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## India has broken shackles of colonialism, says Modi

PM opens Mahakal Lok corridor at Mahakaleswar

PNS ■ UJJAIN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India has now broken the "shackles of colonialism" and cultural destinations across the country are seeing overall development.

The PM was speaking after dedicating to the nation the first phase of the "Shri Mahakal Lok" corridor at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, amid chanting of "mantras" and performing of pujas. The project is being developed at a cost of ₹856 crore.

"Blessed to have got the opportunity to dedicate #ShriMahakalLok to the nation. This is an important endeavour that will deepen the connection of our citizens with our rich history and glorious culture," Modi tweeted.

The PM unveiled a large "shivaling" covered in strands of sacred red threads placed below the grand gateway — Nandi Dwar — of "Mahakal Lok" to mark the inauguration of the mega corridor in Ujjain.

The PM unveiled the shivaling by pressing a remote-control button from a short distance from the gateway in the presence of a large number of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi offers prayers at the Mahakal Temple before inaugurating the first phase of the Mahakaleswar Temple corridor development project in Ujjain on Tuesday PTI

sees in the background.

Speaking at a public function afterward, Modi said the corridor project will add to Ujjain's vibrancy.

"Spirituality is contained in every particle and divine energy is being transmitted in every corner of Ujjain," he said,

adding, "Ujjain has led India's prosperity, knowledge, dignity and literature for thousands of years."

"Innovation comes with renovation. India is renovating what it had lost in the era of slavery. India is renovating it and restoring its glory," he

said. The country has now broken the "shackles of colonialism" and cultural destinations across India are seeing all-around development, the PM said.

The project, making an elaborate makeover around the Mahakal temple, aims to

decongest the entire area and also to put special emphasis on conservation and restoration of heritage structures. The first phase of "Mahakal Lok" has been developed at ₹351 crore.

The 900 metre-long Mahakal Lok corridor built at the Mahakaleswar temple at Ujjain. The corridor now has around 108 aesthetically ornate pillars made of intricately carved sandstones that depict the Anand Tandav Swaroop (Lord Shiva's dance form), 200 statues and murals of Lord Shiva and goddess Shakti. Modi offered prayers at the temple before he inaugurated the corridor project. The world-class modern amenities would enliven the experience of the pilgrims visiting the temple, top officials said. Under the project, the temple precinct will be expanded nearly seven times.

Modi took a round of the corridor on foot as also on battery-operated vehicles along with Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangu Bhai Patel and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Ahead of dedicating to the nation the first phase of the Shri Mahakal Lok corridor, the PM performed puja at Lord Mahakal temple in Ujjain.

Modi, attired in traditional dhoti and gamcha (stole), entered the sanctum sanctorum of the Lord Mahakal temple around 6 pm.

## CBI charges DMK's Raja in ₹5.5 cr DA case

Chargesheet says Raja got ₹4.56 cr in quid pro quo

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has filed a chargesheet against former Telecom Minister and DMK leader A Raja for allegedly amassing disproportionate assets to the tune of ₹5.53 crore during his tenure as a Cabinet Minister in the UPA I and UPA II.

In its chargesheet filed before a Special CBI court in Chennai, the agency has alleged that a close associate of Raja, C Krishnamurthy, had set up a company Kovai Shelters Promoters in January, 2007 in which a payment of ₹4.56 crore was received in February that year from a Gurugram-based real estate company as commission for purchase of land in Kanchipuram, officials said.

It is alleged that the payment was not for the land deal but a quid pro quo for giving the real estate firm the status of an infrastructure company by Raja during his tenure as Union Minister, they said.

In the chargesheet filed in August this year, the CBI has alleged that the company had not "undertaken any other real estate activity" other than the purported land deal for the real estate firm.



The company had later bought agricultural land in Coimbatore.

The agency has alleged that as Minister Raja had garnered assets worth ₹5.53 crore, including the payment of ₹4.56 crore to the company in which Raja's close relatives were directors, which he could not satisfactorily account for, they said.

The CBI has alleged assets in question were disproportionate to the tune of 579 per cent from his known sources of income, they said.

The agency had registered the case in 2015 against Raja and 16 others, including his nephew Parmesh, wife Parmeswari, his associate Krishnamurthy who is also director of Kovai Shelters Pvt Limited, wife of Sadiq Bacha, an alleged associate of Raja who had committed suicide, and Reha Banu, a director in Greenhouse Promoters which was earlier owned by Bacha among others.

## 4-month cap for nod to sue public servants must, authority liable for delay: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday held the four-month statutory provision for granting sanction to prosecute government officials in criminal cases is "mandatory", saying delay in prosecuting the corrupt "breeds a culture of impunity" and leads to "systemic resignation" to the corruption in public life.

"The competent authority shall be accountable for the delay and be subject to judicial review and administrative action by the Central Vigilance Commission."

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and PS Narasimha, in its 30-page verdict, however, said though the delay in granting the sanction to prosecute can be assailed in the high courts and the top court, it would not be a ground for quashing the criminal cases against government officials. It said the sanctioning authority must bear in mind that public confidence in the maintenance of the rule of law, which is fundamental in the administration of justice, is at stake here. "By causing delay in considering the request for sanction, the sanctioning authority stultifies judicial scrutiny, thereby vitiating the process of determination of the allegations against the corrupt official," it said.

## India rejects Russia's 'secret' plea on UN resolution against annexation

Indian among 100 nations calls for public vote

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/UNITED NATIONS

India has voted against Russian demand in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for a secret ballot on a draft resolution condemning Moscow's annexation of four regions of Ukraine.

Over 100 countries, including India called for a public vote on the resolution while Russia appealed against the ruling of the president of the General Assembly.

The voting late on Monday took place hours after Russia



Members of a forensic team carry a plastic bag with a body inside as they work in an exhumation in a mass grave in Lyman, Ukraine, on Tuesday AP

carried out multiple strikes in Ukraine, including capital Kyiv, killing ten people there and injuring more than 60 across the war-ravaged country.

The latest round of voting in the UNGA was conducted on a motion moved by Albania.

The motion said voting on the draft resolution condemning Russia's "illegal so-called referendums" and "attempted illegal annexation" of the Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia regions of Ukraine, should be taken by a recorded vote.

## IMF warns of global slump, cuts India's growth forecast

PNS/AP ■ WASHINGTON/NEW DELHI

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday projected a grim outlook for the global economy even as it cut its projection of India's GDP growth in 2022 to 6.8 per cent and warned that the "risks of recession are rising" around the world and that the world economy is facing a "period of historic fragility."

The IMF is downgrading its outlook for the world economy for 2023, citing a long list of threats that include Russia's war against Ukraine, chronic inflation pressures, punishing interest rates and the lingering consequences of the global pandemic.

The 190-country lending agency forecast that the global economy would eke out growth of just 2.7 per cent next year, down from the 2.9 per

cent it had estimated in July. The IMF left unchanged its forecast for international growth this year — a modest 3.2 per cent, a sharp deceleration from last year's 6 per cent expansion.

In July, the IMF projected a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 7.4 per cent for India in the fiscal year that started in April 2022. Even that forecast was lower than 8.2 per cent projected in January this year. India had grown at 8.7 per cent in 2021-22 fiscal (April 2021 to March 2022).

In its annual World Economic Outlook report released on Tuesday, the IMF said outlook for India is growth of 6.8 per cent in 2022 — a 0.6 percentage point downgrade since the July forecast, reflecting a weaker-than-expected outturn in the second quarter and more subdued

external demand.

Meanwhile, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva warned that the "risks of recession are rising" around the world and that the global economy is facing a "period of historic fragility."

In its latest estimates, the IMF slashed its outlook for growth in the United States to 1.6 per cent this year, down from a July forecast of 2.3 per cent. It expects meagre 1 per cent US growth next year.

The fund foresees China's economy growing just 3.2 per cent this year, down drastically from 8.1 per cent last year.

Beijing has instituted draconian zero-Covid policy and has cracked down on excessive real estate lending, disrupting business activity. China's growth is forecast to accelerate to 4.4 per cent next year.

## SC agrees to hear plea challenging constitutional validity of talaq-e-hasan

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday admitted the pleas seeking "talaq-e-hasan" and all other forms of "unilateral extra-judicial divorce" to be declared unconstitutional. "Talaq-e-Hasan" is a form of divorce among Muslims by which a man can dissolve the marriage by pronouncing the word "talaq" once every month over a three-month period.

A three-judge bench headed by Justices SK Kaul asked the Centre, National Commission for Women, National Human Rights Commission and others to file their responses within four weeks.

"Counsel for the private respondent (husband) has entered appearance and seeks

to affirm that he is not agreeable to settlement even on issue of further alimony. List in the third week of January for final hearing," said the bench, also comprising Justices Abhay S Oka and Vikram Nath. The apex court was hearing three separate petitions, including the one filed by Ghaziabad resident Benazeer Heena, who claimed to be victims of unilateral extra-judicial Talaq-e-Hasan.

They have also sought a direction to the Centre to frame the guidelines for gender and religion-neutral and uniform grounds of divorce and procedure for all citizens. The top court had earlier impeached the husbands of the petitioners and sought their response to the pleas filed by them.

### CAPSULE

#### 2 WOMEN KILLED IN HUMAN SACRIFICE

**Kochi/Pathanamthitta:** Two women were allegedly sacrificed as part of black magic in a village in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala and three people, including a couple were arrested in this connection, police said here on Tuesday.

#### CJI BACKS CHANDRACHUD AS HIS SUCCESSOR

**Lucknow:** Chief Justice of India UU Lalit recommended to the Centre the name of senior-most judge Justice DY Chandrachud as his successor.

#### 25% POSTS OF INFO COMMISSIONERS VACANT

**New Delhi:** While one fourth of the Information Commissioners posts are vacant, there are only 5 per cent (only 8) women Information Commissioners in the country.

#### NOW, FREE WI-FI IN KOCHI METRO TRAINS

**Kochi:** Kochi Metro Rail Limited on Tuesday said it has launched free Wi-Fi service for commuters using metro trains.

## Child star of India's Oscar pick Rahul dies

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Rahul Koli was very much excited to see "Chhello Show", India's official entry to Oscars 2023, on screen, but days before its release the teenage actor who played the character of the friend of the protagonist in the Gujarati film died of leukemia.

He was 17. "Chhello Show" (Last Film Show), directed by Pan Nalin, is slated for October 14 release.

Rahul, who hails from Hapa town in Gujarat's Jamnagar district, died of leukemia on October 2, nearly four months after he was hospitalised at the cancer hospital in Ahmedabad, his father Ramu Koli said on Tuesday.

Rahul has played the role of the friend of the nine-year-old protagonist Samay (Bhavin Rabari) in the Gujarati coming-of-age drama "Chhello Show".

The film was nominated as India's official entry for the 95th Academy Awards. "Rahul was looking for-



ward to watching the movie on the big screen. He used to say that the release of the movie would launch his future, little knowing that he would die before October 14," Koli, an autorickshaw driver, told PTI over the phone.

Rahul was diagnosed with leukaemia—the cancer of the body's blood-forming tissues—this year. He was initially treated at a Jamnagar hospital. After remaining in the hospital for two weeks, he was admitted to the Ahmedabad cancer hospital four months ago.

"He was undergoing treatment and breathed his last on October 2," Koli said.

## Malaria-hit Pak to buy 60L mosquito nets from India

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Health Ministry has approved the purchase of over 6 million mosquito nets from India, as the country scrambles to contain the spread of malaria and other vector-borne diseases due to the unprecedented floods, according to a media report.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is using financial resources provided by Global Fund to acquire the nets for Pakistan, Geo.Tv report said. The WHO officials said they are planning to obtain mosquito nets as early as possible and are hopeful that these would be obtained by next month via the Wagah route.

Over 1,700 people were killed, 33 million displaced and a third of the country was submerged under water in the worst floods to hit Pakistan, brought about by unprecedented rain since mid-June.

In September, the WHO warned that a surge in diseases like malaria can cause a "second disaster." Last week, the WHO warned of 2.7 million malaria cases in 32 districts in Pakistan by January 2023.

"Malaria is spreading at a rapid pace in 32 flood-affected districts of the country where thousands of children are infected with the mosquito-borne disease," officials said.

Pakistan's Health Ministry had sought permission to procure mosquito nets from India last month, the report said.

The official said they had requested the Global Fund for the arrangement of mosquito nets for the 26 most-affected districts of Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan, where Plasmodium Falciparum cases were reported.

## Sea of humanity walks with Mulayam on his last journey

PNS ■ SAIFAI/ETAWAH

Amid the chants of "Netaji Amar rahe", Saifai bid a final goodbye to Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav on Tuesday. Netaji was cremated with full State honours at this native village. His son and party chief Akhilesh Yadav lit the sandalwood funeral pyre. A sea of humanity turned up for the last glimpse of the man who dominated the UP politics for more than three decades.

Mulayam turned Saifai from a village to a Tehsil (sub division) in 1994 when he headed a Samajwadi party-led coalition Government with the Bahujan Samaj party (BSP).

The former Uttar Pradesh CM died aged 82 at a private hospital in Haryana's Gurugram on Monday. His body was brought to Saifai on Monday evening.

A large number of people and political dignitaries turned up for his cremation in Saifai



A huge crowd of Samajwadi Party workers and supporters during party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav's funeral procession in Saifai on Tuesday PTI

on Tuesday. The Yogi Adityanath Government declared State mourning for three days on Monday to condole the death of Mulayam, with hundreds queued up for the final darshan amid the drizzle. Yadav's body was moved around 10 am Tuesday from his "kothi" to a bigger hall on the Mela Ground premises to allow people to pay their last

respects. Over a lakh people descended to Saifai to pay their last respects to their "Netaji", as he was fondly called.

Akhilesh, Mulayam's brother Shivalp Yadav and other family members were onboard a truck decked up with garlands of flowers. A large number of people marched along the vehicle.

## Burglaries in Jamshedpur keep law enforcers on toes

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

A theft case of cash and gold worth Rs 2 crore from the house of Ajay Modi at Sakchi, has started giving sleepless nights to the police department. And this is at a time when the law enforcing machinery has sunk its teeth into checking property offences. Senior Superintendent of Police Prabhat Kumar has been instructed to step up vigil.



Unidentified thieves de-camp with cash and ornaments worth Rs 2 crore from a locked house in Rajendranagar locality of Sakchi. Modi was on a trip to Singapore with his family. The rise in crime has made denizens wary with most blaming the audacity of criminals and police inaction for the deteriorating law and order. Jamshedpur has witnessed about a dozen incidents of loot, burglary, snatching, extor-

tion and theft in the past one month. But, significantly, only a few have been detected. Police have launched an intensive arms checking drive on the streets to tackle crime but they seem to have overlooked the movement of various gangs which are roaming free and giving shape to criminal incidents with gay abandon. The deteriorating law and order is a subject of gossip in every nook and cranny of the city. Institutions,

lawyers, business community and homemakers all harp blame on the police which continues to seek support from people for controlling crime in Jamshedpur. "I feel afraid of venturing out after dusk as you never know what will happen. Crime has increased manifold and I have lost all confidence in the police," said Sunita Toppo, a Sakchi homemaker. An official of Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry said police should

### Haryana police arrest woman from Jamshedpur

A team of Haryana police arrested a woman from the Govindpur police station in the wee hours today. The woman was identified as Jagiti Kaur alias Jashna. The police team moved to Jamshedpur court for obtaining transit remand to Haryana. A resident of Kamdhenu Apartment in Govindpur, Jashna and her husband Sunil Kapoor were accused of cheating and misappropriation in Haryana in the year 2021. In this connection, the police had procured an arrest and were searching for the accused couple who was hiding at a relative's house in Govindpur. Govindpur police station OC, Dharendra Agarwal said that Jashna's husband managed to escape during the raid conducted jointly by Haryana and Govindpur police. They have arrested his wife. PNS

not only focus on arms checking drives but also strengthen their information network. "Police give enough leeway to criminals who escape after committing a crime. This can be stopped after proper sealing of entry and exit points of the city," he added. He said the deteriorating law and order will not allow businessmen to invest in Jamshedpur. "Tell me, who would like to do business in this scenario? The business

community is living in fear. This should not be allowed to continue for long. It will affect the overall economy of Kolhan," he said. Admitting that crime graph has gone up, a senior officer said police were taking necessary steps to control and detect crime. "We will come up with results very soon," he claimed, indicating that they have picked some suspects involved in recent sensitive criminal cases.

## TSF to upgrade health facilities in the East Singhbhum

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

The district administration of East Singhbhum and Tata Steel Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding today, to provide advanced medical equipment and increase the capacity of government healthcare centres in the district.



This is part of the five-year MoU signed between East Singhbhum district administration and Tata Steel Foundation for enhancing healthcare services by strengthening healthcare institutions. This includes a comprehensive plan to support the district with critical medical equipment, renovation of existing health infrastructure and building capacities of functionaries of the Department of Health in the district.

exist in healthcare facilities. After undertaking several large-scale public health interventions during COVID-19 pandemic which included setting up free COVID Care Hospitals for the community, setting up oxygen plants for government hospitals and COVID vaccination of more than 2.5 lakh people in Jharkhand, Tata Steel Foundation will now be providing several life-saving medical equip-

ment to East Singhbhum district administration to benefit the citizens. Speaking on the occasion, Sourav Roy, chief executive officer, Tata Steel Foundation, said: "Our learning from the COVID experience has been to look at creating systemic changes and addressing infrastructure gaps for communities in Jharkhand which currently have the least access to advanced medical care. We are com-

mitted to addressing the needs of the East Singhbhum district where the flagship plant of Tata Steel is based, and are hopeful that patients and the community at large will now receive enhanced medical care close to their places of stay."

patients, 12 wheelchairs, 5 refrigerators, several almshouses and other ancillary hospital items have also been provided to the district to upgrade healthcare centres in the district. The supply of these critical equipment will directly increase the bed capacity in the district and contribute to better access to high quality treatment for all citizens of the district.

As part of the agreement, the foundation will provide state-of-the-art medical equipment and hospital furniture worth 3 crores to the district administration. This includes 200 advanced ICU bed sets and several critical and life-saving medical equipment including 25 HFNO (High Flow Nasal Oxygen) equipment, 28 NIV (Non-Invasive Ventilators), 26 ICU Monitors, 3 Defibrillators, 200 Oxygen regulators, 25 Syringe Pumps, 200 cardiac trolleys, 200 saline stands and several other critical medical equipment. With the view to improve overall patient care in East Singhbhum, 200 bedside lockers for indoor

Tata Steel Foundation is already working extensively in several parts of Jharkhand in the field of Maternal and Child Health through its flagship program, MAN-SI+, which works with Sahiyyas and ANMs at grassroots level to ensure health and nutrition of mothers, newborn children and adolescents across the State. It has also taken up capacity building of Anganwadi workers and frontline health workers to provide better nutrition and health services in several parts of Jharkhand.

## Indian path to de-escalate tensions in Ukraine

BY AMBUJ SHARMA

Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky, during a telephone conversation told Prime Minister Modi last Tuesday that Kyiv will not negotiate peace with the current President of the Russian Federation. India on numerous occasions has reiterated that a continuing military escalation is not going to bring solution to the ongoing conflict. During the conversation The President of Ukraine also thanked PM Modi for India's support to sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. This comes weeks after PM Modi's statement to President Putin at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit asserting that this is not the time for War.

and Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, concerns around food security, energy security and nuclear safety were discussed at lengths. Ukraine is still counting on India's support for export of food grains from Ukraine via Black Sea corridor which is vital to global food security as emphasized by President Zelensky in his conversation with PM Modi. Although New Delhi has remained neutral during the conflict and refrained from supporting any statement or resolution critical of Moscow's actions, India's offer to broker a peace deal could prove vital to ending the conflict. India at UNSC sided with the West on a procedural vote to invite Vladimir Zelensky to speak at the UNGA. This address saw the Ukrainian President deliver his terms for a peace agreement. Zelensky called for harsh punishments on the aggressor Russian Federation, demanding removal of the UNSC veto for Russia at least until the conflict is resolved.

over nuclear security. With PM Modi's phone call with Zelensky it seems assertively clearly India is seeking to carve an influence in power brokerage that will go into the negotiations. Understanding the situation as a proxy battle among power blocs coming to blows with residual historical tensions and attempts at political and diplomatic isolation makes it apparent that an unanimously enforced peace resolution from either side is not the solution. India with its diplomatic footing in both White House and Kremlin has to play a larger role in de-escalation of conflict. With Russia at back foot Kiev sees no reason for a rushed out peace agreement especially while winning on the ground with revitalized supply of advanced weaponry. This prolonging of hostilities with direct involvement of NATO officials in providing support to Ukraine makes direct confrontation between NATO and Russia more likely. The situation stands a test for India to manifest its multi-aligned cooperation to negotiate an end to the conflict. India is integral to US security interests in the Indo-Pacific and it will be a good reminder for Biden that its security interests don't end in Eastern Europe. The Russian setback has enabled the Western leadership to conceive civil unrest in Russia directed against Putin. It remains unclear how far the tension will escalate but it seems clear enough that India has a big role to play.

The Ukrainian military has been making staggering progress recapturing its eastern regions from Russian occupation. Strategically, it makes sense for Ukraine to broker from a position of power and Biden has been adamant that it is not the time for peace. With Ukraine seeking fast track NATO membership and announcement of the latest \$650 mn military aid from the Pentagon, it is evidently clear that Washington is playing for a long haul by refusing peace talks with Putin. Indian rhetoric on the conflict has centered around diplomacy and dialogue with emphasis on concerns

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## 30 Tana Bhagats booked in Latehar



A damaged police patrol car in Latehar on Monday. PNS M FAHMAD ■ DALTONGANJ

Thirty Tana Bhagats were booked today for the violence perpetrated by them on Monday in Latehar wherein 19 cops were hurt. 5 of the 30 booked are women Tana Bhagats. Officer in charge of the Latehar police station Amit Kumar Gupta said "Till the evening of Monday there were 10 cops hurt but nine more too turned up with injuries sustained by them in the fracas between the Tana Bhagats and the police late on Monday night."

Some among them even pulled by hair our officer in charge of the Latehar Mahila police station Sunita Kumari added Gupta. "SDPO SK Mishra was jostled by them too when police were trying to put a stop to their frenzied behaviour" said Gupta. Sources said it deserves to be inquired about as to how the Tana Bhagats so laid a siege to the civil court and such a mob of them could not be contained by the police well in time. Tana Bhagats had gate-crashed and had even broken the main gate that goes to the place where is the chamber of the principal district and sessions judge Latehar. Sources said no one had this apprehension that Tana Bhagats would unleash so much of the aberrations that too at the civil court Latehar. The Tana Bhagats are clamouring for the 5th schedule and this has made them doubtful of the administration's move. Sources said dialogue with the Tana Bhagats alone can help damage control exercise as they may in course of time win lots of sympathy for them from human rights and civil liberties groups but for Tana Bhagats it will be equally too difficult to explain as to how and why they were so howling at the civil court Latehar which can't be dragged into any mundane things like 5th schedule etc.

Gupta said police have invoked sections 147, 148, 149, 341, 342, 323, 324, 325, 307, 332, 333, 120(b), 354 of the IPC besides section 3 of the damage to the public property's act 1984 against the 30 accused Tana Bhagats.

There was adequate police deployment in the entire set up of the judiciary as well as in the administrative block today. Gupta said police acted with extreme restraint as otherwise the action of the Tana Bhagats was belligerent when they were adamant about demanding the principal district and sessions judge Latehar Akhil Kumar to come before them which was most objectionable and highly unacceptable. Gupta said police had twin tasks of having the battery of judicial officers unharmed besides court records and other things to remain intact from the fury of

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### Railway notice to Lord Hanuman to vacate land

PANKAJ KUMAR ■ DHANBAD

One may be surprised to note that railways have served notice to Lord Hanuman to vacate the temple immediately as the temple stands on land owned by railways. The notice posted on the main gate of the temple has not only surprised the locals residing there but also has irked them over the notice as the temple stands there for over six decades and no one had issued such a notice earlier. This is story of Hanuman temple located at Bekar Bandh colony of the railways where an assistant engineer of the Dhanbad railway division pasted the notice addressing to lord Hanuman asking him to leave the location within ten days or would have to face eviction besides legal action. The notice has been served by an assistant engineer of the division. Hundreds of locals assembled outside the temple in protest and soon news of notice spread. Most of them said that when several worship places other than Hindus stand on railway land then why only this temple is being targeted by railway authority. A local Mahendra Khatik said, "It's astonishing that no such notice has been issued to church and mazar that too are constructed on railway land near the railway stadium. We would oppose this." When contacted a senior railway official under condition of anonymity said, all those residing illegally on railway land have been served notice. But when asked why such notice to Lord Hanuman, he refused to comment. Notice has been served to another 300 families residing in the colony to vacate illegally encroached land and houses of railways.

### Camps to be organised under 'Aapki yojana-Aapke sarkar -Aapke dwar' programme

SHAILESH SHARMA ■ HAZARIBAG

The state government programme 'Aapki yojana-Aapki sarkar -Aapke dwar' will be organized in the Hazaribag district in two phases. Every block will conduct the special camp in the block headquarter to aware people on how to get the benefits of different welfare plans of the Government. A co-ordination committee has been formed by the deputy commissioner for the success of the programme. Deputy commissioner of Hazaribag Nancy Sahay chaired a meeting of all district officers, block level officer in the conference hall of her office. She instructed the district level officers to give the direction to the block level officers effective publicity of the camp must be done before launching the programme. She further said that the block officers must emphasise on the state government's Savitri bai phule kishori smardhi yojana, green ration cards, animal husbandry yojana and others. She said that this programme has been divided into two phases. The first phase will be from 12 October to 22 October and second phase will be from 1 November to 14 November. The DC further said that the object of this programme to provide the maximum benefit of the plan should reach to the common person and BPL families. The DC has given the green signal to the Rath which will give the information to the common people of the state government plan which is in the priority of the state government. In the meeting DDC Prema Dixit, trainee IAS Shatabdi Mazumdar, District Planning Officer, civil surgeon, and all officers of district headquarter and BDO and CO were present.

### Time Management programme at BISSS-2C

PNS ■ BOKARO

On October 11, a program on "Time Management" was organised at Bokaro Ispat Senior Secondary School-2C with the aim of educating the children of BSL's CSR schools about various aspects related to time management. General Manager (Education) Meenam Mishra, Assistant Manager (Education) PM Nair, Principals of different schools, teachers and students of different schools were also present in the programme. During this awareness event, Rajendra Kumar, former Manager (HRD) of BSL informed the students about various aspects related to time management. The program was coordinated by JP Pandey (Principal of BISSS-2C) and Nilima Lal. At last the vote of thanks was given by VK Pathak.



### Certificate given to 76 trainees under RKVY Scheme

PNS ■ RANCHI

Youth were given training under the 'Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana' by East Central Railway, in an effort to make the youth skilled and employable by providing industry-based training, from 12.09.2022 to 01.10.2022 at Signal and Telecom Training Center of ECR/ Danapur, Supervisor Training Center and Mechanical Factory / Samastipur, Carriage Repair Factory / Hamaut and Electric Traction Training Center / Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay in the form of 12th batch.



After the training, a total of 76 trainees were awarded certificates. Under this scheme, a total of 900 youth have been given certificates after training by these training centres of ECR. After training in the filter trade to the 12th batch at Supervisor Training Center, Samastipur and Mechanical Factory, Samastipur, 19 qualified youth were given certificates. Also at the Carriage Repair Factory, Hamaut, 08 qualified and passed youths were given certificates of training in Welder trade and 13 youths in Machine trade. Arc Welding, Stability, Formation of Welding Welds, Butt Joints, Tee Joints, Gas Cutting, Filing and Gridding etc. in Welder Trade and Lathe Work, Threading, Drilling, Filing, Turning, Chamfering and Machining Measurement Work in Machine Trade. After training in the 12th batch at the Electric Traction Training Center of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Mandal, 20 qualified and qualified youth were given certificates. During the training, they were given training about electrical iron, electric heater, stair case wiring, ceiling fan, making and connection of electrical board, various equipments. Certificates were awarded to 16 youth of 10th batch at Signal and Telecom Training Centre, Danapur. During this, he was given training in the work of diode, transistor, IC, power supply, soldering, use and repair of multimeter transformer etc. The trainees expressed great satisfaction on the completion of the training. They have found this training to be very useful in building up knowledge and boosting self-confidence. Applicants can easily get all the information related to trade, details of training institute, online application form and all other information by visiting <https://railkvy.indianrailways.gov.in>. The basic objective of this initiative is to provide training facilities to the youth to bring about qualitative improvement in various trades. This skill will improve and upgrade the employability of the youth. Along with this, it will improve the employability of the youth and upgrade the skills of the youth who want to be self-employed. Trainees for Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana program are selected through open advertisement and transparent short-listing mechanism. After the training, a standardized assessment of all the trainees is done and the successful trainees are awarded certificates.

### 'BOI offers vehicle loans at lowest interest rates this Festival Season'

AVINASH ANJAN ■ HAZARIBAG

Bank of India brings you a gift of happiness in this festive season. VVK Kishore, Zonal Manager said that, this year Bank of India has come up with vehicle loans at lowest interest rates to add to your happiness. This loan will be provided to you by Bank of India on very easy and simple terms. You will not have to pay any processing fee for providing the loan. Vehicle loan is available with an attractive interest rate of minimum 8.30% and EMI of 1573 per lakh. He also said that, like vehicle loan, home loan, agricultural loan, gold loan, loan under MSME, all types of loans are available with attractive interest rates and minimal processing fee. Please take advantage of this opportunity and contact your nearest Bank of India branch for more details.



### 3 held in PVTG youths thrashing case

NITYANAND DUBEY ■ GARHWA

Chiniya police arrested three persons in connection with assault and one of them for head tonsuring of five youths belonging to a particularly vulnerable tribal group called Korwa for allegedly defiling the idol of Durga with their presence in the district Police Station in-charge Bindra Hansada said. "Police have arrested three accused including Shamra Yadav, Manoj Yadav, Manjaya Yadav and sent them to judicial custody. Raids are continuing to nab the rest accused." The youths were assaulted the day after Dashami (Wednesday) at Palhe village under Chiniya police station of Garhwa district. The frightened youths, prodded by their community members, somehow mustered the courage and lodged a police complaint on Sunday evening. The youths have been identified as Dinesh Korwa, Vinod Korwa, Ajay Korwa, Ganga Korwa and Rupesh Korwa — all aged between 20 and 25 years. They have lodged an FIR against Beta panchayat mukhiya Rameshwar Singh, Bandhu Yadav, Manoj Yadav, Manjaya Yadav, Sharma Yadav and three others. In the written complaint, the youths alleged that on Dashami, Vinod was clicking a picture of the Durga idol at a pandal in Palhe village when a few people pushed him out of the dais. They said Vinod should not come near the place of worship because he belonged to the Korwa community. They also roughed him up. Ganga, Rupesh and Dinesh Korwa reached the spot and tried to mediate but all of them were beaten up for being "untouchable." During the immersion ceremony, Ganga was beaten up by Manoj, a resident of the same village, for daring to come to the procession. On Thursday, the accused called all the five Korwa youths for a meeting at the panchayat. When they reached, their hands were tied and they were beaten up with sticks. Dinesh's head was tonsured and the incident was filmed.



### Retired soldier gives message of cleanliness

VINOD PRASAD ■ LOHARDAGA

In the country and the district, the cleanliness campaign is going on continuously under the Seva Pakhwada to commemorate the birthday of PM Modi. On the one hand, the district administration and municipality are doing their work under the Swachhta Hi Seva campaign. On the other hand, today retired soldier cum social worker of the city, Dr. T. Sahu, by campaigning near Basar Bari and RSS office, himself cleaned the drain by removing the dirt and bushes spread on the roadside. On the occasion, the members of the Swayamsevak Sangh said that we do selfless service every day, but at present, much garbage has accumulated in the surroundings. Dr. Sahu has taken up the task of undertaking special cleanliness today. He said that Dr. Sahu himself is a volunteer and he is always involved in social work. At the same time, Dr. Sahu appealed to the residents and said that you should clean your surroundings yourself and cooperate with the municipality. He said that by staying clean, the disease will also be far away and you will be healthy. Let us tell you that Basarbari is connected to NH and Agrasen Path and is in the middle. For this colony, roads and drains have been constructed by the municipality at the cost of lakhs. But people are not getting its benefit due to bush and dirt. At the same time, some local people have made the road narrow by making a high step in front of the door of their house. The municipality needs to pay special attention to such selfish people.



# CM fiat to ensure redressal of common man's problems

**'Apki Yojna, Apki Sarkar, Apke Dwar' programme information reaches every household**

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Aapke Dwar.

Wide publicity is being given to the programme of the first phase of 'Aapki Yojna, Aapki Sarkar, Aapke Dwar', starting from October 12. The programme is being promoted across the State. People are becoming aware through awareness chariots, miking, pamphlet distribution, street plays in various panchayats. It is to be known that on October 12 from Giridih, Chief Minister Hemant Soren will inaugurate the programme 'Aapki Yojna, Aapki Sarkar

flagged off. The CM has directed the Deputy Commissioners of all the districts to ensure redressal of grievances and problems of the common people by establishing direct communication with the public through the programme. The government has set a target to make the villagers aware of the welfare schemes of the government easily and benefit from them. It is the priority of the government to get the benefits of the scheme on-the-spot by organizing camps at the panchayat level and accepting applications from the villagers and after checking them.

Meanwhile, in another development, CM Hemant

Soren has congratulated Kalyan Choubey for being elected as the President of All India Football Federation. The CM said that Choubey's experience in the field of sports would go a long way in strengthening football in the country.

Through a letter, the CM has congratulated Team India participating in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup on this historic occasion. He expressed hope that the team will give its best. The CM said that the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 is an international football tournament and hosting such a big championship for the first time since its inception is a reward for the efforts of AIFF and the growth of football. "I am

proud to lead a state which has produced some of the best footballers for the country and still does. I am very excited to see 6 players from Jharkhand representing India in the World Cup. I am happy that Astam Oraon from Gumla district of Jharkhand will lead Team India," he said.

The CM said that Jharkhand is proud of giving training to Team India at a camp in Jamshedpur. The State government is committed to make Jharkhand a football nursery. He has invited the President of All India Football Federation to Jharkhand. She expressed her willingness to partner to promote and develop women's football in the state and the country.

# Sports Minister provides archery kit to Goldie Mishra

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Minister of Minority Welfare and Tourism, Art, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Jharkhand, Hafizul Hassan presented state-of-the-art archery sports equipment to Goldie Mishra at his residence on Tuesday. On the occasion Hassan also congratulated Mishra for winning the National gold medal in the National sport in Gujarat.

On the occasion Mishra expressed gratitude the

State Government and the Sports Director, Sarojini Lakra for providing him the State of the art archery equipment for his practice. He expressed hope that with the cooperation of the Government, he will be able to improve their preparations for the Olympic Games to be played in 2024 and 2028.

Apart from Lakra, the Department Archery Sports Coach, Harendra Singh, D Sai Swari, Karan Karmakar, Prakash Ram and Mahendra Karmali were also present



Sports Minister Hafizul Hassan presents a recurve bow to Archer Goldie Mishra who won Gold Medal in Archery in 36th National Games, in Ranchi on Tuesday. PNS

on the occasion.

It may be mentioned here that Mishra is a promising trainee of Day Boarding

Archery Training Centre, Chandankaryi, Bokaro. Recently, he won the gold medal for Jharkhand in the

Indian Round in the 36th National Games held in Gujarat but he did not have a recurve round arrow bow for the upcoming high level competitions. Due to this there was a possibility of affecting his training in future.

The Sports Minister Hafizul Hassan took the initiative on this news. Sports director Sarojini Lakra also tried for this at a personal level. After this, Goldie was provided with a state-of-the-art reserve bow set on Tuesday.

# HC takes cognisance on Tana Bhagat's demonstration

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The Jharkhand High Court (HC), on Tuesday, took suo moto cognisance of Tana Bhagat's demonstration that took place on Monday in Latehar Civil Court, where 10 policemen were injured and police had to use mild force to disperse the crowd.

Expressing displeasure over the incident, the Jharkhand HC summoned the Chief Secretary (CS) and Director General of Police (DGP) of the State. On Tuesday, the Chief Secretary and the DGP appeared before the



court. The court has directed both the officers to file a detailed report. The court orally said that such a big incident is happening in any court premises, it means that the intelligence of the police has failed.

Advocate General Rajeev Ranjan, appearing on behalf of the State government, told the court that taking the incident seriously, the government has directed to make elaborate security arrangements in the court premises.

A bench of Chief Justice, Dr Ravi Ranjan and Justice, Sujit Narayan Prasad of the High Court has taken suo moto cognisance.

It may be mentioned here that the Tana Bhagat Sangh had gheraoed the Latehar Behavioural Court on Monday. The people of the Sangh were demanding the closure of the court, citing the Fifth Schedule area of the Constitution. Tana Bhagat surrounded the entire court including the Principal District and Sessions Judge for four hours.

In view of the movement of Tana Bhagat, a large num-

ber of police forces were deployed on the court premises. The officers were trying to convince the protesting Tana Bhagats. Even after much persuasion, Tana Bhagats did not agree and started sabotage on the occasion after which the police lathi-charged to handle the situation. Tear gas shells were also fired. In this, many officers including the officer-in-charge and many agitators have also been injured.

It is also pertinent to mention here that perhaps this is the first incident in the Country, when the judiciary had to face agitation.

# RD Secy stresses on competition on pending projects in time

**Holds review meeting of MGNREGA, Rural Development, PMAY (Rural), JSLPS**

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Secretary, Rural Development Department, Prashant Kumar has instructed the Deputy Development Commissioners of all the districts to ensure progress in the major schemes of the Rural Development Department like MGNREGA, Birs-ha Harit Gram Yojana, Veer Shaheed Poto Ho Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural) and Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar. This will ensure maximum employment creation and the implementation of schemes should be done on a large scale. He said that site inspection of the schemes would also be done. He was addressing the DDCs of all the districts through video conferencing in the Rural Development Department auditorium on

Tuesday. In the meeting, instructions were given by the Secretary to complete all the pending schemes under MGNREGA as well as review of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and MGNREGA. Kumar also directed for necessary progress in the creation of man days under MGNREGA. He asked all the DDCs to bring progress in the creation of man days.

During the meeting, MGNREGA commissioner Rajeshwari B was first informed about the progress of the ongoing schemes under MGNREGA. Secretary Prashant Kumar, while reviewing the MGNREGA scheme district wise, directed to bring necessary progress in the districts where progress is slow. The Secretary directed to focus on Birs-ha Harit Gram Yojana, Didi Bari Yojana etc. The Secretary said that the maximum number of schemes should be selected and the maximum number of schemes should be complet-



Secretary Rural Development Prashant Kumar, MGNREGA Commissioner Rajeshwari B during a meeting in Ranchi on Tuesday. PNS

ed. During the review of MGNREGA, the plans for the financial year 2019-20 were also reviewed and taking information about the pending schemes, all the DDCs were instructed to complete the work plan without delay.

The MGNREGA Commissioner directed to connect everyone with MGNREGA schemes. Ensure that the work is done on time and their wages are paid on time, along with this, through the Area Officer App, all the Block Development Officers, Block Pro-

gram Officers, Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers have been given 50-50 ongoing schemes per month. Strict instructions were given to inspect and upload its report on the app.

The DDCs were directed to coordinate with the banks for credit linkage of Sakhi Mandals and directed to organize the meeting of the District Level Bankers Committee regularly.

During the meeting, Prashant Kumar expressed his displeasure with some of the Sakhi Mandals over the higher processing charges being charged by the banks

for credit linkage. He said that all banks should expedite the works of credit linkage of Sakhi Mandals and ensure proper processing charges so that the organization of rural women does not have to pay more amount as processing charge.

The CEO of JSLPS said in the meeting to ensure credit linkage of Sakhi Mandals. He directed to connect Sakhi Mandals with credit linkage while clearing the pending applications at the bank branch level for credit linkage. He asked the banks to appoint the sisters of Sakhi Mandal as business correspondents.

Under the Phoolo Jhano Abhiyan by the Secretary, instructions were given to identify and rehabilitate each and every village women selling Hadyia liquor in their new business. Along with this, every effort was directed to be made on a war footing to increase the sales of Palash brand of products of rural women.

# Admin prepares to ensure 'Sarkar Apke Dwar's' success

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To commemorate the completion of three years of the State Government, the launch of the scheme Aapki Sarkar Aapke Dwar programme will be started from today. On the first day of the programme, it will be done in the block and panchayat headquarters of 16 blocks of Ranchi district. Camp will also be organized in two wards of Ranchi Municipal Corporation area.

The scheme Aapki Sarkar Aapke Dwar programme will be organized in two phases across the state. The first phase will be conducted from 12-22 October 2022 and the second phase from 01-14 November 2022.

Under this programme,



Ranchi DC Rahul Kumar Sinha holds a meeting with senior officers at his office in Ranchi on Tuesday. PNS

the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ranchi, Rahul Kumar Sinha on Tuesday regarding the programme, which will start from tomorrow. Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC), Vishal Sagar, Nodal Officers of all the blocks made for the programme, all Circle Officers, Block Development Officers, MOIC, CDPO and PMU members

were present in the meeting. For better implementation of the programme in the district, Sinha, while discussing various schemes and various aspects to benefit the maximum number of people through PPT, gave necessary directions to the district level and block level officials. The DC directed to organize camps at Panchayat level in the entire district and receive the applications from the people and make them available on the spot to the beneficiary by approving them after verification. He directed all the concerned department officials, block development officers and circle officers to receive a maximum number of applications. The Deputy

Commissioner directed to generate and execute maximum number of applications in the Chief Minister Employment Generation Scheme, Savitri Bai Phule Kishore Samridhi Yojana, various schemes related to food supply, social security, MGNREGA, KCC and others.

Sinha directed to give wide publicity to the programme to be organized in two phases. He said that by giving wide publicity for your scheme, your government, your door programme, which will be operated from 12-22 October 2022 and 01-November 2022, more and more people should get the benefits of the government's public welfare schemes.

# SAIL employees trek to Kalihani Pass Base, Himachal Himalayas

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SAIL's Ranchi units have a well-established Adventure Sports Wing of SAIL Units Sports Club (SUSC). This wing regularly organizes high altitude trekking expeditions to Himalayan Mountains every year for employees of SAIL Ranchi Units. Like previous years, this year also employees of SAIL Units Ranchi are heading for a challenging expedition to Kalihani Pass base, Himachal Himalayas, from 11th to 22nd October, 2022.

Kalihani Pass stands in Himalayan state of Himachal, as one of the toughest connecting routes of Himachal Himalayas. The best season for Kalihani Pass is in the month of September - October. Covering the entire stretch of over 90 km on foot, they have to negotiate multiple obstacles viz. steep climbs/steep descends on boulder/scree, razor sharp ridges and frothy riverbeds, snow patches and glacier

climbs/descents. Solitude from civilization for over 11 days and carrying everything needed for survival on backpacks is another daunting challenge the expeditionary has to face. The trekking expedition for this year will start from 10 km from Manali - Lama Dugh - Riyali Thach-Kalihani Pass Base - Rani Sui - Bogi Thach - Panaga - Manali" in between.

Under the leadership of Dr Golap Md. Chowdhury, Deputy General Manager, RDCIS, SAIL along with another two (2) employees namely, Sudip Acharyya and CH S S D Kowshik have been selected to scale this pass. Perfect combination of maturity and youth, experience and energy de-

fine the team's endeavour to rise above the mountain.

Sending off ceremony took place in front of Ispat Bhawan, RDCIS, Ranchi on Tuesday in presence of Executive Director, RDCIS, Nirvik Banerjee and a whole bunch of colleagues and well-wishers. In his address, Banerjee highlighted SAIL's promise for sports promotions and gestured to the team with "All the Best".

In tandem with the 'Swachh Bharat' mission, the adventurers took pledge not to litter/leave anything into nature and spread the cleanliness awareness among the villagers enroute. The team will also take every safety precaution during the expedition.

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Chief Minister Hemant Soren with SP Chief Akhilesh Yadav during the funeral of the (SP) party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav in Safai on Tuesday. PNS



Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda, State BJP President Deepak Prakash along with others during the inaugural ceremony of Traditional Historical Mudma Mela near Ranchi on Tuesday. Pix by Vinay Murnu



Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda, MP Sudarshan Bhagat and Congress leader Bandhu Tirkey during the inaugural ceremony of Traditional Historical Mudma Mela near Ranchi on Tuesday. Pix by Vinay Murnu

## IN BRIEF

### Stall under One Station One product scheme

Under the 'One Station One Product' Scheme, temporary stalls at Ranchi and Hatia stations of Ranchi Railway Division were inaugurated on Tuesday. At Ranchi station, a stall by the Women Development Committee and at Hatia station, Jharkhand Youth Federation, Mitra Toli, Khunti, have been set up. Along with this, a 15-day temporary stall of exhibition cum sales centers of various products has been set up. The stall at Ranchi station was inaugurated by the lady passenger Sushma Minj in the presence of the office bearers and stall representatives of the division. The operation of the stall and the product information to the passengers will be given by Seema Khakha at Ranchi station and Aashisan Sanga at Hatia station. These stalls operated by Ranchi Railway Division will exhibit and sell various products till 25/10/2022.

### 'Joy of Giving' - to strengthening the bond of humanity

With the objective to teach students the need to give back to society positively and be the reason for someone's smile, Joy of Giving was observed at DPS Bokaro. Strengthening the bond of humanity, and spreading the message of love and care students of DPS Bokaro and 'Deepansh', a Shiksha Kendra, run under the aegis of DPS Bokaro, for the marginalised sections of the society spent the day together.

Children were elated to welcome the students of Deepansh with open arms. The school buzzed with activities which included drawing and painting by the children, antakshari rounds, games and gifting of cards and stationery along with sharing food to make them feel as one. Even the helpers of the school felt special when they were given cards as a token of gratitude from the students of Classes II and III. Beautiful performances on the stage by the children ignited a feeling of oneness and unity. Students of Deepansh participated enthusiastically in games and co-curricular activities in an inclusive manner.

### Bokaro MLA pays tribute to JP on His Birthday



On the 120th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Lok-nayak Jayaprakash Narayan, Bokaro MLA Biranchi Narayan, while paying homage to JP, said that JP is also known as "Lok Nayak" for his dedication to the society by running a movement against Indira Gandhi in the name of "Sampoorna Kranti" in 1970. Narayan further said that we got many such leaders from the freedom movement, due to whose efforts this country has survived till date and all its achievements are the result of the vision and sacrifice of those big leaders. During the event BJP District General Secretary Sanjay Tyagi, Vikas Kumar Abhay Kumar Upadhyay, Abhishek Kumar, Harekrishna, Sujit Chakraborty, Raju Malakar were present.

# Terror funding: 1 held in NIA raids on AHET

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at multiple locations in Jammu and Kashmir and arrested one person in the case related to suspect funding activities of Al Huda Educational Trust (AHET) in Rajouri district of the Union Territory.



The NIA conducted searches in 18 locations in Rajouri, Poonch, Jammu, Srinagar, Bandipora, Shopian, Pulwama and Budgam districts of the Valley and arrested Md. Ameer Shamshi of Rajouri in the case related to criminal activities of AHET, the NIA said in a statement. The NIA conducted searches in 18 locations in Rajouri, Poonch, Jammu, Srinagar, Bandipora, Shopian, Pulwama and Budgam districts of the Valley and arrested Md. Ameer Shamshi of Rajouri in the case related to criminal activities of AHET, the NIA said in a statement. The NIA conducted searches in 18 locations in Rajouri, Poonch, Jammu, Srinagar, Bandipora, Shopian, Pulwama and Budgam districts of the Valley and arrested Md. Ameer Shamshi of Rajouri in the case related to criminal activities of AHET, the NIA said in a statement.

# ED raids on premises of officials, netas, bizmen in Chhattisgarh

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday conducted searches at the premises of senior officials, including a Deputy Secretary of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, businessmen and politicians of the ruling Congress Government in the State on Tuesday. The ED teams searched several locations related to Deputy Secretary to the CM, Soumya Chaurasia, in Durg, Chartered Accountant Vijay Malu in Devendra Nagar, Raipur, Raigarh Collector Ranu Sahu's residence in Raigarh, Agni Chandrakar in Mahasamund, Suryakant Tiwari in Anupam Nagar, Raipur and mining chief and IAS officer JP Maurya in Raipur. Maurya is the husband of Ranu Sahu. In the Mahasamund district, searches were conducted at locations linked to politicians and businessmen. Those under the scanner are Vikas Nigam

and the Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI). Baghel said, "I have already said that they will come again and it's not the last time. Their visits will increase as the election approaches. This is just an act of intimidation and nothing else." The state Assembly elections are due in November 2023. Last month, the I-T department had conducted raids at the premises of businessmen associated with steel and coal businesses. Similar raids conducted by the I-T department in June-July this year covered the premises of coal businessman Suryakant Tiwari and the Deputy Secretary posted in the Chief Minister's Office. According to an IT Department reference to the Chhattisgarh government, searches against Saumya Chaurasia, Joint Secretary Anil Tuteja and RERA chairman Vivek Dhand (1981-batch IAS officer) revealed generation of tainted wealth to the tune of crores of rupees from distilleries of country liquor.

# CJI Lalit recommends Chandrachud's name as his successor to Govt

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI



Chief Justice of India U U Lalit on Tuesday recommended to the Centre the name of the senior-most Supreme Court judge Justice DY Chandrachud as his successor. Justice Chandrachud, who has been part of several Constitution benches and landmark verdicts of the top court including on matters relating to the Ayodhya land dispute, right to privacy and adultery, will become the 50th CJI on November 9 once the recommendation is accepted by the Government.

CJI Y V Chandrachud. The former CJI was the head of the judiciary from February 22, 1978 to July 11, 1985.

Justice Chandrachud, who was elevated to the top court on May 13, 2016, will have a tenure of two years as the CJI and is due to retire on November 10, 2024. Setting in motion the process of appointment of the next CJI, the incumbent Chief Justice handed over the copy of his letter of recommendation to Justice Chandrachud, who is the son of the longest serving

On October 7, Law Minister Kiren Rijju had sent a letter to CJI Lalit, who is set to retire on November 8, to recommend his successor. CJI Lalit will have a short tenure of 74 days. CJI Lalit, who wrote back to Rijju recommending the name of Justice Chandrachud, requested all the judges of the apex court to assemble at the judges' lounge at 10.15 AM. He then handed over the letter designating the successor to Justice Chandrachud, who has also played a pivotal role in digitization of the judiciary.

# K'taka CM, BSY start 'Jan Sankalpa Yatra' as Cong's Bharat Jodo on

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In a political counter to the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' of the Congress led by Rahul Gandhi, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, along with the BJP stalwart BS Yediyurappa, on Tuesday started a 'Jan Sankalpa Yatra' in 52 Assembly constituencies in poll-bound Karnataka.



The 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', which began from Kerala, is undergoing its Karnataka leg. It would go on in the State till October 20. Karnataka will elect a new assembly in 2023. The BJP is Congress' main opponent. The BJP 'Yatra' is apparently inspired by the Congress' effort to revive itself across the country in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Bommai and Yediyurappa are scheduled to cover 52 Assembly segments till December 25, as part of the 'Jan Sankalpa Yatra'. The 'Yatra' has started from Raichur

in the North-East Karnataka. "The intention of the Jan Sankalpa Yatra is to inform the programmes, work and policies of BJP government in the state and at the Centre, and also send a message to BJP office-bearers and workers to prepare for elections with a resolve to bring BJP back to power in the state," Bommai said. Speaking to reporters ahead of leaving for Raichur, he said, "There is enthusiasm everywhere. Through the Jan Sankalpa Yatra, we hope to gain the confidence of the people and to be victorious in the 2023 assembly polls." According to the Chief Minister, during the tour, he will be interacting with beneficiaries of various schemes and visit certain places as planned by the local party functionaries. Responding to a question, Bommai said he and his party are not worried about Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra, and said the foot march has no impact. "The world knows, it is 'jodoing' (uniting) whom and 'thodoing' (dividing) whom. It has no importance. We are not worried. We are doing our sankalpa (resolution) yatra to win the election by informing people about our programmes. There is no connection with it (BJP's tour with Congress' yatra)," he added. Incidentally, BJP's tour begins from Raichur Rural assembly segment, an ST reserve seat that has a huge presence of the Valmiki community.

# EC allots swords & shield symbol to Shinde faction

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The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday allotted 'Two Swords and A Shield' as its symbol to the Eknath Shinde faction that was given the name Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena a day ago for the Andheri East Assembly bypoll, should it decide to contest the election scheduled for November 3. In a letter to Maharashtra Chief Minister Shinde, the EC said it has decided to declare 'Two Swords and A Shield' to be a free symbol and allot it to the candidate set up, if any, by the Shinde-led group in the current by-election. Hours after the EC's decision, the battle of nerves for the bypolls began amid uncertain uncertainty whether the Shinde faction will field its candidate against the rival Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray). The Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray), which was allotted Mashaal (Flaming

Torch) symbol on Monday, has announced that it would field Rutuja Latke as its candidate for the November 3 Andheri (East) Assembly bypolls. She is likely to file her nomination for the by-poll in the next couple of days. The Andheri (East) bypoll has been necessitated by sitting Shiv Sena MLA Ramesh Late's death. Rutuja Latke is the widow of Ramesh Latke. On its part, the Eknath Shinde-led 'Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena' - which has been waging a bitter battle with the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) for the original Sena's registered symbol 'Bow and Arrow' - has not officially announced as yet whether it would contest the Andheri (East) Assembly by-polls. However, the ruling BJP - which is the senior alliance partner of the Eknath Shinde-led 'Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena' in the Maharashtra government - has indicated that it may field Murji Patel as its candidate for the Assembly by-poll.

# IN-SHORTS

**SC NOT TO INTERFERE IN HC ORDER ON DESHMUKH BAIL**  
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to interfere with the Bombay High Court order on grant of bail to former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh in a money laundering case. A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Hima Kohli said the observations made by the high court in its order will not affect the trial in the case and dismissed the appeal filed by the Enforcement Directorate. During the nearly two hour-long hearing, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for ED, submitted that the high court has erred in its finding and almost conducted a mini trial on a bail petition. He claimed evidence of the case was selectively discussed by the high court which resulted in perverse finding. On October 4, the court had granted bail to Deshmukh in the case observing two components of 'credits' in the bank account of his family trust were not the proceeds of crime.

**INDIAN ARMY PARADE TO BE HELD IN BENGALURU**  
New Delhi: The Indian Army Day parade next year will be held in Bengaluru. It will be the first time that the parade held on January 15 will now take place outside the national Capital.

**'SANJEEVANI-LIFESTYLE CLINIC' INUGURATED**  
New Delhi: An integrated facility named the "Sanjeevani - Lifestyle Clinic" to provide advice on diet, exercise and behavioural counselling thereby rendering comprehensive preventive and curative care on lifestyle diseases to all serving and retired personnel and their dependents was inaugurated here on Tuesday at the Armed Forces Clinic by Archana Pande, President, Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA).

**SC ASKS STATES TO RESPOND TO PIL ON HOMELESS PEOPLE**  
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked all states and union territories (UT) to respond within three weeks to issues presented before the court in a note by senior advocate Prashant Bhushan about the number of homeless people, shelter homes and the plans they have for them for the upcoming winter season.

# Jaishankar expresses concern over latest Russian military strikes on Ukraine

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External Affairs S Jaishankar on Tuesday expressed concern over latest Russian military strikes on Ukraine on Monday and said "targeting infrastructure and causing deaths is not acceptable in any part of the world." Making this assertion, he also reiterated the need for dialogue and diplomacy to end the conflict now on for more than eight months adding the ongoing violence is not helping anyone. Addressing an event at Lowy Institute in Sydney, Jaishankar said the world is currently grappling with three key challenges of Covid, Conflict and Climate change. He said this conflict is hurting a large part of the world today because the daily lives of the people are impacted in a very, very damaging manner. "And these countries with whom we identify ourselves most of these countries and they are actually feeling frustrated because they feel that their problems are being neglected," the minister said. Jaishankar's comments came a day after India voted to reject Russia's demand for a secret ballot in the UN General Assembly on a draft resolution

to condemn Moscow's "illegal" annexation of four regions of Ukraine. India favoured a public vote on the text along with over 100 other nations. On Monday, India's External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said in New Delhi the escalation of hostilities was in no one's interest and noted that India stood ready to support all such efforts aimed at de-escalation of the situation. The Indian embassy in Kyiv cautioned its citizens to avoid non-essential travel and within Ukraine. India has not yet condemned the Russian military action and maintained that the crisis must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue. India has abstained on votes on the Ukraine conflict in the UN General Assembly and the Security Council.

# India, Australia Defence ties ensuring free, open Indo-Pacific region, says Minister

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Defence ties between India and Australia has contributed significantly to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific region, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday. His remarks came in the backdrop of China's growing belligerence in the region. Japan, US, Australia and India are part of Quad grouping for the Indo-Pacific and conducted joint maritime exercises in the region in the last few years. China has objected to the formation of the Quad claiming it will lead to militarization of the Indo-Pacific. On a two-day visit to Australia, Jaishankar said India and Australia's defence, security collaboration has contributed significantly to a free and open Indo-Pacific. He had an instructive morning with the Australian Armed Forces. Jaishankar had met Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles on Monday in Canberra. "Spent an instructive morning with the Australian Armed Forces. Our defence and security collaboration contributes significantly to a free and open Indo-Pacific," he tweeted along with a picture. Addressing a joint press conference with his Australian counterpart Penny Wong, Jaishankar on Monday said he had a "very useful, very productive and very comfortable discussion" on a range of bilateral and global issues. Wong said Australia and India have recognised that the Indo-Pacific region is being "reshaped" both economically and strategically and underlined that the partnership with India is a "critical part" of shaping the region. "We can only build and sustain the region we want by working with others, including by working in partnership with India and for Australia, this partnership is a critical part of shaping the region we want," Wong said. Jaishankar received a warm 'Tiranga welcome' on his visit to Australia on Sunday as India's tricolour lit the country's old Parliament House in Canberra. This is his second visit to Australia this year. The first visit was in February 2022 when he attended Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Melbourne.

# India delivers another batch of essential medicines, medical items to Afghanistan

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI



Continuing its humanitarian assistance, India on Tuesday delivered another batch of aid comprising essential medicines and medical items to Afghanistan. India has, so far, supplied 45 tons of medical assistance in 13 batches to Afghanistan in the last few months, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), said here. It said the aid was in continuation of India's "special relationship" with the people of Afghanistan and in view of the urgent appeals made by the United Nations to assist them. "India has supplied the 13th batch of medical assistance consisting of essential medicines and medical/surgical items like Pediatric Stethoscope,

Sphygmomanometer mobile type with pediatric BP cuff, infusion pump, drip chamber set, electro cautery and nylon sutures" the MEA said. The consignments were handed over to authorities of the Indira Gandhi Children Hospital in Kabul. The ministry also said till now India has supplied almost 45 tons of medical assistance, which included essential life saving medicines, anti-TB medicines, 500,000 doses of COVID vaccine, medical and surgical items.

# Congress demands action over hate speeches by BJP MP and MLA

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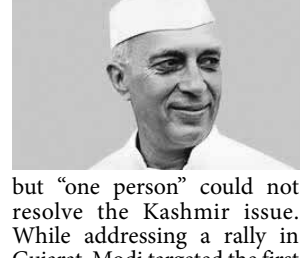
The Congress on Tuesday demanded immediate action over the alleged hate speeches by BJP MP Parvesh Verma and BJP MLA Nand Kishor Gurjar, and urged the Supreme Court to issue directives after taking cognisance of the matter. The party sought to know why Prime Minister Narendra Modi is silent on the issue and hoped that at least Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will gather the courage to speak for the people of the city. Several purported videos of inflammatory speeches made at the 'Virat Hindu Sabha' have come up online. An FIR has been filed against the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) and the other organisers of the Sunday event in Delhi, where certain speakers, including the two BJP MLAs, allegedly delivered hate speeches. The case was filed for allegedly holding the event without permission. "Parvesh Verma has been caught on camera asking for a boycott of a certain community. He also incited hatred, so did Gurjar one of the BJP MLAs from UP, Ghaziabad. Nothing has been done, what is the police waiting for, why is PM not speaking. Why have the courts not taken cognisance, what is Mr Arvind Kejriwal doing, and if this is not hypocrisy then we wonder what is," Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said at AICC



press conference. "Over 72 hours later, a citizens committee report is out on the Delhi riots of 2020 and it 'nails the role played by the media, and agencies, the way police looked the other way and how perpetrators of violence have gone scot-free', Shrinete claimed. "We hope courts will take cognisance, police will act, the

# Congress counters PM's claim that J&K issue not resolved by Nehru

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The Congress on Tuesday countered the claims of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the issue of Jammu and Kashmir was not resolved by India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru. Even though Modi did not mention the Nehru name in his speech, the Congress blamed Maharaja Hari Singh, the then ruler of the J&K, for not acceding to India soon after Independence and taking the decision only after invaders from Pakistan tried to take over the place. PM Modi in a veiled attack on Nehru on Monday said Sardar Patel resolved issues of merger of other princely states,

but "one person" could not resolve the Kashmir issue. While addressing a rally in Gujarat, Modi targeted the first PM without naming him, and said, "Sardar saheb managed the merger of all the princely states with India but another person handled this one issue of Kashmir," he said adding that is why it still is unresolved. Modi said he is following Patel's footsteps. Congress General Secretary in-charge of the Communication department

Jairam Ramesh cited Rajmohan Gandhi's book and said, "The PM has once again white-washed REAL history. He overlooks the following facts only to castigate Nehru on J&K. All this has been documented well in Rajmohan Gandhi's biography of Sardar Patel. These facts are also known to the PM's new man in J&K." Jairam was referring to Ghulam Nabi Azad, who resigned from the Congress and formed a new political party. "Maharaja Hari Singh dithered on accession. There were dreams of independence. But when Pakistan invaded, Hari Singh acceded to India. Sardar Patel was okay with J&K joining Pakistan till Sept 13 1947 when the Nawab of Junagadh acceded to Pakistan."

Jairam said. But Jairam pointed out that, "Sheikh Abdullah championed accession to India entirely because of his friendship with and admiration for Nehru, and his respect for Gandhi." Jairam quoted from Rajmohan Gandhi's book — 'Patel: A Life' by Rajmohan Gandhi page 439 and page 591 (1991). "Vallabhbhai's lukewarmness about Kashmir had lasted until September 13 1947. That morning, in a letter to Baldev Singh, he had indicated that "if (Kashmir) decides to join the other Dominion," he would accept the fact. His attitude changed later that day when he heard that Pakistan had accepted Junagadh's accession."

# Floods hit 33K in Assam, Arunachal

**PTI ■ GUWAHATI**  
Heavy rain in various parts of Assam and adjoining Arunachal Pradesh has led to the inundation of several areas in Assam, affecting over 33,000 people, an official bulletin said on Tuesday.  
The Regional Meteorological Centre, Guwahati, has forecast more rain over the next two days, which may further deteriorate the situation.  
An Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) in its flood bulletin said Dhemaji, Lakhimpur and Dibrugarh districts have been affected by the rain that lashed the state since Monday.



Students wade through a waterlogged street following rains in Guwahati on Tuesday PTI

Reports of erosion from Bongaigaon, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh, Morigaon and Sonitpur districts have also been received. The ASDMA bulletin also said the Brahmaputra river is flowing above the danger level at Nematighat in Jorhat district.  
The Regional Meteorological Centre, Guwahati, said that rain with thunderstorms and lightning is likely to occur in various places in 21 districts of the state till Wednesday.

The state had witnessed one of the worst deluges earlier this year, with floods and landslides claiming 199 lives so far. Almost every year, three to four waves of flood ravage Assam.  
Union Home Minister Amit Shah last week asked the Assam government to devise a long-term plan to protect the northeastern state from flood for decades so that more development can take place without the fear of flooding.

# 3 held for human sacrifice of 2 Kerala women for lucre

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**

Bhagawal Singh, a CPI(M) leader from Elanthur in Pathanamthitta district along with his wife Laila and a local goon by name Mohammed Shafi were arrested by the police on Tuesday in connection with the murder of two women as part of a sorcery ritual.



Rosely (57) and Padmam (50), two women who were lottery ticket sellers at Kaladi and Ernakulam were kidnapped by Shafi and murdered by the trio to propitiate Goddess Luck so that the couple would be blessed with all prosperity.

It was with the dream of acting in movies and earn easy money that she accompanied Shafi to Pathanamthitta in the month of June 2022. Her neighbours in Kaladi said they have not seen her since the day she left for Pathanamthitta.

Shafi, the mastermind behind this act played the role of kidnapper as well as that of a sorcerer. He hoodwinked the two hapless women as well as the couple by disguising himself as the sorcerer.  
According to Police, Shafi sexually abused the two victims and Laila before the sorcery act. He also took millions of rupees from the CPI(M) leader and his wife to arrange the victims.

It was under a curse and they should conduct one more sorcery and human sacrifice. Shafi himself arranged to bring a victim and took more money from the couple.  
The second victim Padma was picked up from Ernakulam and he took her to Elanthoor. Padma too was murdered, her body cut into pieces and buried adjacent to the spot where Rosely's remains were buried.

Shafi, hailing from Perumbavoor and a drug pusher, has been staying at Ernakulam and was involved in many criminal activities. He

The police launched the investigation following a "missing person" complaint filed by the sister of Padma with the Kochi Police.  
The police followed the mobile phone calls made and received by Padma before she disappeared.

Even after two months, the Singh-Laila couple did not get the treasure or prosperity, Shafi told them that their fam-

# Netaji's demise casts shadow on model of secular politics

**VIRENDRA NATH BHATT ■ LUCKNOW**



The demise of Mulayam Singh Yadav has cast a shadow on the model of secular politics painstakingly crafted by him over the last three decades. Besides championing the cause of the OBCs and underprivileged class, Mulayam was also known for the important model of secular politics which went beyond lip service and involved forging of social coalition between OBCs and Muslims at the grass-roots level, fighting the inherent contradictions.

Parishad (VHP) in October/November 1990. Mulayam, who was determined to protect the Babri mosque, defended the police firing. He became the cynosure of Muslims across the country, particularly Uttar Pradesh.  
At the height of the mobilisation by the VHP in 1990, Mulayam was invited by the Khilafat committee for a grand reception in Mumbai (Bombay then). The committee had led the Khilafat movement in 1920 for the restoration of the Ottoman Empire in Turkey, which was defeated by the British and allied forces during the First World War.

Ever since the unlocking of the Babri mosque on February 1, 1986 following the orders of the Faizabad district and session judge, Mulayam led the war of secularism from the front. Mulayam could foresee the politics of the coming years as the Congress was steadily losing ground over the unlocking of the mosque.

Mulayam, labelled as "Mullah Mulayam" by the Sangh Parivar in the 1990s, provided Muslims of Uttar Pradesh a sense of security at a crucial time.

# TMC jolted after ED arrests MLA Bhattacharya

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA**

RK and DD are the two initials that have been doing the rounds in Bengal political circles within hours of the arrest of Trinamool Congress MLA and former Bengal primary education board chairman Manik Bhattacharya.  
In a major blow to the Mamata Banerjee Government the Enforcement Directorate in the wee hours of Tuesday arrested Bhattacharya after a lengthy grilling, sources said adding his replies to a number of questions were unsatisfactory.  
According to sources the ED has found two initials from the chat list of Bhattacharya. In one of such chats the TMC MLA is allegedly writing to one RK about the list of finalised candidates whose names have been approved by one "DD".  
Bhattacharya's arrest comes months after the arrest of former Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee, and other top official including North Bengal University Vice Chancellor and former State School Services Commission Chairman Subires Bhattacharya, former West Bengal Board of Secondary Education Chairman Kalyanmoy Ganguli and SP Sinha a covener of an empowered advisory committee created by the Government to advise the SSC on questions of appointments.  
Court cases that were being heard in Calcutta High Court have revealed large scale bungling in school level recruitment where thousands of posts were sold to undeserving candidates at the cost of those who had successfully cleared the selection tests.  
Lakhs changed hands through an elaborately created network of "field agents, collectors, liaison persons," who collected money anywhere between ₹10 and ₹20 lakh — depending on the level of jobs — from the candidates and transported the cash upwards. In turn those candidates were required to submit blank OMR sheets. These OMR sheets were later filled up by appointed persons.

# Non-bailable sexual abuse case against Kerala Cong MLA filed

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**



Within hours of the arrest of a local CPI(M) leader, his wife and an associate in connection with the gruesome murders of two women as part of human sacrifice, a Congress MLA in Kerala has landed himself in trouble over a case of sexual assault.  
Police in Thiruvananthapuram has filed a non-bailable case against Kunnapilli under various sections of the Indian Penal Code dealing with sexual assault, violation of the modesty of women and kidnapping. According to police officials, they have taken the statement of the woman and the case would be transferred to the Crime Branch.

The incident shot into prominence when the MLA who represents Perumbavoor assembly constituency, was caught with the lady, a school teacher, in a resort in Kovalam. Both were having a wordy duel over Kunnapilli's relations with many women and the lady told him bluntly that she would file a police complaint of he continued tormenting her. It



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during dedication of 'Shri Mahakal Lok' corridor, the first phase of the Mahakaleshwar Temple corridor development project, to the nation, in Ujjain on Tuesday PTI

# ED arrests Sanjay Jain in money laundering case against IFFCO CEO

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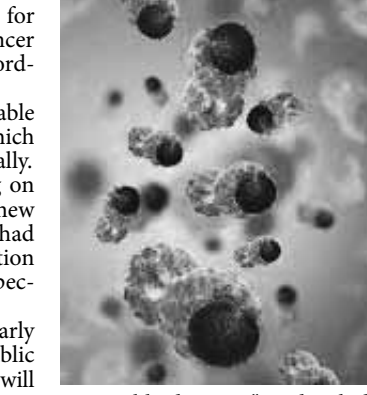
The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday said it has arrested Sanjay Jain for channelizing "proceeds of crime" from foreign shores to India in connection with a money laundering probe relating to former IFFCO CEO US Awasthi.  
The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of a case registered by CBI on May 17, 2021 against US Awasthi, MD and CEO, Indian Farmers Fertilizer Co-operative Ltd. (IFFCO), Pravinder Singh Gahlaut, MD, Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL), Sanjay Jain, brother of Pankaj Jain, President of Jyoti Trading Corporation and beneficial owner of other entities of Jyoti Group, Amarendra Dhari Singh alias AD Singh, senior vice president of Jyoti Trading Corporation and others, for criminal conspiracy, cheating and criminal misconduct.

The allegations include receipt of illegal commission by the accused from the overseas suppliers through a complex web of fake commercial transactions through multiple entities registered outside India (controlled by the accused persons) to camouflage the fraudulent transactions as genuine.  
"It is found that US Awasthi (father of Amol Awasthi & Anupam Awasthi) and Parvinder Singh Gahlaut (father of Vivek Gahlaut) wield considerable influence in the fertilizer industry by virtue of their position as Managing Director of IFFCO & Director of IPL (US Awasthi) and Managing Director of IPL (Parvinder Singh Gahlaut).

# 19-20 lakh cancer cases reported in India in 2022

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Real cancer incidence level in India is estimated to be 1.5 to three times higher than reported incidence as 51 per cent patients take more than a week to conclude diagnosis while 46 per cent take second opinion due to lack of confidence in initial diagnosis and suggested treatment, a report showed on Tuesday.  
The reported cancer incidence in India in 2022 is estimated to be 19 to 20 lakh, whereas real incidence is likely to be 1.5 to 3 times higher than the reported cases, according to a study by FICCI and EY titled "Call for Action: Making quality cancer care more accessible and affordable in India".  
India is faced with a sizable cancer incidence burden, which continues to grow exponentially. The 2020 WHO ranking on cancer burden in terms of new yearly cases being reported had ranked India at the third position after China and the US, respectively.  
"For cancer prevention, early diagnosis and widespread public awareness will be integral and will serve as a beacon of light to strengthen India's strategy for cancer care and other non-



"While some of the most cutting-edge cancer treatment methods and technology are available in our country, we still have a long way to go before we can ensure that cancer patients from every socioeconomic background receive the best possible care," added Kakkar, also Managing Director, Varian Medical Systems International India Pvt Ltd.  
Cancer disease burden in India is characterized by poor detection with not more than 29 per cent, 15 per cent and 33 per cent of breast lung and cervical cancers being diagnosed in stages 1 and 2, respectively.  
The cancer of the head and neck are found to be progressing at a CAGR of 23 per cent, prostate cancer at 19 per cent, ovarian cancer at 11 per cent and breast cancer at 8 per cent, which is faster than the overall growth rate of incidence.  
Six states, which represent 18 per cent of India's population, have 23 per cent share of the country's reported incidence burden and have the highest crude incidence rates.  
Kerala, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Punjab, and Assam report the highest overall crude incidence rates of cancers which is greater than 130 cases per lakh population, the report mentioned.

# Cong prez candidate Kharge visits UP to seek support from UPCC

**PNS ■ LUCKNOW**

Official candidate for the post of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge visited the state capital to seek support of the members of Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee (UPCC) and All-India Congress Committee from UP.  
Surprisingly, Kharge continued with his plan to visit the state capital to garner support even as his rival candidate Shashi Tharoor cancelled his visit on Monday following the death of veteran Samajwadi Party leader and former Uttar Pradesh CM Mulayam Singh Yadav.  
Addressing mediapersons soon after meeting the party leaders here at the UPCC headquarters on Tuesday, Kharge said that after the Gandhi family refused to contest the election to the post of president of Indian National Congress, he consulted his well-wishers and decided to jump in the fray.  
He said he was contesting the election to strengthen the Congress and to save the party's ideology. "The Bharatiya Janata Party and RSS are raising many questions on the organisational elections being held in the Congress and the Bharat Jodo Yatra by Rahul Gandhi as they do not believe in democracy.  
They only believe in the divide and rule policy of the Britishers.

# Maha to hand over Palghar case to CBI

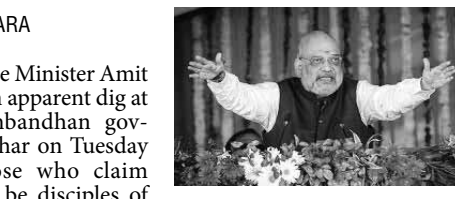
**T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

In an affidavit filed before a trial court, the Maharashtra government said: "The petitioners have sought transfer of investigation to the CBI, in as much as according to them, it is imperative for achieving an impartial and independent investigation in the matter. ....The state of Maharashtra is ready and willing to hand over the investigation to the CBI and would have no objection for the same."  
Welcoming the Shinde-Fadnavis government's readiness to hand over the probe to the CBI, state BJP spokesperson Ram Kadam said: "The Palghar incident was brutal and barbaric. The sadhus did not get justice from the Thackeray-government. Thackeray spoke of Hindutva, however, he kept mum. Now, the government has decided to give it to the CBI. The Hindutva samaj is very happy today with the decision. We are committed to give justice to the sadhus."  
Thanking Maharashtra deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, who holds the Home portfolio, Maharashtra-BJP Spiritual Front chief Acharya Tushar Bhosale, said: "What the previous government could not do, Fadnavis has done. The country is witnessing what has happened to former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray and

the then Home Minister Anil Deshmukh.  
It may be recalled that on the night of April 16 2020, three persons were lynched by a 200-strong mob of villagers near Kasa town in Maharashtra's Palghar district on suspicion that they were thieves. The villagers first hurled stones at the van, prompting the driver to stop the vehicle. Later, they pulled three persons out of the van and beat them to death in Gadhinchale village on Dabhadi-Khanwel road, with sticks and rods.  
The deceased—identified as Chikne Maharaj Kalpavrukshagiri (70), Sushilgiri Maharaj (35) and driver Nilesh Telgade (30) were travelling to Surat. Of them one was the diver, while two are residents of Kandivli in north Mumbai. The place where the incident took place is approximately 120 km from Mumbai.  
As many as 251 adults and 16 juveniles are being tried on various charges of rioting, attempt to murder and murder in connection with the April 16, 2020 Palghar lynching incident which created public outrage across the country.  
Till date, a total of 176 accused and 11 juveniles have been granted bail while the bail applications of 36 more have been rejected.

which he fought for all his life. He is power hungry and for power, he sacrificed JP's ideologies and joined hands with the Congress," the home minister said.  
"He has nothing to do with the ideologies of JP," Shah said, in an apparent reference to Kumar who dumped BJP to form a new seven-party coalition government.  
He said that only Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working for the poor and the weaker sections of the society, for whom JP was concerned.

"Disciples" of JP sacrificed his ideology, joined hands with Congress, says Shah  
**PTI ■ SITAB DIARA**  
Union Home Minister Amit Shah in an apparent dig at the Mahagathbandhan government in Bihar on Tuesday said that those who claim themselves to be disciples of Jayaprakash Narayan have sacrificed his socialist ideology to sit in the "lap" of Congress for power.  
Addressing a rally here at the birthplace of the hero of the anti-Emergency movement, popularly known as JP, in Saran district after unveiling a 15-foot



high statue of the socialist icon, Shah also targeted Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.  
"JP fought for ideology and no power. But those who do politics in his name have changed sides five times for power and are sitting in the lap of the same Congress against

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## Monsoon woes

Our cities are drowning but our politicians indulge only in crass demagoguery and reckless populism

Withdrawal of the south-west monsoon has not just brought heavy rainfall in north India but also exposed the tall claims made by various governmental authorities that they are creating 'world class infrastructure.' Waterlogged roads (even arterial ones) and massive traffic jams plague not just Delhi-NCR but also other parts; continuous drizzle has been going on for several days. Plus, there have been reports about roads caving in. In the last week of September, a major part of the road at the Iffco Chowk in Gurugram caved in. Similar cave-ins were reported at Palam Vihar, Basai Chowk, Laxmi Garden, and the Khandsa Road, bringing the so-called Millennium City to a standstill. Incessant rain in the last few days in north India, including the NCR, has resulted in waterlogging in several parts. Mobility in Delhi and the adjoining areas suffered badly because of urban flooding. Schools and many offices were shut. There was an incidence of road cave-in at Noida Extension in Uttar Pradesh. Other parts of the country have also suffered a similar fate. Hyderabad got choked because of rains and the attendant problems. Continuous downpour was witnessed in the sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim, resulting in landslides at some places in Sikkim and road blockades.

Whatever happened to the world class infrastructure and the 'smart cities' programme. One is reminded of the infamous quote, "Let them eat cake," attributed to Marie-Antoinette, the queen of France during the French Revolution, as her response to the news that peasants didn't have bread. The powers that be of our country seem to have a similar attitude towards urban problems: 'Let them have slogans.' Choked roads, massive water-logging, and chaos are witnessed

every year during the rainy season in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, and smaller cities. But politicians of all parties, instead of addressing the real issues, continue to offer speeches, promises, and fantastic projects. The Smart Cities Mission is an example. A government website describes the vision as "Smart Cities focus on their most pressing needs and on the greatest opportunities to improve lives. They tap a range of approaches—digital and information technologies, urban planning best practices, public-private partnerships, and policy change—to make a difference. They always put people first." It went on to add that the objective is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and application of 'smart' solutions. That's very nice, but where are the solutions—smart or otherwise? The problems that Delhi, Hyderabad, and other cities are facing today are the ones that they faced last year, and before that every year. But politicians are concerned about such matters as the portrayal of Lord Hanuman in the teaser of a movie and the freebie of free travel to Ayodhya. Crass demagoguery and reckless populism are no substitutes for governance.

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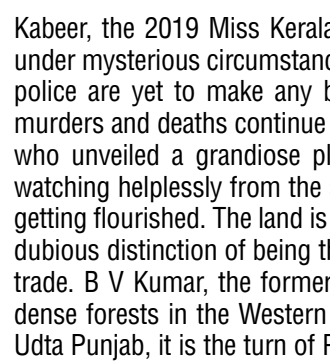
Players of Brazil celebrate after scoring a goal against Morocco in FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Bhubaneswar. PTI

## Parakkum Kerala

Kerala has become one of the biggest hotbed of drugs and situation is deteriorating

The seizure of heroin and hashish oil costing more than Rs 2,000 crore off the coast of Kochi and from different places in Kerala during the last week shows how fast the menace of drugs has swallowed Kerala. Information from various de-addiction centers run by the State Government says that more than 4,000 youth have been admitted to these clinics to treat them from the octopus-like hold of narcotics. Last week a joint operation by the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, and Narcotics Control Bureau led to theseizure of 200 kg heroin from an Iranian dhow off the Kochi coast. It is reported that the stuff was seized from the periphery of Lakshadweep islands though the authorities are tight-lipped about the exact location. Initial investigation has proved that the drug reached Indian shores from Afghanistan via Pakistan.

Immediately after the seizure of this heroin and the arrest of six Iranians who were the crew members, another network of drug trafficking was exposed by the NCB which seized narcotics worth Rs 2000 crore meant to be distributed in Kerala. Two Keralites have been arrested and their modus operandi was to smuggle the drugs as vegetables and fruits. The material originated from South Africa and was labeled as green apples, a favorite with Kerala people. The last two weeks saw 16 gruesome murders in Kerala and all the killings were related to turf wars between junkies and drug pushers. It has been nearly a year since Ansi Kabeer, the 2019 Miss Kerala, and her colleague Anjana Shajan was found dead under mysterious circumstances after a late-night party in a hotel in Fort Kochi. The police are yet to make any breakthrough in the investigation while drug-related murders and deaths continue unabated in the State. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan who unveiled a grandiose plan to tackle drug trafficking in early September is watching helplessly from the sidelines as the drug mafia-politicians-police cabal is getting flourished. The land is fertile for any kind of illegal activity. The State has the dubious distinction of being the pioneer in using radio pagers for the thriving flesh trade. B V Kumar, the former head of DRI had warned as early as 1989 that the dense forests in the Western Ghats are being used for cultivating cannabis. After Uda Punjab, it is the turn of Parakkum Kerala (Flying Kerala). Does anybody care?



# Vishwaguru needs high HEI ranking

To make India 'Vishwaguru', Indian institutes must think global and gear up to compete with the best for higher global index (HEI)



VK KARTHIKA

Global rankings of Indian Higher Education Institutions trigger discussions that propel towards critiquing the system of ranking ascribing many negative impacts that it generates. The teacher-student ratio and the potential issues with inclusivity in the Indian context and the negative implications of the inefficient teacher-student ratio on the research publications of course problematise the notion of such global-level competition. However, these should not be excuses for academicians to seek relaxation or exemption from their professional development practices.

By bringing in the idea of inclusivity, ranting and raving about the need to focus on 'local' issues rather than on the 'global' competitive market, academicians/educationists are actually misjudging the needs of their 'customers'. Further, projecting education as a noble profession that creates "organic individuals" as argued by Patnaik and Laxminarayan in their commentary is bizarre because it assumes that education is unaffected and distanced from the worldly at the very time when the education system has to prepare student consumers to meet the changing demands of the 21st century.

Going global by enabling students to be global citizens is emphasised multiple times in the National Education Policy 2020. To ensure this global citizenship, the facilitators of education at all levels must function competitively. By forging ill-framed equations between academically privileged and underprivileged students and by neglecting the faculty's responsibility in enabling every student to compete in the global scenario, such educationists defending the local are in fact ignoring student needs. The student needs are not local, and neither are the solutions, opportunities, and prospects which are now irreversibly global.

The fear of being challenged by a minority of high-performance peers, as rightly pointed



out by the renowned academic Pramod K. Nayar, should not be the reason for evading the academic competition. A responsible academician must provide the students with valuable insights into the global-level challenges that they have to encounter once they walk out of the comfort zones of their HEIs. The competitive world that awaits the young graduates embodies the dictum: 'Survival of the fittest.' If the educationists themselves are not fit to survive, how will they enable the students to contest and win? Addressing the student needs is a mandate of any HEI. As part of the consumerist educational structure, if students look for institutions that are high in international or national ranking and if they focus on a subject-specific shortlisting of institutions, it signifies the responsibility of individual institutions to raise their standards which in turn demands that its faculty members compete with peers both locally and globally.

It is wrong if the faculty/teacher assumes that the institutions should focus only on local-level engagements and not entertain global-level competitions in the name of ensuring inclusivity and catering to the demands of those less privileged students.

RANKINGS SERVE AS A TOOL TO MEASURE THE ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF ANY INSTITUTION. HEALTHY AND MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC CONTESTS CAN HELP ANY INSTITUTE AND ITS FACULTY TO NAVIGATE TOWARD EXCELLENCE

Apprehensions about raising the level of academic challenge among students are pointed out as an issue. We underrate the students' abilities to cope with novelty. We must understand that the young generation is part of a knowledge revolution. Blanketing out these possibilities and giving them the impression that they need to meet only the local challenges is an incongruous notion that hinders the academic and economic progress of the young generation.

Many Indian institutions receive global-level funding. If this is not for enabling global citizenship, why should any agency fund these HEIs? There are many instances of students and academicians seeking international funding for their local-level projects. Would those preaching about the going local refuse global funding, visits, and collaborations even if such funding requires that they sell the local to the global academic marketplace like an ethnic product?

Being fearful of academic auditing, finding reasons to avoid competition with peers at local and global levels, and attributing the inefficient teacher-student ratio as the primary cause of lack of quality research and publication will not assist a nation to become a 'Vishwaguru'. In

fact, it does not even augur well for ordinary gurus, if we as teachers are so scared of upskilling our game!

Rankings serve as a tool to measure the academic reputation of any institution. Healthy and meaningful academic contests can help any institute and its faculty to navigate toward excellence. Engaging only on local-level concerns and focusing only on the shortcomings of the ranking system cannot resolve any of the issues that deserve immediate attention. Rankings influence students' decisions. To pursue higher education, they rely on the benchmark set by different ranking agencies. When the Indian policy documents underline the importance of preparing every student for global-level challenges by envisaging a transformation of Indian youngsters into global citizens, the faculty should embrace the idea of challenging themselves more to strive towards eminence and excellence.

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This is second part of article on HEI rankings. Concluded.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ADIEU NETAJI!

Sir — Mulayam Singh Yadav who was fondly called "Netaji", Dharti Putra, his death is a huge loss to the nation and the country has lost the most credible fighter for social justice. After the Mandal Commission report was tabled in 1990, Mulayam became the Torchbearer of the social justice movement. The entire backward community united to back him to become the CM of UP. Due to the death of Mulayam the voice of socialist ideas has fallen silent. Perhaps the last of the dhoti-wearing generation of politicians Netaji fit the unlikely description of a socialiste socialist.

As CM of UP, he declared no bird would fly into Ayodhya and directed police to open fire on the hordes determined to violently raid the Babri Masjid in 1990. Years later desperate to make a bid for Prime Minister ship he sought pardon from voters. In his long career, SP Patrick Mulayam Singh Yadav served as UP CM thrice, but there were chances when he was close to becoming Prime Minister. Mulayam Singh's comments often raised controversy many times. His comments triggered outrage when he spoke against the death sentence for rapists saying "boys make mistakes". His death is a huge loss to the nation and the political circle.

Zeeshaan | Kazipet

### THE CATALYST OF SOCIAL CHANGE

Sir — Literature can transform the complexion of society in more than one way. This year Nobel Prize for Literature has been accorded to French author Annie Ernaux, the first French woman to receive it. She has weaved her stories and personal experiences wielded with a pen to unravel the complexities of social inequalities.

It could not have come at a better time, when Far Right forces are seeing a rising trend across the world viz in Italy, Sweden, France, etc. It is through her remarkable work about the challenges that life throws

## Dengue is back



There is an alarming increase in the dengue cases in Delhi which has become serious and dangerous resulting in Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia have given a directive

to all the city hospitals to reserve 10-15 per cent beds for patients of vector-borne diseases and also to ensure that no such patient is denied admission due to a lack of beds. Seeing the low occupancy rate of the COVID-19 beds in the last few weeks, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government has also asked the hospitals to use the vacant beds to accommodate dengue patients. The city logged 937 dengue cases this year till September-end and 321 more cases were reported in the first five days of October, taking the tally to 1,258, according to a report released by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Monday, October 10. With this, it is the welcome decision of the Delhi government.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

at us and one's personal experiences that she has been able to bring forth the power of verbal magic by weaving reality into words. It truly reflects the power of human memories. She has aptly called writing a knife to tear apart the veils of imagination, it has the power to open society's eyes to social inequality.

Her first novel Les Armoires Vides, written in 1974 deals with her own experiences with abortion which was then illegal in France, and the assertion of any woman's right towards her own body and the way she pleases to do it. It is a mere coincidence that nearly half a century later the apex court of India has pronounced a landmark Judgement on unmarried women's rights to terminate their pregnancy to stop the mental agony of the tortured soul inflicted by society. She has stood the test of time and traversed a long journey of struggle not only in her personal life but also that get reflected in her writings about women's, sexual rights, sensibilities, personal freedom, and choices rightly bestowing him the title of a courageous woman by the Swedish Academy.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

### UJJAIN IS READY FOR MAHAKAL LOK

Sir — The Mahakaleshwar Temple is one of the 12 'jyotirlingas' in the country and gets devotees throughout the year. Ahead of PM Modi's visit, Ujjain has been decked up with colourful flags on a large number of lamp posts, while many streets and flyovers have been decorated with lights, including the Hari Phatak flyover that overlooks the new corridor which has turned into a selfie point of sorts for locals. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first phase of the ₹856-crore Mahakaleshwar Temple corridor development project here on Tuesday.

The city has been decorated with fairy lights, and 'diyas' giving an appearance of an early Diwali. 'Mahakal Lok' development also includes a mid-way zone, a park, a multi-storied parking lot for cars and buses, a florist and other shops, solar lighting, a facility centre for pilgrims, a water pipeline, and a sewer line, among others.

Akshita Dhurve | Ujjain

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## SOUNDBITE

Let there be no doubt, if attempts at terrorist attacks continue, the response from Russia will be severe.



Russian President —Vladimir Putin



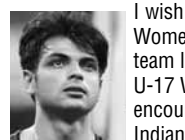
Former Chief Minister took everyone together. The larger danger is not just to the Thackeray family, but to the country's democracy.

Shiv Sena leader —Aditya Thackeray

We all have good days. We all have not-so-good days. I promise to you that I will get the job done for all of you and you will be entertained.



Actor —Vijay Deverakonda



I wish the Indian Women's Football team luck for the U-17 WWC and encourage all Indians to support them

Athlete —Neeraj Chopra

Millions of commuters will simply be told you can't use Delhi metro if any adverse order is passed against Delhi metro at this point of time.



Attorney General of India —R Venkataramani

## FIRST COLUMN

## TAKING SHELTER IS KEY TO SUCCESS IN WORLD

Life is full of miseries and solace is God's shelter



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

The world is an impermanent place of miseries. It is not God's fault that we have been born here; we just did not qualify for higher planets. But God, munificent as He is, has made it possible for us to get over almost all imperfections. We just have to take God's shelter actively.

I was born to my parents, when they had such a desire. My Lord placed me in my mother's womb. I didn't have to do anything except nudge her a little, once in a while, and all my needs were attended to. When I grew up, I was placed in the care of my grandparents. My grandfather was a highly successful executive. My grandmother was a sincere devotee of God. Most of her time was spent in spiritual activities. Between the two of them, they took care of all my material and spiritual needs. Thanks to my grandmother, God became very much part of my life, mainly through sumptuous 'prasad'. My grandfather became a role model for material success. Between the two of them, they ensured that I had the best possible upbringing. Why? Because I was under their shelter.

I grew up more and was now ready to travel abroad for higher studies. I applied to several well-known universities. One famous university offered me admission along with an assistantship in order to help me financially. I accepted and informed them about my arrival



plans. They had a person waiting for me at the arrival point. This person drove me to a flat shared by many Indians. I was welcome to remain there till I made my own arrangements. Next morning, I was driven to the Foreign Students Office where all paperwork was completed for my studies and financial assistance. Why did all these happen? Because I had taken their shelter.

That was not the end of the entire admission procedure. I was called by the faculty for a meeting. There were several professors present there asking me questions. I was alarmed because I had not prepared for such a test. They sensed my discomfort and assured me that the exercise was simply to ascertain what all I knew and what courses should be offered. Somewhat assured, I became more forthcoming till they surprised me with their offer of changing my preferred subject of specialisation. They felt that I would be better served if I took advantage of the presence of a highly experienced professor, who had recently retired from a top company. The idea appealed to me, and I gave my consent. This is how I became a specialised dewatering engineer instead of a structural engineer. This decision changed my entire life and set me on course to return to India and do quite well professionally. This all happened because I had agreed to take shelter from their faculty.

If all these had happened by taking shelter of some excellent men and their institutions, I was absolutely amazed by what God had in store for me when I decided to take His shelter. First of all, He asked me to remain in His shelter. And if I could do that my life will move forward steadily. This was not all, my Lord then made me His 'nimita' (instrument) and Himself took the role of 'karta' (doer).

Yes, taking shelter is the key, especially, in the case of God; He takes charge of our lives, as He thankfully did in my case.

(The author is a spiritual teacher)

## Justice is not delayed or denied for some

Judiciary has a duty to be seen equal in treatment to all, and some getting speedy relief needs to be debated



VANAM JWALA NARASIMHA RAO

It remains a question if quick relief by courts as seen in several instances is available to all citizens alike or otherwise. Are all being treated equally or some are more equal than others before the law is the question that requires an answer. Do some of these reliefs have any linkage to the appellant's capacity and capability to engage a more competent advocate?

Indian judiciary is best known in the world for its unique reputation of being a role model for its impartiality, fairness and independence and also as the one which treats a commoner and first citizen on equal footing. Several examples in this regard could be cited. But, somehow, it appears that somewhere something is missing and why it is so, one is unable to comprehend.

For instance, in 1969 VV Giri was elected as President of India and a petition was filed in the Supreme Court, urging that the election be set aside. Giri as President of the country in a rare instance appeared in person in court and was examined as a witness. On June 12, 1975, the Allahabad High Court passed a historical judgment disqualifying the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi from holding public office for six years which of course was later stayed partially by the Supreme Court vacation judge on June 24, allowing her to continue as Member of Lok Sabha and also as Prime Minister. Interestingly, NA Palkhivala argued her case.

On October 12, 2000, former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by a trial judge but was later acquitted by the Delhi High Court in 2002. Former President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy had to resign as Chief Minister in 1964, following unfavorable observations made against him in the Bus Routes Nationalization case. Chief Ministers Lalu Prasad Yadav, J Jayalalitha were unseated following court judgements.

Indian judiciary is credited for rectifying wrongs done in its earlier judgment. For instance, the Supreme Court in January 2011 admitted that its decision during the Emergency was erroneous and violated the Fundamental Rights of the people of the people. The bench referred to the majority decision of the Constitution Bench in 1976, which became infamous as the Habeas Corpus case, in which four judges went with the then Congress Government view that even the right to life stood abrogated during Emergency. It was Justice HR Khanna who rightly gave a dissenting judgment by holding that issue of writs of Habeas Corpus by High Courts is an integral part of the Constitution and no power has been conferred upon any authority in the Constitution for suspending that power. This later resulted in Khanna being superseded to the office of the Chief Justice of India.



INDIAN JUDICIARY IS CREDITED FOR RECTIFYING WRONGS DONE IN ITS EARLIER JUDGMENT. FOR INSTANCE, THE SUPREME COURT IN JANUARY 2011 ADMITTED THAT ITS DECISION DURING THE EMERGENCY WAS ERRONEOUS AND VIOLATED THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE

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The Constitution is the law of the land and the supreme law in India. If any law passed violates the basic structure of the Constitution, the Indian judiciary has the power to nullify that law. This goes without saying that all citizens are equal before the law. But a critical observation gives rise to a doubt as to why the justice is quick and on fast track in few select cases whereas by and large it is slow, notwithstanding the reputation of the courts that they treat a commoner and first citizen on the same equilibrium.

From one side we hear about the huge pendency of the cases and from the other side we see disposals in the courts within hours of filing either in the form of a stay order or an interim relief or reversing the government orders or granting a bail etc. No doubt, the law has obviously provided for various forms of relief like Lunch motions, House motions, Habeas Corpus petitions, etc. However, the concept of restraining order is still underdeveloped and unclear under Indian law.

Why cases that were initiated decades ago on some individuals for which in numerous instances they were kept in jails as undertrials for a long period and were released on bail after rejecting several times in lower courts and higher courts are kept pending is not known. There are instances where some of these individuals on bail, contest elections and even occupy very high constitutional positions. Why such cases are not

decided either way is a million dollar question. As far as the civil disputes are concerned it is anybody's guess of their disposal. Quite often the judgement passed in a lower court, with several options provided for appeal is stayed in no time. The disputes at times take longer than the life of the petitioners. This reminds me of the proverb, 'Justice delayed is justice denied' which was taught for social studies' students.

The Indian Judiciary is a system of courts that interpret and apply the law in the Republic of India. India uses a common law system, first introduced by the British East India Company and with influence from other colonial powers and Indian princely states, as well as practices from ancient and medieval times. The Constitution provides for a single unified judiciary in India.

The judicial system is structured in three levels with subsidiary parts. The Supreme Court, also known as the Apex Court, is the top court and the ultimate appellate court in India. The Chief Justice of India leads that court. High Courts are the top judicial bodies in individual states, controlled and managed by state Chief Justices. Below the High Courts are District Courts, also known as subordinate courts, which are controlled and managed by District and Sessions Judges. The lower subordinate courts are Civil Court and the District Munsif Court, headed by a Sub-Judge. The higher subordinate

Criminal Court is headed by Chief Judicial or Metropolitan Magistrate. This gives abundant scope for the aggrieved in seeking justice.

There are five writ petition types in the Indian Constitution, which a citizen can file either before the High Court or Supreme Court. They are: Habeas Corpus, Mandamus, Certiorari, Quo Warranto, and Prohibition. The Constitution gives an extensive original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court in regard to enforcement of Fundamental Rights. It is empowered to issue directions, orders or writs.

A writ petition can be filed by any individual in the Supreme Court when Fundamental Rights have been violated by the State whereas a writ petition can be filed in the High Court when Fundamental Rights or any other rights have been violated by the State. Appeals in civil and criminal cases are made to the High Court against the decision of the subordinate courts. Supreme Court entertains matters in which interest of the public at large is involved popularly known as 'Public Interest Litigation' and several matters of public importance have become landmark cases.

The Indian judicial system undoubtedly is so greatly structured with several kinds of reliefs to the citizen giving him or her plentiful opportunity for redressal of any kind of injustice done. But something is missing is the feeling of a common man.

## POINTCOUNTERPOINT

DUE TO BABAR AZAM-LED SIDE'S RECENT WINS OVER INDIA IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, THE MEN IN BLUE HAVE BEGUN TO RESPECT THEIR ARCH RIVALS.

—PCP CHAIRMAN RAMIZ RAJA



RESPECT TO OPPOSITION DOESN'T COME WITH WINS AND DEFEATS WE DEFINITELY RESPECT THE PAKISTAN SIDE AND SO DO THEY.

—INDIAN CRICKETER ASHWIN RAMCHANDRAN

## RTI rules need changes to make it more effective

Many irritants have cropped up in the RTI with visible unwillingness from some states to share information

RTI Act implemented on October 12, 2005 in initial years of its implementation had done wonders not only by exposing scams and scandals, but also resulted in systemic reforms. However, experience reveals that RTI rules (and not the RTI Act) need important modifications mainly to prevent misuse of the Act and minimising challenge to CIC verdicts in courts.

Precious time of Central Information Commission and courts should be saved through notification issued by central government to declare all public-private-partnerships, sports-bodies, cooperative-societies and other such bodies, public-authorities under RTI Act. Land and



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Building Departments of central and state governments should study all cases of allotment of land or government-accommodations at subsidised rates or lease, and declare all these as public-authorities under RTI Act. For future, land or government-accommodations should be provided at subsidised rates on pre-condition of beneficiaries coming under purview of RTI Act.

Effective steps should be taken to prevent misuse of RTI Act, which will be a boon to genuine information-seekers by drastically reducing pendency at Information Commissions apart from saving man-hours and expenses for both the public-authorities and the petitioners.

Section 27 and 28 of RTI

Act give power to Competent Authorities and state-governments to draft their own rules which include fixing of RTI fees and mode of payment of RTI fees. Several Competent Authorities and states misused their power by having RTI fees as high as rupees 500. Several states fixed RTI fees for filing First Appeals also. However, the Supreme Court in its verdict dated March 20, 2018 on a petition filed by Common Cause imposed a capping of Rs 50 to be maximum RTI fees.

India should be governed with the principle 'One Nation-One Rule' in respect of RTI fees and its mode of payment by clubbing copying charges of first 20 copied with basis RTI fees of Rs 10

(for Central public-authorities), thus making Rs 50 as uniform RTI fees throughout the country inclusive of charges of first 20 copied pages. Making basic RTI fees at Rs 50 will largely prevent misuse of RTI Act just for sake of fun or publicity. There must not be any fees for filing First or Second Appeals.

Handling a postal order of value Rs 10 costs the postal department about Rs 50 with the cost of handling of postal orders by a public authority and bank clearing even extra. Most public authorities require postal orders in different names even though DoPT in its various circulars has required postal orders towards RTI payments to be in the name of Accounts

Officer only. These RTI stamps should be conveniently available at all post-offices and counters of public-authorities and other convenient sale-points.

Post-free RTI applications addressed to central public-authorities should be extended to all about 1,60,000 post offices rather than just about 4500 post offices presently. It is not difficult because every post-office, however small it may be, daily sends a post-bag to the Head Post Office with registered post, cash and unsold revenue-articles. This post-bag can carry post-free RTI applications received at the post-office.

Portal for filing online RTI applications should be modified so that RTI

responses and orders of First Appellate Authorities may also be auto-emailed rather than RTI applicants required to go to the portal for viewing of RTI responses.

DoPT should issue a circular in tune with para 23 of verdict dated November 2, 2012 in the matter 'Fruit and Vegetable Union versus Unknown' (CWP 4787 of 2011) which requires ID proof compulsory to be attached with every RTI application, First Appeal and petitions filed with Information Commissions. Already the aspect has been adopted in Odisha apart from Punjab and Haryana.

Only websites uniformly designed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) should be mandatory for all

states. This has become necessary for states like Odisha have made online filing of RTI applications merely a mockery when it is compulsory to download online-filled RTI applications and then send it by post to concerned department.

Delhi High Court in its order dated August 8, 2018 in WPC 8278 of 2018 in the matter 'Anil Dutt Sharma versus Government of NCT Delhi and others' mentioned - This Court is of the prima facie view that the Right To Information Act, 2005, would now override the Delhi Right To Information Act, 2001 as it would occupy the entire legislative field. DRTI Act has lost all relevance with RTI Act in existence.

# More missiles, drones strike Ukraine

AP ■ KYIV

Russian forces strafed Ukraine with a fresh barrage of missiles and munition-carrying drones Tuesday, a day after widespread strikes killed at least 19 people in what the UN human rights office described as a “particularly shocking” attack that could amount to war crimes.

Air raid warnings extended throughout the country in the morning, sending some residents back into shelters after months of relative calm in Kyiv and many other cities. The earlier lull had led many Ukrainians to ignore the regular sirens, but Monday’s attacks in the capital and 12 other regions gave them new urgency.

“It brings anger, not fear,” Kyiv resident Volodymyr Vasilenko, 67, said as crews worked to restore traffic lights and clear debris from the city’s streets.

“We already got used to this. And we will keep fighting.”

The Russian bombardment Tuesday struck both power plants and civilian areas, just as they did Monday.

One person was killed when 12 missiles slammed into public facilities in the southern city of Zaporizhzhia, setting off a large fire, the State Emergency Service said.

A local official said the missiles hit a school, residential buildings and medical facilities. Energy facilities in the western Lviv and Vinnitsya regions also took hits.

Although officials said Ukrainian forces shot down an inbound Russian missile before it reached Kyiv, the capital region experienced rolling power outages as a result of the previous day’s deadly strikes.

The governor of the Mykolaiv region, Vitaliy Kim, urged residents to remain in bomb shelters as “there are enough missiles still in the air.”



The State Emergency Service said 19 people died and 105 people were wounded in Monday’s strikes. At least five of the victims were in Kyiv, Mayor Vitali Klitschko said. More than 300 cities and towns lost power, from the capital to Lviv on the border with Poland.

Beside the usual sirens, a new type of loud alarm that blared automatically from mobile phones jolted Kyiv residents early Tuesday.

A text message warning of the possibility of missile strikes accompanied the caustic-sounding alert. Russia’s widespread attacks came in retaliation for a weekend explosion that damaged a bridge linking Russia to the Crimean Peninsula, which Moscow annexed from Ukraine in 2014.

A spokesperson for the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights said Tuesday that strikes on “civilian objects,” including infrastructure such as power plants, could qualify as a war crime. “Damage to key power stations and lines ahead of the upcoming winter raises further concerns for the protection of civilians and in particular the impact on vulnerable populations,” Ravina Shamdasani told reporters at a U.N. Briefing in Geneva. “Attacks targeting civilians and objects indispensable to the survival of civilians are prohibited under international humanitarian law.”

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was due to address the leaders of the Group of Seven industrial powers by videoconference Tuesday.

Germany, which currently chairs the G-7, announced the meeting after Monday’s missile strikes.

As Ukrainian forces grew increasingly bold following a series of counteroffensive successes, a cornered Kremlin ratcheted up Cold War-era rhetoric and fanned concerns it might resort to using nuclear

weapons in Ukraine. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov addressed the issue Tuesday, saying Moscow would only resort to that if the Russian state faced imminent destruction. Speaking on state TV, he accused the West of encouraging false speculation about the Kremlin’s intentions.

Russia’s nuclear doctrine envisages “exclusively retaliatory measures intended to prevent the destruction of the Russian Federation as a result of direct nuclear strikes or the use of other weapons that raise the threat for the very existence of the Russian state,” Lavrov said.

The director of British cyber-intelligence service GCHQ, Jeremy Fleming, told other officials to use caution about discussing the potential for such an escalation.

Speaking to the BBC, Fleming suggested his agency hadn’t seen any indications so far of Russia inching closer to using nuclear weapons.

## Kremlin war hawks seek more devastating strikes on Ukraine

AP ■ TALLINN (ESTONIA)

Moscow’s barrage of missile strikes on cities all across Ukraine has elicited celebratory comments from Russian officials and pro-Kremlin pundits, who in recent weeks have actively criticized the Russian military for a series of embarrassing setbacks on the battlefield.

Russian nationalist commentators and state media’s war correspondents lauded Monday’s attack as an appropriate, and long-awaited, response to Ukraine’s successful counteroffensive in the northeast and the south and a weekend attack on a key bridge between Russia and Crimea, the prized Black Sea peninsula Russia annexed in 2014.

Many argued, however, that Moscow should keep up the intensity of Monday’s missile strikes in order to win the war now. Some analysts suggested that Russian President Vladimir Putin is becoming a hostage of his own supporters’ views on how the campaign in Ukraine should unfold.

“Putin’s initiative is weakening and he is becoming more



dependent on circumstances and those who are forging the victory’ (in Ukraine) for him,” Tatyana Stanovaya, founder of the independent R.Politik think-tank, wrote in an online commentary Monday.

Putin’s supporters have been calling for drastic steps on the Ukraine battlefield for weeks. These calls intensified over the weekend, shortly after an explosion on the Kerch Bridge linking Crimea to Russia sent shock waves around the globe. The bridge, Europe’s longest, is a prominent symbol of Russian military might and was opened by Putin himself in 2018.

“And?” Margarita Simonyan, head of the state-funded RT television, wondered on social media about Moscow’s response to the attack on the bridge.

## Hong Kong nixes US sanctions on Russian-owned superyacht

AP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong’s leader John Lee said Tuesday he will only implement United Nations sanctions, after the U.S. Warned the territory’s status as a financial center could be affected if it acts as a safe haven for sanctioned individuals.

Lee’s statement Tuesday came days after a luxury yacht connected to Russian tycoon Alexey Mordashov docked in the city. Mordashov, who is believed to have close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, was sanctioned by the U.S., U.K. And the European Union in February after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Hong Kong authorities have said that they do not implement unilateral sanctions imposed by other governments.

“We cannot do anything that has no legal basis,” Lee told reporters. “We will comply with United Nations sanctions, that is our system, that is our rule of law,” he said. A U.S. State Department spokesperson said in a statement Monday that “the possible use of Hong Kong as a safe haven by individuals evading sanctions from multiple



jurisdictions further calls into question the transparency of the business environment.”

The State Department spokesperson also said the city’s reputation as a financial center “depends on its adherence to international laws and standards.” The \$500-million superyacht Nord, allegedly owned by Mordashov, moored in Hong Kong’s harbor on Wednesday following a week-long journey from the Russian city of Vladivostok.

Mordashov is one of Russia’s richest men, with an estimated wealth of about \$18 billion. He also is the main shareholder and chairman of Severstal, Russia’s largest steel

and mining company. Mordashov has tried to challenge the sanctions against him in European courts.

US and European authorities have seized over a dozen yachts belonging to sanctioned Russian tycoons to prevent them from sailing to other ports that are not affected by the sanctions. Russian oligarchs have begun docking their yachts at ports in places like Turkey, which has maintained diplomatic ties with Russia since the war began.

The Nord measures 141.6 meters (464.6 feet), has two helipads, a swimming pool and 20 cabins. The yacht is currently sailing under a Russian flag.

## Ukraine war may be ‘blessing’ for climate, says weather chief

AP ■ GENEVA

The head of the UN weather agency says the war in Ukraine “may be seen as a blessing” from a climate perspective because it is accelerating the development of and investment in green energies over the longer term — even though fossil fuels are being used at a time of high demand now.

The comments from Petteri Taalas, secretary-general of the World Meteorological Organisation, came as the world is facing a shortfall in energy needs — prompted in part by economic sanctions against key oil and natural gas producer Russia — and prices for fossil fuels have risen.

That has led some countries to turn quickly to alternatives like coal. But rising prices for carbon-spewing fuels like oil, gas and coal have also made higher-priced renewable energies like solar, wind and hydrothermal more competitive in the energy marketplace.

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2. Name of Work	Branded greases conforming to relevant specifications for the following brands/types of grades of products or equivalent brands/grades as approved by RDSO for regular and unrestricted use: <b>1. Grease for Application on Axle Box Cylindrical Roller Bearing of ALCO Diesel Locomotives:</b> SERVOGEM RR-3 (IOC)/BALMEROL MULTI-GREASE LL-3 (BL) MAK RR GREASE-3 (BPC) Lithon-RR 3 (HPC) Conforming to RDSO specification No. WD-17-misc.-92 <b>Quantity: 15,26,670 Kgs.</b> <b>2. Grease for Application on Traction Motor Gear Case (Plain Suspension Bearing type) of ALCO Diesel Locomotives:</b> SERVOCOAT 170-T (IOC)/BLUE COAT —3 (BL) /MAK CAMEX COMPOUND-G (BPC) <b>Quantity: 8,52,228 Kgs.</b> <b>3. Grease for Application on traction motor gear case (Roller suspension bearing type):</b> Balmoral prototrac Lube (BL)/IOC <b>Quantity: 84,550 Kgs.</b>
3. Earnest Money	Rs. 50 Lakh
5. Last date and time for submission of e-tender	03.11.2022 at 14.30 hrs.
6. Website for complete details and e-tendering	http://www.ireps.gov.in
7. Allocation Head	Grant No.01
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**Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency,**  
 First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatraj, Opp-T Park, Sahasthradhara Road, Dehradun.

Ref. No. 1745/11-02(xix)-2ITCO/URRDA/22 Dated : 11.10.2022

**PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice-13/2022-23**

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of **Nainital & Pithoragarh** for 02 number of packages with estimated cost totalling to **Rs. 4.58 Crore** including their maintenance for Five years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent.”

**Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 12.10.2022.**

**Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:** The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in **www.pmgstyendersuk.gov.in**. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with the **CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD/MBD, only up to or before the time and date of the submission of the Bids (for World Bank funded works) and on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid (for Regular PMGSY Works)**, eight by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No Physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids.

**Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-Procurement: 19.10.2022 01:00 PM**  
 For further details please log on to **www.pmgstyendersuk.gov.in**

**Chief Engineer, URRDA, Dehradun**

\* Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.  
 Note : For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2608125 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

## Worried UN meets on Ukraine hours after Russian strikes

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

The UN General Assembly started debating on Monday whether to demand that Russia reverse course on annexing four regions of Ukraine — a discussion that came as Moscow’s most extensive missile strikes in months alarmed much of the international community anew.

The assembly’s special session was planned before Monday’s barrage, but countries spoke out on the widespread, Monday morning rush-hour attacks that killed at least 14 people and wounded scores.

Ukrainian Ambassador Sergey Kyslytsya said some of his own close relatives were imperiled in a residential building, unable to take cover in a bomb shelter.

“By launching missile attacks on civilians sleeping in their homes or rushing toward children going

to schools, Russia has proven once again that it is a terrorist state that must be deterred in the strongest possible ways,” he said.

Russia said it targeted military and energy facilities. But some of the missiles smashed into civilian areas: a park, a commuter minibus, and more.

Russia has said it was retaliating for what it called a Ukrainian “terrorist” attack on Saturday on an important bridge, and Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia told the assembly that Moscow had warned that there wouldn’t be impunity for such an act.

The bridge was “civilian infrastructure, critical infrastructure,” he told reporters outside the chamber.

Ukrainian officials haven’t confirmed that Kyiv was behind the bridge attack or other incidents of apparent sabotage but have said they welcome setbacks for Russia in all territory that it has



claimed to annex.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres was “deeply shocked” by the Russian attacks and spoke Monday with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said UN spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric.

Various nations also deplored the bombardment. Turkish UN Ambassador Feridun Sinirlioglu,

whose country helped the UN broker a July deal to get Ukrainian and Russian grain exports flowing, called Monday’s attacks “deeply worrying and unacceptable.”

Costa Rican Ambassador Maritza Chan Valverde said the strikes showed “continued and complete disdain for human rights, humanitarian law and international norms.”

Hours after the missiles flew, the UN assembly gathered to consider responding to Russia’s purported absorption last month of Ukraine’s Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions.

The move followed Kremlin-orchestrated “referendums” that the Ukrainian government and the West have dismissed as sham votes conducted on occupied land amid warfare and displacement.

A proposed assembly resolution would demand that Moscow

“immediately and unconditionally” scrap its supposed annexations and call on all countries not to recognise them.

The measure, spearheaded by the European Union, also would insist upon the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of Russian forces from all of Ukraine’s internationally recognised territory.

Russia’s ambassador decried the debate as a one-sided exercise in pushing an anti-Russian narrative.

“Such cynicism, confrontation and dangerous polarization as today we have never seen in the history of the UN,” Nebenzia said.

He reiterated his country’s claim that the “referendums” were valid and that Moscow is endeavouring to “protect” people in the regions against what the Kremlin views as a hostile Ukrainian government.

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**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
 (For immovable property)  
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Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation is a Banking Company having its office at 25 Barakhamba Road New Delhi and branch office at K-14-18, Sector 18 NOIDA U. P under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices dated 10.06.2021 under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon the borrowers Mr. Gaurav Panwar, and Ms. Sakshi Gandas to repay the amount mentioned in the said notices being Rs.17,05,358.73 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Eight and Paise Seventy Three Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The borrower mentioned herein above having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers mentioned hereinabove and to the public in general that undersigned has taken physical possession of the property described herein below with the help of Court Receiver i.e., Naib Tehsildar, Manesar appointed by Ld. District Magistrate, District Gurgaon, Haryana vide order dated 25.05.2022 amended on 05.09.2022, in exercise of powers conferred on me under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with the Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 7th day of October the year 2022.

The borrowers mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the Charge of The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited for an amount of Rs.17,05,358.73 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Eight and Paise Seventy Three Only) due as on 02.06.2021 and interest thereon.

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

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**Rohit Dutt Tyagi**  
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DATE: 7th October 2022

## Crimean Bridge blast: Experts assess damage

THE CONVERSATION  
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Early on Saturday, local time, a massive blast shook the Crimean Bridge (also known as the Kerch Bridge). Shocking images of the burnt rail bridge and collapsed road bridge have been shown around the world.

But Russia has moved quickly to return the bridge to operations, even though it appears to be significantly damaged.

Observers have been left wondering: what was the effect of the blast and fire on the surviving bridge elements, what repairs could be required, and when is it safe to re-open a bridge after such an event?

As experts in bridge safety and blast engineering, we have (some) answers.

**The bridge**

Built by Russia at a cost of some US\$3.7 billion after the annexation of Crimea in 2014, the Crimean Bridge is Europe’s longest, linking Russia to Crimea across the Kerch Strait.

The 19-kilometre connection is a vital artery for economic and social links, and since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine it has also become a critical military asset for Russian supplies and telecommunications.

Despite the name, the Crimean Bridge is actually two bridges: one for road and one for rail. The road bridge is itself two independent bridge structures, while the rail bridge is a single bridge structure supporting two ballasted rail tracks.

Some general drawings and information on the bridge are available online.

**The attack**

The attacked section lies between Tuzla Island and Kerch, Crimea, on an east-west heading, and is midway between the island and the main arch span over the navigable waterway.

At this point the rail and road bridges are of a similar form of construction, known as a “composite slab orthotropic deck steel plate girder bridge”, spanning about 64 metres. This means there is a 20 centimetre concrete slab cast onto flat steel plates, stiffened with steel ribs, all supported by about 3.2 metre deep steel plate girders.



# China's tech aims 'threat to us all', says UK spy chief

AP ■ LONDON

The head of Britain's cyber-intelligence agency is accusing China of using its economic and technological clout to exert control at home and expand control abroad, saying Beijing's aggressive stance is driven by fear and poses "a huge threat to us all".

Jeremy Fleming, director of GCHQ, says Beijing's Communist authorities are seeking to "shape the global tech ecosystem," using technologies such as digital currencies and satellite systems to control China's population and increase its influence around the world.

In a rare public speech later on Tuesday to the Royal United Services Institute think tank, Fleming plans to say that the one-party system in Beijing seeks to control China's population and sees other countries "as either potential adversaries or potential client states, to be threatened, bribed or coerced."

He will say that "underlying that belief is a sense of fear." "And we're seeing that fear play out through the manipulation of the technological ecosystems which underpin our everyday lives — from monitoring its own citizens and restricting free speech to influencing financial systems and new domains," Fleming will say, according to extracts



of the speech released in advance.

Relations between Britain and China have grown increasingly frosty in recent years, with UK officials accusing Beijing of economic subterfuge and human rights abuses.

British spies have given increasingly negative assessments of Beijing's influence and intentions. Last year the head of the MI6 overseas intelligence agency, Richard Moore, called China one of the biggest threats to Britain and its allies.

Fleming will warn that China is seeking to fragment the infrastructure of the inter-

net to exert greater control. He will also say China is seeking to use digital currencies used by central banks to snoop on users' transactions and as a way of avoiding future international sanctions of the sort imposed on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine.

Fleming also argues that China's BeiDou satellite system — an alternative to the widely used GPS navigation technology — could contain "a powerful anti-satellite capability, with a doctrine of denying other nations access to space in the event of a conflict."

GCHQ said Fleming will

warn that the world is approaching a "sliding doors moment in history" — a reference to the 1998 Gwyneth Paltrow film in which a woman's fate hinges on a seemingly trivial moment.

He'll call on Western firms and researchers to toughen intellectual property protections and for Western countries to work harder to develop alternatives to Chinese technology, which Fleming says brings "hidden costs."

The US has banned Chinese tech firm Huawei as a security risk, and in 2020, then-British Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered Huawei to be stripped out of the UK's 5G telecoms network by 2027.

Fleming will also address the war in Ukraine, saying Russia is running short of weapons and Ukraine's "courageous action on the battlefield and in cyberspace is turning the tide."

"Russia's forces are exhausted," he will say. "The use of prisoners to reinforce, and now the mobilisation of tens of thousands of inexperienced conscripts, speaks of a desperate situation."

GCHQ, formally known as the Government Communications Headquarters, is one of Britain's three main intelligence agencies, alongside MI5 and MI6.

# Iran's crackdown on protests intensifies in Kurdish region

AP ■ DUBAI

Iran intensified its crackdown Tuesday on Kurdish areas in the country's west amid protests sparked by the death of a 22-year-old woman detained by the morality police, activists said.

Riot police fired into at least one neighbourhood in Sanandaj, the capital of Iran's Kurdistan province, as Amnesty International and the White House's national security adviser criticised the violence targeting demonstrators angered by the death of Mahsa Amini.

Meanwhile, some oil workers Monday joined the protests at two key refinery complexes, for the first time linking an industry key to Iran's theocracy to the unrest. Workers claimed another protest Tuesday in the crucial oil city of Abadan, with others calling for protests on Wednesday as well. Iran's government insists Amini was not mistreated, but her family says her body showed bruises and other signs of beating.

Subsequent videos have shown security forces beating and shoving female protesters, including women who have torn off their mandatory headscarf, or hijab. From the capital, Tehran, and elsewhere, videos have emerged online despite authorities disrupting the internet.

Videos on Monday showed university and high school stu-



dents demonstrating and chanting, with some women and girls marching through the streets without headscarves as the protests continue into a fourth week. The demonstrations represent one of the biggest challenges to Iran's theocracy since the 2009 Green Movement protests.

One video posted online by a Kurdish group called the Hengaw Organisation for Human Rights showed darkened streets with apparent gunfire going off and a bonfire burning in Sanandaj, some 400 kilometers west of Tehran.

Another showed riot police carrying shotguns moving in formation with a vehicle, apparently firing at homes.

A video posted later Tuesday purportedly showed a massive bullet hole inside the home of one Sanandaj resident, a hole that Hengaw alleged

came from a heavy .50-caliber machine gun — the type often mounted to armoured vehicles.

Another video purportedly showed security forces randomly firing in the air while arresting someone there on Monday.

The New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran posted another video showing what it described as a phalanx of motorcycle-riding security forces moving through Sanandaj.

# Israel announces sea deal with Lebanon, but doubts remain

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Israel's prime minister said on Tuesday the country has reached a "historic agreement" with neighbouring Lebanon over their shared maritime border after US-brokered negotiations.

The agreement would mark a major breakthrough in relations with the two countries, which formally have been at war since Israel's establishment in 1948. But the deal still faces some obstacles, including key legal and political challenges in Israel. There was no immediate confirmation by Lebanon that a deal had been reached. At stake are rights over exploiting under-sea natural gas reserves in areas of the eastern Mediterranean that the two countries — which do not have diplomatic relations — claim.

Premier Lapid called the deal an "historic achievement that will strengthen Israel's security, inject billions into Israel's economy, and ensure the stability of our northern border."

# Accused in US Sikh family's killing could face lifetime in jail



IANS ■ NEW YORK

Jesus Salgado, the 48 year-old involved in the kidnapping and killing of an Indian-origin Sikh family, has been charged with four counts of first-degree murder, one for each life lost, the Merced County Sheriff's Office said.

Jesus Manuel Salgado was booked for kidnapping and murdering four members of an Indian-origin family, including an eight month-old child, in California on October 3, and was sent to the county jail on October 6.

The Merced County district attorney's office said in a news release that it would not make a

determination this year on whether to pursue the death penalty in the case of Jesus Manuel Salgado, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Salgado is said to have had a long-standing feud with the family and was a former employee in their trucking business. In a mindless act of revenge, Salgado murdered the family.

Salgado is currently undergoing medical treatment after he attempted to kill himself before officials arrived to arrest him on October 4.

Relatives of the family told investigators that Salgado had sent angry text messages or e-mails about a year ago after working with the trucking busi-

ness, Merced County Sheriff Vern Warnke said.

He was also arrested 17 years ago for robbing a family he then used to work for, according to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Salgado's younger brother Alberto Salgado, 41, was also taken into custody last week and has been accused of criminal conspiracy, accessory, and destroying evidence.

The bodies of 8-month-old Aroohi Dheri, her parents Jasleen Kaur, 27, and Jasdeep Singh, 36, and her uncle Amandeep Singh, 39 were located in an "extremely remote" area near the intersection of Indiana and Hutchins roads.

# Poll: Majority in US see relations with adversaries souring

AP ■ WASHINGTON

A majority of U.S. Adults expect America's relations with foreign adversaries like Russia and North Korea to grow more hostile, according to a new poll, a major shift in public opinion from four years ago under President Donald Trump.

Two years into the Biden administration, 60% of U.S. Adults say relations with adversaries will get worse, up from 26% four years ago at the same point in the Trump administration, according to the poll

from the Pearson Institute and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Just 21% say relationships with allies will deteriorate, down from 46% then.

In general, 39% expect the country's global standing to worsen, compared with 48% who said that in 2018.

Crucially, the United States' own sharply divided domestic politics influences views of the country's standing abroad.

"Those results really, clearly show that it's hyperpartisanship" affecting how confident-

ly or bleakly, respectively, Democrats and Republicans see the U.S. Standing abroad, said Sheila Kohanteb, a political scientist and executive director of the Global Forum at the Chicago-based Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts.

In terms of the opinions that people in the U.S. are expressing on U.S. Dealings abroad, the key factor is "political bloc sticking with political bloc," Kohanteb said. Four years ago, three-quarters of Democrats expected U.S. Global standing to suffer.

# S Korea says it has ability to intercept North's missiles

AP ■ SEOUL

South Korea said Tuesday it's capable of detecting and intercepting the variety of missiles North Korea launched in a barrage of recent simulated nuclear attacks on its rivals, though it maintains the North's advancing nuclear program poses a grave security threat.

North Korea said Monday its two weeks of firing drills involved nuclear-capable ballistic missiles, warplanes and other assets to practice possible attacks on South Korea and U.S. Targets. North Korea said the drills were meant to issue a warning to Seoul and Washington, which staged provocative joint naval drills involving a U.S. Aircraft carrier.

The North Korean launches, part of its record-breaking run of weapons tests this year, were seen as an attempt by leader Kim Jong Un to acquire a more intimidating arsenal to pressure its rivals to accept the North as a

legitimate nuclear state and lift economic sanctions on the North.

Moon Hong Sik, acting spokesperson at the South Korean Defense Ministry, described North Korean nuclear threats as "very grave and serious." But he told reporters that the South Korean missile defense system is capable of detecting and intercepting the weapons systems that North Korea said it mobilized in its drills.

# Pope marks 60th anniv of Second Vatican Council

AP ■ ROME

Pope Francis is commemorating the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, the landmark meetings that brought the 2,000-year-old Catholic Church into the modern era, amid continued disagreement about what the council taught that divides the faithful today.

Francis is celebrating a Mass on Tuesday in honour of St. John XXIII, who convened the council and presided over its opening sessions.

Tuesday's commemoration opens with a reading of John's inaugural speech and ends with a re-enactment of the candle-lit procession that lit up St. Peter's Square on the night of October 11, 1962.

On that night, the "good pope" came to the window of the Apostolic Palace and delivered his famous "moonlight speech" to the thousands of

people who had gathered below. Whereas pre-Vatican II popes usually spoke in formal terms, John surprised the crowd with an impromptu, pastoral speech urging the faithful to go home to their children and give them a hug and tell them "this is the caress of the pope."

The council would last for another three years and outlive John, who died in 1963 of stomach cancer. But when it was over, council fathers had agreed to major changes in the life of the church, such as allowing Mass to be celebrated in local languages rather than Latin and strengthening the role of laity in the everyday life of the church.

The council also encouraged efforts to improve relations among Christians and revolutionised the church's relations with Jews, including the step to remove the phrase "perfidious Jews" from the liturgy.

# NZ proposes to reduce agricultural emissions

IANS ■ WELLINGTON

The New Zealand government has released for consultation a proposal to reduce agricultural emissions, helping give the country "a competitive advantage in green conscious global marketplace", Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said on Tuesday.

The proposal will also put New Zealand on track to meet Zero Carbon Act 2030 methane reduction target, Xinhua news agency quoted Ardern as saying.

The government has included many of the recommendations of the agriculture sector groups for farm-level emissions pricing, and proposed modifications in the consultation document based on advice from the Climate Change Commission.

# Germany struggles to find housing for more than 1M refugees

AP ■ BERLIN

The German government pledged on Tuesday to provide more support to cities and towns struggling to house the more than 1.1 million refugees and migrants who have arrived in the country this year, mostly from war-torn Ukraine but also other countries such as Syria and Afghanistan.

After meeting with state and local officials, Interior Minister Nancy Faeser said while the government already allocated federal real estate for tens of thousands of refugees earlier this year, it would immediately provide additional property for about 4,000 refugees to ease the current housing crisis.

Faeser also promised financial support but did not give any concrete figures. Several cities have recently started putting up tents and



turned convention centres into temporary accommodation as regular migrant centres have become overcrowded.

"I don't want to downplay this, we have a tense situation," Faeser told reporters in Berlin. "That's why we discussed today how to best coordinate our assistance to refugees ... Also in view of the winter months that lie ahead."

More than 1 million people have entered Germany from Ukraine since Russia attacked the eastern European country on February 24. About a third of them are children and teenagers, and more than 70 percent of the adults are women.

# Historic Portugal church sex abuse 'truly endemic' at times

AP ■ LISBON

The head of a lay committee looking into historic child sex abuse in the Portuguese Catholic Church said Tuesday the problem in the past had been "widespread" and on some occasions reached "truly endemic" proportions. Pedro Streckt, a psychiatrist who heads Portugal's Independent Committee for the Study of Child Abuse in the Catholic Church, said his panel has compiled a list of 424 alleged victims.

Before the committee started its work in January, senior church officials had claimed that only a handful of cases had occurred. The panel, which was created by the Portuguese Bishops Conference, is looking into alleged abuse cases from 1950 to the present involving minors aged two to 17. It is due to publish a report on Jan. 31.

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**e-Tender Notice**

Office of the Executive Engineer, PCM(GV), Mayapur, Haridwar invites sealed & separate tender from interested bidders. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

- Tender Notice Reference:** NIT No.- 15/2022-23/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur - Providing Manpower Services for a period of One Year on Outsourcing basis.
- Estimated Value of Tender:-** Rs. 10,49,375.00 only.
- Date of availability of bid document on website:-** 12.10.2022 from 11:00 Hrs.
- Last date for submission of bids on website:-** 02.11.2022 upto 15:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in> **Executive Engineer, PCM (GV)**

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Last Date of submission of tenders: 03.11.2022 upto 4.00 PM  
Date of Opening of Tenders : 04.11.2022 (Tentative)

**GENERAL MANAGER**

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Last Date of submission of Tenders: 27.10.2022 upto 4.00 PM  
Date of Opening of Tender : 28.10.2022 (Tentative)

**GENERAL MANAGER**

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1	ऑनलाईन प्रकाशन की तिथि।	17.10.2022 at 11:00 Hrs
2	निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की तिथि।	18.10.2022 at 11:00 Hrs
3	प्री-बिड मीटिंग की तिथि।	22.10.2022 at 11:00 Hrs
4	बिड ऑनलाईन जमा करने की प्रारम्भ तिथि।	28.10.2022 at 11:00 Hrs
5	बिड ऑनलाईन जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि।	02.11.2022 up to 17:00 Hrs
6	ऑफ लाईन रूप से जमा किये जाने वाले प्रपत्र (निविदा प्रपत्र हेतु निर्धारित शुल्क, बिड रिकवोरी, स्टॉप पेपर एवं अन्य सम्बन्धित दस्तावेज)।	02.11.2022 upto 17:00 Hrs
7	तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि।	03.11.2022 at 11:00 Hrs
8	वित्तीय निविदा खोलने की तिथि।	सूचना पृथक से दी जायेगी।

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**Request for Proposal (RFP) for Source Segregation, Door to Door Collection, Secondary Collection & Transportation of Waste (C&T) for 69 wards & PMC for the same for five years.**

NND invites RFP for Source Segregation, Door to Door Collection, Secondary Collection & Transportation of Waste (C&T) for 69 wards & PMC for the same for five years from eligible bidders having experience as indicated in the RFP document. Interested bidders are requested to procure the RFP document upto 25.10.2022. The RFP can be downloaded from e-tenders portal government of Uttarakhand between the said dates. Pre-bid meeting is scheduled at 2:30 pm on 19.10.2022. Any Addendum/Corrigendum including date of extension will be uploaded only on [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in). The Municipal Commissioner have right to cancel tender at any stage without giving any reason. The last date for online submission of bids is 03.11.2022 at 2:00 PM.

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# Hardeep Puri launches Offshore Bid Round

Promises transparency, efficiency to investors

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday launched the Offshore Bid Round offering and assured transparency, efficiency and ease of doing business to investors.

In a keynote address to industry leaders in Houston, the Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister described the initiatives taken by his Ministry in accelerating the exploration and production activities in India.

Puri also gave his views on the importance of Coal Bed Methane in increasing India's domestic production and reducing the country's import burden.

He launched the Special CBM (popularly known as Coal Seam Gas) Bid Round - 2022 for International Competitive Bidding on Monday at Houston.

Simultaneously, Puri launched the Offshore Bid Round offering 26 blocks -- 18



carved out by DGH and eight as a result of expression of interests (EoI) from potential investors — covering an area of approximately 2.3 lakh Sq. Km.

Out of 26 blocks, three blocks based on EoIs are onshore covering an area of only 3,666 sq km, a media release said.

India, which is the third largest energy consumer in the world, is likely to have one of the fastest growing energy demands in coming years.

The Narendra Modi government has set a vision to make India a gas-based economy, by increasing the share of

gas in the energy mix. The importance of domestic gas in the energy basket is extremely crucial considering the uptrend in gas demand, price, and rising import bills, the minister noted. A step towards meeting this demand growth and reducing the hydrocarbon import dependency, India has made "transformational reforms" during the recent years since the formulation of Policy of CBM.

These investor-friendly policy reforms have made the CBM sector an attractive investible opportunity, the official release said.

# Markets extend losses for 3rd day as global risks weigh

Nifty ends below 17k

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Market benchmarks closed deep in the red on Tuesday, mirroring a negative trend overseas as tightening monetary policy globally and escalation of the war in Ukraine continued to weigh on sentiment.

Sliding for the third straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex slumped 843.79 points or 1.46 per cent to settle at 57,147.32.

The broader NSE Nifty tumbled 257.45 points or 1.49 per cent to end at 16,983.55.

IndusInd Bank was the biggest laggard among the Sensex constituents, dropping 3.70 per cent, followed by Nestle India, Tata Steel, Infosys, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra, Dr Reddy's, and HUL.

Only two counters managed to close with gains — Axis Bank and Asian Paints, rising up to 1.15 per cent.

"Investors are becoming risk-averse due to rising geopolitical turmoil as well as worries about the global economic slump. Investors' caution ahead of the announcement of infla-



tion data prevented a better-than-expected start to IT earnings from improving market mood.

"However, as compared to global counterparts, domestic selling is not as aggressive since FII selling is primarily absorbed by DIIs," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

The country's largest IT services exporter TCS on Monday reported an 8.4 per cent growth in its September quarter net profit at Rs 10,431 crore, while revenues jumped 18 per cent to Rs 55,309 crore.

"Indian markets are caught in the web of global turmoil. While domestic investors are fighting hard to come out of this web, they have been unable to do so amid high volatility with Nifty falling below its key psychological levels of 17,000.

# India, UAE discuss mechanism for carrying out bilateral trade in national currencies

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India and the UAE have held discussions on creation of a mechanism for carrying out bilateral trade in national currencies, an official statement said on Tuesday.

It was discussed during the 10th meeting of the UAE-India High Level Joint Task Force on Investments, held in Mumbai.

It was co-chaired by Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Member of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Referring to the ongoing discussions between Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates on Unified Payment Interface (UPI) as a common digital payments platform, both sides agreed to continue discussions, it said.

"An important area discussed was the creation of a mechanism for carrying out bilateral trade in national currencies," the statement added.

The two delegations also reviewed the status of the negotiations of the India-UAE Bilateral Investment Treaty.

Twelve rounds of negotiations have been conducted till date. "Both sides noted that much progress could have been achieved since the commencement of the negotiations, and therefore reiterated their commitment to accelerate the



process for an early conclusion of a balanced and mutually beneficial agreement," it said.

Discussions also took place on ways of enhancing bilateral investments in key sectors like food security, manufacturing, infrastructure, energy and technology.

"In this context, it was agreed that the concerned authorities in both countries will explore establishment of efficient and integrated Single Window Solutions and Virtual Trade Corridors to reduce costs and time involved in trade and investment related procedures," it added.

Further, it said as a means of encouraging increased investment flows by UAE's sovereign investment entities into India, the two sides reviewed UAE's request with

respect to providing tax incentives to certain sovereign investment entities under existing UAE-India Tax Treaty, and India's response to provide the same under the existing domestic tax laws.

It was agreed that the Indian side will provide the necessary support to UAE Fast Track Mechanism in India to ensure speedy resolution of pending issues and difficulties experienced by a number of UAE companies and banks operating in India.

It was also agreed that a similar India Fast Track Mechanism would be set up in the UAE immediately to resolve issues pertaining to the Indian investors in the UAE, and to assist Indian companies in market entry and expansion when investing in the country.

# Rupee rises 19 paise to close at 82.21 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled 19 paise higher at 82.21 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 82.35 against the greenback. It witnessed an intra-day high of 82.32 and a low of 82.41 during the session.

It finally ended at 82.21, up 19 paise from its previous close.

On Monday, the rupee slipped 10 paise to finish at a fresh lifetime low of 82.40.

"Rupee traded in a narrow range after hitting fresh all-time lows against the US dollar. Dollar has been gaining momentum in the past few sessions following better-than-expected non farm payrolls numbers from the US," said Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal



Financial Services.

Safe haven buying also led to an upmove in the dollar after Russia rained cruise missiles on busy Ukrainian cities on Monday.

On the domestic front, the inflation number will be important to watch which will be released on Wednesday.

"We expect the USD-INR (Spot) to quote in the range of 82.20 and 82.80," Somaiya added.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.03 per cent to 113.18.

# DoT, Meity to hold joint meeting of smartphone firms, telecom operators to resolve 5G issues

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Top officials of the DoT and IT ministry have called a joint meeting of smartphone companies, including Apple and Samsung, and telecom operators on issues related to provide smooth access to 5G services, a government official said on Tuesday.

While over 100 million subscribers in India have 5G-ready phones, many devices, including Apple, are not supporting the service at present.

"We shall be working together to ensure smooth rollout of 5G, including smooth onboarding of consumers," an official source told PTI.

A joint meeting of smartphone companies and telecom operators will be held on Wednesday at the Department of Telecom (DoT) office.

Secretaries of both the DoT and Ministry of Electronics and IT will chair the meeting to discuss teething 5G issues.

The agenda of the meeting includes a discussion around



enabling the handsets to start supporting 5G services on 5G networks in India.

Bharti Airtel is the only company to have commercially launched 5G services while Jio has started beta trials.

At the meeting, the authorities will discuss the intervention of handset manufacturers and telecom operators to release software updates for all 5G handsets and prioritise the software upgrade for the adoption of 5G in India.

According to an industry source, who did not wish to be identified, Apple is currently testing iPhone with Airtel and Jio to work on software updates that will give access to 5G services to consumers.

# MFI loans decline in June qtr; NPA situation improves: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The June quarter witnessed a marginal decline in the overall microlending outstanding on a sequential basis, but there was an improvement in the asset quality, a report said on Tuesday.

There was a 0.2 per cent decline in the overall microfinance book to Rs 2.85 lakh crore during the three months to June when compared with the number as of March-end, the report by CRIF High Mark said. The micro loans were up 18 per cent when compared with the year-ago period, the report by the credit information company added.

The April-June quarter last year, which saw the devastating second wave of the pandemic, had led to a massive impact on microlenders both from loan growth as well as delinquency perspective.

The June quarter saw Rs 49,788 crore of loans being disbursed, which was 39.2 per cent lower than what was achieved by the industry in the preceding March quarter, but 88.9 per cent higher than the year-ago period, the report said.

The value delinquency for loans overdue for over 90 days reduced by 0.5 per cent on a sequential basis to 2.2 per cent at the end of the June quarter, and was down by 1.1 per cent when compared to the year-ago period, the report said. The average balance per unique borrower declined by 1.1 per cent on a sequential basis to Rs 46,400, while the average balance per account declined 2.1 per cent.

The report suggested that the decline in the MFI book was driven largely by a 0.8 per cent decline in the urban areas, while the rural markets saw a 0.2 per cent uptick.

# India offers 26 oil, gas blocks in mega offshore round

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India is offering 26 blocks or areas for finding and producing oil and gas in a mega offshore bid round, upstream regulator DGH said on Tuesday.

Simultaneously, 16 areas for prospecting for coal-bed methane (CBM) are also being offered in a separate round.

The "government announces the offer of 26 blocks covering an area of approximately 2.23 lakh square kilometers for exploration and development through international competitive bidding," the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) said without giving timelines for bidding.

Out of the 26 blocks, 15 areas are in ultra-deepwater, 8 in shallow sea and 3 blocks are onland.

The bid rounds are being held under the 2016 policy,



called the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP), which was promulgated on March 30, 2016.

Since then, seven bid rounds of the Open Acreage Licensing Programme (OALP) have been concluded and 134 exploration and production blocks awarded. These blocks cover 2,07,691 square km of area across 19 sedimentary basins. An eighth round was launched in July, offering 10 areas.

# Bharathi Cement sets up 2nd automated cement terminal to strengthen brand

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Cement manufacturer Bharathi Cement Corporation Pvt Ltd on Tuesday said it has inaugurated an automated cement terminal in Tamil Nadu, the second such facility in the country, as the company aims to strengthen the brand in the southern parts of the country.

The company in a statement here said it has unveiled a superior quality new generation green cement, QUICK-CEM to cater to the precast and hollow block segments in Tamil Nadu and Kerala markets. According to officials, the company inaugurated its first terminal in Mumbai in 2018.

The new terminal in



Coimbatore is a fully-automated packing and distribution facility having a capacity of 0.75 metric tonne per annum and would be manned by 16 employees, the company said.

The new terminal was inaugurated by VICAT Group Chairman Guy Sidos, VICAT India CEO Anoop Kumar Saxena and Director-Marketing M Ravinder Reddy.

Bharathi Cement

Corporation Pvt Ltd is a joint venture of France-based VICAT Group, which has 51 per cent majority stake in Indian operations of the cement manufacturer.

The terminal in Coimbatore will have dedicated container wagons and a 24-hour loading facility. The new facility is the first ever in the industry to have end-to-end logistic automation for transportation of cement in containers.

The Coimbatore facility is equipped with infrastructure for loading bags as well as bulk cement for serving Tamil Nadu and Kerala market, leading to enhanced customer service level and cost competitiveness in the region.

# Reserve Bank allows SPDs to undertake all foreign exchange-related activities

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday allowed standalone primary dealers to offer all foreign exchange market-making facilities to users, a move aimed at providing broader facilities to customers for currency risk management.

At present, Standalone Primary Dealers (SPDs) are permitted to undertake foreign currency business for limited purposes. Currently, there are seven SPDs and 14 bank primary dealers in the country.

SPDs will also be permitted to take up trading and self-clearing membership with Sebi-approved stock exchanges and clearing corporations for undertaking proprietary trans-



actions in equity and equity derivatives market.

"...It has been decided to allow SPDs to offer all foreign exchange market-making facilities to users, as currently permitted to Category-I Authorised Dealers, subject to adherence to the prudential regulations and other guidelines..." the RBI said in a circular.

# IDBI Bank sale: Corporates cannot be bidding consortium members due to RBI norms

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Large corporates have been disallowed from being even a minority shareholder in consortium wanting to bid for 61 per cent stake in IDBI Bank, as the current RBI norms bar industrial houses from becoming bank promoters, an official said.

Currently, RBI guidelines allow industrial houses to hold a maximum of 10 per cent stake in private sector banks, but they cannot be a promoter.

Last week, the government along with Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) invited Expression of Interest (EoI) for selling 60.72 per cent stake in IDBI Bank. However, it barred large industrial houses from



participating in the strategic sale.

As per the bid document, 'large industrial/corporate houses' has been defined an industrial/ corporate group with assets of Rs 5,000 crore or more with the non-financial business of the group accounting for 40 per cent or more in terms of total assets/ gross income.

An official said that corporate houses have not been

permitted to participate in the bidding process for IDBI Bank transaction as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regulation clearly says that they cannot be the promoter entity in any bank.

"As per the IDBI Bank bid document, the consortium, if they emerge as the winning bidder, would be classified as the promoter. Allowing corporate houses as part of the consortium member would mean they are part of the promoter group which is not allowed as per RBI guidelines," the official said.

The RBI would be the final deciding authority on whether the interested bidder belong to a large industrial house or to a company connected to a large industrial house.

# Gold falls ₹343; silver tumbles ₹1,071

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold price fell by ₹343 in the national capital to ₹51,105 per 10 grams on Tuesday amid a decline in the prices of the precious metal in the international market, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal had settled at ₹51,448 per 10 grams.

Silver also tumbled by ₹1,071 to ₹58,652 per kilogram from ₹59,723 per kg.

In the international mar-



ket, gold was quoting lower at USD 1,664.3 per ounce while silver was down at USD 19.34 per ounce.

"COMEX gold held near the lowest in a week on pressure from a stronger dollar and the outlook for higher interest rates," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities.

# Bank of Baroda opens four mid-corporate cluster offices

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned Bank of Baroda on Tuesday announced the opening of four mid-corporate cluster offices in the national capital, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

Each mid-corporate cluster office will oversee a set of specialised branches in each zone catering exclusively to mid-sized corporates to push credit growth, the bank said in a



statement.

These branches will provide a comprehensive range of solutions and will ensure a faster turnaround time in the credit decision making process,

it said, adding, the bank is also in the process of hiring over 300 specialised Relationship Managers (RMs) and credit analysts to serve customers.

In a strategic move, the bank recently reorganised its corporate banking model and the corporate banking vertical has been divided into two units — large corporates and mid-corporates — to effectively serve both customer segments, it said.

# Toshiba to supply rechargeable lithium-ion cells to EVage Automotive

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Toshiba India will supply rechargeable lithium-ion cells to electric commercial vehicle maker EVage Automotive. The cells will be used for the battery packs of EVage's 10,000 vehicles.

The two companies have entered into a pact in this regard. The pact guarantees availability of enough cells in the 2023 to meet EVage's production ramp-up and fulfilment of the existing reservations for its delivery vans in India, according to a statement on Tuesday.

The partnership follows two years of development and joint validation to incorporate these cells into EVage's proprietary ultra-stable and rapid charging battery packs, the company said, adding that this also ensures that EVage meets its cost and margin targets.

# Meet on women-owned businesses

New Delhi: WEConnect International hosted a 2-day in-person conference to provide opportunities for over 100 women-owned businesses to grow their network and connect with more than 30 large corporations, part of the "Women's Empowerment Through Economic Inclusion" 3-year project, funded by the US Department of State's Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs.

# India get 0-8 hammering from USA in FIFA Women's U-17 WC



PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

India were overwhelmed by a formidable USA in their opening match of the FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup as they suffered a 0-8 thrashing in a lop-sided Group A match here on Tuesday.

Reality bit the Indian team as it was toyed by a far more technically superior USA who were 4-0 up by the half-hour mark and 5-0 ahead at half time.

USA pumped in three more goals in the second session to hand

a humiliating defeat on the Indians before a sizeable home crowd at the Kalinga Stadium.

Melina Rebimbas scored a brace (9th and 31st minute) while Charlotte Kohler (15th), Onyeka Gamero (23rd), Gisele Thompson (39th), Ella Emri (51st), Taylor Suarez (59th) and captain Mia Bhuta (62nd) struck a goal each for the Concacaf champions.

India head coach Thomas Dennerby had said before the match that her side would be difficult to score against, having prepared well

since February but his players completely were completely clueless and lost the plot on the day. The country's first match in a women's world cup turned out to be a nightmare.

Debutants India, who made it to the age-group showpiece on the basis of being the hosts, were simply run over by USA, who were runners-up in the inaugural edition in 2008 but has not gone past the group stage in three other appearances since then.

The porous Indian defence, including captain Astam Oraon at the

# Title contenders Brazil win 1-0 against Morocco



PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Title contenders Brazil began their FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup campaign on a winning note with a 1-0 victory over debutants Morocco in a Group A match here on Tuesday.

Striker Jhonson scored the all-important goal in the fifth minute of the match as the South American champions collected all three points to put themselves in a strong position to make it to the quarterfinals.

Morocco, one of the three representatives from Africa, had a good chance to score very early in the match but after that it was Brazil who dominated the match with 65 per cent ball possession.

Brazil had 17 shots at Morocco goal as against four of the African side. Brazil could have won by a big margin but their forwards missed a lot of easy chances while Morocco also defended well.

In a Group B match in Margao, Chile beat New Zealand 3-1.

left wing back position, leaked goal after goal while the home side could not even stitch even a proper goal-bound move. The Americans had more than 70 per cent ball possession in the first half.

# Clubs invited to get FIFA money from \$209 million World Cup fund



AP ■ GENEVA

Soccer clubs around the world were invited by FIFA on Tuesday to apply for money from a fund of \$209 million set aside for teams that release players for this year's World Cup in Qatar.

Clubs get paid a daily rate — which FIFA estimates at about \$10,000 — for as long as 832 players selected for the 32 rosters are on national team duty ahead of and during the tournament.

The preparation period starts Nov. 14 and the tournament ends on Dec. 18.

The \$209 million fund,

agreed to by FIFA and the European Club Association in 2015, also rewards clubs who helped develop World Cup players. Each player's share of the fund is distributed among the clubs he played for in the past two years.

FIFA said more than 400 clubs playing in 63 different member countries were paid shares from the \$209 million fund allocated from the 2018 World Cup commercial revenues. The "Club Benefits Program" was created in a 2008 deal for FIFA to recognize the newly launched ECA as a more democratic representative of teams' interests.

# Lovlina, Jaismine, Sanjeet, Hussamuddin storm into boxing finals

PTI ■ GANDHINAGAR

Tokyo Olympics bronze winner boxer Lovlina Borgohain and Commonwealth Games medallists Mohammed Hussamuddin and Jaismine Lamboria registered dominating victories to storm into the finals of their respective weight divisions at the National Games here on Tuesday.

Also advancing to their respective finals were Services heavyweight boxer Sanjeet, Punjab's Simranjit Kaur and Mandeep Kaur, national championship silver medallist duo of Ankit Sharma and Minakshi of Haryana while Assam's and Akshita Boro set up an exciting summit clash against Manipur's Alena Thounaojam in the 66kg welterweight category.

Home state boxers Aasifali Asgarali Saiyed and Ruchita Rajput had to settle for bronze medals after losing their respective bouts.

In the women's 75kg middleweight



category, Lovlina lit up the ring, displaying her class against local girl Ruchita, who looked good in patches before the lanky Assamese used her experience to win the bout and set up a summit clash with Haryana's Saweety Boora.

In the men's 57kg featherweight cat-

egory, Gujarat's Aasifali went down by unanimous decision 5-0 to Haryana's Sachin Siwach, who will be up against two-time CWG medallist Hussamuddin of the Services in the final.

However, it was heartbreak for multiple Asian championship medallist

Shiva Thapa of Assam, who went down 2-3 in a close bout against Services' Akash. His statemates, Jamuna Boro (57kg) and Pwila Basumatary (60kg) also had to settle for the bronze medals.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra pugilist Nikhil Dubey got a great opportunity to pay his tributes to his coach Dhananjay Tiwari, who passed away in a freak road accident while travelling from Mumbai to watch his ward play the men's middleweight 75kg semifinal against Services' Sumit Kundu. Nikhil clinched the bout 4-1 to set up a title clash against Mizoram's Malsawmitluanga, who got the better of Goa's Puspender Rathee 5-0. Earlier, Asian championships bronze medallist Jasmine used her longer reach and nimble footwork to great effect against her lesser known Manipuri opponent Pravish Konthoujam to storm into the final with a 5-0 win in 60 kg category. Olympian Simranjit Kaur got rid of Assam's Pwila in other semifinal.

# Jeev Invitational to see galaxy of golfing stars

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Top golfers including defending champion Shiv Kapur, Gaganjeet Bhullar, SSP Chawrasia, Jyoti Randhawa and Jeev Milkha Singh himself will take part in the Invitational event named after him.

The event will be played here from October 13-16.

Other prominent golfers to be seen in action include Rahul Gangjee, Ajeetesh Sandhu, Rashid Khan, Udayan Mane and Yuvraj Singh Sandhu. The presence of other former champions Karandeep Kochhar (2020) and Chikkarangappa (2018) also adds to the strength of the field.



The main event will be preceded by the Pro-Am event on October 12. The tournament was jointly launched by TAKE Sports and TATA Steel PGTI in 2018 to honour Indian golfing great Jeev Milkha Singh.

The tournament is being staged at Jeev's home course, the Chandigarh Golf Club, for

the fifth year in succession and offers a handsome prize purse of Rs 1.5 crore. The field will feature 132 participants, including 129 professionals and three amateurs.

The foreign challenge will be led by Sri Lankans Mithun Perera, N Thangaraja, Anura Rohana and K Prabakaran, as well as Bangladeshis Jamal Hossain, Badal Hossain, Md Akbar Hossain and Nepal's Sukra Bahadur Rai.

Jeev is the first Indian professional golfer to have a PGTI event named after him. He became one of the first Indian golfers to taste success at the international level more than two decades ago.

# LIV Golf players should get ranking points: Matsuyama



AP ■ INZAI CITY (JAPAN)

The players who left to compete in the Saudi-funded LIV Golf series should be entitled to earn ranking points, former Masters champion Hideki Matsuyama said Tuesday.

Speaking at the Zozo Championship, which opens Thursday, Matsuyama called the ranking-points question "difficult" and didn't offer any details, solutions or clarifications.

"I think they should be able to," he said, speaking in Japanese. "However, there's a procedure they'll have to follow."

LIV Golf is funded by Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund. Matsuyama suggested he was staying with the PGA Tour.

"I'm a member of the PGA Tour," Matsuyama said. "The players who left did so because they thought it was the right thing to do. So I can't say anything about them."

Viktor Hovland also said LIV players shouldn't get an automatic exemption for ranking points.

"If you want to get world ranking points, you obviously have to follow the process," the Norwegian said. "And I think they're obviously making an effort to get those points, but I don't think it's right to give them an exemption to just get points overnight. They obviously have to follow the process, whatever the process might be."

Matsuyama won last year's Zozo Championship — the only PGA Tour event in Japan — with a final-round 65 for a five-shot victory over Brendan Steele at the Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club, the same venue for this year.

He'll be the local favorite at the course located about an hour outside Tokyo. The purse is \$11 million.

"The energy that the fans provide really helps out, it helps my game," Matsuyama said. "But on the other hand, there's pressure that goes along with it."

# Wolf beats Maestrelli as ATP returns to Florence

AP ■ FLORENCE (ITALY)

Wolf of the United States rallied to beat local wild card Francesco Maestrelli in the first round of the Firenze Open as the ATP returned to the Italian city for the first time in nearly 30 years.

The 19-year-old Maestrelli played his first tour-level main draw match on Monday and broke Wolf's serve in the very first game, going on to take the set, but the American recovered to win 4-6 6-2 6-1.

Wolf will next face fourth-

seeded Maxime Cressy in an all-American second round match.

Roberto Carballes Baena of Spain will take on the second-seeded Matteo Berrettini — who is also the home favorite — in the second round after easing past Daniel Elahi Galan 6-2 6-1.

Fifth-seeded Aslan Karatsev advanced after Tallon Griekspoor retired from their first-round match. Karatsev had led 6-3 2-1.

Also winners were Altug Celikbilek and Corentin Moutet.

The indoor, hard-court tournament is at the Palazzo Wanný.

# BWF Rankings: Lakshya Sen rises to career-high eighth

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Commonwealth Games gold medallist shuttler Lakshya Sen climbed one spot to be at a career-high eighth place in the latest BWF men's singles world rankings.

The men's doubles pair of MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila also moved closer to top-20 by jumping two spots to be at a career high 21st in the list issued on Tuesday.

Two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu remained at sixth in the women's singles

rankings while the pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy is ranked eighth in the men's doubles section.

The 21-year-old Sen, who had won a bronze in the 2021 World Championships, has been in brilliant form, starting the year with a gold medal at the Yonex-Sunrise India Open before his runner-up finishes at the prestigious All England Open Championships and German Open.

He was also a key member of India's historic Thomas Cup triumph after 73 years.



The in-form duo of Arjun and Dhruv, on the other hand, has been making a steady rise in the rankings after they began the year in 42nd position.

Arjun and Dhruv, who recently clinched the title of India Maharashtra International Challenge 2022, are known for causing upsets. One such upset came in this year's BWF World Championships where they took just 40 minutes to stun the then World No. 8 Danish pair of Kim Astrup and Anders Rasmussen.

# Elche held by Mallorca, remains winless in Spanish league

AP ■ MADRID

Elche conceded a second-half equalizer in a 1-1 home draw against Mallorca, remaining the only winless team in the Spanish league after eight rounds.

The host went ahead early when Ezequiel Ponce scored with a header in the 15th minute on Monday, but Mallorca equalized from a penalty kick converted by Vedat Muriqi in the 71st.

Both teams had players red-carded. Elche lost Lucas Boyé in the 61st and Mallorca saw



Muriqi sent off in the 85th. Boyé entered the match only four minutes before being issued red for a dangerous foul.

It was the second draw in eight matches for Elche, which had lost five in a row.

Mallorca stayed in 12th place with nine points from eight matches.

The match was delayed by 30 minutes because of heavy rains.

Barcelona and Real Madrid are at the top of the standings with the same points. The Catalan club is ahead on goal difference.

# FIFA reveals sites for World Cup fan viewing parties

AP ■ ZURICH

Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro and Dubai Harbour in the United Arab Emirates are among six locations worldwide that stage fan festivals during the World Cup in Qatar.

Mexico City's Plaza de la República, Sao Paulo's Anhangabaú Valley, and downtown nightclub venues in London and Seoul, South Korea, also will host official game viewing parties and music events.

Organisers have also hired electronic music events from Saudi Arabia and England to perform during the tournament.

The events will "only be open to consumers of legal drinking age" at the venues co-organized by FIFA and long-time World Cup sponsor AB InBev, which brews the Budweiser, Corona and Brahma brands.



Entry to some events will be free and some will have an entry charge, FIFA said in a statement on Monday.

FIFA also revealed more details of music events planned in Qatar

during the November 20-December 18 tournament.

The electronic music festival Aravia, run by a Saudi Arabian events organizer, will be staged at a 5,500-capacity site at Al Wakrah.

# England willing to be penalised for World Cup armband

AP ■ MANCHESTER

England is prepared to face FIFA punishment by wearing the "OneLove" anti-discrimination armband at the World Cup.

Ten European nations have committed to promote inclusion and campaign against discrimination this season.

Eight of them have qualified for Qatar, and FIFA is coming under pressure to allow the captains of each of those teams to wear an armband with a multi-coloured heart design at the tournament that kicks off next month.

As yet, no permission has been granted.

FIFA rules prohibit teams from bringing their own armband designs to the World Cup, and require nations to use equipment supplied by the governing body.

But the English Football Association is determined to make a stand even it means being fined for breaking FIFA rules.

A person with knowledge of the decision told the Associated Press that England will wear the armband in Qatar



regardless of FIFA's wishes.

Speaking on condition of anonymity because the decision has not been publicly confirmed, they added the FA requested permission to wear it at the World Cup, but after waiting for three weeks, had yet to receive a response.

That person said a UEFA working group delegation will press for an update this week, with other European federations also determined to wear the armband.

Homosexual acts are illegal in Qatar, while the treatment of migrant workers building projects for the World Cup has been a decade-long controversy.

# Spinners shine as India clinch ODI series against SA

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
India gave a good account of their enormous depth as a young and inexperienced side stunned a strong South Africa unit by seven wickets in third ODI here on Tuesday to secure a memorable series win.  
The spin trio of Washington Sundar (2/15), Shabbaz Ahmed (2/32) and Kuldeep Yadav (4/18) picked the right lengths on a slow Kotla pitch to bundle out South Africa for 99, the Proteas lowest ODI total against India.  
The home team batters, led by Shubman Gill (49), chased a paltry 100-run target in 19.1 overs.



The Indians, who looked in a hurry to finish the match, lost a bit of momentum after the wickets of Dhawan, whose woe-ful run in the series continued as he was run out for eight, and Ishan Kishan (10).  
However, Shreyas Iyer (28 not out) continued his stellar run as he whacked three boundaries and two sixes including a match-winning maximum to steer India to victory after Gill was trapped leg before with three runs needed.  
Earlier put in to bat, South African batters failed to impress, falling like ninetins.  
Quinton de Kock (6) was

the first to perish as he half-heartedly cut the ball to top-edge it to Avesh Khan at backward point, giving Washington his first wicket.  
India then seemingly got their second wicket when Reeza Hendricks (3) was trapped leg before but the South African took the review to turn the umpire's decision in the seventh over.  
Janneman Malan (15) smacked Siraj for three of boundaries in his consecutive overs before the pacer got rid of the opener as he tried to play the pull shot.  
South African batters con-

tinued to struggle and looked off colour as Siraj claimed his second when he got Hendricks (3) next.  
Aiden Makram (9), whose stay in the middle lasted 19 balls, became Shabbaz Ahmed's first victim as he nicked it through to the keeper Sanju Samson.  
The visitors dallied to 50 in 17.1 overs but India were all over the visitors.  
Skipper David Miller (7) and joined Heinrich Klaasen in the middle but he too couldn't make a mark as he was bowled, the ball slid in from round the wicket to clip the outside of off stump.

Brought into the attack in the 20th over, Kuldeep too joined the party as Andile Phehlukwayo failed to read his googly.  
Klaasen and new-man Marco Jansen stitched a 22-run stand that included a four and a six to take South Africa closer to the 100-run mark.  
First, Jansen charged down the pitch for a six over long on, a few balls later Klaasen hit a boundary but he was dismissed by Shabbaz.  
Kuldeep then burst with a three-wicket haul clearing up the lower order as South Africa were bowled out in 27.1 overs.



## We have got what we wanted from practice sessions Down Under: India's support staff

**PTI ■ PERTH**  
The decision to arrive early in Australia was all about acclimatising to weather and playing conditions and the Indian team management is pleased with the way the players are adjusting to the bounce and pace of the tracks ahead of the T20 World Cup.  
Fourteen members of the Rohit Sharma-led Indian team reached Australia almost 20 days prior to its T20 World Cup opener against arch-rivals Pakistan on October 23 and has been busy preparing for the tournament at the WACA ground here.  
The Indian players have been going through intense training, which includes sessions on endurance, batting and bowling at the nets and fielding practice.  
The sessions have been held under the watchful eyes of head coach Rahul Dravid, batting coach Vikram Rathour,

bowling coach Paras Mhambrey and fielding coach T Dilip.  
"The focus was on only about getting used to the conditions. We all knew that conditions in Australia are going to be different, especially the pace and bounce that is different from Indian surfaces. So idea of coming here early and spent some time and practising here was to get used to these conditions and get used to the pace and bounce," Rathour said in a video shared by BCCI on its twitter page.  
"The boys have really worked hard and I think everybody has got some volumes in."  
In the video, bowling coach Mhambrey and fielding coach T Dilip also explained the drills of their respective departments.  
"The bounce out here in Australia is totally different to what the last few games we played out here. So that gives a great opportunity to the

bowlers to acclimatise to the conditions, to the bounce of the wicket, hitting those lengths, what are the individual lengths you want to hit," Mhambrey said. "We were pretty happy with the way the sessions have been. I think we got what we wanted out of the sessions and now we look forward to the games."  
Fielding coach Dilip added: "On day 1 what we wanted to achieve was spiking up the throwing intensity and also little catches. The most important factor is moving laterally, that was for a shorter distance for a lesser time.  
"On day 2 what we wanted to achieve on this open ground was we observed that wind becomes a factor, so we did some high catches with a soft ball so that it wobbles a bit which gives a player a fair idea. And then we finished off with a cricket ball so that they get the real picture of what exactly was happening."



## Roger Binny files nomination for post of BCCI president, Shah likely to remain secretary

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI**  
Roger Binny, a member of the 1983 World Cup winning team, on Tuesday filed his nomination for the post of BCCI President and is likely to get the top job unopposed. Board vice President Rajeev Shukla said.  
Binny, 67, is so far the only candidate to have filed nomination for the post and if no more candidate emerges, he will replace Sourav Ganguly as BCCI chief when the Board holds its AGM in Mumbai on October 18.  
After hectic parleys and back-channel discussions in the past one week, it was decided that Binny would be the 36th Board president, one of the sources familiar with the development, said.  
Jay Shah, son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has also filed nomination and will continue as BCCI Secretary for a second consecutive term if no more candidate throws his hat in the ring.  
Shah is also expected to replace Ganguly as India's representative at the all powerful ICC Board.  
"Roger Binny has filed nomination for president's post, myself for the vice-president's post, Jay Shah for secretary, Ashish Shelar for treasurer and Devajit Saikia has filed nomination for joint secretary's post," Shukla told reporters.  
"Arun Dhumal will head the IPL governing council and Abhishek Dalmiya will be part of that council. Khairul Jamal (Mamun) Majumdar will be part of the Apex council. As of now these are the nominations and all are unopposed," Shukla added.  
Wednesday is last day for filing nominations. Candidates can withdraw their nomination by October 14. The final list of candidates for various positions will be published on October 15.  
Binny, though, is a surprise choice to head the BCCI.  
However, hints were dropped that his name will emerge for a position when Karnataka State Cricket

Association (KSCA) named him as its representative at BCCI AGM instead of secretary Santosh Menon. Binny is KSCA President and will have to leave his position in the state body.  
The medium pacer was one of the architects of India's historic World Cup triumph in 1983. In eight games, he took 18 wickets, the highest in that edition of prestigious tournament.  
Binny has served as member of senior selection committee in the past when Sandeep Patil was the chairman. Whenever his son Stuart Binny's name came up for discussion for selection in the Indian team, he would recuse himself from the proceedings.  
"Roger is one of the finest human beings and a thorough gentleman, who has graced the field for India. Plus he is also a World Cup hero and has a squeaky clean image. He had resigned from the selection committee after Lodha committee pointed out conflict of interest," said a BCCI source.  
The only Congressman in the BCCI cabinet would be Shukla, who will continue as vice president, if he gets elected.  
Sports minister Anurag Thakur's younger brother Arun Singh Dhumal, who is currently the treasurer, will now become IPL chairman. He will replace Brijesh Patel.  
Influential Maharashtra BJP leader Ashish Shelar will be the new treasurer which means that he won't become Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) president. He was supposed to take up the role with support from Sharad Pawar faction.  
"Once he (Shelar) takes over as a treasurer, he will have to withdraw his nomination from MCA president's post," Shukla further informed.  
Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's close aide Devajit Saikia is expected to replace Jayesh George as the new joint secretary.  
Whether BCCI will contest for the ICC chairmanship hasn't been decided as yet. Shukla said it will be discussed during the AGM.

## Delhi make first use of 'Impact Player' in win over Manipur

**PTI ■ JAIPUR**  
Delhi made the first and smart use of the 'Impact Player' option to outplay Manipur by 71 runs in their opening match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy here on Tuesday.  
Opener Hiten Dalal smashed a 27-ball 47 to push Delhi to 167 for seven. The Nitish Rana led squad then decided to replace Dalal with off-spinner Hrithik Shokeen, who took a couple of wickets in his three over spell as Manipur were bundled out for 96 in response.  
Impact Player rule allows a team to make a tactical substitution in the middle of the game.  
Shokeen had made his IPL debut with Mumbai Indians earlier this year.  
Making his senior T20 debut after making a mark as a first class cricketer, India U-19 World Cup winning captain Yash Dhull struck 24 off 23 balls, including a six and four.  
Ayush Badoni, who grabbed the eyeballs while play-



ing for Lucknow Super Giants in IPL 2022, came up with an important 15-ball 20. Himmat Singh provided the late flourish with a seven-ball 25 that included six boundaries.  
Delhi boast a potent pace attack in the presence of 100-Test veteran Ishant Sharma and Navdeep Saini but debutant medium pacer Mayank Yadav's two for 23 in four overs stood out.  
Ishant, who is eyeing a national comeback via a successful domestic season, picked up the wicket of Manipur opener Nitesh Sedai to end with fig-

ures of 1 for 17 in three overs.  
Delhi, who failed to make the knockouts across the three formats in the last domestic season, is aiming for a turnaround under new management led by captain Rana and head coach Abhay Sharma.  
They await tougher battles in Group B which also has the likes of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab.  
Meanwhile in other Group B matches, Goa too got off to a winning start with a five wicket victory over Tripura while UP won against Puducherry by 10 wickets via VJD method.

## Shaw makes short work of Mizoram

**PTI ■ RAJKOT**  
Dashing opener Prithvi Shaw's blazing blade decimated Mizoram as Mumbai started their campaign in style with a nine wicket victory in the opening group A league match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy here on Tuesday.  
After Mizoram were restricted at 98 for 8 in 20 overs, Mumbai racked up the required runs in just 10.3 overs with Shaw remaining unbeaten on 55 off 34 balls. He and Aman Hakim Khan (39 not out off 22 balls) added 91 runs in just 8.4 overs to finish off the match in a jiffy.  
When Mizoram batted, Shreevats Goswami (31) was the only significant scorer but the seasoned Mumbai attack led by Dhawal Kulkarni kept the minnows under check.  
Dhawal and spin twins Shams Mulani and Tanush Kotian got a couple of wickets apiece.  
When Mumbai started the chase, skipper Ajinkya Rahane was dismissed cheaply for 9 but Shaw smashed nine fours and a six to quickly finish the pro-



ceedings. Aman also hit five fours and two sixes.  
**Summarised Scores (Group A)**  
**Mizoram:** 98/8 (Shreevats Goswami 31, Dhawal Kulkarni 2/16, Tanush Kotian 2/12, Shams Mulani 2/20, Mumbai 103/1 in 10.3 overs (Prithvi Shaw 55 not out off 34 balls, Ajinkya Rahane 9). Mumbai won by 9 wickets.  
**Railways:** 150/6 (Upendra Yadav 67 off 52 balls, B Vivek Singh 68 off 49 balls, A Madhwal 4/25). Uttarakhand 154/3 (Jivanjot Singh 77 not out off 55 balls). Uttarakhand won by 7 wickets.  
**Assam:** 161/5 (Rahul Hazarika 68 off 52 balls, Riyan Parag 19, Darshan Nalkande 2/31). Vidarbha 162/4 (Akshay Wadkar 49 off 38 balls, Aman Mokhadde 40 off 32 balls). Vidarbha won by 6 wickets.

## Deepthi Sharma gets back career-best third rank among T20 bowlers

**PTI ■ DUBAI**  
India's Deepthi Sharma on Tuesday jumped three places to reclaim career-best third position in the Women's T20I bowlers rankings list and also touched the same rank in the all-rounders chart.  
Sharma gained ranking points, riding on some fine performances in the ongoing Asia Cup in Sylhet, Bangladesh.  
She grabbed three wickets against Pakistan and two each against Bangladesh and Thailand, overtaking South Africa fast bowler Shabnim Ismail and now only trails England spinners Sophie Ecclestone and Sarah Glenn.  
She had first achieved third rank in bowlers list in November 2019. Sharma has also moved up one slot to 35th among batters and is ranked third among all-rounders after overtaking Australia's Ashleigh Gardner.  
India's Renuka Singh (up three slots to eighth), Sneha Rana (up 30 places to 15th) and Pooja Vastrakar (up seven places to 28th) have also progressed in the rankings for bowlers.

## New Zealand beat Pakistan by 9 wickets in Tri-series

**AP ■ CHRISTSHURCH**  
Finn Allen and Devon Conway shared a 117-run opening partnership as New Zealand cruised to a nine-wicket win over Pakistan with almost four overs remaining on Tuesday in the Twenty20 Tri-Series.  
Allen made 62 including a half century from 32 balls and Conway followed his match-winning 70 against Bangladesh on the weekend with an unbeaten 49 on Tuesday as New Zealand easily surpassed Pakistan's 130-7.  
Conway underlined his importance to the Black Caps ahead of the T20 World Cup with consecutive unbeaten innings. Allen took a moment to judge the pace and bounce of the pitch at Hadley Oval, then went on to 62 from 42 balls with six sixes, marking himself as a player to watch when the world tournament starts later this month.  
Pakistan and New Zealand are level in the series with two wins each from three matches, while Bangladesh is yet to win. The next match is between New Zealand and Bangladesh on Thursday.  
New Zealand's win Tuesday was set up by the bowlers. Mitchell Santner conceded 11 runs from his opening over then joined with Michael Bracewell to uproot Pakistan's top order.  
The pair combined to contain Pakistan's powerful batters, sharing four of the first five



wickets.  
Bracewell, who took 2-14 in New Zealand's eight-wicket win over Bangladesh on Sunday, bettered that with 2-11.  
He claimed the first Pakistan wicket to fall, dismissing Mohammad Rizwan for 16. Rizwan fell in the manner of several Pakistan batters who made the mistake of trying to hit the ball down the ground.  
With the ball turning a little and holding in the surface of a worn pitch, it was always dangerous to try and hit lofted straight shots.  
"I wouldn't say there was huge amount of turn," Bracewell said.

"The ball was just holding in the wicket and bouncing a bit which creates the illusion of turn."  
"It was a slightly different role today. Bowling in the power-play makes it a bit nerve-wracking against world-class batsmen. I'm really enjoying the role that I'm playing and just providing quality overs for the team."  
Shan Masood gave Santner his first wicket when he was out for 14. He was enticed by a flighted delivery outside off stump to also go down the ground but couldn't clear long on, where Bracewell took the catch.

## T20 World Cup: INOX signs agreement with ICC, to live screen India matches in cinema halls

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Leading multiplex chain INOX Leisure Ltd will live screen all matches to be played by India at the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 in its cinema halls across the country.  
It has signed an agreement with the International Cricket Council (ICC) in this regard, INOX Leisure said in a statement.  
INOX will showcase all

group matches to be played by Team India, starting with their first match on October 23 against Pakistan, followed by the semi-finals and the final match.  
"The live matches will be screened across INOX multiplexes in more than 25 cities," it said. The eighth edition of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup commences from October 16, with the Super 12 stage kicking off on October 22. The final is scheduled on November 13 in Melbourne.

**NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
NABARD, Jharkhand Regional Office, Ranchi has invited tender for the following services/works.  
1. Tender for Employment and Annual Maintenance Contract for Civil, Plumbing, Carpentry and Electrical Maintenance works for Office Building and Officers' Quarters, Ranchi from 01 November 2022 to 31 March 2025  
The tender documents are available in NABARD's website ([www.nabard.org](http://www.nabard.org)). Contractors/Service providers may submit tenders ONLINE at <https://nabard.eproc.in> by 02:00 PM on 21 October 2022.  
2. Empanment of Contractors/Service providers for the following Repair / Renovation and maintenance works in Office Building and Officers' Quarters, Ranchi from 01 November 2022 to 31 March 2025  
i. Civil, Sanitary and Plumbing  
ii. Carpentry Works  
iii. Supply and Installation of Modular kitchen  
iv. Pest Control Works  
v. Interior Decoration Works  
vi. Specialized Structural repair works  
vii. General Electrical Works  
viii. Fire and Safety  
ix. Security and Surveillance System  
x. Telecommunications, internet and data Networking Systems  
xi. HT Installations  
xii. Gardening and landscaping work  
xiii. Catering Service  
xiv. Maintenance and operation of room air conditioners, split AC, VRF AC  
xv. Scrap Dealers  
xvi. Architects / Project Management Consultants  
The tender documents are available in NABARD's website ([www.nabard.org](http://www.nabard.org)). Contractors/Service providers may submit tenders for any of the above 16 categories EITHER offline at our office OR online at <https://nabard.eproc.in> by 02:00 PM on 21 October 2022.  
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