legislative assembly has 45 BJP MLAs, while

Congress has 22 and CPI(M) has one

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

"On the special occasion of the

Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji,

I recall his pious thoughts and noble ideals.

His vision of a just, compassionate and

inclusive society inspires us."

Narendra Modi

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Demonetisation led to fall in economy, PM yet to take responsibility for this epic failure: Cong

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

ongress president Mallikarjun Kharge and for-Congress president Mankarjuh Kharge and ior-mer party chief Rahul Gandhi on Monday attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday over his government's 2016 demonetisation move saying the PM is yet to acknowledge this "epic failure" that led to the "fall of the economy" and that BJP brought back poverty over its larger claims of bringing health block processes the says of ing back black money to the country.

Kharge's remarks, a day before demonetisation's sixth anniversary, said that the currency with the public has jumped to a new high of Rs 30.88 lakh crore as of October 21.

"Demonetisation was promised to free the country of black money. But it destroyed businesses and ruined jobs. 6 years after the 'masterstroke the cash available in public is 72% higher than that in 2016," Kharge said in a tweet.

"PM is yet to acknowledge this epic failure that led to fall of economy," the Congress president said. Rahul Gandhi who is undertaking Padyatra on Bharat Jodo Yatra said in a statement that the taller claims of Modi to bring back black money has flattened and that with his demonetisation he brought back poverty in the country.

'În order to restore economy, the King demolished the entire economy of the nation. Economy weakened, unemployment augmented but terrorism increased," Rahul said in a tweet message.

Mamata Govt provides safe haven to terrorists: Opp a day after alleged Al-Qaeda operative held

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

day after Moniruddin Sheikh an alleged Al Qaeda Aday after Moniruddin Sheikh an alleged Al Qaeda Al Qaeda operative and a college student was arrested from Mathurapur in the outskirts of Kolkata the Bengal Opposition parties trained their guns at Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for making Bengal a safe haven for terrorists and criminals.

The State Special Task Force arrested Moniruddin after receiving information from another arrested terror mole Azizul.

'This is not the first time a terror mole was arrested from Kolkata outskirts ... the arrest proves that the State police has literally failed to deal with terror operatives who have literally infiltrated a number of districts ... police are inoperative because they have to listen to their political bosses," said BJP national vice president Dilip Ghosh adding "Bengal is sitting on a powder keg.

"There is nothing much that the Mamata Banerjee Government can do about terror activities in Bengal of their own political compulsions ...they need votes and in lieu of that they have to ignore many incidents that are taking place in villages and particularly a number of madarsas of the State," Ghosh a former Bengal BJP president said.

Ghosh's statement came close on the heels of the arrest of Amiruddin another terrorist from Ramban area of Jammu and Kashmir.

DRDO launches submersible platform at NPOL, to give boost to self-reliance in Defence

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Giving a boost to self-reliance, Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) Organization (DRDO) launched Hull Module of Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterization and Evaluation (SPACE) facility at Physical Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) Kochi recently.

It is a state-of-the-art test ing and evaluation facility for sonar systems developed for use by the Indian navy onboard various platforms, including ships, submarines and helicopters, defence ministry officials said here on Monday.

on the concept design and requirements projected by the NPOL and constructed by

among 4 held in SI

job scam in Valley

Larsen and Toubro(L&T) Shipbuilding, Chennai. This will be mainly utilized for evaluating sonar systems, allowing for quick deployment and easy recovery of scientific packages such as sensors and transduc-

The SPACE is one-of-a-kind facility in the world. The uniqueness of this facility lies in the specially designed submersible platform, which can be lowered up to depths of 100 meters using a series of synchronously operated winches.

The design and construction of the platform meet all the statutory needs of Indian Register of Shipping and the vessel classifying authority and strictly adhere to the inspection and registration criteria as per Kerala Inland Vessel Rules, they said.

The SPACE facility is based J&K SI, CRPF cop India talks to

PNS NEW DELHI

The CBI has arrested four I persons, including a Jammu and Kashmir police assistant Sub-Inspector (SI) and a CRPF constable, in connection with SI recruitment

scam in the Union Territory. The CBI has arrested Ashok Kumar, ASI, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Surender Singh, Constable, CRPF, and two private individuals --Pradeep Kumar, packing incharge at the printing press where papers were getting printed and one Bajinder Singh.

All the accused were summoned to Jammu where they were arrested and produced before a special court after questioning, officials said. The CBI probe in the scam

has revealed that ₹20-30 lakh were allegedly paid by some aspirants to get advance copies papers, they

Pak officials to ensure safety of Sikh pilgrims

PNS NEW DELHI

Tn an effort to ensure safety Land security of Sikh pilgrims, the Indian High Commission in Pakistan is coordinating with the local authorities in Pakistan. Pilgrims are travelling there for Gurpurab celebrations on the occasion of Guru Nanak Dev's birthday on Tuesday. The first Sikh guru was born at Nankana Sahib there.

A consular team from the Indian High Commission in Islamabad is on the ground to take care of the pilgrims' needs and facilitate their safe travels to several gurdwaras in Pakistan during the week-long birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev.

Several jathas or groups of pilgrims, comprising around 2,418 Sikh devotees crossed the Attari-Wagah border on Sunday to make the pilgrimage to Nankana Sahib in the Punjab province of Pakistan.

5 held in UP after video of cops assaulting women protesters goes viral

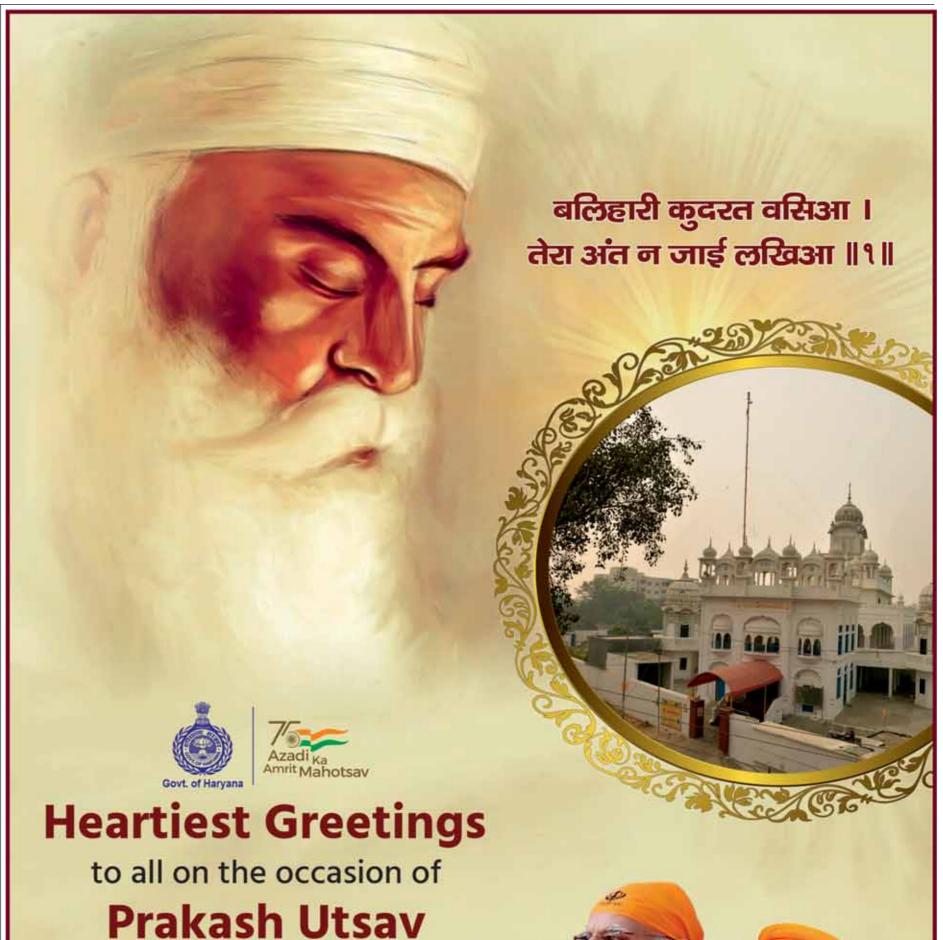
The Ambedkar Nagar police I registered a case and arrested five persons on Monday, including women, for allegedly attacking the police and a team of officials from the district administration that had gone to erect a boundary wall in Wazidpur area on Sunday, officers said.

The action was taken after a video of a male police personnel beating up women, many of whom were Dalits, using lathi in Ambedkar Nagar went viral on Sunday, sparking fresh allegations of police brutality in the Yogi Adityanathruled State.

The women were report-

edly staging a protest on Sunday against the alleged vandalism of a Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar statue in Jalalpur town the previous day. The video also shows cops flogging and hurling abuses at the women and a woman police personnel pulling at the hair of a protester.

The police have denied the allegations. According to the police, the district administration decided to erect a boundary wall after unknown persons threw ink on a statue of Dr BR Ambedkar at the spot two days ago. A few local residents who were allegedly using the land for private purposes were against erecting the wall,



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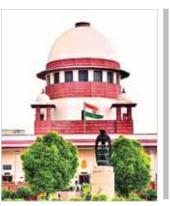
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Pyrrhic victory

Govt has won EWS quota case in the Supreme Court but the victory may be difficult to handle

The Supreme Court's verdict, allowing a 10 per cent quota in jobs and education institutions for the poor or economically weaker sections (EWS), is a major victory for the Narendra Modi Government which had brought it before the 2019 general elections. The Government stands vindicated on a critical issue. But the split judgment cannot be called a win for our democracy as well, for a red line has been crossed the 50 per cent cap on reservations. It may be recalled that even the most enthusiastic social justice warriors in the Mandal era did not cross that line. Former prime minister VP Singh, who inaugurated the era, did not propose to augment the quota percentage; he wanted 27 per cent reservation for other backward classes (OBCs), thus taking the total to 49.5 per cent. The EWS quota was aimed at the category of people not belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, or OBCs; in effect, it sought to



cover the so-called upper castes. It was immediately contested by various petitioners. Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, Bela M Trivedi, and JB Pardiwala favoured the quota, whereas Chief Justice UU Lalit and Justice S Ravindra Bhat dissented. The verdict implies that neither the EWS quota nor the breach of the 50 per cent cap can be regarded as a violation of the basic structure of the Constitution.

In his dissent, Justice Bhat said: "Amendment practices constitutionally prohibited discriminations and strikes at the heart of the quality code. Allowing breach of the 50 per cent cap set on reservation can lead to further infractions which can result in compartmentalisation." He hit the nail on the head: the kind of politi-

cians we have, only an incorrigible optimist would say that there would be no more demands for reservations as all sections have been covered; our leaders will find or invent new pretexts for more reservations. The 50 per cent cap was a good compromise between social justice and merit. But the Bharatiya Janata Party, after losing Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh Assembly elections at the fag-end of 2018, opted for short-term political gains and brought the 103rd Constitutional Amendment introducing the EWS quota. It didn't occur to the saffron party that reservation politics was not its strong point, for it is predicated upon the assumptions which are uncharitable to Hindu society. This is the reason that the RSS, nucleus of the saffron family, is uncomfortable with caste-based quotas. The country has witnessed a large number of agitations by various castes and communities demanding reservations, many of which went violent. At a time when the employment scenario is grim and government jobs are at premium, more quota stirs cannot be ruled out; and now that the cap has been breached, there can be demands to include more groups. Neither the Government nor the BJP would like to face such an eventuality. But, if it happens, they would have no one but themselves to blame. The Government has won but it's a pyrrhic victory.



Devotees cover Yamuna river with sarees during 'Chunari Manorath' on the occasion of 'Kartik Purnima', in Mathura PTI

Rupee goes digital

The launch of e-rupee is quantum leap in digital currency and could revolutionise monetary system

he Indian rupee is now available in its digital avatar, albeit with limited scope. With the launch of digital rupee by the Reserve Bank of India, the country has

taken one more definite step towards digitization of Indian currency. Though there was hesitation initially in the government about digital currency based on block chain technology. When the government banned crypto currencies, which are also in the same league, many people thought that India would be left out in the digital race of currencies. Though the crypto still remains banned in India but the government has finally decided to launch its own. The digital rupee would enable people to make digital payments through UPI without a bank account. They could avail the e-wallet provided by the Reserve Bank. India has one of the most technologicallyevolved currencies in the world, and the e-rupee will enable digital payments and

improve financial inclusion which may be a boon to millions as the digital payment system would eliminate leakages completely. A central bank digital currency (CBDC) can play a key role in instilling confidence of the people in the digital currency unlike crypto currencies which do not enjoy backing of any central bank.

The rollout of the e-rupee has been one of the most sought-after developments, since its announcement in the FY23 Union budget. The digital rupee is a big bold step the journey toward digital payments. The initiative has started in the low volume, highvalue wholesale (interbank) segment from where learning would be used to roll out reliable, built-to-

scale retail payments. The pilot involves nine banks, including the SBI, the Bank of Baroda, the HDFC Bank, the Yes Bank, the Kotak Mahindra Bank, and the ICICI Bank, settling secondary market transactions in government securities. If the soft launch of e-rupee is successful it would soon see a full rollout. The digital rupee is expected to boost the reach of payment and financial needs of a wider category of users while ensuring transparency and low operational cost, and in this regard, it is encouraging to witness the RBI's support for innovation in creating a world-class digital ecosystem. If the e rupee becomes a popular mode of digital payments it would pave the way for other crypto currency to become legit. E-rupee could be a game changer in monetary system which has is opaque, cash dependent, and highly-inefficient.

Nehru's blunders that cost India dear-



Nehru's left-leaning ideology and his equations with Sheikh Abdullah could be the reason for his two blunders on China and Kashmir

minister KirenRijuju has done well to bring into public focus Jawaharlal Nehru's mistakes in Kashmir as well as his handling of China policy. The blunders have cost India incalculably in blood, money, and prestige. Nehru had three gurus, namely, his father Motilal, Gandhi, and Krishna Menon. Motilal would have pointed out to his son that a quarter of India's population was Muslim and an undivided sub-continent today could be well over 40 per cent. Until May 1947, it was not certain that there would be Partition. Jawaharlal was, therefore, modeled to lead Muslims; the Hindus were bound to fall in line behind a Brahmin willy-nilly So much so, that even his wedding invitation card was printed in Urdu. This model came useful even after Partition for Nehru needed Muslims as the larger chunk of his vote bank. One has to recall that Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel was the Congress party's unanimously elected choice to be its President and then Prime Minister.

In any case, Gandhi was the Congress' role model for being pro-Muslim to the hilt. He even went to the extent of becoming President of the Khilafat Committee soon after World War I when the new reformist and revolutionary Turkish leader Kemal Mustafa as well as the victorious British dethroned and exiled the Caliph of all Sunni Islam and also the Sultan of the defeated Ottoman Empire. India had nothing to do with Turkey; indeed, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, then a prominent Congress leader-the day of his championing the Muslim separatist cause was still years away-kept away from the Khilafat Movement. But Gandhi would not be dissuaded from championing the cause of Islamic obscu-

Krishna Menon was the third in Nehru's trinity of gurus. He was a closet communist whom Nehru leaned on for ideological guidance in defence and foreign affairs. It was he who convinced country led by Mao Zedong would not clash with India on the battlefield. At most, it could differ on policy issues. In any case, India should project itself as a socialist power. That would match the country's stance of being antiimperialist in the light of its history, and be in tune with its aspiration to lead the Third World. This advice was music to Nehru's ears. Little did Jawaharlal anticipate that in 1956, Britain and France would attack Colonel Nasser's Egypt, and only a few months later Khrushchev's Soviet Union would brutalize its satellite Hungary with tanks and guns. As a Third World leader and a personal friend of Nasser, India's Prime Minister condemned the Anglo-French invasion in the bitterest of words. But Nehru was nonplussed when Hungary was attacked. He had to say something critical and therefore said: "Violence seldom solves anything. We hope that the dark clouds over Budapest would clear before long". Ergo.

Similarly, the Indian prime minister was so taken aback by the Chinese aggression in 1962 that he was driven to tears while speaking on All India Radio: "My heart goes out to the people of Nehru that China, a socialist Assam" he said. Nehru's words



KRISHNA MENON WAS THE THIRD IN NEHRU'S TRINITY OF GURUS. HE WAS A CLOSET COMMUNIST WHOM NEHRU LEANED ON FOR IDEOLOGICAL **GUIDANCE IN DEFENCE AND** FOREIGN AFFAIRS

conveyed the impression that Assam was lost. In Hindi, he said: "Assam khatremeinhai."

Jawaharlal Nehru's blunders in Kashmir should be attributed to his friendship and fraternity with Sheikh Abdullah, the latter was popularly called "Lion of the Valley". He was popular only among those who spoke the Kashmiri language. Once one crosses over to Muzaffarabad or Mirpur, where Punjabi is spoken, the Abdullah writ does not run. It was, therefore, the Sheikh's advice to Nehru to not include those areas in his planning. Which, according to the late Prof.
BalrajMadhok was the reason for India agreeing to a ceasefire, as it were, on the orders of the United Nations. That is how Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK) was born on the last midnight of 1948. The responsibility for obeying the United Nations was attributed to the last Viceroy Mountbatten.

Prof. BalrajMadhok, who grew up in Iskardu, where his father was in state service, consistently resented the fact that such personal likes and dislikes should influence national policies. Nevertheless, that was the deginning of the war of blood and money, which should conclude before long,

with the abolition of Article 370. The idea of a separate flag and constitution for Kashmir was also Sheikh Abdullah's insistence. To facilitate their introduction Article 370 was inserted as a Cabinet decision by Nehru. It never had the approval of India's Parliament. Sheikh Abdullah was such a favourite of Nehru that when he was released from Tihar Jail, he was driven straight to the Prime Minister's residence at Teen Murti, where he stayed until Nehru died. In contrast, Maharaja Hari Singh, who was disliked by the Sheikh, was dethroned and sent to Mumbai, although he remained a titular king of

Kashmir. Another of Nehru's weaknesses was a contradiction between the animosity of Pakistanis, the 'Kashmiryat' of & K, which had to be assuaged, and the Indian Muslims who had to be kept happy for their votes. As a result, it was difficult to think clearly and Nehru certainly did not do so. In the process, India's national interests were dispatched to the backwaters of confusion.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GAINS FOR THE BJP IN BYE ELECTIONS

Sir — Of the seven constituencies that went to the by-elections recently in six states, the BJP has bagged three. The party has made considerable inroads in Telangana where the winning margin for KCR is low. It is a decisive win for the BJP. The BJP is also gaining ground in the south. In Bihar too the Nitish factor has had little or no effect. Moreover, this cannot be taken as a prelude either for the Gujarat or 2024 general elections where the yardstick is entirely a different one.

But it is also a fact that the bye elections do help gauge the mood of the public especially if they are held before the general elections. Though general elections 2024 are still at least one and a half year away and a lot can happen during this time. But the opposition parties would need to put their act together and work in unison to make a mark. Congress party has taken the lead by starting Bharat Jodo Yatra and others could replicate the same or something similar in which they connect with the people. Indeed it would be interesting to see a general election fought by a united opposition against the BJP which is banking upon the Modi factor and has limitless resources. The opposition should stick to its basic ideology to connect with the voters and convince them about their programs and policies.

Sravana Ramachandran | Chennai

BALLOT OVER BULLET

- On 15 November World Population turns eight billion. In July 2023, India will be World's largest population. In 2024 World's largest democracy goes to the polls. (MAHATY-OHAR) and the purpose of any festival is to unite people from all walks of life. People straight from the hospital in wheelchairs, or stretchers, differently abled, just married, young and old, ferried in boats across rivers, and have climbed mountains to vote. Apropos The story of Shyam saran Negi, born on 1 July 1917 in Kalpa, Himachal Pradesh, a retired schoolteacher cast the first vote in

EC's controversial announcement



he Election Commission of India's out-ofthe-blue announcement for the by-polls in the Samajwadi Party's bastions, Mainpuri and Rampur, to be held on December 5 has caught all the leaders as well as aspirants in the fray including those from the ruling BJP, unawares given the fact that they were already busy gearing up preparations for the

upcoming Nagar Palika Parishad polls. Notably, the Mainpuri seat lies vacant following the SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav's demise on October 10 after prolonged illness while its Muslim face Mohd Azam Khan's disqualification following his conviction in a hate speech has necessitated the byelection in Rampur, Interestingly, the Election Code of Conduct has automatically come into force in this district duo.

An unexpected turn of events in Rampur has heightened the political activities in the district with the parties looking for their respective suitable candidates to field in the political arena while a confusing situation might also emerge there in simultaneously selecting the candidates for the local body polls as well as the byelections. However, in a couple of coming days, the picture may become clear about who's who? Of course to some's chagrin and some's glee!

Azhar A Khan I Rampur

the 1951 general election in India - the nation's first election since the end of the

Himachal Pradesh went to polls 5 months early because of the weather. And Negi who cast his first vote on October 25, 1951, voted in every general election, believed to be India's oldest voter at 106. He also made a special appearance in the Hindi film "Sanam re". This reiterates Don't Vote Your Caste but Cast Your Vote. The Ballot is more powerful than the bullet

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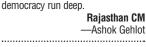
BRIDGE COLLAPSE, LESSONS LEARNED Sir — Experts at IIT Delhi made a statement that the main reason behind accidents such as bridge collapses is not a technical fault but it's due to human negligence and greed. Modern technology is available in the country to build bridges and flyovers. However, such accidents happen when technical aspects are ignored. On October 30, nearly 141 people died while over 178 were injured in Gujarat's Morbi town when a suspension bridge over the Machchhu river collapsed.

Earlier in West Bengal, an incident of collapse of an under-construction bridge had come to the fore. Even at that time, there were serious allegations of negligence in construction work. According to the information, Morbi Municipality had entrusted the repair and maintenance of the bridge to a private company named 'Oreva Group' for 15 years. The company is accused of negligence in maintenance and nine people have been so far arrested. Investigation revealed that out of Rs 2 crore allotted for the renovation of the Morbi bridge, the company had spent only Rs 12 lakh, and the rest pocketed the public money. There should be stringent checks and balances so that no bridge collapses in future.

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because he is the prime minister of the country of Gandhi where the roots of





(Pakistan) country. Chinese leader —Xi Jinpina

For us. love from the community was extremely important and the approval we have found

from the communi

ty (LGBTIQA) makes us feel that what we had done is right

-Bhumi Pednekar



for your country is special. Many are saying this is a very good victory, and of course it is, but I want to perform more on

the senior circuit. There is celebration, but I have to focus on my next match

Badminton player —Sankar Muthusam\

Party will soon take action against

those who were given notices by the AICC for indiscipline. whatever decisions are to be taken, the AICC would take them very soon.

Congress leader

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FIRST COLUMN WORKPLACE MENTAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT

Managers must pay attention to mental health of employees



DR JYOTI KAPOOR

lka Sharma (name changed), a communications professional, used her family at home. She was becoming increasingly more reacto be in a bad mood and involved in a series of arguments with tive to situations that probably didn't need any reaction. She was constantly suffering from body aches and excessive headaches. All these were obvious signs of significant stress that Alka was ignoring.

Upon investigation, the workplace mental well-being expert found out that she was suffering from extreme levels of stress. Alka is not the only one. There are many who are going through workplace mental health issues but are ignorant about it.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), 15 per cent of working-age Indian adults live with a mental disorder. In a recent Deloitte survey, 47 per cent of professionals are going through workplace-related stress which is the biggest factor affecting their mental health. These worrisome data stresses the need for putting a special impetus on workplace mental health.

Key to work-related factors that affect mental health of employees is the poor management and communication practices. Kind and engaging communication is the key to a healthy workplace. It also enhances



the management-employee relationship. On the other hand, when communication is poor, it unnecessarily causes stress and creates issues like workplace-related stress and mental health challenges.

Also critical is the lack of support for employees from managers. Employees feel overwhelmed and unmotivated when the managers don't assist them in resolving work-related challenges. Managers, for example, should set an example on how to complete tasks that are unclear to employees rather than expecting them to figure them out on their own.

Additionally, the performance stress adds to the woes. The unprecedented job loss during the coronavirus pandemic has put extra pressure on the minds of the employees. It has been seen that employees are under unreasonable pressure to perform at peak levels all of the time. It causes an increase in workload and work hours, as well as additional stress and emotional exhaustion.

Negative effects of poor mental health in the workplace are also evident. We all undergo mental health issues. When things are going well, we have a sense of purpose and believe we can handle whatev er challenges come at us. But, just like our physical health, our mental health experiences ups and downs. Therefore, creating awareness of potential mental health issues in the workplace is essential for fostering an inclusive workplace.

Physical capability and daily functioning are also impaired under the stress conditions. Poor mental health has a significant impact on daily life and physical capability of employees. It paves way for social anxiety and reduction in cognitive performance and working memory.

The stress at workplaces also leads to poor decision-making. Impulse control, unhealthy thoughts, and poor decision-making are some of the effects of poor mental health. When the decision making power is poor, it also leads to missed meetings, showing up late, dropping commitments, or not adhering to company policies. Demotivation and lack of focus are caused by poor mental health. When there are mental health issues in the workplace, our thoughts wander or become preoccupied with our problems. All these make it difficult to regulate our thoughts and emotions.

The first step in promoting good mental health in the workplace is to raise awareness of the workplace-related mental health issues and how it can hamper the productivity of an employee. When companies support and promote mental health for those who are suffering or who are simply not thriving, all employees benefit.

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Nano fertiliser move can be a game changer



Nano fertilisers not just promise to cut down subsidy burden but also improve the income of farmers

naugurating function of the twoday "Kisan Samman Sammelan" at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) on October 17, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced two major policy initiatives "One Nation, One Fertiliser" scheme under which all fertiliser manufacturing and market companies will sell all subsidized fertilisers under a single brand Bharat; and promote use of liquid nano

While the government intends to use "One Nation, One Fertiliser" scheme to reduce the criss-cross movement of fertilizers that will eventually help reduce freight subsidy bills and make quality fertilizer available at lower cost, adoption of liquid nano urea is meant to help attain self-sufficiency and help farmers enhance their income, besides ensuring minimal impact on the environment.

The Centre controls the maximum retail price (MRP) of urea, at a low level unrelated to the cost of production, which is higher. The excess of cost over MRP is reimbursed to the manufacturer as a subsidy, which varies from unit to unit depending on its cost. The movement and distribution of urea is also controlled under the Fertilizer (Movement) Control Order, 1973. The cost of transportation from the plant/port up to the retailer is reimbursed under a uniform freight policy.

For non-urea fertilizers, the government fixes 'uniform' subsidies on a per nutrient basis for all manufacturers and importers. They must deduct the subsidy amount from the cost while fixing MRP. Although they are free to move and distribute these fertilizers, 20 per cent of the material is under movement control to service under-served areas. They get reimbursement for freight cost for move-

The requirement of all fertilizers for each cropping season i.e. kharif (April to September) and rabi (October to March) is assessed by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DoAC) in consultation with Department of Fertilizers (DoF), states, railways and fertilizer manufacturers. It is broken down month-wise.

The movement and distribution of all fertilizers is monitored through the online web based Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS). When a decision on who will supply urea (or any other fertilizer), how much quantity and where is taken by the government in consultation with all stakeholders, including the manufacturers and even the movement is tracked on real time basis, it is naïve to believe that there would be criss-cross movement.

It is hard to fathom how asking all suppliers to sell fertilizer under one brand will help in eliminating criss-cross movement, if any. At the same time, by rendering individual company brands



THE **EFFICIENCY OF** NANO UREA IS MORE THAN 80 PER CENT AS **COMPARED TO** AROUND 40 PER CENT OF CONVENTIONAL UREA. NANO **BOTTLES ARE** EASILY PORTABLE. IT **INCREASES** YIELD BY 3-16 PER CENT

redundant, it will penalize firms which have invested heavily in building brands in a territory which could face a free for all.

The idea of a uniform pan-India brand may have been prompted by the fact that fertilizer products have fixed nutrient content as specified under the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO); for instance, urea has 46 per cent 'N'. But, this is a fact known for ages; it doesn't take away from the fact that a brand testifies to the quality of the product and the whole package of support services offered by the firm.

Modi referred to the practice of higher margin offered by some manufacturers to retailers for pushing their brand. Under the existing dispensation, the government allows a uniform distribu-tion margin which gets covered under subsidy. Any amount higher than this is not permissible. There is no way a Bharat brand can help reining in such violations.

As for the second initiative, nano urea is urea in the form of a nanoparticle containing nitrogen particles of 20 – 50 nanometer size. Soil nutrient in liquid form provides nitrogen to plants as an alternative to conventional urea. A 500 ml bottle of nano urea is equivalent to a 45 kg bag of conventional urea.

The efficiency of nano urea is more than 80 per cent as compared to around 40 per cent of conventional urea. Nano bottles are easily portable. It increases yield by 3-16 per cent and addi-

tional income for farmers is estimated around Rs 2400/- to 5700/per acre. Its use causes less soil, ater and air pollution.

Will this technology deliver? On a close look, some grey areas catch attention. First, normally urea is applied in two dosages: one, basal application being even spreading of solid fertilizers over the entire field before or at sowing or planting; two, top dressing which involves applying fertilizer directly to the leaves as opposed to in the soil. Nano urea is meant to replace conventional urea only in top dressing even as basal application is entirely in solid

This means that the benefit of 80 per cent efficiency (albeit of nano urea) will be available to only just 50 per cent of the total quantity of fertilizer applied. Hence, the effective efficiency achievable would be 60 per cent (80x0.5 + 40x0.5). In other words, the efficiency gain with use of nano urea would be 20 per cent more instead of 40 per cent higher as revealed by a plain reading of numbers.

Second, the increase in yield with use of nano urea is reported to be in the range of 3-16 per cent. The higher end of the range may look impressive, what if the farmer gets stuck with the lower end? An increase of 3 per cent in yield doesn't take us very far.

Third, the most crucial factor is cost and price to the farmer. While the cost of importing 45 kg of conventional urea is Rs 3000/-

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, the price to the farmer is Rs 242/the difference being made up by subsidy from the Centre. For nano urea, even as the farmer pays more or less the same i.e. Rs 240/for 500 ml bottle, the producer doesn't get any subsidy support.

Naturally, he won't be selling at a loss. In other words, the cost of the bottle would be around Rs 240/- only. This may sound puzzling when one considers that the basic material for making nano urea is none other than conventional urea (nano urea contains by weight 85 to 99.98 per cent of conventional urea, 0.01 to 5 per cent of quinhydrone, 0.01 to 10 per cent of calcium cyanamide besides micro non-nitrogen plant nutrients and micro nitrogen containing compounds). The puzzle is solved the moment one looks at the following.

Whereas a 45 kg bag of conventional urea contains 46 per cent 'N' or 20 kg (45x0.46), 500 ml bottle of nano urea has 4 per cent 'N' or 20 grams (500x.04). The latter with a mere 20 grams can achieve what the former does with 20 kilograms. It is for agricultural scientists to authenticate whether nano urea can accomplish such a feat. If it can, the government can save a whopping about Rs 55,000 crore in subsidy annually on 9 million ton of urea import [(2758x22.22x9); 2758/-(3000-242) is subsidy per 45 kg bag, 22.22 number of bags in a ton] that will be replaced by 198 million bottles of nano urea requiring no subsidy.

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India is right on \$100 bn to developing countries

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Emissions are locale specific. India should also tackle vehicle emission and not succumb to western pressures

Geological records show

The greenhouse gas global warming and climate change are being used by green lobbies that have turned it into big business, raking in bigger profits in the West. Climate change is a regular geophysical phenomenon and nobody has ever been able to stop it, and India has taken the most sensitive stand of 'phasing down' coal that needs to be extended to the entire climate concern at COP27 at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt.

Emissions are locale spe-The Climate Accountability Institute of UK's Carbon Majors study finds that only 100 companies have contributed 72 per cent or one trillion tonnes of emissions globally since 1988. At the COP26, India was among the nations which insisted that in



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the Glasgow Climate Pact coal be "phased down" and not "phased out", citing the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities when tackling climate change. In a similar vein, India should also tackle vehicle emission and not succumb to western pressures.

India is right but it can go further to state that man is too weak to change the global climate. Yes, warming of the environment has been largely a western propagation. The natural factors are constant. Even glaciers directly affect the landscape in many ways, shaping and reshaping earth's surface. Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav says he would stress on \$100 billion yearly assistance to developing countries to meet climate targets as insisted by the West.

that there have been a number of variations in the earth's climate. There are many natural factors, including the changes in sun, emissions from volcanoes, variation in earth's orbit and level of carbon dioxide. It is changed by volcanic eruptions, variability in the orbit of the earth and shifts in earth's crust or plate tectonics. Every volcanic eruption emits millions of tons of pollutants. Not just ash and dust but also carbon dioxide: one of the strongest greenhouse gases on our planet. In the largest cases, a single volcanic plume, lasting only hours, might add many millions of tons of car-

bon dioxide to the atmosphere.

Individual volcanoes add more

carbon dioxide to our atmos-

phere than human activity.

The unprecedented and Development. drought in Europe and parts of America that dried up major rivers is a natural phenomenon and no man, even without lighting up a single fire could have stopped it. Had it been so there would not have been Manu or Noah's ark in the face

of the great flooding.

A new report 'The Big
Con', compiled by Global Forest Coalition and Friends of the Earth International and Corporate Accountability, outlines a disturbing collusion between polluters and policy makers. The emerging reality is that green-house gases are nothing compared to the natural causes for heating up the earth. The worst sufferers are the 46 least developing countries (LDC), says the United

The West has a different approach. It says global warming is the long-term heating of Earth's surface observed since the pre-industrial period (between 1850 and 1900) due to human activities, primarily fossil fuel burning, which increases heat-trapping greenhouse gas levels in earth's atmosphere. It does not want this term replaced with "climate change'

There are known such phenomena in seven different glacial and interglacial ages. Even renewable energy, the latest fad, is known to cause tremendous pollution whether wind, solar or hydro. Renewable energy often requires more land than fossil fuel production, with infra-

eliminating high-quality wildlife habitat, according to Christopher E Moorman, professor of fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology at South Carolina University.

Solar is supposed to generate 34600 tonnes of junk every year by 2030 in India alone, according to the National Solar Energy Federation of India. The global volume of wind blade waste will be a million tonnes by 2035 from 30,000 tons in 2021, according to Bloomberg. It is partly recyclable at a high cost. But wind panels made of composites are neither biodegradable nor can be recycled. As per a US study by 2050 it would be cumulative 2.2 million tons and occupy one per cent of the landfill Nations Conference for Trade structure fragmenting or even area. Hydro has several haz-

ards, including the water being turned turbid, sinking a large area and weight that slows down the earth rotation as the 'China's Three Gorges Dam'.

Lithium-ion batteries contain metals such as cobalt, nickel, and manganese, which are toxic and can contaminate water supplies and ecosystems if they leach out of landfills apart from fires. The lithium itself is hazardous. Climate change and warming are much wider issues beyond the scope of the COP, which should have gone into the core to save the earth instead of superficially treating it. Or it can also mull if there is a repeat of Noah's great flood that would be due to manmade gases or climatic factors. Let it not be a business proposition at the graveyard.

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Kyiv region still struggles 6 months after Russian retreat

Standing amid the wreckage of his home, Vadym Zherdetsky shows photos on his phone of how it once looked: handsome rooms, a hand-carved wooden bed and a chest of drawers he intended to leave to his grandchildren.

When Russia invaded Ukraine in February, two missiles struck the house in the tiny village of Moschun on the outskirts of the capital, ripping off the roof and nearly killing four family members.

The town was recaptured from Russian forces in April, but Zherdetsky's house, like many others in the Kyiv region, remains in ruins.

"Everything changed. Our lives changed," the 51-year-old said, wiping away tears. "Thank God it was only property, and we are alive and healthy. ... I don't know where our kids and grandkids will live. I don't know any-

thing."

More than six months after Russian forces retreated from the towns around Kyiv, residents of those communities are still struggling to rebuild their lives.

An estimated 1 million people — half the number who fled the region — have returned, according to local authorities. But many no longer have jobs, cannot afford to fix their houses and say they need more assistance.

Nearly USD 350 billion is needed for reconstruction across the war-ravaged country, and that amount is expected to grow, according to a report issued in September by Ukraine's government, the European Commission and the World

Burdened with the fighting and frequent Russian attacks on



the country's power system, the Ukrainian government strains to carry out the most urgent repairs to civilian residences.

This month it plans to send 1,000 crews to do as much work as possible before winter, including fixing 117 high-rise buildings in the Kyiv region, the area's military administration

People submit photos of their destroyed homes to a government app to receive compensation.

However, large-scale reconstruction — such as the USD 300,000 that Zherdetsky estimates is needed to repair his house — has yet to begin.

Moschun, with a population of about 1,000, was hit hard at the start of the war. Approximately 37 people were killed and 160 homes destroyed, residents say. The town was

nearly six weeks

Walking through the debris, Zherdetsky nostalgically points to the carefully constructed archways he designed to allow two of his grandchildren to ride through on their scooters at the same time, he said.

He and his wife have moved to a cramped space above a convenience store they own on the edge of town. He's now earning about 10 times less than he did before Russia's invasion because prices have spiked and people don't have money to spend, he

The drop in income has prevented him from buying building materials and warm clothes ahead of winter, he said.

Reconstruction is challenging, especially since 60 per cent of the country's budget is allocated for the war, Oleksiy Kuleba, head of the Kyiv region occupied by Russian troops for military administration, told

The Associated Press.

"The Kyiv region is bombarded with missiles and drones ... We understand that everything is not happening as quickly as we would like, but 28,000 objects were damaged in the region. We will rebuild them all," said Kuleba, who said housing is a priority.

Moscow is targeting Ukraine's energy infrastructure to drive the nation into the cold of the impending winter. Since early October, it has destroyed approximately 40 per cent of the country's energy system, forcing Ukraine to impose rolling blackouts while racing to stabilize the

The strikes drew a warning from the mayor of Kyiv, who said that residents should be prepared for the worst this winter, including the threat of having having no electricity, water or

Worried that the energy system will not hold, the government is urging Ukrainians who fled the country not to return until after winter, said Iryna Vereshchuk, the minister for the reintegration of the Russian-occupied territories.

Analysts warn that displaced people should be cautious about going back to areas around Kyiv that have been regained by Ukraine because some are not yet fully secure, especially with Russia's military buildup in neighbouring Belarus, which poses a risk of a renewed invasion from the

In the quest for assistance, Ukraine "still struggles to mobilise donors for rapid rebuilding and necessary security measures," said Orysia Lutsevych, head of the Ukraine forum at Chatham House, a London-based think tank.



Russian authorities: Power back on in occupied Kherson

R ussian-appointed authorities say they are working to partially restore power in the occupied Ukrainian city of Kherson following what they have called a Ukrainian terrorist attack on power lines.

The southern city in the region that Moscow illegally annexed in September was cut off from power and water supplies on Sunday following damage to three power lines.

Kirill Stremousov, deputy head of the pro-Kremlin administration of the partially occupied Kherson region, said Monday that "power and con-nectivity is being partially restored" in Kherson city.

The alleged attack occurred on the Berislav-Kakhovka power line, and Russian state media reported on Sunday that the Kakhovka hydroelectric power station had also been damaged by Ukrainian strikes.

Ukrainian officials have not responded to the allegations.

Stremousov has repeatedly called for civilians to evacuate from Kherson — which lies on the western bank of the Dnieper River — to Russian-controlled territory on the eastern bank in

The UK should "respect China's position and stop official interactions with Taiwan and stop sending wrong

He also warned Taiwan's ruling

signals to Taiwan's independent forces,"

Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)

headed by Taiwanese President Tsai-

Ukrainian counteroffensive to retake the strategic port city.

Last month, Ukraine's Southern Operational Command reported that occupying Russian forces in the Kherson region had been purposefully shutting off electricity and water and depriving the population of internet access in order to force them to evacuate.

Tens of thousands of civilians have already left the regional capital after being ordered to evacuate the area in October in the face of the Ukrainian counteroffensive which has retaken numerous settlements in the region. Yet on Monday, the region's Russian-installed administration announced it was halting "the movement of civilian vehicles across the Dnieper by water and pontoon ferry," citing "increased military danger" and threats to civilians.

Meanwhile, in another annexed region, Donetsk, Russian-installed officials accused Ukrainian forces of shelling the regional capital, also called Donetsk, with HIMARS rocket launchers early on Monday.

The city's Kremlin-backed mayor, Alexei Kulemzin, said a trative building of the Donetsk Railways, but that the blaze had been contained and there were no casualties.

Ukrainian authorities have not commented on the incident. The city of Donetsk has been controlled by Russianbacked separatists since 2014.

In territory held by Ukraine, Russia has been repeatedly targeting power infrastructure.

Ukraine's state-owned electricity grid operator Ukrenergo on Monday announced power outages in the capital Kyiv and the surrounding region, as well as in the Chernihiv, Cherkasy, Sumy, Kharkiv, Poltava and

Zhytomyr regions.

The deputy head of Ukraine's presidential office, Kyrylo Tymoshenko, said that Russian strikes in the Zaporizhzhia region targeted civilian objects including as a cultural centre, farmers' warehouses and private residences.

The official noted that the Zaporizhzhia region — also illegally annexed by Russia in September but not fully controlled by Russian forces — was shelled 52 times over the past 24 hours, and one person was

China bristles as UK Minister arrives in Taiwan for trade talks political foundation for UK-China large-scale unprecedented mili-

tary drills in the Taiwan Strait,

which included the firing of mis-

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China on Monday hit back at British Trade Policy Minister Greg Hands over his visit to Taiwan for talks with senior officials defying Beijing's warnings not to have official contacts with Taipei, saying the UK is going back on its commitment to the one-China pol-

The two-day visit, which began on

Monday, bears political significance as it's the first trip by a high-level British official since Prime Minister Rishi Sunak took office last month amid reports that he may toe a hardline against China.

The British minister's visit to Taipei follows the August tour of US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan, the first by an American top leader in 25

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2. The above financial results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Cor

2022 which have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors and filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the aforesaid Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter/ Six Months ended September 30, 2022 is available on the Stock Exchange

President Xi Jinping who was elected as the head of the ruling Communist Party of China for a years - prompting Beijing to resort to record third term last month. M/S BHARAT BHUSHAN FINANCE & COMMODITY BROKERS LIMITED (CIN-L67120DL1992PLC049038), Tel No. 011-49800900, Fax: 011-49800933 Beijing reacted angrily to Hands' E-mail: commodities@bharatbhushan.com, Website: www.bbinvestments.in

visit, saying that it violates the Regd. Office: 503, Rohit House, 3 Tolstoy Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001 one-China principle to which UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER/SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022 London is a signatory. "There is only One-China in

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Public Notice

Informed that Mrs. Kajal Pandey

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General public is hereby informed that Mrs. Kajal Pandey W/o Mr. Dinkar Kumar is the owner of Residential Piot area measuring 26.66 Sq. Avrds i.e. 22.25 Sq. Meters, comprised in Khasra No. 2017, situated at Kala Enclave, Village Khora, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & District Ghaziabal, Ultar Pradesh, by virtue of Sale Deed dated 29.08.2022 regd. Vide doc. No. 12814, and Will dated 08.03.2013 regd. Vide doc. No. 696, respectively and She is intending to be financed & mortgaged by Mrs. DMI Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. The Probate of Will has not been obtained in respect of aforesaid property from Court, Death Certificate & SMC.

li be assumed that there are no specific per the aforesaid property.

Raghav Tiwari (Advocate)

Raghav Tiwari (Advocate)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all general public that my client MR.
JITENDER CHAUHAN So Sh. B.P. CHAUHAN
having residence at F-119 St.No. 6, Pandav Nagar
Delhi-110091 is the owner of the said property
residential plot of land area 100 sq. yards, out khasra
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Thereafter, unfortunately MR. JITENDER CHAUHAI ost the original copy of registered Power of attorne (POA) of the above said property. If anyone want t nake any claim, please contacted within 7 days.

That the L.A.R. No. 20220000612111 and date of the FIR is 01/11/2022. The complainant details are a collow: Mr. Jitender Chauhan S/o Sh. B.P. Chauhanaving residence at F-119 St. No. 6, Pandav Naga

Sd/- Advocate Amarendra Kr. Dubey (Enrl. No. D-200/2013) 501A, 5th Floor, Usha Kiran Building, Comm. Complex, Azadpur, Delhi-110033

Much on the expected lines.



tory," Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here

"China rejects any country having diplomatic ties or any official interac-

Ing-wen.
"We also make it clear to DPP authorities that any attempt to seek independence by soliciting external support is doomed to fail," he said.

relations, he said.

Zhao said.

Sunak was expected to follow a strong policy towards China as he previously labelled it as one of "the

The one-China principle is the and promised to get tough on Beijing.

North Korea: Missile tests were practice to attack South, US

AP SEOUL

North Korea's military said on Monday its recent barrage of missile tests were practices to "mercilessly" strike key South Korean and US targets such as air bases and operation command systems with a variety of missiles that likely included nuclear-capable weapons.

underscored leader Kim Jong Un's determination not to back down in the face of his rivals' push to expand their military exercises. But some experts say Kim also used their drills as an excuse to modernise his nuclear arsenal and increase his leverage in future dealings with Washington and Seoul

North Korea fired dozens of missiles and flew warplanes toward the sea last week - triggering evacuation alerts in some South Korean and Japanese areas — in protest of massive US-South Korean air force drills that the North views as an invasion rehearsal.

US and South Korean officials responded they would further enhance their joint training events and warned the North that the use of nuclear weapons would result in the end of Kim's "The recent corresponding

military operations by the Korean People's Army are a clear answer of (North Korea) that the



more persistently the enemies' provocative military moves continue, the more thoroughly and mercilessly the KPA will counter them," the General Staff of North Korea's military said in a statement carried by state media.

It said the weapons tests involved ballistic missiles loaded with dispersion warheads and underground infiltration warheads meant to launch strikes on enemy air bases; ground-to-air missiles designed to "annihilate" enemy aircraft at different altitudes and distances; and strategic cruise missiles that fell in international waters about 80 kilometres (50 miles) off South Korea's southeastern costal city of Ulsan.

The North's military said it also carried out an important test of a ballistic missile with a special functional warhead missioned with "paralysing the operation command system of

Ship refuses to leave Italy port until all migrants are off

The captain of a charity-run migrant rescue ship refused Italian orders to leave a Sicilian port Sunday after authorities refused to let 35 of the migrants on his ship disembark — part of hardline directives by Italy's new farright-led government targeting foreignflagged rescue ships.

Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni's two-week-old government is refusing safe port to four ships operating in the central Mediterranean that have rescued migrants at sea in distress, some as many as 16 days ago, and is allowing only those identified as vulnerable to disembark.

On Sunday, Italy ordered the Humanity 1 to vacate the port of Catania after disembarking 144 rescued migrants, including with children,



more than 100 unaccompanied minors and people with medical emergencies. But its captain refused to comply

"until all survivors rescued from distress at sea have been disembarked," said SOS Humanity, the German charity that operates the ship. The vessel remained moored at the port.

Later Sunday, a second charity ship arrived in Catania, and the vetting process was being repeated with the 572 migrants aboard the Geo Barents ship operated by Doctors Without Borders.

Lab-grown blood given to the University of Cambridge and who regularly need blood may

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The above unaudited financial results were, subjected to limited review by the Statutory Auditors of the Company, reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on November 07, 2022.

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2022, filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2022 along with review report of the Statutory Auditors is available under the investor section of our website at www.perfectpac.com and on the website of the stock exchange i.e. www.bseindia.com.

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Sanjay Rajgarhia Managing Director

people in world-first clinical trial PTI ■ LONDON Ccientists in the UK have Oinfused blood cells grown in

a laboratory into people in the first such clinical trial in the world. If proven safe and effective, manufactured blood cells could in time revolutionise treatments for people with blood disorders such as sickle cell and rare blood types, the researchers said.

It can be difficult to find enough well-matched donated blood for some people with these disorders, they said.

The team, including researchers from the University of Cambridge in the UK, said the blood cells were grown from stem cells from donors. The red cells were then transfused into healthy volunteers.



This is the first time in the world that red blood cells that have been grown in a laboratory have been given to another erson as part of a trial into blood transfusion, they said.

"We hope our lab grown red blood cells will last longer than those that come from blood donors," said chief investigator Cedric Ghevaert, a professor at

NHS Blood and Transplant. "If our trial, the first such in the world, is successful, it will mean that patients who cur-

rently require regular long-term blood transfusions will need fewer transfusions in future, helping transform their care," Ghevaert said in a statement.

The trial is studying the lifespan of the lab grown cells compared with infusions of standard red blood cells from the same donor.

The lab-grown blood cells are all fresh, so the trial team expect them to perform better than a similar transfusion of standard donated red cells, which contains cells of varying

ages, the researchers said. If manufactured cells last longer in the body, patients

not need transfusions as often, reducing iron overload from frequent blood transfusions, which can lead to serious complications, they said. This challenging and excit-

ing trial is a huge stepping stone for manufacturing blood from stem cells," said Ashley Toye, a professor at the University of Bristol. "This is the first-time lab

grown blood from an allogenec donor has been transfused and we are excited to see how well the cells perform at the end of the clinical trial," Toye said. For the foreseeable future,

manufactured cells could only be used for a very small number of patients with very complex transfusions needs, the researchers said.

World leaders gather to talk climate amid a dire situation

AP SHARM EL-SHEIKH (EGYPT)

ore than 100 world leaders are about to discuss a worsening problem that scientists' call Earth's biggest challenge, yet observers say it will be hard to make progress given all that is happening in the world.

Nearly 50 heads of states or

governments on Monday will take the stage in the first day of "high-level" international climate talks in Egypt with more to come in the following days. Much of the focus will be

on national leaders telling their stories of being devastated by climate disasters, culminating on Tuesday with a speech by Pakistan Prime Minister Muhammad Sharif, whose country's summer flood caused at least \$40 billion in damage and displaced millions of peo-But it may not quite have

the drama or headlines that past such meetings have had. Why? Because of bad timing and who isn't showing up,

he pioneer

Most of the leaders are meeting Monday and Tuesday, just as the United States has a potentially policy-shifting midterm election. Then the leaders of the world's 20 wealthiest nations will have their powerful-only club confab in Bali in Indonesia days

Add to that, "there are big climate summits and little climate summits and this was never expected to be a big one," said Climate Advisers CEO Nigel Purvis, a former US

Leaders of two of the three biggest nations - China and India - appear to be skipping the climate talks, although underlings are here negotiating. The leader of one of the top-most polluting countries - US President Joe Biden - is coming days later than most of the other presidents and prime ministers on his way to Bali.

United Kingdom Prime



tiations, but public pressure and

mind. New King Charles III, a longtime environment advocate, won't attend because of his new role. And Russia's leader Vladimir Putin, whose invasion

chaos that reverberates in the world of climate negotiations,

'We always want more' leaders, United Nations climate chief Simon Stiell said in a Sunday news conference. "But I believe there is sufficient (leadership) right now for us to have a very productive out-

In addition to speeches given by the leaders, the negotiations include "innovative" roundtable discussions that 'we are confident, will generate some very powerful insights," Stiell said.

The leaders showing up in droves are from the host con-

The historical polluters who caused climate change are not showing up," said Mohammed Adow of Power Shift Africa. "Africa is the least responsible, the most vulnerable to the issue of climate change and it is a continent that is stepping up and providing leadership." "The South is actually stepping up," Adow told The Associated Press. "The North that historically caused the

problem is failing."

Monday will be heavily dominated by leaders of nations victimised by climate change - not those that have created the problem of heat-trapping gases warming up the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuel. It will be mostly African nations and small island nations and other vulnerable nations that will be telling their stories.

And they are dramatic ones, droughts in Africa and floods in Pakistan, in places that could least afford it. For the first time in 30 years of climate negotiations, the summit "should focus its attention on the severe climate impacts we're already seeing," said World Resources International's David Waskow.

"We can't discount an entire continent that has over a billion people living here and has some of the most

"It's pretty clear that Africa will be at risk in a very severe way."

Host leader, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will kick off the leaders' speeches. Guterres keeps ratcheting up his rhetoric about how little time is left with each public

Leaders come "to share the progress they've made at home and to accelerate action," Purvis said. In this case, with the passage of the first major climate legislation and \$375 billion in spending, Biden has a lot to share, he said.

While it's impressive that so many leaders are coming to the summit, "my expectations for ambitious climate targets in these two days are very low," said Climate Analytics' scientist Niklas Hohne.

That's because of Putin's invasion of Ukraine which caused energy and food crises that took away from climate

gang leaders to call him and

Biden, Trump to make final appeals ahead of crucial midterms

AP ■ WASHINGTON

An election year that unfolded against the backdrop of economic turmoil, the elimination of federal abortion rights and broad concerns about the future of democracy is concluding with a final full day of campaigning in which leaders of both parties will issue urgent appeals to their supporters.

President Joe Biden is holding a Monday evening rally in Maryland, where Democrats have one of their best opportunities to reclaim a Republican-held governor's seat. The appearance is in line with Biden's late-campaign strategy of sticking largely to Democratic strongholds rather than stumping in more competitive territory, where control of Congress may ultimately be decided

His predecessor, former President Donald Trump, will hold his final rally of the campaign in Ohio. Ás he readies another run for the White House, Ohio holds special meaning for the former president because it was one of the first places where he was able to prove his enduring power among Republican voters. His backing of JD Vance was cru-



cial in helping the author and venture capitalist — and onetime Trump critic — secure the GOP's nomination for a Senate

With more than 41 million ballots already cast, Monday's focus will be ensuring that supporters either meet early voting deadlines or make plans to show up in person on Tuesday. The results will have a powerful impact on the final two years of Biden's presidency, shaping policy on everything from government spending to military support for Ukraine.

In the first national election since the violent January 6 insurrection, the final days of the campaign focused on fundamental questions about the nation's political values.

Campaigning in New York for Gov. Kathy Hochul on Biden said Republicans were willing to

were "making excuses". "There's never been a time in my career where we've glorified violence based on a political preference," the president said.

condone last year's mob attack

at the Capitol and that, after

the recent assault of Paul

Pelosi, husband of House

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, some in

that party made "light of it" or

Meanwhile, a Sunday evening Trump rally in Miami, a reference to Nancy Pelosi prompted changes of "Lock her up!" — a stark reminder of the nation's deep divide.

Trump was campaigning future.

for Florida Sen. Marco Rubio's reelection, but also focused on his own political future. After telling a crowd in Iowa last week that he's "very, very, very probably" going to run for president again, he again teased the possibility on Sunday and encouraged supporters to watch his Ohio

"I will probably have to do it again, but stay tuned," Trump said, teasing the Monday event. 'We have a big, big rally. Stay tuned for tomorrow night."

Not attending the Miami event was Florida's Republican governor, Ron DeSantis, who is running for reelection against Democrat Charlie Crist and is widely considered Trump's most formidable challenger if he also were to get into the White House race.

DeSantis held his own, separate events on Sunday in other parts of the state where he stuck to the centrepieces of his reelection campaign, including railing against COVID-19 vaccine mandates. The governor's counter

political programming avoided antagonising Trump — meaning it didn't deliver the duelling 2024 events that could be in his and Trump's near

Philippine prisons chief charged in journalist's killing said was assigned by detained

Philippine authorities filed murder complaints on Monday against a top prisons official and an aide who they accused of masterminding the killing of a radio commentator in a crime they said showed how the country's prisons system had been turned into a "criminal organisation."

The complaints were filed against Bureau of Corrections chief Gerald Bantag, who has been suspended from his post, prisons security official Ricardo Zulueta and other key suspects in the Oct. 3 fatal shooting of Percival Mabasa.

The journalist had fierce-



ly criticised Bantag and other officials for alleged corruption and other anomalies.

Mabasa, who used the broadcast name Percy Lapid, is among the latest media workers killed in a Southeast Asian

country regarded as among the most dangerous for journalists in the world. A joint statement read at a

arrange Mabasa's killing.

The gang leaders later killed Villamor inside the news conference by top justice, interior and police officials said three gang leaders locked prison by suffocating him with a plastic bag allegedly on orders up in the country's largest prison under Bantag's control of Bantag and Zulueta, officials were tapped to look for a gunman to kill Mabasa for a 550,000-peso (\$9,300) con-

After the killing, however, the gunman, who was identified by police as Joel Escorial, surrendered in fear after government officials raised a reward for his capture. He then publicly identified an

inmate, Jun Villamor, who he

"Bantag had a clear motive to effect the murders," officials said in the statement. Mabasa was shot to death

for his critical exposes against the prison chief, and Villamor was killed by gang leaders in prison as a cover-up after he was publicly identified by the gunman as the inmate who arranged the killing behind bars, they said.

Hong Kong court upholds veteran journalist's conviction guilty last year at a lower court

AP ■ HONG KONG

An award-winning Hong Kong journalist lost her appeal Monday against her conviction over making false statements in obtaining information for her investigation of a violent attack during the widespread protests in

> Bao Choy was found PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY

of deceiving the government by getting vehicle ownership records for journalistic purposes, instead of for transportrelated issues as she had declared.

She was trying to track down perpetrators of a mob attack on protesters and commuters inside a train station for her documentary for public broadcaster RTHK.

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NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Regulation
29 read with Regulation 47 of SEBI (Listing
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Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022, inter-alia, to consider and approve Unaudited Financial Results of the company for the Second Quarter ended September 30, 2022.

This information is also available on Company's website at www.ashnoortex.com and also on the website of BSE, i.e. www.bseindia.com.

November 7, 2022

Suneel Gupta Managing Director DIN-00052084

COOKE W/O SH. V. COOKE R/O A 65, EAST OF KAILASH, NEW DELHI-110019, had sold the said flat on the basis of GPA to the following persons: . A GPA was executed in fabour of SH. RAVI KUMAR

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SAPROO S/O SH. BANSI LAL SAPRU R/O FLAT NO 203, GH-33, THE MILAN SECTOR-20, PANCHKULA, HARYANA-134108 which is duly registered office of Sub-Registrar Noida vide Book No- IV, Volume No-289 on pages 671 to 676 Document no-88 dated 17/01/2000 at and Agreement to sell was not registered. Agreement to sen was not registered.
So with the help of the notice it is informed the transfer of the above flat goes in fabour of SH. RAHUL SAPRU S/O SH. RAVI KUMAR SAPRU R/O

FLAT NO-42D BLOCK-G KANCHANJUNGA APARTMENT SECTOR-53, NOIDA if any one/above partners has/have any objection he/she may submit his/her, objection in the Housing Department of Noida Authority along with sufficient proofs within 15 days of the publication

Pursuant to section 92 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 42 & 43 of the SEBI (Listing

Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Company in their meeting held on November 07, 2022 has declared an Interim Dividend of Rs. 0.90/- per Equity Share of Rs. 2/- each for the Financial Year 2022-2023. The Dividend will be paid to those Members, whose name appears in the Register of Members of th ompany as on the record date i.e. Friday, November 18, 2022. By order of the Board

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Rs. 7,66,905.60

Last Date & Time of Submission of tender bid of tender 28.11.2022 (11:00 Hrs.

Rs. 15,300.00

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Ten inst Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2021-22-14-RT. The details are as under:

INDAG RUBBER LIMITED

Regd. Office: Khemka House, 11 Community Centre, Saket, New Delhi – 110017
Phone: 011-26963172 - 73, Email: info@indagrubber.com, Website: www.indagrubber.com

CIN: L74899DL1978PLC009038 a House, 11 Community Centre, Saket, New Delhi – 110017

Date & Time of opening of tender document

6. Website particulars where complete details of tender

(After 11:00 Hrs.)

'Electrical and Mechanical disconnection of 3-Pha-

Locomotives (Type WAP-5 & WAP-7), Qty. 1000 Nos

Date: November 07, 2022 Place: New Delhi

Company Secretary

behind shrine attack was from Tajikistan ran's official news agency said on

Iran says gunman

Iran's Official flews agency sum of Monday that the gunman who killed 13 people at a major Shiite shrine last month was a citizen of Tajikistan. The militant Islamic State group has

claimed responsibility for the October 26 attack on Shah Cheragh in the city of Shiraz, one of Iran's top five Shiite shrines. But the government has tried to blame the attack on the largely peaceful anti-gov-ernment protests, without offering evidence. Iran initially said 15 were killed in Shiraz but later revised the number to 13 over double-counting.

The report on IRNA identified the

gunman as Sobhan Komrouni. He died in a hospital in southern Iran, days after the October 26 attack, from injuries sustained during his arrest. Citing Iran's Intelligence Ministry, Monday's report said the gunman's accomplice was an Afghan citizen, Mohammad Ramez Rashidi. A third suspect, from Azerbaijan, was allegedly the "main coordinator" of the attack from Iran's capital, Tehran, the report said.

 $E^{lon\ Musk\ tweeted\ Sunday\ that}_{Twitter\ will\ permanently\ suspend}$

any account on the social media plat-

the warning after some celebrities

changed their Twitter display names

 not their account names — and tweeted as Elon Musk' in reaction to

the billionaire's decision to offer ver-

without clearly specifying "parody

will be permanently suspended,"

Musk wrote. While Twitter previ-

The platform's new owner issued

form that impersonates another.

Pak SC directs police to register FIR of attack on Imran within 24 hours

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Monday ordered the Inspector General of the Punjab province to register a case on the gun attack on Imran Khan within 24 hours, a directive hailed by the former prime minister's party as a "first step towards justice". On Sunday, Khan said that an FIR has

not been registered on the botched "assassination attempt" on his life as authorities are refusing to file the case unless he removes an Army general's name from the complaint.

Khan, who suffered bullet injuries in the right leg on Thursday, was discharged from the hospital on Sunday after undergoing successful surgery. The 70year-old former prime minister has now been moved to a private residence in

The Supreme Court on Monday directed Punjab police chief Faisal Shahkar to register an FIR of the gun attack on Khan within 24 hours, the Dawn newspaper reported.

notice if the FIR was not registered, the He also asked Shahkar, who joined

the hearing from the SC's Lahore registry via video link, why the FIR was not reg-"Tell us when the FIR will be registered," he said, adding that there should be a concrete reason for not registering

"Working according to the law, the court is with you," the CJP said, directing the IG to get officials to probe into

the matter. The CJP assured the provincial police chief that nobody would interfere in his work till the time he was posted at the IG.

in their work," he said.

has termed the Supreme Court's direc-

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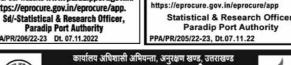
information report on the attack against

Imran as the "first step towards justice".

"IG sahib, you do your job. If someone interferes, the court would interfere Meanwhile, PTI's Fawad Chaudhry

e-TENDER CALL NOTICE Name of the work :-"Providing Hospitality services to Jawahar Guest House, Sector-21, Paradip

and Paradip Port Guest House, Bhubaneswa Estimated cost put to tender 2,40,57,499/ (excluding GST@18% & Contractor's commis sion). The last date & time of submission of bid s 16.11.2022 upto 1700 Hrs. For details please efer our website www.paradipport.gov.in/ https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.





इस कार्यालय पत्रांक सं.-3448/ई-निविदा सूचना/2022-23 दिनांक 05.11.2022 से जल जीव-मिशन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत पेयजल योजनाओं के कार्यों हेतु ई-निविदा, टू-बिड सिस्टम (तकनीकी बिड एवं कॉमर्शियल बिड) से आमंत्रित ई-निविदाओं में निम्न पेयजल योजनाओं की निविदायें सिंगल बिड पर आमंत्रित करने का संशोधन किया जाता है। निविदा विकास

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''जल संचय–जीवन संचय''

(PREM NARAIN VARSHNEY)

DIN: 00012709

Note: (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in e-tender system. (ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. (iii) No manual offers are acceptable

(iv) Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through

N.I.T No.

Approx. cost of work

No. 230-TRS-GZB-2021-22-14-RT, Dated: 07.11.2022 **SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE Sr. DEE/EMU/GZB for and on behalf of President of India, Invites open e-tender for th

232-Elect-EMU-WC-08-22-23

Modification of MEMU Motor Coach No. 329 for Name of the work converting into Inspection Car at EMU Car Shed Ghaziabad. Tender cost Approximate cost Rs. 42,37,361.32 inclusive of GST Rs. 84,800/- (online payment mode available or IREPS website 6 Completion period 02 Months

Validity of offer 60 days 05.11.2022 17:52 hrs Date & Time from tender dvertised on IREPS webs 14.11.2022 to 28.11.2022 (15:00 Hrs.) ubmission start and end 10 Tender closing Date & Time 28.11.2022 (15:00 Hrs.) 11 Date & Time of tender 28.11.2022 (15:00 Hrs.) tender submission ends)

document shall be entertained after opening of the Technical & Commercial offer. Ever suo-moto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated as null & void" Note 2: Duplicate documents should not be enclosed/up loaded ender Notice is available on website of www.ireps.gov.in. No. 232-Elect-EMU-WC-

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08-22-23 Date: 05.11.2022 **SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

ified accounts to all comers for \$8 month as he simultaneously laid off a big chunk of the workforce.
"Going forward, any Twitter handles engaging in impersonation

ously issued warnings before suspensions, now that it is rolling out "widespread verification, there will be no warning." In fact, "any name change at all"

would compel the temporary loss of

a verified checkmark, the world's

Musk threatens to boot Twitter

account impersonators

Comedian Kathy Griffin had her

account suspended Sunday after she switched her screen name to Musk. She told a Bloomberg reporter that she had also used his profile photo.

"I guess not ALL the content moderators were let go? Lol," Griffin joked afterward on Mastodon, an alternative social media platform where she set up an account last Actor Valerie Bertinelli had sim-

ilarly appropriated Musk's screen name — posting a series of tweets in support of Democratic candidates on Saturday before switching back to her true name. "Okey-dokey. I've had fun and I think I made my point," she tweeted afterwards.

Place: New Delhi Date: 07-11-2022

RATHI STEEL AND POWER LIMITED

This is to inform you that pursuant to the Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations And Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors of M/s Rathi

Steel and Power Limited is to be held on Monday the 14th Day of November 2022 at the Registered office of the Company at 2.00 PM to consider and approve following businesses ITEM NO. | AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION Take note and confirm the following:-

To appoint Chairman of the meeting to call the meeting to order.

To Ensure Quorum of the Meeting To grant leave of absence, if any. To take note and confirm the minutes of previous meeting of board of Consider and Approve following:-To consider and approve Unaudited Financial Results for the Six month ended and Quarter ended on September 2022 Any other businesses with permission of the Chair. For and on behalf of Board

CIN: L27109DL1971PLC005905 Regd. Off.: 24/1, Block A, Mohan Cooperative Industrial Estate, Mathura Road, New Delhi– 110044 Email ID: investors@rathisteelandpower.com, Website: www.rathisteelandpower.com

'Taxpayers should check AIS quarterly'

Must report discrepancies, says Finance Ministry official

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Taxpayers should check their annual information statement every quarter and flag any discrepancies to help curb instances of wrongful HRA deductions, a senior finance ministry official said on

The income tax department had in November last year rolled out a new Annual Ínformation Statement (AIS) on its portal that provides a comprehensive view of taxpayer information and an option to submit feedback.

It includes additional information related to interest, dividend, securities transactions, mutual fund transactions and foreign remittance information.

"You must keep on checking your AIS not only at the time of return filing, but quarterly. You should check your AIS and (report) if anything wrong is reported so that the other person who is wrongly claiming some kind of benefit should be caught," Joint Secretary in the finance min-

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exemptions.

 $E_{\text{to the Prime Minister}}^{\text{conomic Advisory Council}}$

(EAC-PM)Chairman Bibek

Debroy on Monday said India

should have a single rate GST

and taxation regime devoid of

of the Centre and states com-

bined is just 15 per cent of GDP,

while the demand for govern-

ment spending on public infra-structure is much higher.

sion, therefore, there should be

a single rate. I don't think we

will ever get it...," Debroy said

and those of mass consumption

are done away with, it would

recognise that the GST really

should be the same regardless

lessen litigation, he added.

at an event here.

"On GST, it is my submis-

If the differential tax rates

"As a polity, we need to

He said the tax collection

EAC-PM Chairman Debroy

suggests single rate GST,

exemption-less taxation



He said AIS has played an important role in ensuring voluntary compliance as it provides details of all financial transactions to assessees while filing their income tax returns

We all know how people have started showing saving bank interest (in ITR) after AIS. There is another big leakage which happens in House Rent Allowance (HRA)," Varshney

officer said many people give false declaration to their employer regarding house rent paid to claim HRA deductions. These declarations would also be visible on the AIS of the person in whose account the

Income Tax

of the product. If progressivi-

ty is to be introduced, it is best

done by direct taxes, not GST,

or indirect taxes," Debroy noted. Debroy also clarified that his speech should not be

construed as a recommenda-

revenue neutral rate (RNR)

made by the Department of

Economic Affairs before the

but the average GST rate at pre-

sent is 11.5 per cent, he added.

tax or we must be willing to set-

tle for reduced delivery of pub-

lic goods and services," he said.

"We must be willing to pay

The estimate of the GST

tion of the PMEAC.

istry Kamlesh Varshney said at rent amount has been credited.

He advised people to check their AIS every quarter and in case of any discrepancy in income shown, the feedback should be uploaded immediately so that the other person who is wrongly claiming some kind of benefit can be caught.

"This is a very important system that we have developed that without actually scrutinising a taxpayer we promote voluntary compliance," Varshney said.

The objectives of AIS are Giving example, the tax to display complete information to a taxpayer with a facility to capture online feedback, promote voluntary compliance and enable seamless pre-filing of return. Another objective is to"deter non-compliance", as per the I-T website.

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ISMA hails sugar export

policy, confident of Govt

nod for 3 MT more

Mills

Sugar

Association (ISMA) on

Monday welcomed the gov-

ernment's decision to allow

export of 6 million tonnes of

sugar till May 31, of the 2022-

23 season and expressed con-

fidence of getting export nod

for additional 3 million tonnes.

requested the government to

allow exports of 9 million

tonnes of sugar, the Food

Ministry on November 5, per-

mitted only 6 million tonnes on

a quota basis till May 31 of the

2022-23 season (October-

it could reconsider further

quantities after assessing the

dent that the government will

domestic production.

The government has said

"Sugar industry is confi-

While the industry had

Sensex touches 61K-mark amid upbeat global cues

Bank, auto stocks spurt

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark Sensex Eclimbed over 230 points to reclaim the 61,000-mark on Monday, propelled by robust buying in bank, auto and metal stocks amid a firm trend in global equities.

A strong rupee against the US dollar and persistent foreign capital inflows also supported the domestic equities, traders

Rising for the second straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 234.79 points or 0.39 per cent higher at 61,185.15 after a choppy session. The index witnessed a high of 61,401.54 and a low of 60,714.36 during the session.

The broader NSE Nifty rose by 85.65 points or 0.47 per cent to end at 18,202.80 points.

State Bank of India (SBI) topped the Sensex gainers chart, jumping 3.44 per cent, after the country's largest lender on Saturday posted its highest-ever quarterly profit at ₹13,265 crore, up 74 per cent year-on-year, for the September quarter, buoyed by robust loan sales, higher interest income and lower provisions.



UltraTech Cement, M&M, Maruti, PowerGrid and HDFC Bank were among the other major winners, climbing up to 1.81 per cent.

İn contrast, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finserv, Sun Pharma, Titan, Kotak Bank and Dr Reddy's were among the laggards, dropping as much as 2.37 per cent.

The market breadth was in favour of the bulls, with 18 of the 30 Sensex counters closing in the green.

"The domestic market battled to find a clear direction but it ended up making gains. Losses in pharmaceutical companies were offset by buying in PSU banks, auto, and metal equities. PSU banks took the lead in the rally as major sector players announced solid

'India needs more \$300 b investment to meet 500 GW green capacity target by 2030'

India will need additional investment of around USD 300 billion to complete the 500gigawatt renewable energy capacity target by 2030, according to a report.

With 165 gigawatts (GW) generation capacity already in place, the country is on the right trajectory to meet its goal of having 50 per cent of energy needs through the renewable portfolio, the Arthur D Little (ÂDL) report said on Monday.

strategic investments of over USD 300 billion to achieve its clean energy capacity target of 500 GW by 2030," the study titled 'Powering India's Energy Vision 2030' said.

SBI shares jump over 3% on strong quarterly earnings **OSBI**

Shares of State Bank of India On Monday soared over 3 per cent after the state-owned bank reported the highest-ever quarterly profit of ₹13,265 crore for the second quarter of

The stock rose 3.44 per cent to settle at ₹614.20 apiece on the BSE.

On the NSE, it climbed 3.34 per cent to finish at

₹613.8̂0 apiece.

In volume terms, 16.79 lakh shares were traded on the BSE and over 4.42 crore shares on the NSE during the day.

The market valuation of

State Bank of India (SBI) advanced by ₹18,250.83 crore to ₹5,48,149.65 crore. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 234.79 points or 0.39

per cent to 61,185.15. On Saturday, SBI posted the highest-ever quarterly profit at ₹13,265 crore, up 74 per cent year-on-year, for the September quarter of FY23, buoyed by robust loan sales,

higher interest income and

SBI Group reported a 66 per The country's largest cent surge at ₹14,752 crore for the second quarter ended lender had earned a profit of ₹7,627 crore in the same quar-September 30 as against ₹8,890 crore in the second quarter of

SBI 44-5795 \$-7577 e-Corner

The public sector lender's total income increased to ₹88,734 crore during the quarter under review from ₹77,689.09 crore in the September quarter of last fiscal. On a consolidated basis,

previous fiscal.

The total income of the SBI group rose to ₹1,14,782 crore in the quarter under review, compared to ₹1,01,143.26 crore in the yearago period.

Rupee gains 45 paise to close at 81.90 against US dollar



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The rupee appreciated by 45 paise to close at 81.90 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday amid a weak American currency and sustained foreign fund inflows.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.14 and touched an intra-day high of 81.90 and a low of 82.32 against the green-back. The local unit finally settled at 81.90, registering a rise of 45 paise over its previous close amid a positive trend in domestic equities.

On Friday, the rupee had appreciated by 53 paise to close at 82.35.

on weak US Dollar and positive domestic markets. Asian markets jumped today following a surge in US and European markets on Friday," said Anuj

Choudhary - Research Analyst

at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas Choudhary further said the rupee is expected to trade with a positive bias on rise in risk appetite in global markets and weak dollar.

"FII inflows may also support rupee. However, a surge in crude oil prices may cap sharp gains. Investors may remain cautious ahead of trade balance data from India. "Market participants may

remain vigilant ahead of inflation data from the US later this week. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 81.25 to Rs 82.80," Choudhary said. Meanwhile, the dollar

index, which gauges the green-back's strength against a basket of six currencies, slipped 0.31 per cent to 110.52.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures fell 0.41 per cent to USD 98.17 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 234.79 points or 0.39 per cent to end at 61,185.15, while the broader NSE Nifty gained 85.65 points

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Friday as they purchased shares worth ₹1,436.25 crore, according to exchange data.

Gold gains ₹81; silver drops ₹244



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

old price in the national Gapital gained ₹81 to ₹51,201 per 10 grams on Monday, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had settled at ₹51,120 per 10 grams.

Silver, however, dropped ₹244 to ₹60,596 per kilogram. In the international market, gold was trading flat at USD 1,679 per ounce while silver was down at USD 20.74 per

"MCX Gold is trading flat after spectacular rally on Friday. MCX gold has surpassed the crucial resistance of ₹50,900 and has been sustaintrading flat, however, it is on the verge of surpassing last week's high of USD 1,682 an ounce," Vinay Rajani, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities,

Unsold housing stock down 12% across 9 cities to nearly 4.78 lakh units at end of September guarter

Unsold housing stock across nine major cities fell 12 per cent year-on-year to 4,77,570 units at the end of the September quarter on better sales, according to data analytic firm PropEquity. Unsold inventories stood at

5,40,849 units at the end of September 2021. Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru

and Pune saw the most decline in the unsold inventory, PropEquity said in a statement.
"The residential property

market in the third quarter of 2022 has seen decent performance in the top cities on the country, both from the point of view of sales as well as new launches. There is a good



appetite among the citizens of these cities for buying quality houses and thus there is significant buoyancy in the real estate market," said Samir Jasuja, Founder and Managing Director at PropEquity.

As per the data, the unsold housing stock fell marginally in Thane to 1,03,862 units at the end of the September quarter from 1,04,374 units a year-ago.

Pune saw a 22 per cent decline in unsold stock to 70,475 units from 90,419 units, while Mumbai witnessed a 9 per cent fall to 55,059 units from 60,484 units.

Aditya Birla Capital Q2 net jumps 30% to ₹488 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

sugar exports.

ditya Birla Capital on AMonday reported its highest-ever quarterly profit at ₹488 crore on a consolidated basis for the quarter ended September 2022, up by 30 per cent from a year ago, led by growth momentum across

allow sugar exports of additional 3 million tonnes," ISMA

domestic prices, enabling time-

ly cane price payment to farm-

ers and lower inventory levels

ensuring there are no addi-

ment's sugar export policy and

said the tradable quota scheme

will ensure transparency in

ISMA hailed the govern-

This would ensure steady

said in a statement.

It had posted a net profit of ₹377 crore in the same period

The total consolidated revenue of the company grew by 21 per cent to ₹7,210 crore in the July-September period of 2022-23 from ₹5,970 crore earlier, Aditya Birla Capital Ltd (ABCL) said in

The strong momentum across businesses led to a 31 per cent year-on-year growth in the

overall lending book (NBFC and housing finance) to ₹77,430 crore and a 24 per cent year-on-year growth in the gross premium (life and health insurance) to ₹4,394 crore, ABCL said

It added nearly 20 lakh customers during the quarter, leading to a 47 per cent yearly growth in the total customer base to 4.1 crore.

The company is present in non-banking finance (NBFC) business, housing finance, asset management, life and general insurance, among others.

ABCL is the holding company for the financial services businesses of the Aditya Birla

Stock of Aditya Birla Capital closed 3.51 per cent higher at ₹128.45 apiece on

'India's manufacturing sector to sustain growth momentum for next 6-9 months'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The growth momentum which has been witnessed by India's manufacturing sector for the past few months is likely to stay for the next six to nine months, according to the latest quarterly survey by Ficci.

According to the survey, the existing average capacity utilisation in manufacturing is over 70 per cent, which reflects a sustained economic activity in the sector. The future investment outlook also slightly improved as compared to previous quarter as close to 40 per cent respondents reported plans for capacity additions in the next six months by over 15 per cent on an average.

However, global econom-

iting the growth of super luxury car sales in the country, he

said,"If we come to the specif-



ic uncertainty caused by the Russia-Ukraine war and increasing cases of various mutations of Covid virus worldwide have accentuated the volatilities impacting major High raw material prices,

increased cost of finance, cumbersome regulations and clearances, shortage of working capital, high logistics cost due to rising fuel prices and blocked shipping lanes, low domestic global demand, excess capacities due to high volume of cheap imports into India, unstable market, and other supply chain disruptions are some major constraints affecting expansion plans of the respondents.

Honda Cars crosses twenty lakh cumulative production mark in India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Honda Cars India on Monday said it has crossed the 20 lakh cumulative production milestone in the coun-

The company has rolled out its 2 millionth unit, a Honda City sedan, from its Tapukara (Rajasthan) based manufacturing plant. The automaker began pro-

duction operations in December 1997 and has so far cumulatively invested over ₹10,000 crore since setting up



2 Million Production roll out in India is a testimony to Honda's commitment to the 'Make in India' initiative for the last 25 years," Honda Cars India President & CEO Takuya Tsumura said in a statement.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

High taxation is limiting the expansion of the super luxury car market in India, which otherwise is on a growth path, according to Italian automaker Automobili Lamborghini's Chairman and CEO Stephan Winkelmann.

Lamborghini, which sells a range of super luxury cars with prices starting from ₹3.16 crore in India, had recorded its bestever sales in the country in 2021 at 69 units, beating its previous record in 2019 when it



High taxation limiting growth of super luxury

car market in India: Lamborghini chairman

"India is a market for us which is on a growth path like most of the markets we have

Winkelmann said in a virtual interaction.

When asked what is lim-

ic of the Indian market, it's clear that the Indian market has, like other high taxation markets, a limit in growth. This is something we have to understand, if we look at what is happening in India.' However, Winkelmann

said,"We're very satisfied with (our) performance as we always said we are not running for a certain number. We want to keep momentum also in the

India Cements Q2 net loss at ₹113.26 cr, revenue up 7.46% to ₹1,327 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India Cements Ltd on Monday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹113.26 crore for the second quarter ended September 2022.

The company had posted a net profit of ₹29.75 crore during the July-September quarter of the previous fiscal, India Cements said in a regulatory

Its revenue from opera-

tions was up 7.46 per cent to ₹1,327.06 crore in the second quarter of this fiscal. The same stood at ₹1,234.85 crore a year The company's total

expenses were at ₹1,528.01 crore, up 27.16 per cent in the September quarter of FY23, as against ₹1,201.61 crore a year ago. Shares of India Cements were trading at ₹248.50 on BSE, up 1.02 per cent from the pre-

LIVERPOOL TO FACE REAL IN CL, PSG VS BAYERN

iverpool will have the chance to avenge last season's Champions ⊿League final defeat at the hands of Real Madrid after Jurgen Klopp's side were drawn on Monday to face the holders again in the

Meanwhile, the other standout tie saw Paris Saint-Germain drawn to play Bayern Munich in a repeat of the 2020 final which was won by the German club.

Liverpool won five of their six group games but missed out on top spot to Napoli after losing 4-1 when the sides met in Italy.

The Anfield club also lost the 2018 Champions League final to Real, who won their group ahead of

"They are two historic teams and the tie is going to be electric, fasci-nating for the fans," said Emilio Butragueno, a great former Real player who is now the director of institutional relations for the 14-time European champions.

Current domestic form suggests Real should be favourites, with Carlo Ancelotti's side unbeaten in La Liga while Liverpool are eighth in the Premier League despite winning away to Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday.

However, both clubs will lose key players to the World Cup and Butragueno acknowledged much can change in the three months before the Champions League returns.

"The World Cup is going to condition the whole season. We will see how the players are when they return," he said.

PSG only missed out on topping their group because Benfica scored more away goals across all matches after the sides remarkably finished level on points, goal difference, goals scored and head to head.

CHELSEA TO PLAY DORTMUND

That left the Qatar-owned club exposed to a tough draw, a year on from their painful exit in the first knockout round at the hands of Real.



Barca draw Man Utd in Europa League

Barcelona and Manchester United will face each other in the Europa League knockout round play-offs following Monday's draw.

Barca were eliminated from the

Champions League group stage to drop into the Europa League for the second season running, while United came second in their Europa League

The last meeting of the clubs came in the quarter-finals of the Champions League in 2018/19, with Barca winning 4-0 on aggregate.

They have met in two Champions League finals and in the 1991 Cup Winners' Cup final, but this will be the first ever encounter of the sides in the Europa League.

The winners of the eight knock-



to the last 16, for which the eight Europa League group winners all qualified automatically.

Having also dropped out of Europe's elite club competition, Juventus were drawn to play French club Nantes in what will be a repeat of the 1996 Champions League semi-final tie won by the

Sevilla, who have won the Europa League or its predecessor the UEFA Cup a record six times, will play PSV Eindhoven.

Ajax were drawn against Bundesliga high-fliers Union Berlin, while Shakhtar Donetsk of Ukraine will play French side Rennes.

Bayer Leverkusen will play Monaco and Jose Mourinho's Roma will take on Red Bull Salzburg.

have got tougher than Bayern, who were the only side to win all six group matches, despite being in a section with Barcelona and Inter Milan.

The 2020 final was played behind closed doors in Lisbon at the height of the pandemic, with Bayern triumphing 1-0. PSG gained revenge the following season by beating the Bavarians in the quarter-finals. Like PSG, Manchester City have

never won the trophy but are also one of the leading contenders to do so this season.

Pep Guardiola's side will be expected to dispose of Leipzig, who they faced in the group stage a year ago and beat 6-3 at home before a 2-1 defeat in Germany, by which time they had already secured first place in the section.

Chelsea, who defeated City in the 2021 Champions League final, also drew German opposition in the shape of Borussia Dortmund, with the clubs set to meet for the very first time in a competitive game in the first leg at the Signal Iduna Park.

After topping their group thanks to a last-gasp winner away to Marseille last week, Tottenham Hotspur were given a tough draw against Italian champions AC Milan.

They have met at this stage of the competition before, with Spurs winning 1-0 on aggregate in 2010/11 thanks to a solitary goal at San Siro by Peter Crouch.

Inter will play Porto and last sea-son's Europa League winners Eintracht Frankfurt take on Napoli, while Benfica's reward for winning their group was a tie against tourna-ment outsiders Club Brugge of Belgium.

The first legs of all last-16 ties will be played in February with the return matches in March.

The final of this season's Champions League will be held in Istanbul on June 10 next year.

The Turkish city was supposed to host the final in 2020 and again 2021, only for the game to be moved on each occasion to Portugal due to the

Salah at the double

Mohamed Salah scored twice as Liverpool beat Tottenham 2-1 on Sunday to maintain their hex over the London club, returning to winning ways after two consecutive Premier League defeats.

Jurgen Klopp's men started the match 10 points behind fourth-placed Spurs, with questions growing over their ability even to mount a challenge for next season's Champions League places.

But they dominated the contest from the start and took the lead in the 11th minute when the impressive Darwin Nunez teed up Salah, who fired into the bottom corner.

The visitors' intensity dropped as the half wore on but they doubled their lead in the 40th minute when Salah took advantage of a horrendous error by Eric Dier, who headed the ball straight into the path of the Egyptian forward.

Harry Kane pulled a goal back in the 70th minute as the decibel count rose among the crowd of 62,000 in the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium but they fell to a third defeat in four league matches.

Spurs have not beaten Liverpool since 2017 and have now lost seven out of the past nine Premier League matches between the sides.

The result will add to doubts over the ability of Antonio Conte's men to compete at the top of the table after another damaging defeat

Tottenham were missing the services of South Korean

suffered a fracture around his left eye in his side's midweek Champions League win against

'SON WILL PLAY AT WC'

Tottenham boss Antonio Conte is confident Son Heungmin will be fit for the World Cup after the South Korean forward had surgery for a serious facial injury.

The Spurs star sustained a fracture around his left eye during their 2-1 win at Marseille last week when he collided with Chancel Mbemba.

The South Korean skipper and talisman had surgery on Friday and is in a race to be fit for the Qatar World Cup, which starts on November 20. "I sent him a message yes-

terday after the surgery and Sonny was really, really disappointed for this situation," Conte told reporters. "But I hope for him he will

recover very well and play in the World Ćup.

"I was a player and I know the importance of playing in the World Cup.

"I am confident, confident that he can come back quickly and play the World Cup for South Korea," the Italian coach said.

The 30-year-old Son is critical to South Korea's chances of making it to the knockout stages at the World Cup, having scored 35 goals in 104 internationals.

South Korea begin their campaign in Qatar against

also face Ghana and Portugal in

win tense Rome derby following a VAR check in the



AP ■ TURIN

uventus beat fierce rivals Inter Milan 2-0 on Sunday to move in sight of Serie A's top four, while Felipe Anderson fired Lazio to a 1-0 win in the first Rome derby of the season.

Juve have spent almost the entire season lurching from one disaster to another, but France midfielder Rabiot's brilliant firsttime finish five minutes after the break and a late deflected shot from youngster Nicolo Fagioli earned them a fourth straight league win.

Massimiliano Allegri's side, which was without Serbia striker Dusan Vlahovic, is fifth in Italy's top flight and two points off Lazio and Atalanta in the final two Champions League places.

Inter are a point behind Juve in seventh after their fifth defeat

of the season, which came after they wasted a promising first half filled with opportunities. Rabiot's opener came fol-

lowing superb play from the impressive Filip Kostic, and five minutes after, Hakan Calhanoglu had a piledriver tipped onto bar by Wojciech Szczesny, one of a series of chances Inter had to take the lead before going behind. Edin Dzeko headed wide

from inches out in the 27th minute, the Bosnian not ready for Lautaro Martinez's flick-on from a corner, but the worst miss came three minutes before halftime. Denzel Dumfries looked certain to score when he raced unmarked onto Nicolo Barella's cross-cum-shot but somehow skied what looked like a simple

And after Danilo had a goal for Juve ruled out for handball

65th minute, Martinez drove a poor low finish straight at Szczesny at the end of a quick counterattack.

Fagioli then sealed the points with five minutes remaining after being fed by the Kostic to give Juve hope their recent troubles might be coming to an

LAZIO BEAT ROMA

Anderson struck Lazio's hour mark in the Italian capital after Roma defender Roger Ibanez gave the ball away cheaply in his own area under pressure from Pedro.

It was the 29-year-old's third league goal of the campaign as he continues to play in the unfamiliar position of centreforward in place of the injured Ciro Immobile.

Italy striker Immobile was on the bench supporting Lazio despite a thigh problem leaving him unable to play, and he watched his team go third with an assured performance.

Known for his expansive brand of football, Lazio coach Maurizio Sarri has developed a team that is hard to beat, and shorn of key man Sergej Milinkovic-Savic, it soaked up Roma's largely ineffectual attacking and claimed a seventh clean sheet from its last eight

Juve leapfrog Inter, Lazio Rune breaks into top 10 Carlos Alcaraz, who retired

AP PARIS

Danish teenager Holger Rune moved up eight places to break into the top 10 in the latest ATP rankings released on Monday after his victory in the Paris Masters.

Rune, 19, shocked six-time champion Novak Djokovic to clinch his first Masters title in Paris on Sunday after coming from a set down to win 3-6, 6-

He becomes the first Danish man to break into the top 10, at the season-ending Masters in Turin from November 13-20.

Nemanja Gudelj scored a late equaliser as struggling Sevilla claimed a 1-

1 draw at Real Betis in a derby which fea-

their grip on a top-four place in La Liga

after fellow European hopefuls Atletico Madrid, Real Sociedad and Villarreal

failed to win. That appeared set to happen when Jesus Navas put through his

own net shortly before half-time after Gonzalo Montiel had been sent off for the

first-half injury time and the Benito

Villamarin was stunned when in-form

striker Borja Iglesias was shown a red card

following a VAR review in the 49th

But Nabil Fekir was also dismissed in

Betis were hoping to strengthen

tured three red cards on Sunday.



Rune became the youngest winner of the Paris tournament since an 18-year-old Boris Becker in 1986 after beating five -- the first to do so in the same

SEVILLA HOLD BETIS IN

quarter-final against Rune, retains the world number one ranking, ahead of fellow Spaniard Rafael Nadal, who lost his opening match in the French Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas

injured from his Paris Masters

moves up two places to third, while Felix Auger-Aliassime and Andrey Rublev take sixth and seventh spots respectively. Former number one

Djokovic slips one place to eighth, as Russian Daniil second round elimination in

> minute. Unsurprisingly, Sevilla dominattheir spot atop the Bundesliga ed the second period against Betis' nine

minute when Gudelj drove home from long range.

The Serbian international also hit the crossbar and brought a fine save from Betis goalkeeper Claudio Bravo in the closing stages, but the hosts held on for

men and finally drew level in the 81st

Sevilla, on a four-game winless run in La Liga, edged out of the relegation zone on goal difference. Betis remained fourth, behind

Atletico on goals scored after Diego Simeone's men drew 1-1 at home with lowly Espanyol.

UNION BERLIN LOSE

Berlin: Union Berlin failed to reclaim

table after being thrashed 5-0 at Bayer Leverkusen on Sunday.

Union, who have been at the summit of the Bundesliga ladder since early September, conceded five second-half goals as Leverkusen produced their best performance under manager Xabi Alonso.

Going into the match, Union had conceded just nine league goals in 12 games this season - but conceded more than half of that figure in just 30 minutes.

The loss was just the third of the season for Bundesliga surprise packets Union, while Leverkusen's victory was also their third in a disappointing campaign.

Southampton

Sabalenka to face Garcia for WTA Finals title

ryna Sabalenka ended top-Aryna Sabalelika Chaca Cr ranked Iga Swiatek's 15-match winning streak against top-10 opponents, winning 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 on Sunday night for a spot in the championship of the WTA Finals.

The stunner put Sabalenka in the final against Caroline Garcia, who beat Maria Sakkari 6-3, 6-2 and has a chance to be just the second Frenchwoman to win the title at the season-ending event.
Swiatek, the French Open and

US Open champion and runaway leader with eight tour victories, cruised through three round-robin victories, losing just 13 games to give her the longest winning run against top-10 opponents since Steffi Graf won 17 straight in 1987.

Just like that, it was over when the 21-year-old from Poland lost the last five games against a player she had beaten in all four meetings this

Sabalenka didn't make it to the semifinals with the No. 1 ranking in the eight-player event last year. She



was in as the seventh-ranked player, and showed how comfortable she was on the temporary indoor hard court at Dickies Arena. Nine of her 10 career victories have come on

"I just want to make sure that every time she plays against me, she knows that she really has to work hard to get a win," Sabalenka said. "Only because of this thinking, I was able to play at this amazing level

tonight." Swiatek fell behind one break in the final set with two wide forehands before another one put her down

Defending doubles champs

Barbora Krejcikova and Katerina

Siniakova also advanced to the title match with a 7-6(5), 6-2 semifinal victory over Lyudmyla Kichenok and Jelena Ostapenko. Just 24 hours after beating Daria Kasatkina in a tense 80-minute third set to secure the last spot in the

semifinals out of group play, Garcia needed just 74 minutes total for a career-best fourth victory over a topfive opponent this season. Garcia never trailed, dominating the fifth-ranked Sakkari in winners (21-8) and aces (6-0). Amelie Mauresmo (2005) is the

WTA Finals. "I don't know," Garcia said when asked where she found the energy to dominate after the quick turnaround. "Yesterday, I was a little bit tired, but it was nothing unusual after such a big match."

only woman from France to win the

Barty rules out tennis comeback

 $F^{ormer\ world\ No.\ 1\ Ash\ Barty\ has}_{emphatically\ ruled\ out\ ever\ making}$ a comeback to tennis, or switching to

another sport. Launching her autobiography at Melbourne Park — scene of her Australian Open triumph in January just two months before her shock retirement announcement — the 26-year-old said she had no desire to return to high-level sport, and was sure she never would.

"Nope, I'm done," Barty told Australian Associated Press on Monday. "You can never say never but no. No, no, no. I'm done."

The three-time Grand Slam singles winner, who spent 121 weeks with the top ranking, had played professional cricket with the Brisbane Heat during a hiatus from tennis. She also plays golf off a handicap of

four, prompting some observers to sug-

But, launching her memoir "My Dream Time," Barty insisted she was happy with her new, more settled life off



al sports plan in mind.

"I miss competing and challenging myself against the best of the world but I don't miss a lot that comes with it," she said. "I'm still competitive with myself when I train at home. I still try and push myself but there's no white-line fever any

gest she could pursue a future in that "And I never really felt like there was this void that needed to be filled in because there was a genuine sense of fulfillment at the end of my career."

sack Hasenhuttl **AP** ■ SOUTHAMPTON

Couthampton sacked manag-

Oer Ralph Hasenhuttl on Monday after slumping into the Premier League relegation zone following a dismal 4-1 defeat against Newcastle. The south coast club

swung the axe after their eighth

loss in 14 league games on Sunday left them languishing in 18th place. "Ŝouthampton Football Club can confirm it has parted company with men's firstteam manager Ralph Hasenhuttl," the club said in a

statement. The Austrian took over from Mark Hughes nearly four years ago and his highest finish in the Premier League was 11th in the 2019/2020 sea-

He also led Southampton to the FA Cup semi-finals in the following season.

PANT MIGHT BE NEEDED IN GAMES AHEAD, HINTS DRAVID

Rishabh Pant's disappointing outing against Zimbabwe isn't a cause of concern for head coach Rahul Dravid, who hinted that the flamboyant left-hander could start in the T20 World Cup semifinal against England at Adelaide on Thursday

Pant didn't get a look-in in the first four games where veteran Dinesh Karthik, who in all likelihood is playing his last global meet, was assigned the role of a finisher.

With Karthik not being able to deliver on bowler friendly Australian tracks, Pant is back in equation.

"I don't think we judge people on one game, and sometimes whether we play them or not is not based on one game," Dravid said after India's 71 run victory in which Pant's contribution was a mere three.

After that, Dravid gave good enough indication that decision to field Pant wasn't taken in isolation as the coach was potentially looking at a match up with leg spinner Adil Rashid in the semifinals.

"Sometimes it's just matchups. We need to look at what are the skills we might need against the kind of bowlers we might come up against. So a lot of things go into these kind

of decisions," said Dravid.

He also firmly reiterated that team management had never lost faith in Pant.

"Yeah, in a sense it's not that we ever lost confidence in Rishabh. We've got confidence in all of our 15 players who play here. It's only 11 guys who can play, and it depends on the combinations that you have.

"The very fact that they are here

and they're part of the World Cup means that we have a lot of confidence in them. It means that anytime they can be called on to play in the

"Yes, you can only play 11 at a time and some people sometimes miss out and don't have to play, but again, Rishabh is someone that as a lot of you would have been seeing, has been travelling with us.

"He's been batting a lot in the nets, he's been hitting a lot of balls, doing a lot of fielding practice and sort of keeping practice and keeping himself ready. The opportunity came for us today (Sunday) to give him an opportunity," he reasoned.

In fact, Dravid was happy about Pant's intent against left arm spinner Sean Williams but the execution was

wrong.
"Obviously, it didn't kind of work out today, but absolutely no -- I'm not bothered about that at all because I think he took the right

"His role was to take on the leftarm spinner which was there, and sometimes it comes off and sometimes it doesn't."

Pant being a left hander also gives the team variations among specialist batters.

"Sometimes it gives us the opportunity, as well, to play Rishabh, keeping obviously this game in mind as well but just keeping the future in mind, just opening up our

"I think everyone is available for selection; just because somebody missed out on this game doesn't mean that we can't go back to him and we can't decide on -- we might go the same way. We might go a dif-



ferent way, as well," said Dravid trying to put his guard up on the potential change in the playing XI.

DRESS REHEARSAL

Dravid said that skipper Rohit Sharma intentionally took batting after winning toss as they wanted to defend looking at the semifinal in

"Couple of the things that we did want to achieve was to try and bat first if we got the opportunity.

"Obviously, we needed to win the toss for that. Just because, honestly we had bowled first against Pakistan when we came here, we just wanted to experience what it was to sort of set a score in these kind of condi-

He also wanted his batters to get full 20 overs of batting.

"Also, we felt that if we batted

first, it would give us an opportunity to play 20 overs and just get into that ability of still trying to get a par, par-plus score batting first."

PLACE FOR YUZI?

Dravid is not the one to give away playing eleven but said he would go into the game with an open mind considering shorter dimensions of the Adelaide Oval.

Asked about trying out Yuzvendra Chahal, Dravid said: "Like I said earlier, I think we have a completely open mind about everyone in our 15. We believe anybody who comes into the 15 will not potentially make us weaker, the kind of squad we've picked."

Dravid will take a call after seeing the Adelaide track as Bangladesh versus Pakistan saw spinners playing a major role.

"Again, we'll have to go there and see. I watched some of the games today and I know the tracks were slow and they gripped and they turned a bit

"We might be playing on a completely new strip in Adelaide, and the strip we played with against Bangladesh, to be honest, did not spin. It was, again, a different kind of wicket, and it was played at Adelaide, as well."

"Of course, if it's slow we'll play according to those situations. If we think it might play differently, then we'll have to put up a squad to match

Dharmasena, Reiffel named on-field umpires for India-Eng semis

PTI ■ DUBAI

The International Cricket Council on Monday announced the match officials for the semifinals of the T20 World Cup with Kumara Dharmasena and Paul Reiffel named the on-field umpires of the India versus England contest in Adelaide.

Chris Gaffaney will be the third umpire for the India-England game on November 10.

Marais Erasmus and Richard Illingworth will be the on-field umpires in the first semifinal between New Zealand and Pakistan in Sydney on November 9 with Richard Kettleborough being the third umpire.

The final will be played at the

MCG on November 13. Appointments for the 13 November final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground will be advised once the outcome of both semi-finals are known," said the ICC in a statement.

Malan doubtful for India semis

England batter Dawid Malan is doubtful starter for his side's T20 World Cup semifinal against India on Thursday after picking up an injury during the team's final Super 12 game.

Malan sustained a groin injury in England's four-wicket win over Sri Lanka on Saturday. The former world No. 1 T20I batter hobbled off the field during the Sri Lankan inpiger and did not return Lankan innings and did not return to bat in England's run chase.

Vice-captain Moeen Ali said Malan's injury doesn't look good. "He is a big player and has been for a number of years," Ali



"He has been one of our best players. I don't know but it (Malan's injury) doesn't look England, who finished second

in their Super 12 Group 1, will clash with Group 1 toppers India on Thursday. "It doesn't get bigger and

better than playing India anywhere in the world because of the crowds and they are such a big side and force in cricket," Ali

Phil Salt, the only spare batter in the squad, is the likely replacement if Malan does not take the

Everyone would love to see | Kohli named ICC player | I mastered scoop shot while playing India-Pak in final: Watson



PTI SYDNEY

¬he anticipation, drama, ■ energy and fan-involvement is completely different in an India-Pakistan game and the possibility of a dream T20 World Cup final between the two biggest rivals in cricket has got former Australia allrounder Shane Watson excited.

The Asian rivals have already clashed once in the much talked-about Group stage match of the ongoing tournament at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), where Virat Kohli conjured up one of the greatest T20 knocks

The close match had mil-

lions of fans glued to their TV sets while the ones who watched the heart-stopping action unfold before their eyes at the venue, considered themselves the luckiest.

Now that the two teams have reached the semifinal stage, albeit by taking contrasting routes, an India-Pakistan

title clash is being anticipated. India will clash with England on Thursday in Adelaide, a day after New Zealand take on Pakistan in

"Everyone would love to see Pakistan and India in the final," an excited Watson was quoted as saying by the official website of the event.

"I unfortunately missed that first (Super 12) game at the MCG, as I commentated the game previously between Australia and New Zealand."

Watson said he knows what he missed and would love to see a re-match.

"But from all reports, all the people that went along to that game said it was some-thing very special and the game was obviously an amazing game to watch on TV as well. They played in the T20 World Cup final in 2007 and everyone would love to see it again," he said. New Zealand look a settled

Pakistan have huffed and puffed to the semifinals.

However, Watson feels Pakistan will be a dangerous side in semifinals.

There are certain times in all tournaments where a team just falls across the line and somehow finds its way into the finals and then goes on to win it," Watson noted.

"Especially when they weren't expecting to make the semis because of the way they played at certain times throughout this tournament.

The freedom they are going to have after not expecting much in the middle of the tournament, so the freedom they are going to have is going to be very dangerous for the Kiwis," he said

of month for October



PTI DUBAI

Star batter Virat Kohli was on Monday named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for October following a series of stellar performances during India's charge to the T20 World Cup semifinals in Australia.

Pakistan's veteran allrounder Nida Dar won the honour in the women's category thanks to her sensational form in their Asia Cup campaign. Dar edged out the Indian duo of Jemimah Rodrigues and Deepti Sharma, who produced impressive displays in the same tournament which their side won.

Both Kohli and Dar were declared winners following a global vote conducted among

Hall of Famers, former international players and registered

Kohli won his first Player of the Month award after scoring 205 runs with the bat, showcasing the full array of his batting talent throughout October.

Apart from scoring a bril-Apart from scoring a brilliant half-century against Netherlands in Sydney, he produced an unforgettable innings in the stunning victory over Pakistan in front of a capacity crowd at the MCG to kick off their campaign in style.

The India talisman secured ed for the first time, edging out a competitive field which included South African finisher David Miller and the inform Sikandar Raza of Zimbabwe, who both enjoyed key contributions at the T20 World Cup in Australia.

"It is a great honour for me to have been voted the ICC Men's Player of the Month for October. Being chosen as the standout player by fans across the globe as well as the panel makes this accolade even more special for me," Kohli said in an ICC release. "I want to pay tribute to the other nominees who performed so well during the month and also to my teammates, who continue to support me to perform to the best of my

rubber-ball cricket: Suryakumar

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Suryakumar Yadav's outra-geous scoop shot off Zimbabwe pacer Richard Ngarava became a talking point in the T20 World Cup and the attacking Indian batter says he achieved mastery over the unorthodox stroke after years of practice with rubber ball.

Suryakumar mesemerised the 82,000-strong MCG crowd with his stroke-making ability on Sunday. His unbeaten 61-run knock off just 25 balls powered

India to an imposing 186 for 5. The 32-year-old struck four that breathtaking knock.

One shot that stood out was from the last ball of the Zimbabwe innings. Going down on one knee, Suryakumar picked up a Richard Ngarava full toss from outside the off stump and scooped it on the right of fine leg for an unthinkable six.

The audacious shot became instant hit with the likes of Ravi Shastri and legendary batter

Sunil Gavaskar lauding it. You got to understand what the bowler is going to bowl at that time, which is a little predetermined at that moment. I have practiced that stroke a lot when I used to play rubber-ball cricket," Survakumar, the world number one T20 batter, said on Star Sports show 'Follow the



"So, you got to be thinking what the bowler is thinking at that time and if the field is in, I just back myself to go there. You got to know how long the boundary behind is. When I stand there, I feel it's just 60-65 meters and with the pace of the ball I just try and time it, take it on the sweet spot of the bat and if it hits, it just goes out there."

While scoring his half-century, Suryakumar went past 1000 runs in T20 Internationals in 2022.

The 32-year-old is the first Indian to achieve the feat and only the second player to do so. Pakistan opener Mohammad Rizwan had finished with 1326

runs last year. Suryakumar also spoke about how he handles pressure

'When I go into bat, I just I ust try and look for a few ooundaries or even if I don't get that, I just try and run as hard as possible between wickets. If you have to bat with Virat bhai then you have to run hard as

"I try and do that, hit it in the gaps and run hard. But I know what strokes I need to play at that time. I try and play lot of percentage cricket. My strokes are sweeps, over cover, and cuts, if I am succeeding in that, I just take the game ahead from there.'

Kohli's straight six off Rauf will go down as one of most remembered shots in T20 WC history: Ponting

PTI MELBOURNE

Virat Kohli's sensational straight six off a super quick Haris Rauf delivery will go down as one of the best shots played in T20 World Cup history, reckons Australian legend Ricky Ponting.

The special six in extreme pressure was followed by a flick over fine leg, reducing the equation to 16 off the final over in one of the most memorable Indo-Pak contests ever.

With Kohli staying unbeaten on a magical 83 at the other end, R Ashwin hit the winning runs off the final ball, as India pulled off a win for the

The two sixes from Kohli has already become part of cricketing forklore and Ponting, too, looked back fondly at those outrageous strokes, especially the first one.

"I'm not sure what all the fuss is about," Ponting said in his inimitable style before rav-

"It's going to go down as one of the most remembered and talked about shots probably in - I won't say white-ball cricket history - but certainly T20 World Cup history," he told the T20 World Cup web-

Babar Azam was forced to bowl left-arm spinner Mohammad Nawaz in the 20th over after Rauf, Naseem Shah and Shaheen Afridi finished their quota. Kohli himself had admitted that he had to find those two sixes off Rauf to keep his team in the game.

"They would have known, having done the calculations, that it was going to have to be the spinner that was going to bowl the last over. That just goes to show how important the last two balls of the 19th over were," said Ponting.

"They had to get boundaries on those two or the game was done. What had sort of happened in the over previous



as well, Virat was setting up for something that was going to be

"You're setting up something for that full, that he could smack back down the ground off the front foot.

through his swing and then the length is not there, and he was good enough to hold his shape and find the middle and hit it far enough to get it not just over the fence," he said referring to

Ponting, who is third in the

all time run getters list behind only Sachin Tendulkar and Kumar Sangakkara, said on a lighter note that he never attempted what Kohli execut-

"I didn't do it," Ponting said with a laugh. "I mean, it wasn't on the

back foot, it was just a backfoot length ball. He sort of loaded up, his footwork was quite neutral when he hit it."

Ponting feels Kohli's supreme fitness also allowed him to attempt that stroke.

'He stood up on top of the bounce of the ball, and there's a certain degree of skill involved in that but you've got to look at the strength involved in a shot like that as well.

"All that strength came through his core. You've got a steady base and the power to create and play that shot from there, comes through your core. We've seen him with his cricket gear off, he's pretty fit.

'There's a lot of other players that just wouldn't have been strong enough through their core to do something like that but he's one of the guys that can," he concluded.

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Gunathilaka denied bail, SLC

PTI ■ SYDNEY/COLOMBO

Cri Lanka's Danushka **S**Gunathilaka was on Monday denied bail by a local court in Sydney after being charged with sexual assault of a woman while his country's cricket board suspended him from all forms of the game with immediate effect.

31-year-old Gunathilaka, who was arrested in the wee hours of Sunday ahead of the Sri Lankan team's departure from Australia, attended the hearing via video link in Downing Centre Local Court from Surry Hills cells.

Gunathilaka was handcuffed and wearing a grey Tshirt and blue jeans during his virtual attendance at the hearing, according to a report in 'Sydney Morning Herald.

His lawyer Ananda Amaranath made a bail application during the "closed court" hearing and magistrate Robert Williams refused it.

"Certainly, we are consider-

Supreme Court and that will be done as soon as possible," Amaranth was quoted as saying in the report. The Sri Lankan team had

left Australia without Gunathilaka after being eliminated from the T20 World Cup on Saturday. Amaranath said he under-

stood "some team officials remained in the country". In Colombo, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), which has been instructed by the country's gov-

ernment to launch an enquiry into the incident, suspended The Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC)

decided to suspend national player Danushka Gunathilaka from all forms of cricket with immediate effect and will not consider him for any selection after being informed that Mr. Gunathilaka was arrested and charged with sexual assault of a woman in Australia," the board said in a statement.