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'One nation, one uniform' for police, exhorts Modi

PM stresses importance of smart law & order system in 5G era

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday pitched for a "One Nation, One Uniform policy for the police across India for a "common identity to law enforcement personnel"; called for uprooting both guntoting and pen-wielding (urban) Naxals, and stressed the importance of a smart law and order system in this 5G era where "we need to be 10 steps ahead of the crime world".

He was addressing the Annual Home Ministers Conference in Surajkund on the concluding day through video conferencing.

"The One Nation, One Uniform for police is just an idea. I am not trying to impose it on you. Just give it a thought. It may happen, it may happen in 5, 50, or 100 years. But let's give it a thought," Modi said.

He said this will not only ensure the manufacture of quality products because they will be used on a large scale but also will give a common identity to law enforcement personnel as people will recognise them anywhere in the country States can have their number or

insignia, he added. Addressing the "Chintan



In this combo photo, (L-R, from top row clockwise) State Police uniforms of Delhi Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Puducherry

forces that are increasing their intellectual sphere to push the youth towards extremism and pervert the minds of coming

"Every form of Naxalism, be it the one with guns or the one with pens, have to be uprooted to prevent them from

Shivir", Modi also warned of misleading the youth of the country," he said. Modi said for the sake of the unity and integrity of the nation and with the inspiration of Sardar Patel "we cannot allow any such forces to flourish in our country". He said such forces get sig-

nificant help internationally.

Known for his thrust on

technology, the PM said 5G, along with its benefits, brings the need for a heightened alert and requested the Chief Ministers and Home Ministers to assess the need for technology, going beyond the constraints of budget as technology will percolate the confidence

of security among citizens.
"We need to think about a common platform for technology that can be shared by all. Best practices of one State can be shared with others," he said, adding smart technology should be adopted for a smarter law and order system. Touching upon the issue of fake news Modi said fact-check of such news is a must and technology plays a big role in it. "People must be made aware of mechanisms to verify messages before forwarding them."

The PM said it is "very important" to maintain a good perception of police and the "wrongs here" should be addressed and pointed to the growing identity of NDRF and SDRF during times of natural calamities. "Similarly, the arrival of police at the spot of a crime is taken as the arrival of the government. The police's reputation got a boost during the Corona period," he said.

Modi asked police to assess their vehicles in light of the new scrappage policy. "Police vehicles should never be old as it is related to their efficiency".

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Shyok Setu, 74 projects in Ladakh boost LAC infra

Lack of infra for decades aided terrorism: Rajnath

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday inaugurated 75 infrastructure projects built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) to ramp up the road infrastructure near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh. The ₹2,180-crore projects include the 120-metre long Class 70 Shyok Setu along the all-weather Darbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldie (D-S-DBO) Road at an altitude of 14,000 feet.

In all, the 45 bridges, 27 roads, two helipads and one Carbon Neutral Habitat are spread across six States and two Union Territories (UTs). While 20 of these projects are in Iammu & Kashmir, 18 each are in Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh; five in Uttarakhand and 14 in other border States of Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh Punjab and Rajasthan.

Lack of infrastructure development in Jammu & Kashmir for decades post Independence was one of the reasons behind the rise of terrorism in the UT, Rajnath said.

Appreciating the grit and determination of BRO for achieving the feat despite challenging weather conditions, the Defence Minister pointed out that the projects will bolster the country's defence preparedness and ensure eco-



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurating Class 70 Shyok Setu, at an altitude 14,000 feet, on D-S-DBO Road in Ladakh on Friday

nomic development of border

Rajnath said the bridge will be of strategic importance as it will facilitate logistics movement of the armed forces. On the occasion, the Defence Minister virtually inaugurated two helipads, one each in Hanle and Thakung in Eastern Ladakh in order to enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Air Force amid prolonged standoff with China.

The BRO's first Carbon Neutral Habitat at a height of 19,000 feet for its personnel was also inaugurated at Hanle. It is BRO's effort towards contributing to Ladakh's resolve of becoming the country's first Carbon Neutral UT.

The key features of this complex include accommodation of 57 personnel and thermal comfort during extreme weather. It will enable BRO to operate efficiently during large parts of winters.

tant projects have been constructed at a total cost of ₹2,180 crore by the BRO in record time, many of which have been completed in a single working season using state-of-the-art technology Speaking on the occasion,

Rainath reaffirmed the Government's commitment to ensure the progress of farflung areas to fulfil the security needs of the country, stressing that infrastructure development, along with the valour of the armed forces, was the main reason that helped India to effectively deal with the recent situation in the northern sector. He termed the new 75 projects as a testament to that resolve and said that these bridges, roads & helipads will facilitate military and civil transport in far-flung areas of the western, northern and north-eastern parts of the country, forming a part of the development chain.

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APPELLATE FRAMED

New Delhi: The Government on Friday notified rules under which it will set up appellate nanels to redress grievances that users may have against decisions of social media nlatforms like Twitter and Facebook on hosting contentious content. The three member Grievance Appellate Committee(s) will be set in three months, a gazette notification issued by MeitY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) said

AS ENGINE CATCHES FIRE

New Delhi: A Bengaluru-bound IndiGo aircraft aborted take off at the Delhi airport after one of its engines caught fire. The flight was carrying 177 passengers and 7 crew members

NEELPAWAN BARUAH DIES

artist Neelpawan Baruah died on Friday at the Gauhati Medical College Hospital following a prolonged illness. He was 84 His wife, eminent singer and Padma Shri awardee Dipali Borthakur, had predeceased him. Baruah was admitted to the hospital on September 22 due to old age related ailments.

ON MARCH FOR POLLS

Lahore: Pakistan was tense or Friday as hundreds of supporters of Imran Khan's party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) gathered in Lahore as the ex-PM was all set to launch his protest march towards Islamabad to force the Government to announce a date for early general elections.

Auto, taxi rides to get dearer by interests against terror: India 22% in Capital

The auto and taxi rides in Delhi will become costlier in the days to come as the Arvind Keiriwal Government on Friday decided to hike the minimum fare by approving the Fare Fixation Committee's report in view of rising CNG prices in the national Capital.

According to the revised fares, the meter down charge (minimum fare) for the initial 1.5 kilometre for auto-rickshaws has been increased from ₹25 to ₹30, while the per kilometre charge after meter down has been hiked from ₹9.50 to ₹11. For taxis, the per kilometre charge after meter down has been hiked from ₹14 to ₹17 for non-AC vehicles and from ₹16 to ₹20 for AC vehicles.

The extra luggage charges is also increased by 25 per cent which is ₹10 from ₹7.5.

The night charges which starts from 11 pm to 5 am remains unchanged — 25 per



cent extra on fare. While the

The night charges for the taxi's is still the same 25 per

waiting charges will also the same ₹0.75 per minute.

The fare of non-AC and

AC taxi's in Delhi for the initial 1 km has also been increased to ₹40, which is hiked by ₹15. The waiting charges after 15 minutes have also been revised from ₹0.30 to ₹1 per minute for both non-AC and AC taxis. Extra luggage charges have also been increased to ₹15 from ₹10.

26/11 attacks plotters remain unpunished,

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rues Jaishankar

Mincing no words about his anguish over the lack of adequate efforts to counter international terrorism, India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday said that the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) "has regrettably been unable to act in some cases because of political considerations", a fact "undermined" the member-nations collective credibility and collective interests.

In his inaugural address at an informal briefing of the Counter Terrorism Committee of the UNSC on combating terrorism financing in local and regional contexts here, Jaishankar said, "In another cent more than the day charges. month, we will be observing Continued on Page 2 the 14th anniversary of these



For a few, UNSC mars collective

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with UNSC delegates before a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee

ghastly attacks on Mumbai in November 2008. While one of the terrorists was captured alive, prosecuted, and convicted by the highest court in India, the key conspirators and planners of the 26/11 attacks continue to remain protected and unpunished."

"When it comes to proscribing some of these terrorists, the Security Council has regrettably been unable to act in some cases because of political considerations. This undermines our collective credibility and our collective interests," the Indian Foreign Minister said.

Speaking in the presence of UNSC's President Michael Moussa Adamo, who is also the

Foreign Minister of Gabon, UN Under-Secretary-General Counter-Terrorism Jaishankar quoted the UN Secretary General as saying, Terrorism is pure evil, one with which we can never com-

promise", to drive home his point that international terrorism had to be countered sternly. Terrorism may have plagued several regions of the world. We, in India, understand its cost more than others. But with that experience comes the steeling of national resolve. Decades of cross-border terror has not and will not weaken our commitment to fight back," the Indian External Affairs

Minister said. "Our real tribute to the victims will be to rededicate ourselves to combating and eliminating the menace of terrorism. We will have to do this through stronger determination and joint action. We must rise above our political differences to address this scourge,"

Modi true patriot for foreign policy that serves India: Putin

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin has heaped lavish praise upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and said he is a "true patriot". The Prime Minister also earned kudos for following an independent foreign policy in the interest of India.

These remarks by the Russian President late on Thursday came against the backdrop of New Delhi, so far, refraining from condemning military action in Ukraine and Modi urging Putin last month on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Uzbekistan that "today's era is not of war".

The Prime Minister has all along favoured dialogue and diplomacy to resolve the current conflict. Both the leaders are likely to meet again next Continued on Page 2 | month on the sideline of the G-



20 summit in Bali, Indonesia. Moreover, Modi is likely to travel to Russia late this month or early next month for a summit with Putin. External Affairs S Jaishankar will visit Moscow on November 8 to hold talks with Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and prepare the groundwork for the Prime Minister's visit.

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GM mustard 'dangerous', ban it, SJM urges Centre

PNS NEW DELHI

The RSS-affiliated Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM) on Friday accused the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) of functioning in an "irresponsible fashion" and opposed its recommendation for the environmental release of Genetically Modified (GM) mustard, calling it "danger

In a letter to Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, it urged the Centre to ensure that the crop's seed is not allowed to be planted "now or ever".

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Modi, Sunak to meet on sidelines of G-20 summit

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Following their first tele-phonic interaction on Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Britain counterpart Rishi Sunak will meet in person on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia, mid-November.

In their talks, Modi had emphasised the need for an early conclusion of the proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two sides. It was expected to be firmed up bv Diwali but some stumbling blocks have delayed it.

The issue of FTA may come up during talks here on Saturday between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his UK counterpart James Cleverly. He arrived in Mumbai



New Delhi the next day. Both the Ministers will discuss strengthening UK-India rela-Data localisation and UK

companies being allowed to bid for Indian Government contracts are among the issues causing a possible deadlock in the final stages of the India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations towards a Diwali draft completion deadline, reports suggested.

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Twitter's new owner Musk fires CEO Parag

PTI ■ NEW YORK

The bird is freed," billionaire Elon Musk tweeted on Friday after completing the whopping USD 44 billion takeover of Twitter and firm the social media giant's four top executives, including CEÔ Parag Agrawal and legal executive Vijaya Gadde.

The New York Times said that Musk, the world's richest man, closed the deal to buy Twitter on Thursday. "The bird is freed," Musk,

51, tweeted after closing the Citing people with knowledge of the situation, the report said that Musk "has started cleaning house at Twitter with

the firings of at least four top

The Twitter executives who were fired include Agrawal, Gadde, Chief Financial Officer Ned Segal and General Counsel Sean Edgett. "At least one of the execu-

tives who was fired was escorted out of Twitter's office," the report said. The deal's closing removes a cloud of uncertainty that has

hung over Twitter's business, employees and shareholders for much of the year, the CNN commented. After initially agreeing to buy the company in April,

Musk spent months attempting to get out of the deal, first citing concerns about the number of bots on the platform and later allegations raised by a company whistleblower. Continued on Page 2

Azam disqualified from UP Assembly after 3-yr jail term

The Samajwadi Party MLA from Rampur, Mohammad Azam Khan, who was sentenced to three years in prison along with a fine of ₹25,000 in a 2019 hate speech case by Rampur district court on Thursday, has been disqualified from the membership of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly.
The UP Assembly secre-

tariat on Friday issued the notification disqualifying Khan from the membership of the House and declaring the Rampur Assembly seat represented by him as vacant. Thursday. The UP Assembly secre-



disqualifying Khan as MLA and declaring the Rampur Assembly seat, represented by Khan, as vacant, following the receipt of certified copy of the judgment delivered by the Rampur district court on

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Dry day on **Chhath puja** on Sunday STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has

declared Chhath puja (October 30) as a 'dry day' in the Capital and also wrote to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal asking him to deal with the issue of toxic froth in the Yamuna before the festival. This is the first time a dry day will be observed on Chhath Puja. The BJP and Congress had

demanded that Chhath Puja day should be declared a dry BJP's Delhi chief Adesh Gupta said the BJP had written

to Kejriwal to declare a dry day on Chhath Puja to "maintain the sanctity of Delhi and the

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EVENT HELD IN DELHI TO MARK CULMINATION OF INOPOL



New Delhi: An event was held in the national Capital to mark the culmination of The India-Norway cooperation project on capacity building for reducing plastic and chemical pollution in India (INOPOL) and to disseminate its findings. The INOPOL project was a part of India-Norway Joint Marine Pollution Initiative and it involved partnership of key Indian and Norwegian organisations working in the sustainability space to explore various dimensions of plastic and chemical pollution in India, with particular focus on Guiarat and to jointly develop a holistic action plan for its mitigation Ambassador of Norway to India Hans Jacob Frydenlund, Bharat Lal, Director General, National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) and experts from Indian and Norwegian research organisations released report on "Plastic Waste Management Strategy for Gujarat" and "Action Plan for Reducing Persistent Organic Pollutants in Gujarat." Speaking on the occasion MGC Founder Girija Bharat said that it is scientific knowledge which informs policy and several recommendations from the INOPOL project can strengthen the link between, science, policy and society for the larger good.

FILM FESTIVAL TO MARK 70TH ANNIV OF INDO-JAPAN TIES New Delhi: To celebrate the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and India, The Japan Foundation, in association with the Embassy of Japan in India and PVR Cinemas (Venue Partner), are all set to hold Film Festival across Delhi (Nov 4-6), Mumbai (Nov 11-13), Chennai (Nov 25-27) and Bengaluru (Dec 9-11), showcasing films by world fame filmmaker Makoto Shinkai and rock dance performance by famous Japanese rock band 'The World of RADWIMPS.' Koji Sato, Director General of Japan Foundation said, "India-Japan ties go back to the 6th century. In this memorable year of friendship, we are bringing India a true slice of Japanese entertainment; helping friends make happy moments and memories across the country

MAN ARRESTED FOR RAMMING CAR INTO 3 PEOPLE

New Delhi: A 32-year-old man was arrested for allegedly driving his car into three people in north Delhi's Alipur area and sending them to hospital, police said on Friday. According to police, the man's car had touched a bike which led to an argument between him and the other driver

45-YR-OLD DOMESTIC HELP SHOT DEAD IN WAZIRPUR

New Delhi: A 45-year-old domestic help was shot dead in north Delhi's Wazirpur area on Friday, police said. Police were informed around 1.10 pm about the murder of a woman. After reaching the third floor of a house in JJ colony, Wazirpur, police found the woman lying there with gunshot injuries, Deputy Commissioner of Police (northwest) Usha Rangnani said.

GAUTAM CLAIMS HE RECIEVED DEATH THREATS

New Delhi: Former Delhi minister Rajendra Pal Gautam, who had courted controversy over his comments on Hindu deities, on Friday claimed of receiving death threats from some godmen. He said he has lodged a complaint with the police and also written to President Droupadi Murmu and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in this regard.

Rules framed for social media appellate panels

 \mathbf{I}^{f} you are not satisfied with the action or decision taken by the grievances redressal committees of social media companies, you can now appeal against it. The Government on Friday brought new Rules for the formation of Grievance Appellate Committees. As per the notification, those who are not satisfied with the decisions of the grievance committees of social media firms like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp can approach the Governmentappointed Grievance Appellate Committees which will take a decision in 30 days, which is binding on the social media platforms.

"Every order passed by the Appellate



with the intermediary (social media firms) and a report to that effect shall be uploaded on its website," said the notification, adding that any appeal has to be settled within 30 days. The appeal also has to filed

in 30 days by the aggrieved person who is not agreeing to the decisions of the grievance officer of the social media company. "While dealing with the appeal if the Grievance Appellate Committee feels necessary, it may seek assistance from any person having requisite qualification, experience

matter," said the notification. The new Rules are called the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2022 and come into force immediately.

The new Rules also say the

social media frims through their grievance officers must acknowledge a complaint within 24 hours and resolve within a period of 15 days. If the complaint is on very serious nature matter (listed six specific categories) the social media firms must act expeditiously and shall be resolved in 72 hours, says the notification. The six issues are related to heinous crimes including against women and child, posts against the integrity and sovereignty, security of the country, public order etc.

165-year-old Katra Gateway collapses in Chandni Chowk

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portion of the 165-year-old A portion of the 103-year of the Katra Neel Gateway in Old Delhi's Chandni Chowk area collapsed on Friday morning, according to members of the Resident Welfare Association. No casualty was reported as shops in the area had not opened by then, they said. The top part of the unprotected heritage structure, built in 1857, caved in at around 9.30 am.

Anil Pershad, vice president of the Resident Welfare Association (Katra Neel) told PTI that police and fire brigade have barricaded the area and no entry is allowed. Pershad's ancestral house, "Chunnamal haveli", is located adjacent to the Katra Neel Gateway.

"As the shops in the Chandni Chowk market open around 11 am, no one was present at the spot when the incident happened," Pershad said.



According to the National Mission on Monuments and Antiques, the gateway having two bay arch openings is made of red sandstone and appears as a conventional form of structure that was popular in the later Mughal period.

Following the incident, Alishah Ali, heritage professional and assistant curator at the upcoming Dara Shikoh Library museum, called for regular checks of similar buildings in Old Delhi.

This is another example of absence of the concept of

'Urban Heritage', its preserva tion and a system for regular checks of the cultural heritage health status. Constant construction activities are taking place in Old Delhi, there is a mall coming up in Delhi advertised in the name of proximity with 'heritage'," Ali said.

"In the last few years, we have witnessed dilapidation of multiple havelis, dome of Masjid Mubarak Begum and various sites of concern. An aware community intervention with government support is needed," she added.

DU issues norms asking colleges not to host events without police permission

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{he\ Delhi\ University\ (DU)}_{on\ Friday\ issued\ guide-}$ lines to its colleges, asking them not to host any event without proper police permission and allow no one without registration. This development comes days after a ruckus rocked a fest in DU's Miranda

On October 14, several men were seen climbing the college walls and gates to witness an open Diwali fest on the campus and indulged in "catcalling and sexist sloganeering".

In the light of an advisory received from the Police Department, the following



guidelines are issued to all the Colleges and the Departments of Delhi University. No eent without proper permission of police should be organized or in case of emergency or lack of time at least one-day prior intimation should be given to the Police Station, Maurice Nagar," the university said.

If events or fests be organised then only the entry of a few College or Department students be allowed. It should not be opened to all. Entry should be allowed only after the registration for the event with the ID of the College," the varsity said.

The university has also asked the colleges to take necessary permission from other departments like, fire, and electricity may kindly be obtained. "Deployment of volunteers is also required at the time of events. Hence, a number of volunteers may also be intimated to the police," the varsity said.

"If any of the above guidelines is committed then the concerned college, the department is solely responsible for any untoward incident that happened during any event organized by the concerned College/Department," it added. Delhi University's

Miranda House has also formed a sub-committee to revisit the procedures of holding events and provided an emergency Standard Operating Procedure (SoP), prohibiting open events without prior registrations.

În a notice on October 17, College principal B Nanda said the college has taken "serious note" of Friday's unprecedented incident that was organised by the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of

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Modi also urged the State Governments to review old laws and amend them to the current context as he batted for coordinated action by all the agencies to meet the emerging challenges of law and order and security.

He said the good old system of generating human intelligence by the police and security agencies should be strengthened for achieving better results. Referring to the ongoing 'Amrit Kaal', the Prime Minister said an 'Amrit' generation will emerge carrying the essence of the 'Panch Pran'. "The Panch Pran' must be the

guiding force for good governance," he said.

He also talked about the decriminalisation of many things in company law as a step in this direction and asked the States to also evaluate and get rid of outdated rules and laws. Modi said the laws enacted by the central government aim to strongly handle corruption, terrorism and hawala. "Laws like UAPA have given strength to the system in a decisive battle against terrorism," he said. The Prime Minister also advocated the need to think about developing special capabilities for

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A statement issued by 10, Downing Street after the telephonic talks said Sunak spoke to Modi, this afternoon.

Modi conveyed his best wishes on the Prime Minister's

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Date: October 29, 2022

appointment on behalf of 1.6 ever closer ties between our two countries. Discussing billion Indians. The Prime shared global challenges, the Minister said he was a visual Prime Minister praised Modi's leadership on tackling climate change and the leaders wellinks between the UK and India, and intended to build on comed opportunities to bolster our security, defence and eco-

> nomic partnership. The Prime Minister hoped the UK and India could continue to make good progress in negotiations to finalise a comprehensive Free Trade

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TENDER NOTICE (2nd Call)

Sealed tenders for Addition and Alteration work at Commercial Space Kidwai Nagar, Block-3, First Floor (Plate-A), East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi are invited with two bid system (Technical bid & Financial bid) through e-Tendering website www.mptenders.gov.in or www.mpbhawan.gov.in in the prescribed proforma from registered contractors in CPWD/State PWD/ DDA/NDMC/MCD and reputed firms

Particular	Date/ Time		
Pre-bid conference date	04.11.2022 at 03:00 PM		
Last date and time of submission of Technical and Financial Bid	16.11.2022 upto 3.00 PM		
Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid	17.11.2022 at 3.00 PM		
Date and Time of Opening of Financial Bid	25.11.2022 at 3.00 PM		
Probable cost of work	Rs. 73,48,000		
EMD	Rs. 1,47,000/-		
Cost of Tender Document	Rs. 1,000/-		
	Addl. Resident Commissioner		

The leaders also agreed to work together as two great democracies to strengthen the developing economies of the world, and looked forward to meeting in person at the G20 in Indonesia. After the talks, Modi tweeted "Glad to speak to Sunak today. Congratulated him on assuming charge as UK

He added, "We will work

Twitter's new

owner Musk

together to further strengthen our Comprehensive Strategic the importance of early conclusion of a comprehensive and balanced FTA.

From Page 1 fires CEO... From Page 1 Agrawal, 38, was appoint-

ed Twitter CEO in November last year after the social media site's co-founder Jack Dorsey had stepped down. An IIT Bombay and

Stanford alumnus, Agrawal had joined Twitter over a decade ago when there were fewer than 1,000 employees at the company.

"Agrawal, who was appointed Twitter's chief executive last year, had clashed" with Musk "publicly and privately in recent months about the takeover," the NYT report said. Musk also "singled out" Gadde, 48, "criticising her for her role in content moderation decisions at the company", it

As the Twitter account of former US President Donald Trump was permanently suspended in January last year, Hyderabad-born Gadde was at the forefront of this dramatic decision undertaken within days of the attempted insurrection by pro-Trump supporters at the US Capitol.

Twitter co-founder Biz Stone thanked Agrawal, Segal and Gadde for their "massive contribution" to the business.

"Thank you to @paraga @vijaya, and @nedsegal for the collective contribution to Twitter. Massive talents, all, and beautiful humans each!" Stone tweeted.

Auto, taxi rides to...

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The last revision in the auto-rickshaw fares happened in 2020 while that for taxi which includes black-and-yellow taxi, economy taxi and premium taxi happened nine vears back in 2013.

Giving details, Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said he had received many representations from the auto-rickshaw and taxi associations and unions on the issue of hike in fares. Earlier,

demands from the unions over the past few years. The committee consisting of transport department officials, representatives of auto and taxi unions and commuters as members, submitted its report to the government in May this

Criticing the Kejriwal Government over this move, Rajendra Soni, president, Delhi Auto Rickshaw Sang, said they have been demanding the subsidy in the Compressed Government has formed a the city Government has put all committee to consider fare the pressure on the commuters revision following continuous of the national Capital.

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Shyok setu, 74 projects in

He described connectivity with border areas as one of the focus areas of the Government for the holistic development of the nation. "BRO has a crucial role in achieving this objec-

tive," Singh said.

Singh also laid the foundation stones of Himank Air Despatch Complex being constructed in Chandigarh and a BRO Museum at Leh. With the onset of winter, once the snowfall, BRO extensively utilises air effort for movement of men, machinery and

material to far-flung areas. The existing Air Despatch sub unit located at Chandigarh is being upgraded for providing comfort to transiting troops and to ensure efficient and uninterrupted delivery of essential stores and equipment for execution of works on ground. The BRO will be undertaking the construction of the new Complex at Chandigarh by incorporating the latest 3D completed, the building will boast of being the world's

largest 3D Printed Complex.

For a few, UNSC mars collective...

"The battle against terrorism must be fought resolutely at all fronts, all situations and all places. We cannot be found wanting in our efforts. As the UN Secretary General stated, "Terrorism is pure evil, one with which we can never compromise'," the Indian Foreign Minister said.

Contending that a kev

aspect of combating terrorism was to effectively curb terror financing, Jaishankar said, "We all know that money is the lifeblood of terrorism. Terrorist organisations require funds and resources to maintain their organisational functions and undertake activities. The reality that terrorism continues to exist and expand points to an underlying truth: that terrorism

continues to get the necessary financial resources to thrive." Maintaining that effective and sustained efforts at countering terror financing was at the heart of the issue of countering terrorism, he said: "Normative efforts at the UN need to be coordinated through collaboration with other for like the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the Egmont Group"

"We need to ensure the effective and transparent functioning of the Security Council sanctions regime and make sure that they are not rendered ineffective for political reasons. Objective and evidence based proposals for listing of terrorist groups, especially those that curb their access to financial resources must be seen

Modi true patriot for foreign policy...

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Addressing a plenary session of the Valdai International Discussion Club, a Moscowbased think tank, Putin also noted that Russia has special ties with India and they have always supported each other and will remain so in the future. Both the countries will continue to co-operate in the military and technical areas, he

"We have special ties with India that are built on the foundation of really close allied relations for decades. We never had any outstanding issues with India, we have always supported each other and I'm positive that's how it will remain in the future as well," Russian state media RT quoted Putin as saying.

"PM Modi is one of those individuals in the world who is able to pursue an independent foreign policy in the interest of his country, and his people

without any attempts to stop him," said Putin.

Tracing India' progress, he said it has walked a great development path from being a British colony to its modern state and this has yielded significant results for the country's almost 1.5 billion people.

"It (India) attracts general respect from everyone in the world. A lot has been done in recent years under Modi's leadership. He is a true patriot of his country. And this concept of his, 'Make in India', is a significant effort. (India) really has progressed in its development. A great future lies ahead of it," Putin said, according to a translation of his remarks by the Russian Embassy in India.

"(India) is not only the largest democracy, in a good sense of this word, but it should be proud of its growth rate. that's the basis of its progress and development," Putin added.

Azam disqualified from UP Assembly after 3-yr jail...

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The secretariat has sent the notification to the Election Commission of India for further action to be taken by the poll panel, said an official of the UP Assembly secretariat. The disqualification of the elected members of the legislature is done under Article 102 and Article 191 of the Constitution for MPs and MLAs, respectively.

Sources said even if the conviction order of Rampur district court was stayed by the Allahabad High Court, it would bring no relief to Khan as there was no escape from disqualification after conviction. The only relief possible for Khan is that he can contest the by-election from Rampur Assembly constituency if the conviction order is stayed by the

Allahabad High Court. The Rampur district court

has given seven days' time to Khan to file an appeal in the Allahabad High Court. Citing the Supreme Court judgement of 2013 in Lily Thomas vs. Union of India case (along with Lok Prahari vs. Union of India), sources said, "The Supreme Court of India, in its judgment dated July 10, 2013, while disposing of the Lily Thomas vs. Union of India case, ruled that any member of Parliament, member of Legislative Assembly or member of legislative council who is convicted of a crime and given a minimum of two years' imprisonment, loses membership of the House with immediate effect."

This is in contrast to the earlier position, wherein convicted members held on to their seats until they exhausted all judicial remedies in lower, higher courts and the Supreme Court of India.

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L-G asks CM to deal with froth in Yamuna before Chhath puja

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Taking congnizance of foam formation at certain places in the Yamuna River, Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) VK Saxena wrote to Arvind Kejriwal asking him to deal with the issue of froth in the river before the festival on Sunday. In a letter, the L-G said that this was a matter of grave concern and if left unattended it may prove to be injurious to devotees and directed the Chief Minister to resolve it urgently.

The L-G, stated that Chhath Puja is one of the biggest festivals associated with the spiritual, cultural and religious faith of millions of people. It involves large number of devotees gathering at water bodies such as ponds, rivers, reservoirs and lakes across Delhi to worship the rising and setting sun.

According to reports, the Delhi Government has built around 1,100 ghats for Chhath Puja across the city.

Saxena said that the people in lakhs would be gearing up for celebrating the festival of Chhath across Delhi after two years of restrictions imposed on festivities due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The L-G said that more than 840 sites have been identified and designated for this purpose by the departments concerned. Anticipating large gatherings this year and keeping in mind the zeal and fervour with which the festival is celebrated, it becomes imperative on part of the administration to leave no stone unturned in the unfettered organization the festival at all designated Chhath Puja Ghats, with utmost professionalism.

Saxena said that it is the responsibility of the Government to ensure cleanliness at the Ghats before the festival, during and after the religious ceremony is also of paramount importance.

The L-G said that this is necessary that sufficient manpower and logistics must be put in place well before time at all sites. Simultaneously, relevant information in this regard along with messages creating awareness and urging people regard-

ing the same must be put in public domain. Saxena also said that this would facilitate the people and also ensure environment-friendly behaviour by way of prohibiting single use plastic, methodical disposal of waste at Ghats, waste collection measures etc. at places where offerings are to be made by the

The L-G also asked the Chief Minister to put requisite safety measures at all Ghats including marking of danger zone, barricading of deep waters to avoid any untoward incident, adequate lighting, deploying divers and rescue

Saxena also underlined some of the designated Ghats like Bhalswa lake, Wazirabad-Sonia Vihar, Badli, Bawana Industrial Area, Maidan Garhi, Kalindi Kunj, Budh Bazar-Uttam Nagar amongst others, where large congregation of devotees ranging from 10,000 to 4,00,00 is expected to be present. To facilitate the devotees, he said that proper planning for crowd management and securing law and order at all sites has already been discussed with Delhi Police.

The L-G informed that civic bodies in the city including NDMC, Municipal Corporation of Delhi MCD and Delhi Development Authority have also been directed to ensure cleanliness and make arrangements for other civic amenities under their jurisdiction in mission mode.



Heavy pollution and toxic foam seen in river Yamuna ahead of Chhath Puja near Kalindi Kunj in New Delhi on Friday

BJP leaders thank L-G for making Chhath dry day

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Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) VK Saxena on Friday declared Chhath Puja as a 'dry day' in the Capital. This is the first time a dry day will be observed on the occasion of Chhath Puja in the city.

The Opposition parties, both the BJP and the Congress, had demanded that Chhath Puja day should be declared a dry day. On Wednesday, the

Delhi Congress had also sought a public holiday to be declared on the occasion of Chhath Puja.

Following the announcement, BJP MP Manoj Tiwari said, "the L-G has taken the decision of declaring 'dry day' on Sunday as per Section 2 (35) of the Delhi Excise Act, 2009, on the occasion of Chhath Puja."

Gupta took to Twitter to thank the L-G for accepting his plea. "Thank you@LtGovDelhi Shri Vinay Saxena ji, for accepting the demand of Delhi BJP to declare "Chhath Mahaparv" as a dry day. This is the victory of all the brothers and sisters of Purvanchal. The BJP always stands for the public interest," he tweeted in Hindi.

According to reports, the Delhi Government has built around 1,100 ghats for Chhath Puja across the city.

BJP, AAP spar as Parvesh Verma misbehaves with DJB officer

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 $T^{
m he\ BJP}$ and the ruling AAP continued to spar over the cleaning of the Yamuna River on Friday, with BJP MP Parvesh Verma landing in a controversy after a video showed him using inappro-priate language while talking to an official of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

After this video, the AAP came down heavily on the BJP leaders who in a video were seen rebuking DJB officals for using a chemical to defoam the Yamuna, and alleged that the party was obstructing Chhath

In the video, Verma is heard asking a DJB official to take dip in the river and also calling him "besharam, ghatiya aadmi (shameless, horrible person)". "Tu yahan pe dubki laga chal. Yahan pe log ayenge dubki lagane, tu lagake dikha pehle. (People will come over here to take a dip in the river. You take a dip in the river.)," he said.

In the video, the official is also heard explaining that the chemical being put in the river is US FDA approved and is also cleared by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) for the use of clean-

ing the river. To this Verma retorts, Tere sar pe daal doon? (should I put this chemical on your

The video was shared by AAP MLA and DJB Vice-Chairman Saurabh Bharadwaj on Twitter. Verma is heard saying to the official that "aath saal me yaad aya ki ye approved hai. Yahan logon ko maar rahe ho tum, aath saal mein tum isko saaf nahin kar paaye. Isme dubki lagao. (After eight years, you have remembered now that it is approved? You are killing people here.

In eight years you could not clean it. Take a dip in the river now)," Verma is heard

In a subsequent tweet

posted by Bharadwaj, some men can be seen countering Verma and other BJP leaders who had accompanied him, saying they only want the Yamuna River to be cleaned and don't care about which party is getting that done. Delhi Government is preparing for Chhath Puja and BJP leaders are stopping work and misbehaving (with officials). The BJP wants Purvanchali brothers to suffer and festival to get spoiled," Bharadwaj said in a tweet in Hindi.

The AAP and the BJP have been targeting each other over the issue of Chhath Puja and pollution in the city river.



Gahlot visits Hathi Ghat to review Chhat preparations

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Delhi Revenue Minister Kailash Gahlot on Friday visited Hathi Ghat on the banks of the Yamuna near ITO to take stock of the preparations ahead of Chhath Puja. Chhath Puja, which involves the offering of 'arghya' to the Sun god by fasting women in knee-deep water, will be celebrated on October 30 and 31. The festival is hugely popular among Purvanchalis -- people

belonging to Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh -- living in Delhi. Issuing directions to expedite remaining works, Gahlot checked the sanitation, lighting, water supply arrangements and the digging of temporary ponds..

"I took stock of the preparations for Chhath Puja and all the arrangements are in place. All the government agencies and departments -- be it irrigation and flood control, Delhi Jal Board, PWD (Public Works

Department) -- all are working in coordination to ensure best arrangements," Gahlot told reporters after the visit. The District Magistrates

were advised to manage logistics in a manner that the Yamuna river bank is barricaded and artificial ponds are created in a proper way ensuring pollution-free celebration. In Delhi, the Revenue Department is the nodal department for the celebration of Chhath Puja in a safe,

Kejriwal again urges PM to print

Hindu deities' pictures on notes

secure and eco-friendly manner with full festivity.

The Revenue Department will make the necessary arrangements for tentage and electrical items such as tents, chairs, tables lighting, sound system, CCTV, LED screens, power backup and so on at all the 1100 Puja sites. Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Wednesday also gave his assent to holding Chhath Puja at designated ghats on the Yamuna.

'Red light on, Gadi off' campaign: L-G not giving time, accuses Rai

L-G has withheld the file of the 'Red Light On, Gadi Off' campaign on pretext of leave, says Gopal Rai

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war of words between the ADelhi Lieutenant Governor's office and the AAP Government over the "Red Light On, Gaadi Off" campaign continued for the second day on Friday, with the former accusing Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai of "lying' about the date of its launch and Rai questioning the Lieutenant-Governor's seriousness about the pollution issue.

Sources at Raj Niwas said that the minister did not speak the truth about the date of the rollout of the campaign and the AAP did so to coerce the Lt Governor into taking a deci-

Setting the stage for a fresh confrontation with Raj Niwas, Rai on Friday again held a press conference and accused the Lieutenant Governor of making excuses for not giving timely approval for the 'Red Light Ón, Gaadi Off' campaign and questioned his seriousness about the level of pollution in the national capital.

"AAP Minister Gopal Rai lied to the people of Delhi that the campaign of Red light on, Gadi off was to be launched on October 28. The file sent to Lieutenant Governor by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal clearly mentions the date of October 31 for the scheme to be rolled out," Sources at Raj Niwas

According to sources, the file was sent to the Raj Niwas on October 21, which was a Friday, after which the offices fully opened only on October 27 (Thursday), following the



weekend, a gazetteed holiday and a restricted holiday. "The files sent to the LG are not perfunctory in nature. They require proper consideration and application of mind," sources added. Addressing a press conference, Rai on Friday said, "Lieutenant Governor has withheld the file of the "Red Light On, Gadi Off" campaign on the pretext of leave.

The Lt Governor has made three excuses for not signing the file. The LG should Sign the file as soon as possible instead of making excuses. Fighting against pollution is the collective responsibility of all of

Talking about the difference in dates of the permission sought from the LG and the launch of campaign, Rai said earlier the plan was to launch the drive from October 31. "However, later when the forecasts predicted pollution to rise after Diwali, it was decided to launch it from October 28," he added.

Minister said that due to the suspension of the campaign by his government, a press note has been sent to the media today as a reply by the LG office giving three excuses for not signing the file.

The first excuse was that when the file from the Chief Minister's office came to his office on the 21st, there was a holiday for the whole week after that.

But I want to say that no Chief Minister, Minister, Governor remains on leave for a week. I myself inaugurated



150 mobile anti-smog guns outside Delhi Secretariat on 25th, the second day of Diwali". A review meeting of the Anti-Dust Campaign was held on 26th in which all the officers were present.

We chose to postpone the Red Light On Gadi Off campaign even after waiting until the 27th for the Lt. Governor's office to respond. By using the holidays to obscure a mistake, one is playing with Delhi's residents lives", he further added.

Earlier on Thursday, Rai on Thrusday did a press conference on Thursday when the "LG was out of office with prior commitments including dedication of waterfalls to the people of Delhi at Asola-Bhati and then at Rashtrapati Bhawan", he said.

Rai alleged that L-G had time for things like "writing meaningless letters to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal", but didn't have time to clear an environment-related campaign. The environ-The Delhi Enviroment ment minister claimed that despite repeated calls to L-G's office, Saxena hadn't respond-

The Delhi government first launched the "Red Light On, Gaadi Off" campaign on October 16, 2020.

According to the Petroleum Conservation Research Association's data, a person unnecessarily burns fuel for 25 to 30 minutes daily while waiting at traffic signals. If car engines are turned off when the traffic signal is red, vehicular pollution will be reduced by 15 to 20 per cent.

Capital becomes most polluted city in world

the Air Quality Index of the Capital stood at 231, which falls under the 'very unhealthy cat-

This is the fifth consecutive day, when the air quality in the national Capital continues to be in this category.

The 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 357 at 4 pm, improving from 365 at 4 pm on Thursday. The AQI in Anand Vihar (463) and Ashok Vihar (401) was recorded in the 'severe' category at 6:30 pm and NSIT Dwarka station reported the AQI of 400, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data showed. "Bawana- 410, DTU -405, Jahangir Puri- 424, Narela 424, Vivek Vihar - 421, Wazirpur – 414, and Shadipur - 410 also recorded the AQI in the 'severe' category," CPCB

stated. While Most of the sta-The national Capital on
Friday became the most 374, Burari Crossing - 380, IHBAS, Dilshad Garden - 322, Jawahar Lal Nehru stadium -. 347, Lodhi Road – 318, Mandir Marg – 227, Najafgarh – 336, Okhla Phase 2 – 370, Pusa-344, Rohini – 396, Ashok Vihar 388, Aya Nagar- 331, , CRRI Mathura Road - 353, Dwarka-Sector 8 - 367, ITO - 367, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium - 394, Mundka - 356, Nehru Nagar - 384, Patparganj -384, Punjabi Bagh

> Vihar - 393, , the CPCB data stated. The centre panel on air quality has issued closure orders to 24 industrial units in the NCR for grossly violating the air pollution-related statutes

> and guidelines since invoking

the first stage of its Graded

Response Action Plan (GRAP).

STAFF REPORTER NEWDELHI nelhi Chief Minister Arvind to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for including photos of Hindu Goddess Lakshmi and Hindu God Ganesha on currency notes in a letter, stressing that he has made an appeal "on behalf of 130 crore Indians". "It's a wish of 130 crore Indians that there should be a picture of Mahatma Gandhi on

one side of currency notes and the photos of Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi on the other side", Kejriwal said in the letter. "Tremendous support - 391, , Sirifort - 393, Sonia has been received on this issue. There is massive enthusiasm among the people and everyone wants this to be imple-

claimed.

The AAP convener said in the letter that Indian economy is passing through a very bad phase and India and is listed

mented immediately," Kejriwal



among developing countries despite 75 years of Independence. "India is counted among the developing and poor countries. Why are so many people still living in poverty in our country? On the one hand, all countrymen need to work hard and on the other, we also need blessings of the deities so that our efforts bear fruits," Kejriwal wrote.

"The country will progress only with a confluence of correct policy, hard work and blessings of the gods. I publicly demanded this by holding a press conference. Since then there has been tremendous

support from the general public on this issue. People are very excited about it.

implemented immediately," he added. Claiming that the Indian economy was not in good shape, Kejriwal had on Wednesday said the country needed a lot of effort to get the economy back on track along with the "blessings of our gods and goddesses".

Kejriwal's demand has evoked sharp reactions from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress they called it an unsuccessful attempt to hide the "ugly anti-Hindu face" of the AAP in view of upcoming elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

The political grapevine is abuzz with speculations - and most believe it is to help AAP attract voters with a more Hindutva pitch amid upcoming Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh

tonnne legacy waste, Kumar

said in a press conference on

Friday. The municipal corpo-

ration has installed around 44

trommel machines at three

landfill sites. 12 machines have

been installed Ghazipur, 18 at

Bhalswa and 14 at Okhla

of nearly 20000 to 22000 met-

ric tonnes of garbage per day,

he said. Delhi generates around

11,000 metric tons of garbage,

These machines dispose

Lanfill site.

AAP protest against MCD garbage 'mismanagement'

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The AAP staged protests in several constituencies of the national capital on Friday against "garbage mismanagement" in the city by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). The leaders and the party workers gathered with placards in their constituencies and raised slogans against the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP).

Staging protest near Govindpuri metro station, Kalkaji MLA Atishi alleged that the MCD has turned the entire city into a "dumping ground" and the BJP will come up with "16 more landfill sites"

across the city.
"The BJP has formed a mountain of garbage just at the main entrance of Kalkaji. This place will soon start turning into a landfill site. Even the Kalkaji residents are unhappy with the MCD. The BJP-led MCD has turned the entire Delhi into a dumping ground and they will come up with such landfill sites in 16 other places in the city," she said.

Portesting near a pile of garbage in Tilak Nagar area, MLA Jarnail Singh said the BJP has to be "removed" from the MCD for the "mountains of garbage" to be removed from the city. "On one hand, the BJP is making heaps of garbage across Delhi and the Lieutenant governor has stopped the schemes of public interest.

On the other hand, Arvind Kejriwal government is working relentlessly to make Delhi's environment better, clean and beautiful. This is a fight against pollution," the Tilak Nagar MLA said.

Other leaders like Vikas Puri MLA Mahendra Yadav and Kondli MLA Kuldeep Kumar also joined the protest in their respective constituencies. AAP and BJP workers on Thursday held protests against each other with each party accusing the other of mismanagement of solid waste in the

building of 16 landfill sites in city **STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEWDELHI

Aday after the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal alleged that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is planning to build 16 new landfill sites in the national capital, the Civic body on Friday termed the claims as baseless saying that there is no such plan and the civic body is working tirelessly to flatten the three existing landfill sites in

Amit Kumar, Director of P&I, said that the Corporation is hellbent on flattening the

three landfill sites of the city. Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal visited the Ghazipur

landfill site on Thursday and

asserted that the upcoming

Capital including Ghazipur, Okhla and Bhalawa. The allegation leveled against the MCD is totally 'fake' there is no such plan to create 16 new landfill sites. "The civic body will lodge the First Information Report (FIR) against the auto drivers with speakers, spreading these rumors," Kumar said.

MCD refutes Delhi CM's claim on

While informing about the efforts being made by the Corporation to clear these big landfill sites, Kumar said that the MCD has cleared 77 Lakh metric tonnne of legacy waste from the landfill sites till the date. Nearly 203 Lakh metric tonnne legacy waste is left out

a significant part of which is dumped in three landfill sites Ghazipur, Bhalswa, and

MCD polls will be fought on black flags and denounced the garbage issue. Scores of BJP Kejriwal, accusing government supporters demonstrating headed by him of not releasing against the AAP had shown

Putin join world leaders to praise Modi

PM has been commended by world leaders for initiatives like 'Digital India', 'Make in India' 'India First' and handling of the pandemic



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 $R^{\mathrm{ussian}}_{\mathrm{Putin's}}$ lavish praise of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is only the latest from world leaders who have time and again spoken highly of Modi's policies like 'India First', 'Digital Îndia, 'Make in India' and his handling of the Covid-19 pandemic or his actions on climate

change.
"PM Modi's policy of putting 'India First' has ensured that in the interests of Indian citizens, be it at home or abroad, every step is taken, every partner is engaged and

no stone is left unturned. His personal and dynamic relations with many global leaders have ensured that India has robust relations with foreign nations even when they may not be on friendly terms with each other," officials said.

They pointed out how Modi evoked wholesome praise from former US Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump and even the current President Joe Biden.

In a QUAD meeting closed to the public, Biden praised the PM for his handling of the Covid-19 pandemic and said his success has shown the world that democracies can deliver. Obama, for his part, listed out how Modi's life story

from poverty to Prime Minister— reflects the dynamism and potential of India's rise. "Modi, the statesman, has achieved positive results from events as diverse as results from events as diverse as the Howdy Modi with Trump in the USA or the Mamallapuram summit with Chinese Premier Xi Jinping. Or for that matter, a summit like the one in Vladivostok with Putin," the officials said. In Covid times, India supplying vaccines to scores of countries

vaccines to scores of countries across the globe has enhanced both India and Modi's standing in the world. "During the lockdown, it was Modi's dynamic relations with world leaders that led to the establishment of safety bubbles between India and other nations and enabled the

Mission," officials pointed out. One of Modi's "close' friends, late Japanese PM Shinzo Abe, had commended his strong initiatives such as

Modi Government to bring

back Indians stranded abroad

under the Vander Bharat

'Make in India,' 'Digital India,' "Skill India," "Clean India" and "Smart City Mission". Abe committed US\$12 billion to Modi's 'Make in India' initiative that aims to transform India into a global design, manufacturing, and export hub.

Boris Johnson, the former UK Prime Minister, had at the COP 26 Summit last year singled out Modi for the job of uniting the world to tackle climate change. "There is one guy who particularly knows how to do

that, who shares that agenda and who understands that a single hour of sunshine provides enough energy to power the whole human activity on earth for a year - the one man who understands that so well and has achieved absolutely extraordinary things in his own country of India, is the Prime Minister of India - there is One Sun, One World, One Grid and One Narendra Modi," he had said.

It is Modi who has been the pioneer of the International Solar Alliance. The officials also cited how Emmanuel Macron, the President of France at the Assembly praised Modi's approach and his 'not an era of war' message to Putin. If former Israeli Prime Minister

Naftali Bennett termed him as "the most popular man in Israel" invited him to join his party, in the neighbourhood Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina has expressed her "thanks" to Modi for getting Bangladeshi students evacuated from

In fact, Imran Khan, the former Pakistan PM has time and again cited India's "independent" foreign policy and his zero tolerance for corruption.

Today, India has a policy of Multi-alignment. In west Asia, PM Modi encourages cooperation with Iran while simultaneously engaging Saudi Arabia, Israel and also,

"Similarly, it was a result of this 'India Éirst' Policy that Modi pushed for setting up hotlines with the Presidents of Russia and Ukraine even while conflict raged between the two nations since he wanted to ensure the safety of Indians stranded in Ukraine.

Vigilance awareness week from Oct 31

PM: No person or institution who indulges in corruption will be spared

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday issued a stern warning saying that no person or institution indulging in corruption will be spared.

In his message on the Vigilance Awareness Week, which begins from October 31, Modi also said corruption not only deprives the common citizen of rights but also hinders the progress of the country besides affecting its collective

The Central Vigilance Commission is observing the awareness week till November 6 and the theme is "Corruption free India for a developed

Citing a saying in Sanskrit, the Prime Minister said that it is necessary to attack the circumstances due to which corruption flourishes. In these eight years, the country is moving ahead by adopting the policy of zero-tolerance against corruption, where the message is clear that no person or institution who indulges in corruption will be spared, Modi said in his message in Hindi dated October 27.

In this way an atmosphere of trust has been created in the country in which every honest person feels proud of them-selves today, he said, adding that to root out corruption, the whole process and the whole system are being made transparent. The system is being strengthened through technology and reforms so that not only today, but also in the future there is no scope for corruption at any level and the interest of citizens is protected, the prime minister said.

Modi said that it is the duty of all in building a grand and developed India in the journey of the next 25 years of the country's independence. This is an opportunity to accelerate efforts in building a strong and self-reliant India, he said. "I am sure that the Vigilance Awareness Week will strengthen our resolve for nation building by promoting honesty, integrity and transparency in life," the prime minister said. President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar have also shared their message on the awareness

"The fight against corruption is the collective duty and responsibility of all the citizens of this great nation. The ideals of transparency and integrity are an integral part of our tradition and culture," Murmu

She said that a corruption free India is the vision shared by all as the country progresses towards a new and developed India. Vice President Dhankhar said that transparency, fairness and accountability are essential values for the efficient functioning of public administration.

It is responsibility of citizens of country to come together in efforts to ensure integrity in governance, he said.

GM mustard dangerous not to be planted ever, **SJM** writes to Centre



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 $T^{he\ RSS-affiliated\ Swadeshi}_{\ Jagran\ Manch\ (SJM)\ on}$ Friday accused the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) of func-Appraisal tioning in an "irresponsible fashion" and opposed its recommendation for the environmental release Genetically Modified (GM) mustard, calling it "danger-ous". It urged the Centre to ensure that the crop's seed is not allowed to be planted "now

In a letter to Union Bhupender Yadav, the SJM said the claims made in support of GM mustard were "completely untrue, unsubstantiated and wrongly projected". "Swadeshi Jagran Manch has all along been opposing this dangerous and unneeded GM mustard being brought in through the backdoor as a public sector genetically modified organism (GMO)," organisation co-convenor Ashwani Mahajan said in the letter.

The Ministry had earlier kept the regulatory clearance for the operationalisation of the recommendation made in favour of GM mustard in abevance to seek a review after the SJM raised "key issues" of concern.

However, the GEAC "predictably" did not take up any review "worth the name", he added. "The regulators are joining hands with GM crop devel opers and are time and again compromising the regulatory regime quite seriously, and they have done so with this GM mustard also," Mahajan

We are confident that as a person who has carefully studied the adverse impacts of the GM crops and also published opinion pieces on the same in the past, you will intervene immediately in this matter, and ensure that no GM mustard seed is allowed to be planted, now or ever," Mahajan added in his letter to Yadav. He also termed as "completely untrue" the claim that GM mustard was 'swadeshi' and had been developed in India.

"We would like to bring it 2002, Proagro Seed Company, which is Bayer's subsidiary, applied for commercial approval for a similar construct that Prof Pental and his team are now promoting as HT Mustard DMH 11," he said.

Mahajan was referring to scientist Deepak Pental, whose GM mustard technology has been approved by the GEAC. Bayer's application at that point was turned down because the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) said their field trials did not offer evidence of superior yield, he underlined.

It is "well known" that hybridisation of GM mustard is achieved by means of two genes barnase and barstar, derived from a soil bacterium called Bacillus amyloliquefaciens, Mahajan said adding the bar-barstar-barnase gene is a patented technology of Bayer Crop Science, he said. "Bayer is not a Swadeshi company. How can a product patented in their name be termed as Swadeshi.

EC has no jurisdiction to regulate poll promises: Congress PIONEER NEWS SERVICE The Congress on Friday said the Election Commission

does not have the jurisdiction to regulate issues such as 'freebies' and poll promises, and urged the panel to focus on ensuring free and fair polls through proper implementation of Election Laws. The poll panel on October

4 had proposed amending the model code to ask political parties to provide authentic information to voters on the financial viability of their poll promises, a move that came amid the freebies versus welfare measures debate that had triggered a political slugfest.

Such issues are part of the dialectics of a vibrant democratic system and depend on wisdom, discernment and analysis of the electorate which should never be taken to be less than acute, the Opposition party said.

"It is really something which is to be decided, be it pre-election or post-election, be it by way of electoral punishment or electoral acceptance and reward that the electorate decides the wisdom of such assurances and equally decides their breach and non-compliance," Congress general secretary communications Jairam Ramesh wrote to the Election Commission (EC).

"Neither the Election Commission, nor the government, nor indeed even the courts, have jurisdiction to justiciate and regulate such issues. It would therefore be

best for the commission to desist from doing so," he said. The EC had also said that empty poll promises have farreaching ramifications, adding

it cannot overlook the undesirable impact inadequate disclosures on election promises have on financial sustainability. In a letter to all recognised national and state parties, the commission had asked them to submit their views on the proposals by October 19. At the AICC Press confer-

ence, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said that the matter first came up when Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 16 raised the issue of "revdis" (freebies), after which the EC took up the issue and wrote to parties seeking their response. She said the debate on the issue of "revdis" in a democracy is distorted as it is the duty of any government to oppressed classes, and evolve schemes for their uplift. The Congress in its

response to the EC proposal has said that "the issue does not fall under the poll body's jurisdiction" and asked "how can the Election Commission decide on the definition of freebies". "It should first implement the existing poll laws properly and there are more burning issues that need to be taken care," she said. Ramesh in the party's response to the EC has noted

that the commission has in the past demonstrated great wisdom and restraint in exercise of this power, choosing to circumscribe and limit campaign actions which tilt the field in favour of one party over the

"However, such power has always been exercised and guided by the statutory context. In other words, electoral offences outlined in Chapter IXA of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951, help the commission determine what is per se legal and illegal," he said.

In fact, the specific bans on communal rhetoric, hate speech, undue influence, among others, all flow from these statutes, Ramesh noted. "Thus, if the ECI were to consider such a ban it would necessarily need to pass parliamentary muster first.

Furthermore, even in Part VIII of the Model Code of Conduct for the Guidance of Political Parties and forth general guidelines which essentially call for making campaign promises in a responsible manner," he said.

Ramesh also insisted that the Congress be given an appropriate slot any time in the future so as to elaborate on these and other grounds before

M Vaghela rejoins Congress as election fever peaks in Gujarat

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI/AHMEDABAD

With electoral fever peaking in Gujarat and leaders of various political parties including the Opposition Congress queuing for campaign, Mahendrasinh Vaghela, son of former Gujarat Chief Minister Shankersinh Vaghela, rejoined the Congress on The 58-year-old former

MLA was welcomed into the fold by Gujarat Congress president Jagdish Thakor at the State party headquarters.

Senior Congress leader and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and AAP convener and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal are scheduled to embark on a three-day visit to poll-bound Gujarat during which they will address public rallies in different parts of the state for their respective

Talking to reporters, rejoining the Congress without any expectations and will fight the polls if the party wants. Mahendrasinh, who was a Congress MLA from Bayad in north Gujarat between 2012 and 2017, had quit the party in August 2017, a few months before the Assembly elections, and later joined the BJP.

"The party leadership will decide whether I fight the polls or not. I have joined the Congress without any expectations. I had quit the BJP immediately after joining because I was not comfortable and that was the reason why I had not attended any of their events," he said. Mahendrasinh was one of

the eight Congress MLAs, including his father Shankersinh, who had crossvoted in the Rajya Sabha polls in favour of the BJP candidate in August 2017 and later resigned from the party.

Another AAP leader, Punjab CM Bhagwant Singh Mann, will address meetings at several cities and Gehlot's counter part in Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel will follow to campaign for the grand old

During their visit, Kejriwal, and Mann are scheduled to address six rallies. Gehlot will also hold six pubthey will also hold meetings with the leaders of their party to discuss strategy for the upcoming elections, party functionaries said.

Elections to the 182member Legislative Assembly in Gujarat, where the BJP is in power for the last 27 years, is due by the end of this year. However, the schedule for the polls is yet to be announced.

Despite the crossvoting, Congress candidate, late Ahmed Patel, had won the election by defeating the BJP's Balwantsinh Rajput. Notably, Mahendrasinh had not contested the 2017 state Assembly

Mahendrasinh joined the ruling BJP in July 2018 and resigned in October, barely three months after joining the fold. Without elaborating much about his sudden decision to quit the party, he had stated at the time in his resignation letter that he was resigning due to some "personal reasons".

CAPSULE

BJP SURPRISE CHECKS ON MPs' ATTENDANCE

New Delhi: To ensure attendance of its MPs in parliamentary committee tings, the BJP is doin "surprise checks" to see whether its MPs are present in the meetings or not. As committees take up contentious issues, the BJP feels it is important to ensure proper attendance of the party MPs to counter opposition members in

BJP URGES EC TO PROBE TRS CHARGES New Delhi: The BJP on Friday

urged the Election Commission to order a CBI probe into the TRS' allegation that its members tried to poach some MLAs of the regional party. claiming that the entire event has been staged to influence the Munugode bypoll.

1,500-KM MARATHON FROM OCT 30

New Delhi: A 1,500-Km (35 Marathon in 35 Days) running expedition from October 30 -December three is scheduled to be conducted as part of celebrations for 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and Navy Day

CENTRE TO DEREGULATE UPLINKING OF SATELLITE TVs

New Delhi: The Government on Friday said it will deregulate uplinking of satellite television channels within a month in a bid to make India an uplinking hub. Addressing the India Space Congress here, Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra said of the 898 television channels broadcast in the country, 532 use foreign satellites for uplinking and downlinking of their services.

KERALA CM EX-PRINCIPAL SECY INFLUENCING OTHER ACCUSED New Delhi: The Enforcement

Supreme Court on Friday that M Sivasankar, former principal secretary to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and accused of gold smuggling, has been influencing other accused and using State machinery to fabricate false cases against it and investigating officer.

India-EU to implement common agenda on migration and mobility

New Delhi: India and the European Union (EU) have discussed the promotion of safe and orderly migration and cooperation to facilitate the mobility of professionals, students and skilled workforce to benefit both sides.

The discussion were part of the 6th high level dialogue on migration and mobility between the two sides, the ministry of external affairs said in a statement here on Friday. The meeting was held in Brussels on



Thursday and the previous dialogue was held in India in 2019. The latest round of talks covered

arrested in ₹1,531 bank fraud case

Director of SEL Textiles Ltd



a wide range of issues related to the promotion of safe, orderly and regular migration, includ-

ing prevention of irregular migration. Ausaf Sayeed, the secretary for consular, passport and visa in the external affairs ministry, and Monique Pariat, the director general for migration and home affairs in the European Commission, cochaired the dialogue.

The dialogue was also attended by representatives of diplomatic missions of EU member states in Brussels. The representatives of line ministries of Indian government,

SC fines ED officer ₹1L for appeal

and labour ministry too were part of the Indian delegation. Both sides expressed satisfaction at successful implementation of India -EU Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (India-EU CAMM). As India and EU celebrate

such as home ministry and

ministry of skill development

60 years of diplomatic ties, the Dialogue is an important dimension of the strategic partnership between India and European Union (EU). PNS

against bail to cancer patient PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Supreme Court has

A bench of Justices M R Shah and M M Sundresh imposed a cost of Rs 1 lakh to be borne by the officer concerned, who granted the permission to file the Special

"The Department ought not to have filed such a Special

Leave Petition wasting the stationery, the legal fees and Court's time.

concerned officer, who granted the permission to file the Special Leave Petition, quantified at Rs 1,00,000, to be recovofficer.

Authority, New Delhi and Rs.50,000/- to Mediation and Conciliation Committee, Supreme Court,'

India, France participate in Garuda VII exercise PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $F^{\text{rontline fighter jets of India}}_{\text{and France are participating}}$ in the nearly fortnight long bilateral exercise Garuda 'Garuda VII,' at Air Force Station, Jodhpur commencing October 26 and ending November 12.

French Air and Space Force (FASF) has deployed four Rafale fighter aircraft, one A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft and a contingent of 220 personnel. The IAF is participating with Su-30 MKI, Rafale, Tejas light combat aircraft(LCA) and Jaguar fighter aircraft, as well as the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) and Mi-17 helicopters,

Friday. The IAF contingent also includes combat enabling assets like Flight Refuelling Aircraft, AWACS and AEW&C. This joint exercise will provide a platform for both the countries to enhance operational capability and interoperability, while also sharing best practices. This is the seventh edition

of the bilateral exercise. The first, third and fifth editions were conducted in India in 2003, 2006 and 2014 at Air Force Stations Gwalior, Kalaikunda and Jodhpur, respectively.

The second, fourth and sixth editions were conducted in France in 2005, 2010 and

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 Γ he CBI on Friday said it has arrested a director of a private company based at Ludhiana in an ongoing investigation of a case related to bank fraud of Rs 1,530.99 crore. The agency has arrested

Neeraj Saluja, Director of SEL Textiles Ltd., a Ludhiana-based private company in the bank fraud case. The CBI had registered the case on August 6, 2020 against Ludhiana-based private company SEL Textiles Ltd and others including its Directors, unknown public servants and private persons on the allegations of bank fraud. It was alleged that the accused including the private company and its directors had cheated the

consortium of 10 banks, led by Central Bank of India, causing fraud of Rs 1530.99 crore, the CBI said in a statement. It was further alleged that

huge amounts of bank loans were diverted by the accused to its related parties and subsequently adjustment entries were It was also alleged that

accused had shown procurement of machinery from nonreputed suppliers and thereby over-invoiced the bills. Huge amounts of primary security against CC Limit like stock, finished goods among others were allegedly disposed off by accused to misappropriate bank money as sale proceeds of goods sold were not deposited with bank. The said private

(Punjab) and having its units at Malout, Nawanshahr (Punjab), Neemrana (Rajasthan) and Hansi (Haryana) was into the business of manufacturing of yarns and fabrics. Searches were earlier conducted on August 14, 2020 at the premises of the accused which led to recovery of several incriminating documents. Look Out Circulars against

the accused was opened. During probe, CBI had examined several suspects. The said director was found to be evasive in his replies during investigation. The arrested accused will be produced on Saturday before the competent court at Mohali (Punjab), the CBI

NEW DELHI

company based at Ludhiana

■ rapped the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for filing a plea seeking cancellation of bail of an accused suffering from cancer, saying it should not have wasted "stationery, legal fees and the court's time". The man, an employee of a private bank, was arrested in connection with an embezzlement case of Rs 24 crore.

Leave Petition.

The Special Leave Petition stands dismissed with exemplary cost, to be borne by the

ered from the salary of such an "The cost to be deposited by the Department with the Registry of this Court within a period of four weeks from today. On such deposit, Rs.50,000/- be transferred to National Legal Services

Project the bench said.

Directorate has told the

North Block, Nabanna starving JU of funds?

 $I^{ ext{n}}$ one of the glaring instances of what political blood feud can do to the cause of quality education, India's premiere educational institution Jadavpur University is almost out with a begging bowl.

Thanks to the Centre and the State allegedly turning a blind eye towards its financial

With contribution from the University Grants Commission coming to a nada and that from the Mamata Banerjee-run Government coming in trickles, a cash-starved JU has appealed to its former students for contributions so that "at least the research works do not get hampered."

According to internal sources post 2017 the contributions from the UGC has nearly stopped whereas the State Government too has not been contributing more than what is required to clear off the salaries of the staff. "In that event the research work which has been backbone of the University's success worldwide has been hugely hampered," said a senior professor and civil engineer.

So much so that University Vice Chancellor Suranjan Das has appealed to the JU alumnus settled world over for funds. "Initially we had been receiving generous contributions but after the pandemic it is quite



embarrassing to approach people for funds as everyone has suffered economically ... in that case the stagnation continues," said another professor associated with Jadavpur Teachers' University Association (JUTA).

A majority of JUTA members feel that the University owes its fund crunch to its Left leaning. "The central-run UGC is not contributing its share to the University clearly because JU much like JNU has a Leftist atmosphere controlled by the Left students' union ... the Trinamool Congress Government of the State too has reduced its funds for the same reasons ... this has not been telling on the academic health of the University," a JUTA functionary said.

JU being a State-run liversity the State University Government pays the salary and development funds while other exepnditures including the the research works came

from other sources including UGC funding.

The staff are seeing a clear political angle to the "deprivation suffered by the JU one of the topmost universities of the country which --- according to a recent report published by a top US University --- accounted for 42 scientists ranking among the best 2 percent sci-

entists of the world. Reacting to the present situation columnist-businessman and former JU alumni Suhel Seth said Jadavpur University being a premium educational institution the Mamata Banerjee government owed a respnsibility that the university did not suffer academically.

"Mamata Banerjee has been spending lavishly in all other things from Pujas to anything ... she should con-sider that if her government allows this financial crisis to continue then it would be a dishonour to the State," Seth said.

to Mamata Govt, Adhikari urges RBI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari has appealed to the Centre and the Reserve Bank of India to stop granting loans to the Mamata Banerjee Government.

Claiming that the Bengal Government had once again sought a loan of Rs 10,000 crore from the RBI --- for alleged development purpose ---Adhikari has said that though the loan after receiving the money the State would spend that on non-planned areas.

The amount would not be used for development as claimed by the Government, Adhikari has said adding the TMC Government would misuse the fund for political gains.

Saying that the Bengal Government had violated the borrowing limit under the FRBM Act Adhikari has tweeted "the ... Government has request a loan from the RBI for an amount of Rs 10,000 crore... Bengal has already breached its borrowing limit under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act."

Claiming that the State already had borrowed about Rs 6 lakh crore Adhikari said "although this amount has been sought for infrastructure development it will be used for payment of employees' salaries



and payments like Lakshmir Bhandar. Needless to say there are many bogus employees in local bodies and most Lakshmir Bhandar benefeciaries are not eligible to receive any grant."

Ådhikari is also known to have written to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman not to entertain Banerjee's requests to clear loans for the

Incidentally with the panchayat elections scheduled to take early next year and with the payment of MNREGA wages due for the past several months the State Government has been repeatedly urging the Centre to clear its dues that allegedly has accrued to about Rs 97,000 crore.

Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee has often attacked the Centre for not clearing central dues that rightfully belonged to Bengal. The Opposition BJP has however alleged that the Centre would clear the dues only when the State Government accounted for the previous expenditures.

Grant no more loans | Cong leaders from various States join Rahul in yatra

The Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra resumed from Yeligandla in Narayanpet district of Telangana on Friday and is expected to cover a distance of 23.3 km. Congress leaders from various States on Friday joined Rahul Gandhi in Telangana. Former Union Minister Bhakta Charan Das from Odisha and Jitu Patwari from Madhva Pradesh, Union Minister Jairam Ramesh, AICC leader KC Venugopal and Telangana Congress president A. Revanth Reddy were among the leaders who joined yatra.

It was a 'mini Bharat Jodo' yatra with leaders from different States coming to walk with Gandhi, said Jairam Ramesh, AICC General Secretary, in charge of communications.

During the morning session today in the #BharatJodoYatra in Telangana, we witnessed a mini @bharatjodo with leaders coming from Tripura, Rajasthan, Punjab, Odisha, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Goa and Madhya Pradesh to walk with @RahulGandhi today," Ramesh tweeted. The yatra will halt at Mahabubnagar late at night.

This is the third day of the yatra in the State.

Gandhi called two school girl students who were waiting for him on the roadside during the vatra and walked with them for some distance.

The yatra will cover 19 Assembly and 7 Parliamentary



distance of 375 km, before entering Maharashtra on November 7. The yatra will take a one-day break on November 4. Rahul will meet intellectuals, leaders of various communities, including personalities from the sporting, business and entertainment sectors

Rahul hopes Twitter will act against hate speech now

PNS NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi hoped on Friday that Twitter would now act against hate speech, check facts more robustly and not stifle the voice of the opposition in India, soon after billionaire Elon Musk took over the social media giant and fired four of its top executives. Rahul Gandhi also shared a graph of "manipulation" of his Twitter handle.

Rahul's Twitter handle was some time back temporarily locked after he shared a picture of a rape victim and received a notice from the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). He had not used his account on the microblogging website for some time after that. The Congress leader has been using his Twitter handle to attack the Narendra Modi government

'Congrats @elonmusk. I



hope @Twitter will now act against hate speech, fact check more robustly, and will no longer stifle the opposition's voice in India due to government pressure," Rahul Gandhi tweeted. Musk closed the deal to buy Twitter and tweeted:

"The bird is freed", soon after completing the whopping USD 44 billion takeover of the website and firing four of its top executives, including CEO Parag Agrawal and legal executive Vijaya Gadde.

Citing people with knowledge of the situation, a news report said Musk "has started cleaning the house at Twitter with the firings of at least four top executives". Besides Agrawal and Gadde, Twitter's chief financial officer Ned Segal and general counsel Sean Edgett were also fired.

AAP releases seventh list of 13 candidates for Gujarat Assembly polls; names of 86 nominees declared so far

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The Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Friday released its seventh list of 13 candidates for the upcoming Gujarat Assembly elections, taking the number of nominees whose names the party has declared so far to 86. The list was released by the

party's state unit president Gopal Italia. Elections to the 182-mem-

ber Gujarat Legislative Assembly are due by the end of this year. However, the poll schedule is yet to be announced.

Ten out of these 13 seats are currently held by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP),

while the opposition Congress holds three others. Two seats -Kadi and Kalavad - are reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC) candidates, while three - Sankheda, Mandvi and Mahuva are reserved for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates, he said.

The candidates include a retired government officer, doctor, lawyer and industrialist, Italia told reporters.

The seats on which the names of candidates were announced on Friday are Kadi (SC), Gandhinagar (North), Wadhwan, Morbi, Jasdan, Jetpur, Kalavad (SC), Jamnagar (Rural), Mehmedabad, Lunawada, Sankheda (ST), Mandvi (ST) and Mahuva (ST). The candidates for these seats,

respectively, are H K Dabhi, Mukesh Patel, Hitesh Bajrang, Pankaj Ransariya, Tejas Gajipara, Rohit Bhuva, Dr Jignesh Solanki, Prakash Donga, Pramodbhai Chauhan, Natwarsinh Solanki, Ranjan Tadvi, Sanyaben Gamit and Kunjan Patel Dhodiya.

Morbi, Jasdan, and Jamnagar (Rural) are those seats on which the then Congress MLAs (who had won the 2017 Assembly polls) had resigned and BJP candidates won in the bye-elections that followed.

Neither the BJP nor the Congress have released the list of candidates for the upcoming polls so far.

Asaduddin Owaisi-led All



India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) has so far released a list of five candidates from Danilimda (SC),

Jamalpur Khadia, Surat-East, Bapunagar and Limbayat seats. The AAP has positioned

itself as the main contender to the ruling BJP.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has been aggressively campaigning in the state, holding rallies and town halls and making a host of pre-poll promises of free electricity and better education and healthcare facilities among others.

NIA arrests 13th accused in Kerala PFI case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested the 13th accused in the Kerala PFI case, CA Rauf. The accused was abscond-

ing and hails from Chappangathodi House, near Karimpulli Masjid, Karimpulli, Maruthur, Pattambi Police Station, Palakkad in the case, the NIA said. The case relates to the Popular Front of India (PFI), it's

office bearers, members and affiliates in Kerala who have been found conspiring to indulge in unlawful activities, such as creating enmity between members of different religions and groups, and carrying out activities prejudicial to communal harmony with the intention to disrupt public peace and tranquility and cause disaffection against India.

found propagating alternative



justice delivery systems justifying the use of criminal force resulting in alarm and fear amongst the people, encouraging vulnerable youth to join terrorist organisations, including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)/Daesh and Al-Qaida and the conspiracy to establish Islamic rule in India by committing terrorist acts as a part of violent jihad," the NIA said in a statement.

The arrested accused was the PFI State Secretary and was handling its Media and Public Relation (PR) Wings in Kerala and is one of the main conspirators in the case. Further

Online PhDs offered by EdTech firms with foreign varsities not recognised: UGC, AICTE

Online Ph.D programmes offered by EdTech companies in collaboration with foreign educational institutions are not recognised, the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) announced on Friday.

This the second such warning this year to students by the higher education and the technical education regulators. Earlier this year, the UGC

and the AICTE had warned their recognised varsities and institutions against offering courses in distance learning and online mode in association with Ed-tech companies, saying no "franchise" agreement is permissible according to

"In order to maintain the standards for awarding Ph.D degrees, the UGC has notified the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of MPhil, Ph.D degrees)



Regulations and its amenddegrees," according to a joint order issued by the UGC and the AICTE.

Students and the public at large are advised not to be misled by the advertisements for online Ph.D programmes offered by EdTech companies in collaboration with foreign educational institutions, it said.

"Such online Ph.D prorammes are not recognised by the UGC. Aspiring students and the public at large, are requested to verify the authenticity of Ph.D programmes as per UGC Regulation 2016 before taking admission," the order said. The central govEdTech companies against unfair trade practices.

The government is also working on a policy to regulate EdTech players operating in the

The aim of the proposed policy is to curb monopoly and prevent the exploitation of students by some EdTech platforms through lofty promises or unfair practices.

The Union education ministry is in talks with the Ministry of Law and the Ministry of Electronics and Information and Technology to work out a common policy for the sector. The EdTech sector has witnessed an upswell in the past two years after education moved to online mode due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

They have also been Regulation 2016. It is mandainvestigations in the case are in tory for all higher educational ernment had in July warned Tribal band to perform in front of Modi in Kevadia

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Amusical band of Tribal children of Ambaji town of Banaskantha district will perform in front of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Kevadia on October 31. The Prime Minister will visit Kevadia on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas. This band caught the attention of Modi when he recently inaugurated a function at Ambaji in Gujarat on September 30.

The Prime Minister not

only appreciated and enjoyed the young band's performance but he made sure that he personally interacted with them before the public function started. To encourage his young friends, the Prime Minister asked for a group photo with

is worth telling. The children

were once fighting for their

basic needs and a chance to get

educated. They were often

found near Ambaji temple

The story of these tribal children, who have learned such exceptional musical skills

where they used to beg in front of the visitors. A local NGO named Shree Shakti Seva Kendra based in Ambaji worked with such children, to not only educate them but also identify the skills in which they are good. The tribal children with musical band were also skilled by the NGO Shree Shakti Seva Kendra.

Prime Minister enjoyed and appreciated the young band's ticipate and perform on the hisperformance so much that he toric day. Modi will Kevadia and ensured that the band was invitpay homage to Sardar Patel on ed to Kevadia on October 31 on his 147th birth anniversary. He the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta will also participate at the Ekta



with Officer Trainees belonging to various Civil Services undergoing Foundation Course at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration.

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Modi slams Naxals

It is good to see that the Prime Minister doesn't mince words when criticising Naxals and Naxalism

n the face of it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's blistering attack on Naxals and Naxalism (also called Maoists and Maoism) can be viewed, even dismissed, as a political statement. At a 'Chintan Shivir' of state Home Ministers and police chiefs, Modi said by way of a video link, "Naxals can be holding guns and also holding pens. They are misleading the youth." It is not very often that a top political leader says unpleasant things about various manifestations of communism. Owing to the Marxist indoctrination that successive generations have suffered in our country, communism and its less virulent form, socialism, are still regarded as 'humane' and 'emancipatory' ideologies. So, the public intellectuals who condemn fascism and Nazism are rarely seen saying anything critical of communism and socialism. Against this backdrop, it is good to see that the Prime Minister doesn't beat about the bush when it comes to



Naxalism. It is a threat for a variety of reasons. Mao Zedong, the patron saint of Naxals, famously said that political power grows out of the barrel of a gun. By the way, the quote is not metaphoric; it is literal and real. This is what Mao did all his life, resulting in the death of millions of people, anywhere between 30 million to 70 million. The totalitarian state he laid the foundations of has today become a threat to global peace.

In India, his followers, right from the 1960s, have waged a violent war against the Indian Republic as we know it, resulting in the death of thousands of security personnel and civilians. It is true that there are a zillion problems that the country faces, from poverty and unemployment to social evils and environmen-

tal degradation, but the way out is not a bloody revolution that the Naxals believe in. The revolutions that the world has witnessed since the beginning of the twentieth century have caused vicious purges, disastrous collectivisation drives, mayhem, and chaos. Therefore, PM Modi must be lauded for slamming Naxals. He is also correct in his assessment that these people tend to mislead the youth with the meretricious slogans and promises. This is done by pro-Naxal thought leaders who hold the pen. At the same time, however, the Prime Minister must ensure that his Government's drive against Naxals and Naxalism doesn't target intellectuals indiscriminately. Only those writers and activists should be targeted who are directly involved in criminal activities. Those who are merely sympathetic to the Maoist cause but don't do anything illegal must be exposed for the intellectual hollowness and moral bankruptcy; they shouldn't be prosecuted. One's belief should not be criminalised; otherwise, we would be marching towards the Orwellian dystopia in which people are penalised because of 'thought crimes.' This is what communists, including Maoists, do; the world's largest democracy should not be doing that. Hence the so-called urban Naxals should be prosecuted only if their actions are illegal.



Tourist paraglide at Bir Billing in Dharamshala

Beti bachao from

Despite PM's clarion call to save daughters, the BJP Govts are hobnobbing with rapists for electoral gains

he slogan given by the prime minister "beti bachao, beti padhao" (save daughters, educate daughters) has assumed a new meaning. It has been redefined by the people in his party. Indeed there is a need to save daughters today as the rapists and murderers indulging in heinous crimes are having a field day. Recently Bilkis Bano rapists and murderers of her three-year daughter and family were released from jail for "good behavior" garlanded and given public honour in Gujarat. Now in another incident, the Dera Sacha Sauda chief Ram Rahim convicted for rape has been let off on parole in the BJP ruled Haryana. He is serving for raping two of his disciples in his Rewari ashram. As if the parole was not enough he is giving sermons on good deeds to one and all and his satsangs (online) are being attended by the Mavor and other local BJP leaders. It is no coincident that his 40-day parole from Sunaria

> jail in Haryana's Rohtak district coincides with the panchayat elections in Haryana. The ruling BJP party would like to do well in hustings in rural Haryana where Ram Rahim has clout.

> SAD leader Charanjit Singh Brar has vehemently cricitised BJP-led Haryana government for generosity shown to Gurmeet Ram Rahim and being granted frequent parole when some elections are around the corner. Brar guipped, "Ram Rahim comes out of jail every 2 months for a picnic." The BJP government has ignored all appeals to end his parole. The chief of Delhi Commission of Women, Swati Maliwal appealed to the Haryana govt to withdraw the parole granted to Gurmeet Ram Rahim. "Why

is such a dangerous person being given parole again and again?" she said on Twitter but that did not cut ice with the Haryana government which is fixated on winning the Panchayat elections. The BJP leaders are hiding behind the courts, hiding the fact that it is the state which objects to such a demand in court. The BJP leaders defends Govt saying that the parole granted to Ram Rahim was in accordance with the jail manual. Meanwhile, Ram Rahim is comfortably living in his ashram in Baghpat and enjoying his parole. Several local BJP leaders are attending his satsang religiously and meeting him. The message to to the girls of Haryana and for that matter rest of the country is - "Daughters please work hard to save yourself, and study harder to know the bitter truth that we in the government have elections to win."

Hyderabad was liberated by India



Hyderabad state under Nizam was all set to become a Pakistani province or an independent state; its accession to India was not smooth

ndians have an uncanny ability to delude themselves of the truth in the service of distorted secularism. The current delusion relates to the accession of Hyderabad State in 1948. The call by the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) and the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) to commemorate Sept 17 as Telangana Unity Day is an obfuscation; an attempt to camouflage the violence, intrigue, and Islamic xenophobia that marked that turbulent occurrence.

Telangana carved out of Andhra Pradesh in 2014 largely comprises the old Hyderabad State. Historically Hyderabad State owes its origin to the fragmentation of the Mughal Empire after Aurangzeb's death in 1707 and fancied itself as the successor state of the Moghul Empire.

In 1947, Hyderabad was ruled by the 7th Nizam -Mir Osman Ali Khan and was the largest of the princely states covering 80,000 square miles of territory. The Nizam was one of the richest men on earth. Though a progressive ruler credited with initiating several public endeavors, he oversaw an Islamic State that discriminated against Hindus (85 per cent of the population). More than 80 per cent of the bureaucracy and 90 per cent of the Army and police force were made up of Muslims. The Hyderabad railway station had separate rooms 'labeled "Moslem Tea Room" and "Hindu Tea Room." (Time Magazine, 1948)

At the time of partition, Nizam nurtured ambitions of remaining independent or joining Pakistan; he refused to accede to India. He indulged in a series of machinations to undermine unification with India: he enlisted a noted British lawyer Sir Walter Monckton to lobby the British, conspired with Jinnah and Pakistan, and allowed the Razakars to commit atrocities against Hindus.

There were voices within Britain that sided with Nizam. Winston Churchill argued in the House of Commons that the Hyderabad in the belly of the British had a 'personal most Hindu part of

obligation ... not to allow a state which they had declared a sovereign state to be strangled, starved out or overborne by violence.' Another member of Parliament RA Butler declared that Britain should press for the 'just claims of Hyderabad to remain independent.' (RamchandraGuha. India After Gandhi. 2007).

When Lord Mountbatten, the last Viceroy failed to humor him, the Nizam signed a Standstill Agreement to maintain the status quo and agreed to negotiate with the Indian government. However, this was a ploy. Soon after signing the Agreement, he prohibited the export of precious metals, rendered Indian currency illegal, and proffered Pakistan a loan of 22 crores in the form of Indian Securities.

The Nizam despite a personal animus with Mohammed Ali Jinnah continued to conspire with him against India, even after partition. In a letter to Jinnah, he wrote: "H.E.H. would of course much prefer to have close relations with Pakistan rather than with the Dominion of India. It is the landlocked osition of



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Hindustan which makes it inevitable "If and when Pakistan and Hyderabad are in a strong enough position, H.E.H. would review the position to make his ties closer with Pakistan..

On the ground, the Nizam encouraged the growth of the Razakars, the rabidly communal stormtroopers of the Majlis-e-IttehadulMuslimeen (forerunner of the AIMIM). Their leader in 1946 was Kasim Razvi, a Muslim supremacist and Hindu-hater: 'Hyderabad is an Islamic State...... When once the Indian Union makes any aggression on us, the four and a half crores of Muslims of India -will raise the banner of revolt.... A Muslim is a warrior.... let us march forward, cut our enemies to pieces, and establish our Islamic supremacy..... A Hindu is a kafir, who worships stones and monkeys, who drinks cow's urine and eats cow-dung in the name of religion,....' (The Indomitable Sardar. Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan. 1990)

The Razakars unleashed a reign of terror - hundreds of Hindus were killed or forcibly converted and women were raped.Simultaneously Hyderabad began formal military preparations-building airports and illegally

acquiring arms and ammunition.For India, an independent Muslim State smack in the middle was a 'cancer in the belly of India', as Sardar Vallabhai Patel called it

When the atrocities committed against the Hindus became unbearable, Sardar Patel ordered the Indian Army to enter Hyderabad on September 13, 1948 (nicknamed Operation Polo). Within 108 hours the mission was complete. The Hyderabad Army surrendered, and the Razakars turned tail and fled. On September 17, Hyderabad became a part of India.

The military preparations, the acquisition of arms, the atrocities against the Hindus, and the liaison with Pakistan -all attest to an "undeclared war'. Therefore, to call it a day of integration is a denial of the truth; the perpetuation of falsehood, and another example of immoral minority appeasement. Hyderabad was not peacefully integrated. Hyderabad was liberated from autocracy and Islamic fanaticism to become a part of a democratic and secular polity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIFA VENUE CONTROVERSY

Sir — In its 92-year history, the FIFA World Cup winning controversy over the venue of the 2022 FIFA World Cup has never happened. Football Mahakumbh is being organized from 20 November to 18 December in Qatar. In 2010, when Qatar was officially handed over the hosting, the decision began to be criticized. In March 2016, Amnesty International accused Qatar of using forced labour, forcing employees to live in poor conditions, and withholding their wages and passports.

It also accused FIFA of failing to prevent the stadium from being built on "human rights abuses". These allegations also proved to be true, many workers of the Indian sub-continent had also complained of harassment. Many workers were also killed. But all these allegations have been ignored by the FIFA Organizing Committee as well as Qatar. Just two days ago, the Australian men's football team released a three-minute video highlighting Qatar's human rights record, including its treatment of foreign workers and sanctions against the LGBTQI+ community. Not only this, in this Islamic country where women are treated as second class, that too officially. FIFA World Cup organized in that country would indeed be wrong and injustice to so many people.

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

CUP OF UPSETS

Sir — First, it was Namibia who beat Sri Lanka. Then Ireland beat England and Zimbabwe beat Pakistan. Meanwhile, two times champion West Indies were out of the tournament as they couldn't qualify for the tournament.

In front of a 90000+ crowd, Kohli set the stadium ablaze and brought the Diwali festival a day in advance against arch-rivals Pakistan to in a World Cup encounter. He played a brilliant inning against Pakistan and in the company of SKY steered India to successive victories and remained not out on both occasions. Virat once again proved that 'firm is temporary and class is permanent. One can

Kejriwal's soft Hindutva



ronically, some political leaders expediently changing their stances, phraseologies, and mannerisms to suit their political ends is no more surprising as their raison de'etre alone happens to win elections by hook or by crook. Similarly, they have coined a novel way the 'blame- game' of steering clear of any controversy that lands them in a soup on account of their signature slips of tongues. The AAP is no more an exception either.

The Aam Admi party's image as a staunch secular party has recently taken a beating after the BJP targeted AAP for one of its Ministers' participation in a 'religion-conversion' function at the national capital. Now Mr Keriwal's overt leaning towards 'soft-Hinutva' is not going

presume it to be the BJP's prerogative because the Congress's adoption of the soft-Hindutva could bear no desired fruit either. Taking is soft Hindutva offensive further he has demanded that the currency notes of the country should bear the images of Lord Ganesh and Goddess Laxmi for their blessings. Bizarre as it may sound but it has put the BJP on backfoot. It's discomfort is visible as they do not know how to react. They are citing Kejriwal's anit-Hindu credentials but that is not cutting much ice with the people. Of course they cannot say that it should not be done as it would seriously damage their image of a Hindu party. The politics is art of possible and now Kejriwal has learnt it. He knows how to corner his opponents, with this shrewd move he has not only strengthened his Hindu credentials when the elections are round the corner in two states and snatched away the BJP's Hindu plank. He has successfully set the narrative and his opponents are forced to take a stand. One can argue about the ethics and morality but then when winnability matters everything else take back seats!

Azhar A Khan I Rampur

take a life lesson from Virat's vintage innings: One should have immense patience & wait for the right opportunity to exhibit talent against all odds. V Nagendra Kumar | Hyderabad

ELIMINATE GENDER INEQUALITY

Sir — The structure of Indian society has always been male-dominated. But in the modern era, women tried to break the centuries of shackles by venturing into maledominated areas. Though we have grown by leaps and bounds yet the most basic structure of society is showing no signs of improvement. We proud Indians of the 21st century rejoice in celebrations when a boy is born, and if it is a girl, muted or no celebrations is the norm. A thorough look at newspapers daily shows us so many incidents of gender inequality.

The root cause of gender inequality in Indian society lies in its patriarchal system. Patriarchy is "a system of social structure and practices in which men dominate". Women's exploitation is an age-old cultural phenomenon in Indian society. Therefore, what is needed is a movement for Women's empowerment where women can become economically independent and self-reliant. Let's hope that our participative democracy, in times to come, would be able to find solutions to the problem of gender inequality and would take us all towards our cherished dream of a truly modern soci-

ety in both thought and action. Vivek Koul | Jammu

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The history of anti-Hindi agitation dated back to 85 years, when leaders such as Periyar and



...Everything I can in this job to build



children and our grandchildren can light their Diyas. **UK Prime Minister** -Rishi Sunak

Endearing is I think his joy for dancing and singing. The joy he has when he dances is just one

of the most beautiful things to see. When I can't sleep, I always ask him 'can you

please sing me a song'

Actor -Katrina Kaiff



earlier. Pakistan will return home this week. India, too, will go back after the semi-final

as they too aren't that good. Former Pakistan cricketer –Wasim Akram

The Sikhs people of Punjab who have completed their iail terms are not being released or granted parole. The judges should look into the matter and see how the discrimi-

nation is happening **SAD** leader

—Charanjit Singh Brar

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Inequality is the unavoidable consequence of globalisation



SHSHANK SAURAV

SS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale recently highlighted economic inequality in the country as a major challenge and opposition parties took this opportunity to attack the Modi Government. Growing inequality is our economic reality and the World Inequality Report published by World Inequality Lab summarises that inequality has risen substantially from the 1980s onwards.

It reached the historical high in 2013 when share of national income accruing to India's top 1 per cent of earners was 22 per cent, while the share of the top 10 per cent was around 56 per cent. Income inequality touched its inflexion point in 2003 when the top 1 per cent and bottom 50 per cent each were earning approximately 17 per cent of income. In other words, inequality rose sharply during the UPA era and the NDA regime has stopped it from further widening.

If we compare China's performance, it reached the inflexion point in 2005 when the top 1 per cent and bottom 50 per cent each were earning approximately 14 per cent of income and thereafter both the groups are having almost equal share in income.

Deregulation and liberalisation of the economy has created wealth in our country but at the same time it has increased the gulf between rich and poor. Socialistic policies adopted after independence reduced



income inequality. However, socialist policies had their perils; and, despite all its evils, globalisation has helped in improving the living standards of millions of people.

The State of Inequality in India Report was released in May 2022 by Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, and apart from income distribution, this report also covered labour market dynamics, health, education and household characteristics. All these reports suggest that there is a growing disparity between rich and poor. We can raise concerns over the methodology followed by the research institution (e.g., the sample size and its skewness) but it is not prudent to outrightly reject all the findings in these reports. After all, these are the same institutions which improved our ranking on var-

In a federal structure like ours, it is the shared responsibility of both the Centre and state governments to build the necessary infrastructure. A government is responsible for making policies which improve the lives of the last man standing in the row. Governments can't do much on distribution of wealth but surely, they can do a lot in removing the inequality in health, education, etc. Those who are at the helm of affairs should take a stock of the initiatives taken over the period and its outcome.

This country has real problems to fix and there are pressing issues which need a discussion. The Covid pandemic shook the world order and new strategies are needed to cope with the economic challenges.

Stress on government finances compelled the government to increase the borrowing but it should be kept in mind that corporate profit kept soaring during the pandemic and it is supported by the increased profit/GDP ratio. Income tax rates for corporate assesses were reduced in 2019 and the government should have considered imposing a Covid specific tax on super-profits of large corporate entities but that was not done.

Despite the pandemic situation, the maximum marginal income tax rate for an individual assessee is higher than a corporate assesse, and it doesn't hold well on the principles of equity. Our political leaders should understand that India can't copy the models of other countries because

we have to serve a large population and our per capita income is low. RSS is often cited as the ideological mentor and force behind making BJP as a 'party with a difference.' Therefore, politicians are expected to pay heed to the message coming from the Sangh leadership.

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Awareness needed to fight cleft lip problem



Children under the age of five with clefts in India are one and a half times more vulnerable to severe malnutrition

he birth of a daughter was a dream come true for Meena Sharma. Although she looked a little different, Meena thought her baby was the most beautiful child she had ever seen. However, her happiness was to be short lived. Instead of celebrating the birth, close family members turned their backs on her and blamed Meena for giving birth to a baby whose lips were unjoined

A shocked Meena spent the next few days in a daze. It was only when she got to know that the cleft, or the gap in her daughter's lip, was treatable that she emerged from her depression. Realising that early treatment was critical for cleftlip patients, she and her husband reached

out for medical help.

Fortunately, they were able to afford the surgeries and the related comprehensive care required to correct the condition. But a majority of the 35,000 children born with a cleft lip and palate in India every year are not so lucky. According to a report released in October 2022, children under the age of five with clefts in India are one and a half times more vulnerable to severe malnutrition compared to under-five children without clefts. This is because the unjoined lips make breastfeeding the infant almost impossible and difficulties in swallowing further hampers their nutrition.

This study carried out by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington's School of Medicine in conjunction with Smile Train, a not-for-profit working to help children born with cleft lip and palate, also found that children who are born underweight and with clefts, face a higher risk of under-nutrition and other potentially lifethreatening conditions compared to children who are only underweight.

This is bad news, especially for marginalised communities in a country that has slipped six places down to 107 out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index published last month. Limited food security is a major reason for 35 per cent of children in the country being stunted (low height for age) and wasting (low weight for height) of 19 per cent children (Fifth National Family Health Survey 2019-21). Worryingly, there has been a worsening in food security both in quantity and quality compared to the pre-Covid period for many according to the Hunger Watch surveys conducted by the Right to Food campaign. What makes it even more disheartening is that if timely access to adequate nutrition (and surgical treatment) is given, up to a third of the estimated cleftlip and palate-related malnutrition deaths in children under five in the country can be prevented.

Unfortunately, awareness on this issue remains low not just among parents but also caregivers and health professionals. Many women who give birth to babies with cleft lip or palate do not seek treatment because



MANY WOMEN WHO GIVE **BIRTH TO BABIES WITH** CLEFT LIP OR PALATE DO **NOT SEEK** TREATMENT **BECAUSE** THEY BELIEVE THAT IT IS GOD'S WISH THAT THEIR CHILDREN WERE BORN TO LOOK DIFFERENT. SOME **CONSIDER IT PUNISHMENT** FOR THEIR PAST SINS

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they believe that it is God's wish that their children were born to look different. Some consider it as punishment for their past sins. Another belief among families is that the pregnant woman must have stepped out during a solar eclipse and brought this upon her child. So are any of these beliefs and

superstitions true? Why does cleft lip and cleft palate occur? Doctors say a combination of nutritional and genetic factors cause an improper joining of facial tissues during the development of the foetus in the mother's womb. Smoking or drinking alcohol, poor nutrition and emotional stress and trauma experienced during pregnancy increase the risk of its occurrence.

For poor and marginalised

women, this is inextricably linked to their poor nutritional status. It is also believed that early marriage of adolescent girls could enhance the chances of cleft lip occurrence as their bodies are not prepared for motherhood, which could be multiple in many cases.

In a society where physical beauty is paramount, it is not just the mothers who face social ostracism for giving dirth to infants with clefts. The children have to deal with stigma and derision for speech impairment in addition to difficulties in eating, breathing and hearing. This is where Smile Train India is making a difference. The not-for-profit provides not just free reconstructive surgeries for children but also makes investments to improve the nutritional outcomes of children with clefts.

According to Mamta Carrol, Smile Train senior vice-president

and Asia regional director, in addition to providing the necessary surgical procedures, they also ensure a range of non-surgical care like speech therapy, nutrition counseling, psycho-social support, and orthodontic treatment starting from birth of the child and continuing till adulthood.

In the last two decades, Smile Train has performed nearly 650,000 surgeries with 150 partner hospitals in 110 cities across India by empowering local medical professionals with training, funding, and resources to provide free cleft surgery and comprehensive cleft care to children.

Experts say that there is a huge backlog of cleft treatment in India—about 1 million untreated patients. This is why early intervention is critical. Doctors say 81 per cent of cleft lips can be diagnosed by an ultrasound during the early stages of the pregnancy. The best age for primary cleft lip surgery is between the ages of three to six months and nine to 18 months for cleft palate surgery. Delays in cleft surgery can lead to speech difficulties, hearing loss and occlusion issues, and decreased quality of life,

says Carrol. This is why they have partnered with the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), to reach out to pregnant mothers and families to prepare and guide them.

It has introduced the country's first and only toll-free cleft helpline partnership GlaxoSmithKline Asia Private Limited, where cleft patients and parents of cleft affected children can

call from any part of India and get

advice, assistance, and access to surgery free of cost.

A life changing initiative is the institution of the Cleft India Parents Association (CIPA). Started by some of the parents of children with cleft lip and palate, CIPA provides support to new parents by sharing their own experiences and extending emotional support. They also provide information to facilitate better management of their children's cleft journey which spans approximately 20 years.

In 2019, when a newborn with bilateral cleft lip and palate born at the government hospital in Gurgaon, Haryana, was abandoned by his parents a few hours after his birth, CIPA came to his rescue. After reading about his plight in the newspaper, they coordinated with doctors and nurses at the hospital to ensure he received the specialised attention required. After police efforts to locate his parents failed, they collaborated with the government's childcare committee to place the baby at a Smile Train centre for management of his cleft lip and palate.

Studies show that the number of children born with clefts in India has failed to decline significantly over the last 20 years. Greater awareness and targeted interventions are needed to address this issue.

Also important is to include cleft lip on the list of disabilities in the amendment of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, so that children with clefts are given equal opportunities to not just survive and thrive, but also to attain their true potential without discrimination and prejudice.

"ANNAMALAI HAS MADE IT A HABIT TO LEVEL RECKLESS ALLEGATIONS. THE TN GOVT WILL PUNISH THE GUILTY AND NO ONE WOULD BE SPARED. -MDMK LEADER





THE STATE GOVT SHOWS "HESITANCY" IN DISCLOSING DETAILS OF COIMBATORE BLASTS AND CALLING IT "TERROR ATTACK. . IT WAS A "SUICIDE ATTACK." —TAMIL NADU BJP PRESIDENT K. ANNAMALAI

India has been an exemplar in green leadership

But there are also problems and to reach its 2030 goal, India will need to deploy renewable energy 2.5 times quicker

ccording to a recent study by the Institute A study by the institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), India's renewable energy industry is shining and thriving. The news came at a time when the planet is battered by international conflicts, global inflation, high energy costs, and rising interest rates.

This doesn't come as any surprise since Brent crude may reach \$100 per barrel or perhaps go higher because of the escalating global energy crisis and the recent tumultuous decision by Saudi Arabia and Russia to reduce their production output by 2 million barrels per day.

Brent Crude is currently trading at about \$90.70, the bar plunging down by achieving its highest at \$97.4 on October 7.



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rupee/dollar exchange rate was Rs 82.79 as a result of a strong dollar abroad and falling crude oil prices. For obvious reasons, India may also have to worry about rising crude oil prices in the near term, but in the long run, it is building its capability in the renewable energy industry to successfully address the situation. India's renewable energy stride and affability to become an energy-independent economy is not a nine-day wonder. India has come a long way since its Independence from a minuscule 1.3 GW total installed capacity in 1947 to becoming a behemoth (118 GW) now in the renewable energy arena. Over the past 10 years, India's installed renew-

Dispiritedly, Monday's by 700 per cent, reaching more than 160 GW.

As of July 2022, India has met its NDC objective, its installed renewable energy capacity (including hydro) stood at 161.28 GW, representing 40 per cent of the overall installed power capacity. By September 2022, the installed solar energy capacity had expanded by 50 times in the previous ten years, reaching 61 GW. The current renewable energy capacity of India is approximately 161 GW, standing at fourth place in the world next to China, the U.S, and Brazil, particularly over the past ten years, India has seen a significant increase in the installed capacity of renewable energy sources.

In the recently held 26th able energy capacity has grown UNFCCC at Glasgow in

Conference of the Parties (COP26), India committed to fulfilling its promise to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees through five agendas called 'Panchamrit' or 'Five Ambrosias'. The commitments entailed increasing its non-fossil energy capacity to 500 gigawatts by 2030, meeting 50 per cent of the energy requirement through renewable means by 2030, reducing projected carbon emissions by one billion tons by 2030, reducing the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45 per cent by 2030, and achieving a net-zero emissions target by 2070. The latest missions though came in succession, following the commitments made in the Paris Agreement.

The Indian government shine and rainbows for the more to the woes. Considering

Scotland, also termed stated last year that it has been tenaciously pursuing the Paris Agreement's objectives. Supporting India's track record of climate commitment, India's emissions have decreased by 28 per cent from 2005 levels, against the aim of a 35 per cent reduction by 2030.

Linking the dots, the Lok Sabha passed the muchexpected Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill on August 8, without much opposition. The new measure would not only make it necessary to employ non-fossil fuels like ethanol, green hydrogen, green ammonia, and biomass as energy sources but will also significantly aid India in meeting its 2030 sustainable development goal (SDG 7).

But everything is not sun-

current government. The officials have acknowledged that they shall be falling short of their 2022 goal of 175 GW of RES, citing various reasons. The nation's ambition to build 175 gigawatts of capacity by 2022 is seeing a robust slowdown, just four Indian states have been able to surpass their renewable energy objectives till now (Gujarat was the fourth áfter Rajasthan, state Karnataka, and Telangana to achieve its goal).

Solar installations have decreased despite March's record surge. This fall is a result of the government's introduction of a customs levy on the import of solar modules and cells. The majority of India's solar energy capacity is imported which has added

has increased its renewable energy target to 450 GW by 2030, a quicker adoption rate would be required to achieve the objective. Four states— Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh—account for the majority of the 175 GW target's shortfall. To reach its 2030 goal, India will need to deploy renewable energy 2.5 times quicker than the current rate. India must add an average of 3.7 GW on a monthly basis to achieve the primary goal. The year 2022 has seen an

average monthly rate of 1.4 GW, with a record-breaking high of 3.5 GW in March. Until the monthly required rate is achieved the target of an energy-independent India shall remain a distant dream.

Russia's hope for Ukraine win revealed in battle for Bakhmut



AP BAKHMUT (UKRAINE)

Russian soldiers pummeling a city in eastern Ukraine with artillery are slowly edging closer in their attempt to seize Bakhmut, which has remained in Ukrainian hands during the eight-month war despite Moscow's goal of capturing the entire Donbas region border-

ing Russia. While much of the fighting in the last month has unfolded in southern Ukraine's Kherson region, the battle heating up around Bakhmut Russian demonstrates President Vladimir Putin's desire for visible gains following weeks of clear setbacks in

Taking Bakhmut would rupture Ukraine's supply lines and open a route for Russian forces to press on toward Kramatorsk and Sloviansk, key Ukrainian strongholds in Donetsk province. Pro-Moscow separatists have controlled part of Donetsk and neighbouring l province since 2014. Luhansk

Before invading Ukraine,

Putin recognised the independence of the Russianbacked separatists' self-proclaimed republics. Last month, he illegally annexed Donetsk, Luhansk and two other provinces that Russian forces

occupied or mostly occupied. Russia has battered Bakhmut with rockets for more than five months. The ground assault accelerated after its troops forced the Ukrainians to withdraw from Luhansk in July. The line of contact is now on the city's outskirts. Mercenaries from the Wagner Group, a shadowy Russian military company, are reported to be leading the charge.

Russia's prolonged drive Bakhmut exposes Moscow's "craziness," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a nightly address to the nation this week. "Day after day, for months, they have been driving people there to their deaths, concentrating the maximum power of artillery strikes there," Zelenskyy said.

The shelling killed at least three people between Wednesday and Thursday, the optics of some kind of an offensive victory to assuage critics at home and to show the Russian public that this war is still going to plan," said Samuel Ramani, an associate fellow at the Royal United Services Institute, a defense and security think tank based in London.

The Wagner Group has played a prominent role in the war, and human rights organizations have accused its soldiers for hire of committing atrocities. Their deployment around Bakhmut reflects the city's strategic important to Moscow. However, it's unclear if the mercenaries have made many tangible gains, according to Ramani.

"We're seeing a situation where the Wagner Group is quite effective at creating terror amongst the local residents but much less effective at actually capturing and holding territory," he said. At the very best they're gaining 1 kilometer (0.6 mile) a week toward Bakhmut, he said.

While in the city this week, journalists from The Associated Press saw burnedout cars, destroyed buildings and people struggling to survive amid a cacophony of constant shelling. Bakhmut has been without electricity or water for a month, and residents worry about heating their homes as temperatures drop.

"We hoped that this (war) would end or that we would have conditions that allow us to live. But since last month, conditions have been terrible," resident Leonid Tarasov said. Few shops are open. The AP saw people using firewood to cook on the streets and drawing water from wells.

Bakhmut had a population of about 73,000 people before the war, but approximately 90% have left the city, according to Kyrylenko, the Donetsk



In this handout photo taken from video and released by Russian Defense Ministry Press Service on Friday, A Ka-52 helicopter gunsip of the Russian air force fires rockets (Russian Defense Ministry Press Service via AP)

US to send Ukraine additional \$275 million in military aid

The Pentagon is senium Ukraine a new \$275 million ¬he Pentagon is sending package of weapons and other aid, in a move to bolster the effort to drive Russian forces out of key areas in the south as the winter closes in, U.S. Officials said Thursday. Officials said there are no major new weapons in the U.S. Package, which is expected

to be announced on Friday. Instead, the U.S. Aid is largely aimed at restocking thousands of rounds of ammunition for weapons systems already there, including for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, known as HIMARS, which Ukraine has been successfully using in its counteroffensive against Russia.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of a package not yet made public. The new aid comes as federal officials made public the U.S. Government's efforts to ensure that weaponry trans-

ferred to Ukraine doesn't end up in the hand of Russian troops, their proxies or other extremist groups. The plan, announced by the State Department on Thursday, notes that accounting for weapons is particularly difficult during an active war and when there is no major U.S. Presence on the ground.

U.S. Officials have faced persistent questions from some members of Congress over how the administration is accounting for the billions of dollars in arms that have been sent to Ukraine over the past year. But the administration had been reluctant to detail its work on that

state of the conflict and fears it might tip off would-be smugglers to potential evasion techniques.

"As in any conflict, we remain vigilant to the possibility that criminal and non-state actors may attempt to illicitly acquire weapons from sources in Ukraine, including members of the Russian military, during or following the conflict," the State Department said in a statement. The departments of State Defense and Commerce are all involved in the accounting

The three-prong plan includes short-, medium- and longer-term initiatives to bolster U.S. And Ukrainian oversight of transferred materiel, particularly more advanced missile systems and anti-aircraft devices, as well as to improve Ukraine's aviation and border security to combat the misuse of weapons and prevent possible arms traf-

US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield called Thursday's meeting "a colossal waste of time," rejected Russia's

allegation as "pure fabrications

brought forth without a shred

campaign" that is attempting

"to distract from the atrocities

Russian forces are carrying out

in Ukraine and a desperate tac-

tic to justify an unjustifiable

biological weapons program,"

she said. "The United States

does not have a biological

weapons program. There are

no Ukrainian biological

"Ukraine does not have a

She said the claim is part of

of evidence?

World faces most dangerous decade since WWII: Putin



The world faces "probably the ■ most dangerous" decade since the end of World War Two, Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned.

He made the remarks on Thursday while addressing the annual Valdai forum after a series of recent military defeats in Ukraine and growing public anger at home over a drive to mobilise some 300,000 Russians for the war effort, reports the BBC. In a wide-ranging speech, he sought to justify Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a move that has left his country internationally isolated. Putin also accused the West of nuclear blackmail against Russia to force allies to turn away from Moscow.

The day before his address in Moscow, Putin had overseen routine nuclear exercises that involved a supposed nuclear strike in retaliation for an enemy's massive nuclear attack.

'We've never proactively said anything about Russia's weapons. We've only responded with hints to comments voiced by the leaders of Western countries," the BBC quoted the President as saying. Putin singled out former UK Prime Minister Liz Truss for suggesting during an August campaign event that she would be ready to press the nuclear button if circumstances required her to do so.

The President said he was surprised the UK's allies did not object: "What were we supposed to do? Keep silent? Pretend that we didn't hear it?"He also repeated his recent attacks on the West, and what he called its "dangerous, bloody and dirty game" of denying countries their sovereignty and uniqueness, the BBC reported.

EU revisits Balkans to win friends, seek more influence

The European Union is in the midst of yet another goodwill trip through the Western Balkans to drum up support for the bloc and to make sure that Europe's historical tinderbox is not about to pick the side of hostile Russia world of geopolitics.

Ursula von der Leyen will have a stop during her whirlwind six nation tour in Serbia on Friday, by far the most important nation in the southern region, and one that has shown scant regard for solidarity in joining EU sanctions against Russia for its invasion of

EU Commission President

For years, the 27-nation EU has been caught in two minds over the Western Balkans: seeking to pull them close as allies and hold off foreign interference, yet at the same time, keeping them at arm's length since their weaker economies and political institutions are far from ready to seamlessly integrate into the EU's single market of open trade and Western democratic ideals.



The result has been frustration for the Western Balkan nations, sometimes bordering on alienation. And the February 24 Russian invasion of Ukraine has only made matters more urgent. Hence, this week's outpouring of warm words and more EU aid in addition to the billions in grants and loans already committed to the region. "This is a question of strategic interests, and we only have one shot to get it right. So let's not waste it," Katalin Cseh of the liberal Renew Europe group

told the EU legislature last week. "Russia and China understand the strategic importance of the Western Balkans just as well

as we do. Only," she added, "it is right on our doorstep."

according to local authorities

Four more died between

Thursday and Friday in the

Donetsk region, the province's

Ukrainian governor reported

as Russian troops press their attacks on Bakhmut and

Avdiivka, a small city about 90

kilometers (55 miles) to the

south that also remains under

Ukrainian control Gov. Pavlo

Kyrylenko said the civilian

population was suffering in

more ways with the region becoming an active war zone.

the region live in constant fear

without heating and electrici-

ty," Kyrylenko said in televised remarks. "Their enemy is

not only Russian cannons but

Bakhmut given it is losing

control over large swaths of the

northeastern region of Kharkiv

to a Ukrainian counteroffen-

sive last month and its deteri-

orating position in Kherson.

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first the Russian military cap-

tured after the Feb. 24 invasion

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also the cold."

of Ukraine.

"Civilians who remain in

The region now comprising of Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia has long been a political, and sometimes literal,

battleground for world powers. A shooting in Sarajevo, Bosnia, in 1914 set off World War I, which brought down empires, redrew maps and ulti-mately led to World War II, The United States and the Soviet Union emerged as superpowers.

With the 1991 Soviet collapse, so did Yugoslavia, the dominant power in the Western

West says no biological weapons in Ukraine, Russia disagrees

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

The US and its Western allies On Thursday dismissed Russia's claims that banned biological weapons activities are taking place in Ukraine with American support, calling the allegation disinformation

Russia's UN ambassador said Moscow will pursue a UN investigation of its allegations that both countries are violating the convention prohibiting the use of biological weapons.

The dispute came in the third UN Security Council meeting on Ukraine-related issues that Russia has called since Tuesday.

This one focused on a 310page document that Russia circulated to council members this week alleging there is "military biological" activity in Ukraine with support of the US Defence Department.

The document includes an official complaint to the council, allowed under Article VI of the 1972 biological weapons convention, and a draft reso-



lution that would authorize the Security Council to set up a commission to address

Russia's allegation of secret American biological warfare labs in Ukraine has been disputed by independent scientists, Ukrainian leaders and officials at the White House and Pentagon.

An Associated Press investigation in March found the claim was taking root online, uniting COVID-19 conspiracy theorists, QAnon adherents and some supporters of former

President Donald Trump.

Ukraine does have a network of biological labs that have gotten funding and research support from the US.

They are owned and operated by Úkraine and are part of an initiative called the Biological Threat Reduction Program that aims to reduce the likelihood of deadly outbreaks, whether natural or manmade.

The US efforts date back to work in the 1990s to dismantle the former Soviet Union's program for weapons of mass

weapons laboratories supported by the United States." British Ambassador Barbara Woodward told the council that since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine it "has repeatedly spread disinformation, including wild claims involving dirty bombs, chem-

ical weapons and offensive biological research? UN nuclear agency to probe Russia claim of 'dirty bombs'

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

The UN Nuclear chief said Thursday he is sending inspectors to two locations in Ukraine where Russia alleged that activities related to the possible production of "dirty bombs" was taking place.

Rafael Grossi said in a statement that inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency would be travelling this week to the two sites, which are under IAEA safeguards, following a written request from the Ukrainian government.

possible undeclared nuclear activities and materials related to the development of dirty bombs," the statement said.

"The IAEA inspected one of the two locations a month ago and no undeclared nuclear activities or materials were

found there." The statement did not identify the sites, but Russia's U.N.



"The purpose of this week's safeguards visits is to detect any Zelenskyy's regime to develop such a dirty bomb."

Vassily The envoy, Nebenzia, said that information was from Russia's Ministry of Defence.

at their concluding stage" on a dirty bomb, which uses explosives to scatter radioactive waste

Ukraine attacks Russia's hold on southern city of Kherson



Tkrainian forces attacked Russia's hold on the southern city of Kherson on Thursday while fighting intensified in the country's The battles came amid reports that Moscowappointed authorities have abandoned the city, joining tens of thousands of residents who fled to other Russia-held areas.

Ukrainian forces were surrounding Kherson from the west and attacking Russia's foothold on the west bank of the Dnieper River, which divides the region and the country.

As the battles unfolded, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Moscow has no intention to use nuclear weapons in Ukraine, despite

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the past that he was prepared to use all available means to defend Russia, including its nuclear arsenal.

"We see no need for that," Putin said at a conference of international foreign policy experts outside Moscow. There is no point in that,

neither political nor military." The Russian leader, who insisted for weeks before the invasion that he did not intend to attack Ukraine, also sought to cast the conflict as part of efforts by the West to secure global domination.

He accused the U.S. And its allies of trying to dictate their terms to other nations in a "dangerous and bloody" domination game.

Putin, whose troops invaded on Feb. 24, has described Western support for Ukraine as part of broad efforts by Washington and its allies to enforce what they call a rules-based world order that only foments chaos.

warned that Moscow could

target Western commercial satellites used for military purposes in support of

Meanwhile, Russia

Ukraine, and a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman accused the United States of pursuing "thoughtless and mad" escalation. Spokeswoman Maria

Zakĥarova argued that Washington should take an approach more like it did during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, when the Cold War superpowers stepped back from the brink of nuclear confrontation.

'The more the U.S. Is drawn into supporting the Kyiv regime on the battlefield, the more they risk provoking a direct military confrontation between the biggest nuclear powers fraught with catastrophic consequences, Zakharova said. Ukraine has pushed ahead with an offensive to reclaim the Kherson region and its capital of the same name, which Russian

forces captured during the first days of a war now in its ninth month. Ambassador alleged in a letter

to Security Council members this week that Ukraine's Institute for Nuclear Research of the National Academy of Sciences in Kyiv and Vostochniy Mining and Processing Plant "have received direct orders from (President Volodymyr)

He said that "the works are

in an effort to sow terror.



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Obama gets midterm do-over to help boost Democrats

Barack Obama is trying to do something he couldn't during two terms as president: help Democrats succeed in national midterm elections when they already hold the White House.

Of course, he's more popular than he was back then, and now it's President Joe Biden, Obama's former vice president, who faces the prospects of a November rebuke.

Obama begins a hopscotch across battleground states Friday in Georgia, and he will travel Saturday to Michigan and Wisconsin, followed by stops next week in Nevada and Pennsylvania. The itinerary, which

includes rallies with Democratic candidates for federal and state offices, comes as Biden and Democrats try to stave off a strong Republican push to upend Democrats' narrow majorities in the House and Senate and claim key governorships ahead of the 2024 presidential election.

With Biden's job approval ratings in the low 40s amid sustained inflation, he's an albatross for Democrats like Sens. Raphael Warnock of Georgia and Catherine Cortez Masto of Nevada. But party strategists see



Obama as having extensive reach even in a time of hyperpartisanship and economic

"Obama occupies a rare place in our politics today," said David Axelrod, who helped shape Obama's campaigns from his days in the Illinois state Senate through two presidential elections. "He obviously has great appeal to Democrats. But he's also well-liked by independent voters."

Neither Biden nor former President Donald Trump can claim that, Axelrod and others noted, even as both men also

ratchet up their campaigning ahead of the Nov. 8 elections.

"Barack Obama is the best messenger we've got in our party, and he's the most popular political figure in the country in either party," said Bakari Sellers, a South Carolina Democrat and prominent political commentator.

Obama left office in January 2017 with a 59% approval rating, and Gallup measured his postpresidential approval at 63% the following year, the last time the organization surveyed former presidents. That's considerably higher than his ratings in

2010, when Democrats lost control of the House in a midterm election that Obama called a "shellacking." In his second midterm election four years later, the GOP regained control of the Senate.

Swimming against those historical tides, Biden traveled Thursday to Syracuse, New York, for a rare appearance in a competitive congressional district. After months of Republican attacks over inflation, he offered a closing economic argument buoyed somewhat by news of 2.6% GDP growth in the third quarter after two previous quarters of retraction.

"Democrats are building a better America for everyone with an economy ... Where everyone does well," Biden said.

Yet Lis Smith, a Democratic strategist, said Obama is better positioned to take that same argument to Americans who haven't decided whom to vote for or whether to vote at all.

"If it's just a straight-up referendum on Democrats and the economy, then we're screwed," Smith said, acknowledging that no incumbent party wants to run amid sustained inflation. "But you have to make the election a choice between the two parties, crystallize the dif-



Biden to vote early in Delaware with his granddaughter

AP WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden will cast his midterm election ballot this weekend in his home state of Delaware, where in-person early voting begins Friday.

The White House said Biden will vote alongside his granddaughter Natalie, 18, who is a first-time voter. The Democratic president is casting his ballot as his party is facing an uphill battle to hold on to control of Congress and as Democrats have made a priority of encouraging their supporters to vote early in jurisdictions where it is available to maximize turnout.

Biden's trip to his polling place comes as he is spending a long weekend at his Wilmington home. He'll make a brief trip to nearby Philadelphia on Friday night to attend an event for the Pennsylvania Democratic Party with Vice President Kamala Harris. A Democratic official said the fundraiser will raise USD 1 million for the state party, with Lt. Gov. John Fetterman in a close race against GOP nominee Dr. Mehmet Oz for a critical U.S. Senate seat.

N Korea fires missiles toward sea as US warns over nukes

North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles toward the sea on Friday in its first ballistic weapons launches in two weeks, as the US military warned the North that the use of nuclear weapons "will result in the end of that regime."

South Korea's military detected the two launches from the North's eastern coastal Tongchon area around midday on Friday, Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement. It said both missiles flew about 230 kilometers (140 miles) at a maximum altitude of 24 kilometers (15 miles).

The statement said South Korea strongly condemns the launches, calling them "a grave provocation" that undermines regional peace and violates UN Security Council resolutions banning any ballistic activities by North Korea. It said South Korea has boosted its surveillance on North Korea.

The US Indo Pacific Command said the launches did not pose an immediate threat to the United States or its allies but highlighted the "destabilising impact" of North Korea's illicit nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs.

The Japanese Defence Ministry said it also detected the launches and that the type of missiles used and their flight information were still being



The back-to-back launches the North's first ballistic missile tests since Oct 14, came on the final day of South Korea's annual 12-day "Hoguk" field exercises, which also involved an unspecified number of U.S. Troops this year. Next week, South Korean and US air forces plan to conduct a large-scale training as well.

North Korea sees such regular drills by Seoul and Washington as practice for launching an attack on the North, though the allies say their exercises are defensive in nature.

Next week's "Vigilant Storm" aerial drills are to run from Monday to Friday and involve about 140 South Korean warplanes and about 100 US aircraft. The planes include sophisticated fighter jets like F-35 from both nations, South Korea's Defense Ministry said in a statement earlier Friday.

Since late September, North Korea has launched a barrage of missiles toward the sea in what it called simulated tests of tactical nuclear weapons systems designed to attack South Korean and US targets. North Korea says its testing activities were meant to issue a warning amid a series of South Korea-U.S. Military drills. But some experts say Pyongyang has also used its rivals' drills as a chance to test new weapons systems, boost its nuclear capability and increase its leverage in future dealings with Washington and Seoul.

Tongchon, the launch site for the North's Friday launches, is about 60 kilometers (37 miles) away from the inter-Korean land border. The area was apparently closer to South Korea than any other missile launch site North Korea has used so far this

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Shanghai district orders mass Covid-19 testing, lockdown

AP BEIJING

hina's largest city of Shanghai Cis ordering mass testing Friday on all 1.3 million residents of its downtown Yangpu district and confining them to their homes at least until results are

The demand is an echo of measures ordered over the summer that led to a two-month lockdown of the entire city of 25 million that devastated the local economy, prompting food shortages and rare confrontations between residents and the authorities. At the start of the lockdown,

authorities said they would last just days but then kept extending the deadline.

China has shown no sign of backing away from its hardline "zero-COVID" policy since a

major congress of the ruling Communist Party that concluded this week by awarding authoritarian leader Xi Jinping a third five-year term in power and packed top bodies with his loy-

Strict measures have been imposed across the country, from Shanghai in the east to Tibet far to the west, where antilockdown protests have also been reported. Cell phone footage smug-

gled out of the region showed crowds of both native Tibetans and Han Chinese migrants milling in the streets of Lhasa to protest a lockdown that has lasted as long as 74 days. The footage was reportedly shot on Wednesday night but there was no sign of violence.

Lhasa has been under tight surveillance since bloody antigovernment protests broke out in the city in 2008 before spreading across Tibetan areas.

Despite public anger, the for-

mer chairman of Shanghai's Communist Party Committee, the city's top official who was ultimately responsible for the lockdown measures, was given the No. 2 spot in the party's allpowerful Politburo Standing Committee — an indication of Xi's elevation of political loyalty above those capable of gaining public support through competent administration.

Li Qiang, who had been Xi's virtual chief-of-staff while he headed the eastern province of Zhejiang, has been replaced by Beijing Mayor Chen Jining, a former president of Beijing's prestigious Tsinghua University and minister of environmental pro-



Chen, 58, was educated at Brunel University London and worked at Imperial College London, where he earned a PhD degree in civil and envi-

ronmental engineering in 1993. Many Chinese had hoped for a relaxation of the strict anti-

COVID-19 protocols, which remain in place even while the rest of the world has opened up. China's borders remain largely closed and arrivals must undergo a 10-day quarantine at a designated space.

Despite its costs, and the

World Health Organization calling it unsustainable, China credits the strategy with keeping case numbers and deaths at a fraction of those in other countries, although Beijing's figures have frequently been questioned.

China on Friday reported a 1,337 new cases — most of them asymptomatic — and no new deaths. Shanghai reported 11 asymptomatic cases and Tibet had one confirmed case with symptoms and five asymptomatic cases. China says it has recorded a total of 258,660 cases and 5,226 deaths since the pandemic was first detected in the central city of Wuhan in late

In a sign China's tough measures will be maintained in the long term, Shanghai plans to build a permanent quarantine center on an island in the

Huangpu River that divides the financial hub, according to the business magazine Caixin. The 1.6-billion-yuan (\$221

million) project on Fuxing Island

will expand existing facilities to create 3,009 isolation rooms and 3,250 beds, with construction expected to be completed in six months, Caixin said. China's domestically developed vaccines are considered relatively ineffective and it has

refused to approve foreign brands such as Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and J&J. Still, China wants more people to get booster shots before it relaxes its restrictions. As of

mid-October, 90% of Chinese were fully vaccinated and 57% had received a booster shot. China has relied on domes-

tically developed vaccines, pri-

marily two inactivated vaccines

other places. As a result, it's unclear how widely COVID-19 would spread

if travel warnings and quarantine mandates were lifted. Until then, a hodgepodge of regulations and restrictions will remain in place across the country of 1.4 billion.

Iranian protesters again confront police in southeast city

Protesters in Iran confronted security forces on Friday in a southeastern city that has seen weeks of unrest amid nationwide demonstrations following the September death of a woman detained by the country's morality police.

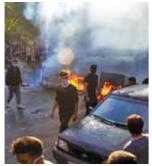
The city of Zahedan, where protests were initially sparked by rape allegations against a police officer, have become the deadliest area of unrest following the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini.

The nationwide protests have raged across Iran, involving over 125 cities. At least 270 people have been killed and nearly 14,000 have been arrested, according to the group Human Rights Activists in Iran. They have also expanded beyond protests over Iran's mandatory headscarf, or hijab, for women, into rallies against Iran's clerical system.

Activists estimate that in Zahedan alone, nearly 100 people have been killed since a rally there on Sept. 30 set off a violent police response.

The demonstrations have become the greatest threat to the country's theocratic government since the 2009 Green Movement demonstrations. Women continue to remove their hijabs during the street protests as international pressure grows on Iran's government over its crackdown on demon-

Videos of the protests Friday in Zahedan around the city's Makki Grand Mosque purportedly included the sound of gunfire. Later footage showed streaks of blood on tilework and bloody palm prints in the mosque's courtyard, with activists saying they feared two people had been killed.



Iranian authorities did not immediately acknowledge Friday's violence in Zahedan, a city in Iran's Sistan and Baluchistan province that is located about 500 kilometers (310 miles) southeast of the the country's capital, Tehran.

However, the state-run IRNA news agency carried a statement by the province's security council earlier Friday saying that the police chief in Zahedan and another police official have been sacked over their handling of the Sept. 30 protest. The statement for the first time acknowledged that police shot and killed people praying at the time at a nearby

The security council's version of the demonstration alleged that 150 people, including armed men, attacked a police station and attempted to take it over during the protests.

The "armed conflict, and police shooting, unfortunately, led to the wounding and killing of a number of worshippers and innocent passers-by who had no role in the unrest," the statement

However, the statement claimed that only 35 people were killed, while activists estimate about three times that number were killed by security forces, who also allegedly fired on protesters from helicopters.

Imran's supporters to launch protest march for fresh polls

Pakistan was tense on Friday as hundreds of supporters of Imran Khan's party gathered in Lahore as the former prime minister was all set to launch his protest march towards Islamabad to force the government to announce a date for early general elections.

Supporters of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) riding on their motorcycles and carrying party flags have assembled at the famous Liberty Chowk from where Khan would proceed towards the capital through the historic GT Road.

Khan, 70, plans to arrive in Islamabad on November 4 and has sought formal permission from the government to allow his party to hold a protest rally.

Tanzania capital

imposes water

restrictions

dropping river levels.

AP ■ DODOMA (TANZANIA)

One of Africa's largest and fastest growing cities has

imposed water restrictions as

officials blame dry weather and

million residents of Tanzania's

commercial capital, Dar es

Salaam, say thousands of homes

The country's water minis-

have had no water for weeks.

ter, Jumaa Aweso, said the city's

water authority has been work-

ing to provide a better supply

from the struggling Lower Ruvu

water treatment plant.

Frustration is growing. Resident

Victor Musa said it has been

three days and "I have no water."

rationing plan is faulty, saying his

family and other homes received

the last supply of water for just

20 minutes. Last year, Prime

Minister Kassim Majaliwa

inspected the water treatment

plants after the city went for days

without water.

He alleged that even the

Some of the more than 6

as a 'Haqiqi Azadi March' or a protest for actual freedom of the

It is not clear if he would go back after the rally or transform it into a sit-in on the pattern of his 2014 protest when a 126-day sit-in was staged by his followers in front of the parliament building. The organisers had announced to start the march at 11 am but it was delayed and it was not clear when exactly it would begin.

The coalition government led by Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has made elaborate security arrangements to maintain peace while warning the PTI that any effort to create a law and order situation would be dealt with an "iron hand", Interior Minister Rana Sanaul-

AP ■ COTABATO (PHILIPPINES)

 $F^{lash\,floods\,and\,landslides\,set}_{off\ by\ torrential\ rains}$

swamped a southern Philippine

province, killing at least 31 peo-

ple, leaving nine others missing

and trapping some residents on

their roofs, officials said on

swept away by rampaging flood-

waters and drowned or were hit

by debris-filled mudslides in

three towns in hard-hit

Maguindanao province, said

Naguib Sinarimbo, the interior

minister for a five-province

Muslim autonomous region run

that came down overnight was

unusually (heavy) and flowed

down mountainsides and

swelled rivers," Sinarimbo told

The Associated Press by tele-

"I hope the casualty num-

'The amount of rainwater

by former guerrillas.

Most of the victims were

At least 31 dead

in floods, landslides

in south Philippines



lah told reporters in Islamabad He warned that "strict action will be taken if they

attempt to break the law and create a law and order situation in the capital," he said, adding that the Supreme Court's orders regarding the protest were clear. "If protesters abide by the law,

bers won't rise further but there

are still a few communities we

haven't reached," Sinarimbo

said, adding the rains had eased

since Friday morning, causing

Sinarimbo said based on

floods to start to recede in sev-

reports from mayors, gover-

nors and disaster-response offi-

cials, 26 died mostly by drown-

ing in the neighbouring coastal

towns of Datu Odin Sinsuat and

Datu Blah Sinsuat and five oth-

ers died in Upi town, all in

eral towns.

Maguindanao.

In response, PTI secretary general Asad Umar told the media in Lahore that the protest would be peaceful and "from now on all decisions will be taken by the people". He said that the party decided to dedicate the march to slain journalist Arshad Sharif.

The country was grappling with different versions about the killing of journalist Sharif in Kenya and indirect allegations against the armed forces.

Former information minister Fawad Chaudhry, who was with Umar at the presser, urged the public to take part in the protest. "You should take part in this march even if you do not belong to the PTI. The nation must reject decisions taken behind closed doors," he said.

UN: Flooding

in west, central

Africa displaced

The UN's refugee agency

■ said Friday that destruc-

tion from flooding has dis-

placed more than 3.4 million

people in west and central

Nigeria's worst floods in a

decade have killed hundreds,

displaced 1.3 million resi-

dents and affected over 2.8

million people in the West

African nation of 218 mil-

for higher ground as water submerged farmland and

camps for the internally dis-

placed that were set up in

part to help people fleeing

simmering violence in the

region, among other trou-

infrastructure.

Survivors had to scurry

Many have been living in

UNHCR said Friday that

3.4M people

AP ■ GENEVA

Africa

Pak & China agree to build USD 10bn rail project to link Karachi with Peshawar

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Ahead of Pakistan Prime Minister Shebaz Sharif's maiden visit to China next week, both the countries have agreed to go ahead with the much delayed USD 10 billion Karachi to Peshawar rail line as a key part of the ambitious CPEC project, according to a media report on

Prime Minister Sharif will be visiting Beijing with a highpowered delegation from November 1, 2022, where minutes of the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting will be signed. Sharif is expected to be the first foreign head of Government to meet Chinese

President Xi Jinping.

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Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that the Meeting of Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, 11th November, 2022 at 11.00 AM at the Regd. Office of the Company to consider the Unaudited the Company to consider the Unaudited Quarterly Results for the Period Ended 30th September, 2022. Further as per the Company's Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading, the trading window for dealing with securities of the Company will remain close from 30.09.2022 to 48 hours afte

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Target to double crude steel output in 10 yrs, says Modi

Trime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday announced that the country has now set a target of "doubling the production capacity of crude steel" in about a decade's time. He was addressing the gathering on the occasion of Rs 60000 crore expansion of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Hazira plant in Gujarat. "An investment of more than 60 thou-

sand crores will create many employment opportunities for the youth of Gujarat and the country. After this expansion, the crude steel production capacity at Hazira Steel Plant will increase from 9 million tonnes to 15 million tonnes", the Prime Minister informed the gathering while addressing them via video conferencing.

Underlining the growing role of the steel industry in goals of moving towards a developed India by 2047, the Prime Minister said that a strong steel sector leads to a robust infrastructure sector and also fulfills needs of the defence sector.

Similarly, the steel sector has a massive contribution in roads, railways, airport, ports, construction, automotive, capital goods, and engineering products, he said

The Prime Minister noted that along with the expansion, a totally new technology is coming to India which will be a huge help in the electric vehicle, automobile and other manufacturing sectors.

"I am sure that this project of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India will prove to be a milestone in the vision of Make in India. This will give new strength to our efforts for a developed India and self-reliant India in the steel sector", said

Referring to the world's expectations from India, the Prime Minister said that India is rapidly moving towards becoming the world's largest manufacturing hub and the government is actively engaged in



creating the necessary policy environment for the development of this sector.

"Due to everyone's efforts in the last years, the Indian steel industry has become the second largest steel producing industry in the world. There is immense potential for development in this industry",

The Prime Minister listed the measures to further promote the Indian steel industry. He said the PLI scheme has created new avenues of its growth. Giving the example of INS Vikrant, the Prime Minister informed that the country has gained expertise in high-grade steel whose use is increasing in critical strategic appli-

The Prime Minister said that the scientists of DRDO developed the special steel used in the aircraft carrier. Indian companies produced thousands of metric tons of steel. And INS Vikrant was completely ready with indigenous capability and technology.

"To promote such capability, the country has now set a target of doubling the production capacity of crude steel. We currently produce 154 MT of crude steel. Our target is to achieve 300 MT production capacity in the next 9-10 years", announced the Prime Minister.

Pointing out the challenges that come across when the vision of development is taking place, the Prime Minister gave the example of carbon emissions for the steel

He explained that on the one hand India is expanding the capacity to produce crude steel and on the other it is also promoting the use of environment friendly

'Today, India is emphasising on developing such production technologies which not only reduce carbon emissions but also capture and reuse carbon " said Modi.

He further informed that the circular

economy is also being promoted in the country and the government and the private sector are working together in this direction

"I am glad that the Hazira project of AMNS India group is also giving a lot of emphasis on the use of green technology" the Prime Minister said

'High inflation rate mainly result of exogenous price shocks'

The high inflation rate in the last three quarters is mainly a consequence of the 'exogenous' price shocks, and addressing the issue will require coordinated policy efforts, RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) member Shashanka Bhide has said.

Bhide further said the inflationary pressures are high and it certainly is a test for India's inflation targeting framework.

"The high inflation rate in Q2 FY2022-23 follows high inflation in the previous two

"High fuel and food prices and their spillover to other sectors have sustained the high inflation rate," he said in an email interview with PTI.

The retail inflation based on CPI has remained above 6 per cent since January 2022, and it was 7.41 per cent in September. The MPĈ factors in retail inflation while deciding the RBI's bimonthly monetary policy.

"While this pattern is mainly a consequence of the exogenous price shocks, it is important to take measures to limit the spillover of the price shocks to the rest of the economy.

"Addressing these issues

will require coordinated policy effort, monetary policy and other economic policies," Bhide

As per the mandate given to the RBI by the Union government, the central bank is required to ensure retail inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.



Noting that the present global macroeconomic environment is challenging in terms of inflationary pressures and growth, he said, "With its diverse economic base and prudent policies, India should be able to meet these challenges".

Bhide said the monetary policy tightening by the RBI aims to bring down the inflationary pressures as high inflation adversely affects consumption and investment demand.

Observing that borrowing costs rise due to interest rate hikes, he said the expectations of lower inflation will help improve demand conditions.

The RBI has been aggressively raising the key interest rate since May to contain inflation. It has so far hiked the short-term lending rate by 190 basis points, taking the rate to a nearly threeyear high of 5.9 per cent.

The Reserve Bank will hold a special meeting of its rate-setting committee on November 3 to prepare a report for the government on why it failed to keep retail inflation below the target of 6 per cent for three consecutive quarters since January.

The six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das will prepare the report on reasons for the failure to meet the inflation target as well as the remedial measures the central bank is taking to bring down prices in the country.

On India's current macroeconomic situation, Bhide said, "The risks come from the uncertain global environment, but the GDP growth for the current fiscal is expected to be close to 7 per centi

He asserted that the Indian economy has shown resilience in getting back to a growth trajectory after going through the multiple waves of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Covid-19 pandemic also presented the challenges on the global scale, affecting trade and supply chains," Bhide said, adding the challenges that are now emerging include slowing down of export demand, financial market volatility and the uncertainty consequent to the Russia-Ukraine war.



'Dedicated freight corridor gives boost to shift from roads to rail'

Adedicated freight corridor has given a boost to the modal (freight movement) shift from road to rail even as a host of factors, including the absence of a sector regulator, impeding this shift, a report said on Friday.

According to credit ratings agency CareEdge, container cargo transported through railways (rail volumes) grew by a healthy 17.63 per cent year-onyear to 74.38 million metric tonnes during the previous fiscal as compared to 12.51 per cent growth in overall container cargo volumes.

The rail co-efficient also expanded by 115 bps to 26.70 per cent during FY22, mainly supported by partial connectivity of the dedicated freight corridor (DFC) with Mundra and Pipavav ports on the western coast, it said.

This marks the beginning of the modal shift from roads to rail, the ratings agency added. It noted that the slated com-

pletion of the DFC project by June 2023, increased trips of cost-effective double-stack container trains and incremental volumes of cement cargo through railways are major factors influencing the switch from

Netizens share rib-tickling memes as Musk's takeover of Twitter 'sinks in'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

¬witter's takeover by Elon ■ Musk sparked off a meme fest as netizens shared hilarious takes on 'Chief Twit', across various social media platforms.

Beyond serious debates on free speech and and how the 'maverick' new owner may change the social media discourse in coming days and months, many saw the funny side of things and Twitter soon brimmed with hilarious, ribtickling memes as the Twitterati let the new reality "sink in".

and CEO of electric car maker Tesla Inc in now at the helm of one of most influential social

The world's richest man

IKEA INDIA NET LOSS WIDENS TO ₹902 CR IN FY22

New Delhi: Swedish furniture and home furnishings retailer Ikea's

30, 2022 was up by 12 per cent at Rs 1,112.80 crore as against Rs

BANDHAN BANK POSTS NET PROFIT OF ₹209 CR IN Q2FY23

New Delhi: Private sector lender Bandhan Bank on Friday reported a

net profit of Rs 209.30 crore in the quarter ended in September

WATER PURIFIERS AIMED AT TOXIC SUBSTANCES

a new range of RO + UV + Minerals based water purifiers with

FiltraPower Technology, to remove toxic substances

2022 guarter, mainly on the back of higher revenue. The

quarter ended September 30, 2021, a BSE filing stated.

BAAZ BIKES INTRODUCES ITS EV ECOSYSTEM

TATA POWER NET PROFIT RISES 85%

New Delhi: HUL's Pureit announced the launch of Pureit Vital Series,

New Delhi: Tata Power on Friday reported about an 85 per cent rise

in its consolidated net profit to Rs 935.18 crore in the September

consolidated net profit of the company was Rs 505.66 crore in the

New Delhi: One of the leading electric mobility startups, Baaz Bikes,

introduces its new generation electric vehicle ecosystem in India.

with safety and convenience, the company has launched its first

'Made-in- India' Smart-Rugged Electric Scooters at IIT, Delhi.

Making the adoption of green mobility faster for gig delivery riders

Indian unit net loss widened to Rs 902.8 crore in FY22 from Rs

809.8 crore in the preceding year, according to financial data

DR REDDY'S PAT UP 12% AT ₹1,113 CR IN Q2

Hyderabad: Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd on Friday said its consolidated profit after tax (PAT) for the quarter ended September

accessed by business intelligence platform Tofler.

992 crore in the same quarter a year ago.

2022 on the back of a fall in bad loans.



media platforms in the world. Twitter Inc's new owner and the self-described free speech absolutist fired top executives, including chief executive Parag Agrawal, CFO Ned Segal and legal affairs and policy chief Vijaya Gadde, soon after completing his USD 44-billion

Musk famously entered the Twitter headquarters with a sink in his hand, and posted a video with the caption: "Entering Twitter HQ-- let that sink in!".

The social media platforms overflowed with funny videos and witty posts.

In one such meme, that has since gone viral, a smiling Musk is shown as Thanos, the villain in Marvel's Avengers movie. In the meme, Musk is shown snapping his fingers, the move dramatically wiping off Twitter

Another one has a man - depicted as Musk - leaning out of the car window, as he takes bird after bird from a seller, and frees them one by one.

Gold falls

gains ₹21

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

₹105; silver

Gold price in the national capital fell by Rs 105 to Rs

50,889 per 10 grams on Friday amid weak global trends,

according to HDFC Securities.

precious metal had closed at Rs

US dollar in early trade on Fri-

day, supported by a weak green-

back in the overseas market and

50,994 per 10 grams.

In the previous trade, the

India in using tech to protect clients' securities: SEBI chief "There is huge technology change in the entire market. It

No country better than



PTI ■ BENGALURU

There is no country in the world in terms of "margin protection" better than India where technology is extensively used to protect clients' securities, Securities and Exchange son Madhabi Puri Buch said on

The SEBI chief said that foreign investors often tell her that she was fortunate to have in the country a culture of data and technology, which is making the role of the capital market regu-

has never been done anywhere in the world ever...And we did it in India. So, today in terms of margin protection - the protection of client's securities - there is nobody better in the world than India," Buch said in her lecture on 'Data and Technology in the Capital Market'. The event was organised by

the Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore to mark its 49th Foundation Day celebrations on Friday. Explaining how data is used

for surveillance to check malpractices during trading, the SEBI chairperson said the study of algorithm and alerts make it of people and understand that this is an 'insider trading'.

SEBI has also embedded a QR code which, Buch said, was quite radical. When it is scanned, one can see a video clip, which showed the 'Delta' positions of the particular individual whose trading pattern is reflected.

Markets log gains for 2nd day on buying in Reliance "However, the strengthening

Equity benchmarks ended higher on Friday helped by buying in index major Reliance Industries along with fresh for-eign fund inflows. Extending its previous day's rally, the 30-share BSE bench-

mark climbed 203.01 points or 0.34 per cent to settle at 59,959.85. During the day, it jumped 376.33 points or 0.62 per cent to 60,133.17. On similar lines, the broad-

er NSE Nifty advanced 49.85 points or 0.28 per cent to end at 17,786.80. In the Sensex pack, Maruti,

Reliance Industries, NTPC, Mahindra, Bajaj Finserv, Titan and Kotak Mahindra Bank were the major winners.

Shares of Maruti climbed nearly 5 per cent after the company announced its earnings.

Maruti Suzuki India on Friday reported an over fourfold increase in consolidated net



profit to Rs 2,112.5 crore in the second quarter ended on September 30, 2022, riding on record sales. Tech Mahindra, Tata Steel,

Sun Pharma, ICICI Bank and the laggards. "Gains in index heavy-

weights helped the domestic market to withstand its gains despite negative trends in its global peers. US tech stocks had a significant sell-off following disappointing quarterly results and a bleak forecast.

Sebi reduces face value for

debt securities to boost corp

a circular.

rupee along with a softening treasury yield and decent Q2 earnings results are supporting the domestic market in the near term," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial

The BSE smallcap gauge fell by 0.62 per cent and midcap index dipped 0.41 per cent.

Among BSE sectoral indices, auto jumped 1.66 per cent, energy climbed 1.20 per cent, oil & gas (0.76 per cent) and consumer discretionary (0.32 per cent).

However, metal fell by 1.44

per cent, commodities declined by 1.08 per cent, IT (0.76 per telecommunication (0.55 per

Meanwhile, the rupee declined by 15 paise to close at 82.48 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday.

Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower.

Vedanta net profit declines 61% to ₹1,808 cr in second quarter jects, intended to reduce market

Silver, however, gained Rs 21 to Rs 58,336 per kg from Rs $V_{
m reported}^{
m edanta}$ Ltd on Friday reported a 60.8 per cent decline in its consolidated net 58,315 per kg. The rupee appreciated 4 paise to 82.29 against the profit at Rs 1,808 crore for the quarter ended September 30 on the back of higher expenses.

during the July-September peri-

od increased to Rs 37,351 crore

from Rs 31,074 crore last year.

during the quarter under review

increased to Rs 33,221 crore

from Rs 23, 171 crore in the

ship project of the central gov-

ernment launched by the civil

aviation ministry, envisages

enhancing the regional air con-

The company's expenses

The company had posted a positive domestic equities. In the international market, consolidated net profit of Rs gold was trading in red at USD 4,615 crore in the year-ago peri-1,653.25 per ounce while silver od, Vedanta Ltd said in a reguwas flat at USD 19.34 per ounce. latory filing. Its consolidated income

"COMEX spot gold was last quoted at USD 1,653.25 an ounce which is lower than the previous close as the dollar rebounded after Bank of Japan and ECB policy decisions," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities.



year-ago period.

Vedanta's Chief Executive Officer Sunil Duggal said that the company has generated strong free cash flow (pre capex) of Rs 8,369 crore strengthened by robust operational and finanperformance.

Vedanta said that its growth Rs 8,094 crore, subject to necand vertical integration pro-

volatility impact and create shareholders' value, are progressing well. The company said that its

board has given a go-head for expansion of rolled product capacity at its arm Balco from current 50 KTPA to 180 KTPA at a revised cost of Rs 595 crore. 'With the completion of this project, Balco will be placed

in high premium product segment," Vedanta said. The board, it further said, has approved expansion of smelter capacity of Balco from existing 580 KTPA to 994 KTPA at a revised cost of approximately

essary government approvals.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 T^{o} enhance liquidity in the corporate bond market, Sebi on Friday reduced the face value of debt security and non-convertible redeemable preference share issued on private placement basis to Rs 1 lakh from the current Rs 10 lakh. The move came after the regulator received representations from various market participants, including issuers, requesting for review of the denominations.

Further, non-institutional investors consider the high ticket size as a deterrent which restricts their ability to access the

bond market liquidity market for corporate bonds. If the face value and trading lot is reduced, more investors can participate, which in turn will enhance the liquidity in the corporate bond market, Sebi said in

> The regulator said the face value of each debt security or non-convertible redeemable preference share issued on private placement basis "shall be Rs 1 lakh." Under the current rules, the face value of each debt security or non-convertible redeemable preference share issued on private placement basis is Rs 10 lakh and the trading lot is equal to the face value.

SAIL inks pact with AAI for facilitating start of commercial flights from Rourkela Scheme (RCS) -UDAN, a flag-

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned SAIL on Friday said that it has entered into a pact with Airport Authority of India (AAI) for facilitating the start of commercial flights from Rourkela in Odisha. Steel Authority of India Ltd

(SAIL) has signed the operation and management contract with AAI through its unit Rourkela Steel Plant.

The public sector enterprise had in 2018 signed a Memorandum of Understan-



ding (MOU) for use of its own airport, under the regional connectivity scheme UDAN, for operation of commercial flights.

The civil aviation ministry has rendered financial support for the upgradation of this airport. The Odisha government will deliver security, fire and ambulance services besides assisting with other local clear-

AAI, on behalf of SAIL -Rourkela Steel Plant, will operate and manage the airport.

Regional Connectivity

nectivity by providing support in terms of infrastructure and other facilities.

The start of operations at Rourkela, Bokaro and Burnpur airports under the RCS-UDAN would benefit the citizens of these cities through better connectivity and also speed up the development activities in the

Record sales drive Maruti Suzuki Q2 net to over 4-fold rise at ₹2,112.5 cr PTI NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki India on Friday reported an over four-fold increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 2,112.5 crore in the second quarter that ended September 30, 2022, riding on record sales. The company had posted a

consolidated net profit of Rs 486.9 crore in the same period last fiscal, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MSIL) said in a regulatory

filing.
Total revenue from operations was at Rs 29,942.5 crore as



year-ago period.

MSIL said it sold a total of 5,17,395 vehicles during the quarter, its highest ever in any

"Sales in the domestic market stood at 4,54,200 units. Exports were at 63,195 units. Shortage of electronic components impacted production by about 35,000 vehicles in this quarter," it added. The company said the year-

ago quarter was marked by an acute shortage of electronic components and consequently it could sell a total of 3,79,541 units, out of which 320,133 units were in the domestic market and 59,408 units were in export markets.

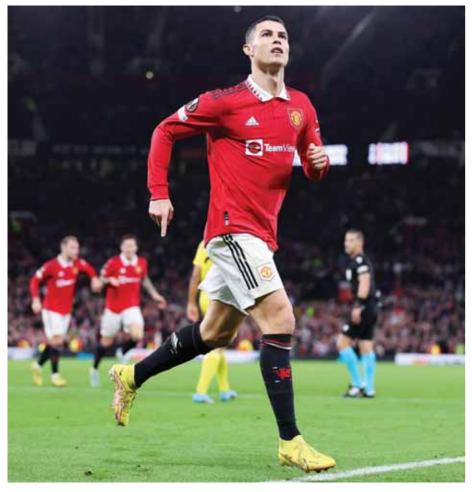
direct ETF transactions through asset mgmt firms extended **NEW DELHI**: Capital markets

Deadline for rules on

regulator Sebi on Friday extended the deadline to May 1, 2023, for implementation of the Rs 25 crore-threshold rule for direct ETF transactions with asset management companies This is the second time the

Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has extended the deadline. Initially, the rule was to come into force from July 1 and the same was extended till November 1.

RONALDO SCORES ON UNITED RETURN



AP ■ MANCHESTER

ristiano Ronaldo scored on his first Manchester United ⊿appearance since his refusal to come on as a substitute last week in a 3-0 win over Sheriff Tiraspol in the Europa League on

The victory, with goals from Diogo Dalot and Marcus Rashford adding to Ronaldo's strike, guaranteed the Red Devils a place in the next round, where they will join Barcelona who were knocked out of the Champions League at the group stage 24 hours earlier.

United manager Erik ten Hag left the Portugal forward out of the United squad for Saturday's draw at Chelsea and he was only allowed to return to first team training this

Ronaldo started up front with 18-year-old Argentinian winger Alejandro Garnacho, who was making his maiden senior start.

Right-back Dalot opened the scoring just before the break before Rashford doubled the lead with 25 minutes to play.

Ronaldo claimed his 701st club career goal and made sure of the three points with nine minutes left.

Arsenal, who are have already reached the last 16, lost for the first time in the group stage as they went down to a 2-0 defeat at PSV

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HOURS EARLIER.

said afterwards that defender Pablo Mari, on loan at Italian club

Monza, was having medical treat-

ment after being stabbed in a

Milan shopping centre in an attack which killed one person and

Gunners coach Mikel Arteta

WHO WERE League club Aston Villa, Villarreal dropped points for the first time KNOCKED OUT OF in Europe this season. Despite having already qualified for the last 16 as group winners but were held 2-2 by Hapoel THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AT THE Beer-Sheva as Sagiv Jehezkel **GROUP STAGE 24** equalised in the 79th minute.

In Group D, Cologne's trip to Slovacko has been postponed to 1100GMT on Friday after the game had been originally delayed by half an hour due to heavy fog in the Czech Republic.

injured three others.

about what happened.'

to a 1-0 win over Braga.

Istanbul Basaksehir.

reporters.

"I just found out," Arteta told

"He is in hospital. He seems to be OK. I will get a briefing now

Surprise early season Bundesliga leaders Union Berlin

kept alive their hopes of a place in

the knockout round of the second-

tier European competition thanks

West Ham maintained their 100%

record by beating Silkeborg 1-0

and Fiorentina clinched their spot

in the last 16 with a 2-1 win over

coach Unai Emery announced

he was leaving to manage Premier

In their first match since

In the Conference League,

The teams managed just seven minutes of play before the referee abandoned the fixture with the score goal-less.

Satwik-Chirag pair in French Open men's doubles semifinals

PTI ■ PARIS

Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty stunned top seeds Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi of Japan in straight games to enter the semifinals of the French Open badminton tournament here on Friday.

Seeded seventh in the Super 750 event, Rankireddy and Shetty won 21-12 21-16 in a quarterfinal match that lasted 49 minutes.

The Indian duo will face the Korean pair of Choi Sol Gyu and Kim Won Ho in the semifinals.

Rankireddy and Shetty are the only Indians left in the fray in the tournament. Kidambi Srikanth, HS Prannoy and Sameer Verma lost in the men's singles pre-quarterfinals on Thursday.

Sankar Muthusamy reaches **BWF World Junior** Championships semifinal

PTI ■ SANTANDER (SPAIN)

Rising Indian shuttler Sankar Muthusamy on Friday assured himself of a medal in the BWF World Junior Championships as he reached the men's U-19 singles semifinals after defeating Hu Zhe An of China here.

Seeded fourth in the tournament, Muthusamy won 21-18, 8-21, 21-16 in a quarterfinal match that lasted one hour and 31 minutes.

He became only the ninth Indian to win a medal at the World Junior Championships, the last being Lakshya Sen in 2018 -- a bronze.

Muthusamy faces Panitchaphon Teeraratsakul

of Thailand in the semifinal.

On Thursday, Muthusamy had beaten
Nachakorn Pusri, also of Thailand, 21-10 21-12 in the men's singles pre-quarterfinals while fifth seeded Unnati Hooda had lost to Hina Akechi of Japan 17-21 21-12 18-21 in the women's singles.

Focused Frankfurt ready India come from behind to beat New Zealand opener for 'gigantic' Dortmund

AP FRANKFURT

Eintracht Frankfurt host Borussia Dortmund in Saturday's Bundesliga highlight, with both teams enjoying an improvement in form after difficult moments this season.

Despite sitting outside the Champions League places in fifth, Dortmund have secured progress to the next round of Europe's top-tier competition and German Cup in the past two weeks, along with putting five past a hapless Stuttgart last weekend. Dortmund's impressive

fortnight got even better on Tuesday, with the news that rently undergoing treatment including chemotherapy for testicular cancer, returned to individual training for the first time since his diagnosis. Frankfurt, who sit in fourth

place in the table, are on the cusp of joining Dortmund in the last 16 of the Champions The Eagles need to win

away at Sporting Lisbon next week to progress, although manager Oliver Glasner was careful not to look too far over the horizon for the ambitious club.
"Wait, was Dortmund can-

celled?" Glasner joked late on Wednesday when asked how he would prepare his side for their crucial next fixture against

Speaking after Frankfurt



notched a 2-1 victory over Marseille, Glasner hoped his side could help him achieve his personal goal of claiming at least a point against Dortmund. "It's my fourth season in

Germany and I haven't scored a point against Dortmund yet," Glasner, who previously spent two seasons at Wolfsburg, told the post-match press confer-

"It's a personal goal and I hope my boys will experience

Former Dortmund midfielder Mario Goetze said he was looking forward to a "gigantic" match this week-

good moments.

Dortmund will want to stop a worrying trend at Frankfurt's Waldstadion, with the Yellow and Blacks having lost their past three Bundesliga games away from home.

"I spent my youth in Dortmund. I played there for many years and I had many

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

 $M_{
m goals}^{
m andeep}$ Singh struck two field goals in the final quarter as India began their FIH Pro League campaign with a 4-3 win over New Zealand here

Mandeep scored in the 51st and 56th minute after India were down 2-3 at the end of the third quarter. Mandeep Mor (13th) and captain Harmanpreet Singh (41st) were the other goal-getters for India who are ranked fifth in the world.

World No. 9 New Zealand scored through Sam Lane (22nd and 35th) and Jake Smith (34th).
New Zealand showed more attack-

ing intent in the early exchanges. India goalkeeper PR Sreejesh was called into action early in the match as he saved a deflected long-range attempt.

It was India, however, who got the first penalty corner of the match but

India took the lead from the first chance of the match. Nilakanta Sharma found Mor free on the right with an accurate pass before the latter fired past New Zealand goalkeeper Dominic

India were in the ascendency and threatened to double the lead in the early period of the second quarter. But it was the Black Sticks who equalised seven minutes into the quarter from their first penalty corner.

The shot from Sam Lane was blocked in front of goal by Surender Kumar. The visiting team went for a review and replays showed that the ball came off Surender's foot. Lane found the bottom corner of Indian goal from the

Soon after, New Zealand got another penalty corner but this time Krishan Bahadur Pathak who came in for Sreejesh blocked the ball but it fell to Simon Child whose attempt went wide.



close to taking the lead but Sukhjeet Singh's shot from a narrow angle off an Abhishek assist hit straight to Dixon who fumbled initially before averting the danger. Till the half time when the score was 1-1, India had five shots at opposition goal as against two of New Zealand and nine circle penetrations as against seven of the visiting team. The ball possession was almost equal. The Black Sticks had two penalty corners as against one of India till half time.

test and New Zealand surged ahead with two quick goals in the 34th and 35th

But, India pulled one back in the 41st minute with captain Harmanpreet scoring from the penalty spot earned by Mandeep as the home side trailed 2-3 at the end of the third quarter.

India were down to 10 men towards the end of third quarter after Sumit was shown the yellow card (10 minutes out of play). New Zealand pressed hard and earned a couple of penalty corners but India survived, though trailing by one goal. India played the first seven minutes of the final quarter with 10 men but after that they scored two goals -- both from

First, Mandeep scored in the 51st minute to restore parity and five minutes later struck a powerful shot into the bot-tom corner of New Zealand goal to seal

Mandeep -- to win the match.

Mohammed Raheel made his India debut in the match.

Wawrinka advances in Basel

Stan Wawrinka delighted home fans again at the Swiss Indoors, digging deep to beat Brandon Nakashima 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 in the second round after failing to serve out the match in the second set.

Two days after a straightset win over No. 3-ranked Casper Ruud, the 37-year-old Wawrinka wasted a chance for another efficient victory when he let slip a 5-3 lead and Nakashima took four straight games to level the match.

Wawrinka hung with the 21-year-old American in the decider then converted the only break point of the set to take a 5-4 lead.

The three-time Grand Slam winner, now ranked No. 194 after injury-hit seasons, clinched the victory with a

backhand winner. Wawrinka will face Roberto Bautista Agut in the quarterfinals on Friday after the



sixth-seeded Spaniard eased to a 6-3, 6-2 win over another three-time Grand Slam champion, Andy Murray.

Third-seeded Felix Augur-Aliassime cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 win over Miomir Kecmanovic as he searches for his third straight title. The No. 9-ranked

Canadian won tournaments in Florence, Italy, and Antwerp, Belgium over the last two

Augur-Aliassime's quarterfinal opponent is Alexander Bublik, who won 6-3, 6-3 against Alberto Ramos-

United Cup to open 2023 tennis season in Australia

AP ■ SYDNEY

new mixed teams event, A new mixed (came of the United Cup, will open in the 2023 tennis season in Australia, with US\$15 million in prize money and rankings points at stake, the ATP and WTA said on Friday.

It will replace the men's

ATP Cup and be held in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney as the key build-up to the Australian Open Grand Slam. Eighteen countries will

compete across 11 days from December 29, with each team comprising up to four men and four women with 500 WTA and 500 ATP rankings points available.
"The United Cup is an

important and strategic col-

laboration between the WTA,

the ATP and Tennis Australia

that reflects a continued commitment in elevating our sport," said WTA chief Steve

"This exciting singles and mixed doubles team event will bring together emerging stars and established athletes from both tours to compete on the same stage.

Brisbane, Perth and Sydney will each host two groups of three countries in a round robin format from December 29 to January 4 with ties comprising two men's and two women's singles matches and one mixed

Group winners in each city will play off for one of three semi-final spots in Sydney, with the next best performing team from the group stages joining them.

It will come down to how well Indian batters handle SA pacers: Klusener

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tt will be a clash between India's batting firepow-Ler and South African pace attack when the two teams meet in the T20 World Cup on Sunday, said former Proteas all-rounder Lance Klusener.

India lead Group 2 with two wins in as many games while South Africa are second with three points from two games including a no result against Zimbabwe.

"We might see another pacer in Perth. I was really impressed with the way (Tabraiz) Shamsi bowled the other night. He is a wicket-taker.

'It is about to change the balance of the team a bit with Dwaine (Pretorius) being injured...The game there for me will be how well the Indian batsmen can handle the pace of South Africa," said Klusener during a virtual interaction which also involved Ritesh Patel, Owner of

Morrisville Samp Army.
Rain has played spoilsport in Australia with both the super 12 games washed out on Friday without a ball being bowled.

Klusener, who is currently the head coach of Morrisville Samp Army in Abu Dhabi T10 League, said: "The unfortunate thing for me at the World Cup has been the rain, that's been pretty much unseasonal, so little disappointed to be honest, it has been two rained out games.



But that's the case for everybody.

Ireland and Zimbabwe have sprung surprises in the T20 showpiece, notching up shocking wins over West Indies and Pakistan and Klusener said the series of upsets will contin-

"It has been a World Cup of upsets as well. We've seen smaller teams beat some really fancy teams and I don't think we have finished with sets either," said Klusener.

Asked if the growing shorter format leagues such as T10 are destroying the technique of the players, Klusener said such leagues, on the contrary, have helped to improve their games.

'BUMRAH'S ABSENCE DOESN'T MEAN WE START DOING EXTRA'

asprit Bumrah's absence no doubt is a huge loss but that never meant that the current bowling unit would deviate from its individual plans to over-compensate for the premier bowler's absence, senior India seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar said.

While Bumrah was ruled out of the T20 World Cup due to a back stress fracture, Bhuvneshwar himself had endured a tough time during Asia Cup and the subsequent bilateral series as his performance in death overs came under scanner.

However, the Meerut man has been in excellent rhythm overall and it was his first spell of incisive swing bowling that created pressure on Pakistan, helping young Arshdeep Singh get wickets of Mohammed Rizwan and Babar Azam.

So did the bowling unit do anything extra to compensate for Bumrah's absence?

"The kind of bowler Bumrah is, certainly it's a big loss for the team. It's not as if we would have to do something extra that Bumrah isn't around," Bhuvneshwar told reporters in mixed zone after another tight show against the Netherlands.

"Even if Bumrah would have been around, we couldn't have done those extra things. We are doing exactly what our strengths

When asked if the criticism about his Asia Cup death bowling had hurt him having done admirably well for India for a decade, Bhuvneshwar did give an impression that he wasn't amused.

"Itni saalon mein ek baar ho gayi cheezein kharab. So ho gayi. Baat khatm. (In all these years, I have had this one off tournament.



It's happened. It's done and dusted). 'Media and commentators can

say a lot of things (about death bowling), but as a team we knew that we will have our share of ups and

"T20 is a format where it could be tough for bowlers and even for batters if the track is difficult one. But since Asia Cup is a big event people do tend to assess you that

Bhuvneshwar said he keeps away from social media during big

"During World Cup, I keep myself completely off from social media and have no idea what all is written about. Because it's the social media from which you come to know all these things.

In the tournament opener against Pakistan, Bhuvneshwar literally tormented Rizwan with his

swing and he said he never expected so much swing in Australia.
"I never expected that my deliv-

eries would swing so much. Whether me or Arshdeep who got two wickets, me and Arshdeep complimented each other. So you can say I was happy," the senior

Talk about Arshdeep and his face lights up.

bowler said.

debut. He was always asking about what kind of track will there be on offer and what kind of shots the batters will play on this track. He asks me and also Rohit and Virat. Considering his first T20 WC, he is doing really well."

Bhuvneshwar also confirmed that there are no assigned death

"There are no assigned death bowler as such. You can't plan like that in cricket, where even before a tourney starts, you know who your death bowlers are.

"A lot of things are instinctive and captain takes a call on how he assesses the situation at that very moment."

PERTH PREPARATION WAS

The Indian team had a seven day camp in Perth and that's why while playing South Africa on Sunday, it could work to team's advantage.

"The first phase of preparation when we touched down here in Perth was the most crucial one. The strategy changes with each team as batters change. We discussed and trained on execution of plans.

"If you lose a match first up in a tournament and that too against a tough team like Pakistan, it would have been difficult to make a come-

The trend in such events is that batters go hell for leather in the back 10, he said

"You might feel as bowling unit we conceded 15 to 20 more (34 in last 3 overs) but that has been a pattern of all teams in this World Cup,' Bhuvneshwar said.

"If you see most matches, teams haven't scored much in first 10 but once the ball becomes a touch "He has been amazing since his older, set batters start making runs."



Have been told that I will bat up the order when need be: Axar

Ravindra Jadeja's void is difficult to fill but the Indian team management has asked Axar Patel to be mentally ready as he would be asked to bat in the top six as and when required.

With India's top six comprising of all right handers and Rishabh Pant not currently in the mix, the need for a lefthand batter to upset the rhythm of opposition is paramount.

Axar was sent at No.5 against Pakistan but the move didn't pay off as he was run out for one. "They (Pakistan) had left-arm spin-

ner Nawaz and leg-spinner Shadab so it was important to send a left-hander and I was asked to go," Axar, who had a good performance against the Netherlands, told media persons in the mixed zone.

"Since our top six are right handers, I have been told by management that if need be I will be promoted in the middle overs and I should be ready for that. That role is already assigned and I have performed in practice games," said the Gujarat all-rounder.

After a nightmarish single over form and see what happens."

against Pakistan where he was hit for three sixes by Iftikhar Ahmed, Axar came back strongly against the minnows with a fine performance of 2/18 in 4

The pitch was a bit dry and the ball was stopping and coming. The ball wasn't exactly gripping so I was told to hit the deck hard as it was difficult to hit through the line. So that was the plan," Axar said after the match as both him and R Ashwin bottled up the Dutch.

South Africa will have multiple left handers in top order and Axar's match ups against them isn't great as he goes for nearly 9 runs per over against the

"I am not thinking too much about SA game. Will go there and then take a call and what needs to be done."

The match in Perth will be played

at the Optus Stadium and there will be good bounce on offer with Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje in operation.

'We need to play normal fearless cricket and not think that we are facing Rabada, Nortje on a bouncy track. We also have Bhuvi, Shami and Arshdeep. We need to continue our



Afghanistan, Ireland settle for one point each

PTI MELBOURNE

fghanistan's match against Alreland in the T20 World Cup was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to incessant rain at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here on Friday.

Persistent showers fell across the MCG for much of the day as ground staff kept the covers on and the toss could not be held as the pitch remained under

wraps.

Play was eventually called off just after 4.30pm local time, with both Afghanistan and Ireland receiving one-point apiece to stay in contention for a semi-final berth.

The result pushed Ireland to second spot behind New Zealand on net run-rate as both teams have three points apiece with Ireland playing one match extra in Group 1 standings.

"We'd played good cricket and were looking forward to this. Can't do much about the weather," a disappointed Ireland captain Andy Balbirnie said Ireland next face Australia at sbane on Monday. "It'll be like a different coun-

up in Brisbane. We want to push the champions." For Afghanistan, who had

lost to England in their Super 12 opener, this was their second successive washout as their previous match against Ñew Zealand, at same venue too was abandoned without a ball.

Afghanistan remain sixth with two Super 12 matches remaining.

Afghanistan captain Mohammad Nabi said most of the players missed out playing on this fantastic ground.

"Most of the players are disappointed, not having played on such a fantastic ground. Rashid and I have played but others haven't but weather is not in our control. So we have to

Afghanistan will be up against Sri Lanka on Tuesday at **PTI** MELBOURNE

he crucial T20 World Cup clash between old rivals Australia and England was on Friday called off without a ball being bowled due to intermittent rain, making the race to semifinals tougher for the two top teams.

After the Afghanistan-Ireland game in the afternoon was washed out at the MCG, it was a double whammy for the crowd as weather played spoil-

Only two teams each from the two groups qualify for the semifinals. After two rained out themselves in the number two spot after sharing a point with

Title favourites England had suffered a shock loss to Ireland in Super 12s. Australia too have three points from as many

ment opener to New Zealand. They are fourth in the group with the worst run rate among four teams locked on three points. New Zealand lead the group and Ireland are second. Rain has affected most of

games after losing their tourna-

the games at the MCG barring the Indo-Pak blockbuster played on Sunday. "That's the wettest I've ever

seen in this stadium. The runups were a real issue and around the inner circle, it was very wet. It's more about players' safety,' said Australia skipper Aaron "We saw one of the

other day. If you are trying to run there, it's going to be a real issue. Everyone was ready to play, there was a great turn-out, disappointing not to get on.

"The amount of rain that Melbourne has had has been



When asked about Matthew

Wade, who was down with COVID-19, he added: " "He was going to play tonight. He had few symptoms yesterday but he was good to go."
England skipper Jos Buttler

too expressed disappointment after the second no show of the

"It was supposed to be a massive occasion, full house here against Australia, biggest game of your career, very disappointed not to be able to play tonight. But full focus on our next match and keep our tournament alive. We've been playinto the tournament.

"Really disappointing the other night specially when we had majority of things in our favour. We don't become a bad team overnight. We are full of match-winners."

Pak must believe in WC miracle: Masood

Pakistan batsman Shan Masood warned that his "demoralised" side must pick themselves up quickly and keep believing if they are to salvage their fading T20 World Cup dreams.

Pakistan suffered a shock one-run loss to Zimbabwe in Perth on Thursday, four days after they went down to archrivals India in their tournament opener in similarly agonising fashion.

One of the pre-tournament favourites, they now must win all their remaining games



starting with the Netherlands on Sunday — and hope other results go their

"We have three games that are in our hands, yes, we have to depend on few other results, but that's the beauty of sport,"

Zimbabwe choked Pakistan to 129-8, told reporters in Perth.

"There are funny things that have happened in sport and we are going to believe and we are going to give it all in these three games.

Their bowlers kept Zimbabwe down to 130-8, but Pakistan faltered in their chase with Pakistan-born Zimbabwe all-rounder Sikandar Raza taking three key wickets, including Masood, in the space of nine balls.

With 11 needed off the final over, Pakistan fell just short to hand Zimbabwe a

"There is disappointment, no doubt. To lose two matches with fine margins is very demoralising as we know the importance of every point in this group," Masood said. "But till the tournament

doesn't end, we can't think ahead and can't look ahead. What we can do now is to find our mistakes and to win the next three matches.

He added: "To overcome this disappointment we have to come out on the ground and play well. It's only a good performance on Sunday that will help us feel better."

Asitha replaces injured Binura in SL squad

PTI ■ SYDNEY

Medium pacer Asitha Fernando has been added to the Sri Lankan squad for the T20 World Cup as a replacement for injured Binura Fernando.

Binura sustained a left hamstring injury during their sevenwicket loss to Australia at Perth on Tuesday.

The replacement was approved by the six-member event technical committee of the T20 World Cup, the ICC said in

a statement.

Former greats question Pak selection after 'embarrassing' defeat to Zim

PTI ■ KARACHI

 ${}^{"}E^{mbarrassed"}\, by \, Pakistan's \, shock \\ Considerate to \, Zimbabwe, \, which \, has$ put the former champions at the risk of not making the semi-finals of the T20 World Cup, ex-players lashed out at the "average mindset" and team

selection. Pakistan failed to chase down 130 against a lowly-ranked Zimbabwe on Thursday. It was Babar Azam and Co's second defeat in as many matches after the four-wicket loss to arch-rivals

Soon after, fans and former players turned on Babar, PCB Chairman Ramiz Raja, chief selector Muhammad Wasim and head coach Saqlain Mushtaq on social media.

appointing," former fast bowler Shoaib

"Very very embarrassing and dis-"The fact is you have to play hard

to even beat a team like Zimbabwe

they wouldn't be defeated by themselves. Our selections have been average and our mindset has been average and it has landed Pakistan cricket in this mess today," he added. Other former players also expressed disappointment and con-

with some describing the defeat as "Is this where our cricket has come to? We can't score 130 runs against a low ranked team like Zimbabwe. If this is our batting quality then God help our cricket," former

cern at the state of Pakistan cricket

Test opener Mohsin Khan said. $T\bar{h}e$ former head coach, who also served as chief selector, added that Pakistan didn't show any intent.

"Zimbabwe bowlers were disciplined and persistent and it was clear they wanted to win this match more than us," he said.

Test great Javed Miandad also questioned the player selection.



"This is what happens when you al cricket is not a place for learning allow non-performing batter to remain in the team and keep deserv-

I have said it before internation-

and unfortunately everytime the team has done badly we have tried to sweep it under the carpet by saying they are learning," Miandad said.

Miandad said that Pakistan's approach to the chase was disturbing as no batter appeared to be geared towards finishing the match.

"Seeing the way some of our batters threw their wickets away it was shameful because they are professional cricketers."

Ex-skipper and opener Salman Butt also slammed the team's perfor-mance and also questioned Babar's captaincy. 'These players were not just equipped to play well in Australia and once Muhammad Rizwan and Babar

Azam didn't get going the writing was on the wall for us," he said. have been saying all along you don't make someone a captain so that he can learn while playing and leading the national team. You only appoint someone as captain when you know he has the required

leadership qualities to lead the other

Pitch demanded an extra pacer: Babar

His decision to play an extra paceman may have come for criticism but Pakistan skipper Babar Azam defended his ploy to play Mohammad Wasim

Jr against Zimbabwe even as they suffered back-to-back defeats to stare at an early exit from the T20 World Cup.

"To be honest, we are not up to the mark in all the three departments. It's very hard as a team and as a captain," Babar said in the post-match interac-

"I don't think so, because this pitch required fast bowlers,



so we have that planning, so we have extra fast bowler," the Pakistan skipper said, defending their paceheavy ploy.
"When me and

Rizwan got out, then Shan (Masood) and Shadab (Khan) built a partnership... But after Shadab got out, we had a collapse, and we did not finish well. Winless after two matches,

Pakistan will now face the Netherlands in a must-win match on Sunday and Babar vowed to come back strongly.

"We have two days, and we'll sit together and discuss the mistakes and then we'll come back strongly."