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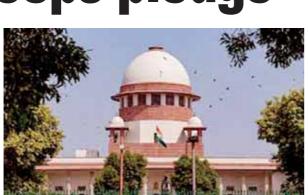
Aday after promising the Supreme Court that the Collegium's pending recommendations for the elevation of five High Court judges to the apex court will be cleared soon, the Centre on Saturday notified the appointments. The five judges elevated to the apex court are Justices Pankaj Mithal, Sanjay Karol, PV Sanjay Kumar, Manoj Misra and Ahsanuddin Amanullah.

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju tweeted to announce the appointment of the judges.

Justices Pankaj Mithal Sanjay Karol and PV Sanjay Kumar are Chief Justices of Rajasthan, Patna and Manipur High Courts respectively Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah is a judge of the Patna High Court and Justice Manoj Misra is a judge of Allahabad High

On Friday, the Supreme Court had expressed displea-sure and pulled up the Central Government for delaying the appointments of the five judges who were recommended by Collegium on December 13, last year. A Bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Abhay S Oka had given the Centre an ultimatum to process the appointments within ten days, after Attorney General N Venkataramani had submitted that they would be done "soon".

When the Bench insisted for a specific timeline, the AG said that appointment warrant



Justice Pankaj Mithal, cur-

rently serving as the Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court, was Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court. His parent High Court is the Allahabad High Court. Justice Sanjay Karol is currently the Chief Justice of Patna High Court and was Chief Justice of Tripura High Court. His parent High Court is the Himachal Pradesh High

Justice PV Sanjay Kumar is Chief Justice of Manipur High Court and served as a judge of Punjab & Haryana High Court. His parent High Court is Telangana. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah is presently a judge of the Patna High Court and was a judge at Andhra Pradesh High Court before being transferred back to Patna, his parent High Court. Justice Manoj Misra has been a judge of the Allahabad High Court for the past 12 years.

Currently, the Supreme Court has 34 judges and there

five new judges, its strength will up go to 32, with just 2 vacancies. On January 31, the SC Collegium had recommended the names of Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Aravind Kumar for elevation to the Supreme

Public is 'malik', nobody can give warning: Rijiju

Prayagraj: A day after the Supreme Court warned of action for any delay in clearing transfer and appointment of judges. Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday said, "Public is 'malik' (master) of this country and we are servants. We all are here for service and the Constitution is our guide.... The country will be governed under the guidance of the Constitution and wishes of the public Nobody can give warning to

SC gets 5 judges as India's image unaffected by Adani's FPO pullout: FM

ndia's economic image is not ▲affected due to Adani Group's recent decision to pull out ₹20,000 crore FPO amid allegations of financial wrongdoings, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday.

The Finance Minister said there has been an accretion of USD 8 billion to the forex reserves in the last two days alone. "...Our macroeconomic fundamentals or our economy's image, none of which has been affected. Yes, FPOs (follow-on public offers) come in, and FIIs (foreign institutional investors) get out," Sitharaman told reporters here.

The Minister said there are "fluctuations" in every market but the accretion over the last few days establishes the fact that the perception of both India and its inherent strengths is intact.

Answering a broader question on the allegations against Adani Group, she said the country's independent financial sector regulators will be looking into the aspect and added that capital markets watchdog Securities and Exchange Board of India has the wherewithal to ensure stability in markets. ...For keeping the market

and the markets regulated in prime condition, the Sebi is the authority. And it has the wherewithal to keep that prime condition," she said.

The FM also said that the RBI has already spoken out on the issue, referring to Friday's statement, which said the bank-



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with MoS for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary addresses a press conference in Mumbai on Saturday

ing sector is resilient and sta-

About ten days ago, USbased short seller Hindenberg Research made a slew of allegations on the corporate governance front against Adani Group. The Ahmedabad-based group has denied all the allegations and termed it as a calculated attack on India. It has cancelled the FPO even after managing subscriptions to it.

Finance Secretary TV Somanathan on Saturday stood by his comment on the controversy where he called it a storm in a teacup, clarifying that this is in the context of macroeconomic terms and the stability of India's public financial institutions.

Meanwhile, on the decision to convert outstanding dues into equity at Vodafone Idea, Somanathan said the transaction is being done as a package

He said the Government share will be held by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) where the stake will be considered as a public shareholder.

DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said the price has been taken at ₹10 despite the Vodafone Idea shares trading lower on bourses because, as per laws, preferential allotments have to happen at the face value of a share

The Finance Ministry officials present at the meet also made it clear that the tweaks on taxation in the insurance front will not impact the policy agenda of deepening penetration and clarified that there was sufficient data to suggest that investments were masquerading as insurance premiums due to which a decision was taken to tax the

Steps in place to address excess volatility: Sebi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amid a raging controversy over a meltdown in Adani Group stocks, regulator Sebi on Saturday said it is committed to ensuring the stock market's integrity and all necessary surveillance measures are in place to address any excessive volatility in individual shares.

Without naming Adani Group specifically, the capital markets watchdog said in a statement that unusual price movement in the stocks of a business conglomerate has been observed in the past week. Officials confirmed that the statement has been issued in the wake of the Adani matter only.

"As part of its mandate, Sebi seeks to maintain orderly and efficient functioning of the market and has put in place a set of well-defined, publicly available surveillance measures (including the ASM framework) to address excessive volatility in specific stocks. This mechanism gets automatically triggered under certain conditions of price volatility in any stock," Sebi said.

BSE and NSE have put three Adani group companies under their short-term additional surveillance measure

PT Usha on Saturday broke that illegal constructions were being carried out at her academy campus in Kozhikode district and strangers were trespassing into the property posing a security threat to the

INDIA'S 1ST TRANSMAN GETS PREGNANT



Transgender couple Ziya and Zahad at their home in Kozhikode on Saturday, Ziva and Zahad are expecting their hahv in March while claiming this to be the first pregnancy case for a transman in India PTI

INJURED IN EXPLOSION Kolkata: One person was killed

and two others were injured when they were allegedly manufacturing crude bombs in an explosion at Basanti in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district on Saturday.

SATELLITE TO BE SHIPPED TO INDIA FOR LAUNCH

Washington: An satellite mean for earth observation jointly developed by NASA and ISRO that will help study Earth's land and ice surfaces in greater detail is all set to be shipped to India later this month for a possible

TN firm linked to vision loss, death in US told to stop making eye drops

PNS NEW DELHI

¬amil Nadu-based Global Pharma Healthcare, which is facing allegations that its eye drop was linked to vision loss IN five people and death of a person in the US, has been asked to stop manufacturing all ophthalmic products till the Enquiry is completed in the matter, officials said on

Saturday. Officials in the Union Health Ministry said the direc-tion came after the manufacturing plant of the Global Health Pharma was inspected by Indian drug regulatory bodies. A three-member team each from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and the State Drug Controller visited the plant in Tamil Nadu's Kancheepuram, 40 km from Chennai, on Friday after the company recalled the

The teams have also collected samples of eye drops — Artificial Tears — which were exported. The eye drops are not



sold in India.

According to an official report, the joint investigation at the firm's manufacturing site at Thiruporur in Tamil Nadu's Kancheepuram was conducted on February 3 by the team of senior Central and State drugs officials, under the supervision of Tamil Nadu's Director of Drugs Control and CDSCO's Assistant Drugs Controller (South Zone).

During investigation, it was found that the firm has exported two consignments of 24 batches of Artificial Tears to the USA which were manufactured in 2021 and 2022.

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Sharjeel among 11 'scapegoats' freed in **Okhla violence case**

Acourt here on Saturday discharged 11 people, including student activists Sharjeel Imam and Asif Iqbal Tanha, in Jamia Nagar (Okhla) violence case, saying that the Delhi Police was unable to apprehend the actual perpetrators, it booked the accused as "scapegoats".

The court, however, ordered framing of charges against one of the accused, Mohammad Ilvas.

"Marshalling the facts as brought forth from a perusal of the chargesheet and three supplementary chargesheets, this court cannot but arrive at the conclusion that the police were unable to apprehend the actual perpetrators behind the commission of the offence, but surely managed to rope the persons herein as scapegoats, Additional Sessions Judge Arul Varma said.

An FIR was lodged in connection with the violence that



erupted after a clash between police and people protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) in the Jamia Nagar area here December 2019.

The judge said there were admittedly scores of protesters at the site and some anti-social elements within the crowd could have created an environment of disruption and

"However, the moot question remains — whether the accused persons herein were even prima facie complicit in taking part in that mayhem? The answer is an unequivocal no," he added.

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In good news in the cancer care segment, a team of researchers have leveraged artificial intelligence (AI) technology to the care care and artificial care and artificial care artificial care and artificial care are also artificial care and artificial care are also also are also also are als

nology to identify genes critical to a cancer cell's survival,

and could help deliver person-

alised cancer patient treat-

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dencies for identifying the

Researchers at

University of Sussex, UK, have

done this by developing a pre-

diction algorithm that works

out which genes are essential in

genes, the study said.

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Modi to open India's largest copter making unit in K'taka tomorrow

PNS NEW DELHI

With the objective of rapid indigenisation in defence manufacturing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Mondav will dedicate a helicopter manufacturing factory in Karnataka. It will produce light utility helicopters designed

within the country.
Giving details here on Saturday, Defence Ministry officials said Modi will dedicate the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) factory at Tumakuru. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and senior officials of the Ministry of Defence

will be present on the occasion. The Prime Minister had laid the foundation stone of the plant in 2016.

The Greenfield Helicopter Factory, spread across 615 acres, is planned with a vision to become a one-stop solution for all helicopter requirements of the country.

It is India's largest heli-



copter manufacturing facility and will initially produce Light Utility Helicopters (LUHs).

The LUH is an indige nously designed and developed 3-tonne class, single engine multipurpose utility helicopter with unique fea-tures of high maneuverability. Initially, this factory will produce around 30 helicopters per year and can be enhanced to 60 and then 90 per year in a phased manner. The first LUH has been flight tested and is ready for unveiling.

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'Al could help deliver personalised cancer treatment'

Using a personalised

approach to guide treatment

could improve life expectancy,

ED seizes heroin, arms in 10 raids in **Punjab border dist**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case linked to a Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act case on 10 different premises in different villages of Tarn Taran district in Punjab led to the recovery and seizure of 2.2 kg of heroin and other contraband items weighing about 14 kg of narcotics.

In addition, the ED also recovered documents of properties besides two rifles, three pistols and live ammunition from the premises of the sus-The ED had launched the

search operations on Friday at 10 premises in Sheron, Naushera Pannuan and Bugha villages of Tarn Taran district.

The agency searched the business and residential premises of Skattar Singh, alias Laddi, Gajjan Singh, Makhan Singh, other members of their family and some other associates under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, offi-



cials said.
"During the course of search, various incriminating evidence was recovered and seized relating to numerous immovable properties worth crores of rupees in the names of these accused persons, members of their family and their associates," the agency said in a statement.

A few packets of psychotropic substance appearing to be opium and its derivative products, including hero-in, were also recovered from the residential premises of Skattar Singh and his family at

Sheron village.

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Orphans will study free of cost in DU: VC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi University Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh on Saturday stated that thousands of orphan children, including those who lost their parents to Covid-19, will get an opportunity to pursue higher education free of cost with the university's new initiative to reserve seats for them.

The Vice Chancellor said the university has been responsible for providing education to the students seeking higher education without any discrimination on any grounds.

The varsity decided to reserve seats in its UG and PG programmes for orphans under supernumerary quota from the next academic year.

Veteran singer Vani found dead at Chennai home **KUMAR CHELLAPPAN**

Vani Jairam, the versatile playback singer who strode over the South Indian film industry for more than five decades, is no more. Jairam (77) was found dead

in her residence in Chennai on Saturday morning by her maid servant Kalaivani. Chennai Police, who rushed to her home on being informed about her death, held a preliminary inquiry and shifted the mortal remains to Government Hospital for autopsy.

A case under sections of Continued on Page 2 unnatural death has been reg-

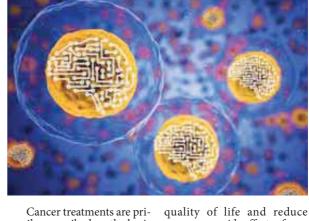


the Government of India had honoured Vani Jairam with Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian award of the

the cell, by analysing the genetic changes in the tumour. This can be used to identify actionable targets that in time could guide oncologists to Continued on Page 2 personalise cancer patient

treatments, the study said.
"Our vision is to take advantage of the decreasing to both of DNA sequencing and to both of the power of AL to harness the power of AI to understand cancer cell differences and what they mean for the individual patient's treatment. "Through our research, we were able to identify cellspecific gene dependencies using only the DNA sequence and RNA levels in that cell, which are easily and cheaply obtainable from tumour biopsy samples," said Dr Frances Pearl, Senior Lecturer in Bioinformatics at the University of Sussex.

"This is an incredibly exciting step in our research which means that we can now work to improve the technology so that it can be offered to oncologists and help in the treatment pathways for their patients," said



unnecessary side effects of canmarily prescribed on the basis of the location and type of cancer patients, the study said. cer. Genetic differences in In each cell, there are tumours can make standard cancer treatments ineffective.

around 20,000 genes that contain the information needed to make proteins. Around 1,000 of those genes are essential, meaning they are required for the cell When normal cells become

cancer cells, oncogenes, or genes with the potential to cause cancer, become activated and tumour suppressor genes become inactivated, causing a rewiring of the cell. This causes the cell to

become dependent on a new set of genes to survive, and this can then be exploited to kill the cancer cells. By using this new AI technology to target protein products of tumour-specific dependent genes, cancer cells can be killed, leaving the normal cells which are not dependent on these genes relatively unharmed, the study said. Although dependencies

can be determined using intensive laboratory techniques, it is costly and time consuming and would not be feasible to analyse all tumour samples in this way, the study said.

Usha alleges security threat in her academy

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM/

Legendary athlete and Indian Colympic Association (IOA) president P T Usha on Saturday broke down before the media alleging that illegal constructions were being carried out at her academy campus in Kozhikode district and strangers were trespassing into the property posing a security threat to the inmates.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, she said those at the Usha School of Athletics had been facing such harassment and security issues for some time and it has intensified after she became the Rajya Sabha Member.

Usha had been nominated to the Upper House by the BJP

The "sprint queen" appealed to the Left govern-ment in Kerala and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to



intervene into the issue and take immediate steps to stop the alleged encroachment and trespassing into the campus and ensure the safety of women athletes there.

"Of the 25 women athletes in the Usha schools, 11 were from north India. It is our responsibility to ensure their safety. I submitted a written complaint to the Chief Minister in this regard," she said.

A teary-eyed Usha also said waste is being dumped on a large scale in the campus, which is also facing threat from the drug mafia but the local panchayat was not letting the academy management to construct a compound wall.

was made just in the middle of the campus by someone and when we asked, they said they had the approval of the panchayat authorities for it. The school management also had to suffer rude behaviour when they questioned this encroachment," she said.

Usha said the 30-acre land, where the Usha School of Athletics is located, was handed over to them by the previous Oommen Chandy led-Congress government in the state for 30 years on lease.

Asked whether those at her academy were facing harassment and ill-treatment after she was nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the BJP, she said each political party had the habit of considering her as a member of its political rival.

"The Congress would say I am a CPI(M) sympathiser while the Marxist party would say I have an affiliation to the

Lawyers, ex-judges of Madras HC accused of stalling Gowri's elevation

Lawyers and jurists in Tamil Nadu are of the view that a cartel of lawyers and former judges of the Madras High Court are covertly attempting to hijack the appointment of new judges to the High Court by spreading false allegations and canards against potential candidates.

The report about the possible appointment of Victoria Gowri, a senior lawyer hailing from Kanyakumari, as a judge of the Madras High Court had caused resentment and heartburning among a section of former judges and lawyers who pose themselves as human right activists, according to Arjun Sampath, founder of Hindu Makkal

"I am not at all interested in who is being appointed as judge. But the persons who wrote a letter to the President of India demanding that the name of Victoria Gowri be deleted from the list of potential candidates because of her rapport with Hindu organisations is highly condemnable," said Arjun Sampath in a state-

A group of lawyers led by V Suresh, representing a pro-Maoist organisation had writ-ten to the President of India asking her to delete the name of Gowri from the list of persons to be appointed as judges of the Madras High Court which has been approved by the Collegium of Judges.

They had stated that Victoria Gowri has made hate speeches targeting Muslims and Christians and also of her disapproval of Love Jihads.

A probe by The Pioneer found that Victoria Gowri is the first woman lawyer in Kanyakumari district to open an office of her own and had endeared herself to the litigants because of her intelligence and expertise in jurisprudence.

Lion share of BMC Budget set aside for infra works, projects

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In its whopping ₹52,619 crore budget for 2023-24, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Saturday set aside a lion's share of ₹27,247 crore — which accounts for 51.78 per cent of the budgetary outlay — on infrastructure works, including major projects like Coastal Road Project and Ghatkopar-Mankhurd Link Road (GMLR) and concretisation of roads, aimed at providing what it called "better quality of life" to Mumbaikars.

The outlay of ₹52,619.07 crore of the BMC budget for 2023-24 presented by Mumbai Municipal Commissioner I S Chahal is 14.52 per cent more than the budgetary outlay of ₹45,949.21 crore budget for

For the first time in its 134 the BMC polls.

year-old history, the outlay of the BMC has crossed ₹50,000 crore. In terms of the outlay, the budgetary outlay of the BMC — which is considered as one of the richest municipal corporations in Asia — is larger than that of many smaller States in the country.

The budget comes ahead of the crucial BMC polls to be held in the coming months. With the term of the previous elected body long over, the BMC is administered by the Municipal Commissioner.

The Shiv Sena used to rule the BMC till last year. With no elected body at the BMC's helm, the ruling Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena-BJP alliance is monitoring the administration at the civic body. Prime Minister Narendra Modi victually kicked off the ruling alliance's campaign for

Ex-AMU student shot at near varsity hostel

PNS ALIGARH

An alumnus of AMU was shot at RM hall of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) on Friday night. He has been admitted to JN Medical College.
The accused is also said to

be a former student. The reason for the quarrel is not known yet.

The city SP Kuldeep Singh Gunawat and CO III Shivpratap Singh reached the Medical College to know the condition of the injured. The incident took place at around 8.30 pm.

Faizan, an alumnus of AMU, resident of village Chuharpur in Didoli police station area of Amroha who has completed BE final from AMU was standing outside the RM hall canteen. Recently the Masood Cricket Cup is going to be organized.

Faizan told the police that he was busy preparing for the event. He keeps on helping the students. He did not have any dispute with anyone.

Special governance camp for Kashmiri migrants launched

PIONEER NEWS

J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday inaugurated a Special Governance Camp for Kashmiri Migrants at Jagti Colony.

long camp at 6 locations is aimed to ensure 100% saturation of Social security schemes for Kashmiri migrants. 18 departments have put up their stalls at the camp including the facilities for enrolment of youth for self employment, skilling and up-skilling.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said, Administration is sensitive to the issues of Kashmiri Migrant families and PM Package

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'Few unfortunate incidents had occurred. These attacks were not only on individuals but also on the integrity of India. There are a handful of people, who on the behest of the neighboring country are targeting innocent civilians.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are working with full sensitivity and commitment to address all the issues," the Lt Governor told the gathering.

The Lt Governor also observed that many PM Package Employees have resumed their duties and the release their pending salaries without delay.

The Lt Governor strongly refuted the quote by the Ćongress Leader Kahul Gandhi, and asserted that he has made no such statement and it has been attributed to him with malicious intent.

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No tribal leader from J'khand allowed to complete full term as CM, says Soren

In a veiled attack on the opposition BJP, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Saturday said that no tribal leader from the state was allowed to remain in the CM post for more than three years in the past two decades.

Referring to himself as a Jharkhandi", the JMM leader also alleged that the opposition party is "hatching a conspiracy to remove" him by levelling

"First Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Babulal Marandi,

was removed before completing three years. Later, Arjun Munda was also not allowed to remain in the post for more than three years.

"But, at the same time, a Chhattisgarhi was made chief minister and allowed to complete a full five-year term," Soren said without taking the name of the BJP.

The JMM leader was apparently referring to former Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das who has his ancestral village at Boirdih in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon

Sharjeel among

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The court said the legal proceedings against the 11 accused were initiated in a "perfunctory and cavalier fashion" and "allowing them to undergo the rigmarole of a augur well for the criminal justice system of the country".

"Furthermore, such police action is detrimental to the liberty of citizens who choose to exercise their fundamental right to peacefully assemble and protest. The liberty of the protesting citizens should not have been lightly interfered with," it said.

The court said dissent is an extension of the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression, subject to rea-

sonable restrictions. Referring to a 2012 verdict of the Supreme Court, the judge said the court is dutybound to lean towards an interpretation that protects the rights of the accused, given the

ubiquitous power disparity between them and the state machinery. The court said the investigative agencies needed to discern the difference between dissent and insurrection.

"The latter (insurrection) has to be quelled indisputably. However, the former (dissent) has to be given space, a forum, for dissent is perhaps reflective of something which pricks a citizen's conscience," it said. The court also said dissent has to be encouraged and not stifled, with the condition that it should be absolutely peaceful, without degenerating into vio

The judge said the probe agency should have incorporated the use of technology or gathered credible intelligence against the accused.

"Else, it should have abstained from filing such illconceived chargesheets qua persons whose role was confined only to being a part of a protest," he said. "Considering the fact that the case of the state is devoid of irrefragable evidence, all the persons chargesheeted, barring Mohammad Ilyas, are hereby discharged for all the offences for which they were arraigned. They be set at liberty, if not wanted in any other case," the court said in its

Veteran singer Vani...

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In a career spanning more than five decades, she has sung more than 10,000 songs in almost all Indian languages. Jairam became an overnight sensation with the songs "Bolire Pappi Hara.." and Hum Ko Mann Ki Sakthi Denaa..' she rendered for the 1971 Hindi film Guddi directed by Hrishikesh Mukherjee.

The music for the film was composed by the maestro Vasanth Desai. Since then there was no looking back for Vani Jairam. By 1972, she started singing for Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu and Kannada films. Music lovers who were

accustomed to Lata Mangeshkar, P Susheela and S Janaki found in Vani Jairam a unique combination of diction, mellifluous and captivating voice. Starting her career as an employee of a nationalised bank, Vani Jayaram opted for a profession in music and was an instant hit with music lovers.

Born Kalaivani in Tamil Nadu's Vellore district, Vani Jairam bagged the National three times. In addition to this, she was bestowed with all the awards a musician could aspire for including State Awards for the regional language songs she rendered. Songs rendered by Vani Jairam remain as fresh and new even after five decades, speaks lot about her calibre.

Besides being a singer, Vani was a poetess, painter of repute and a mimicry artist. The septuagenarian artist had retained the charm in her voice and music till the end making her a rare breed of singer who was held in high esteem by music maestros like M Viswanathan, Naushad Ali, Ilayaraja, K V Mahadevan, Salil Chaudhari.

ED seizes heroin, arms in Punjab border...

Following this, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), the lead agency for probing NDPS cases, was requested for verification and testing of the suspicious products. "As per the NCB officials, the substance recovered was suspected to be heroin weighing approximately 2.2 kg which was tested and seized by them in the presence of ED officials," the ED said in its statement.

Also, some packets of white powdery substance were recovered from the shop of Skattar Singh, Proprietor of Baba Sidana Trading Company at Nausheran Pannuan village for which NCB was requested for its verification and

'As per the NCB officials, the same appeared to be suspected Narcotics contraband material weighing 13.980 kgs which was seized by them in the presence of ED officials," it further said.

The search operation also yielded recovery of arms and ammunition, including two rifles and three pistols along with some cartridges. These included one rifle, two pistols and cartridges recovered from the residential premises of Singh. A rifle and a pistol besides some cartridges were found at the residential premises of Makhan Singh, brother of Singh.

The recovery of the arms and ammunition

was reported to the local police authorities. Since original licenses were not available for some of the arms recovered from residential premises, the same were handed over to the police for investigation under the relevant laws including the Arms Act, officials said.

The Jalandhar Zonal Office of the ED had taken up investigation under PMLA against these accused persons on the basis of multiple ers under various sections of NDPS Act and

Modi to open India's largest...

The factory will be augmented to produce other helicopters such as Light Combat Helicopters (LCHs) and Indian Multirole Helicopters (IMRHs). It will also be used for Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul of LCH, LUH, Civil Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) and IMRH in the future. Potential exports of civil LUH will also be catered to from this factory.

The HAL plans to produce more than 1,000 helicopters in the range of 3-15 tonnes, with a total business of over Rs four lakh crores over a period of 20 years. Besides generating direct and indirect employment, the Tumakuru facility will boost the development of surrounding areas through its CSR activities with large-scale community centric programmes on which the company will spend substantial amounts. All this will result in improvement in the people's lives

The proximity of the factory, with the existing HAL facilities in Bengaluru, will boost the aerospace manufacturing ecosystem in the region and support skill and infrastructure development such as schools, colleges and residential areas. Medical and health care would also reach the community residing in the various nearby Panchavats.

With the establishment of facilities like Heli-Runway, Flight Hangar, Final Assembly Hangar, Structure Assembly Hangar, Air Traffic Control and various supporting service facilities, the factory is fully operational. This factory is being equipped with state-of-the-art Industry 4.0 standard tools and techniques for its operations.

This factory will enable India to meet its entire requirement of helicopters without import Minister's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' in helicopter design, development, and manufacture.

TN firm linked to vision loss...

From Page 1 No stocks of the said batch-

es were found during the investigation, the report said. "The firm has maintained the control samples for the said batches. The samples were taken for an analysis from the 4 batches of control samples. The sample raw material Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium which was utilized for manufacturing of finished products was also taken for an analysis," the joint investigation report said

Also, the firm has stated that the media fill validation a part of the validation of an aseptic manufacturing process was carried out biannually. The records were verified for the same, according to the

Further, it is observed that the firm has not carried out the complete root cause analysis in respect of the above complaint and stated that it was under process, the report said. On the verification of records, it is noticed that the firm has done the stability studies - which helps understand how the quality of a drug product varies with time and environmental factors — for the representative batch of the said drugs yearly once, the report said. It said the manufacturing records of all batches, purchase invoices of raw materials, COA (certificate

of analysis) of raw materials, sales bills copies and media fill validation reports were obtained under section 22(1)(CCA) of Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940 and Drugs Rules 1945 for further investigation.

"The manufacturer was instructed to stop the manufacturing activities of all the products under the category of ophthalmic preparation till the completion of investigation," the report stated. The US Food and Drug

Administration earlier said in a statement that the Chennaibased company is recalling all lots of Artificial Tears lubricant eye drops distributed by EzriCare, LLC and Delsam Pharma to the consumer level due to possible contamina-

To date, 55 reports of adverse events including eye infections, permanent loss of vision and a death with a bloodstream infection, it The USFDA noted that the

"use of contaminated Artificial Tears can result in the risk of eye infections that could result in blindness". Tears lubricant eye drops are used as a protectant against irritation or to relieve dryness of

İn a statement posted on its website, Global Pharma Healthcare had said it is notifying the distributors of this product Aru Pharma Inc and Delsam Pharma, and is requesting that wholesalers, retailers and customers who have the recalled product should stop using it.

Orphans will study free...

From Page 1 Such students will also be

exempted from payment of any kind of fees, he said. The decision was taken in

a meeting of the Executive Council on Friday.

Speaking to PTI, Vice Chancellor Singh said, "The initiative will help thousands of children every year. We are coming out of Covid. Many children lost their parents during the pandemic. The initiative will also help those stu-dents." In all colleges and departments of the university, one seat each will be reserved for orphan boys and girls in all classes at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The University of Delhi understands the importance of providing higher education to every section of society, including those students who have unfortunately lost their parents and become orphans,"

The expenditure incurred for the admission and continuation of studies of such students in the university or its colleges will be met from the University Welfare Fund or the College Students' Welfare Fund.

The vice chancellor said this initiative would be a positive step towards the achievement of 50 per cent gross enrolment ratio (GER) in higher education by the year 2035 as envisaged in the National Education Policy 2020.

झारखण्ड सरकार ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, राँची ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

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City Govt seeks ₹927 cr from Centre for G20 preparations

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday asked the Centre for a grant of Rs 927 crore to take up special development work for the G20 summit in the national Capital.

In a letter to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Sisodia said it will not be easy for the Delhi Government to spend an extra Rs 927 crore from its limited resources for the G20 summit preparations.

Sisodia, who also holds the finance portfolio, said the Delhi government will extend full cooperation to the Centre for successfully hosting the G20 summit.

India assumed the presidency of the influential bloc G20 at its annual summit in Bali in November last year with a promise of striving to ensure that the grouping acts as a global prime mover to envision new ideas and accelerate collective action to deal with pressing challenges



India is hosting a series of events and meetings ahead of the G20 summit later this year.

"In light of the importance of the G20 summit and ... For the G20-related events taking place in Delhi to be held successfully, I request you to provide us with the requisite Rs 927 crore from the central government," Sisodia wrote in

It would be of great assistance in making sure that the various events and functions of the Delhi government take place seamlessly and the preparations are completed on time, he said.

In the run-up to the G20 summit on September 9-10, more than 200 meetings will be

country. Delhi Government departments have prepared a plan for infrastructure development, and various activities and programmes in the city. These include beautification work around the venues for G20 summit events and for hosting different activities and programmes at prominent places in the city, he said.

The Centre has not been paying anything to Delhi as its share in central taxes and also did not provide any additional grant to the city government, Sisodia claimed. Even the funds being given to civic bodies in states as per their population are not being provided to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), he alleged.

Hosting the G20 summit is a matter of pride for Delhi, Sisodia said.

"Under the leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the entire Delhi government will strive to ensure that the foreign guests who arrive here during the G20 summit do not face any trouble," he said.

MCD to start drive to remove encroachment from Feb 6

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The MCD will carry out a 15-day drive to remove temporary and permanent encroachment from footpaths in the national Capital and will clear all kinds of waste from roads to beautify the city ahead of the G20 Summit in September, the civic body said

on Saturday.

MCD Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti has issued directions to all officers to be ready for the driver that is slated to begin from Monday, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in a statement.

Under the drive, the body will also remove or rearrange overhead cables. "In view of the G-20 summit, MCD would carry out a 15-day intensive drive, for cleansing and upkeep of major roads of Delhi along with all road owning and using agencies," the civic body said in the statement. "The drive being undertaken in pursuance to the direction of the Chief Secretary of Delhi shall exclusively start on 6th Feb 2023 for a period of 15 days and all field functionaries shall actively participate in the drive."

L-G OK's revival of 126 lapsed posts of principals, others in Govt schools

Delhi government, especially at

the cutting-edge level, Lt

Governor Saxena has

approved the revival of 126

posts of principals, deputy edu-

cation officers that had lapsed

due to the fact that they were

lying vacant for more than

education department to sub-

mit a suitable proposal for

abolition or creation of posts of

a principal or deputy education

officer after getting the com-

prehensive study conducted

from the AR department, as

pointed out by the Services Department," a senior official

said. Government rules provide

for posts lying vacant for more

than two years to be considered

as "deemed abolished" and for

those lying vacant for more

than five years to be "consid-

ered abolished", officials said.

These 370 posts (126 deemed abolished posts and

The L-G has asked the

two years," officials said.

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Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena has approved 126 posts of principals and deputy education officers in city Government-run schools which had lapsed as these were "lying vacant" for more than two years, Raj Niwas officials said on Saturday. The officials have alleged

that the lapse has happened due to "apathy and inaction of the

AAP government".

Delhi Deputy Chief
Minister Manish Sisodia, meanwhile in a statement, retorted that this claim was a "new bunch of lies" and a "blatant attempt to hide" the fact that the central government and the L-G office have "stalled the appointment of principals in Delhi government schools for more than seven years".

Earlier in the day, Raj Niwas officials had also said that the L-G has also put on hold a proposal to abolish 244 posts of principals and deputy education officers as "proposed by the city's education department" since these posts had also been lying vacant for more than five years.

In a move that would help the "woefully short-staffed" education department of the 244 considered abolished posts) were supposed to have been filled in through promotion as per the Recruitment Rules by the Directorate of Education from the year 2013-14 to 2019, they said.

Sisodia, in his statement issued by his office also claimed that right after the formation of the AAP government in 2015, it had "approached the UPSC to fill 370 vacant posts of prin-

In the meantime, in 2015 itself, the services department was "unconstitutionally taken away from the purview of elected government and handed over to the L-G," he alleged.

Hence, effectively it was the Lt Governor who was responsible for these appointments and was supposed to act promptly to get these appointments done, the deputy chief minister said.

"For reasons best known to L-G office, these appointments were not allowed to happen for one pretext or the other. So much so, the education minister, understanding the pain of running the schools without principals, held a series of meetings with services department, but they were under the direct instructions to not expedite the process," he said.

Delhi excise scam: BJP seeks Kejriwal's resignation

Stages protest at AAP office

STAFF REPORTER

 $D^{\text{elhi BJP leaders and workers on Saturday staged a}}$ protest at the AAP office here demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal after the Enforcement Directorate named him in a charge sheet in the excise scam

Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri alleged the AAP government was "looting" the city that was first looted by invaders like Mohammed Ghori, Mahmood Ghazni and Taimur, the British and thereafter by Congress govern-

Enforcement



Aadmi Party (AAP) to the Kejriwal in its charge sheet related to the liquor scam and allegations he should resign from the post of chief minister of Delhi," state president Virendra

No immediate reaction

Sachdeva said.

to wear 'angvastra'

on convocation

Several BJP workers were detained by police while trying to cross a barricade erected near the AAP office at DDU

The BJP will keep on exposing the "corruption" of the Kejriwal government which is weakening Delhi like a "termite", Sachdeva said during the protest.

The ED has claimed in its supplementary charge sheet filed in the court that a part of the alleged Rs 100 crore "kickbacks" generated in the scrapped Delhi excise policy was used in the AAP's 2022 Goa assembly election campaign. It has also claimed that a close aide of the Delhi chief minister arranged a video call through FaceTime (a video calling facility on iPhone) on his phone for one of the accused Sameer Mahandru.

In the call, Kejriwal told Mahandru that the aide is "his boy" and he should trust him and carry on with him, the ED has claimed.

Kejriwal has dismissed the ED charge sheet, alleging that cases filed by the agency are "fake" and are used to "topple" governments and buy MLAs at the behest of the Centre.

Thousands of BJP workers participated in the protest, the Delhi BJP claimed in a statement.Sachdeva said all the accused in the "liquor scam" are going to jail one by one and now the day is not far when Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia will also be behind the bars.

Bidhuri said the city government itself accepted in the Vidhan Sabha that there was loss of revenue due to the new liquor policy. "Development has come to

a standstill in Delhi and corruption is rampant everywhere," he alleged.

Delhi BJP general secre-tary Kuljit Singh Chahal said people of Delhi are not able to understand whether there is a "scam" in the AAP government or the government itself is a

Cong: CM has no moral right to be in office after liquor chargsheet

STAFF REPORTER ■

The Congress on Saturday demanded that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal should resign as it said he has no moral right to be in office as the Enforcement Directorate has 'clearly indicted' him in the Former Union Minister

Ajay Maken said a Rs 100 crore kickback has been established against Kejriwal and his ministers in the scam, and a PMLA court took cognisance of the charge sheet on Thursday and allowed that charges be framed against all the accused.
"The Indian National

Congress demands the immediate resignation of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, along with the indicted ministers Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain," Maken said at AICC Press conference.



He said the money trail has also been mentioned in the charge sheet, leading to advertisements in Goa elections and cash payments to volunteers to carry out surveys.

Maken said a DANICS

officer has claimed that the GOM report for a 12 per cent margin for wholesalers of liquor trade was handed over to him at Kejriwal's residence, where Sisodia and Jain were also present. It is alleged that this report was handed over to him without any discussions, he claimed. "From this 12 per cent margin to the wholesalers, 6 per cent is alleged to Saturday. be paid back as a kickback," Maken claimed.

2 drivers held for stealing mobile phones bound for Dubai



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NEW DELHI

wo drivers were arrested I for allegedly stealing mobile phones from a consignment on its way to the cargo area of IGI Airport from a warehouse in Rangpuri in South Delhi, police said on

A third man was arrested selling the stolen phones, they

The accused have been identified as Sher Singh, 25, a resident of Bareilly in UP, Manish Kumar, 22, a resident of Mainpuri in UP, and of Rajokri in Vasant Vihar, they

According to a complaint odged in the matter, 17 mobile phones were stolen from a consignment which was bound for

After the complaint, police put the phones on surveillance and a few days later, found them active in Bareilly and nearby areas. Police found that the mobile phones were sold to several people by a local operative, Sher Singh. A raid was conducted in Bareilly and Sher Singh was nabbed.

He revealed that he had purchased 17 brand new mobile phones at throwaway prices from Arun Kumar and Pawan Kumar, both residents of Mahipalpur, Deputy Commissioner of Police (IGI Airport) Ravi Kumar Singh

Both Pawan and Arun used to buy stolen mobile phones from Manish and Satender, both drivers working in a cargo company. Five highend mobile phones were recovered from their possession, the DCP said.

At the instance of Sher Singh, raids were conducted and Manish and Satender were apprehended. They said they wanted to earn quick money and came in contact with Arun and Pawan who lived near their office, police said.

The five came together and formed a gang with Manish and Satender tasked with stealing articles from consignments and Arun and Pawan with selling them in the open market, police said. Manish and Satender were

in charge of keeping in their safekeep the articles of consignments, they said.

They used to stop the vehicles of the consideration of the consideration of the constant of t

cle at a predetermined place and with the help of Pawan and Arun would steal the phones and seal back the package, police said.

absconding and efforts are on

DU students asked 'Millet Canteen' at AIIMS to open by March 1

Joining the bandwagon, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here has decided to start a "Millet Canteen" by March 1 at its premises here.

The canteen will be set up on the second floor of the central cafeteria and will offer millet-based dishes on a 24×7 basis. It shall be operationalised latest by March 1, according to a circular issued on Saturday by AIIMS Director Dr M Srinivas.

The Government has



decided to celebrate 2023 as the "International Year of Millets" to make it a people's movement so that the Indian millets, recipes and value-added products are promoted globally, the circular said.

decided to adopt a new milletbased menu alongside its old

Parents of 22

minors caught

parliament has already

of Parliament. Reportedly, it was Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's idea to introduce millets in the canteen menu.

As millets are high in pro-

tein, fibre, essential vitamins and minerals, they are renowned as a nutritional powerhouse. In addition to a plethora of health benefits, millets are also good for the environment with a low water and input requirement.

The "International Year of Millets" stands to provide a unique opportunity to increase cient processing and consumption, promote better utilisation of crop rotations and encourage better connectivity throughout food systems to promote millets as a key component of the food basket, the AIIMS circular said.

All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), a central autonomous organisation of the Union Ayuhs Ministry had early this year, introduced millet-based dishes in its canteen as a part of its healthy food

Man acquitted in 2012 Chhawla gangrape & murder case held for killing autorickshaw driver

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

man who recently walked Afree after being acquitted by the Supreme Court in the 2012 Chhawla gangrape and murder case has been arrested y Delhi Police for allegedly killing an auto-rickshaw driver in Dwarka area on January 26, officials said on Saturday.

According to a senior police officer, the accused Vinod recently came out of jail where he was lodged for around 10 years in connection with gang-rape and murder of a 19-year-old woman in Delhi's Chhawla area.

Another person, identified as Pawan, has also been arrested for stabbing to death Anar Singh, a 44-year-old autorickshaw driver and a resident of Munirka, in Dwarka's Sector-13 in South-West Delhi.

Interrogation of the accused revealed that after boarding the auto-rickshaw, the duo tried to rob the driver on reaching Dwarka. When the driver resisted, they stabbed him in the neck and fled, police claimed.

The Supreme Court had on



November 7 acquitted Vinod and two others in the Chhawla case, setting aside the Delhi High Court's August 26, 2014 order upholding the death sentence awarded by the trial

The gang-rape victim's mutilated body was found three days after she was abducted. The woman worked in Gurgaon's Cyber City area and belonged to Uttarakhand. The aquittal had drawn protests from several quarters

and the Delhi government sought a review by the apex court, saying the offence was "diabolic in nature exhibiting grave depravity and bestiality" and fell under the "rarest of rare" category.

Several review pleas including the one filed by the father of the deceased victim against the apex court verdict have also

riding bikes booked **STAFF REPORTER** ■ GHAZIABAD

The parents of 22 minors who were caught riding two-wheelers here in the last two days have been booked under the Motor Vehicles Act and the Indian Penal Code (IPC), an officer said on Saturday.

The action was taken considering a rise in accidents caused by minor motorcycle riders, the officer said, adding, "We have also urged parents not to flout traffic rules."

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Ramanand Kushwah told PTI on Saturday that the FIRs have been lodged under Section 336 (whoever does act so rashly or negligently as to endanger human life) of the IPC and relevant sections of the Motor Vehicles Act.

The special drive in Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh

was started on Friday, a day after a class 11 student, Ashish Chowdhary, 17, died at the community health centre in Dasna after he met with an accident while returning home from school.

Delhi Police personnel facing criminal cases in private capacity to be kept out of 'doubtful integrity list' STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

In a relief to Delhi Police personnel, those facing criminal cases in their private capacity shall not be included in the 'doubtful integrity list', according to an official circular. Police personnel whose

names are put on the 'doubtful integrity (DI) list' face difficulty in getting postings and pro-"If the allegations are spe-

cific of corruption, lack of integrity or moral turpitude name(s) of concerned police person is brought on Secret List and if the allegations are nonspecific of corruption, lack of integrity or moral turpitude, name(s) is brought on Agreed List of DI," stated the circular issued by Additional Commissioner of Police, Vigilance, Atmaram V Deshpande, on Thursday.

"In trivial matters viz. Absence, indiscipline conduct, violation of conduct rules, negligence, alcoholism, etc. (allegations which are neither specific nor non-specific of corruption/lack of integrity/moral turpitude) names are not brought in D.I. List," it said.

While perusing the rec-

matters of criminal cases of (criminal intimidation), 307 (attempt to murder) and 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) etc., are involved, the circular said.



different districts and units, it has been observed that in the

ommendations received from

quarrel etc., registered against police personnel, their names are being recommended by the concerned DCPs for inclusion in Agreed List of DI mainly for the reasons that sections 325 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt), 327 (voluntarily causing hurt to extort property), 452 (house trespass), 506

Pawan and Arun are to nab them, they added.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI ¬he 99th convocation of

■ Delhi University is going to be different as students will be seen in Indian attires with 'angvastras' (stole) instead of the "old colonial gowns."

The varsity will hold its 99th convocation on February 25, according to an official notification. The varsity has decided to renounce the robes to adopt an attire "inspired by Indian culture," a senior varsity official said. The official told PTI about the change in the dress code, saying the students will be provided 'angvastras' and there will be no graduation cap or gown.

For officials and guests, the attire will be made of khadi silk, another way to promote Indian traditions and culture.

Delhi University Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh said: "The robe or gown had been there for quite a long time. The university felt the need to change the way. Students will be dressed in 'angvastras' and officials in an outfit made of Khadi silk, it is like going back

Though it will not be mandatory for students to wear Indian attire, the varsity is requesting them to choose traditional attires such as kurta and saree. "This year instead of gown

or robes, we have decided to

adopt a traditional style with different colours of angvastras for students of graduation, postgraduate, and PhD courses," the official told PTI. All officials, including the chief guest, will be given traditional attire made of khadi

The matter was presented before the Executive Council in December 2022. "Everybody in the meeting appreciated the move," the official added. The convocation ceremony will begin at 9.30 am at Multipurpose Hall, Delhi University Sports Stadium Complex, the notification said.

silk, he said.

Public 'malik',

Agniveer recruitment through e-test

iven the rapidly changing Gnature of warfighting with stress on technology, the Army has decided to conduct written examination for all the aspiring Agniveers. Once they clear the examination, the candidates will have to undergo physical endurance test followed by the medical test. The Navy and the IAF are already following the process in the same order

The new tweaking in selection by the Army will commence mid February, sources said here on Saturday. Prospective candidates will first be required to take an admission examination online.



The physical and medical

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers

conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below

mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER- II

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

ICICI BANK LTD. V/S. RAJIV SINGH

The under mentioned property will be sold by public e-auction sale on 22.02.2023 in the said Recovery Certificate:

The auction sale will be "online e-Auctioning" through website www.bankeauctions.com

Date and Time of Auction: 22.02.2023 between 03:00 pm and 04:00 pm

(With extensions of 5 minutes duration after 04:00 pm, if required)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" through website portal: www.bankeauctions.com.

2. The EMD shall be paid either through Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of the "Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi-A/c R.C. No. 34/2016". The said Demand Draft/Pay Order qua EMD, alongwith self-attested copy of the content of

identity (voter I-card/driving license/passport), which should contain the address for future communication and self-attested copy of PAN card, and in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company also,

must reach the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi latest by 20.02.2023 before 4.00 PM. The EMD or original proof of EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.

3. The envelope containing EMD, along with details of the sender, i.e. address, e-mail ID and mobile number

etc., should be super-scribed "RC No. 34/2016",
4. The property is being sold on "as is where is basis and as is what is basis".
5. The bidders are advised to go through the portal www.bankeauctions.com for detailed terms and conditions for e-auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings and/or contact Sh. Rajeev Ranjan, Manager, ICICI Bank Ltd. 37d Floor, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road,

Karolbagh, New Delhi-110005 Mobile no. 8584874809, Email ID ranjan.ra@icicibank.com.

6. Prospective bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password

well in advance, after deposit of EMD, which is mandatory for bidding in the above e-auction, from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd., Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, Building No. 301, Gurugram Haryana-122015, Telephone No.

7291981124/25/26 Contact Person: Mr. Vinod Chauhan, Mobile No. 9813887931Email Id: delhi@c1india.com and support@bankeauctions.com.
7. The interested bidders may avail online training on e-auction, after deposit of EMD, from M/s. C1India Pvt.

Ltd., Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, Building No. 301. Gurugram Haryana-122015, Telephone No. 7291981124/25/26 Contact Person: Mr. Vinod Chauhan. Mobile No. 9813887931 Email Id:

8. Only those bidders holding valid user ID & Password and confirmed payment of EMD through demand draft/pay order shall be eligible to participate in on line e- auction.

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9. The prospective buyer may inspect the site on 07.02.2023 and 08.02.2023 from 10.30 AM to 04.00 PM.

10. The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price by 20.02.2023 in the office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 03.00 PM to 04.00 PM on 22.02.2023. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the

auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.

11. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiples of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only)

12. The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi

13. The Successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare and deposit Demand Draft/Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 34/2016

by next bank working day i.e. by 04.00 PM with this Tribunal, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.

14. The successful/highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 34/2016, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2%

upto Rs. 1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer

Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above). In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sun for which it may subsequently be sold.

15. The successful/highest bidder shall be at liberty to comply with the provisions

Section 194-IA of the Income Tax Act for paying the applicable TDS on the auction amount proposed to be deposited before this Forum. In such an event the successful/highest bidder must produce the proof of having deposited the said amount before this Forum which provide the said amount before this Forum which provide the property.

deposited the said amount before this Forum while paying the balance sale proceeds.

16. The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Details of any

encumbrance to

which property is liable

Not known

Claims, if any, which have

been put forward to the

property, and any other

known particulars bearing

on its nature and value.

Not known

Recovery Officer-II DRT-II, Delh

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the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final

E-auction sale notice with proofs of service (including track results qua speed post and courier) and dasti,

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

Description of Property

Flat No. PP/D-1201, 12th Floor, Plot No.1/2, Vaibhav Khand,

Indirapuram, Ghaziabad- 201010, Uttar Pradesh

, should be super-scribed "RC No. 34/2016",

immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.

Description of the

property to be sold

Flat no. PP/D-1201, 12th

Floor, Plot No.1/2, Vaibhav

Khand, Indirapuram.

Ghaziabad- 201010,

Uttar Pradesh

of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession

Only after passing the first two

November 23, 2021 Delhi

Authorized Officer

Dated: 07.01.2023

Reserve Price Earnest Money

47,70,000/-

(In Rs.) Deposit (EMD)

(In Rs.)

4,77,000/-

logistics involved. For the first time in 2022, the Indian Army recruited soldiers under the Agniveer programme. Agniveer recruitment followed

A large number of candidates are said to congregate at army recruitment rallies, which occasionally causes law and order issues. Additionally, it consumes a lot of resources. The written examination

in the first step will screen out candidates. Those who pass the written exam will be authorised to take the physical and medical exams.

The changed methodology will ensure increased focus on cognitive aspect during selection. It will have wider outreach across the country and also reduce the large crowds seen during recruitment rallies to make them more manageable and easier to

The recruiting examination will be conducted online, and students will be assigned to the appropriate test locations for the written test. The examination will last 60 minutes. Following the written test, a merit list will be made public, after which the candidates will be contacted for a physical and medical exam. Physical testing is part of the second round of the examination, while the medical is part of the third and

final round. The army recruited 40,000 Agniveers last year, and they are currently undergoing training. Around 10,000 Agniveers will be given permanent commission after four years. 40,000 Agniveers will be recruited again this year.

LG seeks active

involvement of

PTI ■ JAMMU

NCC in anti-drugs

campaigns in J&K

Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha on Saturday

sought the active involvement

of the National Cadet Corps

(NCC) in the anti-drugs cam-

paigns in Jammu & Kashmir.

NCC cadets to contribute

towards a successful conduct of

a G20 event scheduled to take

place in Srinagar.

The LG was interacting with the NCC cadets who took

part in the Republic Day

parade in New Delhi on

January 26. He congratulated

the contingent from Jammu

and Kashmir and Ladakh for

securing the fourth position among the 17 NCC direc-

cadets for the march on

Kartavya Path in New Delhi, as

part of a combined contingent

of the NCC at the national

level, and that of seven cadets

for the Guard of Honour was

indeed a great feat, Sinha

said. Hosting the cadets at the

Raj Bhawan here, the LG said,

The selection of 17 NCC

He also encouraged the

says Rijiju Min says after SC's strong remarks over judges' transfers

PNS ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Aday after the Supreme Court warned of action for any delay in clearing transfer and appointment of judges, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday said the country will be governed according to the Constitution and wishes of the people and nobody can give warning to anyone.

"Public is 'malik' (master) of this country and we are servants. We all are here for service and the Constitution is our guide.... The country will be governed under the guidance of the Constitution and wishes of the public. Nobody can give warning to anyone," Rijiju

"Sometimes discussions are held in the country on some matters and in a democracy everyone has the right to express their opinion. But people sitting in responsible positions have to think before saying anything, whether it will benefit the country or not," he said, referring to reported remarks of a Supreme Court

The minister was addressing an event on the 150th anniversary of the Allahabad High Court Bar Association here as the chief guest.

His remarks came a day after a bench of Justices S K Kaul and A S Oka expressed displeasure over the delay in clearing recommendations for transfer of high court judges, calling it a "very serious issue", and warned that any delay in this matter may result in both administrative and judicial actions which might not be

palatable. On Saturday, the Supreme Court also questioned the government over the delay in clearing the names of five high court judges who had been recommended for elevation to the Supreme Court. The judges were elevated to the

Supreme Court on Sunday. The remarks are the latest in a tug of war between the judiciary and the executive over the process of appointment of judges of the Supreme Court and high courts.

On the pendency of cases, Minister Rijiju said, "At present, 4 crore 90 lakh cases are pending in various courts across the country. We are solving this problem." He said that in view of the huge number of pending cases, the government has made preparations to implement the Legal Information Management System so that a person will be able to get information about the status of the case in any high court on

"Being the largest high court of the country, I wish that the Allahabad High Court should play a leading role in implementing the e-courts project. The government has abolished 1,486 old and outdated laws and the process of removing 65 such laws is going on in the current Parliament session," he said.

The minister also said the Arbitration Bill is in the final stages of preparation and after its passage, a parallel judicial system will be established in the country. With the system of arbitration, small cases will be settled outside the court and the burden on courts will be reduced, he said.

ED questions Rahul's aide in money laundering case

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Enforcement The Directorate has questioned and recorded the statement of Alankar Sawai, a close aide of

Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number

Place: Delhi/ NCR

R. C. No. 34/2016

India, UAE, France to speed up trilateral bid on climate

These issues reviewed during a telephonic conversation between the foreign ministers of the three countries on Saturday, ministry of externa affairs(MEA) said here later. A joint state-

York, the Foreign Ministers of India, France and the UAE lateral format.

international stability and prosperity, and to further build upon the constructive and collaborative ties that exist between the three countries, the Foreign Ministers of India, France and the UAE agreed to establish a formal trilateral cooperation initiative, with the aim of expanding cooperation in various fields of mutual interest. It is in this context that a phone call between the three Ministers was held on Saturday to adopt a roadmap for the implementation of this

Doctors welcome FM's call to increase NCCD on cigarettes

Finance Minister's announcement to increase national calamity contingent duty (NCCD) on cigarettes to 16 per cent in the annual Budget of 2023-24, asserting that the move would strengthen varreduce cancer causing tobac-

However, at the same time they have urged the Government to augment these efforts increasing taxes on bidis and smokeless products that are becoming health as well as fiscal burden in the country. The NCCD on specified cigarettes was last

revised three years ago. Bhavna Mukhopadhyay, Chief Executive, Voluntary Health Association of India hailed the decision but felt that the percentage increase is minimal. "We hope that in

"Drug addiction has emerged as the biggest challenge for the increase in taxation and society. The NCC cadets, along decrease in the affordability of all tobacco products to match with the youth clubs, need to actively participate in the campaigns against the drug men-

tobacco products combined with the compensation cess for all tobacco products is much lower than the World recommended tax burden of at least 75% of retail price for all tobacco products.

The total tax burden is currently only about 53% for cigarettes, 22% for bidis and 60% for smokeless tobacco. According to international experts, raising the price of tobacco products through tax increases is the most effective policy to reduce tobacco use. Higher tobacco prices decrease affordability, encourage quitting among users, prevent initiation among non-users, and reduce the quantity consumed

MP: Body of baby who died after 'hot iron' treatment exhumed

PTI SHAHDOL

The body of a two-and-a-half-month-old girl Shahdol district following her death after allegedly being branded with a hot iron rod more than 50 times by an exorcist, an official said on

District Collector Vandana Vaidya said the baby's body was exhumed on Friday and a postmortem will be conducted on Saturday.

Initial investigation has shown that she died due to pneumonia but the real reasons behind the death could be known after the post-mortem report, she said. The child's mother, a resident of Kathotia under Sinhpur police station limits in the tribal-dominated district, said her family first took her ailing daughter to a quack but



her condition didn't improve.

The family then approached a woman faith healer who poked the child's body with a hot iron rod 51 times in a bid to treat her, the moth-

However, the baby's condition deteriorated and she was taken to the district hospital, which referred her to Shahdol Medical College. The baby died during treatment on Wednesday, she

Percentage of Adivasis declining in J'khand under Soren Govt: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday claimed that demographic change in Jharkhand has seen the percentage of the 'Adivasi'

massive infiltration from across the international border, which has been "encouraged by the Hemant Soren government for vote bank

were grabbing land in the state after marrying tribal women.

ernment is the most corrupt in the country. Resources are being looted using railway wagons and tractors. People will unseat this government from power in the state as it failed to fulfil the 'aspirations of development' for which the separate state was created," he said.

Shah said the BJP will win all 14 Lok Sabha seats in the district. state in the elections next

Referring to the killing of class 12 student, who was burnt alive by her stalker in Dumka last year, Shah said, "Adivasi girls are being murdered while the Hemant Soren government is indulging in politics of appeasement.

Earlier in the day, the Cooperation Minister said the Union government has decided to provide 300 services of the Centre as well as the state governments through the Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS).

Shah said PACS would now function as Common Service Centres (CSC) and farmers can avail benefits of 300 services including nodues certificates, birth and death registration, and many

"The decision was taken on Friday. The IT Ministry has supported the Cooperative Ministry in this regard," he said, while laying the foundation stone of a Rs 450-crore IFFCO nano urea plant in Jasidih in Deogarh

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Friday to enable the PACS to provide services offered by Common Service Centres.

According to the agreement, more than 300 services will be made available to the rural population, including 13 crore farmer members of PACS, a statement said.



HM lays foundation stone of ₹450-cr nano urea plant in J'khand

"Nano urea will benefit

Prime Minister Narendra

farmers, and it is already

being exported to five coun-

Modi had inaugurated the

world's first nano urea plant

in Gujarat last year, according to IFFCO. This will be India's

PTI ■ DEOGARH

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday laid the foundation stone of a Rs 450-crore nano urea plant and township of the Indian Fertiliser Farmers Cooperative (IFFCO) in Jharkhand's Deoghar. Shah said it will help in

Santhal Paraganas.

fifth such plant. "PM Modi has given prireducing the dependence on ority to all works related to import of urea and usher in land conservation across the development of the eastern region, particularly the

tries," he said.

Many urea factories were revived by Modi, and this small liquid urea factory built on 30 acres will manufacture about six crore bottles every year, which will make India self-sufficient by reducing imports in this sector," Shah

The facility will prove to be useful in increasing production not only in Jharkhand but also in Bihar, Odisha and

Bengal, he said. Nano urea improves crop productivity, soil health and nutritional quality of the pro-

duce, IFFCO said.

examinations will take place tests were candidates permitted to take the written exami-Previously, the Army nation. They said the new would undertake a physical method will also help is easing and medical examination first. screening process and the the same procedure as regular Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, in a money laundering case in PIONEER NEWS SERVICE discussed the way to hasten up which TMC spokesperson a trilateral initiative among Saket Gokhale was recently the three countries on issues arrested by the agency in **T** ndia, France and the United like climate change, protection Gujarat, officials said. Arab Emirates on Saturday of biodiversity and joint training and joint production of SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE weapon systems. Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of

> ment was also issued. Giving details of the initiative, MEA said on 19 September 2022, on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New

met for the first time in a tri-In acknowledgement of

their shared desire to promote

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Doctors and activists have welcomed the Union co use in India.

future, the Finance Minister

the message that has been sent so strongly in this bud-The present GST rates on

among continuing users.

PNS ■ DEOGARH

(tribal) population declining during the Hemant Soren government's tenure in power. Addressing the BJP's 'Vijay Sankalp Maha Rally' here, the senior party leader claimed that the population of Adivasis has declined from 35 per cent to 24 per cent due to

politics' He alleged that infiltrators

"The Hemant Soren gov-

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Soldiers freed in Russia, Ukraine prisoner swap

sunday pioneer

Dozens of Russian and Ukrainian prisoners of war have returned home following a prisoner swap, officials on both sides said Saturday. Top Ukrainian presidential aide Andriy Yermak said in a

Telegram post that 116 Ukrainians were freed.

He said the released POWs include troops who held out in Mariupol during Moscow's monthslong siege that reduced the southern port city to ruins, as well as guerrilla fighters from the Kherson region and snipers captured during the ongoing fierce battles for the eastern city of Bakhmut.

Russian defence officials meanwhile, announced that 63 Russian troops had returned from Ukraine following the swap, including some "special category" prisoners whose release was secured following mediation by the United Arab

A statement issued Saturday by the Russian Defence Ministry did not provide details about these "special category" captives.

At least three civilians have been killed in Ukraine over the past 24 hours as Russian forces struck nine regions in the country's south, north and east, according to reports on Ukrainian TV by regional gov-



ernors on Saturday morning. Two people were killed and 14 others wounded in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region by Russian shelling and missile strikes, local Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said in a Telegram update on Saturday morning.

The casualty toll included a man who was killed and seven others who were wounded Friday after Russian missiles slammed into Toretsk, a town in the Donetsk region.

Kyrylenko said that 34 houses, two kindergartens, an outpatient clinic, a library, a cultural centre and other buildings were damaged in the

Seven teenagers received shrapnel wounds after an antipersonnel mine exploded late on Friday in the northeastern city of Izium, local Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said on Telegram.

He said they were all hospitalised but their lives were not in danger.

Elsewhere, regional Ukrainian officials reported overnight shelling by Russia of border settlements in the northern Sumy region, as well as the town of Marhanets, which neighbours the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant. Kyiv has long accused Moscow of using the plant, which Russian forces seized early in the war, as a base for launching attacks on Ukrainian-held territory across the Dnieper river.

China plays down Blinken's cancelled visit over balloon

hina played down the can-Cellation of a visit by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken after a large Chinese balloon suspected of conduct-ing surveillance on US military sites roiled diplomatic relations, saying that neither side had formally announced any such plan.

"În actuality, the U.S. And China have never announced any visit, the US making any such announcement is their own business, and we respect that," China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement Saturday morning.

Blinken was due to visit Beijing on Sunday for talks aimed at reducing US-China tensions, the first such highprofile trip after the countries' leaders met last November in

But the US abruptly cancelled the trip after the discovery of the huge balloon despite China's claim that it was mere-

ly a weather research "airship' that had blown off course. The Pentagon rejected that

out of hand — as well as China's contention that the balloon was not being used for surveillance and had only limited navigational ability. Uncensored reactions on

the Chinese internet mirrored the official government stance that the US was hyping up the

Many users made jokes about the balloon. Some said that since the U.S. Had put restrictions on the technology that China is able to buy to weaken the Chinese tech industry, they couldn't control the

Others called it the "wandering balloon" in a pun that refers to the newly released Chinese sci-fi film called "The

50-car train derailment causes big fire, evacuations in Ohio

AP ■ EAST PALESTINE

train derailment and Aresulting large fire prompted an evacuation order in an Ohio village near the Pennsylvania State line on Friday night, covering the area in billows of smoke lit orange by the flames below. About 50 cars derailed in

East Palestine as a train was carrying a variety of freight from Madison, Illinois, to Conway, Pennsylvania, rail operator Norfolk Southern said in a statement Saturday.

There was no immediate information about what caused the derailment. No injuries were reported.

National Transportation Safety Board said Saturday that it was "launching a go-team to investigate" the derailment, and board member Michael Graham would "serve as spokesperson on scene."

Firefighters have been pulled from the immediate area and unmanned stream devices are being used protectively while crews try to determine which cars are still actively burning, village officials said in a separate statement Saturday.

They said they hoped to use drones to assess the scene in daylight, and warned that residents might hear more explosions as the fire burns.

The village notified residents that an evacuation order remained in place Saturday morning for people within a mile of the scene.

A high school and community center were opened to shelter dozens of people, while residents beyond that radius were urged to stay inside.

The few dozen residents sheltering at the high school included Ann McAnlis, who said a neighbor had texted her

ASEAN vows to conclude pact with China on disputed territory

Southeast Asian foreign ministers vowed to finalise negotiations with China over a proposed pact aimed at preventing conflicts in the disputed South China Sea in their annual retreat on Saturday Indonesia's capital.

In the final session of their that seeks to end that country's two-day meeting, the ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations also agreed to unite in their approach to implement a fivestep agreement made in 2021 between ASEAN leaders and Myanmar's military leader, Senior Gen Min Aung Hlaing,

worsening crisis.

China and the ASEAN member states, which include four rival claimants to territories in the South China Sea, have been holding sporadic talks for years on a "code of conduct," a set of regional norms and rules aimed at preventing a clash the disputed waters.

Indonesian Minister Retno Marsudi said that Indonesia, this year's ASEAN chair, is ready to host more rounds of negotiations over the proposed pact, the first of which will be held in March. She said ASEAN members are committed to concluding the

discussions "as soon as possible." "Members are also committed to promote implementation of a declaration of con-

Marsudi did not elaborate, but in the past, China has accused Washington of meddling in what it calls an Asian dispute.

duct," Marsudi added.

Israeli army besieges homes of fugitives in West Bank raid

AP ■ AQABAT JABR REFUGEE

The Israeli army raided a

I refugee camp near the Palestinian city of Jericho on Saturday, besieging houses it said were being used as hideouts for Palestinian attackers and shooting at residents who opened fire. The fighting wounded six Palestinians, two seriously, said the Palestinian Health Ministry, and jolted a generally quiet oasis town that has seen less violence than other West Bank

the Aqabat Jabr refugee camp occupied West Bank to search for suspects involved in a shooting attack last week at a nearby Israeli settlement.

Last Saturday, with the West Bank on edge after the deadliest Israeli military raid in two decades and two subsequent Palestinian attacks in east Jerusalem that killed seven people, the army said a Palestinian gunman had opened fire in a restaurant at a settlement near Jericho. After firing one bullet, the gunman



No one was wounded.

The army said several Palestinians had holed up in their homes after the shooting with the help of family and were planning future attacks.

To force the fugitives to The army said it entered surrender, a military bulldozer clawed at the walls of one of mander shouted threats over a Camp residents reported

receiving text messages urging families to keep their children inside and avoid clashing with The suspects and family

members trickled out of one of the homes and turned themselves in, the military said. Security forces had leveled much of the house, leaving a pile of rubble and twisted

Qatar boosts influence in Lebanon amid crises

 $M^{\rm ost}$ wealthy Gulf Arab nations followed Saudi Arabia's lead in recent years and ostracised crisis-hit Lebanon because of the growing influence of the Iranianbacked militant group Hezbollah. The exception was

Doha has been silently expanding its influence in Lebanon. It continued receiving Lebanese leaders and pumped tens millions of dollars into helping the country's armed forces amid a historic economic meltdown.

The small, gas-rich nation in late January began seeing the state-owned Qatar Energy replaced a Russian firm in an international consortium that will search for gas in the Mediterranean Sea off Lebanon's coast.

And on Monday, Qatar will for the first time join a meeting in Paris along with officials from France, Saudi Arabia and the US for discussions focusing on Lebanon's

political and economic crises. Qatar portrays itself as a more neutral force in a coun-



try where for decades outside powers have used Lebanon's sectarian divisions to fight their proxy battles. Saudi Arabia long backed Lebanon's Sunni Muslim factions and tried to push out Iran's influence through Shiite Hezbollah. The rivalry repeatedly pushed Lebanon to the brink of armed

Qatar, which has good ties with Iran, has been trying to advance negotiations between Tehran and Gulf nations. Its inclusion in the upcoming talks "is a signal that Iran will not be completely left out of that meeting and a recognition of the influence that Tehran has over Lebanon," said Mohamad Bazzi, a professor and director of the Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies at New York University.

"With Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states less heavily involved in Lebanon, Qatar is trying to revive its mediator role in the country," he said.

Pope encourages South Sudanese, will raise plight of women

Pope Francis sought Saturday to console the long-suffering people of South Sudan as he opened his first full day in a country beset by conflict, poverty and humanitarian crises, encouraging priests and nuns to serve their flocks by joining in their tears.

After arriving in the world's newest country on the first-ever papal visit Friday, Francis was spending Saturday ministering first to church personnel and then to South Sudanese who have been forced by fighting, flooding and other

Francis was highlighting in articular the plight of South Sudanese women, half of whom are married before age 18, are subject to rampant sexual violence and then face the world's highest maternal mor-

"Let us ask ourselves what it means for us to be ministers of God in a land scarred by war, hatred, violence, and poverty," Francis said in St. Theresa Cathedral in the capital, Juba.

"How can we exercise our



ministry in this land, along the banks of a river bathed in so much innocent blood, among the tear-stained faces of the people entrusted to us?"

ural resources but beset by years of civil war and conflict, South Sudan is one of the world's poorest countries and is responsible for Africa's worst refugee crisis: More than 2 million people have fled the country and another 2 million are displaced within its borders.

Joined by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and the Presbyterian head of the Church of Scotland, Francis is seeking to draw global attention to the country's plight.

Wikipedia blocked for not removing blasphemous content in Pak

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan has blocked Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, for its failure to remove offensive or blasphemous material, the country's telecommuni-cation authority said on Saturday.

The blacklisting of Wikipedia comes days after the Pakistan Telecom Authority (PTA) degraded Wikipedia services for 48 hours, threatening to block it if the content deemed 'blasphemous' was not

Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia, created and edited by volunteers around the world and hosted by the

PTA spokesperson Malahat Obaid said the ban had primarily been imposed for non-

compliance with the orders. "The decision can be reviewed once Wikipedia removes sacrilegious content that has been identified by the regulatory authority," the

spokesperson added. The PTA spokesperson earlier stated that Wikipedia was approached for blocking/removal of the said content by issuing a notice.

13 dead in Chile amid struggle to contain raging wildfires

AP ■ SANTIAGO

At least 13 people were reported dead as of Friday night as a result of the more than 150 wildfires burning across Chile that have destroyed homes and thousands of acres of forest while the South American country is in the midst of a scorching heat

Four of the deaths involved two separate vehicles in the Biobío region, around 560 kilometers (348 miles) south of the capital of Santiago.

"In one case they were burned because they were hit by the fire," Interior Minister Carolina Tohá said. In the other case, she said, the victims died in a crash, "probably try

ing to escape the fire."

The fifth victim was a firefighter who was run over by a fire truck while combatting a blaze in the area.

Later in the afternoon, a helicopter that was helping combat the flames crashed in the Araucanía region, killing the pilot, a Bolivian national and a mechanic, who was

Democrats set to shake up start of 2024 presidential primary

AP PHILADELPHIA

Democrats are poised to reorder their presidential primary schedule beginning next year, replacing Iowa with South Carolina in the leadoff spot as part of a major overhaul meant to empower Black and other minority voters critical to the party's base of support. The Democratic National

Committee has worked for months to revamp the start of its voting calendar, and the full membership is set to vote on the plan on Saturday. Although changes are still

possible throughout the summer and beyond, the formal endorsement during the party's meeting in Philadelphia is acknowledgement that the start of 2024's primary will look very different than the one in 2020.

The proposal has been championed by President Joe Biden and would have South Carolina hold its primary on Feb. 3. That would be followed three days later by New Hampshire and Nevada, the latter of which is swapping the caucus it used to hold in favour of a primary. Georgia would vote fourth on Feb. 13, followed



by Michigan on Feb. 27, with much of the rest of the nation set to vote on Super Tuesday in

"This isn't just about us," Trev Robertson, president of the South Carolina Democratic Party, told a gathering of the DNC Southern caucus earlier this week. "This is a regional thing, and it's making us all look good." States voting early in the

primary have major influence since White House hopefuls struggling to raise money or gain political traction often drop out before visiting areas outside the first five. The move marks a major shift from the current calendar, which had started with Iowa's caucuses for the last five decades, followed by New Hampshire's primary and subsequent contests in Nevada and South Carolina.

Iranian director freed on bail after going on hunger strike

AP ■ DUBAI

cclaimed Iranian director A Jafar Panahi was released on bail Friday, two days after going on hunger strike to protest his imprisonment last summer, his supporters said.

Panahi was arrested last July and later ordered to serve six years on charges of propagandising against the government, a sentence dating back to 2011 that had never been enforced. He is among a number of

Iranian artists, sports figures and other celebrities who have been detained after speaking out against the theocracy. Such arrests have become more frequent since nationwide protests broke out in September over the death of a young woman in police custody. Panahi, 62, had continued

making award-winning films for over a decade despite being legally barred from travel and filmmaking. His latest film, "No Bears," was released to widespread praise in September while he was behind bars, a week before the protests

Pak to seek Af Taliban leader's help to control TTP

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

Adesperate Pakistan has Sought Afghan Taliban chief Haibuttallah Akhundzada's help to rein in the outlawed Pakistani Taliban outfit responsible for a wave of terror attacks in the country, including the recent Peshawar mosque carnage that killed over 100 people, according to

a media report on Saturday. Pakistan has been hit by a wave of terrorism, mostly in the country's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, but also in Balochistan and the Punjab town of Mianwali, which borders the restive Pakhtunkhwa Khvber province.

In the Peshawar mosque attack on Monday, a Taliban suicide bomber blew himself up during the afternoon prayers, killing 101 people and injuring more than 200 others.

During the Apex Committee meeting here on Friday, Pakistan's civil and military leadership decided to seek Afghan Taliban chief Haibuttallah Akhundzada's intervention to control the



Pakistan's Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, who attended Friday' meeting, said the masterminds of the Peshawar Mosque attack could be in Afghanistan, and added that the federal government would raise this issue with their Afghan counterparts, the report said.

to tackle the menace.

across the political spectrum This act of terrorism managed to breach the security check post and reach the mosque. We should not feel hesitant in admitting the facts," Sharif said



Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), according to The Express Tribune newspaper.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday acknowledged the failure to avert the Peshawar carnage that killed over 100 people and called for "national unity" There is a need for unity

Sudan demands United Nations immediately lift arms embargo

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

Cudan is demanding the UN Security Council immediately lift an arms embargo and other sanctions imposed during violence in the western Darfur region in 2005, saying the punishment did not include conditions or require the military government to meet UN benchmarks. Sudan's UN ambassador,

Al-Harith Idriss Mohamed, said in a letter to the council circulated Friday that the sanctions "are no longer relevant to the magnificent reality on the ground in Darfur today compared to the situation in 2005."

"Darfur has, for the most part, overcome the state of war, as well as previous security and political challenges," he

Mohamed said Sudan's transitional government is committed to addressing the remaining social and security issues in Darfur, including sporadic tribal clashes. He added that efforts are being made to form and deploy a Joint



tect civilians. The Sudanese government

has repeatedly urged the Security Council to lift sanctions but this letter was much stronger. It said that "Sudan will accept nothing less than the immediate lifting of these sanctions without conditions or benchmarks". The Darfur conflict began

in 2003 when rebels took up arms against the authoritarian government in Khartoum then led by Omar al-Bashir, accusing it of discrimination and neglect. The UN previously estimated 00,000 people died in the conflict and 2.7 million fled their homes.

Al-Bashir is wanted by the International Criminal Court for alleged atrocities in Darfur.

India will get into global bond indices on own terms: Official

India will not bend over backwards to get included in the global bond indices, a top finance ministry official said on Saturday.

Deploying a sartorial analogy, Finance Secretary TV Somanathan said the indices are an exclusive club or gymkhana, which insists on entry only for those wearing

"...If we get into this club, it will be with our dhoti and saree. We will not change our domestic policies to suit for-eign investors," he said, addressing a post-budget interaction with industry players in the financial capital.

He said there are both positives and negatives of such an inclusion, which was spoken about in a previous budget announcement, and India will not "bend over backwards" to gain entry.

India's policies will be



based on domestic requirements, and there will not be any change to the stance to suit the fancy of global bond investors, he said.

The global indices should allow entry for India only if such a stance is acceptable to them, he said.

Positives of gaining entry include higher fund flows, but the same also exposes us to risks of volatility and pullouts due to non-domestic factors, Somanathan said, pointing to the experience of "destabilisation" in some east-Asian

Ajay Seth, the economic affairs secretary, hinted that there is no immediate plan of joining the indices.

"At the moment, there is quite a bit of uncertainty at the lobal level both in terms of he exchange rate and interest rate etc. It is not the right time to press the pedal on that

"When the global markets are a little bit more uniform, then at that point of time this piece will have to be picked up again," he said.

Govt to push primary steel producers to use 50% of input from recycled steel by 2047: Scindia

Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Saturday said his ministry will push primary steel producers to use 50 per cent of their input from scrapped/recycled steel by 2047 to help achieve the government target of moving into a circular economy

Currently, the level of recycled steel usage in primary steel production is only around 10 per cent even though recycled steel contributes to 22.5 per cent of the domestic total steel production of 140 million tonnes, the minister said while addressing the last day of the three-day international conference of material recycling

The 10th conference is being organised by the Material Recycling Association of India and is attended by over 2,000 delegates from 38 countries.

Noting that recycling is the key cog in the wheel of manufacturing as economies move

opment, he said, "Going forward the industry should focus on the 6Rs philosophy of reduce (exploitation of natural resources), recycle, reuse, recover, re-design and reinforce".

He said the government is committed to reducing CO2 emissions in the steel sector by 5 per cent by 2030 from the current 2.85 to 1.4 CO2/tonne of crude steel, and to achieve this recycling scrap steel is an extremely important source.

"Today, scrap usage is only 15 per cent in primary steel production. We will push the steel industry to increase this to 25 per cent in the next five years, and by 2047, this should double to 50 per cent. This means that the primary steel producers consume only 50 per cent of iron ore by then," Scindia said.

This is needed as the natural resources are finite and the demand looks infinite, he said, adding the steel industry has the biggest role to play in the whole process.

The country currently produces 25 million tonne of scrap steel and annually imports 5 million tonne of scrap steel with zero import duty, he added.

The recycling industry is highly unorganised and is worth about USD 50 billion now. There are over 25,000 recycling units in the country. However, in the metals space almost 95 per cent are organised, Material Recycling Association president Sanjay

He also urged the minister to extend the duty-free

imports of other scraps such as copper, aluminium, zinc and other metals as many countries are adopting no export of scrap policies now. For

did the UAE Domestic recyclers used to import 25 per cent of their shipments from the EU markets. Similarly, the UAE is also a large source market for the country. Counties are discouraging exports of scraps as they move into the circular economy.

instance last month, the

European Union imposed a

ban on scrap exports, and so

Godrej Properties sales bookings rise 77%: Pirojsha

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Realty firm Godrej Properties sales bookings The Properties sales bookings rose 77 per cent year-on-year to Rs 8,181 crore in the April-December period on strong housing demand, and will cross the target of Rs 10,000 crore for the full fiscal, its Executive Chairman Pirojsha Codrei said Godrej said.

The company's sales bookings stood at Rs 4,613 crore in the first nine months of the last financial year.

In an interview with PTI, Pirojsha Godrej said: "We are very happy with the quarter gone by. Operationally, it has been a very strong quarter".

Sales booking during the October-December period jumped over two-fold to Rs 3,252 crore from Rs 1,541 crore in the year-ago period.

Not Enough: Tech industry seeks more from FM to bridge digital divide

IANS NEW DELHI

Hailed as a progressive and forward-looking one by the IT and technology honchos, the Union Budget 2023-24 did fall short on some expectations by the industry, especially around consumer electronics manufacturing and bridging the digital divide in

According to the India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA), the latest steps will have no significant impact on the final product price but are generally in the right direction

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman mentioned that the mobile manufacturing sector crossed Rs 2,75,000 crore in 2021-22. The targeted number for 2022-23 is Rs 3,50,000 crore and Rs 4,40,000 crore in

She also proposed the removal of 2.75 per cent basic customs duty (BCD) on camera lens; removal of duty on inputs to parts of connectors -- Palladium Tetra Amin Sulphate; reduction of BCD on parts of open cell of TV panel from 5.5 per cent to 2.75 per cent; continuation of custom exemption notifications which were facing a sunset on March 31, 2023 for another one year.

Mohindroo, Chairman, ICEA, a high-performing sector's gen-



These could have provida significant impact on competitiveness leading to better exports, arresting the grey market and boosting revenue," he said in a statement.

For example, capping of basic customs duty (BCD) on import of high-end mobile phones is required to arrest the burgeoning smuggled market which has crossed Rs 12,000 crore in 2023. "This measure would have

boosted government revenue, reduced smuggling, ensured fair trade and helped build legal businesses in India," said Mohindroo.

Also required is the removal of input duties on resin, mesh, sponge, film, gasket, logo, cover tape, adhesive tape from 8.25 per cent to 16.5 per cent to zero level.

mote the manufacturing of a very cruel hand to this highics. The government should also remove input duties of 2.75 per cent duty imposed in the previous budget on the many

"Removal of duty on certain parts of the chargers is also required. While we have built a huge charger manufacturing industry, these changes would have helped us to become more competitive," Mohindroo

inputs of PCBA, inputs of con-

nectors and inputs of camera

The Indian industry met the 2021-22 manufacturing target of Rs 2,75,000 crore but we may fall short of the manufacturing target of FY 2022-23 because of domestic demand shrinking in 2022-23.

In spite of a glorious performance in exports which will cross Rs 70,000 crore in 2022-23 (versus Rs 45,000 crore in 2021-22 plus 50 per cent increase), the 50 per cent increase in GST from 12 per This was essential to pro- cent to 18 per cent "has dealt a kept the nation's economy moving during the pandemic, said the ICEA.

According to the Internet

and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), there have been two critical concerns for the digital industry.

"First, the growth rate of

digital penetration has slowed down and secondly, there is a clearly identifiable digital divide in India with some sections getting marginalised as they are not onboarded digitally," said the IAMAI.
"While the budget

announcement marks the cor-

rect intention and fiscal incen-

tives, other ministries need to

complement the Finance

Minister's grand vision to help realise her vision," said the industry body. `According to Sandip Patel Managing Director, IBM India/South Asia, it is a progressive budget that under-scores technology-driven

growth. "The investment in core infrastructure will require significant thrust on digital infrastructure including digitization and automation. The budget has outlined measures to provide impetus for technology-driven accelerated change and technology will also work as a key deflationary measure,' said Patel.

"India is all set for leading the change and usher in green growth which is aptly visible in gy to green mobility to green farming, which has found its place in the budget this year,'

Revival of rural economy to take time in absence of specific triggers



IANS NEW DELHI

 $F^{
m ocus}$ on the rural economy in the budget has been waning over the years and in such a scenario a revival of the rural economy would take time, JM Financial said in a

In the absence of a specific focus on the rural economy in the Union Budget for 2023-24, analysts don't see immediate triggers for revival in the rural economy. Moreover in the absence of specific or enhancement of allocation towards the rural economy, we believe that the rural environment would have to revive on its own. Hence we would view businesses dealing with price senlikely to benefit, JM Financial

An attempt is made to make the new tax regime more

attractive after getting a low response in FY23, however we believe the benefits in the form of tax saving on enhanced notax limit (INR 0.2mn) is unlikely to spur demand in a meaningful manner, JM Financial said in a report.

Unlike the anticipation by a section of the market, rural focus was missing in the budget announcements. The expectations of a populist budget was linked to 9 state elections in 2023, moreover with FY24 being the last full year budget before the general elections in CY24. However, we believe that the schemes relating to empowerment of women Self Help Groups, artisans and setting up of digital centric solutions would provide opportunities in the rural economy to improve their livelihood, JM Financial said.

Educationists say more funds are required to meet NEP targets



IANS NEW DELHI

Tn Budget 2023-24, the LEducation Ministry has been allocated Rs 1,12,899.47 crore the highest ever. Due to this, the share of higher and school education has also gone up.

An amount of Rs 44,094.62 crore has been allocated for higher education, which was around 8 per cent higher than the previous year's allocation of Rs 40,828.35 crore. However, some educationists believe that the higher education need even more funds to meet the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) targets.

Professor Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, UGC said, "his is to overcome the learning losses of the Covid-19 pandemic and inject more digital technology into higher education for more access and equity. Increased fund allocamentation of NEP 2020, bringing further dividends to the students to make them employable and strengthen our efforts in

making India a knowledgebased economy, Kumar added.

Arvind Chaturvedi Pro Vice Chancellor, IILM University, Gurugram said that an 8 per cent increase in allocation to education sector is not sufficient. "A higher allocation was expected.

"Educationists were expecting a higher allocation to meet the NEP target of 6 per cent of GDP. In that sense, it is disappointing. However, the focus of budget proposals has been on IT education and skill development, which is a welcome move," he added.

Shishir Jaipuria, Chairman, Seth Anandram Jaipuria Group of Educational Institutions, and Chairman of FICCI Arise have a different opinion. He said, "The Union Budget 2023-24 spells out progressive initiatives and reforms for the Indian education sector in many areas, teacher training, future-readiness of learners, and greater accessibility of learning con-

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ITEM NO. | AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION Take note and confirm the following:-To appoint Chairman of the meeting to call the meeting to order

To Ensure Quorum of the Meeting To grant leave of absence, if any To take note and confirm the minutes of previous meeting of board of directors of the Company.

To consider and approve Unaudited Financial Results for the nine month ended and Quarter ended on December 31, 2022 Any other businesses with permission of the Chair.

For and on behalf of Board

(PREM NARAIN VARSHNEY) MANAGING DIRECTOR

FM's bullishness on millets must translate into benefits for farmers IANS HYDERABAD Telangana figured just

I once, albeit tangentially, in the February 1 Union Budget speech by Finance Nirmala Sitharaman when she announced that the

conditions will remain unchanged

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share best practices, research and technologies at the international level, the Minister announced but made no financial allocation for the proposal. This was the only announcement which

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नगर निगम फरीदाबाट

Budget. In tune with its focus on millets, the Centre made the key announcement in the Únion Budget for 2023-24. However, the roadmap to achieve the goal of boosting production and procurement of millets was not mentioned.

Calling millets 'Shree Anna' or mother of all grains, Sitharaman quoted

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to say that India is at the forefront of popularising millets, whose consumption improved food security and the well being of farmers. The Finance

Minister pointed out

ducer and second largest exporter of millets. "We grow several types

of Shree Anna, such as Iowar, Raagi, Bajra, Ramdana, Cheena and Saama. These have a number of health benefits and have been an integral part of our food for centuries," she said. The UN has declared

2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM) at the request of the Indian government to raise awareness and increase the production and consumption of millets.

The declaration has allowed the Centre to take the lead in celebrating IYM 2023. As part of this, Central Ministries, state governwill hold events throughout the year to promote and spread awareness about the benefits of millets. Support will be provid-

ed for post-harvest value addition, enhancing domestic consumption, and for branding millet products nationally and internationally. As per the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), India is the largest producer of mil-

let in the world with a share of 41 per cent in 2020 Nine types of millets

are grown as Kharif crops in over 20 states. Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh are the leading producers.

Exposition to promote clean fuels inaugurated

PTI ■ GURUGRAM

I Jnion Minister for Heavy Industries Mahendra Nath Pandey on Saturday inaugurated a conference and exposition here on schemes for promotion of cleaner fuels in the automotive sector. The event, named 'Towards

Panchamrit', is being organised at the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), Manesar.

To drive India towards cleaner mobility, the government is giving a major push to clean fuels. "Towards Panchamrit" event is an effort in this direction to promote adoption of 'Panchamrit" or five clean fuels -Hydrogen, Ethanol, Bio Diesel, Gas and Electric Vehicles.

Pandey said in line with Prime

Saugat", five commitments to achieve the vision of becoming a carbon neutral country by 2070, ministries are taking comprehensive efforts to move towards fulfilling this goal. The government is also working to achieve self-reliance in the automotive

Minister Narendra Modi's announce-

ments at COP 26 - "Panchamrit Ki

industry, he added. Minister of State for Heavy Industries Krishan Pal Gurjar highlighted the ini-

tiatives taken by the ministry to promote clean and green mobility. He said these initiatives will give a

boost to domestic manufacturing, help in employment generation, reduce dependence on exports and thereby help in achieving the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat

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ARSENAL'S PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE CHARGE HALTED BY STRUGGLING EVERTON

ikel Arteta said Arsenal must now show the resolve of champions after a shock 1-0 defeat to Everton dented the Gunners bid to land a first Premier League title in 19 years. Arsenal still lead Manches-

ter City by five points at the top of the table, but blew the chance to extend that advantage as they suffered just a second league defeat of the season.

James Tarkowski headed in the winning goal for the Toffees on the hour mark as Everton made a perfect start to life under new manager Sean Dyche to climb out of the relegation zone.

"This is not going to be a rose pathway," said Arteta of Arsenal's road to the title. "This is going to be tricky and we will have to dig in and play much better than we did today.'

Everton came into the game on a run of four league defeats at Goodison for the first time since 1958.

That disastrous form cost Frank Lampard his job and Dyche's appointment got the desired bounce with a first win in 11 games.
"The minimum require-

ment is maximum effort and we saw that today," said Dyche.

Everton's board again stayed away due to rising tensions



between the club's hierarchy and supporters.

Protests were planned for before and after the game for fans to voice their anger at the running of the club.

The Toffees were the only Premier League club to not make any signings in the January transfer window despite their perilous position in the table.

But the home side showed there is still enough talent available to Dyche to dig themselves

out of trouble if they can harness the same level of energy and intensity on a more regular

GOODISON 'ROCKING'

A first victory since October was no more than Everton deserved and it was two of Dyche's former Burnley players who combined for the only goal of the game on the hour mark as Tarkwoski headed in Dwight McNeil's cor-

"The fans are going to be massive for us. I have been here when it has been rocking. It was rocking today. But we have to give the fans something," added

"Of course I'm going to drive home and think what a great start but I'm not naive. We have to keep working and improving."

Keeping Dominic Calvert-Lewin fit will be critical to Everton's survival hopes, but the

England international showed his rustiness in front of goal in a second consecutive injuryimpacted season.

Amadou Onana's surging run and ball across the face of goal just needed a finishing touch that Calvert-Lewin could not stretch to make.

Moments later Abdoulave Doucoure, who had been frozen out by Lampard, headed a glorious chance wide when unmarked inside the box.

It took Arsenal half an hour to even threaten Jordan Pickford's goal, but they should have led when Eddie Nketiah fired high and wide with just the goalkeeper to beat.

Conor Coady then had to react quickly to turn Bukayo Saka's volley off the line as the visitors began to find their

Arsenal were brighter at the start of the second period and Martin Odegaard will feel he should have hit the target when teed up by Nketiah.

But just as the Gunners were beginning to turn the screw, their luck at the back ran

Tarkowski was fundamental to Dyche overachievements in keeping Burnley in the Premier League for six consecutive seasons between 2016 and 2022 and the centre-back rose highest to power home



Arsenal lacked composure in shock Everton defeat: Arteta

Mikel Arteta admitted Premier League leaders Arsenal lacked composure in their shock 1-0 defeat at struggling Everton on Saturday.

James Tarkowski's second half header condemned Arsenal to just their second league loss this term. It was a frustrating blow for Gunners boss Arteta, who had hoped to open

up an eight-point lead over sec-ond placed Manchester City. For the first time since los-ing at Manchester United in September, Arsenal tasted defeat and Arteta claimed his players weren't composed enough to cope with Everton's aggresSean Dyche.

"We had loads of the ball but we lacked that purpose and quality in the final third, we generated many chances. But then we conceded and they slowed the game down and we struggled," Arteta said.

Everton do this to every team that is their strength with the height, the physicality is their strength, if you want to control the game against them you have to control this. We did not do that today.

"We needed more composure and to control emotionally the game better. We gave away so many unnecessary free-kicks and that's what they

close the gap on Arsenal to two points if they win at Tottenham on Sunday

But, despite his criticism of their tepid performance at Everton, Arteta backed his players to survive the tense title

"Today I love them much better than the week before or a month ago. It is easy to be next to someone when they are winning well. I am still so proud of all of these players, they deserve it," he said.
"This is not going to be a

rose pathway. This is going to be tricky and we will have to dig in and play much better than

Bopanna-Bhambri lose in Davis Cup



PTI ■ HILLEROD (DENMARK)

Indian duo Rohan Bopanna and Yuki Bhambri lost to world number 9 Holger Rune and Johannes Ingildsen in straight sets to hand hosts Denmark a 2-1 lead after the doubles tie in the Davis Cup World Group Play-Off on Saturday. The Danish pair made short work of the Indians winas Rune's presence proved to be a decisive factor.

Earlier on Friday, India's number one Sumit Nagal had erased a one-set deficit to pip August Holmgren 4-6 6-3 6-4 in two hours and 27 minutes.

Nagal restored the parity after Bhambri had a forgettable opening singles losing 2-6 2-6 to the rising teen sensation Rune.

Bhambri has quit singles and now plays only doubles on tour. The 25-year-old Nagal, ranked 506, dropped serve in the very first game of the match but once he got hold of his nerves, he was his usual fighting self.

squandered the chances when Holmgren offered them. The Danish player, ranked 484, eventually sealed the set.

He got the break back but

In the second set, it was Nagal who drew the first blood and went up 5-2. He served out the set in the ninth game to force a decider.

Nagal had a chance to get the first break when he made a forehand return sailed over the baseline at 30-all but the home player served well to save the chance. Nagal got another chance when Holmgren netted a forehand at deuce point in the third game but he himself made a forehand error on the break-

While Nagal preferred to hit from the baseline, Holmgren charged the net often to create chances for volley winners.

Holmgren handed Nagal another break chance when he tried to pick a low volley but could not keep the ball in the court and followed that up with and converted the first one on

Zverev storms to Davis Cup win after being cleared of abuse



AFP PARIS

lexander Zverev defeated Athree-time major winner Stan Wawrinka in the Davis Cup on Friday as the German star returned to the courts for cleared of domestic abuse.

The 25-year-old Zverev swept past Wawrinka 6-4, 6-1 in Trier to bring Germany level with Switzerland after the opening day of their qualifier. On Tuesday, Zverev was told by the ATP that there was

a double fault, allowing the Indian to take a mini 3-2 lead.

That lead stayed with Nagal and he came out serving for the match in the 10th game. Holmgren's forehand error gave the Indian three match points

stantiate allegations against him of abusing a former girlfriend. Former world number two Zverev always denied the claims, describing them as "baseless"

"insufficient evidence" to sub-

who helped his country win the 2014 Davis Cup, was returning to the team competition for the first time in eight years. Now ranked 135 in the world, he was comfortably beaten for the fifth time in five meetings by Zverev.

home team player's unforced

In the opening singles, Rune broke Bhambri twice in each set. The 19-year-old converted four of the seven break chances while the Indian did not get a single chance to break his opponent.

Dipa Karmakar handed 21-month ban after failing dope test

PTI NEW DELHI

Star gymnast Dipa Karmakar has been handed a 21-month ban for failing a dope test conducted by the International Testing Agency, contrary to claims made by Indian officials that her "suspension" last year was not related to doping offence.

Karmakar's dope sample collected out-of-competition by the ITA, an independent organisation that manages the antidoping programme of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG), was found to contain Higenamine, which is a prohibited substance under World Anti-Doping Agency Code.

Her ban period will, however, end on July 10 this year as it was counted from the day (October 11, 2011) the sample was collected.

Dipa Karmakar has been suspended for a 21-month period, effective until 10 July 2023 after testing positive for higenamine (S3. Beta-2 Agonists as per the World Anti-Doping Agency prohibited list)," the ITA said in a statement late on Friday.

"The positive sample was collected on behalf of the FIG in the scope of an out-of-competition control on 11 October 2021," it added.

The Switzerland based nonprofit organisation works under the supervision of WADA and International Olympic Committee to implement anti-doping



programmes for various international federations. The ITA further said Karmakar's dope issue was resolved under a case resolution agreement pursuant to article 10.8.2 of the FIG Anti-Doping Rules and equivalent provision in the WADA.

"The athlete's results have been disqualified from October 11, 2021 onwards."

Karmakar, who shot to fame after finishing fourth in the 2016 Rio Olympics in the vault event, has been struggling with injuries ever since she underwent a surgery to treat an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury in 2017.

Her last FIG event was the 2019 World Cup in Baku.

The ban on Karmakar flies on her face as well as on the Gymnastic Federation of India officials who have been claiming ignorance after she was put in the "suspended" category by the FIG in February last year.

GFI president Sudhir Mittal had then said that he had not received any communication from the FIG regarding her suspension.

Karmakar herself and her coach Bisheshwar Nandi kept quiet at that time.

Other GFI officials went to the extent of saying that the "suspended" status could be due to other issues, like ethical or disciplinary, not related to doping violation.

Chelsea can't buy a goal in Fulham stalemate

AFP ■ LONDON

helsea manager Graham Potter Cpleaded for time to gel his expensive collection of new stars after the Blues were held 0-0 at home by Fulham on Friday.

Enzo Fernandez made his Chelsea debut after becoming the most expensive player in British football history with a £107 million move (\$132 million) from Benfica on transfer deadline day.

Mykhailo Mudryk was also given his Stamford Bridge bow, while Noni Madueke and David Datro Fofana came off the bench for their Premier League debuts.

Chelsea's record investment of over £300 million in the January window took the total spend on players in their first season under new ownership to over half a billion.

Co-owners Todd Boehly and Behdad Eghbali were in attendance, but will not have been impressed as another chance to close on the top four slipped by.

Potter's men sit ninth in the table, still nine points adrift of the Champions League places.

"New players are adapting to a new country and a new league. It's not straightforward. When the price tag is what it is questions will be asked, it's the nature of the business,"

"The decision we took in the window you can see the profile in terms of age. We feel we have a very strong group of players. We have to gel and become a really good team. That's where the work is

Fulham had secured a first victory in the west London derby since 2006 when the teams met just three weeks ago.

Marco Silva's men sit two points and three places above their local rivals in the table in their first season back in the top flight.

HAVERTZ'S HAT-TRICK OF

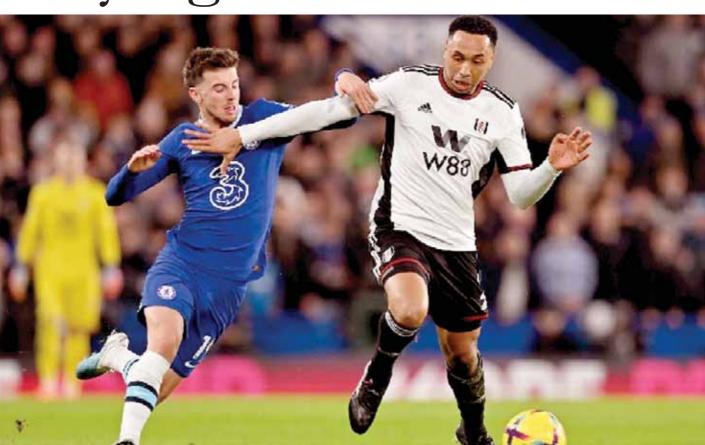
Fulham were seeking a first ever league double over Chelsea and came close to achieving it as Andreas Pereira forced Kepa Arrizabalaga into a flying save low to his right.

For the enormous sums spent by Chelsea's new owners, their lack of a clinical goalscorer was exposed once more.

Kai Havertz had a hat-trick of big chances to break the deadlock before half-time.

The German international failed to get enough contact on Thiago Silva's brilliant pass to divert the ball beyond Bernd Leno.

Havertz then could not stretch to turn Mason Mount's dangerous



But his best opening came when he hit the post with a lob over Leno from Hakim Ziyech's defence-split-

Żiyech would have been a Paris Saint-Germain player this week had Chelsea not submitted the wrong paperwork in the minutes before Tuesday's transfer deadline.

wealth of wide options now available to Potter and he wasted no time in hooking Mudryk despite his price tag after a disappointing first 45 minutes.

The Moroccan is just one of a

The Ukrainian joined from Shakhtar Donetsk lasť month for a fee that could rise to 100 million euros (\$110 million).

Madueke was introduced in his place and Potter also threw on Raheem Sterling from the bench on the hour mark in the search for a winner. Fernandez was inches away

from the perfect debut as the Argentine World Cup winner flashed

a shot wide from distance 20 minutes from time. Connor Gallagher came even closer as he hit the side-netting from

the edge of the box. But the best chance fell to Fofana as the Ivorian rounded the stranded Leno, but failed to beat the covering Tim Ream on the line.

WE'VE PLENTY OF OPTIONS IN SPIN DEPARTMENT: CUMMINS

ustralia captain Pat Cummins on Saturday said his team is not fretting over its spin combination as it has enough options to support veteran off-spinner Nathan Lyon in the high-profile four-match Test series against India beginning in

Nagpur on Thursday.

The touring Australians have named Mitchell Swepson along with finger spinner Ashton Agar to team up with Lyon.

"We've got plenty of options here (with) finger spin, wrist spin, left arm (pace) when (Mitchell) Starcy comes back," Cummins told reporters in his first media interaction after arriving in India.

bowlers that we think are going to take 20 wickets. But how we split that up, we're not 100 per Asked if it would be a two-

"We'll obviously pick the

pronged spin attack, he said: "I wouldn't say it's a given. Obviously it's very conditions dependent. Particularly in the first test, once we get to Nagpur we will see that.'

The Australians are here for a training camp before heading to

The good thing is someone like Agar was in our last team, Swepson played the last two overseas tour, so a bit of experi-

"Murphy played in the last tour. We feel that we got a lot of support in that department for

The 29-year-old Cummins pointed out that middle-order batter Travis Head also offers offspin option.

"Travis Head also bowls really good offspin. We have to balance things. We have got a plenty of variety there to choose from. We have not locked in any bowling line-up so far."

While there is so much talk about spin bowling, Cummins said his side should not forget about their intimidating pace bowling attack.

"I think sometimes, talking about a couple of spinners, you forget how good a lot of our fast bowlers have been in all condi-

"Even some of the SCG wickets, there haven't been a lot in them for quick bowlers, but the quick bowlers have found a way,'



way since he made a Test comeback after six years in Ranchi during the last tour of India in 2017.

An injury-prone Cummins then dished out a hostile spell to dismiss the star Indian trio of KL Rahul, Virat Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane en route to figures of

4/106.

"It was my first test in six years. I just wanted to reaffirm that's where I wanted to be in Test cricket. I really enjoyed that spell, you can't be worried about your body or different things. You just got to go all out. I really enjoyed

that.
"Test cricket can be really, really harsh. You have got to accept that it's going to be grinding times, and you got to be out for it and embrace that challenge. Coming here to India when a lot of the talks are around, big spinning wicket, it's not always the

"You need to get into the grind at times. That role of the fast bowler, bowling a lot of overs for not a heap of reward but doing your job for your team. I really enjoy that aspect of the last tour. Much to play for this time,'

at home this time: Greg Chappell

PTI MELBOURNE

Batting great Greg Chappell believes Australia can win the upcoming high-profile fourmatch Test series as India are "vulnerable" this time with injuries to key players like Rishabh Pant and Jasprit

While the swashbuckling keeper-batter Pant is ruled out for most part of the year as he continues to recover from injuries sustained during a horrific car crash, Indian pace ace Bumrah (back injury) does not figure in the Indian squad for the first two Tests. "Australia can win this

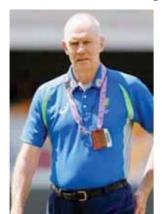
series. India are more vulnerable at home than they have been for some time due to injuries to key players like Rishbah Pant, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah. They will rely heavily on Virat Kohli," Chappell wrote in an opinion piece for 'Sydney Morning Herald'.

Premier spin-bowling allrounder Ravindra Jadeja, who recovered from a knee injury and made a comeback in the Ranji Trophy last month, is in the Indian squad for the Test Thursday.

"Visiting teams are often fooled by a game that seems to be going nowhere but suddenly changes at a frenetic pace. The Indians are used to this, so Australia will need to adapt quickly with mind, bat and ball," said the former India

Finger spinner Ashton Agar, who is Australia's only lef-tarm tweaker in the squad, should be preferred to partner Nathan Lyon on turning tracks, Chappell said.
"Should the pitches favour

spin, which is more likely, I expect Ashton Agar to get the nod because finger spin is con-



sidered to be more accurate," said the 74-year-old Chappell who scored 7110 runs from 87 Tests with an impressive average of 53.86 between 1970 and

"Anil Kumble who took 619 wickets in Test cricket, rarely strayed off the straight and narrow. His stock in trade were fast, flat leg breaks which were always threatening the stumps. Batters knew if they missed, they were in trouble. Jadeja's stock in trade is similarly unerring.

"Agar has got to emulate their roles. One bowler leaking tight contest."

Recollecting his conversation with Erapalli Prasanna, he wrote the Indian legend would spin the ball hard, try to hit the batter on the pads often, get him thinking about the spinning ball, and then trap him on the crease with a straight one.

"Line, he (Prasanna) said, was optional, length was mandatory. He explained to me that he would lay the seam a bit flatter than for the traditional off spinner and then impart a higher number of rotations on the ball that would make the ball drift like an off spinner but, once it landed on the leather, it would skid on with the arm giving the

impression that it had gone 'the other way'.

"As the leader of the spin attack, Nathan Lyon will need to take pages out of his book and

Chappell, however, said that Australia will also have issues to "David Warner is in patchy

form and needs to improve his Test record in India; Usman Khawaja, Alex Carey, Travis Head and Cameron Green will be tested against better quality spin than they encountered in Pakistan and Śri Lanka. "Marcus Labuschagne will

be facing his first big test in the subcontinent; and Steve Smith's recent batting tweaks will be examined more keenly than against the West Indies, South Africa and in the BBL," he

The series will be like a 'final frontier' for the Pat Cumminsled No. 1 Test side who have been on a roll after the pacer took over from Tim Paine.

Australia have had a fine run recently, winning the Ashes and then the series against Pakistan, West Indies and South Africa. They will be in search of

In their last tour of India in 2017, they began with a big win in the Pune Test but went on to lose the series 1-2. India, on the other hand, have not lost at home for more than a decade and have a record streak of winning 15 series.

The Australians will have to summon every ounce of their talent and experience during the next month to succeed. India is no longer the mystery it once was. Tours are more regular and the IPL offers valuable exposure.

"Attrition takes a huge toll on touring teams. If India are in the contest on day five, they will win," Chappell said.

OZ can win, India more vulnerable Green might have an 'outside chance' of playing Nagpur Test: McDonald

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Dashing all-rounder Cameron Green is making a quick recovery from his index finger injury and has an "outside chance" of making it to Australia's playing eleven for the opening Test against India starting in Nagpur on February 9.

The 23-year-old seam bowling all-rounder, who is recovering from a surgery on his index finger in his right hand, had a bowl at the nets in Alur.

"We haven't put a clear line through him on the team sheet. So, I wouldn't say he was in discomfort when he was bowling,' McDonald told reporters here on the sidelines of their four-day training camp.

However there are still some concerns when he is batting, admitted the head coach.

"I would say one of the deliveries jarred the bottom of the bat and that can create discomfort for anyone, but there is a little bit of awareness around that finger. He has made some significant steps forward in the last couple of days, probably to

my surprise. "So, there is still an outside chance, everything going well, he might be on the team sheet," McDonald kept the options open.

Skipper Pat Cummins had earlier ruled out Green from bowling in the Test should he play, but McDonald said he has made significant progress.

Green's inclusion would provide Australia with an opportunity to include an extra specialist spinner in their bid to win their first Border-Gavaskar Trophy in India since 2004.

McDonald further said their explosive opener David Warner is fully "recharged" and looking forward to make amends for his

poor runs in some of the previous tours in the upcoming Test The 36-year-old, who has a

poor record of averaging 24.25 in eights Tests in India, had complained of exhaustion and said he would have preferred the night off from the Cricket Australia awards to recover

from a busy home summer. "I haven't noticed any

fatigue in David Warner since I got here," McDonald said. "I would probably dispel

that as a bit of a myth. He has had a couple of days off... He has been there (at training) for one of the two days, and he is not there today."

"We are managing each individual coming in around their specific preparation and where they have been and there is no doubt it was a demanding summer into BBL, and it creates a challenge back into Test match

"But we feel the preparation we have him on he will be recharged and ready to go. It has been well documented he hasn't had the series that he would like. It's always challenging.

"I think the way he is applying himself in his downtime to really land on a method to take on the Indian spinners and also the quicks and to have a successful tour, I think you will see him fully invigorated and invested and fully charged for the chal-

lenge ahead.'

I will only comment (on perfor-

day and seeing the focus of play-

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ormer India batter Suresh Raina is baffled by Australian team's decision to opt for simulation training rather than play warm-up games ahead of the first Border-Gavaskar Test, starting February 9 in Nagpur.

The Australian team are currently training in Bengaluru and are practising on rank turners, having summoned little known Baroda spinner Mahesh Pithiya, whose bowling action resembles Ravichandran Ashwin. But Raina, one of India's finest white ball players, feels that Australia might have missed a

"I have played practice matches (ahead of Tests) and

Raina surprised with Aus decision to not play warm-up games

they are really important. They (Australia) can understand the quality of pitches in India only if they play on them," Raina told PTI on the sidelines of Mission Olympics Annual Day Meet, organised by Police Families Welfare Society.

Raina is confident that India will do well in the four-Test series and Ravindra Jadeja's comeback will add fine balance to the squad. "I am happy with Jadeja's comeback after a long time," said the southpaw.
"Our spinners R Ashwin,



Axar Patel are doing well. Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have been in good form and I think we will get to watch an interest-

ing series in the coming days." While visiting teams are always welcomed on rank turners during Test matches in the sub-continent, Raina would like to see a track that would hold on for five days.

He however didn't want to predict the outcome of the

"Let it begin first. A Test match should be five-day long.

ers." Raina is very happy that there is so much competition for places in the national team across formats. "It is an achievement (that many are worthy of a place in the Indian team). When there is

such a competition we will get the best performance from the He also welcomed BCCI's

decision to organise the inaugural Women's Premier League

"WPL is going to be very beneficial for women cricketers of our country. And it is great that the (women) U-19 team won the World Cup.'

UAE set to host Asia Cup, venue to be finalised in March



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{he\,Asian\,Cricket\,Council\,will\,decide}_{\,\,on\,\,an\,\,alternate\,\,venue\,\,for\,\,the\,\,Asia}$ Cup ODI tournament in March after BCCI secretary Jay Shah and PCB chairman Najam Sethi had their first forto Pakistan and was scheduled in September this year but Shah, who is also the ACC chairman, had announced last October that India will not travel to

It is understood that United Arab Emirates with three venues -- Dubai, mal meeting in Bahrain on Saturday.
The Asia Cup was initially allotted

Abu Dhabi and Sharjah -- are favourites to host the tournament but the decision

has been withheld for the time being. All heads of ACC member nations attended the emergent meeting which was called at the behest of PCB chairman Sethi after ACC under chairmanship of Shah released the continental

body's itinerary where Pakistan wasn't

named the hosts. "The ACC affiliates met

today and there were a lot of construc-

tive discussions. But the shift of venue has been postponed till March. But be rest assured that with India not going to Pakistan, the tournament will have to be shifted. A tournament without Virat Kohlis, Rohit Sharmas and Shubman Gills will have the sponsors back out," a senior BCCI official privy to the development told PTI.

One ACC insider said Sethi has just taken over PCB and if he would have ceded ground on the hosting rights in the first meeting itself, then it would have led to a bad impression at home.

Pakistan is currently going through an economic crisis and inflation has hit the country very hard with the country's currency (PKR) plummeting to Rs 277 against 1 US Dollar. Organising a high profile tournament like Asia Cup, even if ACC pays a grant could burn a hole in PCB coffers. So strategically, if the tournament is held in the UAE, there is every possibility that all the member nations will also get to earn apart from the broadcast revenues.

In another decision, the ACC has decided to increase the annual budget allocated for Afghanistan Cricket Association to 15 percent from six.

The ACC has assured that it will help the Afghanistan board in all possible ways so that women's cricket can be revived in the country. Women are banned from playing sport under

Carey reminds OZ of Indian pacers' reverse-swing threat

Australia wicketkeeper-batter Alex Carey has reminded his team how damaging the Indian pacers could be with their reverse swing even as countering the threat from hosts spinners was the main focus in the build-up to their high profile four-match Test series starting on Thursday.

Australia abandoned the idea of "irrelevant" tour games in India and instead trained with SG balls on specially-prepared spinning pitches in Sydney before coming to India.

"Going to Pakistan it was a lot of spin talk and I found the reverse swinging ball difficult," Carey told reporters here on the sidelines of their four-day training camp.

He recalled their tour game in Bengaluru in 2018 when pacers were equally making impact as the spinners and Mohammed Siraj returned with a match haul of 11 wickets.

"I played a four-day game



(for Australia A against India A) in 2018 and a lot of the talk was about spin and probably forget a bit how damaging both team's fast bowlers are with the reverseswinging ball, with a wicket that might be a bit up and down,"

said the 31-year-old.

Carey also recalled their drawn Test series in Sri Lanka in July last year where the Australians had to adapt to different pitch conditions.

We went to Galle for two Tests and they were two different wickets. So be open-minded about what we are going to come up against, what team they put on the park and what scenario I come in at," he said.

"Having the game ebb and flow between spin and fast bowling, dry periods, periods where it will score quickly... Think that's great about this team, the experience we do Carey said the visiting team

understands the capability of the Indian side, and will plan accordingly.

"We'll speak to the guys who have played (in India) in the past and we'll have our batters' meeting soon. We'll face a lot of different spinners throughout the next few days, our spinners (are) bowling well as well, so for everyone it's getting our feet on the ground.

We haven't really spoken about the way we are going to play, it's the individual basis. For Travis it might be exploring that (attacking) game a bit, Renners (Matthew Renshaw) is a bit taller and can get to the pitch of the ball — he has been here and succeeded — so it's up to the individual to own their game then we back them in to do that". New Delhi, February 5, 2023

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THE CITY OF FLOWERS NOW AN EPICENTER OF VIOLENCE

Peshawar was a peaceful place until the early 1980s when Pakistan's then-dictator Ziaul Haq decided to become part of Washington's cold war with Moscow, joining the fight against the 1979 Soviet invasion of neighboring Afghanistan. Write RIAZ KHAN and MUNIR AHMED

akistan's Peshawar was once known as "the city of flowers," surrounded by orchards of pear, quince and pomegranate trees. It was a trading city, situated at the gates of a key mountain valley connecting South and Central Asia.

But for the past four decades, it has borne the brunt of rising militancy in the region, fueled by the conflicts in neighboring Afghanistan and the geopolitical games of great powers.

On Tuesday, the city with a population of about 2 million was reeling after one of Pakistan's most devastating militant attacks in years. A day earlier, a suicide bomber unleashed a blast in a mosque inside the city's main police compound, killing at least 101 people and wounding at least 225, mostly police.

Analysts say the carnage is the legacy of decades of flawed policies by Pakistan and the United States.

"What you sow, so shall you reap," said Abdullah Khan, a senior security analyst.

Peshawar was a peaceful place, he said, until the early 1980s when Pakistan's then-dictator Ziaul Haq decided to become part of Washington's cold war with Moscow, joining the fight against the 1979 Soviet invasion of neighboring

Afghanistan. Peshawar — less than 30 kilometers (20 miles) from the Afghan border — became the center where the American CIA and Pakistani military helped train, arm and fund the Afghan mujahedeen fighting the Soviets. The city was flooded by weapons and fighters, many of them hard-line Islamic militants, as well as with hundreds of thousands of Afghan

Arab militants were also drawn there by the fight against the Soviets, including the scion of a wealthy Saudi family, Osama bin Laden. It was in Peshawar that bin Laden founded al-Qaida in the late 1980s, joining forces with veteran Egyptian militant Ayman al-Zawahri.

The Soviets finally withdrew in defeat from Afghanistan in 1989. But the legacy of militancy and armed resistance that the U.S. and Pakistan fueled against them remained.

"After the Russian withdrawal from Afghanistan in 1980s, Americans abandoned mujahedeen, Americans even abandoned us, and since then we are paying a price for it," said Mahmood Shah, a former Pakistani army brigadier and a senior security analyst.

The mujahedeen plunged Afghanistan into civil war in a bloody fight for power. Meanwhile, in Peshawar and another Pakistani city, Quetta, the Afghan Taliban began to organize, with backing from the Pakistani government. Eventually, the Taliban took power in Afghanistan in the late 1990s, ruling until they were ousted by the 2001 American-led invasion following al-Qaida's 9/11 attacks in the U.S.

During the nearly 20-year U.S. war against the Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan, militant groups blossomed in the tribal regions of Pakistan along the border and around Peshawar. Like the Taliban, they found root among the ethnic Pashtuns who make up a majority in the region and in the city.

Some groups were encouraged by the Pakistani intelligence agencies. But others turned their guns against the government, angered by heavy security crackdowns and by frequent U.S. airstrikes in the border region targeting al-Qaida and other militants.

Chief among the anti-government groups was the Pakistani Taliban, or Tahreek-e Taliban-Pakistani, or TTP. In the late 2000s and early 2010s, it waged a brutal campaign of violence around the country. Peshawar was scene of one of the bloodiest TTP attacks in 2014, on an army-run public school that killed nearly 150 people, most of them schoolboys.

Peshawar's location has for centuries made it a key juncture between Central Asia and the Indian subcontinent. One of the oldest cities

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in Asia, it stands at the entrance to the Khyber Pass, the main route between the two regions. That was a source of its prosperity in trade and put it on the path of armies going both directions, from Moghul emperors to British imperialists.

A heavy military offensive largely put down the TTP for several years and the government and the militants eventually reached an uneasy truce. Peshawar came under heavy security control, with checkpoints dotting the main roads, and a heavy presence of police and paramilitary troops.

TTP attacks, however, have grown once more since the Afghan Taliban returned to power in Kabul in August 2021 amid the U.S. and NATO withdrawal from that country. The Pakistani Taliban are distinct from but allied to the Afghan group, and Pakistani officials regularly accuse the Afghan Taliban of giving the TTP free rein to operate from Afghan territory.

On Wednesday, several police officers joined a peace march organized by the members of civil society groups in Peshawar, denouncing militant attacks and demanding peace in the country. Police said they made some arrest in connection with Monday's mosque bombing but did not provide details.

Ahead of Monday's suicide bombing, Peshawar had seen increasing small-scale attacks targeting police. In another spillover from Afghanistan's conflict, the regional affiliate of the Islamic State group attacked Peshawar's main Shiite mosque in March 2022, killing more than 60 people.

Shah, the former officer, warned that more TTP attacks could follow and said that Pakistan needs to engage the Afghan Taliban and pressure them to either evict the TTP or ensure it doesn't launch attacks from Afghan territory.

"If we are to have peace in Pakistan, we should talk to TTP from the position of strength with help from the Afghan Taliban," he said. "This is the best and viable solution to avoid more violence."

Pakistan reaches out to Taliban supremo

 $P^{\text{akistan has decided to seek the}}_{\text{intervention of Taliban supreme}}$ leader Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada to control the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) terror group, according to official sources.

During an Apex Committee meeting in Peshawar, the civil and military leadership held the banned TTP responsible for the carnage in the city this week, and decided to take up the matter with the interim Afghan government at the highest level, with a clear message that Pakistan would no longer tolerate cross-border terrorism, The

Express Tribune reported. Although the TTP has denied its involvement in Monday's suicide blast at a mosque in the Peshawar Police Lines, a briefing given to the Apex Committee suggested that the banned outfit was indeed the mastermind of the attack.

The meeting at the Governor House in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) capital was held in the wake of a deadly terrorist attack in the Police Lines in which more than 100 people, mostly policemen, were killed.

The meeting was presided over by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

The participants of the meeting included Army chief Gen Syed Asim Munir, DG ISI Lt-Gen Nadeem Anjum, Peshawar Corps Commander, DGMO and other military officials as well as senior cabinet members, chief ministers of the four provinces, Gilgilt-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was invited to the all-impor-



tant meeting but it did not attend. The marathon meeting discussed how the suicide bomber managed to enter the high security zone, who the perpetrator was and how the government would respond to the renewed threat

posed by the TTP. The meeting was informed that the TTP, indeed, carried out the attack but because of fear of backlash from the Afghan Taliban, it

did not own it, publicly.
Insiders told The Express Tribune that Pakistan would seek the intervention of Akhundzada to

control the banned terror outfit. The meeting noted that despite the resurgence of terrorism in the country, terrorists did not hold any specific area, therefore there was no need for a full-scale military opera-

Instead, according to Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, the intelligence-based operations would (IANS) continue.

NIP CANCER IN THE BUD

Usually, the word cancer is equated with death. However, busting the common myth, health experts say that most cancers may be cured fully if diagnosed early. Late detection is one of the highest reasons behind poor survival rates. On the World Cancer Day on February 4, THE HEALTH PIONEER sheds light on some most common types of cancer in India and the causes behind them.

TYPES OF CANCERS

* Gall Bladder Cancer

Bladder cancer risk factors include smoking, genetic mutations, and exposure to certain chemicals. Speaking on the rise in gallbladder-related illness, Dr Sushma Bhatnagar, the head of National Cancer Institute of India said, "Cases of gallbladder cases in women have been on the rise especially in the north-eastern parts of the country and settlements beside rivers.'

*Cervical Cancer

Screening tests and the HPV vaccine can help prevent cervical cancer.

*Colorectal Cancer

If you are 45 years old or older, get screened. Screening tests can help prevent colorectal cancer or find it early, when treatment works best.

*Gynecologic Cancers

Five main types of cancer affect a woman's reproductive organs: breast, cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar. As a group, they are called gynecologic cancers.

*Breast Cancer

Regular mammograms are the best tests doctors have to find breast cancer early. Talk to your doctor about when to start and how often to get a screening mammogram.

*Ovarian Cancer

Ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system. But when ovarian cancer is found early, treatment works best.

*Uterine Cancer

Uterine cancer is the most common cancer of the female reproductive system.

*Vaginal and Vulvar Cancers

Vaginal and vulvar cancers are rare, but all women are at risk for these cancers.



*Head and Neck Cancers

Stan Americans

Cancers of the head and neck include cancers that start in several places in the head and throat, not including brain cancers or cancers of

To lower your risk of kidney and renal pelvis cancers, keep a healthy weight. Don't smoke, or quit if you do.

*Liver Cancer

To lower your risk for liver cancer, get vaccinated against hepatitis B, get tested for hepatitis C, and avoid drinking too

PREVENTABLE CANCERS

managing certain controllable risk factors such as your diet, physical activity and other lifestyle choices - can lower your chances of developing cancer. This is especially true for

- *Head and neck cancer *Lung cancer
- *Prostate cancer *Skin cancer *Testicular cancer

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States. To lower your risk, quit smoking, avoid secondhand smoke, and get your home tested for radon.

Lymphoma is a general term for cancers that start in the lymph system. The two main kinds are Hodgkin lymphoma and non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

Myeloma is a cancer of the plasma cells. In myeloma, the cells grow too much, forming a mass or tumor in the body.

*Prostate Cancer

Most prostate cancers grow slowly and don't cause any health problems. Learn more and talk to your doctor before you decide to get tested or treated for prostate cancer.

*Skin Cancer

To lower your skin cancer risk, protect your skin from the sun and avoid indoor tanning.

The thyroid gland is located in front of the neck. It sends out hormones that help control many activities in the

MOST COMMON CAUSES FOR CANCER

Tobacco use is a leading cause of cancer and of death from cancer. People who use tobacco products have an increased risk of cancer because tobacco products and sec-ondhand smoke have many chemicals that damage DNA.

Tobacco use causes many types of cancer, including cancer of the lung, larynx (voice box), mouth, esophagus, throat, bladder, kidney, liver, stomach, pancreas, colon and rectum, and cervix, as well as acute myeloid leukemia. People who use smokeless tobacco (snuff or chewing tobacco) have increased risks of cancers of the mouth, esophagus, and pancreas.

Dr SVS Deo, Professor of Surgical Oncology at AIIMS Delhi says, "Smoking and consumption of alcohol account for 30 per cent of total cancer cases. If we can somehow curb the usage of these deadly items, cancer cases will go down."

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Environmental pollutants like arsenic, chromium, nickel, asbestos, dioxins besides tobacco are the major cause for lung cancer and gall bladder in India.

Dr Bhatnagar said, a major chunk of cancer cases are a result of air pollution, water pollution and an unhealthy lifestyle. Air pollution has also led an increase in the cases of cervical cancer. Delhi NCR witnessed 22000 cases of cancer last year of which 50 per cent of cases were treated at the National Cancer Institute, AIIMS.'

Breast cancer Early detection key

Oncologists recommend breast self-examination every month around five days after the periods are over startthem, for postmenopausal women, it can be done on a certain day/date of every month. Annual breast examination by a trained doctor after the age of 20 is also strongly recommended. Finally, regular mammograms after the age of 40-45 is also recommended for early detection of Breast Cancers and timely treatment.

With the emergence of advanced surgeries including oncoplastic breast surgery, oncologists/surgeons are now able to offer breast conservation to most patients with a good cosmetic outcome that boosts confidence and creates a positive impact on the psychological state of the patient. According to the experts, newer techniques like Sentinel lymph node biopsy and Lymphovenous anastomosis help in reducing the lymphedema rates to less than 5 percent. Chemotherapy usually consists of 6-8 cycles administered in daycare at an interval of 15-21 days.

It's not just a woman who has cancer, suffers. It has a devastating impact for the next generation. According to a study by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, an estimated 4.4 million women died of cancer in 2020, leaving nearly 1 million children orphaned. At least 25% were due to

DOCTORSPEAK

Dr. Bhawana Awasthy, Chief-Medical & Clinical Oncology, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre

"Cancer that develops in breast glands or ducts is called breast cancer. A lump in the breast, bloody or strawcoloured nipple discharge, recent nipple inversion, ulceration or destruction of the nipple, dimpling of skin and thickening of skin to give an appearance of orange peel are some of the symptoms of breast cancer. While identifying these signs is important, regular mammography picks up cancers even before these symptoms. Meet your doctor for a breast examination and screening advice before the disease becomes apparent. Remember, breast cancer is curable if detected

Dr. Suman Mallik, Clinical Director - Senior Consultant & HOD Radiation Oncology, Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Howrah

"Confirmation of diagnosis of breast cancer usually requires a needle biopsy, which can be performed at the



WHO Roadmap on breast cancer launched recently

recommends:

Countries to focus on breast cancer early-detection programmes so that at least 60% of the breast cancers are diagnosed and treated as earlystage disease.

Diagnosing breast cancer within 60 days of initial presentation can improve breast cancer outcomes. Treatment should start within three months of the first presenta-

Managing breast cancer so that at least 80% of patients complete their recommended treatment.

OPD 10-15 minutes after the mammogram is done. We initially go for ultrasound, mammogram and sometimes MRI in special situations to detect early disease. Patients with larger lumps, those having enlarged glands in the armpit or symptoms suggestive of distant organ involvement (bone pain, breathlessness, headache, enlarged liver etc.) need additional tests like PET-CT scan to rule out the spread of disease to other organs."

Dr. Ronak Vyas, Surgical Oncologist at Narayana Multi Speciality Hospital, Ahmedabad

People need to be aware of advanced treatment and facilities available in the country now. For example, our hospital has best-in-class treatment and care for breast cancer patients. It is very disappointing for us that a large number of patients come to us at advanced stages. Early Cancer or Stages I &II are usually treated by surgeries first. Locally advanced stage III requires chemotherapy first followed by surgery and radiation. Hormone and other targeted therapy are needed in the select group of patients who have certain markers present on their tumours. Stage IV (Distant organ spread) is treated either with chemotherapy or hormone therapy or both."

No cancer is 100% preventable. However,

9 specific cancer types, which include:

- *Breast cancer *Cervical cancer
- *Colorectal cancer
- *Ovarian cancer

Thyroid Cancer

Though the study was conducted in 2016, its observation still holds true keeping in mind

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 $E^{\text{ven as breast self-examination}}_{(\text{BSE}) \text{ remains a feasible}}$ screening method in resourcepoor settings like India, yet diaga cause of concern. This is mainly because the majority of women particularly from rural India have poor awareness regarding breast cancer and poor practice of BSE.

This was found by a group of researchers while assessing the awareness of breast cancer and the practice of BSE among women in a rural area of Karnataka in South India. This speaks volumes of the awareness status among rural women across the country.

Published in the Indian Journal of Cancer, the study revealed that less than one in ten women knew that a lump in the breast is a symptom of breast can-

cer. Majority 338 (81.2%) were not able to state even a single symptom of breast cancer and 365 (87.7%) not able to state even one risk factor of breast cancer.

Majority 354 (85.1%) of the heard of BSE. None of the women in the study performed monthly BSE. Only 40 (9.6%) of the women actually performed BSE within the last 6 months. Women with higher education and those who reported a history of a lump in the breast in self or family were significantly more likely to state at least one symptom of breast cancer and were more likely to practice BSE, noted the authors of the study led by Avita R, Department of Community Health, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore.

Awareness of at least one symptom of breast cancer was associated with an 18 fold increase in the practice of BSE,

"Evidence points out that early detection and treatment can improve breast cancer survival rates. For rural Indian women, the lack of a mammogram and breast examination by an experienced clinician makes BSE the only feasible screening method available. The poor awareness and practice of BSE could lead to delayed diagnosis and adversely affect the outcome of breast cancer. However, there are several socio-cultural barriers that continue to exist in Indian society such as negative attitude to BSE, poor health-seeking behaviour and lack of priority to the health of women as they reach the end of their

study said, revealing an urgent need to focus on health awareness among rural women.

child-bearing years."

Rural women caught unaware

no let up in the breast cancer The authors have called for an

awareness regarding breast cancer and BSE among rural women by exploring various mechanisms of community engagement, including involving grassrootslevel health workers.

The study tool used was the Breast Cancer Awareness Measure (Breast-CAM), developed by Cancer Research UK, King's College London and University College London in 2009, and it records awareness of symptoms and risk factors of breast cancer and awareness and practice regarding BSE. It was translated into the local language Kannada for use in rural areas for study

CANCER: Close the care gap

On World Cancer Day, WHO is calling for intensified action across the South-East Asia Region to strengthen health systems to prevent and detect cancers early, to provide prompt treatment referral, to enhance access to palliative care, and to close the gap in access to quality cancer services - the theme of this year's commemoration.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death globally, accounting for an estimated 9.9 million deaths in 2020. Between 2010 and 2019, global cancer incidence increased by 26%, alongside a 21% increase in cancer deaths. An estimated one third of cancer deaths globally are due to tobacco use, high body mass index, alcohol use, low fruit and vegetable intake, and lack of physical activity.

In the WHO South-East Asia Region, an estimated 2.3 million people developed cancer in 2020, and 1.4 million died of the disease. Cancer is estimated to account for more than 20% of premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in the Region, which stand at around 4.7 million deaths every year. In 2020, cancer of the lungs, breast and cervix accounted for 400 000 of the total number of cancer-related deaths in the Region, and almost two-thirds of people

diagnosed with cancer succumbed to the disease, highlighting the urgent need for improved early diagnosis and treatment.

Since 2014, the Region has accelerated action to prevent, detect, treat and control cancer, with increased focus on eliminating cervical cancer as a public health problem. Eight countries of the Region now have in place population-based cancer registries (PCBRs), and three countries - Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka - are focus countries for addressing childhood cancer. Ten of the Region's 11 Member States provide tertiary care services for cancer diagnosis and treatment including surgical and chemotherapy services - and nine also offer radiotherapy services.

WHO continues to support countries of the Region to implement its new Regional Action Plan on Oral Health 2022-2030, including oral cancers, which in 2020 were among the top five most common cancers, accounting for 7.4% of new cancers. Five countries of the Region

- Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand – now have in place national cancer control plans, which Maldives and Nepal are in the process of finalizing. The Region is currently on track to achieve the WHO NCD Global Action Plan tar-



DR POONAM KHETRAPAL SINGH WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia

get of a 30% relative reduction in tobacco use prevalence between 2010 and 2025

On cervical cancer, the Region is achieving rapid, life-saving progress. Five Member States – Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand - have introduced nation-wide HPV vaccination, which Bangladesh, India and Timor-Leste are set to also introduce. Indonesia has introduced HPV vaccination in several provinces, covering tens of millions of girls. New evidence shows that a single dose of HPV vaccine delivers protection comparable to the 2-dose schedule, which alongside additional cost reductions, should enable countries to reach every woman and

To accelerate progress and high-burden cancers with high close the care gap, the Region has potential for cure. They must be several priorities. First, introducing and/or expanding HPV vaccination in routine immunization to prevent cervical cancer, covering at least 90% of adolescent girls. At the same time, the Region must continue to facilitate healthy lifestyles, including by not just legislating but enforcing key tobacco control measures such as health warnings and bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, as well as by raising taxes on tobacco products.

Second, increasing capacity at the primary health care (PHC) level to detect cancers early, with a focus on intensified health workforce training, improved infra-structure and resources, and streamlined referral pathways for prompt initiation of treatment. In all countries, PHC physicians and nurses must be equipped to provide palliative and end-of-life care close to patients' homes and families, within the community.

Third, rapidly - and systematically – advancing the capacity of tertiary care facilities to provide comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services, which is critical to reduce cancer mortality. Interventions should be aimed at

potential for cure. They must be accessible to all. Existing PBCRs should be improved, and where appropriate, new registries established, ensuring that policy makers can access good quality information to plan, monitor and evaluate interventions, and adjust accordingly.

Fourth, including cancer services in risk pooling or pre-payment schemes and health benefit packages. For this, national health budgets should enhance the quality and accessibility of public sector services and strengthen financial protection, with a focus on ending catastrophic health expenditure. Action cannot and must not

wait. In the last two decades, the world has made significant progress in the science of cancer control. However, much more work is needed to close the care gap, improve cancer survival, and accelerate towards the NCD 2025 and Sustainable Development Goal targets 2030. On World Cancer Day, WHO reiterates its commitment to support all countries of the Region to prevent, detect, treat and control cancer, ensuring equitable access to quality cancer services for everyone, everywhere.

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Yemenis' wait for war crimes justice lingers

The Yemen crisis continues. It has completed eight years. The country's internal political factions and Saudi-led military intervention have spawned the catastrophe. The intractable civil war initially has gradually transformed into a full-blown tragedy leading to the deaths of millions, especially children and women. And it has added more numbers to the international refugee

The real tragedy lies in blatant violation of all universal norms set by the UN and prescribed by the international humanitarian laws. The rules and principles of the global humanitarian framework provide full protection to all civilians and others who are not participating in the war. In fact, all sets of international humanitarian law demands and normally ensures from the conflicting groups the greatest possible measures to reduce human suffering during the conduct of fighting. Therefore, these laws clearly distinguish between military objectives and civilian objectives. The final objective is to minimise harm to civil society. What has been observed in Yemen is flouting all humanitarian restrictions while pursuing military objectives. It has led to disproportionate attacks over civilian targets. Thus, many civil society organisations and global human right agencies are claiming that indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks carried out by the warring parties in Yemen are akin to war crimes

As long as there have been conflicts and wars, attempts have been made by international jurists and other experts to define "war crimes". However, only by the 20th century, the very concept of war crime was defined in the legal sense of the term. According to the UN, a war crime is a serious breach of international law committed against civilians or enemy combatants during an international or domestic armed conflict. So to have a war crime, there must be an armed conflict. An armed conflict, international or non-international or



Assault rifles and missiles seized by the French Navy lay on the deck of a ship at an undisclosed location on Wednesday. French naval forces in January seized thousands of assault rifles, machine guns and anti-tank missiles in the Gulf of Oman coming from Iran heading to Yemen's Houthi rebels, officials said on Thursday, the latest such interdiction amid West Asian nation's long-running war

involving an armed international group is a prerequisite to war crimes and grave breaches (Gary D Solis 2018). In contrast to genocide and crimes against humanity, war crimes have to take place in the context of armed conflict.

Further the meaning of war crimes is clarified in four Geneva Conventions of 1949. Article 147 of the fourth Geneva Convention defines war crimes as "wilful killing, torture or inhuman treatment, including... wilfully causing great suffering or serious injury to body or health, unlawful deportation or transfer or unlawful confinement of a protected person...taking of hostages and extensive destruction and appropriation of property, not justified by military necessity and carried out unlawfully and wantonly". So the war crime as per this landmark article has been recorded in many corners of the world. The International Criminal Court established by the Rome Statute is the first international criminal court when it first started in the year 2002 with 123 member nations. This court has the authority to prosecute individuals heads of state, military members and others — under three broad frameworks of international criminal acts: crime against humanity, war crimes and genocide. Again, the three main pillars of humanitarian law are the principles of distinction, proportionality and precaution. And if any one of these is violated, it could be established that a war crime has been

Now the reality in Yemen is grim. In the year 2019, the UN Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) released a devastating

report on Yemen. The report was prepared by a panel of independent experts empowered by the UNHRC to find out violations of human rights in Yemen during this war. The report clearly established the fact that though it was ostensibly a civil war, the outside powers are both direct and indirect belligerents and are responsible for war crimes. And here the main lead is taken by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The report found a litany of crimes committed by the Saudi-led coalition that has targeted civilian sites a number of times. The report strongly suggested that Saudi Arabia's western backers, including the US, the UK and France, bear responsibility for war crimes. These global powers are consistently supplying arms and ammunition to

Saudi Arabia for carrying out the war

offered technical assistance to Saudi Arabian forces while conducting massive bombing raids over enemy targets all across Yemen.

Yemen, a small nation located in the Arabian Peninsula has become a permanent war theatre today. The country has turned out to be a grievous site of human suffering particularly of children, women and ageing population. All global governance institutions, including the UN, except delivering peace sermons and urges, have simply become mute spectators, failing to stop the human carnage. And sadly, it is led indirectly by the world's most powerful nation, the US, on one side and the Islamic Republic of Iran by supporting Houthi Rebels on the other side. Who will be stopping them? Probably, no one until they withdraw on their own from the war field. And Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, popularly known as MBS globally, simply wants to showcase his prowess by demolishing the Iran-backed rebels which are unstoppable for now. At home, MBS remains popular for his innovative strategies to recast the regimes economic and techno visions, but internationally he has been unable to shake off the veil of suspicion for his alleged role in the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey in the year 2018. He is finding it too difficult either to withdraw or to outrightly declare his country as the winner of

the Yemen War. It is well known that the Saudis did not start the conflict. It is the Houthis who did it by marching to the historic capital city of Sanaa and overthrew the legitimate Yemeni Government in late 2014. Nevertheless, the conflict has its roots in the Arab Spring of 2011. Then an uprising of the public forced the country's long-time authoritarian President Ali Abdullah Saleh to hand over power to his Deputy Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi. The transition, as expected by international political analysts, was supposed to bring peace and stability to Yemen, one of the poorest nations in the West Asian region.

However, unfortunately Hadi had to subsequently handle militancy, Islamic jihadists, military officers having continued loyalty to former President Saleh and most importantly an economic downturn propelled by massive corruption

When the Houthi Shi rebels took over the capital city of Sanaa, President Hadi had to flee and the real existential crisis of the legitimate government of Iran began. Again, the conflict took a turn of a regional war in March 2015, when Saudi Arabia and eight other, mostly Sunni Arab nations, backed by the US, France, and the UK began strikes against the Houthis to restore the Hadi Government in Yemen. This has given the war an international angle too and the Islamic Republic of Iran openly supported the Houthi rebels. In fact, the Saudis are seriously concerned about the continued success and rampage of the Houthi militants as it would open a stronghold for its rival Iran in its southern backyard for

Truly, there has been disaster for everyone whosoever has been involved in the war. But for the most part, it is no other than Yemen's impoverished and malnourished population who have become the central target of the war. The Yemenis are killing the Yemenis by taking global support for arms and ammunition from warmongering nations. And at the same time, the regional warring parties like Saudi Arabia, the UAE and the rival Iran are bleeding their own coffers simply to re-establish their superiority in West Asia. And the final sufferers are no other than the ordinary Yemenis. It's time to stop this war crime. Enough is enough.

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PERSPECTIVE •

Budget ensures economy's | Budget ignores 90% fundamentals remain solid of India's population

The 2023-24 Budget has **I** proved all pundits wrong as they had predicted it to be a political Budget before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The last full-fledged Budget before the general elections is not populist on any parameter. It takes confidence and commitment to stick to the fundamentals of prudent fiscal management, when it makes complete sense to go all-out political. This attribute which was also visible during the handling of the Covid-19 crisis will keep the economy resilient.

The highlight of the Budget has to be the increased allocation for capital expenditure, which was hiked by 33 per cent to Rs 10 lakh crore and the total capex is expected to be around 13 lakh crore. After two consecutive years of blistering growth in Government capex, there was an expectation that the Centre would step off the accelerator and make more direct cash transfers under various social sector schemes. The increase in capex under this context is indeed a pleasant surprise.

The Budget continues to focus on the smooth functioning of the economy. Capital allocation for collateral-free lending to the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector has been increased to Rs 9,000 crore. This will lead to an incremental lending of Rs 2 lakh crore to this sector. Customs duties have been reduced on a number of commodities to make manufacturing in India more competitive, with raw material availability at lower costs. These steps, together with the continued work on the ease-of-doingbusiness, will help the micro, small and medium enterprise sector in a major way.

Relief in personal income tax was widely demanded and the Budget has lived up to the expectation of the taxpayers. An individual can now earn up to Rs 7 lakh per annum and not pay any income tax. This is a 40 per cent increase over the current exemption limit of Rs 5 lakh per annum and has led to considerable rejoicing in the middle class. The relief has also been extended with people with very high levels of income. The surcharge on income above Rs 5 crore per annum has also been reduced and the highest marginal rate of taxation will come down from 42.75 per cent to 39 per cent. The Government has thus shown that it is not afraid to provide relief even to the rich if it believed that the rate was too high and political considerations did not come in the

document for the future. The Government has listed seven priorities that will guide policy making on the road to 2047. These have elements of green growth and energy transition while not losing sight of inclusive development and reaching the last mile. The focus and commitment to sustainable growth can be seen from schemes like Mishti, for Mangrove plantation, along the coastline and Amrit Dharohar, for preserving biodiversity in wetlands. Scrapping of old vehicles also finds a detailed mention in the Budget. Establishing a centre of excellence for Artificial the year 2025-26. Intelligence (AI) shows that the Budget has ambition. The Skill India scheme will, henceforth, include AI, robotics, 3D printing and so on. The Government plans to set up

5G services.

The Government's support to the agricultural sector and its commitment to the rural economy are evident from the setting up of the Agriculture Accelerator Fund and the millet development programme. Schemes such as GOBARdhan yojana and facilitating natural farming are a case in point. The target for credit to the agriculture sector has been fixed at Rs 20 lakh crore. It will ensure that the agriculture sector continues to grow at a healthy rate.

A major achievement has

been the management of fiscal affairs. Several challenges on the macroeconomic front that stemmed from external factors, and were unseen at the time of the presentation of the Budget last year, unfolded as the year rolled by. The actual expenditure on food and fertiliser subsidy for the current year is This year's Budget is also a much more than what was initially budgeted, while the excise tax collected dipped due to excise duty cut on petrol and diesel by the Central Government. Despite this, the Narendra Modi Government has managed to achieve the budgeted target of 6.4 per cent for fiscal deficit for the year 2022-23. The fiscal deficit target for the coming financial year has been put at 5.9 per cent of GDP. Thus, the march on the path of fiscal consolidation continues and while there is an absence of a glide path, the Government has committed to bringing it down to the range of 4.5 per cent by

A Budget that is not swayed by considerations of politics shows the maturity of the Government and the confidence it has in the ability of Indian voters' judgement to 100 labs for the development of reward performance over

Point-counterpoint



The last full Budget before

1 the 2024 general elections

is not only an exercise in futil-

ity but is also tone-deaf to the

realities of the society and

India's neighbourhood. Like

always, the Government cheer-

leaders claim that the Budget is

historic, but if one looks

beyond the surfeit of terms like

Amrit kaal, Shri Anna,

Karmayogi, etc, one finds that

it is neither for the masses nor

for long-term growth potential

refusal of the Government to

increase defence expenditure in

any meaningful manner. For

the first time in decades India's

defence allocations have

dropped below two per cent of

the nominal GDP. The growth

even failed to keep pace with

the rise in nominal GDP. The

capital expenditure for defence

has seen a very small increase

2022-23 to Rs 1,62,000 (BE) for

The biggest failure is the

of the economy.

rhetoric. This Budget is, therefore, a historic document and shows the nature of changing politics unleashed by the Modi Government. This Budget will ensure that the fundamentals of the economy remain solid and the next Government will be able to build upon it.

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alist credentials at the drop of a hat, it is not surprising at all that the subject of defence was not mentioned in the Budget speech of the Finance Minister at all. The UPA Government under the Congress devoted more than 2 per cent of the GDP to defence and the BJP at that time used to shout that the allocation was not adequate and it will increase defence allocation when it came to power. It must also be reminded

that loves to claim its nation-

that the India-China border was largely peaceful during that period and now that the possibility of a border clash between the two countries is a real possibility, the defence sector has been given a short shrift. It is also very likely that the subject of defence was not mentioned in the Budget so that it does not antagonise China and if that's the case then it's indeed shameful.

A lot of noise is being made by the Government on its target to reduce the fiscal deficit to 5.9 per cent of GDP next year. If one looks beyond the headlines, one can easily see that the fertilizer subsidy in the coming year will come down drastically as the global prices, which had spiked after the start of the Russia-Ukraine war, have cooled down. Moreover, the Government has also stopped the free food grain distribution that it had started in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic and therefore the food subsidy will also come in defence expenditure has down. The planned reduction on the fiscal deficit therefore is not a result of sound fiscal management by the Government but is a result of

from Rs 1,50,000 crore (RE) in factors beyond its control. Another aspect of the 2023-24. For a Government Budget is that the numbers pre-

sented are not honest. While the budgeted increase in capital expenditure is hogging the limelight, revenue expenditure has not been subjected to the scrutiny it deserves. The budget for 2023-24 has projected only a marginal increase in revenue expenditure over the revised estimate for the current year. In fact, if the interest payment is subtracted from the revenue expenditure, the amount is lower than revised estimates for the current year. This is clearly unrealistic and it is very likely that the actual revenue expenditure will exceed the Budget estimates. Moreover, it does not take much to puncture the claim of the Government on achieving very high Central Government capital expenditure as a percentage of GDP. The Government in its last 10 year period has raided the retained earnings of the public sector enterprises as a result of which the capital expenditure by PSUs has come down. The Government's only

objective seems to win praise from business newspapers and industry bodies. These people dominate any post budget discussion and the concerns of rural and the poor masses are always relegated to the background. The allocation to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme (MNREGA) has been reduced dramatically and the overall allocation to rural areas has come down. The Government likes to pretend that the country has fully recovered from the economic effects of Covid-19 but that is far from the truth. There is still widespread suffering in the rural areas and the Budget should have made increased allocation for the rural sector.

Unemployment is the biggest challenge facing our country but the Budget has nothing substantial for it. It seems that the youth will have no future to look forward to under the Modi Government. There was a lot of discussion on tourism in the Budget. It was projected as a magic pill to address the issue of unemployment in the country. However if one looks at the total allocation to the sector, it remains unchanged from what was allocated to it in the 2022-

23 at Rs 2,300 crore. The Budget is an all-round failure because it fails to prioritise its spending to areas that deserve urgent and continued attention of the Government. It criminally ignores 90 per cent of India's population and Indian voters will pay back in the coming State elections and the general election in the coming year.

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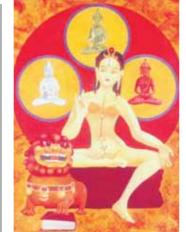




ARIES March 21-April 19

Your anxiety is evident in all your efforts. When it comes to your health, trust your instincts. Get a second opinion if a diagnosis doesn't feel right. Individuals who consume alcohol or drugs should avoid or take a break from intoxication at this time. You need to be a more caring and generous person at work. People turn to you for assistance; your buddy or colleague may want financial assistance from you. This is the moment to make long-term investments. Your generosity and kindness will make you a good name. There is anguish and grief in the connection. For the relationship to survive, both sides must be willing to work on and discuss it. This is the time to reflect and contemplate.

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Wednesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

It will be beneficial if you pay attention to your health this week. The week begins with creative energy that makes you feel lively, nimble, and joyful. However, as the week develops, various health concerns may arise that require your quick treatment. There is a cure for everything. Be optimistic; everything will work out. Professionally, if you are not committed to your work, you may have to pay for it. People are observing you and providing up-to-the-minute information to higher authorities. You may be questioned about your irregularities in tasks and funds. This is a very emotional phase in your relationship. Things can rapidly turn sour and awkward. Take a rest if necessary. Pick your battles wisely, and always treat your partner as a friend.

Lucky number 17 Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Friday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week will be difficult for you in terms of your health. Panicking at this point will just make matters worse. Every crisis is followed by the promise of a good time. It all relies on what you do about it. Be upbeat about it and seek assistance from others. Meditation will be quite beneficial. Things may not be going so well in your job. You are nearing the end of a project or assignment when you are confronted with another problem or task at work. You must be resilient and not be frightened by those who want to bring you down. On the personal front, you will have disagreements with people. You must recognize that honest communication with your partner may help you settle all of your disagreements.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Tuesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week, your health and vitality should be excellent. If you need to change your behaviors to safeguard your health, now is an excellent moment to do so. Starting with minor objectives, such as a daily walk, might lead to a healthier and stronger you. Spend time balancing your body, mind, and soul. On the job front, there might be a monetary loss or a condition of unemployment. Your anxieties, addictions, and other unpleasant impulses may be causing a negative atmosphere around you. You are depressed and have a negative outlook on life. Be optimistic; now is the time to learn from your blunders. On the personal front, your situation is favorable, particularly in light of an ongoing romance. Your relationship will enter a lighter, more balanced phase in which you will respect each other as equals.

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Pastel Blue Lucky day Thursday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, focus on health and follow-up workouts for people with serious illnesses. You could finally find it within yourself to give up certain unhealthy behaviors that you are aware are harmful. Take care of yourself first; only then will you be able to properly care for others. This week, you may receive some excellent news at work. You could get a call about a job with a better viewpoint, benefits, and facilities. Those who are waiting for posting may be able to travel to their selected location. This week brings monetary rewards for businesspeople. Relationships are not going as well as you imagined. You must work hard. Put your thoughts and opinions to your loved ones in a way that they will be easily accepted; else, they will be rejected.

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Mauve Lucky day Monday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week has some excellent news for you. Even if you are dealing with major health issues, a cheerful attitude may do miracles. If you believe something is amiss with your physical being, make sure you have access to medical care. Believe your intuition. On the job front, there is joy and celebration. You are going to see the fruits of your labor and efforts. If you are seeking for work, you'll find something greater than you could have imagined. Your contributions are recognized and respected. In terms of your relationship, your spouse's attitude may irritate you, and you may feel unhappy and lonely. You may have a sense of isolation. Try to broaden your horizons and think optimistically.

Lucky number 2 Lucky colour Grey **Lucky day** Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Despite the strain and stress this week, you stay calm and composed. Your support system is your boundless energy and stamina. You must channel your enthusiasm into something productive. Your health is still fine, and you have control over your sensory delights. On the professional front, your dedication and willpower will help you reach your goals; otherwise, you will face several obstacles and delays in your job. In times of crisis, your tough decisions will give you the strength to proceed and set out the plan. Follow the advice of a senior person who understands your boundaries and is close to you. This week, you may confront pushback from close friends and family members. Family rifts and disagreements are probable. Be a little softer and more kind.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Off-white Lucky day Monday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, you are constrained in terms of your health. Fear, worry, and negative thoughts are interfering with your ability to live a normal life. You must strike a balance between your body, mind, and soul. When one's thoughts are negative or filled with anxiety, one's health suffers. If you meditate and listen to your body's voice, 50% of your issues will solve themselves. On the job front, you may experience an unexpected setback or unfairness. The post you have been eyeing may be filled by another candidate of comparable caliber. The dilemma of whether to stay in the current one or join the new one will prevail. On the relationship front, make an effort to stay connected in order to keep the flame alive.

Lucky number 31 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Wednesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week, your health may make you feel good. You should be full of energy and optimism for the future. Consider your regular frame of thought, and keep in mind that your attitude impacts your health. Maintain an optimistic mindset. You are now able to mentor others and share your spiritual insights. On the professional front, you are approaching the point where professional achievement and recognition are firmly within your reach. Make every effort to be orderly and productive. This will compensate you. Now is not the time to gamble or take chances. On the personal front, good fortune will accompany you in matters of the heart. If you are already in a relationship, it could deepen and improve. You are emotionally satisfied.

Lucky number 1 Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Friday



CANCER June 21-July 22

You are feeling down and gloomy this week since things aren't going your way. There are several additional health conditions that have you concerned Do not be too tense; this is only a passing phase. All tests will pass. The strain is the most serious sickness You are likely to advance professionally. There will be money, status, and honor on the line. Business owners may make a lot of money. You schedule time for healing and massage therapy. This has been a decent emotional week. Romance is on the cards for the new love. Married partners must be concerned about and comprehend one other's sentiments. There is a communication gap that must be addressed since it is the primary cause of distance and isolation.

Lucky number 9 Lucky colour Orange Laucky day Saturday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, your health is likely to be good. You will be full of energy and excitement. However, exercise should be done with caution because minor sprains or injuries can occur. If you've been slacking on your health, it's time to get back on track. On the job, you may come across a man of influence and leadership abilities who would like to mentor you. His presence is required to point you in the proper route. If you've been dealing with difficulties, now is the moment to take command of the issue. You will be incredibly goal-oriented and visionary. This week will be spectacular in terms of relationships. This is a moment to follow your intuition.

Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Saturday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week, your health difficulties will be resolved. You are probably aware that health is extremely essential and requires special care and attention. The phrase "prevention is better than cure" applies to you well. You attend healing therapy sessions and seminars and put them into practice in your life. On the professional front, you must break free from the self-imposed constraints that are impeding your career advancement. In some situations, you must be fluent and quick-witted, yet your mental confusion and dualism prevent you from doing so. Reduce your spending. Keep your eyes and ears open for chances that come your way. On the personal front, commitments are not made to be broken; if you do, you may suffer in terms of relationships.

Lucky number 14 Lucky colour Green Lucky day Thursday

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n Saraswati puja day last week, a visitor asked: "Vedanta, the founding stone of Indian philosophy hypothesises a singular formless and attribute-less Primordial-Source where from the creation chain took off. But at the same time we worship various form-gods, seeking boons for fulfilment of desires. Are the two concepts not in conflict?' Well, there is none. Vedanta talks of

eternal reality to which the whole manifest world is rooted. The form-God concept, on the other hand, has a purposeful contextual relevance. They carry valuable educative import, each identified with a particular attribute, vital to orderly human conduct. Goddess Saraswati in this sense offers lessons on how to pursue the learning process to acquire wisdom. These imageries were accorded the status of a deity to draw immediate attention of the seekers.

Complex dynamics of man and the universe calls for necessary awareness. That alone would help us relate well with the world around individually and collectively. But our egotistical mind, bound by its preconditioning and habit tendencies, restricts our scope of vision, making it difficult to holistically understand the dynamics of life. That makes it incumbent upon us to expand our vision to explore existential truths with an open mind. Meditation on the imagery of Mother Goddess Saraswati is the way forward.

First the word: "Saraswati". It is made from the root-syllable, "Sarasa", which means spontaneous flow. Saraswati, thus, offers lessons in how ensure smooth run of life. She is visualised clad in spotless white apparel, also mounted on white Swan. Transparent white is the colour of purity, Buddhi (discriminate intelligence) and Space. It hints out at the pure, unsullied, truths, as laid down in nature. Only pureminds, free from any preconditioning whatsoever, could explore such truths. Otherwise, with our minds driven by a sense of relative perception, it will be difficult to identify the thin dividing line between truth and untruth. It is something like milk diluted with water, which looks no different from its pure from. However, when served to a Swan, it consumes the pure milk, leaving aside the adulterated water, and hence the relevance of Her mount.

Educative import of Saraswati spoken as well as written words carrying



The Mother is armed with Veena (a stringed musical instrument). We are all aware that pleasing sound emanating from the musical instrument comes into

effect through harmony and symphony of varied sound notes excited by differ ent strings. In an implied sense, She remains the beholder of all Sabdas- the meaning. And the word carries meaning only when the letters are placed in an orderly fashion. It also points to the fact that pleasing mannerism alone could help relate well and be in harmony with all and sundry, for a smooth run of life. Veena, the musical instrument of Mother thus metaphorically symbolises the beholder of words.

The mother is shown holding a book (the Veda) in one of her hands, meaning that scriptures provide us with the right lead. She is shown having a rosary in another hand. It implies that repeated reflection over knowledge acquired would be needed for realisation of the true import underlying the writeup. She is shown moving freely in a water body, having beautiful Lotus flower around, growing out of the mud lying in its womb. This is in acknowledgment of the fact that the earthly matter acquired its form-existence when aided by water element, and which acquired its dynamism out of the Sakti provided by the consciousness element, contextually symbolised by Mother. The Lotus flower here symbolises both creativity and lustre evident with knowledge. Though born in muddy water, not even a drop of water or mud particle can stick to the lotus flower leaves, thus implying a sense of detachment. So, true wisdom can be acquired only when explored with a sense of detachment.

A peacock is also shown around the Mother, which she uses as a carrier while moving up above in the sky. We cannot afford to lose sight of the forces routed through the infinite, inaccessible and indestructible space either. And, obviously tracking down the information laid down there is no easy task. It needs to be noted that the prized feed of a peacock is poisonous snake. When the peacock digests the snake's poison, it leads to a change in its body chemistry, which results in the beautiful colour its plumage reflects. Similarly, knowledge acquisition cannot be an easy task. It implies that only those who take on the pains associated with learning process kindly, would be able to acquire the knowledge and wisdom.

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