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KHALISTANIS RUN RIOT IN UK

India condemns blocking of Indian envoy's entry to Glasgow gurdwara

PTI ■ LONDON

 $T_{\text{Commissioner to the UK,}}^{\text{he}}$ High Vikram Dorwaiswami, who was touring Scotland this week was blocked from entering a gurdwara in the city of Glasgow by pro-Khalistan extremists, an incident the Indian mission dubbed as "disgraceful" before reporting it to the UK govern-

In a statement issued on Saturday, the High Commission of India in London said that three people from outside Scotland "deliberately disrupted" the visit on Friday evening, and one even attempted to violently force open the diplomatic vehicle as senior diplomats arrived at Glasgow Gurdwara Guru Granth Sahib on Albert Drive.

As they hurled threats and abuses, the High Commissioner (HC) and abuses, Consul General of India (CG) decided to leave the premises to avert any further altercation.

"On September 29, 2023, three persons — all from areas outside Scotland — disrupted a planned interaction organised by the Gurdwara Committee for the community, the High Commissioner (HC) and the Consul General of India (CG)," said the High Commission of

"This interaction was to discuss community and consular issues. The organisers included senior community leaders, ladies and Committee members, and a member of (the) Scottish Parliament. They were threatened and abused by these elements. In an effort to prevent any potential alterca-tion, the HC and CG decided to leave the premises shortly upon their arrival," it said.

The statement goes on to add that one of three elements attempted to "violently force open the HC's car door", which will require suitable police consideration.

"It is due to the quick reaction of one of the organisers, who physically intervened at the car door, that a bigger incident was avoided. The High Commission of India has reported this disgraceful incident to the Foreign, Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) and the Metropolitan Police," the statement added.

The FCDO Minister for Indo-Pacific took to social media soon after to express her concern over the incident.

"Concerned to see that the Indian High Commissioner, Vikram Doraiswami, was stopped from meeting with the Gurudwara Committee at the Gurudwara in Glasgow.



Khalistanis block the car of Indian High Commissioner to the UK Vikram Dorwaiswami from entering a gurdwara in Glasgow on Saturday

The safety and security of foreign diplomats is of utmost importance, and our places of worship in the UK must be open to all," Anne-Marie Trevelyan said in a post on X.
The gurdwara committee

and local community leaders have expressed their regret over the incident and have called on the authorities to take action against the culprits. The local police said it was called to

the "disturbance", and its enquiries remain ongoing.

"We were called around 1.05 pm on Friday, 29 September, to a report of a disturbance that happened in the Albert Drive area of Glasgow. Albert Drive area of Glasgow. There were no reports of any injuries, and enquiries are ongoing to establish the full circumstances," said a Police Scotland spokesperson.

by a group called Sikh Youth UK following the incident in

The incident came towards the end of a two-day visit of the Indian High Commissioner to Scotland.

During his meeting with Scotland's First Minister, Hamza Yousaf, the issue of British Sikh Jagtar Singh Johal in custody on terrorism charges in India was also raised.

"Replying to some issues raised by FM (First Minister Hamza) Yousaf, HC (High Commissioner) stressed that due process is being given under laws to Mr Johal, who faces 8 serious terror charges. FM also 'appreciated' HC's clear message that rights of all communities are guaranteed in India's pluralist and free democracy," the Indian High Commission tweeted with reference to the meeting.

The Indian mission added that the discussions with Scottish leaders ranged from India-Scotland cooperation in sectors across fintech, sustainable agriculture, tourism and water conservation. A visit to the Scottish Parliament, a lecture entitled 'India@75' at the University of Edinburgh, an interaction at the University of Strathclyde and a breakfast meeting with leading business chiefs on topics ranging from whisky, aviation, energy, agriculture, green economy, space and investments were part of the packed two-day schedule to the region.

Do not normalise Canada situation: Jaishankar

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Hitting out at Canada, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said it is necessary to call out things like violence, threats and intimidation against Indian diplomats and missions and wondered if this

missions and wondered if this had happened to any other country would the world have taken it with equanimity.

"Let's not normalise what is happening in Canada," Jaishankar said during an interaction with Indian journalists here on Friday.

His remarks came amidst of the second simple of the second simple of the second se Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on June 18 in British Columbia.

India had designated Nijjar as a terrorist in 2020.

India has angrily rejected the allegations as "absurd" and "motivated" and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move to Ottawa's expulsion of an Indian official over the case.

"We have had an ongoing problem with Canada and the Canadian government for some years now. The ongoing problem really revolves around the permissiveness to terrorism, extremism and violence. This permissiveness is also reflected in the fact that some important extradition requests have not been responded to

'We have had smoke bombs thrown at the mission, we have had violence in front of consulates, there are posters put up. Do you consider this normal? If this had happened to any other country, how would they react? Let's not normalise what is happening in Canada. It is important to call out what is happening there," Jaishankar said.

from their side," he said.

"What is happening in Canada, had it happened anywhere else, do you think the world would've taken it with equanimity?" he asked. When asked about Trudeau's allegations, he said India has already pointed out to Canada that this is not the government of India's

policy.
"But if they are prepared to share with us specifics and

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Ayurved ka ye Saar hai, Aaarogya ka Prakash hai.

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anything relevant, we are also open to looking at it. So in that sense, that's where the matter stands," Jaishankar said.

Jaishankar said one of the problems is that no incident is isolated and the totality as there is a context for everything.
"There are multiple prob-

lems out there. So, I guess in the case of individual incidents, the concerned governments will have to talk to each other and see how they sort of take it forward," he said. "But there is a larger issue.

And I think it's important that the larger issue should be flagged. The larger issue is this permissiveness that I have spoken about," he said.

He also asserted that it was not acceptable to make threats and intimidate diplomats in the name of freedom of speech.

"We don't need to learn from other people what freedom of speech is about. But we can tell people this. We don't think freedom of speech extends to incitement, to violence. That to us is a misuse of freedom," he empha-

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PM Modi ignites hope

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

ffirming that the AAspirational Districts Programme has positively impacted over 25 crore people cross 112 districts Minister Narendra Modi stated on Saturday that he plans to return next year to assess its

progress.
During an event launching
"Sankalp Saptaah" linked to the
Aspirational Blocks Programme, the Prime Minister inaugurated the Aspirational Blocks Programme Portal, declaring, "For me, this gathering is no less important than the G20."

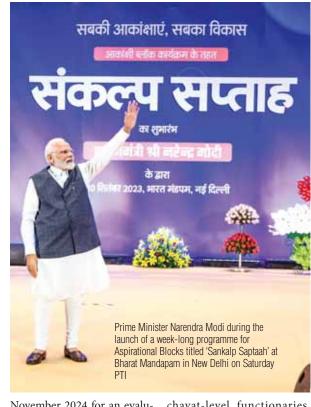
He emphasised that the

programme represents the success of Team Bharat and the spirit of Sabka Prayas.

The PM highlighted that the Aspirational Districts Programme has transformed these areas into "inspirational" districts." He announced an ambitious goal: within the next year, at least 100 out of 500 aspirational blocks will become inspirational.

Modi urged officials from various ministries to select 100 blocks that are lagging behind in their respective departments and elevate them above the national average on various parameters.

Expressing confidence in meeting again in October-



November 2024 for an evaluation, Modi addressed an audience that included government officials, representatives from approximately 3,000 panchayats and blocks, and functionaries from across the coun-

Around two lakh individuals, including block and pan-

chayat-level functionaries, farmers, and local residents, virtually participated in the event. The Prime Minister noted that the Aspirational Districts Programme will hold a significant place in any list of the top 10 programmes of independent India.

At the Bharat Mandapam

event, Modi contrasted the venue's previous role in hosting world leaders' discussions on global matters with its current focus on grassroots-level issues involving participants from all corners of the country.

The incident follows a diplomatic standoff over the

issue of pro-Khalistan extrem-

ism after Canadian Prime

Minister Justin Trudeau's state-

ment in the country's

Parliament last week that the

authorities are "actively pursuing credible allegations" relat-

ed to Indian government involvement in the murder of

Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a designated terrorist, allegations

which the Ministry of External

Affairs has strongly rejected as

should be greeting any Indian ambassador, anyone from the

Indian government who comes

in an official capacity under any

excuse of doing visa applica-

tions or whatever it might be,"

a Sikh man is heard saying in a video posted on social media

"This is exactly how we

"absurd and motivated".

The international co tion and exhibition center at Pragati Maidan, which hosted the G20 Summit during India's presidency, played a pivotal

Modi emphasised the crucial importance of optimal resource utilisation, convergence, and public involvement in grassroots development.

Drawing from his extensive government experience, he stressed that budget allocation alone is insufficient for creating change. Through efficient resource utilisation and convergence, progress can be achieved without additional funds.

The Prime Minister emphasised the need for equitable resource distribution and urged increased public partic-

ipation in achieving goals.

He engaged with block-level officers from three aspirational districts: Baheri (Uttar Pradesh), Mankote (Jammu and Kashmir), and Resubelpara

(Meghalaya).
Each day of 'Sankalp Saptaah,' from October 3 to October 9, focuses on a specific development theme, with all aspirational blocks actively par-

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India gets Gold in Squash, **Maiden Gold** for Badminton

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

Captain Harmanpreet Singh found the net four times as a rampaging India hammered Pakistan 10-2 to record their biggest-ever win over the archrivals in a one-sided Pool A match to book a semifinal berth in the men's hockey competition at the Asian Games here on Saturday.

Harmanpreet scored in the



Indian captain Harmanpreet Singh celebrates with teammates after beating Pakistan in the men's hockey competition at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou on Saturday

11th, 17th, 33rd and 34th minutes while Varun Kumar (41st and 54th) struck twice. Mandeep Singh (8th), Sumit (30th), Samsher Singh (46th)

and Lalit Kumar Upadhyay (49th) were the other goal get-Pakistan reduced the mar-

gin through Muhammad Khan

(38th) and Abdul Rana (45th) as India toyed their opponents for large part of their penultimate pool match. This was the 180th match between the two teams and the 8-goal margin win was the biggest-ever in the history of India-Pakistan hock-

India's earlier biggest victory margin was 7-1 against Pakistan registered in 2017.

Pakistan's 7-1 win in the final of 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi was their biggest win against India.

India, thus, exacted revenge of that humiliating loss 41 years ago though Saturday's match. India collected 12 points

time in the world' Leading research journal 'Frontiers in Pharmacology' carries a research paper that proves that Patanjali Special Chyawanprash cures inflammation and enhances immunity. from four consecutive wins to www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8633414/ Continued on Page 12

Ward boy's body found in canal

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The body of a contractual ward boy of Lok Bandhu hospital was recovered from Sharda canal in Ashiyana on Saturday. Identified as Rohit Kumar of Saketpuri Colony in Alambagh, he was missing since September 27 night after he left for his workplace.

Father Ram Chhabeele said as Rohit did not return home the next day, he started searching for him, but in vain.

"I also contacted his inlaws in Para, but they were also clueless. While searching for him, we were informed about the recovery of a body from Sharda canal, and we reached there only to find Rohit dead," the bereaved father said.

Police said that the body was lying near Pakri Pul in Ashiyana and was first spotted by morning walkers. They alerted the police and a team reached the scene. The police said the body was sent for autopsy while further investigation was underway.

Meanwhile, a 28-year-old man died under mysterious circumstances at his house in Mall police station area on the intervening night of Friday and Saturday. The family of the deceased, identified as Indra Kumar of Jagdishpur village,

know the reason behind the death. Indra Kumar was said to be a liquor addict and was also suffering from a liver disease. He died when all the members of his family were present in the house. The body was sent for

Meanwhile, a woman ended his life allegedly due to the abusive nature and liquor addiction of her husband in Mohanlalganj police station area on Saturday. Identified as Manju of Uttargaon village in the area, the deceased married Guddu of Kharehna village in Mohanlalganj seven years ago and the couple had two children. It was alleged that Guddu was a liquor addict and would abuse Manju.

Deceased's brother Vikas Rawat said Manju and Guddu fought over the same issue and they reached his house seeking mediation. "I tried to counsel both, but they were unwilling to end their fight. Guddu left the house after which Manju followed suit," he said. Later, she was found hanging from a tree with a saree tied around her

Police said Manju hanged herself. The police sent the body for autopsy and started further investigation.

4-year-old girl run over by car, critical

Lucknow (PNS): A four-year-old girl was run over by a cab in old city on September 27. The errant driver fled the scene, abandoning the car. After a video went viral, an FIR was registered against unidentified persons under various sections of the IPC, including

negligence.

The girl, identified as Alina, was playing outside her house in Adarsh Nagar when she was run over by a cab near Balrampur Hospital. She sustained injuries to head, chest, and legs, and was admitted to Balrampur Hospital where she was said to be battling for her life. Alina's father Noor Alam, who is a rickshaw-puller, said that he spoke to the cab owner and requested him to pay for Alina's treatment. "However, the owner has yet to show up," ADCP, West, CN Sinha

said that police took cognisance of the video and booked the driver based on the car's registration number. He said the car belongs to Kanpur. "We are searching for the driver and will arrest him soon," he said. Not too long ago, a two-year-old girl was killed after being run over by a car inside an apartment in Kaiserbagh. The incident was caught on a CCTV camera. The victim was playing inside the apartment complex when the car ran over her. The driver was later arrested.

AMETHI HOSPITAL LICENCE ROW

SP MLA joins protest; BJP delegation meets victim's family members

Samajwadi Party MLA Rakesh Pratap Singh on Saturday briefly joined the ongoing protest of employees and staff of Sanjay Gandhi Hospital here against the suspension of its licence over the death of a woman due to alleged negligence in her treatment. The MLA from Gauriganj along with several village heads and some supporters reached the spot and participated in the protest for about an hour.

The lawmaker told reporters that the action against the hospital has been taken out of "malice" and that any medical facility or institution should be kept away from politics. He said, "I condemn this action and I also declare that I will participate in their fight until the employees of Sanjay Gandhi Hospital do not get justice and the hospital is not unlocked."

The MLA met the district magistrate on Friday against suspension of the hospital licence and "stopping of all services". During the meeting, Singh submitted a memorandum addressed to the Governor in which he warned of starting a mass movement in the entire district if the hospital services are

not restored within seven days.

Also on Saturday, BJP MP Varun Gandhi took a swipe at his own party's government in Uttar Pradesh over the suspension of the licence of the Sanjay Gandhi Hospital, saying resentment against a "name (naam)" should not spoil the "work (kaam)" for lakhs of people. The hospital is named after the father of Varun Gandhi.

Meanwhile, a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) delegation led by party leader and Amethi District Panchayat president Rajesh Agrahari visited Ram Shahpur village and met the family members of the woman who died at the hospital due to alleged negligence in treatment. The district panchayat president handed over a cheque for Rs 1 lakh as relief to the family of Divya Shukla, the deceased patient, and said whatever happened to her is very sad and worrying. "Strict action should be taken against whoever is responsible for this," Agrahari said. Following the death of the 22-year-old patient, the Uttar Pradesh health department suspended the hospital's licence last week and put a halt on its outpatient department and emergency services after a probe into the incident.



Preparations underway near Gandhi statue in Hazratganj on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti (October 2)

Man killed in tiger attack

Lakhimpur Kheri (PTI): A man was mauled to death by a tiger near Mailani range forests under Dudhwa buffer zone, officials said. "One Ram Milan (27), a resident of Grant No. 3 village under the Mailani police limits, was attacked and killed by a tiger on Friday," said Lalit Verma, Field Director, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR). Villagers said the tiger was reportedly hiding in a sugarcane field and pounced on the man when he was near. After being chased by villagers with sticks, the tiger fled the spot and disappeared into the dense foliage, leaving the dead body on the

Sub divisional officer (SDO) Satib Khan, range officer Amit Kumar and other forest staff rushed to the spot to make an initial inquiry and to console the aggrieved family members. The body was later sent for a postmortem examination. Expressing concern over the human killing in the tiger's attack, the field director said the bereaved family would be provided monetary compensation as per rules as the incident took place outside the protected forest area. Verma added that movements of tigers and other big cats had been reported in the area, following which forest staff have been deputed to patrol there.

Officials asked to expedite Light House project

Lucknow (PNS): Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra inspected the Light House project on Sultanpur road under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) on Saturday. He also planted saplings on the campus.

He expressed displeasure over the slow progress of the project and directed the officials concerned to complete it at the earliest. He pointed out that it is the resolve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Adityanath Yogi that every poor person should have a roof over their heads.

He asked the departmental officers to regularly monitor this project and conduct on-site inspections. "Along with the construction works, keep reviewing the basic facilities like STP, solid waste management, firefighting system, sewer, tap, gas, electricity connections, etc from time to time. Wherever there is any problem, it should be resolved quickly through

mutual coordination," he said. It is noteworthy that under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), the Light House project was launched in Lucknow on January 1, 2021, under which 1040 EWS buildings are being constructed by BMTPC using new technology.
The super area of the build-

ing is 38.80 square metre, while the cost is Rs. 12.59 lakh. The Central and state contributions are Rs 5.50 lakh and Rs 2.33 lakh, respectively, while the beneficiary contribution is Rs 4.76 lakh. Maintenance and corpus fund is Rs 0.50 lakh. beneficiary is Rs 5.26 lakh, while the total number of buildings allotted is 1,040.

Books by new-age writers witnessing brisk sale

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New-age Hindi writers affiliated with Hind Yugm banner are witnessing robust sales in the ongoing National Book Fair at the Balrampur Gardens. Neeraj Arora from Divyansh Publications stall at the fair said that these books are categorised as 'Naye wali Hindi writers.

Arora noted that these writers are responding to the demands of contemporary readers, crafting stories that resonate with today's youth. These tales incorporate the language commonly used by young people, a fusion of Hindi and English.

'These books are flying off the shelves, and lakhs of copies have been sold," Arora said, adding what sets them apart is with these narratives.

The featured books include Divya Prakash Dubey's their pursuit of their dreams,

'Masala Chai, 'Musafir Cafe', making it a compelling read and 'October Junction'. Arora said that these books serve as a gateway for youth to venture into the realm of classic authors like Premchand and Manto, renowned for their timeless works. Arora further noted that the primary readership for these books comprises young individuals aged

between 18 and 30 years. Among other notable authors in this category are Manav Kaul, an actor with over 11 published books; Nilotapal Mrinal, whose book 'The Dark Horse' garnered significant acclaim; and Satya Vvas, the author of 'Banaras Talkies' and 'Uff Kolkata'.

Shashank Bharti, another prominent writer in this genre, has authored 'Dehati Ladke', a story set to be adapted into a journey of rural students pursuing education in cities and for the youth.

Arora pointed out that traditional authors like Premchand, Manto, Sharat Chandra, and Tagore continue to enjoy strong sales, as their stories are timeless. Readers often buy collections of their works to preserve them in personal libraries, highlighting the unique pleasure of physical books as opposed digital

On why these classic writers remain popular in the age of abundant entertainment options, Arora explained that literary enthusiasts still appreciate the boldness and social reflections of writers like Manto, who depicted urban life openly. On the other hand, Prem Chand's acute observaareas, which continues to resonate with readers, he

RLD leader seeks CPR, first-aid training for students, teachers

Lucknow (PNS): Team RLD's national coordinator Anupam Mishra demanded mandatory training in first aid and CPR for students and teachers. In a letter written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mishra said that about 15-20 lakh people die due to heart attack every year.

"Nearly 5,500 people die prematurely everyday. The main reason has been found to be lack of timely treatment as also lack of training in handling such situations as far as the general public is concerned," he said.

"As per doctors, Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a very effective method to prevent heart attack and it is used during sudden cardiac arrest and heart failure. If someone has immediately can save their life. In this process, oxygen is given Mandaviya and UP minister to the patient artificially. CPR Brajesh Pathak.

increases the patient's chances of survival to a great extent, because the brain stops working if it does not get oxygen for three minutes," he said.

He said that in view of the increasing heart diseases in the country, especially post Covid, children of every school and even teachers should be trained in administering CPR.

"It is surprising that till date, no concrete steps have been taken mandating the training in CPR and first aid despite the high mortality rate. By training them with life-saving techniques, we can improve the survival rate, thus saving millions of people from untimely death," he said, adding that he has also sent a the letter to Union Health Minister Mansukh

CPR training imparted to police personnel

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The UP Police and doctors came together again as part of an awareness and training workshop on sudden cardiac arrest organised at the UP 112 auditorium. While Dr Tanmoy Ghatak (medicine) elaborated upon first aid, Prof Aditya Kapoor, head of the department of cardiology, SGPGIMS, educated the police personnel about sudden cardiac arrest and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

SDG, L&O, Prashant Kumar and ADG, 112, Ashok Singh were also among those present on the occasion.

"All over the world, police personnel are trained for bystander resuscitation since they are in close proximity to the public at all times, and are best suited to provide immediof the hour in such cases. If police personnel have the crutim of a sudden cardiac arrest alive until emergency medical help arrives, many such people can be saved and reach the hospital in time," a senior doc-

training on how to keep a vic-

The programme was attended by over 300 police personnel, who asked questions during the interactive session. Nearly 90% of the outof-hospital cardiac arrests are fatal, especially when un-witnessed or at home. In India too, heart disease remains an important cause of death and nearly 7 lakh people in the country die suddenly at home or at public places due to SCA

every year.

The audience was educated on how to recognise sudden cardiac arrest, practical tips on the techniques of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and tips on using the life-saving d called automated external defibrillator (AED) or shock



DONATION

State Bank of India, Lucknow Circle, organised a donation programme at King George's Medical University on September 27. Chief general manager Sharad S Chandak, donated wheelchairs to KGMU. Vice-Chancellor of KGMU Dr Soniya Nityanand expressed gratitude to SBI for its support. General manager, deputy general manager, senior officers and officials of KGMU were present on the occasion.

Sri Lanka's spin legend Muttiah Muralitharan was in Lucknow on Saturday to promote his biopic titled '800'. The film is based on his life story and is titled on the number of wickets the spin great has taken in the Test cricket, which is a record yet to be broken. Oscarwinning film Slumdog Millionaire actor Madhur Mittal will be seen portraying the role of Muralidharan. The film produced by Vivek Rangachari, directed by MS Sripathy will release in Tamil, Hindi and Telugu on October 6. Speaking about the film, Muralitharan but the film is much more than

SHRAMDAAN DIWAS

The RDSO will celebrate Shramdaan Diwas on October 1 (Sunday). Under this, a programme will be organised at Peace Park in Sector-B of RDSO campus at 10 am. Apart from this, general public will also be made aware about the importance of cleanliness through posters, banners, and social media.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE As part of Swachhata

Pakhwada, the Regional Passport Office in Lucknow is organising a cleanliness drive, led by people, on October 1 as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. An actual cleaning drive (shramdaan) will be carried out in the office premises surrounding. The activity will be a single-use plastic-free and zero-waste event. The garbage collected will be transported to the designated points for solid waste management with the help of local administration. Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation organised a series of week-long programmes to mark Swachhata Week. On Saturday, a programme called musical chair was organised for the housekeeping staff at the Sachivalaya station in two phases.

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The general public thinks that I am Mohammad Abu Shaima, son of Mohammad Aslam Khan, resident of 359 A Nihalpur Kareli, Prayagraj. I was married to Shayeeka Farooq in the year 2017. In my wife passport, my name was written by mistake as Mohd Abu Shaima Khan. Which is wrong. My correct name is Mohamamd Abu Shaima, which is registered in my passport, Aadhaar, PAN card. It is very important to enter my name in my wife name also

Mohamamd Abu Shaima.

IGNOU providing education to over **100 African students**

Lucknow (PNS): Indira Gandhi development course.

National Open University is teaching over 100 African students under e-Vidya Bharti project. According to IGNOU, Lucknow, assistant director Kirti Vikram Singh, this project entails providing academic support to African students in different courses. He said that the Government of India offers 100% scholarship to students from partner African countries through e-Vidya Bharati and e-Arogya Bharati (e-VBAB) Network project to pursue online undergraduate, post-graduate, diploma and certificate programmes from various reputed Indian universities and institutes in various disciplines, including computer application, business administration & commerce, healthcare, tourism, humanities & arts, etc. He said that IGNOU, Lucknow regional chapter, is providing support in the rural

Water screen at JM Park to showcase UP's development

PNS LUCKNOW

 $T^{\text{he illustrious history and}}_{\text{progress of Uttar Pradesh}}$ will be soon be showcased on the water screen at Janeshwar Mishra Park.

Chairman of Lucknow Development Authority Dr. Roshan Jacob issued instructions for this initiative during a review meeting of the authority and Smart Čity on Saturday. She stressed on the need for

a well-crafted script, developed with the assistance of experts, to create a 20-minute film narrated by a talented artiste. The film will be self-explanatory, allowing Uttar Pradesh to tell its own story. Regarding the enhancement and facelift of Kaiserbagh crossing, the divisional commissioner suggested convening a meeting with historians, architects, and local residents to create guidelines. These guidelines will be made available on the website to solicit inputs and objections from the city residents, ensuring uniform beautification of the heritage buildings in the Kaiserbagh area.

LDA Vice-Chairman Dr. Indramani Tripathi informed the attendees that all billboards and signages at Kaiserbagh crossing have been removed. The beautification and facelift project has been divided into five blocks, and the work has commenced on-site.

The divisional commissioner proposed the underground placement of electric wires at Kaiserbagh crossing after discussions with the officials from the Public Works Department and Electricity department.

She also addressed concern related to external development work at Darshan Vilas & Gulistan-e-Iram kothis, and Lal Baradari.

called for the acceleration of projects such as UP Darshan, Happiness Park, and Fragrance It was reported that 80 percent of the facade lighting work on heritage buildings has been completed. However, due to a lack of permission from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the facade lighting work

at Saadat Ali Tomb and Rumi Darwaza has been halted. The divisional commissioner engaged with ASI officials and directed them to issue the NOC.

'Important for patients to know their anaesthesiologists'

The Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists, UP chapter, is set to launch the 'Know Your Anaesthesiologist' campaign in the state.

Secretary of Association at SGPGI Dr Sandeep Sahu announced the release of a newsletter on this subject, highlighting the importance of patients knowing their anaesthesiologist for improved medical care.

He emphasised on the need to adhere to safety norms for patients, both domestically and internationally. Dr Sahu said that only qualified anaesthetists should administer anesthesia, as allowing unqualified individuals to do so poses a significant risk to patients' lives. Regarding the campaign

Dr Sahu recommended that patients' families inquire about their anaesthesiologist and arrange a meeting with them. This way, patients can become acquainted with their anaesthesiologist. He emphasised that for any surgery to be successful, regardless of hospital size, the anaesthesiologist should thoroughly assess the patient's medical condition to adminis-

ter anesthesia appropriately.

Dr Sahu highlighted that instances of excessive anesthesia leading to patient complications have occurred in the past. By following the 'Know Your Anaesthesiologist'

enhanced, whether in a small or large hospital.

He mentioned that the World Health Organization (WHO) has established norms that make the presence of an anaesthesiologist mandatory. For instance, in eye surgeries, monitored anesthesia care is crucial, especially for elderly patients with underlying heart or respiratory conditions. Having a trained anaesthesiologist on hand helps monitor vital signs and respond to any unexpected changes.

Dr Sahu noted that patients often pay for the services of an anaesthesiologist but may not have met or know them personally. He stressed that

role in ensuring that surgeries are conducted according to proper norms. In line with WHO guide-

lines for safe surgery and anaesthesia, Dr Sahu pointed out the importance of safety measures. According to a checklist, before a surgery begins, the surgeon, anaesthesiologist, and nursing staff must confirm the details of the procedure—a cross-checklist. The ongoing campaign is part of this initiative, and consumers should also be wellinformed about it. Dr. Sahu said that the anaesthesiologist is equally vital as any other doctor involved in the surgical

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said, "You all have seen me play, that. It's a story of my childhood and the struggles that I had to face in my personal and professional journey."

Govt to make Krishi Kumbh 2.0 a global event

The Uttar Pradesh govern-Krishi Kumbh 2.0, likely to be held in the second week of December this year, a global event. The government earned appreciation across the country for organising the first Krishi Kumbh in 2018.

Reviewing preparations for the Krishi Kumbh 2.0 at a high-level meeting on Saturday, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that every district of the state and every state of the country should participate in the event, displaying the best practices taking place in the agriculture sector.
"The Krishi Kumbh will

enable our farmers to become more prosperous from a technical point of view. This event will provide information on technology and innovation being adopted in the agriculture sector across the world from seed to market," the CM said. The chief minister said that more than two lakh farmers, 10 partner countries and over 500 national/international companies/institutions are likely to participate in the second edition of Krishi Kumbh.

"Union ministers, reputed national and international companies/institutions of agriculture and related sectors, all agricultural universities, agricultural science centres, and progressive farmers should be invited to participate in the event," the CM said.

Discussing the global nature of the conference, the chief minister said that many innovative works related to



Campaign to conduct e-KYC, Aadhaar seeding

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n order to ensure benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana reach the intended beneficiaries (farmers), the Uttar Pradesh government will run an intensive campaign to conduct Aadhaar seeding and e-KYC till October 15. Under the campaign, Nyaya Panchayat and Revenue, village-wise nominated personnel will contact the farmers door to door with the list of pending e-KYC and complete the work of e-KYC

farming are being done in countries like Japan, Israel, Croatia, Poland, Peru, USA, Germany, the Philippines, South Korea and and Aadhaar seeding. Furthermore, an e-KYC campaign will also be conducted in village-level rabi symposium and kisan pathshalas. The state government has issued detailed guidelines for

conducting this campaign.

It is noteworthy that before releasing the 15th installment of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, the Central government has issued an order to conduct e-KYC along with Bhulekh marking and Aadhaar seeding of bank accounts of all eligible farmers.

"On the lines of the Global Investors' Summit, efforts should be made to contact the Indian embassies/high commissions in the respective countries and make these

Payment Bank and Jan Seva The Central government has set the deadline of October Kendra coordinators, to plan 15, 2023 to complete the e-KYC the micro-planning of the comprehensive campaign. and Aadhaar seeding work for At the district level, the eligible farmers, as identified through land seeding. As per the intention of the Central government, the Yogi government has issued instructions to run this campaign in mission

chief development officer will be the nodal officer for monitoring the progress of the PM Kisan e-KYC saturation campaign for Aadhaar seeding which will be carried out daily by revenue village-nominated personnel, along with Jan Seva Kendra. The chief development officer will also review the linking of pending land-seeded bank accounts.

Lucknow, a curtain raiser will also be organised in New Delhi. Elaborating on the various

aspects of Krishi Kumbh, the chief minister said that discussions should be held on cowparedness to face the challenges of climate change, promotion of food grain, FPObased business and reducing the cost of farming, along with stubble management, efforts to increase the contribution of the agriculture sector to make the state a \$1 trillion economy.

As per the directions of the state government, various departments/organisations will organise seminars with the participation of experts and exhibitions on a wide range of subjects, including integrated farming, use of drones, achievements of horticulture sector, cattle protection, progress of silk industry, agro-forestry, floriculture, agricultural entrepreneurship, agricultural diversification, agri startup, digital agriculture, etc.

A state-level workshop will be organised in October to introduce the specialties of tasty and nutritious millets like jowar, bajra, madua, sawa, kodo, kakun, kutki, chena, kuttu and ramdana. As per the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, various products/dishes of millets will be demonstrated in this workshop to be organised under the Uttar Pradesh Shri Anna (Millets) Revitalisation Programme.

FPOs, entrepreneurs and farmers working on millets will be honoured. Along with public representatives, hotel associations/chefs, school children, FPOs, etc will also be invited to this special workshop on millets proposed to be held at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow.

SP confident of winning perception war with quota for women in LS polls

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The Samajwadi Party will ■ reserve at least 20% tickets for women candidates in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The Samajwadi Party, which is a part of the INDIA bloc, is confident that despite losing the battle in parliament in forcing the Narendra Modi government to provide quota within 33% quota for the OBC women, is confident that it will have an edge in the perception war and force the BJP to follow suit. Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav has said on Thursday that they would reserve at least 20% tickets for women in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. "We want to tell all the women that if there are any women workers or office-bearers who have done some work, the SP will give 20% tickets to them irrespective of whether the BJP fields 33% women or not," Akhilish had said while addressing a rally in Rewa in Madhya Pradesh.

The SP leaders said that after Akhilesh's bold declaration, all eyes will be not only on the party but also on others.

We will not allow the BJP to draw political mileage in the 2024 Lok Sabha election from the women reservation law. In fact, the Samajwadi Party will force the BJP to defend its credibility and credentials among the women voters by giving at least equal number of tickets to women candidates as announced by our party," a

Samajwadi Party leader said. 'This move will also help the party fight adverse and negative issues associated with the party," he added.

UP sends the biggest contingent of 80 MPs to Lok Sabha. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, there were 11 women among the MPs from UP, eight of whom were BJP candidates, apart from one from BJP ally Apna Dal, one from the Congress and one from the BSP. The task of allotting 20% tickets to women won't be easy for the SP, which fielded only six women in 2019, when it contested in alliance with the BSP. None of them won, including Akhilesh's wife Dimple Yadav, who later entered Lok Sabha through the by-election to Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat in 2022.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, there were 106 women candidates in the fray from UP, including independents. While 11 candidates won, 84 lost their deposits. The BJP had fielded 10 women candidates. Its eight winners included Hema Malini and Smriti Irani.

The surprise losers were Neelam Sonkar from Lalganj reserved seat, and former actress Jaya Prada from Rampur. Apna Dal leader Anupriya Patel, a BJP ally, had won from Mirzapur. The SP had fielded six women, including Dimple Yadav from Kannauj, besides celebrities like Poonam Shatrughan Sinha, but none could win.

Significant reduction in crime during Yogi tenure: Report

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's unwavering commitment to combating crime and criminals is yielding remarkable results in the prevention of heinous crimes.

A recent high-level meeting on law and order held in the state capital saw top officials of the Uttar Pradesh police presenting a comprehensive report covering the past eight months to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The report underscored a substantial decrease in grave crimes, including murder, robbery, dacoity and rape over the last six years in the

cials presented data regarding the top five districts that promptly addressed and curbed such cases, as well as the bottom five districts that showed poor performance. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath issued a stern warning to officers from districts that fell

The chief minister said that if significant improvements were not evident in the next month's review meeting, further measures would be

taken. Over the past eight months, there is a 9.02 per cent decline in murder cases across Lalitpur and Kasganj have

the state. However, some districts, including Mahoba, Shravasti, Sitapur, Jalaun, and Kaushambi, have witnessed an uptick in criminal incidents. In response, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed officials in these districts to take stringent measures to control the situation.

Regarding murder cases, districts like Chandauli, Auraiya, Lalitpur and Banda have displayed poor performance, prompting the chief minister to issue a stern warning to officers.

Similarly, the state has

reported a decline of 24.61 per cent in robbery cases. But, some districts including Kabir Nagar, Balrampur and Kasganj, have shown an increase in robbery incidents. On the other hand, districts Firozabad, Shahjahanpur, Moradabad, Saharanpur and Pilibhit have demonstrated prompt action in

addressing robbery cases. The meeting also disclosed in dacoity cases there has been 16.22 per cent decline. However, districts such as Varanasi, Jhansi, Amethi, Auraiya and Kannauj have witnessed an increase in dacoity cases. Conversely, districts like Firozabad, Barabanki, Sitapur,

excelled in addressing dacoity cases, while Kannauj, Hathras, Badaun, Auraiya and Prayagraj Commissionerate require improvement in performance.

The meeting highlighted that 1,869 rape cases were registered, with charge sheets filed in 1,359 cases and final reports in 220 instances. Presently, 290 cases remain under investigation. Out of the 2,578 accused involved in these cases, action has been taken against 2,325, while 253 remain wanted.

Some districts, including Fatehgarh, Sitapur, Kheri, Kaushambi and Hamirpur, reported an increase in rape cases. Conversely, the top five districts that efficiently Badaun, Moradabad, Bijnor, Amroha and Sambhal. However, the performance of Prayagraj Commissionerate, Shahjahanpur, Balrampur, Kaushambi and Fatehpur in addressing rape cases was deemed inadequate.

The results of the meeting underscore the positive impact of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's zero tolerance policy on crime prevention in Uttar Pradesh. Authorities are determined to maintain and further improve law and order in the state, ensuring the safety and security of its resi-

RSS holds meeting to boost **BJP** prospects in LS polls

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▼n a show of solidarity and strate-Lgic planning, affiliated organisations of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh have embarked on a mission to clear the path for the Bharatiya Janata Party ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

mode in the state till October

15. The district agriculture

officers will conduct meetings

in their respective districts

under the chairmanship of the

district magistrates, with the coordination of India Post

countries participants in the

Krishi Kumbh as partners," he

said. It may be mentioned that

the main event of the confer-

ence will be held at the Indian

Sugarcane Research Institute in

This concerted effort comes following a comprehensive coordination meeting attended by the RSS, BJP, State Government representatives, and affiliated organisations, under the guidance of Sangh's official Arun Kumar.

The marathon coordination meeting, held in the capital last week, provided a platform for various affiliated organisations to present their concerns and offer ground-level feedback to key govment and BIP official

As a result of the deliberations during the meeting, a consensus emerged to deploy specific affiliated organisations to create a favourable atmosphere for the Narendra Modi government at the

The organisations entrusted with this mission include the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad for students, Laghu Udyog Bharti for small entrepreneurs, Seva Bharti for settlements, Educational Federation for teachers, Vishva Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal for social organisations related to Hindu religion, Kisan Sangh for farmers and the Advocates Council for lawyers.

These affiliated organisations will also play a pivotal role in mitigating minor grievances by disseminating information about the government's efforts to address rural and urban issues.

The RSS is committed to ensuring that as the elections draw nearer, all affiliated organisations create a saffron electionfriendly environment in their respective areas of influence.

During the meeting, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath sug-gested that affiliated organisations should work to extend the benefits of government schemes to a wider audience, engage with scheme beneficiaries and communicate scheme details at the grass-

Dissatisfaction with the con-Parliament and ministers towards the public was also expressed during the coordination meet-

Complaints were lodged against certain MPs and ministers who were perceived to have established their own teams, bypassing dedicated cadre workers. In response to feedback from affiliated organisations, MPs and ministers have been urged to improve their interactions with cadre work-

BJP state president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary said that concrete actions were being taken to address the concerns raised during the coordination meeting.

Bhupendra: BJP committed to development of SCs



party was committed to the development of Scheduled Caste and the policies of both the central and the state governments were the reflection of BJP's commitment to uplift the marginalised society.

He was addressing a meeting of Scheduled Caste Morcha which was attended by BJP state general secretary (organisation) Dharampal Singh, office bearers of the Scheduled Caste Morcha, central and state government ministers, MPs, MLAs, Mayors, district panchayat presidents and municipal

Chaudhary, emphasised the party's commitment to the development of Scheduled Caste and lauded the Central government, policies meant for the upliftment of Scheduled Caste.

"Today, the BJP has the highest represen-

tation of Scheduled Caste MPs and MLAs across the country. Under the leadership of Rharatiya Janata Party state president Prime Minister Narendra Modi, five signif-Ambedkar have been established in Mahu (birthplace), Nagpur (place of conversion), Mumbai (place of enlightenment), London (place of education) and Delhi (place of Mahaparinirvana)," he said.

The state BJP president also commended the collaborative efforts of the central government and the state government emphasising their commitment to the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas'.

During the meeting, Dharampal Singh discussed in detail the initiatives and programmes being undertaken by the Scheduled Caste Morcha. He emphasised the 'Basti Sampark Abhiyan, which involves direct interaction with beneficiaries in the slums, as well as engagement with enlightened members of society, retired officials, athletes, folk artists and other prominent figures.

UP govt to set up Ayush Board proposals from the private sector for

In a significant move aimed at streamlining and enhancing the traditional healthcare systems in Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced the formation of an integrated 'Ayush Board. This transformative initiative will oversee and regulate institutions related to Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy, Naturopathy and Yoga, while also facilitating the registration of practitioners within these disci-

The announcement came during a review meeting of the AYUSH department where Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath outlined his vision for the integration of these holistic healthcare systems. Presently, Uttar Pradesh operates three separate boards for Ayurvedic, Unani and Homeopathy medicine, a situation that the chief minister aims to rectify. Under the leadership of the chief minister, the directive to consolidate these systems into a unified Ayush Board is expected to simplify the establishment and growth of new healthcare institutions and streamline the registration process for

qualified practitioners.

Chief Minister Adityanath emphasised the growing interest among the youth in pursuing careers in Yoga and Naturopathy, noting that

the establishment of Yoga and Naturopathy institutes have been forthcoming. In response, he called for proactive measures to regulate these institutions and register doctors under the AYUSH Board's The proposed Ayush Board will

be headed by a director general, with separate director-level officers overseeing the domains of Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy, Yoga and Naturopathy. The chief minister stressed the need for practical standards to govern these institutions and highlighted Uttar Pradesh's rapid emergence as a hub for health tourism. He underlined the importance of promoting Indian medical systems such as Yoga and Naturopathy to further bolster the state's position in this sector.
Additionally, the chief minister

encouraged efforts to promote research studies and patents within the new institutes that will be established across the state.

This holistic approach to healthcare and the establishment of the integrated Ayush Board is poised to elevate Uttar Pradesh as a leader in traditional and holistic medicine, driving health tourism and fostering innovative research in the field," SK Pandey, an Ayurvedic practitioner

of Ram temple movement

▼n a historic moment that marks the culmination of centuries of struggle and devotion by millions of Ram devotees, the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust is embarking on an 11-day ritual to pay tribute to the martyrs of the temple movement.

This solemn occasion, held during Pitra Paksha, symbolises the fulfillment of the resolve of countless Hindus and serves as a poignant acknowledgment of the sacrifices made during the 500-year temple movement along the banks of the sacred Saryu River.

Commencing with the Navah Parayan on October 3, this initiative holds great significance as it is the first time that rituals are being performed during Pitra Paksha to honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the pursuit of the Ram temple's construction.

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust convened a meeting with various organisations at their union office on Friday to discuss the details of this heartfelt tribute. During the gathering, it was revealed that the lighting of lamps in the name of Ram devotees would begin on October 3.

The initiative entails the organisation of Navah Parayan sessions of the Ramayana and Ramcharit Manas in 10,000 families across Ayodhya. The meticulous planning for this

event was undertaken during the meeting, with the nine-day Navah Parayan scheduled to conclude on October 11.

The final day of the rituals, October 13, will witness a grand festival of lights at Ram Ki Paidi, where 10 thousand lamps will be lit to pay tribute to the martyrs.

The meeting, attended by Trust General Secretary Champat Rai, as well as other Trustee Association and VHP officials, saw the delegation of responsibilities to various individuals. Notably, the Sangh is actively identifying ten thousand families within the district who will participate in this touching ritual to honor the memory of temple movement mar-

This initiative was conceived on the recommendation of renowned Kashi scholar, Laxmikant Dwivedi, who Dwivedi emphasised the importance of saluting those who have sacrificed immensely for the construction of the temple, especially in anticipation of its inauguration in

January. These rituals are intended to seek the blessings of these revered individuals and commemorate their dedication.

Furthermore, the consecration of Ramlala is also planned under the guidance of Laxmikant Dwivedi, further underscoring the spiritual significance of this commemorative even during Pitru Paksha.

Trust to pay tribute to martyrs | CPI (ML) seeks BSA's resignation over suicide by school teacher

Lucknow (PNS): The Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) on Saturday demanded the resignation of the basic education minister over the suicide by a government school teacher in Farrukhabad allegedly due to harassment by the Education

department. CPI (ML) state secretary Sudhakar Yadav said that the state government was responsible for the teacher's death as the department withheld the victim teacher's salary for eight years.

"There should be a high-level inquiry into this and a strict punishment be given to all the guilty officers, while the state government should give a government job to a family member of the

deceased and compensation, including the outstanding salary," he said. The CPI (ML) state secretary said that Anil Kumar Tripathi (51) ended his life due to the faulty policy of the Yogi Adityanath government.

The government does not even care about the orders of the high court. This is a dictatorship. There is no rule of law but anarchy in the state. When a teacher was not given an audience, how could one expect that the cases of the common man will be heard. The BJP government is playing to the gallery by playing its own trumpet regarding 'ease of doing business'. The fact is that there is darkness everywhere," he

The CPI (ML) leader pointed out that the Allahabad High Court had held as wrong the allegations against the teacher posted at a school in the Jaggupur locality of Kayamganj block that he got the job by submitting fake documents and had ordered his reinstatement.

"Taking this order of the court, he kept wandering from one office to another, including that of the BSA, for the last seven-and-ahalf years, but to no avail. Also, his salary was withheld for eight years. On top of that, he was humiliated and tortured by the authorities in his quest for justice. Finally, on Wednesday (September 27), after meeting a departmental officer, he poisoned himself to death," Yadav said.

Two members of wildlife smuggling gang held

Tn a joint operation, the Uttar Pradesh STF, Forest department and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau claimed to have nabbed two members of the wildlife smuggling gang and recovered the skeleton of a tiger from their possession on Saturday.

Those arrested were identified as Akshay and Ram Chandra, both of Lakhimpur Kheri district. The team also recovered two mobile phones and Rs 310 in cash. The accused were arrested from the Mala forest range in Pilibhit district on Saturday evening.

As per reports, the team worked on a tip-off that some members of a gang were active in Lakhimpur Kheri and Pilibhit districts and were smuggling the skin, bones and nails of tigers. The team worked on the information and nabbed the accused, who disclosed that the skeletons of the tiger are sold in Nepal and China, where various types of stimulants are made from its powder.

They said that hunting tigers was their traditional and family 'business' for generations and that they conducted a recce before catching them. They said that the tigers died after being in the trap for a long time. The accused said that they sold the remains of tigers for Rs 5 to 10 lakh in Nepal and China. They said that they were going to sell tiger bones when

DM inspects Jajmau Chungi areas | Terminal of Bamrauli airport

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE KANPUR

The District Magistrate, City, Visakh G Iyer carried out an inspection of areas between Jajmau Purani Chungi and Nai Chungi and Panki entry point at Bhaunti on Saturday. He was accompanied by Kanpur Municipal Commissioner, Shivsharanappa GN and top officials of NHAI, KDA and Kanpur Smart City. He said it had been decided in principle to ensure that the fascade was uniform in structure and colour and this will include all shops, houses, tanneries, hotels, schools and banks.

He said not only this all the grills, gates, notice boards, display board will be uniform and same in colour and size as well. He directed that ACM(I) RO(PCB), Zonal Officers of KNN and KDA to ensure they need to have perfect coordination so that the work can be accomplished smoothly and at the earliest. He directed the officials to ensure that they vis-



District Magistrate, City, Visakh G lyer, inspecting the beautification work at Jajmau Chungi on Saturday.

ensure that the work was being carried out smoothly as per the

Thre DM said all the electricity poles which were hindering the smooth flow of the traffic need to be removed within a fixed timeframe. He also directed the ADM to ensure that all the overhead electricity cable wires dangerously dangling on the roads ited the sites twice a week to which caused frequent acci-

dents, need to be removed and set right. He said even the cable wires were hangind loose and thus the cable operaters need to be directed to set right the wires top priority.

He then inspected the Jhansi-Etawah road and directed the officials of the NHAI to carry out beautification work at the crossroads and on the overbridge portions. He also directed the officials to ensure that they set right all the dividers turning points and road bindings and this should be started immediately. He directed that the portion of land before the Steel Authority of India should be developed as the green belt and the boundary wall of the SAI should be uniformally painted. He said the various department officials need to prepare a work project at the

KDA bulldozes illegal construction

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

The enforcement squad of Kanpur Development Authority (KDA) bulldozed the illegal construction / encorachment on its around 5000 sq mtr pastures land worth Rs 7.50 crore in Ahirwa (Chakeri) on Friday. SDM Archana Agnihotri, Executive Engineer RK Pandey along with officials of the enforcement, engineering, land bank and the local police were present during the drive. Vice Chairman Vishakh G Iyer directed to arrange sale of the vacated land through eauction after proper study of records and plotting for the use of general masses. It was informed that on arazi No.1754, some people had started construction work after DPC while on arazi No.1741, a tile factory was being operated by securing unauthorised possession on the land. On arazi No.1050, around 2000 sq mtr land, the work of illegal plotting was on. The squad removed the unauthorised construction/



KDA squad bulldozed unauthorised construction in Ahirwa (Chakeri).

encroachment with the help of JCB/ Bulldozer and got the land

YOUTH FOUND DEAD: youth who, after returning from Noida, had gone to meet his girlfriend at her house late Friday night, was found dead on Saturday morning under Bela police station of Auraiya district. His uncle has accused the girl and her family members of killing the youth and dumping the body before their house. Police sent the body for autopsy. Dharmendra Singh (27) son of Samant of Malhausi village was employed in a private company in Noida. Late Friday night, he returned to vil-

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in the field of gynecological

surgery. Nighat Praveen, a 57-

year-old postmenopausal

woman, sought medical atten-

tion at Regency Hospital for persistent pain in her right iliac

fossa. Upon thorough evalua-

tion, it was revealed that

Praveen had a history of a pre-

vious cesarean section delivery.

Further imaging, including ultrasound and CT scans, con-

firmed the presence of a sizable

right ovarian mass measuring

15x10x9.5cm, along with a fibroid measuring 2.5x2.5cm.

While tumor markers

remained within normal limits,

the complexity of the case

called for a meticulous

Dr Kanupriya Jindal, a dis-tinguished gynecological sur-

geon at Regency Hospital, recommended a Total Abdominal

Hysterectomy with Bilateral Salpingo-oophorectomy to

address the condition com-

"A Total Abdominal Hysterectomy with Bilateral

Salpingo-oophorectomy was

the most prudent course of

action given Praveen's condi- ful outcome.

approach.

prehensively.

Surgical feat performed

D egency Hospital, Kanpur, Histopathological examination

meet his girlfriend at her house. Late night, constable of Yakubpur outpost recovered the youth from the house of Veer Singh. Seeing his serious condition, he informed the kin of the youth and the ambulance. It was alleged that when the kin of the youth failed to reach the spot, police returned after leaving the youth on the street in abondoned condition. On Saturday morning, Dharmendra Singh was found dead before the house of Veer

lage from Noida and went to

Hearing about the incident, his uncle Ajay Pal reached the spot and alleged the girlfriend and her family members of killing him and throwing the body on the street. SP Charu Nigam, ASP Digamber Kushwaha, CO Bidhuna Ashok Kumar and force from Bidhuna Kotwali, Sahar and Sahayal police stations rushed to spot. On the assurance of setting up impartial probe in the matter kin allowed the police to send the body for autopsy.

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surgery, affirming the diagno-

sis of Mucinous Cystadenoma.

This comprehensive approach

was instrumental in the success

of the procedure," explained Dr

Kanupriya, who spearheaded

Hysterectomy with Bilateral

Salpingo-oophorectomy is a

surgical procedure that involves

the removal of the uterus,

cervix, ovaries, and fallopian

tubes through an abdominal

surgery, Praveen has made a

swift recovery and has resumed her normal daily activities.

constitute a significant portion

of ovarian tumors, known for

their potential to grow to con-

siderable sizes. They are often characterized by

multi-septated, cystic masses with thin walls, containing

variable amounts of solid

tissue. In Praveen's case, the

expertise of the surgical team

and the advanced facilities at

Regency Hospital played a piv-

otal role in ensuring a success-

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	GUJARAT WATER SUPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD TENDER NOTICE NO: SK/ RC / 04 of 2023-24	
	Annual Rate Contract	
Sr No.	Item	Tender ID
1	Supply of Three Phase Horizontal Mono Submersible Pump Sets, (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only)	10567
2	Supply of Three Phase Submersible Pump Sets, (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only)	10630
3	Supply of Single Phase Submersible Pump Sets (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only)	10024
4	Supply of 3 Core Flat PVC Copper Cable for Submersible Pumps (only Indian Manufacturer)	10429
5	ISI Marked different size of U.P.V.C casing Pipe (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only).	10603
6	ISI Marked different size heavy duty G. I. Column Pipes, (only Indian Manufacturer)	10296
7	ISI Marked different size H.D.P.E. Pipes (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only	10617
8	ISI Marked 32mm dia Medium Duty G.I. Pipes, (only Indian Manufacturer)	10289
9	ISI Marked 200mm & 250 mm dia M.S. ERW Pipes, (only Indian Manufacturer)	10340
10	Various Size of Cubical Control Panel Board (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only)	10578
11	Cage Type Trapezoidal Shape "V" Wire Wound Low Carbon Galvanized / Stainless Steel - 304 Screen Pipes. (only Indian Manufacturer)	10544
12	Spares for Deepwell Hand pumps - Standard and Extra Deep and Tool Kits, (only Indian Manufacturer)	10437
13	ISI Marked Deepwell Handpump with normal & Telescopic stand assembly and Extra Deep Deepwell Handpump with Telescopic Stand Assembly (Indian Manufacture)	10423

Pre-bid meeting on Dtd. 10/10/2023 at 11.00 Hrs. at GWSSB Last Date of Online Submission of Tender: 30 / 10 / 2023 at 12.00 Hrs Last Date of Physical Submission of Tender: 30/ 10 / 2023 at 15.00 Hrs Bid Opening Date: 30 / 10 / 2023 at 15.00 Hrs Contact Office : Executive Engineer, Public Health Mechanical Store Division,"A

Block, Patnagar Yojana Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Near GH-4, Sector-16, Gandhinaga 382 016, Gujarat State. Tel/fax. No. (079) 23222844, 9978493321. TAN No.- AHMP03663C

The detailed tender notice and tender documents are available on web site: watersupply.gujrat.gov.in and http://tender.nprocure.com GWSSB has all the rights to cancel the tender without reason

No/INF/VPN/2023/G/1475

or Village Level Drinking water Complaint Please Contact our Toll Free No: 191 Executive Engineer

Public Health Mechanical Store Division

Rajbhasha Pakhwada of LIC concludes

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR The Pradeshik Prabandhak, Deb Jumar Chaudhary while inau-■ gurating the closing function of Rajbhasha Pakhwada of Life Insurance Corporation of India at the Kshtreya Karyalaya, Sport Club said the current era was full of competitive challenges and said all the new changes were in fact a big challenge to every section of the soceity. He said these challenges can be successfully handled through Hindi and made an appeal to the staff to ensure they emphasise on the use of Hindi in official work and also day to day life. He also made an appeal to the staff and officials that Hindi should be adopted at the Sampark Bhasha and every effort need to be made to ensure that the customers were dealt with in the Rajbhasha which was more understandable to them. He advised them to work more in Hindi and ensure they promote Hindi in all possible manners. SK Singh also addressing the officials and that staff and said more emphasis need to be laid on use of Rajbhasha. Later the prize winners were felicitated and

the prominent who won prizes in various contests held in Hindi were Samta Katiyar, Deepak Yadav, Abhishek Mishra, Kiran Gupta, Sudhir Shukla, Vivek Mishra, Kiran Mishra, Manish

Tripathi, Ravi Gupta, Pradeep Nigam, Santosh Sharma and the

vote of thanks was delivered by AK Bajpai.

to be expanded

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

With the commencement of the expansion of the Bamrauli airport, now the current terminal will also be redeveloped. The advantage of this will be that the passenger capacity of the current terminal will increase in the coming

Currently, there is a capacity of 350 passengers, which is now going to be 650. The airport administration has started preparations for this pur-

be expanded by the Airports Authority of India. This work will be done before the Mahakumbh Mela to be held in the year 2025. This entire work is to be in 9500 sqm. The current terminal is in 6700 sqm. A Bangalore -based company has been allotted a contract for expansion work. Along with this expansion work, the redevelopment of the current terminal will also be done by the airport administration.

The passenger capacity of the current terminal is to be

increased mainly here. Its blueprint has also been prepared almost. For this, gate number I will be shifted here. The number of current 11 checking counters will be increased to 18. Also, the Airport Director Office, Meeting Hall etc. will be

shifted on the first floor.

Along with this, a new roof will be put here. Security hold area will be built on the first floor. During this, a new aerobridge will also be built here. On the other hand, three aerobridges will also be built in the new terminal building. The

new terminal will be constructed at a cost of Rs 152

The passenger capacity of the current terminal building of Prayagraj Airport will increase from 350 to 650. At the same time, the capacity of the new terminal building will be 500. In such a situation, 1150 passengers will have a seating capacity at a time till Mahakumbh. It is being told that the passenger capacity of the new terminal building can be more than 500. Its picture will also be clear next month.

Rlys to hand over maintenance of fire detection systems to pvt firms

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Tndian Railways to now get maintenance work of automatic fire and smoke detection systems installed in its trains done through private compa-

Railway will also hand over the maintenance of manual fire, smoke detection-cumsuppression systems in AC coaches of Humsafar Express, Shatabdi Express and other trains to private firms.

The responsibility of maintenance of the modern smoke

LWLR RM i.e. luggage, generator, brake van and AC coaches of Humsafar and Shatabdi Express is being given to a private company through tender for three years.

A tender for this has been issued in Prayagraj division of North Central Railway (NCR).

implemented. Public Relation Officer

After the fire incident at

Madurai railway station, many questions have been raised on the safety and security systems in the railways. Railways are making various arrangements to deal with such problems, for being replaced with induction stoves and the rule of booking coaches only after taking food from the pantry car has been

(PRO) of NCR's Prayagraj Division, Amit Kumar Singh said that through this, the latest state of the system will be followed, and security of passengers will be kept at the highest level.

Automatic power and smoke detection suppression systems are also being installed car and Linkhofman Busch i.e. LHB coaches, he added.

In automatic fire and smoke detection system, water and nitrogen cylinders are connected to the pipe along with a fire extinguisher equipped with sensors and pressure. As per the prescribed standard, as soon as smoke and fire are detected, an alarm rings and a mixture of nitrogen and water reaches the pipes. The spray from the valve covers the fire and does not allow it to

PDA issues notices to 2,500 house owners

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

The Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) has issued notices to over 2,500 house owners of different localities for demolishing a part of their houses coming under the area marked for widening of road of their respective locality.

Authorities have also marked the area to be demolished with a red coloured cross in these houses. If the house owners do not demolish the marked area, PDA will demolish it after around two weeks, officials said.

Houses on 20 important roads of different localities have been marked by PDA, to

A total of 2,532 buildings in the urban localities of Sangam city have been identified for road widening. Partial or major portions of the buildings, marked with red coloured cross, will have to be demolished.

Among different roads, the Red Cross has also been put on 425 houses of Salori and Baghada route. A portion of almost all the houses on this route is likely to be demolished. Likewise, at Darbhanga colony, which is a posh area of the city, almost all the houses opposite company garden to Lowther road crossing have been marked red. At present, this route is 12mt wide, which will be made 24mt wide. According be widened for Maha Kumbh. to PDA sources, notices have

been given to more than 1,000 building owners in Naini and 750 in Jhunsi.

Meanwhile, in another important development, the construction work for the seven ROBs, which are to be completed before Maha Kumbh, is also being started. Early this week, the construction work at Subedarganj ROB had started and on Thursday evening, bhoomi pujan was performed by Setu nirman nigam for the proposed ROB near IERT. Construction of another ROB will start in the city within two days. Setu nigam officials say that the construction of IERT ROB will be completed by October 2024. This ROB will start from Lalla Chungi (near

Women's hostel of Motilal Nehru Road) and end after

The length of this two-lane ROB will be 682mt and it will be constructed with a budget of Rs 98 crore.

Locals of more than a dozen localities will be benefited following the construction of this ROB. As a number of trains on Lucknow, Ayodhya, Gorakhpur, Jaunpur, Varanasi and Kanpur routes travel from Prayag station, the railway crossing is closed at an interval of 20 to 30 minutes. Due to repeated closure of the crossing, traffic jams are a routine affair here. The ROB will solve this problem by October next

RPF launches drive to check activities of touts

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

As part of its continuous effort to ensure safety and security of rail users RPF/NCR under the command of AN Sinha IG-cum-PCSC organised a special drive to arrest the activities of unscrupulous elements who are in the illegal business of procuring and selling Railway tickets without authority and using illegal softwares and personal IDs to book tatkal tickets so as to sell them at higher rates to gullible passengers who are in need. Genuine passengers who wait at long separate queues are denied a chance of getting tatkal tickets by these touting

Sinha all the three divisions of NCR simultaneously conducted special checks, analysed data through cyber technology to track these touts who are making a dent to the pockets of genuine passengers. The drive conducted from 26/09/2023 to 29/09/2023. During the three days dirve RPF have detected 20 such touts over NCR and registered cases against them. 390 tickets worth Rs. 7,00,000 were seized during the drive. Laptops, printers, mobile phones and other equipments used for doing touting activi-ties have been seized by RPF during the drive. The cyber cell working RPF/HQ at Prayagraj is regularly monitoring the doubtful activities to identify touts and alerting the field formations for further legal actions. The effort of RPF/NCR will continue to see that genuine passengers who are in need of railway journey tickets will get them. Such special drives will continue.

CELEBRATED: To commemorate 75th Raising Day celebration of Territorial Army, TA Battalions of Prayagraj Station i.e. 111 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army) Kumaon and 137 CETF Battalion (Territorial Army) 39 Gorkha Rifle jointly conducted Motor Bike rally from New Cantt, Prayagraj to Chak Ghat, Rewa, as part of an expedition to highlight the contri-

bution of Territorial Army towards the National Development. The event witnessed participation of over 30 riders from the TA units who travelled over 100 Kilometres visiting various schools to spread awareness in the environment about the role of TA & motivating the youth to join the Indian Army & serve the nation. This was also used as an opportunity to inspire the students to take part in "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" & helping the nation in achieving the aim of "Clean & Green India". A blood donation camp and a elocution contest is also being organised at MH & Army Public School, Prayagraj on October 4 and 5,

OG HR, Rly Board visits BLW

General, Human Resources, Railway Board Mohit Sinha on Saturday visited Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW).

During the visit of Sinha various workshops of BLW like Loco Frame Shop, Loco Assembly Shop, Loco Test Shop, he observed the work related to the production of electric railway engines. The Chief Electrical Engineer, Loco Arun Sharma gave detailed information about the production activities, construction facilities, ongoing projects in BLW as well as the production process and other technical subjects.

He also held a meeting with the officers in Hall of Fame, Sinha talked to various employee organisations first and discussed in detail the demands related to the employees. During this, the Employees Council and both the organisations also submitted memo-

VARANASI (PNS): Director randum regarding their respective demands. Sinha also held a meeting with the major department

heads of BLW. In the meeting, General Manager Basudev Panda as well as Principal Chief Electrical Engineer SK Srivastava, Principal Chief Material Manager Rajneesh Gupta, Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer Prabir Kumar Saha, Principal Chief Personnel Officer Ranvijay, Principal Chief Medical Officer Devesh Kumar, Chief Engineer VK Shukla, Chief Vigilance Officer Pramod Kumar Chaudhary, Financial Advisor and Chief Account

officer/TOT Ajay Srivastava,
Deputy Chief Personnel
Officer, Headquarter Shyam
Babu, Deputy Chief Personnel
Officer, Workshop Rajesh Kumar, Senior Personnel Officer, Headquarter Raj Kumar Gupta, Senior Law Officer Manish Singh, Assistant

Personnel Officer Piyush Minj and Public Relations Officer Rajesh Kumar were present.

CLEANLINESS CAM-**PAIGN:** Varanasi Municipal Corporation (VMC) will launch a massive cleanliness campaign 'Swachhata Hi Seva' in the city on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti on Sunday and so, it has cancelled the leave of its all officers and employees on this day.

On the call given by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and under the tagline of the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the VMC will launch a massive cleanliness campaign 'Swachhata Hi Seva' in the city on Sunday. To make the campaign a grand success, the Municipal Commissioner (MC) has issued a directive regarding the deployment of the officers and employees at various places.

The cleanliness campaign will begin at 8 am on Sunday and it will be launched at Assi

Ghat and other ghats, all the wards and all the localities. In addition, all the vending zones, schools, hospitals, religious places, tourist places, parks, ponds, kunds, markets, public places, bus stations, etc will also be covered under the campaign. All the stakeholders, public representatives, schools, petrol pumps proprietors, insti-tutes, NCC, NSS and NGOs were consulted and appealed to join the campaign, the MC informed. All the preparations for the massive cleanliness campaign have been completed including the arrangement of all the equipments required for it and the arrangement will be made to avoid the accumulation of garbage at any place again after the collection of same under the campaign, the MC informed, adding that the garbage would be transported to the plants to be disclosed off immediately after the collec-

Fusion of Indian language with technology will open limitless possibilities: Pradhan

and innovation," Pradhan said.

part of the Bharatiya Bhasha

Utsav, encompasses three piv-

otal thematic sessions --

Technology FOR Bharatiya

Languages; Technology IN

The summit, organised as

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Saturday said the fusion of Indian languages and technology will open the doors to limitless possibilities for the country's talent pool. At the launch of the Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav and two-day Technology and Bharatiya Bhasha Summit, Pradhan said, "Through technology, contextualisation of the Indian knowledge system will be possible."

"Discussions during the summit on language for technology, language in technolo-



gy, and language through technology would create a strong ecosystem for Indian languages. One-third of the world's coders are of Indian origin, which is a testament to the nation's prowess in technology Bharatiya Languages; and Technology THROUGH Bharatiya Languages.

"India being one of the oldest civilisations in the world has an extremely close and inseparable relationship with technology. Scholars from around the globe have for centuries come to understand the Indian knowledge.

Fusion of Indian languages and technology will open doors to limitless possibilities for the talent pool of the country," Pradhan said.

The role of technology in the teaching-learning process of Indian languages, the use of Machine Learning, language

modelling for speech recognition, Unicode standardisation for Indian language scripts and other important aspects were also discussed during these sessions.

"These themes will emphasize the integration of technology in promoting Bharatiya Bhasha, including its role in teaching, training, examina-tion, and translating educational materials.

The summit aims to facilitate a seamless transition from the current education ecosystem to one rooted in Bharatiya Languages, in line with the vision of NEP-2020," a senior MoE official said.

Congress' Jawahar Bal Manch to start Mohabbat Ki Dukaan from November 14

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Congress "Jawahar Bal Manch" will start a "Mohabbat Ki Dukaan" programme from November 14, the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, to provide food to street children.

On October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the 'Jawahar Bal Manch' will start another programme called 'Ding Dong Bell', under which children can click on a bell icon on the organisation's website and express any wish related to education which would be fulfilled if found genuine.

Jawahar Bal Manch presi-



dent G V Hari said that under the 'Mohabbat Ki Dukaan' project, food packets will be distributed among street children once every week. It will be started as a pilot project in Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru.

"We are not doing anything for political purposes. Our aim is ensuring the well-being of children and that they become good citizens," he said.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters, Hari said that on October 2, the 'Jawahar Bal Manch' will start the 'Ding Dong Bell' programme. "If any child presses the bell icon on the website of our organisation, he/she can express any wish related to education. Suppose if a child wants a bicycle and really needs it, we will provide it," he said.

Dhankhar slams Chidambaram over his remarks on Women's Reservation Law

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday hit out former Union Minister and Congress leader P Chidambaram for his remarks that reservation for women in legislatures was still years away. saying it is shameful to convert ignorance of the people into political equity.

Dhankhar said he lacked words to express his anguish on the remarks made on the women's reservation law by a "senior member of the Rajya Sabha who had been a Union minister and has held high profile positions".

Without naming Chidambaram, Dhankhar spoke on the former Union minister's comments, "What is the use of a law that will not be implemented for several years, certainly not before the 2029 Lok Sabha elections?"

Dhankhar referred to Chidambaram's remarks posted on X last night that the women's reservation law is a "teasing illusion, a reflection of the moon in a bowl of water or a pie in the sky"

The vice president dubbed it a "distorted mindset" and wondered whether a sapling planted today would start giving fruits immediately or whether a person would get a degree soon after admission to described the law as "Nari

convert ignorance of the people into political equity," he

The vice president said the youth of today will have to fight this as they have access to information. The bill to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies was passed by the Lok Sabha with near unanimity and the Rajya Sabha with unanimity during the special session of Parliament.

President Murmu gave assent to the bill on Thursday. Now, it will be officially known as the Constitution Amendment) Act.

According to its provision, "It shall come into force on such date as the central government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.' During a special session of Parliament earlier this month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi an institute. "It is shameful to Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam".

that if you fell down, you can

stand up easily, the BJP leader

credibility of a personality,

product, industry or institu-

tion is the necessity of today's

digital demography, he added. Naqvi said technology

must be saved from the "con-

with what you tried and failed

in, but with what it is still pos-

sible for you to do," he said, adding, "That is why trans-

formation, conviction, com-

mitment and credibility have

become an effective and suc-

cessful formula for perfect

ter said that while 'Bharat' is

one of the fastest growing economies of the world, it has

also emerged as a "favourite'

economy of the world after

the US, China, Japan and

Germany. Bharat's GDP has

reached 3.17 trillion dollars

and it is expected to grow at

the rate of 6.5 per cent in

2023-24; Bharat's foreign

exchange reserves have touched 600 billion dollars

and according to the

International Monetary Fund,

third largest economy of the

Bharat is likely to become the

The former Union minis-

"Bharat is the fifth largest

"Concern yourself not

finement of chronology".

Maintaining the global

The law will take some time before being implemented as the next census and the subsequent delimitation exercise - redrawing of Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies will ascertain the particular seats being earmarked for

> The quota for women in the Lok Sabha and assemblies will continue for 15 years and Parliament can later extend the benefit period.

While there is quota within quota for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) women, the opposition had demanded that the benefit be extended to Other Backward Classes. It had also pressed for its immediate implementation.

There had been several efforts to pass the bill in Parliament since 1996.

The last such attempt was made in 2010, when Rajya Sabha had passed a bill for women's reservation, but the same could not be passed in Lok Sabha.

Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart to begin from October 4 after 3 years gap

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Union Ministry of Tourism on Saturday said India will host the 46th edition of the Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart at Pragati Maidan in Delhi from October 4-6. The physical version of the event is being held after a hiatus of three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, officials said, adding that the PATA Travel Mart 2023 will be held at the International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC).

The IECC complex was also the venue for the G20 Summit held from September 9-10. Headquartered in Bangkok, the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), which was founded in 1951, is a renowned not-for-profit association recognised internationally for its role as a catalyst in the responsible development of travel and tourism in the Asia-Pacific region, the ministry said in a statement.

The event in Delhi will bring together tourism professionals and business stakeholders from across the world, offering a unique platform for networking, learning and collaboration, the officials said.

India will also be participating in the PATA Travel Mart in a "substantial manner". "A designated pavilion for India at the Mart will create an immersive experience of the gamut of destinations in India



both known and lesser known," the statement said.

State governments of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Delhi, Karnataka, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and other ministries will also put up stands and stalls to display their products, it said.

'Although the Mart is an exclusively B2B mart, it will help bring forth the diverse gamut of thematic products such as wellness, adventure, heritage, culinary and art and craft of different states to a global audience," a senior offi-

PATA Travel Mart is one of the important international trade exhibitions catering to the tourism sector and it serves as a platform for trade interactions between global buyers and sellers mostly from the Asia-Pacific region.

This year, the event will feature different activities, including the prestigious PATA Gold Award, the PATA Youth Symposium and the PATA Forum on Sustainability besides the B2B Mart.

The success of the G20 Summit held this year has already "placed India as one of the sought-after destinations for hosting larger scale events and conferences", the ministry

With its sustainable and inclusive tourism activities, "India is fast becoming the preferred choice destination for organising MICE events," it

The G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration while recommitting to achieving SDGs has highlighted the crucial role of tourism and culture as a means for sustainable socio-economic development and economic prosperity and noted the Goa Roadmap for Tourism as one of the vehicles for achieving the SDGs, it

Army foils infiltration bid along Kupwara, 2 ultras eliminated



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

An infiltration bid was foiled by the joint team of security forces along the line of control in the Machhal sector of North Kashmir's Kupwara district by eliminating two heavily armed terrorists in the wee hours of Saturday. According to a statement

issued by the Srinagar-based Chinar Corps, "In a joint operation launched by the Indian Army, J&K Police, and Intelligence agencies on the intervening night of 29-30 Sept, an infiltration bid was foiled by alert troops along LOC in Machhal Sector, Kupwara.

Two terrorists have been eliminated along with the recovery of 02xAK Rifles, 02xHand Grenades, 01xPistol & other war-like stores. Joint operation in progress".

In a separate statement, a spokesman of the Jammu and Kashmir police said, "Based on intelligence input generated by Kupwara Police, a joint operation was launched in the Kumkadi area along the Line of Control in Machhal sector. The joint team observed the movement of terrorists, employing meticulous tactics to infiltrate the Indian territory.

When the terrorists were intercepted they fired indiscriminately upon the joint team. The fire was retaliated, leading to the elimination of two (02) heavily armed unidentified terrorists", the police spokesman said.

The identification and affiliation of the killed terrorists are being ascertained. So far a total number of 33

terrorists have been eliminated in different operations across the Kashmir valley since January 1, 2023.

PM Modi 'global hero of ground zero', says Naqvi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has proved to be the "global hero of ground zero" by depreciating dynastic dom-inance through decisive delivery and development, BJP leader and former Union minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said on Saturday.

"Modiji's perfect, potential performance with the passion of 'never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best' has proved that democracy can deliver with decisive determination without dynastic dominance in governance," Naqvi said at the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 'Indian Brand and Leadership Conclave 2023' here.

The BJP leader said that a brand of any product or personality is proved potential and perfect "not by chance but

Credibility of a product and reliability of production is paramount to convert people's habits into "hysteria for a brand or brand ambassador," Naqvi said in a statement issued by his office.

Integrity and acceptability ensures the global glamour global digital destination. and grace of a product and popularity, he added.

Naqvi further said a technology and connectivity revolution has made the world smaller and the competition

"People keep a close watch on the business, political, economic, cultural, religious, educational, administrative activities of every part of the world," he said.

...Keep your eyes on the sky and feet on the ground" so world by 2027-28," he said. | hideout that they had built. | physical activity, 97 per cent,



The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday conducted raids on the premises of several suspects in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir in connection with the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) attack in Dhangri village of Rajouri district, in which five civilians were killed and several seriously

injured in January this year. The raids were conducted at five locations across Gursai village of Mendhar Tehsil of Poonch district. NIA teams made extensive searches at the locations, which were the residential premises of Overground Workers

(OGWs) linked with LeT, a proscribed terrorist outfit. Several digital devices and documents containing incriminating data and content have been seized and are being scrutinised for unrav-

elling the conspiracy, the NIA

said in a statement. Two accused, Nisar Ahmed alias Haji Nisar and Mushtaq Hussain, were arrested by the NIA in the case (RC-01/2023/NIA/JMU) on August 31, 2023 and are currently lodged in Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

Disclosures made by these two men, along with inputs gathered by the NIA, led to the raids on Saturday, the agency said. "Investigations have revealed that both the arrest-

ed accused had harboured

the terrorists who had carried out the deadly attack. They had provided logistics support to the terrorists for more than two months and had sheltered them in a

Short bouts of activity can reduce risk of heart attack, stroke: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Short bouts of incidental activity, the kind done as part of daily living and including household chores, has shown to reduce risk of heart attack, stroke and even premature death, new The Lancet Public Health research shows.

However, duration and intensity of the activity matters. the research team from the UK and Australia, led by the University of Sydney, said, having tracked more than 25,000 UK adults over roughly eight

"From walking up the stairs to speedily mopping the floors; in recent years we've come to understand that it is not just structured exercise that is good for our health, but we know very little about how these short bouts of incidental activity translate to health benefits,' said the study's senior author Emmanuel Stamatakis, University of Sydney.

The adults studied were aged 42-78, all of whom selfreported no participation in exercise or sport. The researchers used wrist-worn wearables data from the UK Biobank and machine learning and analysed their seven-day incidental physical activity patterns down to a 10-second time window.

They then compared these physical activity micropatterns with the participants health records, by following them for close to eight years to understand the health impacts of the duration and intensity of the physical activity bouts.

The researchers found that

nearly all of the entire day's

was accumulated in multiple slots, each lasting less than 10

minutes, with longer slots being

"The idea of accruing short bouts of moderate to vigorous activity through daily living activities makes physical activity much more accessible to people who are unwilling or unable to take part in structured exercise," said Matthew Ahmadi, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Sydney, adding that data showed that the length and intensity of these activities

Further, 'moderately' or vigorously' intense activity in these slots were associated with a steep decrease in major cardiac events, like heart attack or stroke, and death by any cause, they found.

Also, those who huffed and puffed for at least 10 seconds per minute, or 15 per cent of one physical activity bout or slot, saw the greatest benefit, they found. "If you are huffing and puffing and unable to hold a conversation for some of that time (in one bout) you have hit the sweet spot," said Stamatakis.

"The take-home message here is any type of activity is good for your health, but the more effort you put into those daily tasks and the longer you keep up that energy, the more benefits you are likely to reap," said Stamatakis.

Monsoon has ended with 94.4% cumulative rainfall: IMD

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The four-month monsoon L season has ended with India receiving "normal" rainfall -- 820 mm against a longperiod average of 868.6 mm, a deficit of 48.6 mm amounting to 6 percent. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra on Saturday said with positive factors countering the effect of El Nino, the 2023 monsoon ended with 94.4 per cent cumulative rainfall, which is considered "normal".

The southwest monsoon

has been a story of swings, and as the months progressed, the variations only became more intense: 9 percent deficit in June, excess by 13 percent in July, deficit again by 36 in August while 13 percent access rain recorded in September due to multiple low pressure systems. August 2023 marked the driest month since 1901 and the hottest ever recorded in India, attributed to the strengthening of El Nino conditions. In August, there were 20 break monsoon days, compared to 16 such days in 2005, which held the previous record for the spells when the monsoon is extremely weak. That month was also marked by large-scale rain-triggered dev-astation in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, even as much of the country remained parched.

Of the 717 meteorological districts, 220 have received rain deficit while 493 recorded normal rainfall and above this year. Bihar, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Kerala, East Uttar Pradesh, Mahe, South Karnataka and Lakshadweep among the states which received less monsoon rain



this year. The monsoon is critical for India's economy, where 51% of India's farmed area accounting for 40% of production — is irrigated by rain. As many as 47% of the country's population is dependent on agriculture for livelihood, making such inconsistency a challenge not just for farmers who need to time their sowing and harvesting right, but also the larger economy.

Mohapatra said with positive factors countering the effect of El Nino, the 2023 monsoon ended with 94.4 per cent cumulative rainfall, which is considered "normal".

"Out of the 36 meteorological subdivisions, three (constituting 9 per cent of the total area) received excess rainfall, 26 received normal rainfall (covering 73 per cent of the total area), and seven received deficient rainfall. The seven subdivisions with deficient rainfall are Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, East UP, South Interior Karnataka, and Kerala," the IMD chief said. The IMD reported that East and Northeast India recorded 1,115 mm of rainfall against a normal of 1,367.3 mm, which translates to an 18 per cent deficit. Northwest India recorded 593 mm of rainfall compared to a long-period average of 587.6 mm. Central India, where agriculture predominantly relies on monsoon rains, recorded 981.7 mm against a normal of 978 mm. The South Peninsula experienced an eight per cent deficit.

As per the IMD, rainfall between 94 per cent and 106 per cent of the long-period average (LPA) is considered normal. Mohapatra highlighted two factors — the Indian Ocean Dipole and Madden-Julian Oscillation — that significantly influenced this year's monsoon season. Mohapatra said 15 low-pressure systems developed over India during the monsoon season against an average of 13, but their temporal distribution remained skewed".

However, normal cumulative rainfall over the country during the monsoon season doesn't mean even spatial and temporal spread of precipitation.

The Indian monsoon refers to inherent fluctuations and changes that occur over time due to various natural factors. This is called natural variability. However, research shows climate change is making monsoon more variable. Increased variability means more extreme weather and dry

BADMINTON GOLD ONE WIN AWAY

India beat South Korea, enter first-ever Asian Games final in Badminton team event

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

idambi Srikanth rallied his way to a thrilling win in a tense decider as India kept alive their hopes of winning a first-ever gold medal at the Asian Games, reaching the men's team championships final with a 3-2 win over South Korea here on Saturday.

This is India's maiden entry into the final of the team event at the continental showpiece.

World No. 7 HS Prannoy showed nerves of steel to bounce back from an opening game reversal to outwit Jeon Hyeok Jin 18-21 21-16 21-19 and put India 1-0 ahead but Satwiksairai Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty lost the first doubles 13-21 24-26 to reigning world champions Seo Seung-Jae and Kang Minhyuk as Korea made it 1-1.

Lakshya Sen then put up a dominating show in the second singles to bring India back in business with a clinical 21-7 21-9 win over Lee Yungyu but MR Ariun and Dhruv Kapila lost 16-21 11-21 to Kim Wonho and NA Sungseung in the second doubles as the two teams found themselves on level terms once



Srikanth, a 2021 World Championships silver medallist, then fought his way under pressure to struggle past world no. 163 Cho Geonyeop 12-21 21-16 21-14 and seal India's place in the summit clash at the BJ Gymnasium.

India will look to live up to their Thomas Cup champions tag when they face multiple-time gold medallist China in the final on Sunday.

Saturday's win assured India of at least a silver medal in badminton at the continental championships with two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu winning the first in women's singles in the 2018 edition at Jakarta.

The last time the Indian men won a badminton medal in team championships was at the 1986 edition at Seoul where Sen's mentor Prakash Padukone and Vimal Kumar played a crucial role.

In total, India have so far bagged 10 badminton medals in Asian Games history, including three individual singles medals, three men's team bronze, two women's team bronze and one medal each in men's doubles and mixed doubles.



Fearless Preeti wins Olympic quota, assures India of medal

PTI HANGZHOU

 \mathbf{I} ndian boxer Preeti Pawar secured a quota for the Paris Olympics and also assured herself of a medal along with Lovlina Borgohain as they moved into the semifinals of the Asian Games here on Saturday.

The 19-year-old Preeti put up a fearless display against Kazakhstan's Zhaina Shekerbekova, a three-time World Championship medallist and reigning Asian champion, to eke out a 4-1 win in a fiercely fought 54kg quarterfinal bout

Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina, who received a first round bye, used her long reach to expectedly defeat South Korea's Seong Suyeon by a 5-0 unanimous decision in the women's 75 kg category.

Lovlina is now a win away from earning an Olympic quota.

Preeti started the bout on the offensive but her defence was broken several times by the more experi-

enced rival. Unperturbed, the Indian teenager continued to pummel Shekerbekova to take a slenued der 3-2 lead in the first round.

But Preeti fought a strategic bout as she moved off the center of the ring in the beginning of the second round with a long range jab.

In the last three minutes, the two boxers showered a lot of punches at each other but both were inaccurate. As the clock ticked, the fatigue kicked in for Shekerbekova, while Preeti continued to pepper her opponent with shots to take the win.

On Friday, Nikhat Zareen became the first Indian boxer to win an Olympic quota.

In the women's events,

the semifinalists in the 50kg, 54kg, 57kg, and 60kg while the finalists in the 66kg and 75kg will qualify for the Paris Olympics.

The gold and silver

medallists in each of the seven weight divisions in the men's event will receive Olympic quotas.

Aditi Ashok closes in on historic gold

Indian women's team marches to top slot

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

Aditi Ashok played a sensational third round of 11under 61 to place herself in a commanding position to win a historic individual gold medal in the golf competition at the Asian Games here on Saturday

Aditi, who is now seven shots clear of her closest rival, also carried the Indian women's team to the top spot, where it holds a one-shot lead over Thailand.

Indian women have never won a medal at the Asian Games, as Aditi had finished a distant 21st at the Incheon Games in 2014.

Aditi's 11-under scorehan the next best round of

the day.
India's other two players,
Pranavi Urs (71-68-70) at 7under and Avani Prashanth (72-69-74) at 1-under are 11th and tied 19th respectively.

However, the day did not go well for the men. Anirban Lahiri, who needed medical aid to help him through extreme heat in the second round, was off-colour.

He shot 2-over 74 on a course that has been yielding low scores.

Lahiri at 10-under was tied-17th, while SSP Chawrasia with a 68 in the third round was on tied 20th and Khalin Joshi with a card of 69 was on tied 24th.

Shubhankar Sharma shot a wayward 76 that saw him dropping to tied 34th.

Hong Kong's Taichi Kho (70) at 24-under leads the men's section with Taipei's Chien-Yao Hung (67) at 21-under and Korea's Jang Yubin (68) at 20-under is third. The Indian men's team are

also out of the reckoning for a medal, as they were eighth with a total of 32-under, which was a massive 26-shots behind Korea, while Thailand and Hong Kong share the second

Aditi, who was fourth at on the 18th in her 74.



card was five shots better the Tokyo Olympics, is now 66-61 for a total of 22-under after 54 holes.

Her closest rival, Arpichaya Yubol (67-65-69) is 15-under, while China's Lin Xiyu (67-67-68) is 14-under. Aditi's stunning round also gave India a one-shot lead

in the team competition. Aditi's 11-under put

alongside Pranavi Urs' 2-under 70 helped Indian women construct a lead. India is now 29-under

and are ahead of fancied teams like Thailand, China, Korea Aditi has dropped just

one shot in 54 holes and that came in the second round. She opened the third

round with a birdie on second and added further birdies on fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth to go 5-under. Then she landed her sec-

ond eagle of the week on the short par-4 ninth to turn in 7-On the back nine, a birdie on the 12th was followed by

three more on 15th, 17th, and 18th holes to go 11-Pranavi had three birdies against one bogey, while Avani had two birdies and two

bogeys in the first 17 holes

and then had a double bogey

Indian women enter 3x3 basketball quarterfinals, men knocked out

HANGZHOU SEP 30 (PTI)

The Indian women's 3x3 basketball team entered the quarterfinals but the men's campaign ended in the pre-quarterfinals stage of the Asian Games here on Saturday. The women's team thrashed Malaysia

16-6 in its pre-quarter final match with Vaishnavi Yadav emerging as the star performer, scoring a maximum of nine points in the contest.

The women's team had finished second in its group, having beaten Uzbekistan



while facing a humiliating defeat against last edition's gold medallist China. The women's team will lock horns

with Chinese Taipei in the quarterfinals. In the men's event, the Indian side lost a close contest against Iran 17-19 and was knocked out of the tournament.

India's Princepal Singh was the star performer, scoring a maximum of nine points in the match but failed to take his side to the finish line.

The men's side ended the league stage in second place. They defeated Malaysia and Macao and lost to 2018 Games' gold medallist China.

The Indian contingent is making its debut in the event.

Indian athletes make finals in long jump, 1500m, women's 100m hurdles

PTI HANGZHOU

ndian hurdlers Ivothi Yarraii and Nithva Ramrai advanced to the women's 100m hurdles final, while ace long jumpers Murali Sreeshankar and Jeswin Aldrin also sailed through. keeping their medal hopes alive at the Asian Games here on Saturday.

Asian champion Yarraji finished second in her heat with a timing of 13.03 seconds to qualify for the women's 100m hurdles final.

China's Yuwei Lin finished first with a personal best time of 12.79.

India will have a second hurdler in the event as Nithya Ramrai finished fifth in her heat but qualified as second fastest loser with a time of 13.30.

Second-fastest Asian hurdler Yarraji had won gold at the Athletics Asian

Championships. She has broken the national record in the 100m hurdles a staggering seven times.



In long jump, Commonwealth Games silver medallist Sreeshankar jumped more than the automatic qualification mark of 7.90m to make it to the final.

The 24-year-old from ala who boasts a nersonal and season's best of 8.41m, produced a first jump of 7.97 to directly make the cut.

Having started off with a foul, Asia's best Jeswin Aldrin's third attempt of 7.67 was not enough for an automatic qualification but he still made the cut

after finishing second in his heat and among the top 12.

There will be two Indians in the men's 1500m final as Jinson Johnson and Ajay Kumar qualified from their respective heats.

Johnson finished fifth with me of 3:56.22 to seal an auto matic qualification spot. Ajay Kumar was second to cruise into the final with a timing of 3:51.93, finishing second in his heat.

Finals of all the three events - women's 100m hurdles, men's long jump and men's 1500m -- are slated on Sunday.

Mirabai's injury ends her Asian Games campaign

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

Ace Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu is disap-pointed that she could not realise her dream of an Asian Games medal as she suffered thigh muscle injury during the women's 49kg event here on Saturday.

The Olympic silver medal-list said she felt pain while warming up before the event started and despite her coach asking her to pull out, she continued as she wanted to win a medal for the country.

"When I was warming up before the snatch section, I felt pain on my thigh, I think deep sheathing hit me. They have put ice and some spray, and will see in India what kind of treatment



we will do. I am having pain now also," Chanu said after the event, where she finished fourth.

"It is pain in the glutes and the bones on the right side of the thigh," she added.

An Asian Games medal is the only silverware missing from the Manipuri's decorated cabinet. Chanu had finished ninth in the 2014 edition and was forced to miss the 2018 Games due to a back injury.

could not bring the results because of this pain. I tried my best to win a medal for the country but could not. I am feeling

. "I could not take part in the 2018 Asian Games. It was my dream to win a medal in the Asian Games but it is not happening. Now, my target is to do well in the Paris Olympics."

"Pain had started during snatch warm up. Sir (Vijay Sharma) asked me if I wanted to pull out because it may lead to serious injury. But I continued because I wanted to win a medal," she added.

Chanu lifted 108kg in her first clean and jerk but increased the weight to 117kg with an eye on a medal.

Indian canoers enter final with women's kayak pair

PTI HANGZHOU

India's Niraj Verma qualified for the final of the canoe sprint events at the Asian Games along with the men's and women's pairs, here on Saturday.

Niraj topped the canoe single 1000m semi-final by clocking 4:31.626s after missing the final qualification in heat 1, where he managed a time of 4:25.162 seconds.

Taipei's Kuan-Chieh Lai emerged the winner by clocking a blistering 4:02.431s.

Later, the top three in the four-canoer semifinals advanced to the medal round with Niraj taking the top spot.

The eight-man final is scheduled for Monday.

The Indian team of Ribason Singh Ningthoujam and

Gyaneshwor Singh Philem reached the canoe double 500m final after finishing third with a combined timing of 1:57.225 seconds in the semifinals.

This was after they finished fourth in heats with a timing of 1:54.829 seconds.

In the women's Kayak double 500m semifinal, the Indian duo of Binita Chanu Oinam and Parvathy Geetha finished second with a combined timing of 2:07.036 seconds after claiming fourth place in the heats, clocking 2:06.956 seconds.

India have won only one bronze medal so far in the sport at the Asian Games -- a bronze at the 1994 Hiroshima edition.

In the last edition in Jakarta, Indian athletes made eight finals across slalom and sprint events but could not secure a medal.

be tricky and you never know,

it will be a bonus if we make it

five (in mixed event)," Singh

Saturday.

The top-seeded men's team was held to a 2-2 draw by a strong Uzbekistan team with all

match, R Vaishali scored the first win with black pieces against WGM Vo Thi Kim Phung.

The country's top player, Koneru Humpy, and Vantika Agarwal drew their games.

Bao Tram Hoang as India closed out a 2.5-1.5 victory. Meanwhile, it was a solid

draw for India against Uzbekistan.

sure on the top board against Nodirbek Abdusattorov, but managed to hold on for a draw.

held on for a draw in his game against Shamsiddin Vokhidov.

World-conquering compound archers aim Asian domination Aditi who dropped just four points in the semifinal and the "The mixed team event will

PTI HANGZHOU

The Indian compound archers will enter the Asian Games as outright favourites after producing exceptional results in the 2023 season while the recurve archers will strive to end a 13-year medal drought at the continental showpiece when competition in the bow sport gets underway, here on Sunday.

India never boasted a world champion in archery but the vear 2023 threw not just one but three senior champions, including Ojas Deotale and 17-yearold Aditi Swami, who excelled in compound.

The compound archers also

grabbed seven gold and four bronze medals from three stages of the World Cup to assert their supremacy, similar to what Korean archers brag about in recurve section.

Going into the Asian Games with such stupendous performances, the compound archers will be aiming for all the five gold medals on offer and power India to their best-ever show in archery at the continental showpiece.

India had returned with two silver medals from Indonesia in 2018.

India's best-ever show in archery at the Asian Games came in 2014 with one gold, one silver and a bronze in the com-



"This time we are expecting gold in men's and women's sections. God willing, we may end

vidual and team events. up with four gold medals in compound," India's high perfor-In the women's compound section, all eyes would be on

director and mance Dronacharya Awardee Sanjeeva Singh told PTI referring to indi-

India's most-accomplished compound archer Jyothi, who has seven World Championship medals, will also look to make her presence felt.

final en route to title win in

Berlin in August.

In men's section, while world champion Deotale will look to live up to his reputation, senior-most Abhishek Verma, who is the only compound archer to have an individual silver (Incheon 2014) in the Asian

Games would look to upgrade his medal and sign off on a high. Then the compound team also have the promising men's and women's sections.

Prathamesh Jawkar, fresh from winning a silver at the World Cup Final earlier this month. As per a new rule, only two archers from the same country

ual elimination round. Also, this Asian Games will offer two more medals in archery from the previous addition with the addition of mixed sections (recurve and com-

pound events). "So no country can make a clean sweep in the individual section, and hence I'm expecting four medals from compound archers -- two each in

will make the cut from the Redemption time qualifying round for the individ-It's a different story in recurve section which is an Olympic discipline. The last time India won a recurve medal at the Asian Games was 13 years ago at Guangzhou.

added.

That six Olympic quota places will also be on offer and that will be an added incentive.

India's best bet would be 22-year-old Army man Dhiraj Bommadevara, who is enjoy ing a career-best world rank-





beat Vietnam

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

The second-seeded Indian I women's team registered a 2.5-1.5 win over Vietnam in the second round of the team event in the Asian Games, here on

four matches ending in draws. In the India-Vietnam

On the fourth board, B Savitha Shri drew against Thi

D Gukesh was under pres-

R Praggnanandhaa had an edge in the middlegame against Javokhir Sindarov, but could not force a win. Vidit S Gujrathi drew against Nodirbek Yakubboev and Arjun Erigaisi

BUTTLER'S MEN HAVE STOKES' FIRE, BUT...

7ith Ben Stokes coming out of retirement and the 2019 title winning core group largely intact, England will fancy a successful campaign in challenging conditions in India during the 50-over World Cup starting on October
5. England's squad has depth
and variety but adapting to conditions would be crucial for them, and the Three Lions players will also lean on their IPL experience to tread through eight venues for their nine group stage matches.

Jos Buttler's team will face New Zealand in Ahmedabad in the World Cup opener on October 5, but before that, they would hope to make the most of the two warm-up matches against India and Bangladesh, especially in their preparations against spin.

HERE'S THEN A SWOT ANALYSIS OF ENGLAND

Strengths: The presence of Stokes is a massive shot in the arm for them, and they also have a number of players who know how to win a global tournament, something only Australia can boast of among the competitors. They have a long batting line-up but more than the length

the fearsome ability to subjugate rivals with an aggressive approach make England stand TACKLING SPIN REMAINS A CHALLENGE



out from the rest, a key component of their domination in white ball formats.

The addition of in-form Harry Brook in place of out of form Jason Roy has only added

to their firepower, but they also have class in Joe Root.

Fast bowler Jofra Archer will be a reserve player but England have searing pace in Mark Wood, while leg-spinner Adil Rashid will be crucial for them on Indian pitches.

Weakness: Unlike their Indian and Australian counterparts, England have had no specific build-up to the World Cup. A four-match ODI series against the Kiwis at home, which England won 3-1, was their most recent experience of oneday cricket while their frontline

players were rested for the

This lack of game-time for key players could be a major deterrent for England's ambitions, and they have also arrived only a day before their first warm-up match.

While England's aggressive batting approach has largely won approvals, it remains to be seen how they would execute it on the surfaces that slow down

on the surfaces that slow down as the tournament progresses.

Opportunity: The finest generation of England's whiteball players - most of whom could be in their last 50-over WC - would not get any better opportunity than this to 'create memories', which is essentially the core of their 'Bazball' approach in Tests approach in Tests.

Stokes showed his intent to bring a bit of the 'Bazball' into one-dayers when he went ballistic with a 124-ball 182 against New Zealand. At the same time, lesser-known young quick Gus Atkinson, Brook and Sam Curran would know it is their time to cement positions as England gradually heads towards transition.

Threat: England have played only 10 ODIs in the World Cup year, and 'Buttler's Buccaneer's even with all their exceptional skills will have to counter a set of spinners, especially from Asian nations, who know how to exploit the condi-

2023 World Cup could be my last for India: Ashwin



PTI GUWAHATI

Ravichandran Ashwin on Saturday conceded the upcoming World Cup could be his last for India after the veteran spinner replaced Axar Patel in the hosts' 15-member squad for the event, starting on October 5.

Ashwin, who enjoyed a successful outing against Australia featuring in the first two ODIs of the recently-concluded series, was named as the replacement of Patel who has been sidelined due to quadricep strain.

Ahead of India's first warmup match against defending champions England here on Saturday, the 37-year-old Ashwin made the admission in a pre-match chat.

"Being in a good space, enjoying this tournament will keep me in good stead. This could be my last World Cup for India, so enjoying the tournament is of utmost importance,"

Ashwin told Star Sports.

"I would have said that you were joking. Life is full of sur-prises. Honestly, did not think I would be here. Circumstances have made sure I am here today, the team management have shown trust," said Ashwin while talking about his inclusion in the Indian squad.

Ashwin has played 10 matches for India in World Cup history with his last appearance coming in 2015.

He has bagged 17 wickets in the competition at an average of 24.88 and an economy of 4.36

with his best figures being 4/25.

Apart from Virat Kohli,
Ashwin is the only member of
the current Indian side who were also a part of their World

Cup winning campaign in 2011.
Ashwin said dealing with pressure would be crucial. "All you can do is turn the ball both ways, and I think I can do it. Dealing with pressure is paramount in these tournaments, and it will dictate how the tournament goes," he said.

Kuldeep best spinner going into World Cup, will give India significant advantage: Intikhab Alam

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

 $K^{\text{uldeep Yadav is the best}}_{\text{spinner going into the World Cup and will give India}$ a distinct advantage in the mid-dle overs through the course of the 50-over showpiece, reckons former Pakistan captain Intikhab Alam.

The 28-year-old Kuldeep is being seen as India's trump card in the World Cup at home, having taken 33 wickets in 17 ODIs at an average of 16.03 this year. Since coming back from a knee injury, Kuldeep has worked on his arm speed and angles, helping him get a bagful of wickets in the middle overs.

Alam, who has been to India multiple times as a player

and having also served as a manager of the Pakistan team in the past, feels it will be advantage India in the mother of all clashes in Ahmedabad on October 14. "The way India played in Asia Cup and played the final (decimating Sri Lanka). They look like the team to beat. Their spin attack stands out. Kuldeep is going to play a major role in the tournament. He will test the batters of all teams," Alam told

PTI on Saturday.

"Jadeja and Kuldeep make a lethal combination. Kuldeep is a match winner. He is the best spinner in this World Cup in my opinion. Now you also have (Ravichandran) Ashwin back," said the 81-year-old, who was born in Hoshiarpur in the pre-

Independence India.
Alam added that India's batting, including greats like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, as well as the in-form Shubman Gill makes the hosts a strong contender to win the trophy.

'SPIN ATTACK A CONCERN FOR PAKISTAN'

Alam said Pakistan spinners, however, don't inspire the same confidence.

Pakistan could not defend 345 in the opening warm-up match against New Zealand here on Friday as their premier spinner Shadab Khan did not bowl while left-arm spinner Mohmmad Nawaz leaked runs.

Leggie Usama Mir, though, made an impact with two wick-



ets. "In the bowling department, Pakistan's spin attack is weak in the middle overs. In Asia Cup we struggled. It is important for them to do well in this phase else teams will easily score 300 against them. Naseem Shah is young and quick and he too will be missed with the new ball," said Alam referring to Shah's injury.

'STICK WITH FAKHAR ZAMAN'

Fakhar Zaman has been battling an inconsistent run and pressure is building on him ahead of the team's opening World Cup fixture against Netherlands, here on October 6. Abdullah Shafique can replace him at the top.

expect anything, he will fire in one out of five games but you have to take that risk with him," said Alam. SINCE MY FIRST TOUR OF

"On these true wickets in India, most games will be high-scoring. With Fakhar you can

INDIA IN 1961, PAKISTAN HAVE BEEN ACCORDED WARM WELCOME'

Barring two members, Pakistan players are visiting India for the first time including captain Babar Azam and Shaheen Shah Afridi. Upon their arrival here on Wednesday, the entire squad was overwhelmed with an unexpected welcome at the airport.

For Alam, who has also

coached the Punjab team in Ranji Trophy in the early 2000s, it doesn't come as a surprise.

"Whenever we go to India we get a memorable welcome. I have spent two years there (as Punjab coach). People to people contact should be encouraged in tense times like these," he said.

Alam said Pakistan cricketers will feel the pressure of playing on Indian soil.

"There will be pressure, for sure. It depends on how team management treat the players to ensure they focus only on cricket. You get four years to prepare for an event like this. You have to do something special so peo-ple remember for you a long time. It is a great opportunity for Babar and Co," added Alam.

Black Caps look to punch above weight despite injury cloud over Williamson

PTI ■ MUMBAI

 $F^{\text{or a team which has entered}}_{\text{the World Cup knockout}}$ stage in the last four editions of the World Cup, New Zealand would want to end their wait to win a trophy this time in India.

In 2019, Kane Williamson's men came agonisingly close in doing so in the summit clash against England, but only to end on the wrong side of a result, courtesy a strange boundary countback rule.

The outcome still rages on in debates but the Kiwis will have to muster all their strength to have a crack at the coveted trophy, and they would want to do that for their affable leader Williamson.

STRENGTH: The stats may tend to portray New Zealand as a side who struggle in India but in ICC events, the Black Caps are a different beast - often punching above their weight, evidenced by their three ICC tournaments final appearances — two 50-over WC finals in 2015 and 2019 and the WTC summit clash in 2021.

The Kiwis have a largely balanced squad for this World Cup consisting of exciting players like Devon Conway, Daryl Mitchell and Glenn Phillips but also ageing stars like Williamson, Tim Southee and Trent Boult, who form their backbone.

New Zealand's bowling, especially the spin department, seems to have covered the bases with Mitchell Santner and Ish Sodhi in their ranks while fast bowlers Lockie Ferguson and Matt Henry will be there to support Boult and Southee.

WEAKNESS: Overall, New Zealand's ODI record in India is pretty dismal: only 18 wins to show from 61 matches with 47 losses and two games ending without any result.

Besides, Williamson won't be available for New Zealand's tournament-opener in Ahmedabad against England as he continues to battle a knee injury that he suffered during IPL 2023.

How Williamson performs in the tournament could also determine the fortunes for the Kiwis as apart from being their captain, the 32-year-old is also their best batter irrespective of conditions.

OPPORTUNITY: For the troika consisting Williamson, Boult and Southee, this World Cup could be the last opportunity to win another ICC trophy for New Zealand.

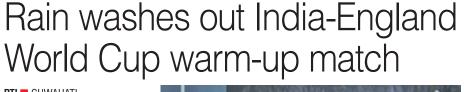
Conway lifted the IPL trophy with Chennai Super Kings earlier this year. The resolute lefthanded batter would be itching to have a go in white-ball cricket in India and build more on the success he has had this year with

Mitchell has been a vital cog for New Zealand with both the bat and the ball and he would want to play an impactful role in their campaign. Phillips, Will Young and even Rachin Ravindra would look to make their contributions.

THREAT: Apart from a dismal ODI record in India, New Zealand have suffered away series defeats against two Asian sides — India and Pakistan - this

But to their credit, New Zealand did well to edge Pakistan 2-1 in their first of the two away series in 2023.

Along with Williamson's injury, New Zealand's trusted bowling weapons in Southee and Boult, 34 each, will have to prove themselves on wickets that may not suit their art.



PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Dersistent rain on Saturday washed out the World Cup warm-up match between India and England at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium here. It began raining a little before the start of the match on Saturday afternoon, which resulted in the toss being delayed but later in the evening the umpires decided to abandon the contest, a little before 6pm local time owing to inclement weather.

All 10 teams will get to play two warm-up matches each before the group stage of the 50-over World Cup which gets underway in Ahmedabad on October 5. England will face New Zealand in the World Cup opener. England, who arrived in India a day before their first warm-up match, will remain in Guwahati to play their second and final warm-up game against Bangladesh on October 2.

On the other hand, India, who travelled all the way to Guwahati on Thursday after



completing a 2-1 series win over Australia, will now fly to Thiruvananthapuram for their second warm-up match against the Netherlands on October 3.

at the hands of Bangladesh here, while New Zealand defeated Pakistan in a high-scoring contest in Hyderabad.

The warm-up matches began on Friday with Sri Lanka Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram suffering a seven-wicket defeat and Hyderabad.

The warm-up matches are being played at three venues

Jabeur wins Ningbo Open; Pegula, Kudermetova reach final in Tokyo

Top-seeded Ons Jabeur won her fifth career title at the Ningbo Open with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over teenager Diana Shnaider on Saturday.

The seventh-ranked Jabeur, a three-time Grand Slam finalist, saved her best performance of the tournament for the final and raced to victory in 78 min-

The Tunisian had 18 winners to only 10 unforced errors, while saving all three break points she faced, denying the 19vear-old Shnaider any chance to get a foothold in the match.

This was 85th-ranked Shnaider's first career final in just her ninth WTA tournament main draw. One year ago, she was ranked No. 220 and beginning her freshman year at North Carolina State.

At the Toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo, second-seeded Jessica Pegula's impressive week continued as the American surged to a 6-2, 6-3 victory over fourth-seeded Maria Sakkari in



the semi-finals. Pegula has lost just nine games in her three matches and will meet eighthseeded Veronika Kudermetova in Sunday's final.

"When you're top-ranked, I think it just depends on how you play that day and how you execute your game plan, and some days it's better than others," Pegula said.

"I think the faster courts here probably help me a little more than the slower surfaces I've played her in the past, so I tried to take advantage of that. In the earlier semi-final, Kudermetova edged past Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 7-6 (6), 6-7 (2), 6-3.

At the Astana Open, top-seeded Tallon Griekspoor defeated qualifier Sho Shimabukuro 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-1 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Local favorite and third-seeded Alexander Bublik and fifth-seeded Sebastian Korda play their respective secondround matches later Saturday.

Europe strikes back in Ryder Cup and ties record for largest lead

AP ■ GUIDONIA MONTECELIO

Europe swept the opening Session of the Ryder Cup for the first time in its history, a beating so thorough that none of the foursomes matches reached the 18th hole.

And then somehow it got even worse for the Americans. Right when they were on the verge of escaping Friday with a manageable deficit, Europe delivered one punch after another on the 18th hole at Marco Simone. It left the Americans without a single win on opening day for the first time in Ryder Cup history, and it gave Europe a record-tying lead in its bid to

regain the cup.

Three fourballs matches came to the 597-yard closing hole, all of them looking like a red American point on the board.

And then Viktor Hovland

made a 25-foot birdie putt. Jon

it with an 8-foot birdie putt, all those matches ending in a tie. For a moment, it looked like the day would end with Europe holding a 5-3 lead. Instead, it was 6 1/2-1 1/2. The five-point lead matched

Rahm made a 35-foot eagle putt that slammed into the back

of the cup. Justin Rose finished

last done by Europe at Oakland Hills in 2004 when it handed the Americans their worst loss. "Historic day," European captain Luke Donald said "But we want it to be an historic week. So the job is certainly not done. We will all celebrate an amazing day, but we'll be back tomorrow morning with the goal of trying

the biggest margin after one day,

session." U.S. Captain Zach Johnson could only offer hope that the tide would turn. He offered no excuses other than a mysterious mention of a bug going through

to win tomorrow morning's



"It did not go in our favor today. Doesn't mean it can't tomorrow or Sunday," Johnson said. "Tip my cap to the European team for playing great

golf. Our time's coming. Europe now needs only to win eight points from the remaining 20 matches to extend its winning streak at home that dates to 1993. Donald pushed all

the right buttons by starting with foursomes, which he considered a European strength that would give him a hot start.

And then he let his stars do the work. Rory McIlroy was the only player to win both his matches, even if he rode the amazing play of Matt Fitzpatrick in fourballs. Fitzpatrick won five straight holes on the front

nine in the only fourballs match that ended early. Rahm twice holed big shots

off the green in foursomes with Tyrrell Hatton and hit the pin with his tee shot on a par 3. In the afternoon, he made two eagles over the last three holes.

Hovland got this shot-making clinic started in the morning when he chipped in from 45 feet, off a tight lie on the fringe and over a ridge. He ended his day with that big birdie, a putt that paused ever so briefly before taking one final turn into the

"They are studs. They are three of the top four players in the world," Donald said. "You need your superstars firing. You need them playing well. Without that, it's really an uphill battle. They stepped up and did what they needed to do, and I'm so proud of them."

Europe had the stars, all the pivotal shots and a delirious home crowd pushing them along the way. It was a rude welcome and a harsh reminder to the Americans why it has been 30 years since they last won the Ryder Cup away from home.

The American stars fell flat. Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay lost their foursomes match to "Fleetwood Mac" McIlroy and Tommy Fleetwood. The American tandem had been 5-0 in foursomes at the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup.

Justin Thomas and Jordan Spieth were undefeated in fourballs in three previous Ryder Cup matches. They had to settle for a a halve when Hovland made his big putt. The lead was even bigger than the U.S. Had over Europe

at Whistling Straits two years ago, when Europe had hardly any fans because of travel restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"A great day in front of some amazing home fans," McIlroy

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the pioneer

"Reflecting on where I came from helps me to appreciate and balance what I have now



REMEMBERING JAYANTA MAHAPATRA

A POET OF DEPTH AND HUMANITY

Jayanta Mahapatra, revered Indian poet, delved into human psyche with poignant verses. His works, spanning social disparity and existential reflection, resonate beyond accolades. His legacy is one of profound introspection and empathetic insight, leaving an enduring impact

All the poetry there is in the world/appears to rise out of the ashes.

Jayanta Mahapatra in "All The Poetry

poetry and poetic experiences are strange phenomena. That was the precise reason Plato banned poets from entering his ideal Republic. Athenian society, at the zenith of rationality, offered poison to Socrates. Socrates's fault was his belief in the power of scrutiny, of judgement. He found "an unexamined life is not worth living." Genuine poets pierce through the layers "an unexamined life" is made of and then let gathered clouds in their minds get scattered by the sunlight of their musings.

Jayanta Mahapatra, such a poet, was one of the most revered doyens of English poetry in India who delved into deep, unexplored human psyche wherein he slipped into pseudorealistic visions: more real than real. We lost him.

I knew him since 2005 when the then Sahitya Akademi's Secretary Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharjee introduced me to him. Since then we cherished a relationship words can hardly describe. Many handwritten letters, a few telephonic conversations and his FOREWORD to my book of poems SHADOWS OF THE REAL are the aftermath. I went to meet him once at Jaipur Airport but briefly, when he was returning from Ajmer after attending a literary programme. He was old but far from serious illnesses. The warmth of his embrace is still a treasure with me.

During the course of more than fifteen years of association, I chanced upon reading many of his poetry books including Relationship that fetched him Sahitya Akademi Award in 1981. He sent me a number of issues of the prestigious literary journal Chandrabhaga. He wanted me to read The Hudson Review from the USA that I subscribed to and was immensely pleased to read Mahapatra's long letter to its Editor (one of the features of the magazine was to feature each issue a long letter from world's top litterateurs across the world.)

If I were to summarise Mahapatra's poetry, I find it in one of the issues of Chandrabhaga, where he pens in "First Page", "It is a small life I live. Perhaps in the way I am, doing small things, like plucking a half-ripe guava from the tree in our yard, the green cozying up to my senses, the mesmerising aroma waking me up......Perhaps one should not be one of those who suffer because the world is a wreck, it's hard to say. Does it



KK SRIVASTAVA

HIS POETRY IS ABOUT TRUTH, JUSTICE, DEPRIVATION, SELF-DELUSION, ANXIETY, **SELF-PACIFICATION AND** SOLACE. AT TIMES LUCIDLY, AT TIMES SURREPTITIOUSLY, HIS POETRY HARPS ON THE **ESSENTIAL HARMONY IN** THE DIVERSITY OF THINGS: LATENT OR APPARENT. HE OBSERVED EVERYTHING OF THE UNIVERSE AS A COMMON HERITAGE FOR ALL: POOR OR AFFLUENT. READERS **OBSERVE IN THE DEPTH** AND MAGNITUDE OF THE FEELINGS/SENTIMENTS MAKING HIS POEMS, THE RISING STORMS IN MAHAPATRA'S MIND. HE KEPT ON EXPLORING THE SOCIAL POWER OF THE PLEBEIANS THROUGH HIS **POETRY**



But look at concluding lines that amaze:

It's my job to love people again and again. To feel flowers blossoming in the sun, butterflies dipping into the pollen.

He was certainly not the poet of the great and prosperous. He evolved over a number of years through his penetrating observations and interactions. He developed a tender fellow feeling for the men, women and children on the margin.

"Hope lay perhaps in burning the home

He writes in HUNGER. Readers can interpret the way they wish.

Always there was the question in his lips, the bewilderment in his eyes, the rebellion of his soul. He spent his last days in extreme loneliness tackling the tyranny of his memories and dreams. He writes in SPRING, "Somehow it seems the light/has spent its night in another's arms/But it's here with me now/with a story of a million words." He had faith in the power of words. He transferred his own fluid moment into the frozen store of memory and surveyed his dreams through a pragmatic eye.

His poetry is about truth, justice, deprivation, self-delusion, anxiety, self-pacification and solace. His poetry is indispensable irrespective of time and space. His poetry oscillates between the virility and verisimilitude. As in Mask of Longing-

A time when even oxygen seems to hiss cruelly

In those crumpled eyes of hers the light of death goes on gathering shadows. And I feel I'm late with my life. At times lucidly, at times

surreptitiously, his poetry harps on the essential harmony in the diversity of things: latent or apparent. He observed everything of the universe as a common heritage for all: poor or affluent. Readers observe in the depth and magnitude of the feelings/sentiments making his poems,

the rising storms in Mahapatra's mind. He kept on exploring the social power of the plebeians through his poetry.

His poems endeavour to trace different facets of human life and existence: love, lust, revenge, sufferings, fears and deprivations. His voice is melancholic, sharp, intimate and scans the movement of time and human beings' silence. Many of Mahapatra's collections are kaleidoscopic collections of poems written with diverse thought processes underway. These engage readers with preoccupation of human beings with fleeting time and man's questionable existence in the universe. His poems weave a quagmire of wonton thought that invades poet's psyche very incisively. Nostalgia aches,

There was something I did not like: his returning Padma Shri in November 2015. I conveyed it to him. Though nothing was heard from him, I got Mahapatra's last letter to me on August 5, 2019. He wrote of the sad demise of his wife, son and son's family, and summarising his concluding days by quoting from my poem DEPRESSION from my book of poetry Shadows of the Real, "the same known fire burns me from inside" and then added, "a fire unknown and nameless still goes on burning through the nights." His greatness lay in making small, unknown writers like me happy and joyous through his words.

His concluding life reminded me of a line from his poem A STILL WINTER MORNING, "standing like a lost sheep/huddled away from death." Or as Brazilian poet, Izacyl Guimarães Ferreira confronts us with what he thinks of life in his poem — A WAR

WITH NO NAME, "There is too much and there is too little/there is warmth and there's a chill." Life links; it delinks

In Indian Summer, Mahapatra in his characteristic way, bemoans loneliness of a woman:

The good wife throughout the long afternoon, dreaming still, unexhausted by the deep roar of funeral pyres.

In this poem there are all disconnected pictures, with none of them being in any way inter-related to the others. "funeral fires" convey the deepest amount of mental agony of "a good wife".

Truth is either the most simple or the trickiest of the phenomenon a man has to deal with. It brings awakened enlightenment thought amidst suffocating pains for those who keep truth on the highest pedestal. Look at following lines:

The worn-out face of India/ holds the weak eyes of dumb,/ solitary poets who die alone.

For truth seekers, there are no engrossing dilemmas; no consequences. He clarifies doubts; he clears doubts as far as yearning for truths is concerned.

WH Auden pointed out three attributes in a poet to deserve him a classification of being a great poet, "Firstly a gift of a very high order for memorable language, secondly a profound understanding of the age in which he lives, and thirdly a working knowledge of and sympathetic attitude towards the most progressive thought of

Mahaptra met all these stringent conditions based on which we remember him as a great poet. His deathless poems enabled him to pave his way into the mists of eternity.

Imagist simplicity with dense connotations, oscillating rhythms of ebbs and flows are a few scintillating

characteristics of his poetry. Poets who believe, to use writer, critic and Centennial Professor of English at Vanderbilt University, Mark Jarman's words, in "poetry with an edge", poetry has lasting impact on the world, for every poet contributes his little bit to keep the edges of poetry sharp. The moot question is: how capably each and every poet contributes to that edge. Poets have to determine poetry's strength and future. They possess their own ultimate destiny, which Mahapatra summarises in his poem, Twilight —

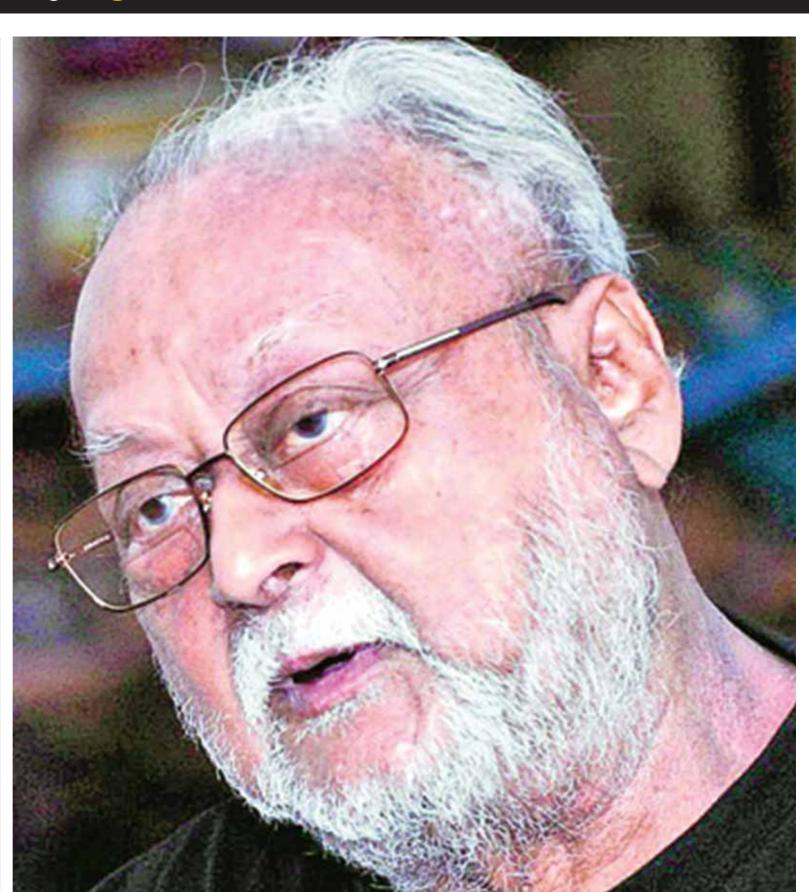
Newly-lit lamps in the houses across the street make me look out at the wet August that holds up the vast unknown in such small delicate hands.

As for Mahapatra, he belonged to the intellectual aristocracy of the world though he lived a very down-to-earth life in Cuttack, never hankering after literary awards and recognition. Reclusiveness is a serious writer's sine qua non.

General, an acclaimed poet, writer and columnist for The Pioneer, The Daily Guardian and Brazilian Literary magazine SIBILA. Currently, he is a nominated member from the category of Literate person from the public and community' of Éthics Committee on Research of mental health establishment- IHBAS (Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences), of Government of NCT of Delhi where he in working with a group of psychiatrists/neurologists on research work on mental health. Views expressed are personal.)

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LOVE YOUR HEART

Ignorance may be bliss sometimes but never when it comes to the heart. Rapid urbanisation inducing stress and a stressful lifestyle, coupled with dietary issues, are alarmingly taking toll on the heart, spiking cardiovascular diseases year after year. These ailments have increasingly affected the younger age groups, imposing economic and social burdens on the society, doctors point out in a chat with THE HEALTH PIONEER

Vivek Tandon, Additional Director, Interventional Cardiology, Fortis Hospital ter Noida, said, Greater "Cardiovascular diseases are one of the leading causes of mortality in

In the last few years, there has been a rise in heart attack cases which has also been recorded in various studies: 25% of Indians pelow 40 years of age are at a higher risk of suffering heart attacks or other serious heart-related ailment.

This risk increases to 50% for people between 40 and 50 years of

Regular Health Screening, Weight Management and moderate exercising lowers the risk of heart attack, advises the medicos. People with family history of

cardio vascular diseases, smoking and high stress levels are at greater risk, they warn. "Since heart health has been a

serious concern in India, the need for introducing light to moderate exercise regime, maintaining body weight, healthy diet intake, reduce consumption of alcohol and tobacco are critical to avert any cardiac related ailments.

"Even if we are active, take a

balanced diet, give up smoking and alcohol, and introduce methods to keep stress levels under control, sudden cardiac arrests can be averted. One of the major reasons for increasing heart attack cases in the young population is the long working hours, reduced sleep, and relationship issues, which cause stress and lead to heart disease. People with risk factors like family history of cardiovascular dis exposure to an unhealthy lifestyle must get themselves examined by doctors", added Dr Tandon.

Cardiologists at Amrita Hospital, Faridabad concured even as they blamed stress, smoking and overeating-led visceral weight gain as the flagbearers of risk factors leading to cardiovascular chal-

Dr. Vivek Chaturvedi, Head of Department (Adult Cardiology), Amrita Hospital, Faridabad said, "Stress management takes center stage in heart health so, it is crucial to avoid excessive stress and also smoking which is caused by it.

Additionally, maintaining control over eating habits is crucial; overeating should be avoided, and a healthy diet should be embraced. Abdominal obesity is a significant

concern for heart health which can be prevented through regular exercise and physical activity. Such activities hold great significance in preventing a range of diseases, including hypertension, diabetes, and obesity. Weight loss and blood pressure reduction can often be achieved through regular exercise without the need for medication."

The doctors emphasized upon ulcating healthy habits among students in the early stage itself. "School students should adapt to a healthy lifestyle early on in their lives which will help them sidestep adverse heart diseases in the long run," said Dr. Mohit Bhutani, Assistant Professor, Dept of Adult Cardiology, Amrita Hospital, Faridabad.

He added, "Students should focus on taking a balanced diet, with an adequate intake of proteins, carbohydrates, fats, and nuts while cautioning against excessive consumption of fatty foods. In the educational setting, schools play a pivotal role in promoting heart health among students. Schools to monitor students' anthropometry regularly, which includes measurements like height, weight, and body mass index, to identify and address potential obesity concerns early on. "Incorporating yoga and medcurb this alarming trend.

itation into daily routines can enhance mental and emotional health of students. It is essential for students to avoid harmful habits such as smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, and substance abuse. Teachers are urged to lead by example by proactively integrating heart-healthy practices into their lives, including regular exercise, tobacco and alcohol avoidance, and stress management through activities like yoga and meditation."

Pramit Mishra, Facility Director, Fortis Hospital, Greater Noida stressed on having complete

"In these competitive times, our sleep takes a toll, which impacts the overall health, whereas people who complete their sleepcycles and have healthier sleep patterns are better at managing health factors like weight and blood pressure along

with a healthy heart." India's share of one-fifth in the 17.9 million global heart attack deaths, as per WHO, is a stark reminder that heart disease is now affecting people in their 30s and 40s. This shift highlights the urgent need for preventive measures and

early detection in younger adults to

Dr Jyoti Kapoor, Founder-Director and Senior Psychiatrist from Manasthali felt that one way to keep heart healthy is by keeping one free from stress.

"Stress is the silent architect of heart disease, weaving a web of risk factors that can shatter the strongest of hearts. It's not just an emotional burden∙ it's a potent risk heart disease. When stress takes center stage in our daily existence, it orchestrates a symphony of physiological changes that can, over time, harm our cardiovascular health. Like a relentless storm, chronic stress can erode the resilience of our hearts, leading to increased blood pressure, inflammation, and nhealthy lifestyle choices.

'To protect the heart's sanctiwe must become vigilant guardians of our well-being, mastering the art of stress management. As we unravel the knots of tension, we fortify the heart's defenses, nurturing a future where stress is but a fleeting gust in the gentle breeze of a healthy heart."

The WHO South-East Asia Region member states need to join nosed and managed adequately in the global call to raise awareness

about heart health and accelerate actions to prevent, detect and manage cardiovascular diseases. The region is home to a quarter of the world's population, said WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh on the occasion of World Heart Day

observed on September 29. The WHO South-East Asia Region is experiencing a very high burden of noncommunicable diseases. Cardiovascular diseases are responsible for 3.9 million or 30 per cent of all deaths annually.

"Alarmingly, almost half (48 per cent) of these cardiovascular disease-related deaths occurred prematurely, affecting individuals aged 30-70 years and imposing significant socioeconomic burdens on families, communities and countries," Singh said.

The main causes to the burden of cardiovascular diseases include modifiable lifestyle factors such as tobacco use, alcohol consumption, unhealthy diets -- especially high salt intake -- and lack of physical activity. Raised blood pressure and glucose levels are the key drivers and these can be detected, diagprimary care, she added.

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and Minister of Health and Family

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with Dr Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman

Disease Control and Prevention,

almost 47 per cent of cardiac arrest

fatalities occur prior to a patient's

arrival at the hospital. The key to

saving lives during heart attacks lies

in delivering prompt assistance such as CPR during the 'golden

As per data from the Centres for

The event was inaugurated by

Traffic Police and BBMP.

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neglect one's own heart health.

SEVEN-DAY SELF-CARE FOR HEART HEALTH

Here is a seven-day self-care plan that is sure to get you on the road to improving your heart health:

• Healthy Eating for Your Heart Everyone has heard that they

need to eat healthier, but knowing what that actually means can be overwhelming and confusing. If your doctor has told you to lower your cholesterol to reduce your risk for heart disease, then ask the dieticians what type of food will

• Get Your Blood Pressure Checked

Did you know that you can feel fine and still be suffering from high blood pressure, also known as the "silent killer"? For that reason, it is recommended that you have your blood pressure checked at least once per year. If you also grapple with 'white coat syndrome" (an increase in blood pressure due to the presence of a doctor or other medical professional), it is reasonable to use at-home cuffs or grocery store cuffs to get an idea of what your numbers are. Make sure that you remain quiet and calm for several minutes before taking the reading. Knowing your blood pressure and working with your medical team can be life-saving.

•Engage in High-Quality Sleep
Sleep disorders can have an impact on heart health; therefore, it is important to know the signs of a sleep disorder. Because you are unconscious when asleep, asking a family member or person with whom you live about your sleep. whom you live about your sleep behaviors is informative.

•Weight Management and Maintenance

Managing your weight is much easier said than done; however, obesity greatly increases your risk of heart health difficulties. If you have tried dieting and exercising with no success, there is still hope. If you feel that you have exhausted all options, speak with a physician to discuss next

●Moderate Your Sugar Intake

Sugar intake is closely linked to inflammation and heart disease. If you have a sweet tooth, try to snag a fruit instead of a treat. Moderating your refined sugar intake will help keep your heart healthy, keep your weight down and get you feeling more energized throughout your day.

•Quit Smoking and Avoid Smoke

Smoking and regularly coming into contact with cigarette smoke is detrimental to your overall health and especially to your heart health. Did you know that when you quit smoking you begin to experience health benefits within just half an hour?

Be Active for 30 Minutes or

If lifting weights at a gym sounds intimidating, fear not. You can improve your heart health by focusing on increasing your physical activity by at least 30 minutes per day. Some ideas include dancing, swimming, walking and anything else that gets your body

moving. Courtesy: Washington University Physician

Unique SOS QR Code to ensure timely aid within 'Golden Hour'

This groundbreaking service of detecting the accurate location of the patient in need and providing ambulance service underscores the Manipal hospital's bid to transforming Bengaluru into a Heart Smart City, reports THE HEALTH PIONEER

n a bid to save lives and provide first aid faster during medical emergencies, Manipal Hospitals has launched an advanced SOS QR code through which one can avail ambulance service at the earliest in times of distress.

Manipal Hospitals has strategically positioned the QR codes at key traffic intersections, apartments, and a few vehicles for easy access during emergencies.

Patients or their caregivers can in an instant scan these codes using their Android and iOS mobile phones. The QR code will seamlessly provide real-time, patient location information to the nearest Manipal Ambulance Response Service and 108 Ambulance team.

These ambulances have been strategically stationed at various kev points throughout the city so that they can transport patients to the nearest hospital. Manipal Hospitals has also launched a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) education programme for Bengalureans and proposed to the state government to make CPR education mandatory in colleges and schools

Guj Govt takes lead in heart diseases treatment

The Gujarat Government has spent approximately Rs 1614 crore on the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease patients in last five years even as it included the heart transplant procedure under AB PMJAY-MA. Thus, making Gujarat the first and only

state in the country to do so

On World Heart Day on September 29, the Gujarat Government shared that more than 2 lakh 95 thousand heart disease patients have availed free treatment under AB PMJAY-MA (Ayushman Bharat-Prime Minister Jan Arogya Yojana-Chief Minister Amrutam) in the last five years.

When considering the number of claims submitted by these beneficiaries, the figure exceeds 2 lakh 99 thousand.

Under AB PMJAY-MA, a range of diag-



nostic and treatment procedures for heart diseases are available. These include diagnostic angiogram, Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), Valve Procedures, Pacemaker Implantation, AICD - Automatic Implantable

Cardiac Defibrillator, Device Closure, femoral bypass and Ventricular pacing, etc.

It is well-known that the diagnosis and treatment of heart-related diseases are quite expensive. In such a situation, the Gujarat government has implemented the Prime Minister's Ayushman Bharat Yojana in the state in such an effective manner that the state's underprivileged families no longer need to wander extensively in search of heart-related check-ups and treatment.

In a significant move to provide an additional facility to serious heart disease patients from poor and middle-class families, the State Government has also decided to include the heart transplant procedure under AB PMJAY-MA, making it the first and only state in the

country to take this step.

Speaking about the newly also transformed traffic signals into launched initiatives, Dr Ballal said heart-shaped symbols. These trafthat at the time of an accident or a medical emergency, one just needs to scan the QR code and one of the ambulances of the hospital would

reminder to everyone that every life early as possible.

"We have about 35 ambulances in our system in Bengaluru, which may not be enough. So, we have also sought the help of the '108' ambulance service so that there are enough ambulances to address the issue in case of emergency. We also want to educate as many number of people as possible about CPR so that we can save lives," he said.

Home Minister Parameshwara said he will make CPR training mandatory in police training academies in the state and also take efforts to include it in school and college curricula. "We have more than 12 police training academies in Karnataka and we will include CPR as part of our police training programme," he said.

Health Minister Gundu Rao said that in emergency situations, the quicker the patient is brought to the hospital, the better the chances of recovery increases. "We are also working to improve 108 ambulance service facilities and will push for giving CPR training to more and more people, as it can save more

lives," he added.

to make the community capable of ical patient receives timely assistance providing critical assistance during

medical emergencies. Through these initiatives, the multi-specialty healthcare chain said, it aims to ensure that every crit-

during the 'golden hour'. In medical circles, the 'golden hour' is referred to as the period of time immediately after an adverse health event such as a heart attack or stroke or trau-

the highest likelihood that prompt medical and surgical treatment would prevent death.

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As part of its health awareness programme, Manipal Hospitals has traffic junction is meant to be a

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Nagorno-Karabakh conflict: No endgame

 $T^{\text{he conflict in the Nagorno-}}_{\text{Karabakh region is now}}$ more than three decades old. This disputed territory lies in the mountainous South Caucasus region, situated between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea. Known as Artsakh to Armenians, this landlocked region falls within the sovereign borders of Azerbaijan, but it is predominantly populated by ethnic Armenians. While internationally recognised as a part of Azerbaijan, it is currently home to over 120,000 Armenians who resist being under Azerbaijani control. Both Azerbaijan and Armenia fought in the 1980s and 1990s to gain control of this hilly region, but were unsuccessful in their attempts.

As the conflict has resurfaced, it is worth examining the historical background of the issue. In 1923, Vladimir Lenin, the first leader of the USSR who ruled the Soviet Union from 1917 to 1924, established Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Oblast within the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic. At that time, it was home to a 95 per cent ethnic Armenian population. The problem arose in 1988, just two years before the dissolution of the USSR, when the regional legislature of Nagorno-Karabakh passed a resolution indicating its desire to join Armenia, despite the region being an integral part of Azerbaijan. It is widely understood that ethno-nationalism has played a vital role in mobilising people for nationhood since the beginning of modern civilisation. This strongly influenced the Armenians living in this enclave, and they gradually prepared themselves to become a part of neighbouring Armenia. With the dissolution of the USSR in 1991, both

became independent nations. Meanwhile, the Nagorno-Karabakh oblast declared independence, leading to intense fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan. By 1993, the Armenian security forces had occupied the region and also gained control over 20 per Karabakh border. Azerbaijan cent of the neighbouring Boris Yeltsin, the first leader of the Russian Federation, successfully negotiated a peace deal known as the Bishkek Protocol between the two former Soviet Republics.



A convoy of cars of ethnic Armenians from Nagorno-Karabakh moves towards Kornidzor in the Syunik region in Armenia

However, it did not resolve the territorial dispute and left the Nagorno-Karabakh region de facto independent. Peace between the two warring neighbours was maintained for some time with the influence of Moscow. However, once the USSR disintegrated, these peripheral republics became more conscious of their rights, priorities, and sovereign frontiers and they tried to re-establish their external Armenia and Azerbaijan relations with other nations around the globe.

From 1994 to 2015, there was peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan. In 2016, heavy fighting erupted once again. Then, in late September 2020, fresh clashes broke out along the Azerbaijan-Nagornoregained much of the territory from Armenia and left a smal Armenia. The war came to an end with a Russia-brokered peace deal in November 2020.

of this agreement was the tain tranquility in the region. It the last more than nine

establishment of the Lachin Corridor, which allowed Armenia to connect to the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave under strict monitoring by Russian peacekeepers. The main trouble started in December 2022 when activists from Azerbaijan blocked the Lachin Corridor, halting all supplies coming to Nagorno-Karabakh from Armenia. This further led to the opening of a checkpoint by the Azerbaijani government on the corridor, alleging the supply of arms to Armenian separatists in the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

To put an end to the hostilities between the two neighbours, the US, Russia, and the European Union hosted talks with representatives from Baku and Yerevan. Finally, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pachinvan and Aze haiian portion of Karabakh to President Ilham Aliyev made considerable progress towards peace after constant intervention by the major powers and The most significant aspect pressure from the UN to main- the ground situation is that for

is positive for the international community that Pashinyan recognised the entire Nagorno-Karabakh enclave as the sovereign territory of Azerbaijan. He also emphasised that Baku must respect the internationally recognised boundary of Armenia and ensure the protection of ethnic Armenians living in the Nagorno-Karabakh region."

What has happened in

Nagorno-Karabakh now? On September 19, in the days following the opening of the Lachin border, people from both sides of the frontier hoped that normalcy would be back to the disputed territory. This deal came as a result of an understanding between the Azerbaijan Government and the Armenian separatists of the Nagorno-Karabakh oblast. The agreement aimed to reopen two disputed transport routes, including a crucial link road known as the Lachin Corridor.

What has really worsened

months, Azerbaijan authorities are tightly restricting the movements of the Armenian Government with the Nagorno-Karabakh oblast through the Lachin Corridor.

Earlier Azerbaijan accused Armenia of smuggling arms and ammunition by using this route to the Nagorno-Karabakh. When the historic deal was sealed between two warring nations, the self-proclaimed Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh declared the election of a new President named Samvel Shahramanyan for it simultaneously. This move, which irked the Azerbaijani Government, was declared as illegal. For Baku, this election is purely illegal. Azerbaijan referred to the government as a "puppet separatist regime" at the heart of all troubles

While echoing concerns for a new flare-up, the Azerbaijani foreign ministry reiterated that "the only way to the region is the unconditional and complete withdrawal of the Armenian armed forces from the Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and the disbandment of the puppet regime".

Meanwhile, both Ukraine and Turkey voiced support for Azerbaijan's claim over Karabakh and denounced the election held in the region. The European Union has taken a very cautious stand by saying that it did not recognise the election but wanted the people of the Nagorno-Karabakh to consolidate around its de facto leadership while dealing with Armenia.

Many in Armenia fear that the people in the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave may face genocide in 2023. The way Baku is asserting control over the disputed territory is alarming. We are all aware of the Armenian genocide of 1915 when people of Armenian origin were massacred in Anatolia, in what is now modern-day Turkey. It is ironic that the US achieve peace and stability in remained silent about the Armenian genocide until 2021,

when President Biden finally publicly recognised it.

Currently, the ethnic Armenians in the Nagorno-Karabakh oblast need the support of global governance institutions like the UN, as well as intervention from major powers such as the US, the Russian Federation, and the European Union, to prevent a potential genocide in the enclave.

What is concerning are the messages coming from Baku and President Aliyev. In the past, Aliyev did not abide by the verdict of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) which instructed Baku to reopen the Lachin Corridor. He has consistently disregarded requests from the UN and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken to comply with the ICJ's ruling. His government has assured the international community that reintegration will bring development and prosperity to Nagorno-Karabakh.

However, it is alarming that since 2010, Aliyev has reportedly stated that Armenia itself is "Western Azerbaijan", and last December, he declared that "present-day Armenia is our land". Furthermore, for years, Azerbaijan has maintained that Armenia is an illegitimate state. These are serious warning signals for the entire world, for Armenia, and for the conflict-ridden Nagorno-Karabakh oblast.

At present, Azerbaijani forces have fully occupied the Nagorno-Karabakh region whose separatist leaders have laid down their arms. However, thousands of ethnic Armenians are fleeing to Armenia, fearing for their lives and the sudden change in the status quo.

It is time for the international community to ensure the future safety of ethnic Armenians in Azerbaijan. President Aliyev must work towards restoring peace and tranquility to the Nagorno-Karabakh region. He should refrain from seeking further escalation of the crisis. Otherwise, pressure on Pashinyan might lead Armenian forces to reclaim the oblast, potentially sparking a bloody war in the region.

The time has come for both Baku and Yerevan to bid farewell to arms.

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The Nagorno-Karabakh conflict spans over three decades, rooted in territorial disputes between Azerbaijan and Armenia. Despite internationally recognised as part of Azerbaijan, the region is predominantly Armenianpopulated. Recent tensions, exacerbated by border restrictions, pose a risk of genocide. International intervention is crucial to ensure ethnic Armenians' safety and regional peace.



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PERSPECTIVE -

Planet burns as superpowers desert multilateralism

The planet is on fire, but almost all the firefighters almost all the firefighters union, Great Britain and of communication that conhave deserted. At the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, which began on September 19 in New York, the leaders of four of the five permanent members of the Security Council — the UN's most powerful executive body

were absent. The absence of the top representatives of France, the United Kingdom, Russia and China, replaced by ministers or diplomats, demonstrated the emptying of the main global multilateral forum and highlighted the speeches of the two presidents who opened the General Assembly: Brazil's Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and the US' Joe Biden.

Both leaders, with decades of experience, referred bluntly to fires that are ravaging the planet — starting with the climate emergency and the war in Ukraine. And both, albeit in very different tones, pointed the finger at the central issue hanging over the meeting, which the absentees made clear: the crisis of the UN and the multilateral system that has been built around it in recent decades.

The UN was created in 1945, on the initiative of the United States and with the support of the allied countries that had defeated Nazism and

France) with the aim of "preserving future generations from the scourge of war".

A year earlier, in 1944, the Bretton Woods Agreements had laid the foundations for the post-war global financial system, and created the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Over the years, dozens of agencies, funds and specialised programmes have been added, gradually building up what is known as the UN System.

Practically every country in the world is a member of the UN and the organisation deals with countless issues, ranging from protecting life in the oceans to coordinating satellite orbits, humanitarian aid operations, vaccination campaigns, agreements to limit climate change and, more recently, attempts to create regulations against disinformation on social networks and to combat tax avoidance by large international corporations.

An imperfect system, but

one that worked The system, as Biden pointed out in his speech, "is not always perfect and has not always been perfect", but with its ups and downs, it worked reasonably well for seven decades. During the Cold War,

tributed to avoiding nuclear conflict. After it, the UN's remit expanded further: for example, with the multiplication of peacekeeping opera-

Despite the genocide in Rwanda, the civil war in the former Yugoslavia and the invasion of Iraq in 2003, in those two decades the number of armed conflicts (between countries and within countries) steadily declined, as did the number of victims. The curve reversed in 2012, when the civil war in Syria worsened, and since then it has continued to rise year on year. According to the Conflict Data Programme at Uppsala University, 184 different conflicts were recorded in 2022, including the war in Ukraine, with more than 238,000 victims in total, compared to an average of 120 conflicts and 30,000 victims per year between 2001 and 2012.

The UN's inability to respond appropriately to the war in Ukraine is more an indicator than a trigger of the crisis of multilateralism. Russia has brought the war of aggression, of territorial annexation, back as a tool of foreign policy. But the same Western powers with permanent seats on the Security Council that are rightly criticising the Russian invasion today have resorted to the unilateral use of military force in recent decades, contrary to the UN Charter and interna-

What we usually call multilateralism is the way in which the international system adopts a grammar of principles and norms that, in theory, should be followed by all states. It is a process of institutionalising forms of coordination and cooperation in public policy that generates a certain stability and predictability in relations between states and soci-In the way the UN works,

there is an element of equality in the treatment of states (all 193 member countries have the right to vote and voice in the General Assembly), but there are also obvious asymmetries of power, such as the special status of the five permanent members of the Security Council. The so-called P5 have kept their veto power unchanged since 1945 and often ignore the rules they are supposed to enforce — a historical incongruity that Lula rightly attacked again in his speech in New

Global governance

Even so, this grammar organises a large part of globgovernance mechanisms, which increase international dialogue and cooperation, and decrease the propensity to use force as the main instrument

for settling disputes. The UN system is based on the idea that power relations between states should not be the only element that determines the shape of international relations. In fact, as recently as 2015, the multilateral system reached a consensus to adopt two global agreements of great importance and impact: the Paris Agreement for the reduction of greenhouse gases, responsible for the climate emergency, and the Agenda 2030 for sustainable

development. From then on, the multilateral system was able to do little more than try to manage a growing number of humanitarian emergencies. In June 2023, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA) estimated that there were 362 million people around the world in need of international aid to meet their basic survival needs.

Crisis of legitimacy and authority

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Health Organisation, under heavy fire from the administration of then US President Donald Trump, was virtually ignored

by the richest countries in its attempt to ensure equitable distribution of vaccines. The conflicts in Syria, Yemen and Israel/Palestine drag on, with no solution in sight. Efforts to strengthen the UN's capacity for preventive diplomacy, promised by Secretary-General António Guterres, have backfired, and the organisation has been unable to do anything to prevent the invasion of Ukraine or to facilitate a ceasefire. The system has apparently ground

It continues to shape a large part of international interaction, but today there are two key areas of resistance to it: the emergence of countries in the Global South willing to reinterpret the hegemony of the liberal order, and the growth of a transnationally articulated radical right.

In the international debate, there is much more attention paid to the first question than the second. However, as the experience of the Trump and Bolsonaro governments has shown, the radical right's sovereigntist vision is at odds with the essence of multilateralism, which requires agreed transfers of national sovereignty in favour of common goals, such as the fight against climate change. It is no coincidence that the Spanish radical right

party Vox has been running a

campaign against the 2030 Agenda for years, which has been expanding throughout Latin America. Even so, the entire UN bureaucracy, from Secretary-General Guterres onwards, is reluctant to engage in open conflict with the rad-

A strategic problem For Brazil, and Latin

America in general, the crisis of the multilateral system is a strategic problem. The region has an old multilateralist tradition, in which conflicts between states have been resolved by diplomatic means and not by arms. A dozen countries from the region took part in the creation of the League of Nations in 1920, and 20 were among the 51 founding nations of the UN. To this day, the multilateral space represents the only international arena in which the region has any influence, since from an economic and military point of view Latin America's weight is extremely limited: the region is home to 8 per cent of the world's population, but in 2022 it accounted for only 5.26 per cent of global GDP.

At the same time, the collective influence of the socalled Global South is increasing. In the weeks leading up to the UN General Assembly, the leaders of developing nations

met at the BRICS summits in South Africa, the G20 in India and the G77+China in Cuba.

For Brazil and the other countries of the Global South, the challenge is to maintain political independence and action, seeking to defend the interests of their populations, without taking sides in the dispute over the new global hegemony between China and the US. It is the concept of active non-alignment.

Concluding his speech in New York, Lula recalled that "the UN needs to fulfil its role as a builder of a more just, supportive and fraternal world. But it will only do so if its members have the courage to proclaim their indignation at inequality and work tirelessly to overcome

Brazil and the Global South must endeavour to reform the multilateral system, such as the unsustainable composition of the Security Council, while respecting all its norms, especially with regard to the UN Charter and all human rights protection mechanisms, including the International Criminal Court. Only in this way will it be possible to reaffirm the legitimacy of multilateralism, reduce global power asymmetries and try to put out the fires that threaten our planet.

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WHEN A CULTURE HAS FALLEN TOTALLY AWAY FROM SPIRITUAL PURSUITS INTO MATERIALISM, ONE MUST BEGIN BY DEMONSTRATING THEY ARE EACH A SOUL, NOT A MATERIAL ANIMAL — L RON HUBBARD

























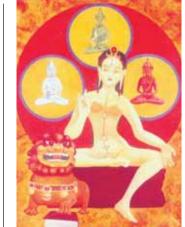




ARIES March 21-April 19

The cosmos emphasizes the need to judiciously manage your monetary resources. While abundance is foreseen, your expenditures might surpass your earnings if not monitored. Seeking equilibrium between fiscal management and other fast-evolving aspects of life is essential. Your domestic sphere, real estate matters, educational pursuits, and career advancements are beckoning for your consideration. As the week draws to a close, you'll experience a lightening of burdens, making way for a harmonious flow of energy. A spirited and exuberant aura will envelop you, enhancing your zest for life's journey. However, a cautionary cosmic whisper advises staying vigilant to avoid any unforeseen snags. The tarot's wisdom reiterates the need to cultivate balance, assuring a smoother sail through life's various arenas.

Lucky number 24 | Lucky colour Lavender Lucky day Friday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

The stars bestow upon you a commanding presence, allowing you to steer situations with confidence this week. While emotions and passions run deep, they remain within your grasp. Engaging in creative endeavors, whipping up delightful dishes, and catering to family needs will occupy your time. Additionally, you'll indulge in some self-care and leisure activities. By midweek, a shift in your convictions and operational methods emerges. An epiphany about harnessing your talents might strike you. A journey beckons and unforeseen events might catch you off guard. However, with meticulous planning, you'll navigate these scenarios adeptly. A surge of optimism and trust in the cosmic order fills you. You'll perceive the guiding hand of destiny, and perhaps, witness serendipitous occurrences or a string of fortunate events.

Lucky number 26 | Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Tuesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

There are numerous shortcomings that require prompt rectification. Master the art of delegating tasks and prescheduling your routine to ensure efficient time and energy management. If a promotion is on the horizon, you might see it materialize this week, alongside indications of financial gains. Work or business-related travel will be fruitful, paving the way for new associations poised to benefit you in the long-term. Your self-confidence and valor are your ladders to success, propelling you upwards. By the week's end, substantial monetary and financial gains await, leading to enjoyable material comforts. This period is auspicious for property acquisition, though caution and thorough deliberation are crucial in the decisions you make Don't let career anxieties bog you down; you're on the brink of a significant breakthrough, just one step away.

Lucky number 23 | Lucky colour Amber Lucky day Wednesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

You might come across harsh or unkind remarks from a colleague or even a loved one, which could be unsettling. Despite this, the week kicks off on a cheerful note with new opportunities presenting themselves. It's advisable to remain grounded and not get carried away by unrealistic expectations. There's a possibility that a budding relationship might hit a rocky patch. It's crucial to manage your emotions and temper, as it may otherwise lead to a stressful and tiresome situation. Although this is a transient phase, gaining control over the situation will soon be achievable. A supportive interaction with a senior female figure, be it your mother or a distant relative, could prove beneficial during this

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Saturday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, you find yourself on an emotional whirlwind, reminiscing about old friends or yearning to be with family if you're away. A trip to your hometown may be on the cards, offering a chance to exchange gifts and share joyful moments with friends. However, when it comes to love or romance, you might find yourself lagging. Your emotions may tilt towards possessiveness with your partner, thus maintaining a balanced emotional state and a calm demeanor is advisable. Meditation can serve as an excellent solace. Donning white attire is recommended. Rather than dwelling in gloom or disappointment, channeling your energy into artistic or spiritual pursuits could be more rewarding. Remember, after every phase of darkness, there's light, signaling that change is on the horizon, so keeping an optimistic outlook is beneficial.

Lucky number 14 | Lucky colour Marigold Lucký day Monday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Guidance on your life's path ahead may come from a guru or a senior family member, as high aspirations and desires are causing confusion. Steer clear of illusions and false narratives; a practical approach will serve as your shield against these adverse circumstances. Fantasizing without grounding may lead to further complications, and while relationship issues might arise, providing space and time to your partner before making decisions can pave the way for better outcomes. Uphold honesty and exercise wisdom and intellect to accurately assess the reality in front of you. A negative ambiance surrounding you requires clearing to let the joys of life color your days. Have faith in your capabilities and proceed forward

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Mauve Lucky day Sunday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Many positive occurrences are on the horizon. Experiences of love, romance, heightened emotions, recognition, applause, and triumph over adversarial situations will elevate your self-esteem. The week commences with nurturing support and a strengthened bond with your spouse. The altruistic love and mutual understanding within existing relationships will invigorate your spirit, enabling you to give your utmost. With a positive outlook, you'll overcome the negative forces that previously stifled your ease. Your capability and intelligence will earn the admiration of even those opposed to you, marking a significant victory. Your persona inspires those around you. You'll experience healing both physically and mentally, ultimately leading to a sense of justice being served.

Lucky number 29 | Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Monday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, your energy, creativity, and determination toward achieving professional aspirations take center stage. If you've been anticipating news or messages from overseas, this period seems promising, with good news likely to buoy your spirits Come mid-week, financial matters will engage your attention, encompassing transactions, payments, and investments. While money flows favorably, remember, channeling some towards charity or assisting the less fortunate will usher in blessings. As you transition into this next chapter laden with myriad possibilities, a significant shift in your behavior or thought processes is essential. Embracing this change will pave the way for positive outcomes and the taste of success. Though obstacles may arise, your seasoned experience and intellectual prowess will equip you to confront and overcome these hurdles proficiently

Lucky number 21 | Lucky colour OlivViolet Lucky day Thursday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

The week appears promising both professionally and romantarily. An unexpected pay raise or a superior position might be on the horizon. Be prepared for work-related travel, which is poised to yield significant benefits in the future. There may be a change in your workspace or residence if you're currently renting. Midweek brings a wave of romantic and sentimental feelings, fueling your passions. A particular relationship or situation may leave you torn; though your heart and mind seem at odds, following your heart is advisable. As the week concludes, a sense of stability and emotional control will prevail. Your perspectives will broaden inviting a host of opportunities related to your career, the birth of a child, or fertility

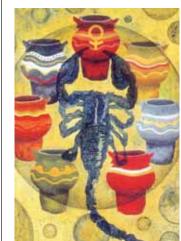
Lucky number 28 | Lucky colour Orange Lucky day Tuesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

Your sentimental tendencies are taking hold, leading to potential remorse over past actions and displaying resentment or aggression towards those close to you It's vital to steer clear of disappointment and depression, and engaging in mental exercises could provide significant relief. Practices like meditation, voga. Pranavama, or even delving into enriching literature may prove beneficial. The past is behind you, and reflecting on the present to brighten your future is the week's motif. By closing an old chapter and adopting a fresh perspective, you showcase your strength and intelligence. Dodging an issue won't resolve it. It's optimism and faith that will propel you towards your desires. It's advisable to steer clear of any risky endeavors.

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Peach **Lucky day** Saturday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week unfolds a tapestry of delightful and amusing narratives for you. You'll find yourself immersed in a challenging task or mission, dedicating your heart and soul to it, and experiencing a unique journey altogether. Collaborating with a group towards a common goal will enrich your character, exposing you to new insights, talents, and revealing your own potential. Around midweek, an overseas connection might emerge, possibly through a friend or plans for a foreign visit may be laid down. Your goal-driven attitude ensures that distractions like love, romance, or leisure won't sway you off course. Your ambition to attain financial success and carve a notable reputation is strong. The recognition for your diligent efforts is on the horizon, potentially manifesting as a promotion or salary increment

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Teal Lucky day Saturday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week will be marked by a reflective analysis and evaluation of your recent work, helping you learn from past mistakes. Negative thoughts could surface during this period. However, come mid-week, a sense of contentment and joy may emerge as unexpected opportunities in business, new assignments, or job offers come your way. This period is ripe for financial gains, investments, and launching new business ventures. Various offers will cross your path, requiring careful consideration to select the most suitable one. It's also essential to keep a tight rein on your budget to avoid overspending. As the week winds down, travel seems likely-be it for leisure, a romantic outing with your partner, or a pleasant picnic, plans for a rejuvenating excursion might be in the offing.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Beige Lucky day Friday

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n Indian tradition, Mantra plays an important role in Dhyana process. It will therefore be desirable to explore its relevance and the way it works. Mantra is usually a set of syllables placed in a logical sequence to create a particular sound effect. It could be just a seed letter, syllable, word, or a set of words. That, as a sequel to stress created and uttered by mouth, is heard by ears, and apprehended by mind. Mantra is so called because it involves a mental process. The word comprises of 'mana' out of 'manana' and 'tra' from 'trana'. In Hindi lingua-franca 'mana' means mind; 'manana' implies reflection in mind; and 'trana' stands for liberation. So, chanting of mantra helps attain liberation from mental limitations. and therefore, serves a great purpose. For, it happens to be a radiant energy, rather a sound-body of consciousness, set in correspondence with the consciousness of the related imagery. Following repeated

chanting with focus on the related imagery, consciousness of the seeker comes in harmony with that of the mantra and the imagery. Eventually, with time, the seeker's consciousness becomes one with the eternal element of con-

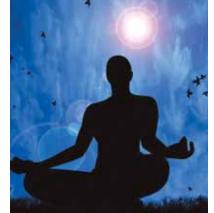
While pursuing the process, one is continuously confronted with distracting thoughts that drifts our attention away from the focal point, again and again. So, you won't have an easy go. Don't confront those distracting thoughts. If you ever do that, they will stay put in mind, and keep visiting again and again. The only way out is training one's mind not to pay attention to them. It needs to be appreciated here that unless you pay attention to something, it won't bother you.

Continue chanting and try to bring back attention to the imagery sought after again and again. Gradually, the distracting thoughts go out of reckoning. You

may then be able to remain focused for a longer stretch of time. Let me add here that when the sound notes of the mantra resonate to the imagery in focus, with time, one gets so involved that distracting thoughts go out of sight. Once fully established in the process, mind becomes one pointed. In the process, one also inculcates a value system, coming as it may with the educative import of the

imagery in focus.

As one gets established in the dharana process, the seeker is in harmony with the imagery and its related educative import, as well as the resonating mantra. State of dhyana is thus arrived at. Pursuing the process further, one reaches a stage when mantra, though playing in the background, but apparently goes unnoticed. One remains steadfast with the concept synonymous with the imagery in focus. This state is termed as being in savikalpa samadhi (immersed in



Dhyana process proper

the iconic figure targeted). With time even the iconic figure drops. Following which the mantra, the imagery, and the mind become one seamless awareness, which means attaining the state of

nirvikalpa (formless) samadhi.

In samadhi, all thoughts, whether pertaining to the past or future get dropped. The sense of past and future having been lost, nothing is there to process in immediate terms. Mind, therefore, is at peace. You then live in just your present moment, which is termed as mindfulness.

The question now is: If all about life, including the mind, involves play and interplay of nature driven energies, always pulsating, how comes mind would become inactive and be at peace? Well, it can never become immobile the way a running vehicle is halted. But pursuing dhyana, a state is arrived at when mind is in perfect harmony with the element of consciousness. The unitary mind then submerges with the cosmic mind. Mind then becomes an integral part of nature's flow, and so is at peace with self and the rest. Just the way someone doesn't have a

feel of earth spinning at such a great speed while standing on its plane. For, the person and the earth become synonymous. This is what may mean attaining a state of Yoga. In this state, mind enters an infinite domain having no distinctive existences. It is something like a river stream merging with the ocean. In that state the river water loses its identity and becomes one with the ocean. Having thus struck upon the core of existence, mind realises its wholesome nature, when it has nothing more to explore. The unitary mind having thus been dropped the sense of individualistic existence too goes away. That leaves no scope for any comparison or differentiation and hence at peace by the self and with the rest.

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US govt on brink of shutdown; Speaker pivots 45-day plan

AP WASHINGTON

On the brink of a federal government shutdown, Speaker Kevin McCarthy announced a dramatic pivot Saturday, trying to push a 45-day funding bill through the House with Democratic help a move that could keep government open but most certainly risks his job.

Řepublican lawmakers met behind closed doors early at the Capitol with hours to go before the midnight deadline needed to fund government operations or face a disruptive federal clo-

The new approach would leave behind aid to Ukraine, a White House priority opposed by a growing number of GOP lawmakers, but the plan would increase federal disaster assistance by \$16 billion, meeting President Joe Biden's full

The House was preparing for a quick vote Saturday on the plan, but Democrats hit the brakes, seeking time so they could read the 71-page bill. Across the Capitol, the Senate was opening a rare weekend session and hoping to advance its own stopgap plan, but with money for Ukraine.

"We're going to do our job," McCarthy said after the morn-

ing meeting. "We're going to be adults in the room. And we're $\,$ mcCarthy was setting up a process for voting that will going to keep government

With no deal in place before Sunday, federal workers will face furloughs, more than 2 million active-duty and reserve military troops will work without pay and programs and services that Americans rely on from coast to coast will begin to face shutdown disruptions.

The sudden House action would fund government at current 2023 levels for 45 days, through November 17. It would move closer to the bipartisan approach underway in the Senate, which also would fund the government through that period, while adding USD 6 billion for Ukraine to fight the war against Russia and USD 6 billion for US disaster relief.

Both both the House and Senate came to a standstill as lawmakers assessed the options.

"The American people deserve better," said House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York, warning in a lengthy floor speech that "extreme" Republicans were risking shutdown.

McCarthy, R-Calif., will be forced to rely on Democrats for assage because the speaker's hard-right flank has said it will oppose any short-term measure.

require a two-thirds supermajority, about 290 votes in the 435-member House for passage. Republicans hold a 221-212

majority, with two vacancies. Relying on Democratic votes and leaving his rightflank behind is something that the hard-right lawmakers have warned will risk McCarthy's job as speaker. They are almost certain to quickly file a motion to try to remove McCarthy from that office, though it is not at all certain there would be enough votes to topple the speaker.

"If somebody wants to remove me because I want to be the adult in the room, go ahead and try," McCarthy said of the threat to oust him. "But I think this country is too important."

The quick pivot comes after the collapse Friday of McCarthy's earlier plan to pass a Republican-only bill with steep spending cuts up to 30 per cent to most government agencies that the White House and Democrats rejected as too

"Our options are slipping away every minute," said one senior Republican, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida.

Meanwhile, the Senate was marching ahead on its package with support from both

Democrats and Republicans, but action was delayed as senators kept an eye on House travel documents.

developments. "Congress has only one option to avoid a shutdown—bipartisanship," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky echoed the sentiment, warning his own hard-right colleagues there is nothing to gain by shutting down the federal government.

"It heaps unnecessary hardships on the American people, as well as the brave men and women who keep us safe," McConnell said.

The federal government is heading straight into a shutdown that poses grave uncertainty for federal workers in states all across America and the people who depend on them from troops to border control agents to office workers, scientists and others. Families that rely on Head

Start for children, food benefits and countless other programs large and small are confronting potential interruptions or outright closures. At the airports, Transportation Security Administration officers and air traffic controllers are expected to work without pay, but travellers could face delays in updating their US passports or other

An earlier McCarthy plan to keep the government open collapsed Friday due to opposition from a faction of 21 hard-right holdouts despite steep spending cuts of nearly 30 per cent to many agencies and severe border security provisions. The White House has brushed aside McCarthy's overtures to meet with Biden after the speaker walked away from the debt deal they brokered earlier this year that set budget lev-

Catering to his hard-right flank, McCarthy had returned to the spending limits the conservatives demanded back in January as part of the deal-making to help him become the House speaker.

After Friday's vote, McCarthy's chief Republican critic, Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida, said the speaker's bill 'went down in flames as I've told you all week it would."

Some of the Republican holdouts, including Gaetz, are allies of former President Donald Trump, who is Biden's chief rival in the 2024 race. Trump has been encouraging the Republicans to fight hard for their priorities and even to

Opp candidate headed to victory in Maldives presidential runoff

Opposition candidate Mohamed Muiz appeared to be headed for a win in the Maldives presidential runoff on Saturday, securing more than 53 per cent of the vote after almost all the ballots were counted, local media reported.

The election has turned into a virtual referendum on which regional power — India or China — will have the biggest influence in the Indian

Ocean archipelago nation.

Mihaaru News reported that incumbent President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih had received 46 per cent of the vote and Muiz was leading by 17,000 votes, with only 11,000 votes still to be counted. Official results are expected later on Saturday.

It would be a surprise win for Muiz, who entered the fray as an underdog and was named only as a fallback candidate closer to the nomination deadline after the Supreme Court prevented his party's leader and former President Abdulla Yameen from contesting because he his serving a prison sentence for money laundering

Neither Muiz nor Solih got more than 50 per cent in the first round of voting earlier in September. Solih, who was first elected president in 2018, was battling allegations by Muiz that he had allowed India an unchecked presence in the country. Muiz's party, the People's National Congress, is

viewed as heavily pro-China. Solih has insisted that the Indian military's presence in the Maldives was only to build a dockyard under an agreement between the two governments and that his country's sovereignty will not be violated.

Muiz promised that if he

won the presidency, he would remove Indian troops from the Maldives and balance the country's trade relations, which he said were heavily in India's

An engineer, Muiz had served as the housing minister for seven years. He was mayor of Male, the capital, when he was chosen to run for president.

Solih suffered a setback closer to the election when Mohamed Nasheed, a charismatic former president, broke away from his Maldivian Democratic Party and fielded his own candidate in the first round. He decided to remain neutral in the second round.

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question, how would they react if they were in

"If it was your diplomats, your embassies, your people, what would be your reaction?" he

Jaishankar said the entire debate should not focus only on issue one and not on issue two for some time and which is a very serious pic-

"After all, I was thinking back, when was the last time that any of our missions was intimidated to a point where it could not continue with its normal function? I will have to think back. And if someone says this could happen in a G-7 country, in a commonwealth country, it gives you a lot to think about," Jaishankar said.

On September 21, India suspended visa services for Canadian citizens in view of "security threats" faced by the Indian High Commission and consulates in Canada.

INDIA TRAMPLES PAKISTAN

stay on top of the pool. India will play Bangladesh on October 2 in their last Pool A

India took the lead when Abhishek made a fine turn on the left side into the opponent's striking circle and his pass was deflected into

earned their first penalty corner in the 11th minute but India goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak was upto the task.

sixth of the tournament in the 17th minute by converting India's first penalty corner of the match with an accurate drag-flick.

Abhay Singh won the battle of attrition against Noor Zaman for the biggest prize of his career as top seeds India regained the Asian Games squash gold with an epic 2-1 win over Pakistan here on Saturday.

Before the tournament began, the Indian men's team was expected to step on the top of podium after eight years with its main challenge coming from Malaysia and Pakistan, the sport's powerhouse in the yesteryears.

In squash, Saurav Ghosal-led side managed to see off both the opponents on their way to glory. The win in the final against Pakistan came after the loss to the arch-rivals in the league

Zaman, ranked 113, had got the better of world number 69 Abhay in that contest earlier this week and for the major part of the match on Saturday, it looked going in Pakistan's

stood one step away from winning their firstthe men's team championships final with a 3-2 win over South Korea here on Saturday.

of the team event at the continental showpiece.

Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty lost the first dou-

with personal best times at the Asian Games here

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SITUATION: JAISHANKAR

Jaishankar said he always asks people one his place?

asked

and the bigger picture, which has been going on

goal in the eighth minute by Mandeep. Pakistan made some threatening moves and

India doubled their lead in the 11 minute when they were awarded a penalty stroke and

Harmanpreet made no mistake. Harmanpreet scored his second goal and

In badminton, Kidambi Srikanth rallied his way to a thrilling win in a tense decider as India ever gold medal at the Asian Games, reaching

This is India's maiden entry into the final

World No. 7 HS Prannoy showed nerves of steel to bounce back from an opening game reversal to outwit Jeon Hyeok Jin 18-21 21-16 21-19 and put India 1-0 ahead but Satwiksairaj bles 13-21 24-26 to world champions Seo Seung-Jae and Kang Min-hyuk as Korea made

Indian long-distance runners Kartik Kumar and Gulveer Singh bagged a silver and bronze medal respectively in the men's 10000m race INDIAN RAILWAY CATERING AND TOURISM CORPORATION LTD.

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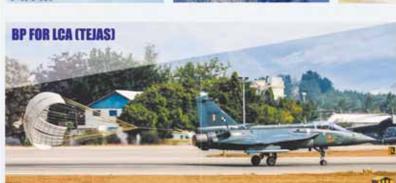


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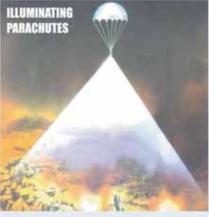












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"Gliders India Limited (GIL) is dedicated to national security."

GIL, a subsidiary of the Indian government, has consistently reached new heights in its journey over the past two years since its establishment and continues to progress steadily in this direction. Truly, the organization's journey with its innovative

Under the visionary leadership of Chairman and Managing Director Mr. Vijay Kumar Tiwari, GIL, as a prestigious parachute manufacturer, has established a global presence, consistently upholding the highest standards of quality, authenticity, and



- relevance in the global market while upholding excellence in our products. > As a specialized parachute manufacturer, what are GIL's plans in the export sector?-Recently, our honorable Defense Minister presented man carrying parachutes 'PTA-M and PTA-R' manufactured by GIL to Kenya. These parachutes will be used by the Kenyan military. GIL has received orders from various other countries, and these are being executed in a phased and timely manner. We are proud to have successfully manufactured products like the 'Break Parachute' for the Su-30 aircraft in India, thereby eliminating India's dependence on foreign sources. Additionally, GIL achieved a record production of 200 crores last year, setting a benchmark in the parachute manufacturing sector. In the past two years, GIL has successfully transformed into a profit earning company. Our production targets for this year have seen unprecedented growth. We have orders for exports exceeding 20 crores, which is significantly higher than the
- > Regarding research and development (R&D) in parachute manufacturing, how is GIL contributing to "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" policies?-We have a dedicated team of officers working in the field of research and development (R&D), focusing entirely on indigenous production of our products. In this regard, we can confidently say that, under the 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaigns of the Indian government, we are manufacturing all our products
- domestically. India has become self-reliant in products like the 'Break Parachute Hawk' and 'Parachute Su-30 (Sukhoi-30)' through GIL's efforts. In the area of research and development (R&D), has GIL collaborated with foreign companies for specific achievements?-GIL is a globally recognized parachute manufacturer and is emerging as a credible global brand. We are among the leading manufacturers in Asia for parachutes. With state-of-the-art infrastructure and skilled experts in parachute manufacturing, we have become a globally trusted brand. GIL has formulated plans for collaboration with foreign companies in the field of research and development, manufacturing, and maintenance set-up establishment. GIL has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with leading institutions, including IIT (Indian Institutes of Technology) Kanpur, to work collectively on emerging opportunities in the field of parachute design and development to promote R&D activities. In this direction, our meaningful and effective steps are continuously underway.
- > Tell us about GiL's approach to innovation in the defense sector.- We are dedicated to innovation with enthusiasm and boundless energy in line with the broad policies of the Indian government. We showcase new and expertly developed products at various international expos. GIL is providing opportunities for startups and MSMEs in the field of defense production through GIL iDex (Innovation for Defense Excellence).
- ▶ What can you say about GIL's future plans?-GIL is steadfastly committed to fulfilling the visionary policies of the Indian government. We ensure strict adherence to the directions we receive from time to time and continue to progress while upholding excellence in our products and strategies in the global market. With our skilled and excellent engineers, managers, and employees, we are wholeheartedly dedicated to implementing our plans without any obstacles.

Message from the Honorable Chairman and Managing Director

Gliders India Limited (GIL), a PSU under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India has emerged as a market leader in the field of parachute manufacturing. On the occasion of our Foundation Day, October 1st, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all officers and employees associated with the GIL family. We also urge them to continue providing their services with unwavering dedication, keeping in mind the organization's illustrious tradition,

Under the Government of India's 'Self-Reliant India' and 'Make in India' policies, we are not only fulfilling the country's defense needs but also establishing our presence on the global stage. Our organization is continuously reaching new heights on the global horizon. The results of Gil.'s global branding efforts are becoming increasingly evident. Now, we must set new benchmarks by achieving even higher and consistent production targets while creating a healthy and creative work environment. Only then

can we strengthen our position in the ever-changing global landscape. We are confident that our organization will remain dynamic on the path of progress. Best

Mr. Vijay Kumar Tiwari, Chairman and Managing Director of GIL