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Atiq's son Asad killed in K'taka call to end 4% Muslim **STF encounter in Jhansi**

Accomplice also shot in encounter

PNS ■ PRAYAGRAJ/LUCKNOW

sad Ahmad, son of jailed Agangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmad, and shooter Ghulam Mohammad were killed in an exchange of fire with the UP Special Task Force team in Ihansi on Thursday afternoon, officials said. Both were wanted in the Umesh Pal murder case and carried a reward of ₹5 lakh each. Asad Ahmad was caught on CCTV when Umesh Pal was killed and had been on the run for the past 50 days, police said. "Sophisticated foreign

made weapons were recovered from the accused. Further details are awaited," said Special Director General (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar. He added the UP STF team that gunned down Asad and Ghulam was led by deputy superintendents of police Navendu Kumar and Vimal

Atiq Ahmad was in the court of chief judicial magistrate in Prayagraj in connection with the murder case when the news of Asad's encounter broke. He started crying after hearing the news of his son's encounter death. He asked for water and sat down holding his head in the district court

premises STF officials said Asad and Ghulam were on the run since the murder of Umesh Pal on February 24. Several STF teams were pressed to track them down. On Thursday, they were trying to flee on a motorcycle when they were intercepted by an STF team in Ihansi, the officials said, adding they opened fire on the police and were killed in the retaliatory firing.

ADG (STF) Amitabh Yash foreign weapons. We were ready. The way this gang killed Umesh Pal and his two gunners, it was not easy to catch these accused. Both had British Bull Dog revolver and Walther pistol. These weapons are rare. Generally not found".

Visuals showed two bodies lying beside a motorcycle at the site of the alleged encounter. An ambulance later took them

With Thursday's encounter in connection with the Umesh Pal murder case, the UP Police

have so far gunned down four



xpressing displeasure over Expressing displease. Karnataka Government to scrap the four per cent reservation for OBC Muslims and raise quotas in government jobs and educational institu-tions for Vokkaligas and Lingayats by two per cent each, the Supreme Court on Thursday observed the deci-

"flawed' A bench of Justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna said from the records tabled before the court it appears that the Karnataka Government's decision is based on "absolutely fallacious assumption".

sion prima facie appeared to be

on a "highly shaky ground" and

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Dushyant Dave and Gopal Sankarnarayanan, appearing for members of the Muslim community from



Karnataka said no study was conducted and there was no empirical data available with the Government to scrap the quota for Muslims.

Solicitor General Tushar appearing for Mehta, Karnataka, sought some time to file replies to the petitions and assured the bench that no appointments and admissions will be made in the meantime based on the March 24 Government order which has been challenged by the peti-

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for members of the Vokkaliga and Lingayat communities, said no interim order should be passed without allowing them to place their response to the petitions. The bench posted the mat-

ter for further hearing on April

18 and asked Mehta and Rohatgi to file their responses. The State Government decided to scrap the four per cent reservation for Muslims in government jobs and educa-

tional institutions weeks ahead

of the state assembly polls on May 10. The State Government announced two new categories for reservation and divided the four per cent Muslim quota between the Vokkaligas and Lingayats, the two numerically dominant and politically influential communities. Muslims eligible for quotas

economically weaker sections. The State Government's decision has pushed the reservation limit to around 57 per

were categorised under the

CAPSULE

ASIDE CBI PROBE VERDICT New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday set aside a Calcutta High Court order for a CBI probe in the alleged attack on Union Minister Nisith Pramanik's convoy during a visit to his constituency in West Bengal in February this year and directed fresh adjudication of the PIL filed by BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari on the issue

TRUCK RUNS OVER PILGRIMS, 7 KILLED

Hoshiarpur: Seven pilgrims, including five women, on their way to celebrate Baisakhi at Khuralgarh Sahib in the district were killed while ten were injured after being run over by a truck near here early Thursday, police said.

SEARCH ON TO NAB JAWANS' KILLERS

Bathinda/New Delhi: A massive hunt is underway on Thursday to nab the assailants behind the killing of four soldiers in a firing incident at the Bathinda Military station even as base reported death of another personnel due to aunshot wounds

Atiq gets 5-day police remand: wife wants to surrender

Prayagraj: A Prayagraj court on Thursday sent gangster-politician Atiq Ahmad and his shot at Umesh, was killed. Umesh Pal, a key witness in the 2005 murder case of then brother Ashraf to 14-day judicial custody and also allowed BSP MLA Raju Pal, and his two police security guards were five-day police remand in connection with the Umesh Pal shot dead outside his home in Prayagraj's Dhoomanganj area on February 24 this year. murder case.

shooters. Earlier Arbaaz was

killed in the first encounter on February 27 in Prayagraj.

Arbaaz was driving the Čreta

car in which the assailants had

reached Umesh Pal's house. Asad was also in it. The second

encounter took place on March 6. In this, Vijay Chaudhary,

alias Usman, who fired the first

daughter's husband. I express

father. Justice has been done,"

Jaya told the media, adding she

hoped strict action would be

Umesh Pal's mother said.

The two gunners who were

killed in broad daylight today

had committed a sin. They

have been punished today. We

have faith, we will get complete

the Bahujan Samaj Party have

demanded an investigation into the Jhansi shootout, suggesting

that the Special Task Force

staged a fake encounter.

The Samajwadi Party and

taken against other accused.

His wife Jaya Pal had Ahmad and Ashraf, alias lodged a report on February 25 against Atiq Ahmad, his broth-er Ashraf, Asad, Ghulam and Khalid Azim, will be kept in judicial custody till April 26, said advocate Vikram Singh, the counsel for Umesh Pal's Reacting to the news of the encounter, Umesh Pal's family wife Java.

Singh said after arguments thanked Chief Minister Yogi on the application submitted by Adityanath and the police police seeking their custody administration.
"Whatever they have done were completed, the court allowed five-day police remand is right. He (the chief minister) of the duo which will remain has punished the killer of his effective till evening of April 17.

> He said that the next date fixed for April 26. Meanwhile, sources said

Atiq's wife Shaista Parveen wants to surrender before police in order to have access to the last look at her son Asad who was killed in an encounter with UP STF in

Jhanshi — before his last rite.

ED books BBC India for foreign funds violations

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has registered a case under Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) against British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) India for alleged foreign exchange violations.

The agency also sum-moned BBC staffers for questioning following which its Deputy Managing Editor deposed on Thursday. The ED action came nearly two months after the Income-Tax Department surveyed the BBC Mumbai on February 14. The survey operation lasted for three days. The FEMA case was registered about two weeks back to essentially probe purported foreign direct investment (FDI) violations by the company and related instances, according to officials.



The ED has called for documents and the recording of statements of some company executives and a team of lawyers representing the company has already submitted some financial documents last week, they added.

Rahul plea to stay conviction in Modi defamation case: Verdict on Apr 20

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

A Surat court on Thursday said it would pronounce on April 20 the order on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea for a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark, made exactly four years ago during a poll rally.

After hearing arguments from both sides, additional sessions judge RP Mogera said he will pronounce the order on April 20

A metropolitan magistrate's court in Surat had on March 23 sentenced the former Congress chief to two years in jail after holding him quilty for hi remark "how come all thieves have Modi as the common surname", made during an election rally in 2019.

Rahul, who was disqualified as MP after the conviction, filed an appeal before the sessions court here against the

Pawar meets Kharge; **Manjhi-Shah meeting** triggers speculation

PNS NEW DELHI

On a day NCP supremo Sharad Pawar met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Rahul Gandhi and other top leaders of the Congress in the national Capital for Opposition unity, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's ally Jitan Ram Manjhi set political circles abuzz with a meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah on

Thursday.
The development came amid the Janata Dal (United) leader's talks with several Opposition leaders as part of against the BJP.

Manihi, however, sought to quell any speculation and reiterated that Nitish has all the qualities to become the country's Prime Minister.

He asserted that he has sworn to remain with Nitish and rejected any possibility of

joining hands with the BJP, say ing it has spoken against the existence of small parties like his. During his 2-day Delhi visit, Nitish interacted with

Kharge and Rahul and CPI's D Raja, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal accompanied by Bihar Deputy CM and RLD leader Tejashwi Yadav during his two days to Delhi. Oneried from Wednesday's meeting,

Pawar said he was asked to join the meeting in Delhi but was unable to do so as he had work in Pune. The leaders are likely to take forward unity talks as more deliberations are expected in the coming days.

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Covid 8-month high at 10K+, but just 1 of 1K patients hospitalised

justice.

mid warning that Covid Acases in the country will peak in the next couple of weeks, India on Thursday recorded a single-day rise of 10,158 new infections, highest in nearly eight months and up by 30 per cent over the previous day, according to the Union Health Ministry data.

However, low hospitalisation has come as a breather. "Currently, the hospitalisation ratio is 1:1,000 and this is not a wave. It may be an endemic cycle of Covid-19," officials in the Union Health Ministry said. The daily positivity rate was recorded at 4.42 per cent while the weekly positivity rate was 4.02 per cent. The active cases now constitute 0.10 per cent of the total infections, as per the Union Health Ministry

AIIMS, Delhi, has issued an advisory for its staff to follow Covid-19 appropriate behaviour saying that people "must use reusable cloth face cover/surgical mask in the workplace. Ensure proper



cleaning and frequent sanitation of the workplace, particularly of the frequently touched

A few AIIMS doctors too have tested Covid positive with a newborn diagnosed with Covid-19 at Delhi's LNJP Hospital.

The number of active cases has increased to 44,998, the data updated on Thursday showed. India had reported 7,830 coronavirus infections on Wednesday. The nationwide Covid-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.71 per cent, according to the Health

Ministry website. The case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.



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GUEST COLUMN

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana: credit saturation for livelihoods

By SOUMYA KANTI GHOSH

As India's Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) completed eight years on April 8, we can glance back at the changes wrought by this mass credit saturation programme that was envisaged during the bleak days of 2014-15 when our formal financial sector was reeling under bad loans, especially its impact on the sociocultural fabric of the country. The PMMY is one of the flagship schemes of the Union government to encourage self-employment. The scheme targets micro and own-account enterprises that constitute a vibrant business ecosystem in India. Micro enterprises are mostly engaged in manufacturing, processing, trading and services, and many of these units are singleownership businesses.

The country's formal or institutional architecture was unable to reach out to them and meet their financial re-

Fairly even spread

quirements. These units were

largely self-financed or reliant

on either personal networks

or moneylenders. With this

gap kept in mind, the PMMY

was floated with the objective

to create an easily accessible

bridge between a large un-

banked sector and formal

lenders. Launched in 2015,

PMMY provides collateral-

free institutional credit up to

Rs 10 lakh, as provided by

Member Lending Institutions

(MLIs): i.e., Scheduled Com-

mercial Banks (SCBs), Re-

gional Rural Banks (RRBs),

Non-Banking Financial Com-

panies (NBFCs) and Micro Fi-

Under the aegis of the

PMMY, the Micro Units De-

velopment and Refinance

Agency (MUDRA) created

three sub-schemes that differ

by the loan amount: Shishu

(for loans up to Rs 50,000),

Kishore (Rs 50,001 - Rs five

lakh) and Tarun (Rs 500,001-

Rs 10 lakh). The names

Shishu, Kishore and Tarun

also signify the stage of the

beneficiary micro unit's growth or development and

its funding needs. Any indi-

vidual who is otherwise eligi-

ble to take a loan and has a

business plan for a small busi-

ness enterprise can avail of

Since its launch, the scheme

has undergone numerous

changes. Its target area, for ex-

ample, has been widened to

onducting a successful

✓surgery on a 53 -year-

old woman Kyami Devi

from Uttarkashi district the

doctors of Himalayan Hos-

pital in Dehradun removed

a betel nut piece from her

lung through bronchoscopy,

thus giving her a new lease

of life. As per the hospital,

the patient was admitted in

the department of respira-

tory medicine on March 18.

She underwent regular in-

vestigations and subse-

quently CECT of thorax was

performed on her which was

It revealed that a foreign

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body was found in her right

which was causing complete

obstruction of the right

lower lobe of lung. The doc-

tors decided to remove the

foreign body. The foreign

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followed by bronchoscopy.

Doctors remove betel

nut from woman's lung

credit under the scheme.

PNS DEHRADUN

nance Institutions (MFIs).

Mudra loans display a reasonably good distribution across India's states.

maximise its positive economic impact. Initially, the PMMY covered income- generating activity only in the sectors of manufacturing, trading and services. However, since 2016-17, activities allied with agriculture and their support services promoting livelihoods have been brought under its ambit; since 2017-18, loans have been sanctioned for the purchase of tractors and power tillers; and from 2018-19, loans to buy two wheelers for commercial purposes have also been in-

Total disbursement under the scheme showed an average 33 per cent growth in its first three years, indicating that its unique selling proposition was well received. The outbreak of the Covid pandemic and subsequent slowdown in economic activity impacted the demand for these loans. During this phase, a special

relief provision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) permitted

all lending institutions to

grant a moratorium of six

months on the payment of all

instalments under the scheme.

After the economy's re-

opening, loan demand under

the PMMY has gathered pace.

In most categories, disburse-

ments have surpassed pre-

Covid levels. Data as on

March 24, 2023 puts the

scheme's cumulative disburse

amount at Rs 22.65 trillion.

The share of Shishu loans is

the highest, at 40 per cent, suggesting that the PMMY

has largely supported first-

time entrepreneurs. The

PMMY's economic impact is

now well established. As per

survey results of the ministry

of labour and employment,

the scheme had helped in gen-

erating 11.2 million net addi-

tional jobs during the period

The social impact of the

PMMY is a much deeper story

and can be understood at

three levels. These three levels

include the scheme's impact

on broad social groups,

women and members of mi-

nority communities. In terms

of the first, the PMMY has

benefitted all segments of In-

dian society: General, Sched-

ule Caste/Tribe (SC/ST)

groups and Other Backward

Classes (OBCs). The increas-

ing participation of OBCs

and SCs in availing these

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made functional. Her gen-

eral condition improved

soon and she was dis-

charged on improvement.

The team involved in the

complex surgery included

Dr Rakhee Khanduri, Dr

Rahul Gupta, Dr Sonu, Dr

Amita Mason, Dr Sammi

Pundir and Dr Lakshay

The Chancellor of the

Viiav Dhasmana has con-

gratulated the team of doc-

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After a check

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2015 to 2018.

dication of the scheme's out-

loans in recent times is an in-

One of the scheme's most commendable achievements is its impetus to women's entrepreneurship. In its cumulative data since inception, the share of accounts held by women is as high as 69 per cent, while the share of women in the sanction list is 45 per cent. Disbursements to women entrepreneurs registered an average growth of 23 per cent in the scheme's first four years. In 2022, it surpassed its pre-Covid level, registering a robust growth of 28

The PMMY also fares well on other measures of inclusivity. The scheme has been able to cater to the requirements of minorities. Loans to members of minority groups touched an all-time high in 2022, with their overall share at 10 per

cent, with Shishu and Kishore loans accounting for 85 per cent of total cumulative disbursement.

the Since PMMY is a national scheme, its spatial dispersion is an imporconsideration from the point of view of balanced economic growth. One of the objectives of

been to bridge the divide between the thriving western and lagging eastern parts of the country. A Herfindahl Concentration Index estimate of the number of accounts and disbursed amounts shows significant dispersion across states and products. This indicates an impressive geographical

States such as Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Bihar have recorded all-round gains from the PMMY. West Bengal and Tripura have also seen a rise in their total share (and also in the Kishore and Tarun categories), indicating an eastward flow of beneficiaries. Developed regions such as the national capital region, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Goa have seen their shares decline, even though they dominate the scheme in ab-

Overall, the PMMY has achieved its objectives of equitable and fair spatial distribution of benefits during its ninth year of operation by fostering self employment across social groups, doubling the participation rate of women over that observed in commercial-bank lending

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In the coming years, it is imperative that the PMMY reaps the benefits of 5G technology and e-commerce, even as Mudra cards are popularised further. Encouraging the registration and formalization of own-account enterprises could be another way of taking this scheme to new

The celebrated anthropologist Oscar Lewis had once argued in his seminal work, The Children of Sanchez, that a "culture of poverty" tends to perpetuate itself over time, often transcending boundaries. The PMMY, in a short span, has not only attacked and altered the course of this culture of poverty, but infused a sense of vibrancy and cando spirit in the Indian microcredit ecosystem. The PMMY has clearly been an uncommon solution to 'common problems'.

(The author is group chief economic advisor, State Bank of India. Views expressed are personal)

HC grants one month to probe allegations against Roorkee mayor

PNS NAINITAL

The Uttarakhand High Court has agreed to the request made by Housing and Urban Development secretary Deependra Chaudhary who sought one month to act per the orders of the court regarding allegations leveled at the Roorkee mayor Gauray Goel. The court issued this direction while hearing a public interest litigation regarding alleged misuse of position by the Roorkee mayor. Chaudhary appeared in the court on Thursday and stated that the court's earlier orders are being implemented.

sought one month to complete the process. The division bench of chief justice Vipin Sanghi and justice Alok Kumar Verma agreed to the request.

In the past the court had directed the government to allegations leveled at the mayor and take action under the relevant act within two months. Later, the court had issued a contempt notice to the Housing and Urban Development secretary for not observing the earlier orders of the court and had ordered him to appear in the

Roorkee resident Amit Agrawal had filed the PIL alleging that the Roorkee mayor had misused his position. The petitioner has alleged that

demanded Rs 25 lakh for renewing the lease on a land plot. The phone call was recorded and the voice sample

court on April 13.

Goel made a phone call and was sent to the forensic laboratory where it was found to be matching the voice of the mayor. The petitioner has fur-

woman employee in a false case and purportedly exerted pressure on her to grant him favours to make him withdraw the case. The police had lodged a case and filed the final report. However,

the lower court had rejected the police report and had directed that the matter be investigated again, the

petitioner has stated.

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1	16/SrDEE/G/MB/2023 :- Electrical work for ABSS: Upgradation of HRW stations of Moradabad Division under Amrit Bharat Scheme.	13330133.02 (including GST)	Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's	216700.00	6 (Six) Months	Tender will be received upto 15:00 hrs and opened at 15:00 hrs on 04.05.2023	website www.ireps.gov.i Divisional Railwa Manager's office Northern
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नगर पालिका परिषद, मुनिकीरेती-ढालवाला टि<u>ह</u>री गढ़वाल

पत्रांक 39 / निविदा सूचना / 2023-24 निविदा सूचना

एतत द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर पालिका परिषद, मुनिकीरेती–ढालवाला द्वारा निकाय निधि / राज्य वित्त आयोग / 15 वां वित्त आयोग एवं स्वच्छ भारत मिशन के अन्तर्गत नगर क्षेत्र में जी— 20 एवं चार धाम यात्रा के दुष्टिगत आस्था पथ पर निर्मित सार्वजनिक शौचालय में फसाड से सौनदर्यकरण का कार्य किया जाना है। जिस हेतु इच्छुक ठेकेदारो / फर्मों / कम्पनियों से निविदायें कार्यालय नगर पालिका परिषद, मुनिकीरेती– ढालवाला में दिनांक 27.04.2023 को अपरान्ह 02:00 बजे तक निविदा दो लिफाफा प्रणाली (Double bid system) के अन्तर्गत ''तकनीकी भाव पत्र'' (Technicial Bid) एवं ''वित्तीय भाव पत्र'' (Financial Bid) के माध्यम से दरें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। जो कि उसी दिन सायं 4:00 बजे निविदा समिति के द्वारा निविदादाताओं के सम्मुख खोली जायेंगी। तकनीकी बिड में सफल निविदादाताओ की ही वित्तिय बिड निविदा द्वितीय चरण में खोली जायेगी । निविदा प्रपत्र पालिका कार्यालय, मुनिकीरेती—ढालवाला से दिनांक 26.04.2023 तक सायं 04:00 बजे तक निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य जी०एस०टी० सहित कुल कार्यालय में नगद / बैंक ड्राफ्ट जमा कर प्राप्त किये जा सकते है। कार्य सम्बन्धी विस्तृत सूचना एवं अन्य निविदा शर्तें निविदा प्रपत्र के साथ संलग्न हैं। जो कि कार्यालय, मुनिकीरेती— ढालवाला में किसी भी कार्यदिवस में देखी जा सकती हैं। निविदा को बिना कारण बताये स्वीकृत / अस्वीकृत / निरस्त करने का अधिकार अध्यक्ष, निविदा समिति को होगा।

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rise alarmingly in Uttarakhand

Death of one patient, 106 new cases reported on Thursday

PNS DEHRADUN

Ahead of the start of the Char Dham Yatra the surge in the cases of the Covid-19 in Uttarakhand is continuing unabatedly. After reporting 198 new cases of the disease in the last two days, the State health department reported 106 new cases of Covid-19 from different parts of the State on Thursday. One patient of the disease was reported from the Government Medical College (GDMC) hospital on the day.



The authorities reported 54 new cases of Covid-19 from Dehradun on Thursday. The department also found 23 new cases of the disease in Nainital, six in Haridwar, five

each in Almora and Uttarkashi, three each in Chamoli and Pithoragarh, two each in Bageshwar, Champawat and Pauri and one in Udham Singh Nagar on the day. The authorities declared 49 patients cured from the disease on the day. The department has so far detected 896 new cases of the disease from January 1 this year in the State . A total of 634 patients have recovered from the disease so far. A total

of seven patients have lost their lives from the disease since January 1 this year in the State. The State now has 255 active patients of C o v i d - 1 9. Dehradun has 100 active cases of the disease while there are 53 in Nainital, 28 in Haridwar, 16 in Almora, 11 in Ut-

tarkashi, nine in Tehri, eight each in Chamoli and Pauri, six in Bageshwar, five in Udham Singh Nagar, three in Pithoragarh and one active case in Rudraprayag.

Covid -19 cases | May 31 last date for GPS | Health secretary inspects installation to operate on **Char Dham routes: Dass**

PNS DEHRADUN

All vehicle operators interested in operating on Char Dham routes will have to compulsorily install GPS tracking devices by May 31. The Transport department tend the date beyond May 31 as it is mandatory as per the guidelines of the central government. He said that the department has also started issuing green cards and so far,

those killed in Roadways bus accidents. He said that in this ex gratia amount, Rs five lakh will be issued by the Roadways and Rs two lakh by the transport department. The amount



will not issue trip cards to public transport vehicles without GPS after May 31 which is mandatory for vehicle operators, said the transport minister Chandan Ram Dass on Thursday. He said that the department has decided to give about two months time to install GPS on the appeal of the vehicle operators, but the state government is not likely to ex-

the department has issued over only 200 cards. He said that the vehicle operators have also asked to issue green cards till May 31 and assured that they will complete all the mandatory procedures in the stipulated time. Dass also informed that the State government will now provide Rs seven lakh as an ex gratia amount to the families of

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Welcoming the initiative taken by Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar, Con-

gress president Mallikariun

Kharge and Congress leader

Rahul Gandhi of uniting the

opposition parties against the

BJP, the Pradesh Congress

Committee (PCC) president

Karan Mahara has said that a

united stand to protect the

democracy is the need of the

hour. He said that the meet-

ing of Nitesh Kumar and

other opposition leaders with Rahul Gandhi and Congress president Kharge is a historic initiative to take on the op-pressive policies of the Modi

government and misuse of

the central agencies. He

will be issued immediately after the accident without any compulsion of a magisterial probe into the matter, said the minister. He said that he has also issued an order to release Rs seven lakh to the family of the 40-year-old woman and her teenage daughter who died in a bus accident on the Mussoorie-Dehradun

united initiative against Modi

opined that the manner in

which the ruling BJP is try-

ing to stifle the voice of poor

and opposition parties, it has

become necessary to stand firmly to protect democracy

He said that the meeting of

opposition leaders in New

Delhi is a good sign for the

politics of the country. Ma-

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which the democratic insti-

tutions are being attacked and opposition leaders tar-

geted by the central agencies,

the people of the country

want to get rid of the Modi

government. The PCC president said that opposition

Mahara lauds opposition

in the country.

Health ATMs on Yatra route

The Health secretary R Rajesh Kumar has said that the health services are being strengthened along the Char Dham Yatra route and the number of health ATMs would be increased soon.

Kumar inspected the health facilities in Srinagar in Pauri Garhwal on Thursday. Srinagar is a major station on the Char Dham Yatra route. Kumar also inspected the health ATMs installed at the sub district hospital Srinagar and Base hospital Srikot on the day. He directed the hospital administration that the health ATMs should be operated in a proper manner. He also directed that a technical person should be deployed in these ATMs so that the pilgrims do not face any problem in operating them. The health secretary directed the chief medical officer (CMO) of Pauri to make necessary arrangements for the Char Dham Yatra and directed the paramedical and other staff to work with promptness during the Yatra. He said that the Hewlett Packard enterprises under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity have installed 50 health ATMs at different health centres located on Char Dham Yatra

A total 70 investigations including blood pressure (BP),

parties should become

united against the anti people

policies of the Modi govern-

ment and these leaders have

made a beginning in this di-

rection. He also welcomed

the statement of Congress

president Kharge and Rahul Gandhi in which they have

appealed to the opposition

parties to pose a united front to develop a new vision.

The vice president of Ut-

tarakhand Congress Mathura

Dutt Joshi said that the Modi

government has defamed

democracy by using the cen-

tral agencies only against the leaders of opposition parties.



gen level, BMI, body fat index, dehydration and pulse rate would be done free of cost in these health ATMs

The secretary also directed the designated officer food safety of Pauri to undertake

an extensive campaign to check the quality of food being served in different hotels and restaurants in the Yatra route. The CMO of Pauri Dr Pravin Kumar, Principal Srinagar medical college Dr CMS Rawat and others were present on the occasion.

400 doctors to be deployed on Yatra route

The health department would deploy a total of 400 doctors in the health centres located on the Char Dham Yatra routes during the Yatra. These doctors would be deployed for a period of 15 days on a rotational basis. On the orders of health minister Dhan Singh Rawat the health

department has reduced the duty days from 30 to 15 this year. Apart from doctors, paramedics and other health workers would also be deployed on the Char Dham Yatra route. The department would pay special allowance for the personnel deployed on the Yatra route.

MCH to deploy 250 additional workers for sanitation during **Char Dham Yatra**

PURNIMA BISHT DEHRADUN

The Municipal Corpora- ■ tion of Haridwar (MCH) will deploy 250 additional workers to maintain the desired level of sanitation at all Ganga Ghats and areas visited pilgrims during Char Dham Yatra. The sanitation workers will also carry

out sanitation related duties at night from April 20 due to the considerable number of visitors during the daytime, said the Haridwar municipal commissioner Dayanand Saraswati. He told The Pioneer that Char Dham Yatra is scheduled to commence from April 22 and the corporation has done all preparations to ensure pilgrims do not have to face inconvenience on their routes. He informed that MCH recently installed one water ATM and will set 19 more across the city to provide cheap and clean potable water to tourists and pilgrims during the

PNS DEHRADUN

The Union minister of

▲ Commerce and Industry,

and Consumer Affairs minis-

ter Piyush Goyal will reach

Pithoragarh on April 16 as

part of efforts to take forward

the Vibrant Village pro-

gramme. He is the third

Union minister visiting Ut-

tarakhand during the past two

months to check aspects of the

Vibrant Village programme's

execution in parts of the State.

The Bharatiya Janata Pary

State spokesman Suresh Joshi

informed that during his visit,

Goyal will survey the develop-

ment schemes in the border

area and spend a night in the

Gunji village. Joshi said that

Prime Minister Narendra

Char Dham Yatra. A person will be able to get one litre of clean water for just Rs one through these ATMs, said Saraswati. He said, "The corporation aims to provide affordable, clean and quality water to pilgrims on the Yatra



Goyal to arrive in Pithoragarh

to check Vibrant Village works

route through water ATMs which will also reduce their dependence on plastic water bottles which becomes a major source of environmental degradation. We have also provided the facility at ATMs to pay Rs one digitally if one

does not have change." He said that MCH will also construct 20 smart public toilets ahead of Char Dham Yatra. "The renova-tion work of old toilets is also being done and we will also buy five new mobile toilets to use as per the requirement," said the commissioner. He said that the tender of deploying 250 workers to manage sanitation conditions dur ing Yatra will open soon too. "Besides this, 100 additional dustbins will also be placed at various locations to prevent littering. We have also formed a task force to impose penalties on those using banned plastic products," said

During his visit, the Union

minister will also seek infor-

mation about the develop-

ment schemes of the Centre

being implemented here and

interact with the local resi-

dents about their issues. Joshi

thanked PM Modi for follow-

ing up on his promise to

make the pilgrimage to

Kailash Mansarovar easier.

He said that in 1980 it used to

take 17 days of hard journey

to reach Kailash Mansarovar

through the Dharchula-Lip-

ulekh border but now due to

the efforts of the Central gov-

ernment a road has been con-

structed upto the border due

to which the duration has

been shortened considerably

to half an hour.

Teenager and a man killed in car accident in Tyuni

PNS DEHRADUN

wo people including a 14year-old boy died in a car accident on Raigi Road in Tyuni area of Dehradun district on Thursday. The car was carrying five people including three children when the driver reportedly lost control and the car fell into a 400-metre deep gorge at around 3 PM. The officials said that the district control room informed the police about the accident at 3:30 PM which subsequently apprised the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) about the accident. The police team reached the accident site which was about 12 kilometres away from the police station. The officials said that the police team found out that three people including a sixyear-old boy were seriously injured and two were dead. The SDRF team and police

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with the help of locals recovered the bodies of the injured and were immediately taken to the hospital. The police have identified the injured as the driver Deewan Singh (40), Ritik Chauhan (16) and Naksh Chauhan. The police also retrieved two bodies- Bunty Singh (14) and Chandan Singh (30). All the victims were residents of nearby Jhumra village who were on their way to Tyuni when the accident took place, officials said. The police carried out Panchnama of bodies and will proceed with further proceedings as per the law, said offi-

9 health ATMs installed on Yatra route in Chamoli

PNS JOSHIMATH

The Health department has installed nine health ATMs on the Badrinath and Hemkund/Lokpal Yatra routes while the 10th is being installed in Badrinath. Health secretary R Ra-jesh Kumar arrived in Chamoli district to check the arrangements for the Char Dham Yatra. He inauin Narayanbagad, Badrinath, Gauchar, Ghangharia, Peepalkoti, Govindghat, Pandukeshwar and the trauma centres in Karn-prayag, Gairsain and Joshimath. One health ATM will be installed soon in Badrinath, he said. A health ATM enables the user to check blood pressure, sugar level,



gurated health ATMs at primary health centres at Gauchar and Karnprayag. Chief medical officer Dr Rajiv Sharma said that the installation of 10 health ATMs was approved on the route to Badrinath. Following the approval, the health ATMs have been installed at the primary health centres

weight, height, body temperature, oxygen saturation level, body mass index, body fat, dehydration, pulse rate and other aspects. The CMO further said that the technical staff members who will work with the health ATMs have also been provided training.



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upload किये जायेगें। Sale notice for sale of

Arya transfers Rs 1.87 crore to MVY beneficiaries

Modi has a special affection

for Uttarakhand due to which

Union ministers are visiting

the State frequently to check

the progress of development

schemes. Goyal will reach the

border areas of Pithoragarh

district to check works being

undertaken as part of the Vi-

brant Village programme.

PNS DEHRADUN

The Women Empowerment and Child Development (WECD) minister Rekha Arya transferred Rs 1.87 crore to the bank accounts of 6,256 beneficiaries of Mukhyamantri Vatsalya Yojana (MVY) on Thursday. The amount of Rs 3,000 each was transferred by Arya for the month of March to MVY beneficairies. She said that the government is committed to taking care of such children who lost their parents or guardians to Covid or any other disease. She said that children who have lost one or both parents or the earning member of their family to the



Covid are being provided with free education, ration and health facilities besides providing monthly monetary support of Rs 3,000 till the age of 21 years. She asserted that protecting such children's assets and legal rights are also the department's responsibilities under this scheme till they turn 21.

children get said facilities as

She said that the government has also made horizontal reservation for such beneficiaries in government services. All officials concerned have been directed to ensure

per the scheme on time, added

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S. No.	Name of Branch and Account Name	Name of Borrower and Guarantor and	Details of Property	Outstanding dues as per demand notice	Date & Time of E auction Last date & time of submission of EMD and documents	A) Reserve price B) EMD C) BID Multiplier D) Customer ID	Contact details
1.		 Mrs. Harpreet Kaur Saini W/o Sh. Durga Saini (Borrower/Mortgagor), Khasra No. 1608, Mohalla- Pandeywala, Jwalapur, Pargana- Jwalapur, Haridwar (UK). Guarantor: Mr. Durga Saini S/o Sh. Tara Chand Saini, H.No. 434, Rawali Mahdud, Near Sidcul, PO- Bahadrabad, Hairdwar (UK)-249402. 	Mohalla- Pandeywala, Jwalapur, Pargana- Jwalapur, Haridwar (UK) measuring Total land area 808.2235 sq.ft. Total Covered area 1600 sq.ft. and bounded as: As per documents: Boundaries: East: House of others, West: House of others,	as on 30.11.2022 + interest and other charges thereon from 01.12.2022	11.00 AM to 2.00 PM	A) Rs. 39,63,000/- B) Rs. 3,96,300/- C) Rs. 10,000/- D) IDIBGB0R673900	Branch Manager Mob.: 9500234630
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This is different India, can meet security challenges: EAM

SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/KAMPALA, UGANDA

Giving a tough message to Pakistan and China, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said this is a "different India" that can meet its national security challenges. He also Indian soldiers have now the "full backing, they have the right equipment and the infrastructure.

Making these assertions while addressing the Indian community in Uganda late Wednesday, he said forces, who indulged in cross-border terrorism against India for "different India" which will give them a reply. He emphasized that today the country can meet its national security challenges posed by Pakistan and China while underlining the transformation of the coun-

Speaking about the challenges India faces on its borders, Jaishankar said: "Today, people see a different India that is willing to stand up and India



which will meet its national security challenges whether it is Uri or whether it is Balakot."

He was referring to the 2016 Uri attack by Jaish-e-Mohammed(JeM) insurgents from Pakistan against an Indian Army brigade headquarters and the 2019 Balakot airstrike conducted by Indian warplanes in Balakot, Pakistan against a terrorist training

"Today, the forces which indulged in cross-border terrorism against India for decades and which India tolerated, they now know this is a different India and this India will give them a reply," he said. As regards challenges on

the border with China, Jaishankar said "For the last three years, in violation of the agreements, the Chinese have brought large forces," he said. Today the Indian military is deployed at great heights and in very tough conditions, he

This situation is different from the past as Indian soldiers have now the "full backing, they have the right equipment and the infrastructure," he said. He acknowledged that more work has to be done to develop the infrastructure on the border with China as it has been neglected in the past.

"This is a different India which will stand up for its recognise that," he said. Today, he said India's policies are not impacted by any outside pressure. "It is a more independent India," he said.

Today, India cannot be put under pressure by countries that will "tell us where we should buy our oil and where we should not buy our oil."

"This is an India which will

do what is in the interest of its citizens, its consumers," he

India has been snapping Russian oil available at a discount after the West sanctioned Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine. India continues to buy Russian oil in large

He said some people felt "bad" when India joined the In November 2017, India,

Japan, the US and Australia gave shape to the long-pending proposal of setting up the "Quad" to develop a new strategy to keep the critical sea routes in the Indo-Pacific free of any influence. China has been criticising the formation

was aimed at containing Beijing's rise.

In 2007, Jaishankar said Quad had come up but they bent to pressure and gave up. "But this time we are very clear that if the Quad is in global interest and is good for the world it is good for us," he said, adding India will do whatever is necessary for the global

Jaishankar said today's India is an Atmanirbhar (selfreliant) country.

"Atmanirbhar Bharat at the end of the day is actually a confidence that we are capable of many things. We need a leader who gives us the confidence that we can realise that capability and who can give us the policies that will enable us to go in that direction and it is happening," he said.

This is today a different India which will take positions which will be determined by India's national interest and "that is very much that you can actually see in the personality of Prime Minister (Narendra)

Army, IAF joint exercise in Eastern Theatre to meet any Chinese threat

NEW DELHI

With the objective of honing their operational readiness in meeting any challenge from China, the strate-gic forces of the Indian Army including its elite commandos of the Shatrujeet Brigade and IAF in the first week of April jointly conducted a multi domain exercise in the Eastern

China had tried to change the status quo at the Line of Actual Control(LAC)in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh on December nine last year. It led to a clash between the troops from both the sides and some soldiers from both the armies also received injuries.

The drill was undertaken to validate joint plans for strategic airlift of specialised forces employing IAF fixed

and rotary wing platforms by landing and dropping in designated areas for undertaking kinetic actions to provide surge to ongoing operations by

Such Special Operations Exercises are a mix of conventional and unconventional military actions that are undertaken by specially designated, selected, trained and

regular land forces, sources

said here on Thursday.

equipped units.
The C17 Globemaster

transport aircraft, Chinooks and Mi 17s helicopters undertook multi-mode insertion into designated greenfield landing zones with surgical

Paratroopers from the Shatrujeet Brigade conducted special heliborne operations with the aim of validating their ability to rapidly deploy into hostile environment using Chinooks and Mi17 helicopters to augment the capability of the regular ground forces.

Opp slams Govt for omitting Maulana Azad's name from NCERT textbook

Yet another omission, this time removal of references to freedom fighter and India's first Education Minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad from the new class 11 political science textbook by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), has invited sharp reaction from the Opposition parties.
While Congress lashed out

at the Government saying there is a concerted attempt to "rewrite" history and pass on a "distorted legacy built on lies", CPI(M) alleged that such "vengeful rewriting of history" is aimed at creating a false nar-rative to further the RSS' "ideological projects".

The NCERT has, however, claimed that no curriculum trimming has taken place this year and the syllabus was ratio-



nalised in June, last year.

As part of its "syllabus rationalisation" exercise last year, the NCERT, citing "overlapping" and "irrelevant" as reasons, dropped certain portions from the course including lessons on Gujarat riots, Mughal courts, Emergency, Cold War, Naxalite movement, among others from its textbooks. The rationalisation note had no mention of any changes in class 11 political science text"Certain changes not finding mention of in the rationalised content book could be an 'oversight," NCERT Director Dinesh Saklani reiterated.

In the class 11 political science textbook's first chapter, titled 'Constitution - Why and How, a line has been revised to omit Azad's name from the constituent assembly committee meetings. The revised line now reads, "Usually, Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajendra Prasad, Sardar Patel or BR Ambedkar chaired

In the tenth chapter of the same textbook, titled "The Philosophy of the Constitution", the reference to Jammu and Kashmir's conditional accession has also been deleted.

"For example, the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to the Indian union was based on a commitment to safeguard its autonomy under Article 370 of the Constitution," says the dropped paragraph.

Tender apology for anti-judiciary remarks: SC orders Lalit Modi

The Supreme Court on Thursday came down heavily on ex-IPL commissioner Lalit Modi over his remarks against the judiciary made in social media posts and directed him to tender an unconditional apology on social media platforms and national newspapers. Observing that Modi is not above law and the institution, a Bench of Justices MR Shah and CT Ravikumar warned any repeat of such conduct will be viewed very seriously.

The apex court also directed him to file an affidavit before it tendering an apology and stating no such posts will be made in future which would tantamount, even remotely, to tarnishing the image of the Indian judiciary. "We have



gone through the counter affidavit filed by the respondent (Modi). We are not at all satisfied with the explanation given. We are of the view even the clarification would tarnish the image of the judiciary. Counsel for respondent

AM Singhvi has stated at bar that an unconditional apology would be tendered in all social media where he has followers and leading newspapers at Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Madras and Kolkata editions," the Bench said while posting the matter for further hearing on April 24.

ED takes Chanda's statement in land-for-jobs scam

The Enforcement Directorate
(ED) on Thursday recorded
the statement of RJD chief Lalu
Prasad Yadav's daughter
Chanda Yadav in a money laundering case linked to the land-for-jobs 'scam' in the railway. Chanda Yadav's statement

was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) during her deposition before the ED. She is the fourth child of Lalu, a former Railway Minister, to have deposed before the ED in this case till now. Lalu has nine

On Wednesday, his other daughter Ragini Yadav was questioned. Earlier, his MP daughter Misa Bharti and his son and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav have also been questioned at the agency's office here.

In March, the agency had searched the premises of



Yadav and Hema Yadav, and former RJD MLA Abu Dojana in Patna, Phulwari Sharif, Delhi-NCR, Ranchi and Mumbai. The ED had on Monday questioned and recorded the statement of Tejashwi Yadav in this case.

Misa Bharti was similarly questioned by the ED in this case on March 25, the same day Tejashwi Yadav had deposed before the CBI.

Both the central agencies recently initiated action in the case, with the CBI questioning Lalu Prasad and his wife and former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi and the ED carrying out raids against the RJD chief's

Congressional Caucus meet on Apr 26 to boost **US-India** ties

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The Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans has announced a meeting to strengthen US-India partnership by bringing key stakeholders together. It is the first of its kind meeting at the US Congress and will take place on April 26. The meeting has bipartisan support and has gained momentum in the past

"I am very excited that leading members of the Indian American community, senior members of the Congress, critical Administration leaders and foreign policy experts will be convening on April 26 to chart out a comprehensive strategy for strengthening US-India part-nership," Indian American Congressman Ro Khanna said late Wednesday.

IAF's Rafale's to take part in multilateral **Exercise Orion in France**



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An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent will depart on Friday for France to participate in multilateral Exercise Orion at Mont-de-Marsan with IAF Rafale jets for the first time taking part in a drill abroad. The exercise is scheduled at Montde-Marsan, an air force base of the French Air and Space Force (FASF). The exercise will be conducted from April 17 to May five. The Indian contingent comprises four French built Rafale jets, two C-17,

two ll-78 aircraft and 165 air warriors. This will be the first overseas exercise for the IAF's Rafale aircraft, officials said here on Thursday.
Besides the IAF and the

FASF, Air Forces from Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, United

Kingdom, Spain and United States of America would also be flying in this multilateral exercise. Participation in this exercise would further enrich the employment philosophy of the India Air Force, by imbibing the best practices from other

Bengaluru company unveils chip that could revolutionise satellite-based navigation

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Tn a development that could **L**revolutionize satellite-based navigation in India and abroad, Elena Geo Systems, a Bengaluru-based space technology company on Thursday unveiled a chip that could form the core of the navigation, positioning and timing applications in India.

The chip works using navwith igation Indian Constellation (NavIC) or the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) satellites. Elena Geo Systems founder, Lt Colonel V S Velan handed over the chip to Chief of Defence Staff General (CDS) Anil Chauhan here in the presence of Samir V Kamat, Chairman, Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO).

The chip has many cores that service the requirements of



signal acquisition, regeneration, processing and the output interface and hence it is has been named as the NavIC processor. This will enable high precision and accuracy for all the three types of applications such as navigation, positioning and timing, providing India much needed self-reliance in this domain.

The company has been pursuing advance technologies to manufacture these chips and modules; some of which have been supplied to the Indian Army and plied to the Indian Army and some private entities. Elena Geo Systems, was incubated at IIT-Kharagpur in 2012 and is now a member of the Delhibased Indian Association.

Data on attacks on Christians not correct, Centre tells SC

The Centre on Thursday **I** disputed in the Supreme Court the figure pertaining to alleged attacks on Christian institutions and priests, terming the data "wrong" and claiming the petitioners wanted to keep "the pot boiling" to sully the image of the country abroad. The apex court was hearing a PIL filed by Rev. Peter Machado of the National Solidarity Forum, Rev. Vijayesh Lal of Evangelical Fellowship of India, and others claiming violence against Christians.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud was earlier told by the PIL petitioners that from 2021 to May 2022, 700 cases of violence against Christians were reported and a majority of those arrested were followers of the

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, referred to a report containing the case data

Chhattisgarh and said most of them related to disputes involving neighbours and, coincidentally, one of the parties happened to be a Christian.

He said the Bench, also including Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala, had taken note of the matter based on the figures provided by the PIL petitioners which were wrong. "The petitioner claimed that there are some 500 incidents where Christians were attacked. We sent everything to the State Governments. We collated all the information we got. The figure given by them, which obviously persuaded your lordships, was not correct," said Mehta, citing that Union Home Ministry has collated the responses from all the States. Altogether 38 such incidents were reported from Bihar, and as per the report, they pertained to fights between two neighbours of whom one happened to be a Christian.

Delhi HC speeds up appeal process in 2G scam cases

Speeding up the appeal process in 2G scam cases, the Delhi High Court on Thursday asked the CBI, ED, former Telecom Minister A Raja and others to file their submissions in the appeals challenging the acquittal by the trial court. Justice DK Sharma said the parties shall file brief written submissions not exceeding five pages. The CBI demanded day-to-day hearings and its counsel urged the court to list the matter on an early date when he would argue on the aspect of granting leave to appeal, the judge fixed the

matter for May 22 and 23.

The CBI and ED filed appeal against the trial court's verdict acquitting all accused persons on March 2018, five years ago. There were 95 listings and seven judges presided on the appeal process. At one point Justice Ñajmi Waziri in mid 2018, fined some accused for delaying the process and

trees at Delhi Ridge forest area.

"The matter requires urgent hearing. Fix anytime of the day for conducting day-today hearing in the matter," the CBI counsel submitted.

Though the CBI had earli-

r concluded its submissions on the issue of leave to appeal, it will have to argue the matter afresh due to change of the judge.

Leave to appeal is a formal

permission granted by a court to a party to challenge a decision in a higher court.

Earlier, the case was being heard on a day-to-day basis by Justice Brijesh Sethi, who retired on November 30 and had released the matter from his board on November 23 owing to paucity of time. Before retiring, Justice Sethi had decided various petitions and applications filed by the acquitted individuals and firms in the three cases arising out of the 2G scam probe lodged by the CBI and ED.

A Dialogu Nutritional Supplements

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur with Sports Secretary Sujata Chaturvedi and CEO of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, G K Rao at an event 'Paving the Path For Clean Sports – A Dialogue with stakeholders on risk associated with use of nutritional supplements by NADA' on Thursday.

IMD warns of heatwave in 4 States PNS ■ NEW DELHI schools till 16 April in the wake The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on

Thursday issued a heatwave warning for four states - West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Bihar - over the next three to four days. Earlier this month, the IMD predicted above-normal maximum temperatures for most parts of the country from April to June, except parts of the northwest and the peninsular regions.

parts of the western Himalayan

region and northeast India,

West Bengal, Sikkim, Odisha,

According to the IMD, heatwave conditions are likely Above-normal heatwave in isolated pockets of Gangetic West Bengal until April 17, north coastal Andhra Pradesh India during this period. and Odisha until April 15, and in Bihar from April 15 to 17. The IMD said that the maximum temperatures in several



coastal Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala are three to five notches above normal

days are expected in most parts of central, east, and northwest

The maximum temperatures in central and north peninsular India are hovering and adjoining East India are in the range of 40 to 42 degrees witnessing temperatures that Celsius at present. At present, are 2-3 degree Celsius above certain regions of Madhya the normal range. The Odisha Pradesh, Gujarat, interior government

Maharashtra, Odisha, and Telangana are experiencing maximum temperatures between 40 and 42 degree Celsius, while the other parts of the country have temperatures below 40 degrees Celsius. Additionally, some areas of Jammu & Kashmir, northeast,

has

of "intense heat wave conditions" in the state. The IMD said maximum temperatures are three to five notches above normal in many

parts of the western Himalayan region and northeast India, West Bengal, Sikkim, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. In an extended-range forecast, the IMD said heatwave conditions are likely over parts of Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh on some days between April 20 and April 26. A heat wave is declared if

the maximum temperature of a station reaches at least 40 degrees Celsius in the plains, at least 37 degrees in coastal areas and at least 30 degrees in hilly regions, and the departure from normal is at least 4.5

rise, light rain forecast in three districts

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The maximum temperature increased by three degrees Celsius to 35.1 degrees Celsius in Dehradun on Thursday. Other parts of the State also registered an increase in the maximum temperature by one to three degrees Celsius on Thursday. The State meteorological centre has forecast that the maximum temperatures are likely to increase by two to three degrees Celsius at many places in Uttarakhand dur-

ing the next four to five days. While Dehradun is likely to get hotter today, some parts of three mountainous districts may experience light rain. The meteorological centre has forecast that very light to light rain/thunderstorm/snow are likely to occur at isolated places in the higher reaches of . Uttarkashi, Čhamoli and



Pithoragarh districts on Friday. Dry weather is likely to prévail in remaining districts. The provisional State capital Dehradun is likely to witness mainly clear skies with the maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be about 36 degrees Celsius and 17 degrees Celsius respectively on Friday. The maximum and minimum temperatures

recorded in various parts of the State on Thursday were 35.1 degrees Celsius and 17.6 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun, 36.2 degrees Celsius and 14.4 degrees Celsius in Pantnagar, 25.3 degrees Celsius and 10.5 degrees Celsius in Mukteshwar and 25.3 degrees Celsius and 13.1 degrees Celsius in New

Temperatures likely to | Dhami releases video | song on corruption

PNS DEHRADUN

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami released a video song on corruption at his camp office on Thursday. The song mentions the steps

ernment for good gover-nance. He said that the song is a good medium to spread awareness on the action being taken on the corrupt by

Artists Om Torani and Urvarshi Shah have played lead roles in the song drama and the music composer is Vicky Juyal. MLA Mohan Singh,



taken by the Dhami government to prevent corruption in the State. Speaking on the occasion, the CM said that a brilliant effort is done in the song to showcase the works being done by the State gov-

the State government. The singer and composer Bhupendra Basera has used local languages to spread the message of zero tolerance on corruption of the government in the video.

secretary R Meenakshi Sundaram, director general of Information Banshidhar Tiwari, managing director of PTCUL PC Dhyani and others were present on the occa-

Ex-President Kovind to arrive in Doon today

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The former President of **▲** India, Ram Nath Kovind will arrive here on a threeday tour of Uttarakhand on Friday. He will stay in the Raj Bhawan in Dehradun during his tour. On April 15 and 16, the former President will participate

in various programmes at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Acad-Administration in Mussoorie. The governor Tieutenant general (retd) Gur-mit Singh will be present with him

during these events. Earlier, on Friday, Kovind will garland a statue of BR Ambedkar in Garhi cantonment. It will be recalled that during his visit to Dehradun as the President

in December 2021, Kovind had garlanded this statue and had mentioned to his staff about the statue being small in size. Taking serious cognisance of this observation, governor Singh requested the cantonment



board CEO to renovate the statue. The dimensions of the statue were increased and it was renovated to improve its appearance.

Leadership workshop concludes at **Sherwood College**

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Athree-day leadership workshop concluded at Sherwood College here on Thursday. The students along with their parents attended the workshop. Speaking at the conclusion, the school principal Amandeep Sandhu said that leadership entails directing a person or

enhance their capabilities and mental level for this. After doing so, they can make important contributions to the achievmenets and success of the nation, orsaid Sandhu.

The parents of the stu-



role in getting any task commakes it possible to achieve the most difficult of tasks, he added. The students need to

a group and playing a vital dents also asked questions in the workshop. The role of leadership the leadership of parents in a family was also discussed during the interaction.

Kainchi Dham to be developed as per master plan: DM

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A new bailey bridge will be constructed considering the increasing number of people visiting Kainchi Dham. The Nainital district magistrate Dhiraaj Garbyal said this while

enable movement to the shrine from the bailey bridge. The DM said that the old post office which is lying vacant will be used to set up a temporary police post especially to manage



visiting the popular

pilgrimage site in the district on Thursday. The DM said that Kainchi Dham will be developed according to a master plan. Observing the crowd of devotees, the DM pointed out that the crowding is exacerbated as there is only one route for entering the exiting the shrine. The condition of the existing bridge is not good. A bailey bridge will be constructed on a temporary basis soon. The survey work for this purpose has been completed and work on laying the bridge will be started in the near future to

traffic movement during the tourist season.

Garbyal said that people dirty the locations where they bathe in the Shipra river, adding that bathing in the river here is prohibited. He said that homework has been done on the master plan for Kainchi Dham and soon work will be started on it. He directed the sub divisional magistrate Paritosh Verma to ensure that all home stay operators and shopkeepers display rate lists in their establishments. Strict action will be taken in case irregularities are found, he said.







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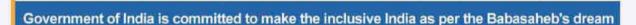
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Systemic failure

A 12-year-old was tried for murder, convicted, and spent his best years on death row

■ iranaram Chetanram Chaudhary is a living testament to the pathetic state of our police and justice systems. In 1994, he was 12 years old — and tried for murder on the presumption that he was 22. This happened because somehow he got dragged into a murder case in Pune, in which five women and two children were knifed to death. After class three he ran away from his school at Bikaner in Rajasthan, went to Pune, and began working in a tailoring shop. He doesn't remember why ran away from his home or with whom, nor could any of his brothers. Some cop misspelled his name as Narayan instead of Niranaram, leading to his trial, conviction, and death sentence. What is startling and heartrending is the fact no one in the system — from cops of various ranks and lawyers to judges at different lev-

els in the judicial hierarchy — could even notice that a child was being on trial. A junior police officer may have misspelled the name, but could he tell a 12year-old kid from a 22-year-old youngster? And what about the senior officers? And the prosecuting lawyers and defence counsels? And judges in the trial and appeal courts? A 42-year-old man, if he abuses his own body, may look 52; and a 52-yearold man, who takes good care of his body, may pass off as 42. But how on earth can a 12-year-old boy be mistaken as 22 years of age? Even if he did commit the crime, he could not have been imprisoned for more than three years, as per the juvenile law in effect at that time.

Justice is said to be blind, but those responsible for dispensing it are not supposed to be blind; their cognitive and cogitative faculties ought to be sound. In Chaudhary's case, all these were found wanting — and he paid a terrible price. He had to spend 28 long years in prison, and on death row to boot. The best years of his life — adolescence and most of his youth — were spent behind bars. "When you are on death row, every hope is broken. You just try to get through the day," he recently told a newspaper after his release, adding that he now feels blessed to look at the stars on a dark night after spending years confined to four walls under the glare of lights. In prison, he studied a lot, getting a master's degree in sociology. It was at this time that he realised that he was much younger than the prison records showed. The Supreme Court ended his ordeal in March when it concluded that Niranaram was 12 years and six months old at the time of the murders. School documents and medical examination proved that. The exercise was carried out as part of the National Law University's Project 39A which works on death penalty reform. This episode proves, if any proof is needed, that India's justice and police systems urgently need reforms. Our political masters, however, have not shown great zeal for reforms in the justice system. People like Niranaram Chetanram Chaudhary continue to suffer.



udents perform 'Bhangra' during Baisakhi celebrations, at a wheat field on the outskirts of Amritsar

Adapting to climate change is imperative-



For a country like ours, which experiences almost extreme weather conditions every year, resilience building must be given top priority

he agriculture sector is highly vulnerable to climate change and is a big challenge for the agrarian economy. Food-bowl Punjab and Haryana farmers' fetish for unsustainable big cereal wheat this time has begun to hurt, as returns diminish due to climate challenges. The climate challenge farmers faced this time was erratic rainfall at the end of March, while crops were ready to harvest, likely to affect the yield significantly. In the case of Punjab, the initial deliberation by the agriculture department has indicated that at least 40 per cent of 35 lakh hectares of wheat sown is impacted by rain, winds, and hailstorms.

The serious challenges from climate change-induced impacts of erratic rainfall and the heat waves are not just a threat to our food security and nutrition as well as to the livelihood of 45 per cent of the country's population that depends on farming. It has an impact on their crop loan cycle to return on time to get fresh lending and to invest back into their

Policymakers, agri-scientists and farmers must come together to confront the challenge of climate change. Various climate change policies are established at international, national and state levels to address the impacts of climate change. Traditionally, the focus of such policies remained on mitigation instead of adaptation measures. Adaptation actions are needed to respond to climate change as these actions help reduce vulnerabilities.

Overuse of resources like water, soil, fertilisers and pesticides to boost yield resulted in Green-House Gases Emissions (GHGs). Take the example of Punjab, after the implementation of the Food Security Act; the nation is again looking toward Punjab, but Punjab farmers need to conserve its soil and water management along with adopting diversification in agricul-Why are the funds dwindling?

However, the National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change (NMSKCC) seeks to build a dynamic knowledge system that would inform of agricultural GDP has been

and support action for responding effectively to the objective of ecologically sustainable development making agriculture climate resilient.

The National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) was established in 2015 to meet the cost of adaptation for the States but why are the funds dwindling to address this serious challenge? The grants released under NAFCC fell from ₹350 crore in 2015-16 to ₹27.76 crore in 2022-23, while the sub-committee of the Ministry of Finance estimates the cumulative expenditure for adapting to climate change at ₹ 85.60 lakh crore by 2030.

Research and development is the bedrock of climate resistance agriculture but the minuscule investments in R&D impede the ability of science and technology research to tackle multiple challenges. As per the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, around 85 per cent of their budget goes towards salaries and other administrative/establishment expenditures, with little left for research. The same is with state agriculture universities facin diture in India as a percentage



AGRI-SCIENTISTS AND FARMERS MUST COME TOGETHER TO **CONFRONT THE** CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE. VARIOUS POLICIES ARE IN PLACE AT INTERNATIONAL. NATIONAL AND STATE LEVELS TO ADDRESS THE **IMPACTS OF**

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stagnant at 0.3 to 0.5 per cent in the last two decades. It is much lower than in the US (2.8 per cent), China (2.1 per cent), South Korea (4.3 per cent), and Israel (4.2 per cent).

For a country that experiences almost extreme weather every year, adaptation and resilience building must be a priority. India needs more granular risk analysis that can help target appropriate adaptation action locally while making new infrastructure climate resilient and strengthening early warning systems.

An analysis by the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water found the frequency and intensity of extreme climate events increasing by almost 200 per cent since 2005 and three out of four districts of India are facing extreme climate change. Experts' analyst estimates show that climate change might reduce global agriculture productivity by 17 per cent by 2030. According to a study by the World Meteorological Organisation, India is estimated to have suffered an average annual loss of more than 16 lakh crore from cil mate-induced changes. The way forward:

To face these risks, adaptation is the key factor. Farmers should start promoting sustainable integrated agriculture practices that could enable them to lower their vulnerabilities by higher crop diversity from staples to high-value crops, fruit and vegetables. Integrated farming with the inclusion of dairy, poultry, beekeeping, fisheries and mushroom cultivation can give additional high-energy food without affecting the production of food grains. There are four sustainable ways farmers can produce

First, Farmers need handholding in the early phases. Support them for knowledge exchange with skill-intensive practices. Second, support technology innovation and adaptation to minimise their vulnerability. Third, Instead of input-based subsidies for fertiliser and power, incentivising outcome-based support could encourage innovation. Four, and the most significant, is enhanced research and development for impact studies compared with conventional farming across agro-climatic

more food.

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Tailored corporate courses in demand



A growing number of companies are now opting for flexible training courses that allow executives to attend sessions as per their comfort

ontinuous learning is essential in the business world to keep up with the constantly changing landscape. Executive education programs provide tailored courses to meet the specific needs of professionals and organisations. The demand for such courses is global and not limited to specific industries or regions.

Upskilling employees to adapt to new technologies and building leadership and management skills to tackle organizational changes are some examples of the specific challenges that executives face. A skills-based approach can make an organization achieve greater diversity, equity, and inclusivity (DEI) advantages. Providing the right opportunities and enabling employees to learn skills that the company finds necessary for its future growth can help employees grow individually and the organisation collectively

Flexible training courses that allow learners to attend sessions as per their comfort, and choose offline, on-campus, or online learning options are being preferred by

corporates. As an executive, every individual and their organisation needs to focus on upskilling and reskilling. Deeper analytical insights can be provided by executive learning programs apart from the skills that are in demand.

With digital automation making existing technologies go obsolete rapidly, upskilling or reskilling can also be instrumental in ensuring that a person remains relevant and effective in the current role, even in the future. As per a global study by Deloitte, about 86% of organizations are aware of this need, but just 10% find themselves ready to address them

The need for executive education programs is growing as businesses face rapid changes in technology and the global market. Executives their skills and knowledge to keep up with the demands of their industry. Organizations are looking for courses that are not only relevant to their industry but also address the specific challenges they are facing, such as upskilling employees to adapt to new technologies or building leadership and management skills to tackle organisational changes. With digital automation making existing technologies obsolete rapidly, upskilling or reskilling can also be instrumental in ensuring that a person remains relevant and effective in their current and future roles.

To stay ahead of the curve, businesses need to identify the right skill sets that will keep their workforce proficient and in sync with evolving technologies such as AI automation and SaaS-driven activities. Flexible training courses that allow learners to attend sessions as per their comfort, and choose offline, on-campus, or online learning options are being preferred by corporates.

Executives themselves feel the need to retain their competitive edge and acquire need to continually upgrade skills that will help them take

up new and more complex leadership roles in the times ahead. By joining learning and development programs aimed at specific areas, employees can acquire skills that make them leaders in their areas of expertise and achieve better growth in terms of corporate hierarchy and remuneration. To achieve greater diversity, equity and inclusivity advantages, organizations should focus on providing opportunities for employees to learn skills that the company finds necessary for its future growth. Executive learning programs can provide deeper analytical insights apart from the skills that are in demand.

In conclusion, executive education is necessary to keep up with the ever-changing business landscape. Organizations must identify the right skill sets and provide flexible training courses to keep their workforce proficient and in sync with evolving technologies. Executives themselves need to focus on upskilling and reskilling to retain their competitive edge.

(The writer is Vice Chancellor, Mahindra University)

SUPREME COURT NOD TO RSS MARCH

Sir — The tussle between the Tamil Nadu Government and the RSS began when the former denied permission to organise route marches and public gatherings to the latter in September 2022. The government cited that since the Government of India's decision to ban PFI under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the law-and-order situation is not conducive to organising marches. The single-judge Bench also reprimanded the Tamil Nadu police as it observed that there was nothing adverse in the intelligence reports cited by them. The Supreme Court has given a green signal to the RSS Route March in Tamil Nadu.

CKR Nathan | Trichy

CONSOLATION FOR YASH DAYAL

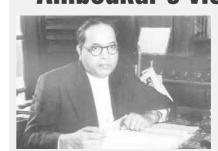
Sir — It is really heartening to see that left-arm pacer Yash Dayal, who was hammered for five consecutive sixes by Rinku Singh in the final over to seal the game for KKR, has been receiving consolation messages from all around, including from his father. It is all the more encouraging that the entire KKR team reached out to the GT bowler with a moving post, backing him to bounce back from the setback. KKR's message for Dayal read: "Chin up, lad. Just a hard day at the office happens to the best of players in cricket." No doubt, these words will lift the morale of the bruised bowler and come up strongly in the remaining matches. Yash Dayal can take solace from England's Stuart Broad, who is still respected as one of the great fast bowlers in the world despite he was taken to the cleaners by Yuvraj Singh in the 2007 T20 world cup. Sport is a great leveller, and it always gives a second chance for a player to come good.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

SACHIN ON PILOT'S FLIGHT ROUTE?

Sir — Now that Sachin (the pure) Pilot is set on steering the Rajasthan Congress aircraft to his own chosen course against instructions of central control, it is like-

Ambedkar's views on religion



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

r BR Ambedkar had asserted "I tell you, religion is for man and not man for religion". Perhaps his words have turned "antique" and so immediately require to be junked! Currently, man is for religious shrines, epic and mythological figures, mythical unseen rivers

urgently in need of "rejuvenation", "holy" animals and "sacred" books! Today, religion is not for married couples even, rather matrimonial bonds are for religion; with divine love getting

interpreted as "jihad" of sorts! So by ignoring all "stories" revolving around poverty-malnutrition-hunger-illiteracy-child labour-human trafficking-unemployment; let's invest all our energy, time and resource to commemorate epic figures monopolised by the "religious" brigade and revolve our precious lives around myths, rituals and "sanctity" of animals! Grand temples and glittering corridors should be our "national pride"; never mind if billions of fellow citizens remain deprived of minimum dignity and rights entitled to human beings!

Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

ly that he has laid his hands on the same route map taken earlier by Jyotiraditya Scindia. And his landing destination may well be the same. In which case, it befits Pilot to be left to handle Civil Aviation and for Scindia to take over the Shipping portfolio. After all, he is from the lineage of the Maharaja of Gwalior who set up the Scindia Shipping way back in 1914. The BJP is decidedly generous in disbursing landing rights to carriers flying colours other than their own.

R Narayanan | Mumbai

CROREPATI, TAINTED LEADERS AS CM Sir — The citizen is not at all surprised to read that 29 of the current 30 Chief Ministers are crorepatis, or 13 (43 per cent) have declared serious criminal cases against them. Based upon the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) report, it was revealed that money power and muscle power have a large bearing on the outcome of the election results. If not, then how Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is the richest CM in the country with ₹510 crore assets, whereas he with 38 cases, including 35 serious offences (nonbailable offences with over five years of

imprisonment), stood third among the CMs with the highest number of cases booked against him? Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao faces the highest number of criminal cases (64), including 37 serious offences and financial liability.

Actually, being a crorepati is not a huge thing as any property even in a village will command close to ₹1 crore. Moreover, it may be true in case of white money, but as soon as you talk about total money, I'm sure West Bengal's Mamata Banerjee is the only CM (who is not a crorepati) would move close to other crorepati CMs. Interestingly, we are talking about the current 30 CMs, but what about all the Ministers who are not in power or who have already made the loot and are now sitting silently? Unfortunately, our law is so blind that in the defamation case a lawmaker, if found guilty, not only lost his seat but also won't contest an election for the next eight years. But politicians with huge money and muscle power rule the country freely. Truly, 'Mera Ñaya Bharat Mahan'!

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

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FIRST COLUMN MANAGING EMPLOYEE EXPERIENCE IS THE KEY

Companies must invest in staff, listen to feedback and prioritise work-life balance



he success or failure of a business ultimately hinges on the productivity and work quality of its workforce. The workforce is truly the foundation of every corporate and industry, and understanding their experiences within an organization is crucial. This is where employee experience comes into play, as it enables organisations to gain valuable insights into the needs and sentiments of their people.

The unprecedented changes the world of work has gone through have severely impacted and shaped how employees act and what they expect. The workforce is fluid and diverse which makes each of them have a different 'want'. There exists a common underlying tone to their expectations making work-life balance, employee engagement and productivity vital elements for HR to decide what kind of experience they are gaining.

If it becomes complex and opaque, employee experience management (EXM) could become the key to improving the overall situation.

Build better understanding for the employees: The pillar of EXM is based on how much HRs or CXOs understand their people or teams. Build a workspace where your employees feel much appreciated and assured.

Bring dynamic leaders: Dynamic leaders know the way, go the way, and show the way to their people — a famous quote by author John C Maxwell. Without good leaders, it is more challenging to establish a great company culture and a more positive working atmosphere.

Create more learning opportunities: A workplace should be a place for learning and development for the employees. Offer your employees more learning, skilling, and reskilling opportunities. These opportunities give more confidence to your employees to take on new challenges, improve their skill set, and get career maturity within an organisation.



Continuous feedback and evaluation: Employee experience management is an ongoing process. The HR department should continuously identify the issues and improve them regularly to ensure employee satisfaction and a transparent workplace setting.

Offer smooth onboarding: Onboarding is a vital period for both; new employees and HR. Offer an optimised and smooth onboarding to new

hires by providing information regarding their job and tasks, the right tools and software, and a lot of training and guidance to avoid frustration. Accept inclusion and diversity: If an organisation has a diverse work-

force, its culture, policies and hiring practices must support diversity and inclusion. Ignoring these critical components could lead to stereotyping, disrespect among employees, and stress.

Priority to work-life balance: Employees have realised the essentiality of work-life balance. An organisation must necessitate changes in their office programs and policy to offer flexible workspace, remote work options, more breaking hours, and prioritise employees' mental and physical health.

Notice the departing employees: Employees leave organisations regardless of what kind of employee experience they get. It is necessary to know what motivates them to guit.

Recognise and reward performers: Reward and recognition are salient components of employee experience. It is a good way to motivate other employees by gratifying the performers with gifts or rewards. It imbues

Get rid of micromanagement: The less micromanagement, the more employee experience. Employees don't feel very comfortable with nagging from seniors or management. Micromanagement spreads a feeling of insecurity among the workforce.

Focus on employee retention: An organisation should keep high-performers and talented workers for success and avoid frequent turnovers. To make employees stay, compensate them fairly, focus on engaging them.

Organisations can start investing in their employees, listening to their feedback, bridging the gap between leaders and team members, and prioritising work-life balance.

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Importance of being Dr BR Ambedkar



Our true homage on his jayanti would be to resolve to end poverty and ensure justice and equality for all by sharing national opportunities and facilities

or centuries, we as a nation struggled to cope with untouchability and caste-based discrimination. Such inhuman practices demeaned a vast section of Hindus, who were categorized as untouchables. From time to time, great souls tried to salvage us from the repercussions of various social evils. Some of them were Sant Shiromani Ravidas, Sant Chokhamela, Sant Kabir Das, Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Swami Ram Krishna Paramhans and Sant Tukaram to name a few.

At the fag-end of the 19th century, a boy full of promises was enjoying his classroom teaching the school. One day he was made to sit at the back of the classroom when it was found that he was untouchable. Once he was travelling to his maternal uncle's village along with his brother and cousin. The cart man dropped them midway when he came to know that they were untouchables. One day the boy was going somewhere. In between, he stopped to drink water from a public tap. He was beaten as untouchables were not allowed to use the facility.

The boy was none other than Dr Bhim-

rao Ramji Ambedkar, popularly known as Babasahéb Ambedkar, born to Ramji Maloji Sakpal, father, and Bhimabai Murbadkar Sakpal, mother, on April 14, 1891, in Mhow Army Cantonment. He was the 14th child of his parents. His tryst with social evils as worse as untouchability, caste-based persecution and discrimination during his childhood left an indelible mark on his life and thought process.

His own experience from the incidents in his life made him realize how deeply casteism, untouchability, insults and humiliation were rooted in Hindu society. Even the cruelty of fate did not spare him. He lost his mother when he was just six years old. Notwithstanding the trauma of discrimination and discrimination, he did not give up and continued his struggle and studies against all odds. It was an incredible example of exemplary grit, determination and a never-say-die spirit.

Dr Ambedkar did his matriculation in 1908 from Elphinstone High School. His father gave him good sanskar and used to share stories and thoughts of great saints like Tukaram, Gyaneshwar, teachings of the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. He studied Economics and Political Science at Elphinstone College. In 1912, he got a degree from Bombay University. With a scholarship irom Manaraja of Baroda, në went to Columbia University, New York City where he got a Master's degree in June 1915 after successfully completing his thesis on 'Ancient Indian Commerce.'

In 1916, he went to the London School of Economics and worked on his doctoral thesis – 'The problem of the Rupee: Its Origin and its solution.' He took Rs 5000 as a loan from Chhatrapati Shahu ji Maharaj for his further studies. In 1920, received the D Sc from London University! He also went to the University of Bonn, Germany. In June 1927, he was awarded a Doctorate by the University of Columbia. He was a rare Indian politician of his time who studied at Columbia University, LSE and the University of Bonn.

Dr Ambedkar was worried about the fate of poor people, and untouchables. Dr Ambedkar wanted them to be independent. He established the Depressed Classes Society under the presidency of Baroda Maharaj. In 1920, he started The Mooknayak, a Marathi publication that enabled him to criticize the rigid Hindu



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beliefs and Bahishkrit Bharat, also a Marathi magazine in 1927, to highlight the issues and aspirations of depressed sections of society. He was so passionate about eradicating the practice of caste discrimination in India that led him to establish Bahishkrit Hitakarni Sabha. In 1936, he founded the Independent Labour Party. It contested the 1937 Bombay election to the Central Legislative Assembly for 13 reserved and four general seats and won 11 reserved and three seats respectively. For him, democratic values were

of paramount importance!
After completing his studies and defying all hardships, Dr Ambedkar dedicated his life to the cause of the downtrodden, their emancipation and empowerment. Hence, the struggle became an integral part of his life. In 1927, Dr Ambedkar led a peaceful agitation by drinking water from Chowdar tank in Mahad, Raigad district in Maharashtra along with thousands of his followers when untouchables were not allowed to access water from the tank despite a 192 resolution moved by CK Bole and adopted by the Bombay government, allowing all untouchables to use public watering places, wells and Dharamshala, which were maintained through public funds.

Dr Ambedkar led a movement on March 3, 1930, to secure the entry of all Hindus to Kalaram temple in Nasik. He was in favour of a complete overhauling of Hindu

society and Hindu theology and securing equal rights for all Hindus. He was a votary of inclusivity. Casteism and untouchability go against the spirit of Hinduism, the Vedas. Its essence lies in quality, justice, fraternity and brotherhood. He was surprised that Hinduism is so accommodating and yet treats a vast chunk of Hindus as untouchables, even worse than animals. This was his pain.

He was not inimical to Hindutva. He had resentment against Hinduism but he was not opposed o Hinduism. His acceptance of Buddhism on October 14, 1956, is a case in point as Buddhism is very much rooted in Bharatiya culture. He did not embrace any other religion though Islamic and Christian scholars tried their best to influence him. It is said that when Dr Ambedkar met Mahatma Gandhi during the second Round Table Conference, he told him that he could not accept a religion that treats humans as cats and dogs, and he will embrace a religion that is less harmful to Hinduism.

The versatility of Dr Ambedkar's personality was matchless. His ability to listen to his critics was simply brilliant. Notwithstanding his differences with Veer Savarkar and Mahatma Gandhi on a number of issues, they were unanimous in their views of achieving the goal of social equality and freeing society from abominable evils such as untouch-

port armed struggle but always favoured unity among oppressed social groups to get their socio-political and economic rights. He wanted downtrodden and oppressed sections of society to stay united and acquire knowledge and education so that they are not oppressed.

As the architect of our Constitution, Dr Ambedkar has given us the mantra and roadmap to build a stronger, healthier and more inclusive society. His commitment to the cause of social equality and social justice is a guiding force for all those who are part of public life. He is not only the leader for the oppressed and depressed. He is the leader of 135 crore people in our country - India. He was a true nationalist leader, a true patriot. He has achieved an eternal place in people's hearts. His contributions cannot be estimated but can only be felt and lived by all.

Our true homage to Dr BR Ambedkar on his Jayanti would be to resolve to end poverty and ensure justice and equality for all by sharing national opportunities and facilities. We have rejected untouchability but still, a lot needs to be done to end social disparities in totality. Those who are deprived have to be holistically empowered. By rising above the petty considerations of caste, creed, region and religion, we have to make India Vishwa Guru. Let noble thoughts come from all sides, and let us spread them across

The top MedTech trends to watch out for in 2023

Increased demand for treatment facilitated by technology is driving the innovation in the MedTech industry as it would improve access to health equity

¬he combination of rapid advances in revolutioary healthcare technology and increased demand for treatment has continued to spur innovation in the MedTech industry.

Many leading healthcare experts predict 2023 to be a pivotal year for the Medtech Industry, as the rapid adoption of virtual care and demographic fads, such as an ageing population, rising chronic diseases, and health worker shortages, sustain demand for MedTech-enabled solutions.

Recent research indicates that the market for medical technologies is valued at around \$19.65 billion. The market is anticipated to reach \$22.84 billion by 2027, with a

CAGR of 3.83 per cent. Innovators and regulators



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in life sciences and healthcare are also looking to MedTech to improve access to care and health equity. From Robotics to Next-Gen Sequencing, let's delve into the list of MedTech trends offering new chances in this dynamic business. The field is rapidly advancing, and new trends and innovations are emerging each year. Here are some of the top MedTech trends to expect in Telemedicine: Teleme-

dicine, or remote medical consultations, is becoming increasingly popular due to the comfort and accessibility it offers. With telemedicine, patients can acquire medical care from the convenience of their own homes. In 2023, telemedicine is expected to become more prevalent as tech improves

and more healthcare providers adopt this mode of care.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): AI is transforming the healthcare industry in numerous ways. It is used to analyse patient data, diagnose and develop personalised treatment plans. In 2023, we can expect AI to become even more advanced, and it will likely play a bigger role in healthcare decision-making. AI will also be used to develop new drugs and therapies.

Next-Gen Sequencing (NGS) technology: It is a rapidly evolving field that has revolutionised the way genetic information is analysed. In 2023, the trend in NGS is expected to continue to advance with an emphasis on improving sequencing speed, accuracy, and cost-effective-

ness. The use of NGS in precision medicine is expected to grow as the technology provides a way to analyse large amounts of genetic information quickly and accurately to inform the development of targeted treatments for individual patients. Additionally, the integration of NGS with other technologies, such as CRISPR-Cas9, will continue to expand the possibilities for genetic research and biotechnology.

Newborn Screening (NBS): It is a diagnostic test performed in newborns or infants who are tested for certain genetic or metabolic disorders shortly after birth. In 2023, the trend in newborn screening is expected to continue to focus on improving these tests' accuracy, speed, and cost-effectiveness. This

will likely involve implementing new, more advanced screening technologies to develop new, more comprehensive screening panels. Additionally, there may be a growing emphasis on incorporating genomic information into newborn screening to enable earlier detection and diagnosis of genetic disorders.

Another trend in newborn screening is the increasing use of digital technologies, such as electronic health records (EHRs) and telemedicine, to improve the efficiency and accessibility of screening services. This will likely involve the integration of screening results into EHRs and telemedicine to provide remote consultations and follow-up care to families and infants. Overall, these trends

aim to ensure that all newborns have access to highquality, effective, and timely screening services to detect and treat genetic and metabolic disorders as early as possi-

Surgical robots: Investments in robotic surgical firms have been one of the primary drivers of the increase in venture capital funding for medical technology. In addition, many experts assert that the employment of robotic technology during COVID-19 is particularly advantageous because it helps reduce human-to-human physical

As MedTech evolves, the industry will face both obstacles and possibilities. Better patient care solutions that can enhance outcomes and lower costs will face fewer impediments to implementation. Consequently, this will create further chances to deliver value to healthcare services worldwide and challenge the status quo for inpatient and outpatient care standards.

Providing a more promising future for healthcare: Trivitron Healthcare, a leading global MedTech organisation, is establishing sustainable goals and has created numerous advancements in Medical Imaging, In-vitro Diagnostics, Next Generation Sequencing, Newborn Screening, Critical Care, and Radiation Protection. Following the mission to deliver efficient and advanced care, Trivitron positively influences people's lives through collaboration, advancement, and innovation.



Japan to counter China with like-minded countries China's exports

Tapan has unveiled a new plan to provide "like-minded" countries especially in Asia with military aid as it looks to expand its influence in the Indo-Pacific region to counter China's aggressive push over Taiwan and the South China Sea issues.

The guidelines announced by Tokyo early this month included a new programme to strengthen the militaries of likeminded countries by providing "official security assistance" - a move that break's with its previous policy of avoiding the use of development aid for military purposes other than disaster relief, the Japan Times reported.

Japanese Foreign Ministry officials said the Philippines will be one of the first beneficiaries of Overseas Security Assistance (OSA), with Malaysia, Bangladesh and Fiji also among those being considered, the report said.

Japan, a member of the

US, India and Australia, is actively pursuing the Indo-Pacific strategy which China claims aimed at countering its

Tokyo's decision to use international aid for military purposes is a 'paradigm shift' but won't lead to an arms race in Asia, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported on Thursday.

The move will not only build up the defence capabilities of Asian nations amid changing security dynamics, but boost the competitiveness of Japan's defence sector, it said.

Japan's new policy of defence aid to neighbours was announced after this month's visit of Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi to

In his talks with Hayashi on April 2, Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang said Japan should not "help a villain do evil", apparently referring to Tokyo's close ties with

China rolls out new wartime military recruitment rules

released a new set of revised rules for military recruitment in wartime, including giving pri-ority to the veterans, drafting high-calibre soldiers and optimising conscription procedures, which an analyst described as combat readiness for a war over Taiwan.

A set of revised rules regarding military recruitment has been released by the State Council and the Central Military Commission (CMC) the high command of the Chinese military headed by President Xi Jinping - aiming to provide institutional guarantees for consolidating national defence and building strong armed forces, state-run Xinhua news agency reported on Wednesday. The new regula-

chapters, focuses on recruiting more high-calibre soldiers, standardising and optimising conscription procedures, and improving the system's effi-ciency, it said in a brief report. The new rules will come into effect next month.

The regulations said recruitment should "focus on preparing for war" and increase efficiency by calling up "high calibre" recruits, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post newspaper reported. For the first time, a separate chapter on wartime recruitment has been included in the regulations, which state that ex-servicemen would be prioritised and expected to join their original units or similar

This was the first visit by the Japanese Foreign Minister to Cĥina since 2019.

China and Japan have a long-festering dispute over uninhabited East China Sea islands controlled by Japan but claimed by China.

The islands are known as the Senkakus by Japan, while China named them as Diaoyu.

Taiwan also claims the islands but has forged agree-ments with Japan to avoid any conflict as Tokyo maintains close defence ties with Taipei.

The purpose of Tokyo's new initiative is to "contribute to the creation of a desirable security environment for Japan," while maintaining Japan's "basic principles as a peaceful nation," according to the Japanese ministry statement.

The OSA is being presented as an expansion of Japan's official development assistance (ODA) - one of the world's largest foreign aid programs - to cover projects "for the benefit of

armed forces and other related organisations," the Japan Times

The new framework was revealed as Tokyo moves away from a strict non-military approach to ties with its neighbours and looks to realise its vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP), it said.

According to its fiscal 2023 budget, the Japanese government has set aside two billion Japanese Yen (USD15 million) for OSA. Funding will be separate from the Yen 570.9 billion in economic and social development assistance that Tokyo pro

vides to developing countries. While this year's modest OSA budget appears largely symbolic, especially compared with the ODA funds, experts say the decision to launch the program is significant, as it marks another step in Japan's march toward a more robust and proactive defence posture that could ultimately allow it more leeway in defence transfers, Japan Times report said.

see unexpected growth in March

Beijing (AP): China's exports rebounded unexpectedly to growth in March despite a decline in US and European demand following interest rate hikes to cool inflation.

Exports rose 14.8 per cent over a year earlier to USD 315.6 billion, recovering from a 6.8 per cent decline in January and February, customs data showed Thursday. Imports sank 1.4 per cent to USD 227.4 billion, a smaller contraction than the 10.2 per cent slide in the previous two months.

China's politically sensitive global trade surplus widened by 82 per cent over a year earlier to USD 88.2 billion.

Exports to the United States and the 27-nation European Union, China's biggest foreign markets, declined after the Federal Reserve and other central banks raised rates to slow consumer and business activity.

That was offset by doubledigit gains in sales to Canada, Indonesia, Russia and other markets. "The current external environment still is severe and complex," said a government spokesperson, Liu Daliang, at a news conference.

Trade weakness adds to complications for President Xi Jinping's government, which is trying to revive economic growth that sank last year to 3 per cent, the second-weakest rate since the 1970s. The ruling Communist Party set this year's growth target at "around 5 per cent."In the first three months of the year, exports edged up 0.5 per cent over the same period of 2022 to USD 821.8 bil-Administration of Customs of China reported. Total imports contracted 7.1 per cent to USD 617.1 billion.A revival in Chinese demand would be a boost to global suppliers, replacing weak US, European and Japanese sales. China is the

biggest export customer for its Asian neighbors and a key consumer market.

Retail sales and other activity are gradually improving after anti-virus restrictions that kept millions of people at home and temporarily shut down Shanghai and other industrial centers were lifted in December.

The economy also is under pressure from tighter controls on the use of debt in China's vast real estate industry, which triggered a slump in mid-2021.

Exports to the United States slid 7.7 per cent in March from a year earlier to USD 45.9 billion, an improvement over the 21.8 per cent contraction in January and

Imports of US goods gained 5.6 per cent to USD 16.1 billion, rebounding from a 5 per cent decline in the first two months of the year. The Chinese trade surplus with the United States shrank by 14 pr cent compared with a year earlier to USD 27.6 billion.

Imports from Russia, mostly oil and gas, surged 40.5 per cent over a year ago to USD 11 billion, accelerating from a 31.3 per cent increase in January and February.

China, the biggest global energy consumer, has stepped up purchases from Russia to take advantage of price dis-counts after Washington, Europe and Japan cut imports to punish President Vladimir Putin's government for its attack on Ukraine. China can buy Russian oil and gas without triggering Western sanctions. That helps to buoy the Kremlin's foreign revenue, but President Joe Biden has warned Beijing against helping Moscow's military.Exports to Russia more than doubled to USD 9 billion. China's trade deficit with Russia narrowed by

50 per cent to USD 2 billion.

NY fraud lawsuit: Trump set to give 2nd deposition

New York (AP): Former President Donald Trump was expected to visit the offices of New York's attorney general Thursday for his second deposition in a legal battle over his company's business practices.

The Republican was scheduled to meet with lawyers for Attorney General

lawyers for Attorney General Letitia James, who sued Trump last year. Her lawsuit claims Trump and his family misled banks and business associates by giving them false information about his net worth and the value of assets such as hotels and golf courses. The lawsuit is unrelated to the felony criminal charges filed against Trump by the Manhattan district attorney, which led last week to his historic arraignment, the first for a former president.

Trump and his lawyers have said the Democrat's lawsuit against him is politically motivated and legally baseless. He and the company have denied doing anything wrong. James declined to answer a question about the planned ence on an unrelated matter Wednesday.

a few procedural questions, invoking his Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination more than 400 times.

"Anyone in my position taking the Fifth Amendment would be a fool an absolute fool," he said in the session, which was recorded on video and later released publicly. Trump predicted a try to make a criminal case out of his answers, if he gave them. "One statement or answer that is ever so slightly off, just ever so slightly, by accident, by mistake, such as it was a sunny, beautiful day, when actually it was slightly overcast, would be met by law enforcement at a level seldom seen in this country, because I've experienced it," he said. A trial for the lawsuit is sched-

uled for October.

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deposition at a news confer-

Trump previously met with James' lawyers Aug. 10, but refused to answer all but

"renegade" prosecutor would Syria, Saudi move toward



Japan briefly urged residents on a northern island to take shelter in an indication of its vigilance over North Korea's evolving missile threats.

The missile was launched on a high angle from near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang and fell in the waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan following a 1,000-kilometre (620-mile) flight, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staffs said in a statement.

It described its range as medium or longer. The US National Security Council

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said on Thursday in a joint

statement. The announcement

followed a visit by Syria's top

diplomat to the kingdom, the

first since Saudi Arabia cut off

diplomatic relations with Syria

Syria was widely shunned

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protester,s and later civilians,

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being ousted from the Arab

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North Korea fires missile that may

A TV screen is seen reporting North Korea's missile launch with file footage during a news program at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday.

called it a long-range missile and Japan's government said it likely had an intercontinental range. South Korea's military believes North Korea launched a new type of ballistic missile, possibly using solid fuel, a

restoring embassies, flights

country, Syria's neighbors have

begun to take steps toward

up pace since the massive

February 6 earthquake in

Turkey and Syria, and the

Chinese-brokered reestablish-

ment of ties between Saudi

Arabia and Iran, regional rivals

The overtures have picked

rapprochement.

ed control over most of the that had backed opposing

defense official said under the condition of anonymity because of office rules.

If the launch involved a solid-fuel ICBM, it would be the North's first test of such a

sides in the Syrian conflict.

A delegation headed by

Syrian Foreign Minister Faisal

Mikdad, at the invitation of

Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal

bin Farhan Al Saud arrived in

Saudi Arabia on Wednesday

for talks about bilateral rela-

tions between the two coun-

tries, state media from the two

countries reported.

But the fuel in a solid-propellant weapon is already loaded, allowing it to be moved

ICBMs all use liquid propellants that must be fuelled before

easier and fired faster.
A solid-fuel ICBM is one of the key high-tech weapons that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has vowed to build to better cope with what he calls US

military threats. He also wants a multiwarhead missile, a nuclear-powered submarine, a hypersonic missile and a spy satellite. Kim Dongyub, a professor at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul, said the launch may have involved a new intermediate- or long-range missile powered by solid propellants, or be linked to North Korean preparation to launch a spy

Biden to stress shared ties in address to Irish Parl

fter spending most of a day And a whirlwind countryside tour of his ancestry, President Joe Biden is turning back to diplomacy on Thursday, with ment and meetings with the country's leaders, with Ukraine high on the agenda.

On his first stop of the day, Biden will meet with President Michael D. Higgins at the president's Dublin residence and will ring the Peace Bell, unveiled in 2008 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, which ended decades of violence in Northern Ireland.

Biden also will participate in a tree planting ceremony, with his Irish oak close to the one planted by then-President Barack Obama.

Biden will also meet with Taoiseach Leo Varadkar,

Ireland's prime minister, before a speech to parliament in which "he'll be reflecting on the long, close and shared history between the United States and Ireland," said Amanda Sloat, the National Security Council's

In the meetings with leaders, Ireland's continued support of the US-led effort to help Ukraine in the war against Russia will be a focal point, particularly on humanitarian and security assistance. Biden arrived in the Republic of Ireland after an appearance Wednesday in Northern Ireland. Crowds lined five-deep and waited for eight hours to catch a glimpse of Biden in the towns of Carlingford and Dundalk, where the Democratic president toured a castle, gazing out over the sea where his ancestors sailed, and gave an address in a local pub.

dows to wave at the president and display the US flag.

fronts

Dundalk, photos of the president and huge welcome signs were plastered along shop

Children hung out of win-

pub with a sticky wooden floor, Biden acknowledged that his ancestors emigrated to the United States to escape famine, but he added, "When you're here, you wonder why anyone would ever want to leave."

And he jokingly delivered bad news, saying: "We'll be back. There's no way to keep us out." Biden's mother's family comes from County Louth, and the president was elated by the dive into his Irish heritage, which he often cites as a driving force in his public and private life.According to the Irish Family History Centre, Biden "is among the most Irish' of all US Presidents."

Oxford Univ, SII

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Date: 14th April 2023 Place: Delhi

Authorised Officer

US Prez to expand migrant access to health plans

Biden is set to announce that his administration is expanding eligibility for Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act's health insurance exchanges to hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought to the US illegally as children, according to two ÚS officials briefed on the

The action will allow participants in the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, to access government-funded health insurance programs. The officials spoke on the con-

dition of anonymity to discuss the matter before the formal announcement on Thursday.

The 2012 DACA initiative was meant to shield from deportation immigrants brought to the US illegally by their parents as young children and to allow them to work legally in the country. However, the immigrants were still ineligible for government-subsidised health insurance programs because they did not meet the definition for having "lawful presence" in the US That's what Biden's Department

Washington: President Joe of Health and Human Services will aim to change by the end of the month.

Along the streets of

The White House action comes as the DACA program is in legal peril and the number of people eligible under the program is shrinking. An estimated 580,000 peo-

ple were still enrolled in DACA at the end of last year, according to US Citizenship and Immigration Services. That number is down from previous years. Court orders currently prevent the US Department of Homeland Security from processing new applications. The DACA program has been mired in legal challenges for years, while Congress has been unable to reach consensus on broader immigration reforms. DACA recipients can work legally and pay taxes, but they don't have legal status and are denied many benefits available to US citizens and foreigners living in the USIn

recent years, millions of people in the US signed up for

Medicaid, the program that pro-

vides health care coverage for the

poorest Americans, during the

COVID-19 pandemic.

tie-up delivers 'high efficacy' malaria vaccine

London (PTI): A University of Oxford developed and Serum Institute of India (SII) manufactured and scaled up "high efficacy" malaria vaccine has been licensed for use in Ghana by Africa's Food and Drugs Authority, the university announced here on Thursday. The R21/Matrix-M vac-

cine, leveraging Novavax's adjuvant technology, has been approved for use in children aged 5 to 36 months - the age group at the highest risk of death from malaria. It marks the first regulatory clearance for the R21/Matrix-M malaria vaccine for use in any country. "This marks a culmination of 30 years of malaria vaccine research at Oxford with the design and provision of a high efficacy vaccine that can be supplied at adequate scale to the countries who need it most," said Professor Adrian Hill, Chief investigator of the programme and Director of the Oxford University's Jenner Institute at the Nuffield Department of Medicine.

Imran Khan gets

interim bail till

ism court in Pakistan on

Thursday extended interim

bail to Imran Khan till May 4

in three cases related to the

clashes between his supporters

and the police during an oper-

ation to arrest the former pre-

mier in the Toshakhana cor-

ruption case last month.

Lahore's Anti-terrorism court

(ATC) granted one-time per-

mission to Khan, the chairman

of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

(PTI), to appear for the hearing via video link in the case.

was facing threats to his life. To

this, Safdar said those who were

behind a gun attack on his client (in last November) could

answer this."If Imran Khan is

assassinated Pakistan will

descend into chaos like what

had happened after the murder

of former premier Benazir

that Mr Khan can be targeted

by snipers on his way to courts

and these can be verified from

the law enforcement agencies,

he said. In November last year,

Khan survived an assassination

"There are credible reports

Bhutto," he said.

attempt on his life.

Norway expels 15 Russian | Ukraine stands firm on Crimea diplomats for 'spying'

Norway's government said Thursday that it was expelling 15 Russian diplomats from the country, saying they were suspected of spying while working at the Russian Embassy in Oslo. Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt said the move was "an important measure to counter and reduce the scope of Russian intelligence activities in Norway, and thereby secure our national interests.

The Russians declared persona non grata "must leave Norway within a short time," Huitfeldt said, adding: "We will not grant visas to intelligence officers who apply for a visa to

The minister declined to say whether the government was acting in response to a specific incident, referring questions to

Norway's domestic security agency PST for details. The government said the activities of the expelled diplomats were "incompatible with their diplomatic status."

"We are not talking about regular diplomats, but intelligence officers under diplomatic cover. Their activities are a threat to Norwegian interests," Huitfeldt said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said Moscow would respond in kind to Norway's action, Russia's Tass and RIA Novosti news agencies reported. Huitfeldt reacted during an afternoon news conference, saying: "Russia has no reason to respond. We have Norwegian diplomats stationed in Russia, but none of them are undercover intelligence officers." She called Russia "an unpredictable neighbor" and "many European countries in the past year have expelled hundreds of Russian intelligence officers under diplomatic cover."

At the same time, she stressed that the government in Oslo wants "normal diplomatic relations with Russia, and that Russian diplomats are welcome in Norway

"We do not want people who claim they are diplomats and who are actually are intelligence officers," she said. "We cannot accept that."

NATO-member Norway has a 198 kilometer-long (123mile) border with Russia in the Arctic. Norwegian newspaper VG said expulsions would reduce the number of staff members at the Russian missions in Norway - the embassy in Oslo and the consulates in Kirkenes and Barentsburg from about 40 people to about 25.

The apex court adjourned

ter but at the same time noted

Islamabad (PTI): Sweden has

announced closing its embassy

in Pakistan "indefinitely" due to

the prevailing "security situa-

tion" in the crisis-hit country's

capital. The embassy did not

elaborate on the nature of the

threat, but Pakistan's political

situation is getting worse amid

growing tension between the

government and the Supreme

Court. Pakistan's Supreme

Court was hearing a petition to

annul a bill aiming at curbing

the powers of the chief justice to

form panels of his choice for dif-

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Location/Station

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Sweden shuts down Pak embassy

Ukraine's foreign minister said Thursday his country wouldn't budge from its demand that Russia withdraw its forces from Crimea, as well as from other parts of Ukraine that Moscow illegally annexed more recently. Calling the war in Ukraine "a bleeding wound in the middle of Europe," Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said all his country's territory must be treated equally in dealing with the Kremlin after its full-scale invasion more than 13 months ago.

"We are united by UN charter principles and the shared conviction that Crimea is Ukraine and it will return under Ukraine's control," said Kuleba, speaking by video link to a gathering in the Romanian capital, Bucharest.

"Every time you hear anyone from any corner of the world saying that Crimea is somehow special and should not be returned to Ukraine, as



any other part of our territory, you have to know one thing: Ukraine categorically disagrees with these statements," he said at the Black Sea Security Conference.

The Kremlin wants Kyiv to acknowledge Russia's sovereignty over Crimea and also recognise September's annexation of the Ukrainian provinces of Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia. Ukraine has

rejected those demands and won't hold talks with Russia until Moscow's troops pull back from all occupied terri-

Though there is no sign of possible peace talks, the two countries have sporadically exchanged prisoners of war and have engaged in a wartime deal for the export of Ukrainian grain and Russian grain and

Khan had filed petitions for bail in three FIRs registered with the Race Course police station under anti-terror laws. Khan, 70, has been repeatedly claiming that his life is under threat because of which he was abstaining from attending court hearings. ATC judge Ejaz Ahmad Bhutta asked SC notices to Pakistan government, Khan's lawyer Salman Safdar what he had done for which he

May 4 in 3 cases

After hearing arguments, the judge allowed Khan to mark his attendance in court through a video link and extended his pre-arrest bail till May 4, a court official said.

The Lahore police had booked Khan and hundreds of his party workers in three terrorism cases during clashes with police last month in an operation to arrest him in the Toshakhana case. Khan has been in the

crosshairs for buying gifts, including an expensive Graff wristwatch he had received as the premier at a discounted price from the state depository called Toshakhana, and selling them for profit. He was disqualified by the Election Commission of Pakistan in October last year for not sharing details of the sales. The election body later filed a complaint with the district court to punish him, under criminal laws, for selling the gifts he had received as prime minister of the country.

US lawmakers write to USCIS on immigrants impacted by job layoffs

Russia identifies suspect

Russia's top security agency Petersburg, Russia's second-on Thursday accused a largest city. Over 50 people Ukrainian man of involvement were injured.

well-known Russian military Petersburg resident, Darya

blogger at a St. Petersburg cafe. Trepova, who was seen on

Vladlen Tatarsky, 40, an ardent video moments before the

supporter of the war in Ukraine blast presenting Tatarsky with

who filed regular reports on the a statuette that contained

fighting from the front lines, explosives, was quickly arrest-

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in war blogger's killing

APTI ■ WASHINGTON

Expressing concern over the large-scale layoffs in the tech industry, a group of lawmakers from Silicon Valley has written to the US immigration agency to ensure that the highly-skilled immigrants on H-1B visas, the most sought-after by Indian IT professionals, can remain in the country even after losing their

Thousands of highly skilled foreign-born workers, including Indians, in the US, have lost their jobs due to the series of recent layoffs at companies like Google, Microsoft and Amazon. According to US media reports,

in a bombing that killed a

was killed on April 2 as he led ed.

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O.S. No: 435/2022

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BHARTI GUPTA

nearly 200,000 IT workers have been laid off since November

between 30 to 40 per cent of them are Indian IT professionals, a significant number of whom are on H-1B and L1 visas.

In their letter Ur Mendoza Jaddou, the Director of US

Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the lawmakers noted that this group of immigrants possess skills that are highly valuable in today's knowledge-based economy and "forcing them to leave the US is harmful to our nation's longterm economic competitive-

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Glow Ball

Pon Thursday heard petitions against the bill curtail-Industry insiders say that ing the country's chief justice's power and issued notices to the federal government and political parties, amidst a raging row between the ruling coalition and the judiciary.

the hearing till next week, saying that the date for the proceedings will be announced as per the availability of the At the hearing, Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial said the independence of the judiciary was an important mat-

that he had the utmost respect Pakistan's Supreme Court for parliament, the Dawn newspaper reported.

An eight-judge bench of the apex court heard the petitions against the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Bill, 2023, which seeks to curtail the Chief Justice of Pakistan's powers to initiate suo motu proceedings and constitute benches on

Besides Chief Justice Bandial, the larger bench comprises Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Muneeb Akhtar, Justice Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Ayesha Malik, Justice

ferent cases. "Due to the current

security situation in Islamabad,

the Embassy of Sweden is closed

for visitors. The Migration

Section is not, at the moment,

able to handle requests of any kind," a notice on the embassy's

website reads. "Also, we cannot

send any documents to our con-

sulates, Gerry's, or to your

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28.04.2023

at 12:00 hrs

at 10:00 hrs

Hasan Azhar Rizvi and Justice Shahid Waheed.

political parties on Chief Justice bill

During the hearing on Thursday, the court issued notices to the political parties, the federal government, Attorney General for Pakistan (AGP) Mansoor Awan, Pakistan Bar Council (PBC), the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan and other respondents in the case.

As the hearing commenced, AGP Awan and the petitioner's lawyers Advocate Azhar Siddique and Advocate Imtiaz Rashid Siddiqui were present in the courtroom.

Advocate Imtiaz said that in the current scenario, the case held a lot of importance.

National Assembly was restored in April last year, the political divide and crisis had increased. He further argued that the

He stated that ever since the

federal government and the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) were not willing to hold elections, thus the court itself had to take notice of the matter and order the ECP to conduct polls.
"On April 3, the court

ordered elections, however, after the court's directives to follow the Constitution, more problems were created.

The court and judges were criticised personally," he

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Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems) 1. N.I.T. No. GSU-DLI-NIT-02-2023-24 2. Name of work Extension of diesel Shed Bogie Shop including track and with its 3. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 5.04.53.492.18/-4. Earnest Money 5. Completion period of Work 8 Months

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New Delhi, dated 13/04/2023 CORRIGENDUM NO.7 to the Tender No. WTA-532

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8	77236008	RUNNING CONTRACT FOR PROCUREMENT OF VARIOUS TYPES OF GROOVED RUBBER SOLE PLATES	113920 SET/NOS	15-05-23
9	19230632	ELASTIC RING ACLATHAN RING FOR	269 NOS	05-06-23

Name of Applicant/Holder : Seema Das Kundu

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY e-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Name of the Work: "Widening of Existing Bitumen Road from Cabin Market Square to Central School Square". Estimated cost put to tender: ₹.1,28,31,999.94. Last Date and time of submission of Bid **02.05.2023** at **17.00Hrs**. For further details, please refer our website https://eprocure.gov.in. eprocure/app. Sd/- Executive Engineer

Road & Building Division PPA/PR/03/2023-24

brother Vasu Jain and his wife Swati Jain due to their misconduct, misbehaviour and she has no concerned with the matrimonial life of her brother and his wife. Any person dealing with them, then they w be self-responsible

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Public Notice

is informed that the applicant Nikhai Khatoon wife Mohammad Ali, resident of Address B-6, Sector-108, Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar U.P. The registry of the said plot has been executed on date 31.12.2018 in the same No.-1, Volume No. 2278, Page Number-431 to 480, Numbe 9545 in Deputy Registrar-II, Noida, Whose original Lease deed has been los somewhere and could not be found even after a lot of searching. In future, if I get the said original documents, I will not misuse them.

Nikhat Khatoon Public Notice

Public Notice

This is to inform general public that Smt. Satwant Kaur has acquired the Ground Floor without roof rights, built-up Property bearing no. WZ-7-A-/1, Plot no. 46, area measuring 62 sq. yards, out of rectangle no. 15, Killa no. 23/1, situated in the area of Village Chaukhandi, Colony known as Sant Garh Extn, New Delhi-110018 vide Sale Deed dated 90 98. 2016, Document No. 7644. That, Smt. Satwant Kaur has misplaced the below mentioned documents. a)Original Sale Deed dated 22 12.2005 executed by Sh. Mangaljit Singh & Sh. Amarjit Singh in favour of Smt. Manjit Kaur in respect of Built-up Ground Floor without roof rights, Plot bearing no. 46, New no. WZ-7-A-/1, area measuring 62 sq. yards, out of rectangle no. 15, Killa no. 23/1 Bj\()Original Sale Deed dated 09.08.2016 executed by Smt. Manjiest Kaur in favour of Smt. Satwant Kaur in respect of Ground Floor without roof rights, built-up Property bearing no. WZ-7-A-/1, Plot no. 46, area measuring 82 sq. yards, out of rectangle no. 15, Killa no. 23/1 and the same was duly registered with the sub-registrar- II Basai Darapur New Delhi, as Document No. 764, Volume No. 22442, Book no. 1, Page No. 178-188, on 11.08.2016. Anyone who find the above said documents shall handover the same to the Manager of Suryoday Small Finance Bank. Nov. into the above said documents shall handover the same to the Manager of Suryoday Small Finance Bank. Now Smt. Satwant Kaur is intending to sell the said property to Mrs. Renu Kaur and further Mr. Manjeet Singh and Mrs Mis. Kertio Nator and utrafer Mr. Manipete Singin and Mis. Renu Kaur are mortgaging the above said property with Suryoday Small Finance Bank & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dhawan/Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Veritas North, Unit no 907, 9th Floor, GD-TIT. Tower, (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9818228636 (M).

BHARTI GUPTA KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD CONTACT /+918510032426 EMAIL-gunjan.singh1@kotak.com

PUBLIC NOTICS

General public is hereby informed that Late Mr. Inder Pal Singh was the owner of the property House area measuring 129.83 Sq. Yds., i.e. 108.59 Sq. Meters, out of Khasra No. 698, situated at Village Anvarpur, Tehsil & Distt. Hapur, by virtue of Sale Deed dated 28.01.1997, regd. at doc. No. 296, and the same is to be financed & mortgaged with my client i.e. Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd and the legal heirs of Late Mr. Inder Pal Singh namely Mr. Adarsh Kumar & Mr. Prashant, have no objection regarding mortgage of aforesaid property by Mr. Mukesh Kumar. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim in this property, then contact the undersigned within 7 days from date of this notice on below address, falling which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of the aforesaid property.

Raghav Tiwari (Advocate)
Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-110001 Mob.; +91-8076188328

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Public Notice
This is to inform General Public that Mis Anita Builders
Pvt Ltd acquired the Second Floor (Without Roof Right) in Said Floor; Built on Property Bearing No. 0-267, Land, area measuring 153.28 Sq. mtrs. i.e. 183.33 Sq. yds. in Block-D, situated in the Layout Plan of The Raliway Board Employees Co-Operative House Building Society Ltd, Colony Known as "Anand Vihar", New Delhi vide. Sale Deed dated 02.06.2020, (Doc. no. 2019). Now, Mis. Aufls Builders Cut It the se intention to sall the shows exid Sale Deed dated 02.66.2020, (Doc. no. 2019). Now, Mis-Antia Buliders Ptt Ltd has intending to sell the above said property to Mr. Lalit Bhararamji Choudhary and further Mr. Lalit Bhararamji Choudhary agreed to create mortgage in respect of the said property in favour of our client IDFC FIRST Bank Limited. Further, if any person, body, individual, institution having any claim, title, interest and for objection in respect of or against or relating to or touching upon said property or part of the property by way of sale, exchange, lease, lien, mortgage, charge, encumbrance, gift, trust, easement, maintenance, inheritance, testamentary deposition or otherwise or having in their custody any title, documents otherwise or having in their custody any fitle, documents pertaining the said property shall communicate the same to the understigned at below mentioned address within 14 days from the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, failing which all the claim, of such person shall be considered to have been walved and or abandoned. Any objections raised after the completion of the 14 days shall not be binding upon the said property or my Client & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 14 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dhawan/ Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Veritas North, Unit no 907, 9th Floor, GO-TIL Tower, (8-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9818228636 (M). herwise or having in their custody any title, docume

SRF LIMITED (SRF) Selenium Tower-B.6th Floor .Plot No31 & 32 . Gachibowli .Financial District. Setember I tweet - 5,000 From 1832 (2) callibrary, maintain District, Hyderabad - 500 032 (Telangana State) Notice is hereby given that the Certificate(s) for the under mentioned Equity Shares of the Company have been lost /

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	4	SRF0147720	Seema Das Kundu	90143424	50	10002080	10002
	5	SRF0147720	Seema Das Kundu	90143425	50	10002130	10002
	6	SRF0147720	Seema Das Kundu	90143426	50	10002180	100022
	7	SRF0147720	Seema Das Kundu	90206680	50	15580200	15580
	8	SRF0147720	Seema Das Kundu	90206681	50	15580250	15580
	9	SRF0147720	Seema Das Kundu	90206682	50	15580300	15580
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Markets extend gains for 9th session on fag-end buying

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty ticked higher for the ninth straight session on Thursday, buoyed by fag-end buying in banking, financial and realty stocks amid encouraging stocks amid encouraging domestic retail inflation data.

Weak trends in IT counters and fall in the overnight US equity markets triggered by fresh concerns over recession, however, put a check on market's uptrend.

In a largely subdued session, the 30-share BSE Sensex went up marginally by 38.23 points or 0.06 per cent to settle at 60,431. During the day, it hit a high of 60,486.91 and a low of 60,081.43.

The broader NSE Nifty climbed 15.60 points or 0.09 per cent to finish at 17,828.

"After the flat start, pressure in the IT majors pushed the Nifty lower however buying in select heavyweights especially from the banking pack trimmed all the losses and helped index to close flat," said Ajit Mishra, VP Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

Among the Sensex firms, IndusInd Bank, Power Grid, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Kotak



Mahindra Bank, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India and Tata Motors were the biggest winners.

Infosys, Tech Mahindra, HCL Technologies, NTPC, Tata Consultancy Services, Larsen & Toubro, Wipro and UltraTech Cement were among the major

Shares of Infosys fell by nearly 3 per cent ahead of its quarterly earnings announcement later in the day.

The country's largest IT services exporter TCS on Wednesday reported a 14.8 per cent increase in March quarter net profit at Rs 11,392 crore but flagged worries from its key market of North America.

"Indian shares experienced

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.33 per cent and midcap index advanced 0.16 per cent.

Bankex rallied 1.38 per cent, realty jumped 1.17 per cent, financial services climbed 0.97 per cent and auto went up by 0.35 per cent.

However, IT fell by 2.05 per cent, teck (1.94 per cent), capital goods (0.57 per cent), oil & gas (0.55 per cent), energy (0.32 per cent) and telecommunication (0.23 per cent).

In nine trading days, the BSE benchmark has jumped 2,817.28 points or 4.88 per cent.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Japan and Hong Kong ended in the green, while Shanghai settled

European equity markets were trading on a mixed note during the afternoon trade. The US markets had ended lower on Wednesday.

"Global stock markets were mixed on Thursday as investors digest key inflation data out of the US released on Wednesday and prediction of the US Fed members about a mild recession in the US later this year," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities.



Direct tax mop up skyrockets 173% to over ₹19.68 lakh cr

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ndia's gross direct tax col-Lection increased 173 per cent to over Rs 19.68 lakh crore in 10 years to 2022-23.

On a net basis, after adjusting refunds, direct tax collection zoomed 160 per cent since the 2013-14 fiscal to over Rs 16.61 lakh crore in 2022-23.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has released Time-Series data as updated up to fiscal 2021-22 and also provided provisional data for 2022-23.

Direct Tax Buoyancy at 2.52 in FY 2021-22 is the highest Direct Tax Buoyancy recorded over the last 15 years. The direct tax to GDP ratio has increased from 5.62 per cent in 2013-14 to 5.97 per cent in 2021-22.

'India's exports up 6% to \$447 billion in 2022-23'

The country's exports rose by about 6 per cent to a "record" USD 447 billion during 2022-23 on account of healthy growth in the outbound shipments of sectors such as petroleum, pharma and chemicals and marine, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday.

The country's imports also grew by 16.5 per cent to USD 14 billion in 2022-23 as against

USD 613 billion in 2021-22. He said that the exports of goods and services together scaled "new heights" and has increased by 14 per cent to USD 770 billion in 2022-23 as against 676 billion in 2021-22.

"I am delighted to share

with you the outstanding export performance for 2022-23, with India's overall exports scaling new heights at USD 770 billion, registering 14 per cent growth over the previous year and alltime high record growing from USD 500 billion in 2020-21 to USD 676 billion in 2021-22," the

Goyal is on a three-day visit to France and Italy from April 11-13 to hold a series of meetings with leaders and top CEOs in these two countries to further boost trade and investment ties.

minister told reporters here.

India's services exports too have increased by 27.16 per cent to USD 323 billion in 2022-23 as compared to USD 254 billion in 2021-22.

"This is truly a sign of

India's expanding our international footprints," he added.

The overall imports of oods and services have touched USD 892 billion and it reflects that the country's economic activities are growing and that

has supported the exports. Talking to reporters here, Goyal said that the growth in exports would help in contain-

ing the current account deficit. In the services sector, there is a healthy growth in areas including IT, accounting and business processing. In the goods segment, sectors which recorded growth include oil meals, electronic goods, tobacco, oil seeds, rice, coffee, fruits and vegetables, leather goods, ceramic, pharma, marine products, chemicals, and ready-made garments of textiles.

Services imports are estimated at USD 178 billion in 2022-23 as against USD 147 billion a year ago.

Goyal said that the exports of goods and services has increased by about USD 100 billion to cross USD 770 billion in such challenging times, when the world is seeing softening and slowing of international trade, recessionary conditions in the developed world, and unprecedented high inflation in many developed countries.

IN BRIEF

MARUTI SIGNS

MOU WITH IDFC New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki India Limited has announced the signing of a MoU with IDFC FIRST Bank Limited. As part of this collaboration, the bank will offer personalised finance options across New Car Loans Pre-Owned Car Loans and Commercial Vehicle Loans to customers looking to purchase Maruti Suzuki vehicles. The MoU was signed in the presence of senior management from Maruti Suzuki and IDFC FIRST bank, from MSIL Shashank Srivastava, Senior Executive Officer, Marketing and Sales amongst others and from IDFC FIRST bank V Vaidyanathan, MD and CEO and firms top executives

ANDAMAN CHAMBER OBSERVES BANDH

were present.

New Delhi: Andaman observed a full-day bandh. under which all shops, establishments, and transportation along with auto jeep & private buses were nonfunctional. The call for this trade bandh was given by the Joint Action Committee of the & Industry (ACCI) comprising all trade, industry, and commercial establishments. ACCI said that the strike was called over several issues, including a steep hike in power tariff, arbitrary increase in circle rates of land, nonregistration of flats, and demand for better infrastructure and ease of doing business.

NATIONAL MISSION FOR **CLEAN GANGA MOU**

New Delhi: Union Ministry of Jal Shakti signed an MoU with Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, for National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) efforts in the presence of Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, NMCG DG G Asok Kumar, AICTE Chairman TG Sitharam, and, Amity Education Group founder president Ashok K Chauhan.

TRAINING IN AVIATION SECURITY IN NE New Delhi: Central Association

of Private Security Industry (CAPSI) has decided to set up eight "Centres of Excellence" for training in State Capitals of North-East. CAPSI chairman Kunwar Vikram Singh the organisation also plans to start three Drone Pilot Training Academies in the N-E. The Centre of Excellence will impart training in Aviation Security as per global standards, Singh said

PATIENT GETS TREATMENT

IN DELHI HOSPITAL New Delhi: CK Birla Hospital in Punjabi Bagh area successfully treated a 33-year-old Australian patient suffering from cervical spinal stenosis for the past two years under the guidance of Dr Ashwani Maichand, Director Department of Orthopaedics. Vipul Jain, Chief Business Officer CK Birla Hospital said the hospital is committed to achieve the goal of providing global standards of healthcare by using advanced medical innovations and techniques. The hospital said it is committed to achieve goal of providing global standards of healthcare.

P-notes investment declines to ₹88,398 cr in Feb Strategist at Geojit Financial

Investment in the Indian capital markets through participatory notes dropped to Rs 88,398 crore month-on-month in February amid higher valuation of domestic markets. This was the third consec-

utive monthly decline in the investment level. Before this, investment through the route had been on an increasing trend since July 2022 because of a slump in the oil and other commodities prices and the relative outperformance of Indian equity markets.

Participatory notes (Pnotes) are issued by registered Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to overseas investors who

wish to be a part of the Indian stock market without registering themselves directly. They, however, need to go through a due diligence process.

a downturn, weighed down by

IT stocks following weak quar-

terly earnings and a cautious

outlook from the top IT firm,

which flagged apprehensions

over deferred spending and

uncertainty in its BFSI segment.

tion to 5.66 per cent in India,

coupled with the moderation of

core inflation, supports the deci-

sion of the MPC to keep policy

rates on hold. While US inflation

cooled to 5 per cent, anxieties

grew globally after the Federal

Open Market Committee

(FOMC) minutes hinted at a

possible "mild recession" due to

the impact of banking turmoil,"

said Vinod Nair, Head of

Research at Geojit Financial

"The decrease in CPI infla-

value of P-note investments in Indian markets — equity, debt, and hybrid securities - stood at Rs 88,398 crore at the end of February compared to Rs 91,469 crore in January-end.

Prior to that, the investment level through the route was Rs 96,292 crore at the end of December 2022 and Rs 99,335 crore at the end of November 2022. It was Rs 97,784 crore at October-end last year.

Investment via P-notes normally moves in line with FPI investment. When there is a

According to Sebi data, the

global risk to the environment, investment through this route increases and vice-versa.

"Last several months have seen a steady decline in investments through P-notes. This is because Foreign Portfolio particularly since the beginning of 2023. P-notes normally follow the trend in FPI flows. The trend through P-note investment may increase in April since FPI inflows have started looking up," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment

Market experts said FPIs are

Services, said.

finding Indian markets as expensive compared to other emerging markets. Indian market could probably be the only one where they would have made profits last year. Now, it is a good opportunity for them to book profits and look for cheaper valuations elsewhere.

Of the total Rs 88,398 crore invested through this route till February this year, Rs 78,427 crore was invested in equities, Rs 9,851 crore in debt and Rs 119 crore in hybrid securities.

Meanwhile, FPIs pulled out Rs 5,294 crore from the Indian equities in February and Rs 28,852 crore in January.



not solution: IBBI chief

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 $A^{\rm mid\ instances\ of\ long\ delays}_{\rm in\ insolvency\ resolution}$ process of various companies, IBBI chief Ravi Mital on Thursday said resolution requires innovation and "over regulation is not a solution".

Around 650 resolutions of debt-ridden corporates have happened since the implementation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) in late 2016. While acknowledging that delays and haircuts, among other things, Mital said the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) did an analysis which showed that the IBC is for resolutions but it is being evaluated on the basis of performance or haircuts.

Resolution is a thing which requires innovations. Resolution professionals are the best to do such innovations with the help of the Committee of Creditors

"We should encourage innovation and desist from overregulation and writing everything in the Act," he said.

Mital said the Chennai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) recently passed an order where it said a part of Hindustan Photo Films can go into resolution and another part can go into liquidation. "This is an innovation... I am not saying that it can be done in every case but that is an innovation that we should encourage," he added.

IBBI is the key institution under the IBC.

He was speaking at the conference on 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code - Evolving Paradigms and Reforms' organised by industry body CII along with National Foundation for Corporate Governance (NFCG) and the IBBI in the national cap-

In the last six-and-a-half years, Mital said the IBC has done about 650 resolutions, adding that the IBC has led to without resolution or without

admission or with withdrawals The IBBI Chairperson said IIM Ahmedabad has been asked to conduct a study to find out whether these resolutions have led to a change in the economy, adding that the report is expected to come out in the next two

"I have seen the preliminary figures that they have collected and I find that sales (of companies) have increased or turnover has increased manifold after the resolution, EBITDA, Profit after tax, market cap have increased manifold... These things have not been documented, these things are not in

public domain. "So, I hope that in next two months, once this report comes out, we will have a better understanding of what the IBC has achieved in terms of resolutions," Mital said

EBITDA refers to Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation.

Wagering barred in all forms, be it game of skill or chance: MoS IT

nline gaming rules do not need to get into is barred in all forms of games irrespective of the nature of the game, Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar said in a tweet on Thursday.

The minister of state for electronics and IT was responding to an editorial, which said that the online gaming rules avoid dealing with nuances of games of chance versus games of skill.

Chandrasekhar said that wager is a welldefined expression in contract law, and decisions have clearly held the meaning of wager.

"There is no need in this framework to get into "nuances" of chance or skill, bcz the harm of wagering is directly being prohibited - regardless of the nature of the game," the minister tweeted. The Centre had last week notified norms to

regulate the online gaming sector, wherein real

money games involving wagering or betting have been prohibited. The ITRules for OnlineGaming hv been developed after extensive consultation, are quite clear n deal wth every aspect. This framework liberates startups from multiple conflicting state laws, court decisions etc n establishes clarity n growth," Chandrasekhar said. The government has opted

tory organisations that will approve the games that can operate in the country as per the rules. Under the notified rules, SROs will have to publish a framework to safeguard users against

for a self-regulation model for the online gaming

sector and will initially notify three self-regula-



the risk of gaming addiction, financial loss and financial fraud on its website.

Chandrasekhar said real money games involving prize money, are permitted, but real

money games with wagering are not. "ŚROs will evolve framework on how to deal wth addictive n harmful gaming as they develop capacity," the minister said. As per the rules, the online games will be regulated by SROs, which will include the industry, gamers and other stakeholders and not the government.

The SROs, as per the rules, should also include an educationist, an expert in the field of psychology or mental health, an individual who is or has been a member or officer of an organisation dealing with the protection of child rights etc.

The online gaming rules have been includas an amendment in the IT Rules of 2021.

According to the rules, the online gaming selfregulatory body may declare an online real money game as a permissible online real money game if "the online real money game does not involve wagering on any outcome".

'Rupee trade arrangement to help cut transactions cost'

Ldomestic currency will help industry and several countries are in discussion with the RBI on this, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Last year, the RBI and

International trade in the

finance ministry asked the top management of banks and representatives of trade bodies to push export and import transactions in the rupee. They want banks in India to connect with their foreign counterparts for opening special rupee vostro accounts to facilitate cross-border trade in the Indian currency rather than the popular mode of the US dollar.

Goyal said that today several countries are realising that in trade, there is a need for change in currency for that and it involves a conversion cost, which in turn increases transactions cost also.

"We can address these issues through rupee trade (arrangement)," he told reporters here, adding that several countries are under discussions with the RBI



Several banks, including HDFC Bank and UCO Bank, have opened special vostro accounts as of date to facilitate overseas trade in the rupee. Sberbank and VTB Bank

the largest and second-largest banks of Russia, respectively are the first foreign lenders to receive the approval after the RBI announced the guidelines on overseas trade in the rupee in July last year. Another Russian bank

Gazprom, which does not have its unit in India, has also opened this account with Kolkata-based UCO Bank The move to open the spe-

cial vostro account clears the deck for settlement of payments in rupee for trade between India and Russia, enabling cross-border trade in the Indian currency, which the RBI is keen to pro-

Coal India boosts coking coal output, production up 17%

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Thursday reported a 17.2 per cent rise in production of coking coal, helping cut on imports of the fuel that is an essential input for production of iron and

In a statement, Coal India said coking coal production has risen to 54.6 million tonnes in 2022-23, up 17.2 per cent yearon-year growth compared to 46.6 million tonnes in FY'22 (April 2021 to March 2022).

The quantum leap in the year was a whopping 8 million tonnes," it said, adding the output was 107.3 per cent of the target. This assumes significance at

raise the output of this category of coal to 105 million tonnes by 2030 in a bid to reduce its imports and forex outgo. BCCL and CCL, the two Jharkhand-based subsidiaries

nearly 62 per cent or 33.7 million tonnes during the year, posting 16 per cent growth over 29 million tonnes of FY'22. Whereas, CCL clocked around 20 per cent growth at 20.6 million tonnes," it said. Mineable reserves of coking

coal, which is an important feedstock in steel making, in India are scarce. Also its quality inadequacy for direct use in steel making necessitates washing. This forces imports. During FY'23 coking coal

imports were 56 million tonnes, down by 1.1 million tonnes compared to 57.1 million tonnes in FY'22. Apart from the meagre

availability, Indian coking coal has high ash content requiring washing for use in steel mills.

SAT reduces Sebi's penalty on former Maars Software MD to ₹10 lakh in GDR case PTI NEW DELHI the penalty from Rs 1 crore to

The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has slashed the penalty imposed on the former MD of Maars Software International to Rs 10 lakh from Rs 1 crore in a case related to manipulation in the issuance of global depository receipts. Maars Software International Ltd (MSIL) came out with a global depository receipts (GDRs) issue on August 10, 2007.

Pravin Champalal Jain was the former managing director of

"While affirming the order of Sebi's Adjudicating Officer (AO) for the violations committed by the company, we reduce

"In our opinion, the penal-

ty imposed is excessive and disproportionate to the violation and is also discriminatory," the tribunal said in its ruling on Tuesday.

The verdict came after Jain challenged the order passed by Sebi in July 2020.

Sebi's AO had imposed Rs 10.25 crore on MSIL, Rs 1 crore on Jain and Rs 10 lakh each on Harshawardhan S Rathore and Nikunj Babulal Choradiya for flouting Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices rules. Rathore and Choradiya were also the direc-

'India Inc's topline growth in Q4FY23 to halve to 10-12%'

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 \mathbf{I} ndia Inc is likely to report a halving of revenue growth in the fourth quarter of FY23, a credit rating agency said on Thursday, as companies start reporting their financials. The revenue growth will come down to 10-12 per cent

as against 22.8 per cent for the January-March period in the year-ago, Crisil's Market Intelligence and Analytics arm said. For the full fiscal FY23, revenue is estimated to have

grown 19-21 per cent, which

is slower than over 27 per cent

growth registered in FY22, it

margin is likely to have moderated by 3 percentage points. The continuing headwinds to exports which have

said, adding that operating

had an impact on volume growth, and the high-base were cited as the main reasons which will cause the sharp slowdown in topline growth for Q4FY23, Crisil, which analysed 300 companies across 47 sectors to arrive at the expectations, said. It said revenues of com-

modities and export-oriented sectors such as textiles, gems and jewellery, and information technology-enabled services, declined on-year. time when the Ministry of

Coal India Ltd, the world's largest coal miner, on

Coal has asked the company to

of CIL, are major producers of coking coal and together accounted for almost the entire output of 54.3 million tonnes in

"BCCL alone produced

he pioneer

GT RESTRICT PBKS TO 153-8

edium pacer Mohit Sharma marked his return to the IPL with excellent figures of 2/18 as holders Guiarat Titans restricted Punjab Kings to 153 for eight here on

Playing in his first game in the league since 2020, Mohit was exceptional in the penultimate over, giving away

as little as six runs.

Matthew Short top-scored with a 24-ball 36, but it was Masood Shahrukh Khan's nine-ball 22 that helped PBKS cross 150.

Sent in to bat after the coin land-ed in favour of the returning Gujarat Titans skipper Hardik Pandya, PBKS lost Prabhsimran Singh in the second ball of the over when his attempted flick off a length ball from Mohammed Shami went straight to Rashid Khan at short midwicket. Prabhsimran depart-

ed without scoring.
Short walked in at number three and he got off the mark with a boundary, striking the ball through point. The next ball was short, and Short pulled the seasoned India seamer through the square leg region for another four.

Sharing the new ball with Shami, Joshua Little was welcomed with two boundaries by the in-form Shikhar Dhawan. While the first one was lofted over cover, Dhawan produced a delightful shot in the next ball, caressing the ball past mid-off in what was a high-class cover drive.

Australia's Short, who has done well for Adelaide Strikers in the Big Bash League back home, took on Shami and hit him for back-to-back fours including an authoritative boundary through

However, just when PBKS seemed to be putting GT under pressure Little gave his team a huge breakthrough, dis-



missing the dangerous Dhawan (8) who came down the track to play the lofted shot, only to end up giving a catch

to Alzarri Joseph. Defending champions Gujarat Titans got another big wicket when the ever-reliable Rashid (1/26 in 4 overs) foxed a well-settled Short with a googly with PBKS's score reading 55 for three in the seventh over.

 $Having\,struck\,a\,flurry\,of\,fours\,and$ a massive six off Joseph, Short had settled down nicely but looked clueless when Rashid decided to bowl the

Short's dismissal set PBKS a bit, and

it became trickier when Jitesh Sharma (25 off 23 balls) was sent back by Mohit, thanks to a smart piece of work by

Sam Curran (22) struck a muchneeded six -- a big maximum over deep midwicket after star leg-spinner Rashid

Sri Lankan Bhanuka Rajapaksa did not convince in his 26-ball 20, until his stay in the middle was cut short by

Wriddhiman Saha behind the wickets. Joseph. Shahrukh Khan smashed the first

ball he faced for a six over deep midwicket, before picking up another maximum off Shami.

Rahmanullah Gurbaz. Playing under an Indian coach in Chandrakant Pandit, Ferguson said he's doing a great job in creating a fine team atmosphere. "It's been a great experience with Chandru from the start. I love his honesty. He gets around all the players. He knows how the team's morale is and how we are going to go

about our business as a team. "Probably from the outset, it's just win or loss but it's about that consistency and try to create a culture and a team value that has Chandru brought into the team from an early stage. It's KKR eye hat-trick of wins

On a high after Rinku Singh's phenomenal knock, Kolkata Knight Riders will be gunning for a hat-trick of victories when they face a resurgent Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League here on Friday.

Having started off their campaign with a reversal against Punjab Kings at Mohali, KKR found two unlikely heroes in two matches to get their campaign up and running.

First, it was Shardul Thakur's storm with the bat that took a star-studded Royal Challengers Bangalore by surprise as the pace bowling allrounder's 29-ball 68 led KKR to their first win of the season, a dominant

81-run victory.

Then the low-profile Rinku has become the flavour of the season after pulling off the greatest heist in T20 history by scoring 31 runs in the last over to win a match.

KKR defeated the reigning

champions Gujarat Titans by three wickets in their den, the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, courtesy Rinku's astonishing power-hitting.

The two-time former champions, who were hit hard by the absence of their skipper Shreyas Iyer and star allrounder Shakib-Ál-Hasan and were written off by many following a low-key auction, suddenly have become the side to beat this season.

That the two wins have come without any significant contribution from their star power-hitter Andre Russell and skipper Nitish Rana, make them an even more dangerous side.

While Shardul and Rinku have undoubtedly provided the finishing options, KKR thinktank would be keen to prove that

these two wins were not a fluke. By his standard, Russell, the fearsome Jamaican powerhitter, has looked a shadow of his past, barring a 19-ball 35 in their

rain-hit loss to Punjab Kings in

With scores of 0 and 1 in the next two matches, Russell would be keen to prove his credentials as he sweated it out during practice ahead of the match on

KKR have tried out different opening combinations in the three matches so far and it is likely to be changed again against SRH, with England opener Jason Roy likely to be included in place of Rahmanullah Gurbaz.

The Afghanistan player has impressed with a fighting fifty against RCB, but with Roy being included as a replacement for Shakib, the Englishman is likely to be included, while Narayan Jagadeesan may don the wicketkeeping gloves.
As for SRH, the Aiden

Markram-led side looks strong on paper after some big buys like Harry Brook, Mayank Agarwal and Heinrich Klaasen at the auc-

Overflowing with white-ball specialists, SRH, however, have failed to impress in their first two matches. However, a Rahul Tripathi special — 48-ball unbeaten 74 — led them to their first win of the season when they defeated Punjab Kings by eight

The high-profile Brook, who has been signed for Rs 13.25 crore, has so far managed scores of 13, 3 and 13.

A member of the England side that won the T20 World Cup last year, Brook has looked out of sorts in the opener's role, and it would not be a bad idea to bring him down the order.

They also have a potent spin attack in Washington Sundar and Mayank Markande, fresh from his 4/15 against Punjab Kings, while the pace attack, led by Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Marco Jansen, will give KKR a tough fight.

A win for KKR, currently placed third, may take them to the top of the table.



Markam pins hopes on death bowlers

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Cunrisers Hyderabad are not (tomorrow)." tional batting display of Rinku Singh and Shardul Thakur in KKR's last two IPL matches, and skipper Aiden Markram on Thursday said he is confident of their bowlers executing their plans at the death.

Kolkata Knight Riders posted consecutive 200-plus totals courtesy the duo's power-hitting en route to securing splendid wins over Royal Challengers Bangalore and Gujarat Titans in their last two matches.

"If you look at their squad make-up as a whole, they are going to play aggressively and an attacking brand of cricket. On each one's given day, they can certainly be a massive threat for us," Markram told reporters on the eve of their match.

"It's about sticking to our strengths out in the middle, that will give us the best chance to execute whatever plans we have. Guys have been doing very well for KKR, they (Shardul and Rinku) have been finishing well.

"But we are going to have some good plans in place, we have some good experience in our camp, some really good death bowlers as well, we are confident in them. Hopefully we can execute nicely, on the night

Bhuvneshwar Kumar to lead the pace attack, which is bolstered by the addition of Markram's fellow South African Marco Jansen, and they will also have the fiery Umran Malik in a three-pronged pace attack.

Having released Rashid Khan, SRH have the spin duo of Washington Sundar and Mayank Markande.

Starting the season with back-to-back losses, SRH got their campaign back on track when they rode on an unbeaten 74 from Rahul Tripathi to defeat Punjab Kings by eight

A former KKR player, Tripathi will look to give his valuable inputs to the team.

"It's always nice having someone in your team who has been a part of the team who you are going to play against. Definitely, we will use Rahul's experience, knowledge as best as

"It's great to see a player like Rahul in form, he's really entertaining to watch and the way he goes about his work. It's great to have him in that frame of mind at the moment," Markram said.

Don't think Russell is underperforming: Ferguson to KKR after being traded from Gujarat Titans along with

ndre Russell may have had Andre Russen may man Andre Russen may man and man Andre Russen may man and man the IPL but pacer Lockie Ferguson on Thursday believed that his star Kolkata Knight Riders teammate will turn things around in their match against Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Russell got out cheaply for 0 and 1, even as KKR secured splendid wins over Royal Challengers Bangalore and Gujarat Titans in their previous two matches. But Ferguson said a big knock is due from the explosive Jamaican batter.
"I don't think Andre is

underperforming. He played well in the first game (35 vs Punjab Kings), then he had a



couple of early dismissals. I would say he's far from under-

performing.
"We all know what Andre can do, particularly here that was my first season and first experience of Andre, and Jesus! I've not seen a guy hit a ball like that. I'm sure he will put us a show for us tomorrow night," he said, recalling his first season in KKR in 2019. The Kiwi pacer returned

nice to have him lead from the front," he said.

It is too late to change action: Bishop's advice to Bumrah choosing most important tour-

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Comeone who has endured Omultiple back injuries himself, former West Indies fast bowler Ian Bishop can imagine what a "generational" talent like Jasprit Bumrah is going through at the moment.

The 29-year-old underwent a surgery in New Zealand last month following recurring back issues that have kept him away from the game since September Bumrah is now racing against time to get fit for the ODI World Cup at home in

October-November. Bumrah's "unique" action has worked wonderfully for him but it has also put a lot of load on his back, making him susceptible to injuries.

Bishop, who could have played a lot more than 43 Tests and 84 ODIs if it wasn't for injuries, feels it is too late for Bumrah to change his action at this stage of his career and he can only be "managed" by picking and choosing tournaments amid the relentless schedule.

"Any fast bowler worth his soul can play all formats of the game all year and maintain his cutting edge pace, it is just too demanding. The sprint up and and down, the hamstring, the workload of the body. It has to be managed," Bishop told PTI in an interview.

"I don't think there is any one recipe (to manage workload). Because we don't decide on the minds and bodies of these outstanding athletes. That decision has to be made by the individual and administrators close to him but I will throw one thing out for governing bodies, it is just an advice. You can't play these guys (Bumrah and Co.) in every tournament," he said.

The 55-year-old from Trinidad is not only worried about Bumrah's future, he is equally concerned for the likes of Jofra Archer, Anrich Nortje and Shaheen Afridi who too have battled injuries.

"With so much cricket going on, the players will have to start



naments. It is about how can a player secure his financial future and at the same time play enough to secure his cricketing legacy and help his country.

'You want guys like Bumrah and Jofra playing at their best with cutting edge pace. That is what when they have great value. Be very meticulous and specific with when you want

them to play," he said. In 2020, the great Michael Holding had expressed his doubts over Bumrah's longevity considering he generates a huge amount of pace with a short run-up and a unique

For Bishop, changing action following injuries did not work and he believes Bumrah is past

that stage too. "Everybody has got a unique way in how they formulate their action and Jasprit is more unique than most others so I think he has got to use the physical gifts he was blessed with and fine tune it as he goes along.

PTI ■ CHENNAI

hennai Super Kings captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni is nursing a knee injury, which is hindering his movement somewhat, said head coach Stephen Fleming after the four-time IPL champions lost a last-ball thriller to Rajasthan Royals by three runs.

Adding to the injury worries, CSK's South African pace bowler Sisanda Magala too suffered a split webbing at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Wednesday night.

"He (Dhoni) is nursing a knee injury, which you can see in some of his movement, hindering him somewhat. His fitness has been professional. He comes in months before the tournament starts. He does some nets in Ranchi, but his main pre-season is a month

MSD nursing a knee injury: Fleming before he comes to Chennai,

Fleming told reporters at the post-match press conference after CSK suffered their second defeat in four games this sea-

Seamer Sandeep Sharma nailed a couple of perfect block-hole deliveries to earn a hard-fought victory for the Royals. Chasing 176, Dhoni (32) and Ravindra Jadeja (25) were on course requiring 21 runs off the last over. CSK's final score was 172/6 as Dhoni couldn't end his 200th game for CSK in a manner he would

have wanted to on home turf. Fleming, though, expressed confidence that the former India captain will manage his injury well and will continue to lead the side.



into match form, and you can still see he is playing pretty well. So we always have confidence about how he manages himself.

"He works his way back He always keeps himself up to speed," said Fleming, allaying concerns about Dhoni's fit-

On Magala, who had to

leave the field with a split webbing after bowling two overs, Fleming said, "For us again, it's losing another player — that's two games in a row -- and we're already pretty thin, so we'd like

it (injuries) to stop."

CSK's list of injured players is growing by the day with England all-rounder Ben Stokes, bought for Rs 16.25 crore at the IPL auction, missing the game due to a heel injury, while pacer Deepak Chahar has been almost ruled out of IPL 2023 due to a hamstring injury he sustained during the match against Mumbai Indians.

'Magala's hand was split unfortunately, so he was unable to bowl those last two overs. And same with Deepak Chahar

in the last game, so we're operating on pretty thin resources. But we're not the only team to have that.

"I think a lot of players coming out of a big domestic season are a little bit broken, but we just keep having to find solutions," Fleming said.

"So we'll do that in the next four days. But, yeah, it's not ideal yet. The captain has to then think on his feet (if bowlers keep getting injured). Moeen Ali had to come back (after Magala hurt his webbing), and he hadn't had a great day but he got the wicket of (Jos) Buttler which was good.

"And you've got young players like Akash (Singh) who s coming in for his first game, having to bowl some key overs. It's not how we plan, but T20 very rarely goes to plan," the CSK coach added.

Samson fined ₹12 lakh for slow over-rate



Rajasthan Royals skipper Sanju Samson has been fined Rs 12 lakh for maintaining a slow over-rate during their Indian Premier League (IPL) match against Chennai Super

Over rate is proving to be an issue in the IPL again with a lot of games stretching past the four-hour mark. "As it was the team's first

offence of the season under the

IPL's Code of Conduct relating

to minimum over-rate offences

captain Sanju Samson was fined Rs 12 lakhs," read an IPL media advisory. Rajasthan had pulled off a

last-ball win over CSK on Tuesday with Sandeep Sharma bowling a brilliant 20th over to deny M S Dhoni and Ravindra Jadeja. It was Rajasthan's third win in four games while CSK suffered their second loss of the

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EMPOWERED UTTARAKHAND @ 25

INCREDIBLE & decade of the 21st century would be of Uttarakhand. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has been leading the state and working on the road map to make an

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UTTARAKHAND

Besides being 'Devbhoomi', the 'Abode of Gods', Uttarakhand, is a land blessed with nature's bounties — those of fast flowing rivers, lakes, and majestic mountains, where the aspirations of tourists from world over for adventure activities are taken care of. With the advent of double engine governments at the state as well as at the centre, there have been tremendous improvements in the facilities and infrastructure of tourism in Uttarakhand. This is the reason that the number of tourists visiting the state has increased manifold



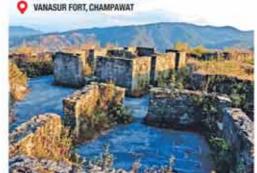
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of tourism facilities is part of the proposed roadmap. ADVENTURE TOURISM Uttarakhand which has a unique place on the tourism map of the world has become a focal point of adventure tourism activities. The state government besides promoting religious tourism has taken several initiatives in adventure tourism also. The tourists visiting Rishikesh in the state can enjoy bungee jumping, flying fox, river crossing and para-

gliding and other adventure tourism activities. The Tehri Lake nestled in the mountains has become a favourite

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has predicted that the third

tourist destination, being liked by tourists. The tourists can



enjoy floating house, Shikara boat and cruise ride, boating, jet speed boating, water skiing, banana boat ride. bandwagon boat ride, hot air balloon ride and paragliding

ENJOYING HIMALAYAN CULTURE WHILE STAYING AT A HOMESTAY

There are many tourist places situated in the remote rural areas which are known for their natural beauty and cultural heritage. These places are now being enjoyed by local and foreign tourists through homestay facilities at these places. The state Tourism department through its Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Homestay Development Scheme has granted 50 per cent subsidy (maximum Rs 15 lakh) in the hills and 25% subsidy in the plain areas (maximum of Rs 7.50 lakh) for development of homestay facilities. A total of 530 persons

have been provided subsidy under the scheme. More than 4680 units have also been registered under Guest House registration Scheme and more than 14,000 people have been provided employment directly or indirectly.

HOMESTAYS ON TREKKING ROUTE

To give a new experience, Uttarakhand government has started Trekking Traction centre Homestay Scheme. This



unique initiative has given home-like facilities and sense of security to the tourists on the trekking routes besides giving self-employment and a gift of development to the local people. Under the Trekking Traction centre Homestay Scheme, 15 such Trekking Traction centres have been notified in Uttarkashi, Tehri, Bageshwar, Pithoragarh, Chamoli and Rudraprayag districts of the state. Till date 215 beneficiaries have been chosen. The Pushkar Singh Dhami led state government is giving financial help for building homestay facilities in the villages within two kilometres of the Trekking Traction centres.

JIM CORBETT TRAIL

The world-famous Jim Corbett National Park of Uttarakhand gives a special kind of experience to lovers of jungle safari. To make jungle safari more adventurous and secure, the Uttarakhand government has started developing Jim Corbett Trail in Champawat Forest division. This trail is being developed in Champawat, Bagh Barudi, Talla Desh, Khet Barnan Goan, Thulakot, Boom-Kaldunga -Chuka-Tak, Devidhura-Pati-Dhunaghat, Panar Valley, Durga Pipal-Ladhia and Durga Pipal-Chalthi. The presence of variety of animals, flora and fauna makes it an ideal eco-tourism destination.

ROPEWAY AS A FACILITY & ADVENTURE ALSO

The 'Parvatmala' project describes aptly the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. To develop ropeway facilities in the mountains, Parvatmala Project has been initiated. Prime

THE FIRST CARTOGRAPHIC MUSEUM OF THE COUNTRY

The first cartographic museum of the country is ready to attract tourists at hill resort of Mussoorie. Built at a cost of Rs 4.55 crore at Sir George Everest House, this modern cartographic museum, houses the papers of Sir George Everest used to decipher the height of Mount Everest and other equipment. The documents of great cartographer

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Nain Singh Rawat, surveyor Kishan Singh Negi and mathematician Radhanath would be on display. The tourists would also be able to know about working of modern GPS systems and other geographical information through globe installed at the museum.

BEST FILM-FRIENDLY STATE

Uttarakhand provides best destination for film shooting besides being a tourist destination. The state government in a bid to attract film makers to shoot their films in exotic location of the state has come up with Film policy 2022. The policy provides special incentives/ awards/recognition to the film makers and actors. The film makers have been provided with single window facilities with financial incentives. The Pushkar Singh Dhami Government has decided to build a film city in Dehradun. During the 53rd International Film Festival knowledge series held at Goa, a discussion on "Shooting in Uttarakhand" was also held. Prasoon Joshi, Chairman of the Central Film censor Board said that Uttarakhand has a positive climate for film making and the state is being prepared as a film destination under the leadership of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The music, art, and culture of 'Devbhoomi' Uttarakhand is different from others and the number of films being shot in Uttarakhand are on the rise.