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THEATRE OF WAR EXPANDS IN WEST ASIA

Humanitarian aid stalled as Israeli siege strains hospitals, water supply

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 $P^{\text{alestinians in besieged Gaza}}_{\text{crowded into hospitals and}}$ schools on Monday, seeking shelter and running low on food and water.

More than a million people have fled their homes ahead of an expected Israeli ground invasion aimed at destroying Hamas after its fighters rampaged through southern Israel. As the enclave's food, water and medicine supplies dwindled, all eves were on the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt, where trucks carrying badly needed aid have been waiting for days as mediators press for a cease-fire that would allow them to enter Gaza and allow foreigners to leave. Rafah, Gaza's only connection to Egypt, was shut down nearly a week ago because of Israeli airstrikes.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry said Israel "has not taken a position to open the crossing from the Gaza side". The Israeli government did not respond to a request for

comment. With a ground invasion of Gaza expected, Israel was preparing for the potential of a new front opening on its north-ern border with Lebanon, where it has exchanged fire repeatedly with the Iranian-backed Hezbollah group. The military ordered residents from 28 Israeli communities to evac-

on Monday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Iran and Hezbollah, "Don't test us in the north. Don't make the mistake of the past. Today, the price you will pay will be far heavier," referring to Israel's 2006 war with

killings hav, Israeli trauma over the Holocaust has resurfaced. Women, children and older adults hiding in safe rooms gunned down mercilessly. Homes set ablaze with terrified residents still inside them. into a room and slaughtered. Jews, helpless.

around the world, the horrors committed by Hamas militants during their stunning onslaught on southern Israeli communities is triggering painful memories of a calamity of a far greater scale: the Holocaust.

Speaking to the Israeli Knesset

Hezbollah. Meanwhile in Hamas' horrific

Children, some bound, forced For many Israelis and Jews

"I have been strict about not using the word Shoah' in any context other than the Holocaust," political commentator Ben Caspit wrote in the daily Maariv, referring to the Holocaust by its Hebrew name. "When Jewish children hide in a protected room and their



Israeli armored personnel carriers head toward the border with the Gaza Strip in southern Israel

they won't cry, so that the marauders won't come in and set the house on fire, it's a

At present, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians sheltering in UN facilities are on less than 1 litre (1 quart) of water per day. Hospitals warn they are on anguished parents pray that the verge of collapse, with emergency generators that power machines like ventilators and incubators down to about one day of fuel and supplies of medicine almost exhausted. Israeli airstrikes have pulverized entire neighbourhoods as Palestinian militants continue to fire rockets into Israel.

Israel is widely expected to

launch a ground offensive in order to kill Hamas leaders, recover captives and destroy the group's military infrastructure, much of which is in residential areas.

Street-by-street fighting would likely cause mounting casualties on both sides. Israel has ordered more than 1 million Palestinians — almost half the territory's population — to leave Gaza City and the surrounding area for the

enclave's south. The military says it is trying to clear away civilians ahead of a major campaign against Hamas in the north, where it says the militants have extensive networks of tunnels and rocket launchers. Hamas has urged people to stay

in their homes, and the Israeli military on Sunday released photos it said showed a Hamas roadblock preventing traffic from moving south. For a third day, Israel's military announced a safe corridor for

people to move from north to south between the hours of 8 am and noon. It said more than 600,000 people have already evacuated the Gaza City area. Hospitals in Gaza are expected to run out of generator fuel in the next 24 hours, endangering the lives of thousands of patients, according to the UN. Gaza's sole power plant shut down for lack of fuel after Israel completely sealed off the 40-km (25-mile) long territory following the Hamas attack.

World Organisation said hospitals are "overflowing" as people seek safety. "We are concerned about disease outbreaks due to mass displacement and poor water and sanitation," it said.

Four hospitals in northern Gaza are no longer functioning and 21 have received Israeli orders to evacuate. Doctors have refused, saying it would mean death for critically ill patients and newborns on ventilators.

The WHO said water shortages caused by Israel's decision to cut off water supplies, com-

bined with a lack of fuel for pumps and desalination sta-tions, put thousands of hospital patients at risk.
"Water is needed to ensure san-

itary conditions on inpatient wards, in operation rooms and emergency departments. It is essential for the prevention of hospital associated infections and for the prevention of outbreaks in hospitals," the WHO The UN health agency said life-

saving assistance for 300,000

patients is currently awaiting

entry through Rafah. On the Gaza side, crowds of Palestinians with dual citizenship waited anxiously, sitting on suitcases or crouched on the floor, some comforting crying Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden is considering a trip to

Israel in the coming days but no travel has been finalised, a senior administration official said on Sunday. It would be a powerful symbol of sympathy and support following the brutal attack by Hamas. Biden also made his strongest

public statements yet to restrain Israel. "I think it'd be a big mistake," Biden said. "Look, what happened in Gaza, in my view, is Hamas, and the extreme elements of Hamas don't represent all the Palestinian people. And I think that it would be a mistake for Israel to occupy Gaza again.

India's first RRTS to debut on Friday

PNS NEW DELHI

India's inaugural Regional Rapid Transit System is set to debut in the National Capital Region on Friday, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurating the 17.5 km segment linking Sahibabad in Ghaziabad to the Duhai Depot

Ghaziabad-Meerut section. In a symbolic tribute to the spirit of "Shakti" (women), the first train will be operated by a woman pilot, a fitting gesture that coincides with the auspicious occasion of Navratri.

The initial phase of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor will commence operations, encompassing five key stations: Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Guldhar, Duhai, and Duhai Depot. This milestone will revolutionise travel between the National Capital and Meerut, as the RRTS corridor will traverse 17 km in just 12 minutes, a journey that typically takes

over 35 minutes by road. Upon full implementation, the project will boast two multimodal transport transit sys-

Preparations for this historic event are in full swing, with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath personally inspecting the Ghaziabad site the project

progress. The Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System initiative is spearheaded by the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), with the complete 82.15 km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS slated for full operational status by

June 2025 The RRTS trains are equipped with a range of commuter-centric amenities including overhead luggage racks, WiFi, and charging facilities for mobiles and laptops at every seat. Additionally, each train will feature a premium class car,

offering wider seats, increased

legroom, and coat hangers, along with vending machines

for added convenience. Officials have indicated that ten trains will ply this route, accommodating up to 1,700 passengers. The subsequent phase, extending from Shahibabad to Meerut South, will span 42 km and introduce RapidX, boasting a maximum speed of 180 km an hour, is poised to be India's fastest train, whisking commuters from Delhi to Meerut in just 55 minutes. The service frequency will be every 5-10 minutes, providing a modern, sustainable, swift, secure, and comfort-

able mode of travel. Upon the corridor's full completion, the RRTS is expected to slash travel time between Delhi and Meerut by a substantial 40 per cent.

For convenience, a dedicated 'Lost and Found' centre has been established at the Ghaziabad RRTS station to

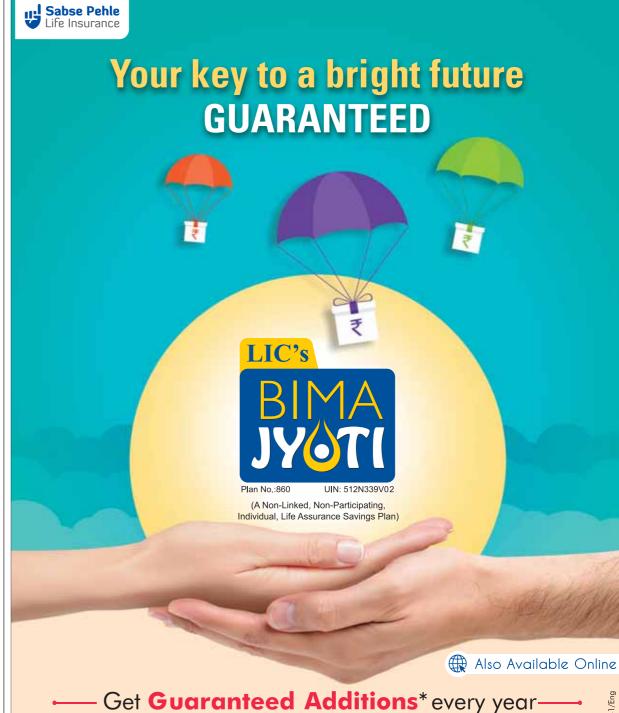
expedite the retrieval of misplaced belongings. If passengers inadvertently leave their items on RAPIDX trains or within station premises, they can promptly seek assistance from station staff. Further inquiries and support regarding lost items can be directed to the RAPIDX Customer Passengers will have a 24-hour window to claim their lost belongings from the station where they were misplaced or left. Following this period, any unclaimed items will be transferred to the designated "lost and found" centre at the

from 8 am to 8 pm daily. The RRTS trains have been designed with an aerodynamic profile, featuring long noses and plug-in doors to minimize air resistance at higher speeds. Passengers will relish panoramic views through expansive window panes, enhancing their travel experience.

Ghaziabad station, operational



Australia's batter Marnus Labuschagne plays a shot during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 match between Sri Lanka and Australia at Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow on Monday. Australia beat Sri Lanka by five wickets in their ICC World Cup match here on Monday. Sent in to bowl, Australia dismissed Sri Lanka for 209 in 43.3 overs and then returned to overhaul the target in 35.2 overs, scoring 215 for five in a match that was briefly interrupted by rain. This



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Durga Puja: Police to focus on traffic management, heavy vehicles to be restricted

PNS: JAMSHEDPUR

s the vibrant spirit of Durga Puja approaches, the district traffic police in Jamshedpur gears up to tackle the annual challenge of traffic snarls during the week-long celebrations. The traffic department, in collaboration with the Central Durga Puja Committee, is formulating a comprehensive strategy to ease the flow of traffic on the bustling streets.

The city, witnessing a surge in the number of vehicles, especially two-wheelers, during the festival, poses a formidable challenge for the

personnel, the department is exploring innovative solutions to manage the vehicular and pedestrian influx.

To enhance their capabilities, the traffic police are contemplating the deployment of two dozen NCC cadets. These cadets may be stationed strategically on roads leading to popular Puja pandals, such as the Kharkai Bridge, a crucial link between Steel City and Adityapur, known for witnessing heavy traffic during the festivities. Heavy vehicle restrictions on the Kharkai Bridge during Puja, imposed



ther necessitated additional

Areas like Telco (HS road), Sonari (near Kagalnagar), (Aam Bagan and Kasidih), Bistupur (Rani Kadma (Rankini Temple), Burmamines, and Bhuiyandih are expected to traffic, demanding careful management by traffic personnel.

The primary objective of involving NCC cadets is to facilitate smooth traffic flow and ensure accident-free festivities. However, authorities emphasize the need for coop-

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In a vibrant display of com-

mitment to cleanliness and

hygiene, Saarthi, a renowned

orchestrated

'Swachata Hi Sewa Hai'

scheme program at UMS Bhatia Basti Kadma. The

event, held today, not only aimed at spreading aware-

ness but also celebrated the

talent and potential of the stu-

dents through a captivating

dents took center stage,

and graceful movements,

transforming the message of

Swachata into a visual specta-

cle. The event was graced by

the presence of Neeraj Singh,

the BJP State Coordinator,

who served as the chief guest.

Mr. Singh took the opportuni-

ty to commend the students

for their remarkable perform-

ances and distributed certifi-

cates to both participants and

Christina, the City Manager of JNAC area, added

the organizing team.

The school's talented stu-

dance performance.

contribute to the success of the initiative.

While NCC cadets lent their support to manage traffic at specific pandals last year, this year, there hasn't been any official communication from the district adminisregarding traffic

A traffic constable on the Mango bridge acknowledged that traffic congestion has become a recurring issue, attributing it to the increased number of heavy vehicles due to the expansion programs of Tata Steel and other compa-

drive leaves a lasting impact

'Swachata Hi Sewa Hai'

leading to vehicle break-

Residents are already feeling the impact, with longer travel times and frustrating traffic jams. The efforts to involve NCC cadets aim to

bring relief and ensure a

seamless flow of vehicles during the festive period. We want to make sure that the pujas are 'accidentfree' for the people. Proper guidance from traffic police would help the cadets," stated a senior police official, emphasizing the collaborative effort needed for a smoother

Vijaya Heritage Society Celebrates 25 Glorious Years of Durga Puja

In a jubilant moment for the Vijaya Heritage Society Kadma, the community marks a quarter-century of existence with the commencement of its silver jubilee year of Durga Puja celebrations. This significant milestone is met with eager anticipation from the residents of Vijaya's Heritage, Phase I-V, as they prepare for the grandeur of the upcoming festivities.

Durga Puja, a revered occasion in the Steel City, holds a special place in the hearts of Jamshedpurians. The Goddess Durga, a symbol of power and the embodiment of Universal Mother, is omnipresent during these celebrations, bringing a sense of divine energy to the commu-

The auspicious Kalash Sthapana marked the initia-tion of the grand occasion on

15th October 2023 at 11:00 am. Notably, on 20th October 2023, Swami Sevatmananda Bharat Sevashram Sangha will grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour. inaugurating the Puja Pandal and unveiling the annual Puja Souvenir.

As the 25th year of puja celebrations unfolds, the Durga and Kali Puja committee, alongside enthusiastic residents, is committed to crafting memorable experiences. From blissful morning puja rituals to captivating Sandhya Arati in the evenings, the event promises an array of enthralling cultural programs, including Dandia & Garbha, dance and song performances, and orchestral renditions.

The cultural committee, comprising dedicated kids and lady members, has invested considerable effort to ensure the success of the

hard work reflects in the vibrant cultural tapestry woven for this year's cele-

Expressing gratitude, the Puja Committee acknowledges the tireless efforts of its members who initiated the puja in 1999, laying the foundation for this annual celebration in Vijaya's Heritage complex. Heartfelt thanks are extended to advertisers and patrons whose support has contributed to the splendor of

the program. With the blessings of Maa Durga, the community looks back on a journey filled with devotion and camaraderie as they embark on the five-daylong puja celebration. The fervent hope is for Goddess Durga to bestow eternal happiness upon all, uniting the community in joyous celebra-

NTPC Swayamsiddha Ladies **Club organises Navratri Festival**

Adding more colours to the festivities ongoing Navratri and Durga Puja Swayamsiddha Mahotsav, Ladies Club (SLC), NTPC Coal Mining HQ, Ranchi organised Navratri Dandiya celebration for the members.

The event took off with welcoming of Rekha Jain, President, SLC and lighting of lamps in the august presence of senior committee members, committee members and members.Later members participated in the traditional puja and prayers to Goddess Durga. On the occasion, Jain greeted good wishes and prosperity to all members for the upcoming puja festivals, which was followed by the Dandiya night dance program. She in her address spoke that one alone can't do, it is always the group effort that brings success.

She also seeked advice from members to come up with new ideas, suggestions new initiatives to strengthen the activities of the ladies club and the benefit of

The members were seen in their traditional colourful attire, enjoyed the festive and played group dandiya dance. To make the event a special distribution of competition prizes of Toran making competition and were organised. Sanchita Konar, Lakshmi Murthy, Purnima Shrikhande, Mansa Verma, Deepa & Parameswari and members were also present.



expressing the essence of cleanliness and hygiene her support to the initiative, emphasizing the importance through a mesmerizing dance performance. The auditorium of community-led programs echoed with rhythmic beats in fostering a sense of respon-

sibility towards cleanliness.

Gopesh Kumar Thakur, the Head Master of UMS Bhatia Basti Kadma, shared his passion for creating a better future for the students. He highlighted the untapped potential and caliber that these children possess, underscoring the significance of such events in shaping their lives.

Pooja Agarwal, the president of Saarthi, led the charge in organizing the event. The

dedicated team, including Sushanto Singha, Vijay Aparajita Apra Agarwal, Minta Singha, Manushi Sharma, Monu, Shubham, Nikhil, Deepak, Rajesh, and

Manaswi Sharma, played piv-

otal roles in ensuring the suc-

cess of the program. Such initiatives go beyond cleanliness; they serve as a

platform for students to showcase their talents. Swachata Hi Sewa Hai scheme aligns with Saarthi's mission to uplift and empower communities, fostering a spirit of pride and achievement among the talented youth.

CIL's off-take to power sector ahead of the commitment till 15 Oct first 15 days of October 2023

PNS: RANCHI

C oal India's (CIL) supplies to thermal power plants of the country shot up close to 6% to 23.5 million tonnes (MTs) during the first fortnight of October 2023 ahead festive season. Comparatively the supplies were 22.2 MTs in the same period of October 2022.

The growth was posted at a time of sudden surge in power demand and even as unseasonal rains hit hard the operations in coal bearing areas of CIL's subsidiaries based in the eastern region of the country. Chhattisgarh based SECL also bore the brunt of the inclement weather. The coal major's total supplies at 28.6 MTs during the

logged 16% growth compared to 24.6 MTs of the same period in October 2022

Progressively, CIL supplied nearly 319 MTs to the country's coal fired plants till 15th October FY 2024, which is a 12 MT jump in volume terms compared to 307 MTs of the same period, FY 2023. The 4% growth recorded during this period is at par with current year's annual asking growth rate to power plants.

CIL was given a demand projection of 610 MT supply to the country's power plants for FY 2024 which is 4% more than what it supplied to this sector in FY 2023. CIL expects its supplies to exceed the projected target. On a cumulative basis CIL's targeted commitment was 316 MTs to power sector till 15th October FY 2024 against which the company's supplies were ahead by 3 MTs at 319 MTs. CIL is confident of meeting the tasked target to the power

CIL's supplies to all consuming sectors were 389.3 MTs during the referred period posting 9% growth compared to 356.6 MTs of the same period last fiscal year.

With no letup in the output tempo, CIL's progressive production of 360 MTs till 15th October FY 2024 has logged a robust 11.6% year-on-year growth with 37.6 MTs expansion in volume terms. This growth is again higher than the fiscal's asking rate of

NRI couple, activist register complaint against online trolling by woman

An NRI couple and a Jharkhand based scholar/activist facing trolling online. Both of them registered a cyber-complaint against a Gujrat, Himmatnagar based woman and consulted their lawyers. Mr and Mrs Aia who faced trolling by the woman while speaking to Mr. Aia said, "At first we thought it's a trivial troll and she appeared to be harmless so we ignored her, however her trolling increased drastically. The accused woman started to post my photos with my wife with notorious intentions. She then posted nonsensical and baseless things about both of us, our child, body shamed us and fuelled baseless rumours about my personal, marital and professional life. We both faced a lot of mental harassment by her and hence we approached the Chaturshringi police station, Pune to register a cyber-complaint against the lady, we are also seeking legal help from our lawyer.". The same woman has been accused of trolling another woman from Mumbai. The victim had approached Kandivali police station to register a cyber-complaint against the alleged accused. There's one more victim, a Research Scholar woman from Sujangarh, Rajasthan.

"The troll who appears to be a woman has been trolling me and my known persons for a long time. She comments about my personal and professional life on Facebook/Social media directly - indirectly in disguise.

HCDSH organises mega health check-up camp at NTPC Chatti-Bariatu AVINASH ANJAN

: HAZARIBAG free

mega health check-up camp was organized at NTPC Chatti-Bariatu under the joint

Srinivas Hospital and Dental College. There was free dental checkup, free eye checkup and free blood checkup in the ple were given free dental and eye check-up and medicines were distributed in the camp and the needy received free consultation from the doctors. During this period, oral health awareness and education programs were conducted by doc tors. The camp was led by Dr. Nishad Gawali of the Public Health Dentistry Department and gave necessary advice on various diseases and their treatment. Services like scaling and extraction were provided to the needy in the camp.

On this occasion, NTPC employees and other needy people expressed their gratitude to Srinivas Hospital and Dental College for providing free basic treatment. The management team of NTPC appreciated the medical and dental team of Srinivas Hospital and Dental College and expressed their gratitude.On the occasion, Dr. Praveen Srinivas, Secretary of Srinivas Hospital and Dental College, said that teeth are a very important part of our health and beauty. Its care is definitely necessary. If dental problems are not treated properly, one has to face big problems in the future. Get your teeth treated on time and always remain healthy. During the camp, interns Dr. Simran, Dr. Medha, Dr. Anvisha, Dr. Manisha, Dr. Shreya, Dr. Sonu and Dr. Paritosh provided their valuable services.

Robbers'gang busted, 6 held in Garhwa

NITYANAND DUBEY : GARHWA

The Garhwa police on Monday claimed to have busted a gang of robbers and arrested six of its members who were involved in separate cases of robberies. The police have also seized Rs 4.500 cash, six mobile phones, one pistol of 7.65 bore along with magazine, two country made two empty cartridges and Sansui TV sold from the looted

money from their possession.

The arrest was made from different places while they were hiding after executing a loot. Those arrested were Babu Khan alias Sarwar Khan, Shahbaj Khan, Amir Suhani alias Muskan, Rivai Ansari, Sonu Soni and Anshu Malakar alias Ashutosh Soni all residents of Sonpurwa and Tandawa mohalla of the Garhwa town. Superintendent of police Garhwa, Dipak Kumar Pandey said that all arrested confessed their involvement in a road loot of Rs. 1 lakh cash occurred in Sahikana mohalla on October, 11.

Dandiya Beats 2023 at Celebration Banquet on Oct 18 pletely family oriented. There

On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, a press conference regarding the organization of DANDIYA BEATS 2023 was organized at Hotel Golden Leaf, Hawai Nagar, This Dandiya and Garba

Raas program is being organized by Wow Events, Fantasy Cultural Academy Sector-3 Dhurwa-Birsa Chowk and Gymholic Gym Hawai nagar.

This event to be held on 18 October 2023 from 06:00 PM PM at J.K 10:00 Celebration Banquet, By-pass road, Dibdih, Ranchi will include Dandiya-Garba Raas along with live DJ, children's fashion show, best costume etc. There will also be several other activities. Organizers said that the

ticket price of this program is Rs 500/-. Entry free for children up to 5 years, ticket



price for children between 6-10 years is Rs300/- along with which food coupon and

PNS: DALTONGANJ

Cultural programmes post

police scrutiny in the 3 dis-

tricts Garhwa, Latehar and

IG of police Palamu

range R K Lakra said "We

Orchestra parties do come

and perform till late night.

The gathering there is never

the musical soiree.

any more disciplined.

understand the sensitivity of

Palamu of the Palamu police

Durga Puja will be under

Dandiya stick are being given free of cost. The atmosphere of the program will be com-

will be a lot of fun and frolic. Organizers Mahali Gadi of Wow Events, Avinash Kumar of Gymholic, Giniya Ghosh of Fantasy Cultural Academy, Abhishek Singh were present on the occasion. The radio partner of Dandiya beats 2023 is 92.7 Big F.M. Sponsors are Motimahal Restaurant Argora, Sanatos, Arvind Store Singh More, Aditi Sweets, APSA Salon etc.

Barhi police seize 5 kg. Opium, arrest three

SHAILESH SHARMA : HAZARIBAG

Barhi police have seized 5 kg. opium during the special checking drive on Ranchi-Patna road. The police have arrested three persons during the checking drive. Hazaribag Superintendent of Police Manoi Rattan Chothey said in a press conference in seminar hall on Sunday that the police received the secret information that some of the persons are coming to Barhi to sell the opium. He further said that a special team was formed under the leadership of Barhi SDPO Nazeer Akhater. The team immediately started the work and started to check all vehicles coming and going from there. The team member saw that one white car was coming from Ranchi, they ordered the car to stop, as the car stopped every person started to escape from there. During the checking of the vehicles police found 5 kg opium in the dickey of the car. The team members chased them and arrested all the people who were in the car.

The arrested persons are Buland Akhtar of Chatra, Mukesh Prasad of Chandwa of Latehar and Md. Jameel of Barhi, Hazaribag. Police also seized one white colour car

team we are coming here to sell the opium to a party. They have not disclosed the name of that person who is ready to purchase the opium from them. The SP said that we will demand that they be remanded and then deeply investigate all the arrested persons and try to find out the basic roots of this business

and three mobiles from them. The arrested person confessed in front of the police

> IG conceded that "Any mishap in an orchestra show triggers a bigger issue. Let concerned SDOs ensure that organisers of such music dance programmes own full responsibility as for anything going wrong the organisers can't escape their accountability. There are episodes of huge misconduct here in the

range

orchestra shows. First is molestation of the danseuse. Second is forced dancing to the tune of any particular vulgar song. Third is underpayment to the troupes."

About three years ago a



RCHESTRA SHOW WILL BE

Photo Caption: IG of police Palamu range R K Lakra photo by PNS

danseuse was found killed in Bishrampur. The orchestra troupes come from Chhattisgarh, Bengal and

Asked as to how he as IG police foresee the situation right now in 3 districts here ahead of the Dussehra to which Lakra said "We are vigilant. There is no room for complacency. We hope people will have a peaceful Puja everywhere.

More than 100 people

have been detained under section 107 of the CrPC. IG confirming it said police are just ready to seek warrant of arrest against 50 odd people whose day to day activities are under close watch of the police and if any one of these is found in any aberration, then law

will take its own course. Reminded that Balumath police station in Latehar dis trict is synonymous with communal fragility to which

he said "Balumath is vulnerable. It's our focussed police

IG denied that coal money is used here to foment communal disharmony. Coal money has nothing to do with the communal fabric here. It's the criminals who threaten harmony

Durga Puja in Palamu's Harihargani sees hordes of people coming over there from Bihar and on many occasions these outsiders here give peace and harmony a jolt. They did it in 2019, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013 etc.

They raise inflammatory slogans and jeer at people of other faith

IG commenting on it said "My special emphasis is not only on Hariharganj alone . Hussainabad police station is also my priority. These places in Palamu have proximity to Bihar. Let people come here from our neighbouring state but they can't have any liberty to create nuisance as it will be dealt with a very firm hand.

Police raid ahead of Durga Puja uncovers illicit mini-liquor factory

PNS: JAMSHEDPUR

In a late-night operation on Sunday, the Jamshedpur police, acting on a credible tip-off, successfully uncovered an illegal mini-liquor factory located in Jawahar Nagar under the Mango Thana area.

Despite no arrests made during the raid, law enforcement officials seized a substantial quantity of evidence, including numerous cartons filled with liquor bottles, containers of spirits, labels, corks, and various equipment used in the liquor manufacturing process. The unauthorised liquor factory was operating within a doublestoreyed building on Road No 17 in the densely-populated Jawahar Nagar area in

Mango. The raid was conducted following specific information received by City SP Rishabh Garg, who directed the Mango Thana to investigate the reported illegal liquor factory. Vinay Kumar, the Mango Thana Officer in Charge, stated that the authorities seized 100 cartons of liquor along with other materials and equipment associated with the liquor manufacturing process. The focus now shifts to identifying and apprehend-

ing those involved in the illicit liquor trade in the highly populated Jawahar Nagar area.

OC Vinay Kumar revealed that the confiscated liquor bottles bore stickers representing popular brands of Indian Made Foreign Liquor The production seemed strategically timed to coincide with the upcoming Durga Puja celebrations, indicating a potentially lucrative market for the illegal trade. Authorities suspect that the spurious liquor may have been intended for smuggling into Bihar, where the sale of liquor is prohibited.

To assess the potential harm posed by the seized liquor, the police are preparing to send samples to a government laboratory in Ranchi for chemical examination. This step aims to determine the quality and safety of the confiscated stock, ensuring public safety by uncovering any health hazards associated with the illicitly produced

alcohol. The investigation is ongoing, with law enforcement agencies committed to dismantling the illegal liquor network and bringing those responsible to justice.

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Govt working on providing employment in Public & Pvt Sector: CM

Hands over appointment letters to 827 Trained Graduate Teachers

¬ he process of largescale appointments is going on in the state. Appointments have been made in many departments and the recruitment process is going on for many posts. This trend will continue further also. In this connection. appointment letters are being distributed among you today. It is expected from you that as a teacher, you will discharge your responsibilities with full dedication in shaping the future of children and in the development of the state. said Chief Minister Hemant Soren while addressing a gathering at the teacher appointment letter distribution ceremony organized at Dr. Ramdaval Munda Football Stadium, Morhabadi, Ranchi on Monday.

On this occasion, he symbolically presented appointment letters to 24 teachers out of 827 graduate trained teachers selected for second-

The CM said that it has been more than two decades since Jharkhand was formed as a separate state, but the appointment rules could never be made. Because of this, whatever appointments were made earlier, they were surrounded by controversies. The matter reached the courts. Due to this, there was not only delay in appointments but also issues of corruption continuously came to light. For the first time, our government has made appointment rules and is making appointments on vacant posts in various departments. JPSC result was released in record time and it included 32 officers who come from BPL category. This is a witness to the fact that complete honesty and transparency was maintained in the JPSC examination and no controversy arose anywhere. Soren said that the



Chief Minister Hemant Soren distributing appointment letters among 827 trained graduate teachers selected for secondary schools by **Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission in the teacher appointment** letter distribution ceremony at Dr. Ramdayal Munda Football Stadium, Morhabadi in Ranchi on Monday. Pix by Ratan Lal

recruitment phase is going on

Appointments have been

officer, sports officer, panchayat secretary, nurse and clerks etc. At the same time. about 34 thousand youth have received offer letters in private institutions and companies by organizing employment fairs. The government is trying to make the youth here stand on their own feet. The CM said that our gov-

ernment has taken many

such historic decisions, which have become an example for the country. We are giving 100% scholarship to the tribals, Dalits, backward classes and minorities for studying abroad. Through Universal Pension Scheme, pensions are being given to all the elderly, widows and disabled people. There are many more such decisions. which are working to empower and advance the people

The CM said that today is the era of competition. In such a situation, so that the children of government schools are not left behind. keeping this in mind, government schools are being upgraded on the lines of private schools. Schools of excellence have been opened. School Better education facilities are Literacy being provided in model schools. Infrastructure is

egories of schools. Initiatives are being taken to provide education to children through digital medium. The hostels are being renovated. It is our endeavour that the children of government schools can also prove themselves better in today's competitive era. The CM told the newly

being strengthened in all cat-

appointed teachers that along with teaching in schools, they should work to identify the hidden talents of children and hone them. He said that many children are talented in sports, painting, song, dance and music, but they do not get opportunities. In such a situation, you must fulfill your important responsibilities in bringing them

On this occasion, the Chief Minister launched the Ji Guruji App prepared by the Education and Department. Through this app, students of government schools of the state can study through audio-video medium with digital content apart from school, they can also study at home.

this

occasion

Ministers Alamgir Alam and Satyanand Bhokta, Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Mahua Maji, Secretary to the Chief Kumar Minister Vinav Choubey, Secretary of School Education and Literacy Department K. Ravi Kumar, Director of Primary Education Neha Arora, SPD Director Kiran K Pasi and Many officials of the district administration Director of Education Sunil Kumar were

Excise Dept conducts raid, five persons arrested

The Excise Department team conducted a raid campaign in five police station areas of the State Capital on Monday against illegal liquor trade. The team also took action and arrested five persons for involvement in illegal liquor

Raids were conducted in Gadikhana located in Kotwali police station area, Chutiya police station area Sirmtoli, Samlong in Namkum police station area and Hethu in Airport police station area. During this period, 1200 kg Java Mahua, 197 liters of liquor and a scooter were recovered. While two people managed to escape.

To increase the revenue, the Station In-Charges are running a campaign against illegal liquor trade. Regarding

this, Ranchi DC Rahul Kumar Sinha had issued instructions to Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), SDO Sadar and SDO Bundu. In the instructions issued, it was said that the Excise and Prohibition Department is the source of revenue for the State Government. Ranchi is an important district from the revenue point of view, whose annual revenue is assured at Rs 428 crore. In view of this, the excise department in Ranchi district is lacking in production force

esources. There are a total 45 police stations in Ranchi district. Therefore, the station incharge and CO, from their level, should launch an intensive raid campaign against those doing illegal liquor business to increase sales in retail product shops. Also, if complaints of adulteration, illegal or MRP are received in the retail shops run by JSBCL, action should be taken as per

Meanwhile, the district police seized 53 cattle loaded in three pickup vans from near Husir village located on Ring Road of Kanke police station area. The local police have achieved this success with the help of the villagers. Cattle smugglers were smuggling through the Ring Road of Ranchi. Police are busy investigating the matter.

Earlier, on the night of October 14, Ranchi Police had seized 15 tons of banned animal leather going from Ranchi to Kolkata. The police team had caught the truck going from Kantatoli ahead of Durga Soren Chowk of Namkum police station area. One person was also arrested

JCI Expo Utsav 2023 concludes with fervour



Renowned writer and motivator Shiv Khera talks to audiences during a programme on the concluding day of JCI Expo 2023 in Ranchi on Monday. PNS

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JCI Expo Utsav 2023, started on October 12 at Morabadi Ground, concluded with fervour on Monday. There was great enthusiasm among the people and a large crowd was seen. Asunta Lakra, former captain of the Indian women's hockey team, was the chief guest at the closing ceremony. This programme was conducted by Ashish Bhala and Abhishek Narnauliya.

On Sunday, dance competition Expo Dhanak Dhin Dha was also organized in the expo in which participants from all the groups participated. As part of today's training program, the country's wellknown writer and motivationspeaker Shiv Khera inspired everyone to always be positive in their lives. He said that there are problems

becomes successful in life. President Arvind Rajgarhia said that today he is very happy that Team JCI successfully concluded the Expo Utsav 2023. The credit for the success of the expo goes to the people of Ranchi. This 26th Expo will be remembered by everyone for years and next year we will come in a new and better

Expo Chief Coordinator Sanjay Jain thanked the JCI Expo team, the people of Ranchi, all the stallholders and press and media for the success of the expo. He appreciated the work of cocoordinator JC Prateek Jain, JC Sunny Kedia, JC Rahul as well as all the JC colleagues. He said that 305 stalls from India and abroad and more than 3 lakh people participated in this expo. This expo was completely hi-tech. He informed about all the other achievements of the expo.

Secretary JC Aggarwal thanked all the sponsors of the expo and expressed his gratitude for being associated with the Chief Coordinator Sanjay Jain rewarded the stall holders.

Chief Guest Asunta Lakra 26th Expo Utsav. She visited the stalls at the expo and praised all the stalls. Secretary Tarun Aggarwal presented the vote of thanks. All the former presidents, former secretaries, former expo coordinators and all the members were present in today's concluding

VHP seeks abolition of Hindu **Religious Trust Board Act**

VHP delegation meets Governor

Jharkhand Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) unit has urged President Droupadi Murmu to abolish the Jharkhand Hindu Religious Trust Board Act. In this connection, on Monday, Vishwa Hindu Parishad State Vice Chandrakant President Raipat, Sunil Gupta, Dr. Birendra Sahu, Kesari and Mithilesh Mishra met the Governor CP Radhakrishnan at Raj Bhavan and also submitted a memorandum to the President. Through this, apart from abolishing the Hindu Religious Trust Board, the the delegation also appealed to free the temples of Hindu Gods and Goddesses from the control of the state govern-

According to Vishwa Hindu Parishad, the state government's control over the religious institutions of Hindus is similar to the British rule before 1947. After independence, except Hinduism, all other religious institutions are completely free to establish and run their institutions without government interference. According to Vishwa

Hindu Parishad, there are

10:30 am on the instructions

Kolkata. At the time the

power plant was closed, 500

MW of electricity was being

produced from the plant, said

action has been given by

Saryu Roy, Central President

The information about this

DVC Headquarters,



Vishwa Hindu Parishad Officials meet Governor CP Radhakrishnan in Ranchi on Monday. Pix by Raj Bhawan

points of the Trust Board Act in Jharkhand. Articles 25, 26 (Constitution of India) do not differentiate Hinduism and other religions. In such a situation, there is no justification for the state to consider Hindu religion separate from other religions. Except Hinduism, all other religions are free to establish and run their religious institutions. People with integrity are being appointed as presidents and members for the management of various temples and trust committees by the political party in power. It would be wrong to think that a body sitting in the capital would have better knowledge and understanding of the

temple matters than the indi-

vidual trust committees of the

that due to technical reasons,

there is a temporary break-

down in the plant. Soon after

finishing the work, power

generation will start in the

plant, added the project head.

According to the informa-tion received, it is alleged that

for the last four days, sludge was being discharged into the

500 MW DVC power plant shut, Roy writes to authorities

temples. In the present system, people and officials also become managers and administrators of one or the other temple. According to VHP, governments do not provide any financial assistance to religious bodies, especially in the case of Hindu religion.

The government forcibly intervenes in the matters of Hindu institutions. It also starts charging for such interference. The Trust Board in Jharkhand is just a tool to please the members of a particular political party which only creates anarchy in Hindu religious institutions. In such a situation, it is necessary to abolish colonial laws like the Trust Board. In this way Hindu religious institutions should be freed from control.

Bachao Andolan, had written

a letter to the State Pollution

Board and Chief Secretary of

Jharkhand and other senior

officials complaining about

the matter. After which on

Sunday the administrative

officials of Bokaro district and

Bermo sub-division had

talked about action.

SURESH NIKHAR : BERMO of Damodar Bachao Andolan. local Konar river from the in everyone's life, but only the On the other hand, in this DVC power plant located in one who fights those probcongratulated JCI Ranchi for The 500 MW power plant was matter, Project Head of Bokaro. On receiving inforlems and moves ahead successfully organizing the Bokaro DVC Plant Bokaro shut down by the local manmation about this, Saryu Roy, agement on Sunday at around Thermal, NK Choudhary said Central President of Damodar

Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Singh meets Chief Minister Hemant Soren in Ranchi on Monday. He invited the Chief Minister to attend the final match of the Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy-2023 to be hosted by Ranchi on November 5 as the chief guest. PNS

Badal instructs officials to resolve people's issues

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Under the public hearing programme Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) headquarter Monday in the State State Agriculture Minister,



Badal listened to the problems of the complainants from different districts of the State and asked the concerned officials to resolve them and he also instructed them to resolve the issue through telephone. Besides, taking cognizance of the applications of the complainants, immediate written instructions along with special comments were given to the concerned officials.

JPCC Spokesperson, Satish Paul Munjani said that in the public hearing program, people from various blocks of Ranchi, Gumla, Giridih Bokaro, Latehar, Ramgarh districts reached the public hearing with their complaints. In the public issue, mainly the complainants submitted applications to the Minister for resolution of dealer license, medical payment, animal shed, pond construction, animal vaccination, fisheries department, street light, attic agro clinic center and other problems.

Munjani said that on the application of all the people who came to the public hearing program, Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh took immediate action and gave directions to the officers of the subordinate department and directed them to solve the problems without any delay.

State General Secretary Amulya Neeraj Khalkho, Rakesh Sinha, Satish Paul Munjani, Nelly Nathan, Jagdish Sahu, Narendra Lal Gopi, Gulzar Ahmed, Ajay Singh, Rajiv Prakash Chaudhary were mainly present in the public hearing proPNS: RANCHI

¬ he two month long BJP state president Babulal Marandi outreach programme christened as Sankalp Yatra will on October 28 at Harmu Maidan, Ranchi. State BJP general secretary Pradeep Verma who is also yatra coordinator said that the Yatra will conclude on October 28 with a public meeting.

Verma said that Sankalp Yatra started from 17th August under the leadership of State President and former Chief Minister Babulal against the failures of the state government, powersupported corruption prevalent in the state, broken law and order, unemployment, women oppression, looting of minerals and appeasement.

He said that as part of Sankalp yatra the State President had resolved to visit all the 81 assembly constituencies of the state and establish direct communication with the public and inform them about the situation in the state. But this Sankalp Yatra of the State President turned into a Jan



Former commissioner of Kolhan division retired IAS officer Vijay Kumar Singh taking membership from BJP State President Babulal Marandi during a programme in Ranchi on Monday. Pix by Ratan Lal

Sankalp Yatra with the immense support of the public. He said that till now this vatra has been completed in eight phases in 71 assembly constituencies. The way the public has flocked to listen to the first Chief Minister of the state and the State President of BJP even during the rainy season, it is clear that the public is fed up with the misdeeds of the Hemant government. Dr. Verma said that currently there is a travel holiday due to Dussehra. The concluding program of the Yatra will be held on 28th October at Harmu Ground in

He said that in the concluding programme, there will be a joint meeting of 6 assembly constituencies Ranchi, Hatia, Kanke, Mander, Khijri and Tamar assembly constituencies in which thousands of workers and the public will gather.

Dr. Verma told that along with the Sankalp Yatra, Meri Maati, Mera Desh program was also being run by the party workers in the entire state in which soil, urns from martyr places, martyrs' villages and historical places were collected from every village for the construction of Amrit Vatika. Soil has been

collected by filling it. Told that 312 urns including all 263 blocks and 49 municipal body areas will respectfully reach Ranchi Harmu Maidan on 28th October and will be sent to New Delhi

He said that this joint program will fill the 3.25 crore people of the state with a new message and new inspiration.

Dr. Verma said that preparations for the concluding ceremony are going on in full swing. Along with the puja, the workers are also busy preparing for the pro-

Experiential Trip of SBPS students



The students of Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi had a funfilled and enriching experiential trip to Kushal Palli Resorts, Ayodhya Hills, Purulia. A special Chau dance performance was organised for the students of our school to educate them about the history and culture of these traditional and local dance forms. After enjoying a scrumptious lunch, the students joined for a pool party to rejuvenate themselves. In the evening, they participated in fun filled activities which fostered the spirit of unity and team work. The entire evening was poignant and filled with music and dance. The day ended on a lighter note with the students enjoying the DJ night. It was a new learning experience for the students which taught them unity, team spirit, time-management and discipline.

Saundh launch retail shop in Ranchi

Saundh, an everyday affordable-luxury label has launched its first ever retail store in Ranchi marking its 32nd exclusive outlet pan India. Saundh's dedication to excelling in this market is demonstrated by the launch of the new store in 2nd Floor Mall of Ranchi, Kumhartoli - a one stop shop for a dynamic consumer experience. Spread across 900+ sq. ft, the space boasts of elegant interiors that skillfully accentuates the brand's vibrant collections. The store offers Saundh's complete range of ready-to-wear clothing collections, encompassing women's and men's wear. This includes Kurta Sets, Dresses and Kaftans, Tops and Tunics, Jackets, festive bandis, and more. Founder and CEO of Saundh, Sarabjeet Saluja was present on the occa-

Nadda visits Rajasthan to shore up BJP prospects in poll

head of Assembly polls in ARajasthan, BJP president JP Nadda held a meeting with party office bearers of Udaipur division on Monday as former Chief Minister Vasudhara Raje is reportedly not happy with absence of his loyalists name from the first list of candidates released by the party on October 9.

After holding talks in Udaipur, the BJP chief is also to visit Jodhpur to interact with party leaders and workers. Nadda held discussions with senior

mer MPs and MLAs, office bearers of different morchas and cells of the party in Jodhpur division.

In the first list released by the party for Rajasthan, the BJP included royal scion and Rajsamand MP Diya Kumari and Jaipur Rural MP and for-mer Union Minister Raiyavardhan Singh Rathore which has already created flutter among those denied tickets by the party with some announcing contesting polls as independent candidates.

The list of 47 candidates did

has apparently miffed the for-

BJP's decision to field Rajsamand MP Diya Kumari from Jaipur's Vidhayadhar Nagar seat, denying tickets to its five-term MLA and Raje Loyalist Narpat Sijngh Rajvi, son-in-law of Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, has unnerved the Raje camp followers, according to sources.

The two-time former CM on Sunday suddenly reached Udaipur and met with Assam governor Gulabchand Kataria at his residence. Kataria has



Kataria, before being appointed as Governor, was leader of opposition in the Rajasthan assembly and has influence over 25 Assembly seats in south Rajasthan. He is also a former State

Home Minister. Raje had a 40minute discussion with Kataria before leaving for Tripura Sundari. The meeting was confidential and no one in the city had any prior information about her visit.

Confirming his meeting with Raje, Kataria said both belonged to one family and

keep meeting each other. "Nowadays I don't discuss politics as I have changed my line," he said. The meeting, though, has triggered speculations that both the leaders may not be in "sync with the top leadership", Raje proceeded to Udaipur after her meeting.

Elections to 200 Assembly seats is to be held on October 25 and the BIP is set to release its second list for Rajasthan by this week. Some more BJP MPs and Central Ministers are expected to contest Assembly polls, according to sources. Nadda's visit to Jodhpur holds

Assembly elections in the State where it seeks to unseat the Congress Government headed by Ashok Gehlot.

"Party is already faced with unrelenting protests against party candidate Devji Patel from Sanchore constituency, the only name the party has announced so far, from 33 constituencies of Jodhpur divi-

sion", said a party leader. Six mandal presidents of Jalore have resigned to protest the party's decision to rope in Patel from Sanchore Assembly constituency.

PM to unveil Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 at maritime summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the third edition of the three-day Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS), aiming to outline strategic future initiatives, at Mumbai on Tuesday via video-conferencing and unveil "Amrit Kaal Vision 2047".

In line with this futuristic plan, the prime minister will inaugurate, dedicate to nation and lay the foundation stone of projects worth more than ₹ 23,000 crore, that are aligned with this vision for the Indian maritime blue economy, a statement from his office

Modi will lay the foundation

stone of the Tuna Tekra all-

weather deep draft terminal, to be built at a cost of more than ₹ 4,500 crore at the Deendayal Port Authority in

This state-of-the-art green-field terminal will be developed in PPP mode.

It is likely to emerge as an international trade hub and will handle next-gen vessels exceeding 18,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), and will act as a gateway for Indian trade via the proposed India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC), it said.

Understanding (MoUs) worth more than ₹7 lakh crore for global and national partnership in the maritime sector will also be unveiled during the programme.

The summit will be the biggest maritime event in the country, the statement said. It will witness participation of

Ministers from across the globe, representing Europe, Africa, South America and Asia (including central Asia, Middle East and BIMSTEC region), said the statement. It will also be attended by global CEOs, business leaders, investors, officials, and other stakeholders from across the

Several Indian states will also

The three-day summit will discuss and deliberate key issues of the maritime sector including ports of the future, decarbonisation, coastal shipping and inland water transportation, shipbuilding, repair and recycling, finance, insurance and arbitration, maritime clusters, innovation and technology, maritime safety and security, and maritime

tourism among others. The summit will also provide an excellent platform for attracting investment in the maritime sector of the countrv. it said.

The first edition of the summit was held in 2016 at Mumbai while the second was held virtually in 2021.

Mulling making AAP accused in excise policy scam cases: CBI, ED tell SC

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The CBI and ED told the Supreme Court on The CBI and ED told the Supreme Seminating making the Monday they are contemplating making the city's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) an accused in the Delhi excise policy cases.

Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, representing the two probe agencies, told a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and SVN Bhatti he has instructions to State that the agencies are considering making AAP an accused, invoking legal provisions on "vicarious liability" and section 70 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act

However, the bench asked Raju to clarify his stand on Tuesday on whether there will be separate charge against the AAP in cases being probed by the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Enforcement Directorate

Raju made the statement while the bench was



hearing the bail pleas of AAP leader and former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, who was arrested in the excise policy cases being probed by the CBI and ED.

The investigative agencies have often suggested that AAP was a beneficiary of the kickbacks received from stakeholders who got liquor licences as part of a quid pro quo. They have alleged the AAP used the money for

campaigning in the Goa Assembly elections.

SC rejects plea for abortion of 26 weeks old foetus

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he Supreme Court on Monday declined to permit a married woman, a mother of two, to terminate her over 26-week pregnancy as the foetus was healthy and the AIIMS medical board found no abnormality with it. A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud said the length of pregnancy has crossed 24 weeks, the upper limit for allowing Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP), and therefore it cannot be a consisted. not be permitted.

The apex court said the foetus is 26 weeks and 5 days old and there is no immediate threat to the mother. There ity, it said.

"The length of the pregnancy has crossed 24 weeks and it is approximately 26 weeks and 5 days old. The medical

mentioned cancelled Notification.)

termination of the pregnancy cannot be permitted," the bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and

Manoj Misa said. The top court had said earlier in the day that the challenge to pregnancy termination law will be dealt with in separate proceedings, and the present case would be limited to the issue between the petitioner and the State.

The apex court had earlier sought a report from the AIIMS medical board on whether the foetus was suffering from any abnormality. The bench was hearing arguments on the Centre's appli-cation seeking recall of the apex court's October 9 order undergo termination of pregnancy at AIIMS as she was suffering from post-partum psychosis after the birth of her second child.

REGD. No. D.L.-33004/99

1st State education achievement survey to cover 11 million students PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The first State Education Achievement Survey will be conducted on November 3 by the national assessment regulator Parakh and will cover 11 million students across the country. According to the Ministry of Education, the survey is aimed at identifying areas requiring improvement in learning will be held across states, targeting school stu-dents up to the block level. It will be a precursor to the Education Ministry's annual National Achievement Survey (NAS), which is conducted at the district level.

MoE said that it will be the first survey conducted by the Performance Assessment, cation seeking recall of the apex court's October 9 order permitting the 27-year-old Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH), an It is tasked with bringing the school boards across the states and the Union territories on a common platform.

Scheduled for November 3, SEAS (State Education Achievement Survey) 2023 has been designed to enhance the learning standards for students in Classes 3, 6 and 9. Operating at the block level, this survey encompasses a comprehensive range of competencies, spanning the foundational, prepara-

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According to the officials, SEAS will represent a distinctive and baseline assessment, marking a gradual shift from rote learning to competency-based education. The adoption of competency-based learning holds the potential to foster the holistic development of students, they said, adding that these efforts are dedicated to nur-

of future generations. This survey will prove invaluable in realising this aspiration, the officials said. "At the heart of this endeavour is the belief that every child deserves a well-rounded education. Our competency-based assessment system aims to

assess not just what students

know but also how well they

can apply that knowledge in

real-world scenarios," head and

CEO of PARAKH Indrani

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Bhaduri said. Bhaduri also heads the NAS

cell at the NCERT which conducts the crucial national level large-scale assessment to obtain information about the learning achievement of students of Classes 3, 5, 8 and 10 studying in state government schools, government-aided schools, private unaided and central government schools. The ETS, which conducts key GRE, was chosen by the National Council Education Research (NCERT) for setting up the regulatory

. Sachin Jain, country manager of ETS India and South Asia, said, "By joining forces with the NCERT, we are committed to fortifying the assessment process, ensuring its robustness, and elevating the quality of large-scale surveys in the educational sector."

India, UK hold first '2+2' foreign, defence dialogue

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Tndia and UK on Monday Ireviewed the entire spectrum of their defence and strategic ties here in the inaugural India-UK '2+2' foreign and defence dialogue at the senior official level. The two sides focused on on ways to boost cooperation in a range of key areas such as trade and investment, defence, critical technologies, civil aviation, health and energy.

The two sides also discussed international developments including in the Indo-Pacific region and considered the possibility of enhancing anti-terror collaboration, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The 2+2 dialogue at anism to discuss and review all aspects of India-UK comprehensive strategic partnership. The dialogue took place as the two sides are exploring the possibility of a visit to India by British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak later this month.

The MEA said the two sides discussed "possibilities for further collaboration particularly in areas of trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, civil



The officials had an opportu-

nity to exchange assessments about recent international developments including in the Indo-Pacific region, given their shared vision for peace, stability and prosperity and for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region," the ministry

"They also considered possibility of enhancing collaboration in areas of counterterrorism, HADR (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief) and maritime security," it

elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during the India-UK virtual summit held between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his then British counterpart Boris

At the summit, the two sides adopted a 10-year roadmap to

The India-UK relationship was

expand ties in the key areas of trade and economy, defence and security, climate change and people-to-people connections, among others. The Indian delegation at the dialogue was co-chaired by

Piyush Srivastava, Joint Secretary (Europe West) at the Secretary (International Cooperation) at the defence

The UK delegation was cochaired by Ben Mellor, India Director at the Indian Ocean Directorate in the Foreign, Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) and Lt General Rob Magowan, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, Finance and Military Capability

at the British Ministry of

Defence Ministry

signs contract

for upgrade of

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The Ministry of Defence on

■ Monday here signed a con-

tract for Mid Life Upgrade

and Re-Powering of "INS Beas"

with Kochi-based M/S Cochin

Shipyard Limited (CSL) at an

overall cost of ₹313.42 crores.

INS Beas is the first of

Brahmaputra class frigate to be

re-powered from steam to diesel

propulsion. After completion

of mid life upgrade and re-Powering in 2026, INS Beas will

join the active fleet of the Indian

INS Beas

NEW DELHI

SC agrees to examine

The Supreme Court on ■ Monday agreed to examine the plea of AAP leader Raghav Chadha challenging his indefinite suspension from the Rajya Sabha and sought the assistance of the attorney general in adjudicating the issue.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra took note of the submissions of senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi and lawyer Shadan Farasat, representing Chadha, that the suspension cannot extend beyond the particular session during which the decision to suspend the member was made.

The top court issued the notice to the Rajya Sabha

Army top brass deliberates national security during Commanders' Conference PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $T^{\text{he Army top brass on}}_{\text{Monday here began delib-}}$ erations on national security challenges including the situation at border in Ladakh and the Line of Control (LOC) facing Pakistan and ways to boost the overall combat capability o the force while kickstarting a five-day conference. Being chaired by Army Chief General Manoj Pande, the commanders are delving into a range of issues, including the ongoing reform process in the 1.3 million strong force, matters relating to jointness among the three services and key geopolitical developments. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to address the conference on October 18. Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan and Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari are

deliver a talk on "Leveraging

Technology for National

among those addressing the Army commanders. Ajay Kumar Sood, the Principal the conference. The overall situation along the Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, will also Line of Actual Control (LAC)



brainstorm current or emerging security scenarios besides reviewing the operational preparedness of the Indian Army," the Army said on Saturday. "They will also delve into piv-

otal subjects including review of the ongoing transformation process, training matters, human resource management aspects and issues impacting serving personnel and veterans," it said.

The regional security situation and geopolitical developments, including the Hamas-Israel conflict and the Russia-Ukraine war, may also figure at

with China as well as along the

frontier with Pakistan will be

discussed, it was learnt.

Navy with a modernised weapon suite and upgraded combat capability, defence ministry officials said here. The transformative maiden repowering project marks a significant stride in the maintenance philosophy of the Indian Navy and repair capabilities of M/s CSL. The project would involve more than 50 MSMEs and would lead to generation of employment for more than

3,500 personnel. The project will be a proud flag bearer of Atmanirbhar Bharat in consonance with the Makein-India initiative of the Government of India, they

days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official gazette subject to the acquisition of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) if section 20 D of the said Act. Every such objection shall be made to the competent authority, namely, Additional District Magistrate, South West District, Delhi in

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (Northern Railway) (Construction Organization)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 10th October, 2023

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vide S.O. 3968 (E) may be treated as cancelled in view of some

clerical mistakes. This Notification may be read in lieu of above

referred to as the said Act, the Central Government, after being satisfied

that for the public purpose the land briefed discussion of which has been

given in the schedule annexed hereto, is required for execution of the

special Railway project namely Development of Freight & Coaching

Terminal at Bijwasan in the District South West, Village Bhartal of Delhi

Any person interested in the said land may, within a period of 30

state hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

S.O. 4387(E).—In Exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (I) of Section 20A of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) (hereinafter)

writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner and may after hearing all such objection and after making such further inquiry, if any as the competent authority hence necessary, by order either allow or disallow the objections

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of section 20 D of the said act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the competent authority.

SCHEDULE Brief description of land to be acquired with or without structure

falling within the District-South West of Delhi for special Railway project namely Development of Freight & Coaching Terminal at Bijwasan SI. Name Name of Name of Area to be

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3209/23 A. K. SINGHAL, Chief Administrative Officer/Construction

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tende nst Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2023-24-18. The details are as under: 'Supply & fitment of additional safety sling for traction link of WAP-7/WAP-5 locomotives as per RDSO modification sheet no RDSO/2023/EL/MS/0493 Rev '0' dated 26.07.2023' at Electric

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Approx. Cost of work	₹12,74,400/-			
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Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be s	seen	www.ireps.gov.in		
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No.: 230-TRS-GZB-2023-24-18 Dated: 13.10.2023 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

AAP leader Raghav plea PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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Secretariat only on the plea which will be heard on October 30. Besides the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Chadha had made the chairperson of the House and the privileges committee the parties to his petition. Dwivedi said he was not seeking any interim relief in the petition at the moment.

Sansad Khel Pratiyogita Kashi-2023 begins

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

fter successful conducting Aof Kashi Sansad Sanskritik Mahotsav (KSSM) in which the Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself attended the closing function to award the winners. Sansad Khel Pratiyogita Kashi-2023 was inaugurated at UP College grounds here on Monday. The sports competition was inaugurated jointly by UP ministers Ravindra Jaiswal and Dayashankar Mishra 'Dayalu' by lighting the lamp and hoisting of flag.

The function was also attended by Mayor Ashok Tiwari, city chief of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Vidya Sagar Rai, District Magistrate S Rajalingam, Development Officer Himanshu Nagpal, ADM (City) Alok Verma, RSO, BSA, Additional Municipal Commissioner and many other senior officials and BJP leaders. The inaugural function began with the presentation of Saraswati Vandana, welcome song and cultural programmes

by the schoolchildren. In the first event of the sports competition, the 100 metres race for girls and boys was started by both the ministers of state (Independent Charge) by flagging off the same. After this, the students' volleyball competition was also inaugurated by them, along with, Mayor and DM by play-



UP MInisters Ravindra Jaiswal and Dayashankar Mishra 'Dayalu' inaugurating Sansad Khel Pratiyogita Kashi-2023

ing volleyball.

According to the district administration, it is expected that 1,64,250 male and 1,13,227 female players will participate in the competitions at different levels in the district. The competition will run till November 8. There is no age limit in this competition. Competitions of 27 sports and 35 events are being organised from village to city. Transgenders and dis-abled people will also showcase their talents in this sports

According to Chief Development Officer (CDO) Himanshu Nagpal, a good in the city had launched the

women's participation in the event is expected as there is enthusiasm among the girls and the attraction of the event will be the participation of 103-year-old Kalavati who will take part in a race event. He said that 2,77, 642 people have registered for the event and the number of male participants in the competition is 1, 64, 250 while of female participants 1,13,227. Besides, 165 transgenders have also registered. The CDO informed that there will be 27 competitions in this sports competition.

The PM during his last visit

Sansad Khel Pratiyogita Kashi-2023 portal while laying the foundation stone of the International Cricket Stadium on September 23 from his parliamentary constituency. The aim was to connect sports with people, so that youth can also take sports as a career. To showcase the talent of players from village to city, sports competitions are being organised at gram panchayat, nyay panchayat, university and school/ college, development block, zone and district levels. The competition will be organised at the district level from November 6 to 8.

to launch voter awareness drive

 $R^{\text{egional (Kashi) Bharatiya}}_{\text{Janata Party (BJP) president}}$ Dilip Singh Patel said that the party will launch a voter awareness campaign from October 29 under the Mission 2024. According to him, in this direction, the state unit of BJP has made a blueprint in which the party's first focus will be on the voter list. "For this, a mega campaign to be known as Voter Chetna Maha Abhiyan will be started simultaneously in the entire state from October 29 in which the party will knock every house," he said, adding that to make the campaign a success, a training camp for party workers has been started at the district level from

Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary general secretary (Organisation) Dharampal Singh, the regional president said that despite the alliance of the parties in the last Lok Sabha elections, BJP had got more than 50 per cent votes. "BJP achieved historic victory in urban body, panchayat and cooperative elections and in



Regional BJP chief DS Patel addressing party workers in Varanasi

challenge and giving positive he said.

Patel further said that during the campaign, the party workers will approach the concerned employees to add names of the youths in the voter list who have completed 18 years of age, change the residence addresses of married women voters and add new

On his return after attending a state level meeting organisational structure of BJP voters and delete the names of deceased voters. He said that the proposed campaign would be given to the workers by the senior party office-bearers in the divisional workshops to be held in the coming days so that the work of voter verification can be done successfully and every eligible person can

become a voter. He said that participation of every party office-bearer,

worker and public representative will be ensured in the cam-Giving information about

the two days training programme being organised at the district level from Monday, he said that training for voter revision will be given through divisional workshops on October 18 and 19. He said that the draft voter list will be published by the Election Commission on October 27.

"After listening to the next episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on October 29, all the party office-bearers, workers, MPs, MLAs and other public representatives will contact every house and get involved in voter verification work. Work has to be done to connect every worker with the campaign," he said, adding that the party would contact each voter door contact campaign from October 30 to November 5 and from November 25 to December 3.

He said that by contacting the new voters and connecting them with the party, victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections will be easy and BJP would achieve the target of winning 80

IIT (BHU) organises campus dialogue

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An engaging 'Campus Dialogue with Students was organised by the Research Cell of IT (BHU) on Monday with Padma Bhushan & Padma Shri Prof Padmanabhan Balaram, former Director of IISc Bangalore. The talk was titled 'Reflections on Science in the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic'.

He spoke about the history of science and how we advanced from primal beings to using microscopes and telescopes to understand different worlds. He reiterated and explained Dr Richard Feynmann's atomic hypothesis that in the event of a cataclysm where all knowledge were to be destroyed, humans should start their research with the fact that 'all things are made of matter'. The evolution of the pandemic was also talked about where he stressed on the importance of biotechnology in today's world. He considered the research on cells as the greatest feat of biological engineering and also that biology unifies all sectors of science. During his talk, Prof Balaram also discussed the interdisciplinary nature of science and the contributions of various scientists like Erwin Schrödinger, Richard Feynman, Lynn Sagan

and many more. The session was organised in the Annie Besant Lecture Theatre, with a capacity of



Padma Bhushan Prof P Balaram at 'campus dialogue with students' programme at IIT (BHU) in Varanasi on Monday

300, brimming with students, research scholars, PhD applicants and professors. The audience was so pumped up that many students and the faculty stayed back even after the session ended and kept discussing the realms of science with Prof Balaram who kept answering their questions with utmost energy and excitement.

The programme began

with a warm welcome of Prof Balaram by the Dean (Research & Development), IIT (BHU), Prof Vikash Kumar Dubey and the Head of the Biomedical Engineering Department, IIT (BHU) Prof Sanjeev Kumar Mahto, with bouquet and shawl. The event proceeded with Prof Balaram's excellent and informative talk

research post-pandemic. Afterwards, the curious audience and the speaker had an engaging question and answer session. The questions were interesting, and the answers were vividly descriptive and inspiring. Post the question-answer

on advancing science and

session, the eminent scholar was given a memento as a token of respect and appreciation. Assistant professor Aditya Kumar Padhi from the School of Biochemical Engineering concluded the talk with a heartfelt vote of thanks to the guest. The session was hosted by Muskan Gupta, Sophomitra head of the Research Cell, IIT (BHU) and third-year undergraduate student of the

Chemical Engineering department. Deans, senior faculty members, and a staggering strength of over 300 students brimming with curiosity and passion attended the talk. A renowned scientist and

prolific author, Professor Balaram boasts an impressive career with nearly 1,000 publications and 25,000 citations spanning over five decades. After completing his postdoctoral training at Harvard under the Nobel Laureate Robert Burns Woodward at just 24, he later served as the Director of IISc, Bangalore, for over 10 years. Prof Balaram's legacy shines brightly, symbolising unparalleled dedication and scholarly brilliance in the sci-

2 brothers feared drowned in Ganga

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

wo brothers were feared Two brotners were learning in drowned in the Ganga in the rural area of Puramufti. Their friends raised an alarm and the local boatmen jumped into the river to trace them, but all their efforts went in vain.

Himanshu (20) of Akbarpur Sallahpur under Puramifti is the driver of the chief medical superintendent of Colvin Hospital. On Sunday he went to Fatehpur Ghat on a bike with his younger brother Mahendra Raj. They were accompanied by some neighbours. Suddenly Himanshu slipped into the area where water was deep. On seeing him drowning the younger brother came forward to save Himanshu, but both of them were swept away. Their friends raised an alarm. Some local boatmen responded but they could not save the brothers.

NABBED: Samajwadi Party block pramukh from Kaudihar Mohammad Muzaffar tried to dodge the police by wearing a burqa but was nabbed and sent to jail. Muzaffar was wanted in a case of cow slaughter. On May 11, 2022, SO Soraon had intercepted a truck near HP petrol pump in Kurgaon. The truck was from Haryana and had 16 cows out of which eight were found dead. A case had been lodged against unidentified persons in this connection but investigation revealed that Muzaffar was the kingpin of the cow slaughter gang. Aslam has already been sent to jail in this connection. Muzaffar went missing since his name figured in the cow slaughter case. The police raided his hideouts several times, but he managed to escape every time. On a tip off

trans-Ganga segment of the district and caught Muzaffar while trying to escape wearing a 'burqa'. After being produced before the magistrate, he was

sent to jail. TIGHT SECURITY: Taking a lesson from the murder of mafia don Atiq Ahmed and his brother Khalid Azeem alias Ashraf by sharpshooters in a hospital when they were taken there for a medical examination, the police did not allow mediapersons to interact with yet another kingpin of the crime world, Babloo Srivastava. He had been brought here from Bareilly jail under tight security to be produced in the court in connection with kidnapping and ransom demand of Rs 10 crore.

Babloo was fearing his murder while being transferred from Bareilly jail to Prayagraj court, and requested to record his statement through video conferencing, but the court had turned down the request of the mafia don, who is quite

close the 'D' gang.
Babloo was brought here on Sunday and kept in Kaushambi jail for security reasons. When he was produced in the court on Monday a good number of mediapersons and lawyers had gathered there to interact with him but no one was allowed to meet

Babloo was produced in a special Gangster Court here in connection with the kidnapping of a trader Pankaj Mahendra and asking for a ransom of Rs 10 crore. Statements of other criminals involved in this kidnapping — Vineet Parihar, Shachchidanand Yadav, Chandra Prakash and Sandeep Chaudhary have already been recorded by the

Bid to ensure foolproof fire security arrangements

 $I^{\rm n}$ a bid to ensure foolproof fire security arrangements, the officials of the Fire department have asked all puja pandals to follow a set of directives. Moreover, all puja pandal committees must have NOC from the Fire department for setting up pandal.

Apart from security arrangements for visitors, the Fire department has asked committees concerned not to use synthetic material or ropes to construct puja pandals. Besides, every puja pandal has to leave around 4.5 metre space around it so that people could evacuate puja pandal in case of

Pandals must have more than three metres height and no pandal should be set up under the electric wire cable. The exit gate must have at least five metres width and distance of pandal from main road must be within 45 metres.

Chief Fire Officer (Prayagraj) RK Pandey told

puja pandal committees to hire licensed contractors for lighting of pandals. There should be at least two exit points and both the gates should be opposite from each other". Besides, we have also asked all puja pandal committees to ensure emergency lighting services and there should be no fire crackers show in and around the pandal. Every pandal must have at least two advanced fire-fighting extinguishers and water storage of 200 litres near the pandal, he said.

The CFO said as many as eight teams are being constituted to check puja pandal at frequent intervals in Civil Lines, . Naini, Bara, Meja Koraon, Handia, Phulpur and Soraon. Apart from security plan, police have also decided to use separate plan for crowd control or any other emergency, especially during evening hours. Senior cops have advised puja committee to depute additional volunteers to control the crowd thronging the pandals, especially during peak hours (7 $\,$ pm to 2 am).

These volunteers are being deployed in shifts to avoid any laxity. All the major puja pandals would be under police scanner and skilled volunteers would be assisting cops to handle emergency-like situation in case of stampede or fire break out.

There will be separate arrangement for water to ensure adequate supply to tackle any accidental fire. There are plans to utilise drone cameras for assessing crowd strength in pandals and also to keep an eye on security measures. Each policeman and private volunteer will be aware about their role and responsibility.

Besides, a reserve water storage facility will also set up to control any fire outbreak. "We are more focused on security arrangements and are coordinating with the local puja pandal committees," said a

Majority of visitors throng pandals during evening hours

two separate incidents in the

past 24 hours in the city. In the

to enjoy the lighting arrange-ments and the grandeur of the Goddess while offering puja. There will be shift wise duties of policemen at static locations so that they remain alert to tackle any crowd problem.

On their part, the men-inkhaki have already drafted an elaborate security arrangement plan for Durga Puja pandals to prevent any untoward incident during the festival and the police station concerned will be coordinating with committee members regarding security arrangements. Installation of CCTVs will be mandatory to keep an eye on the visitors and additional security forces have been deployed to maintain law

Puja committees have also been instructed to ensure proper lighting inside and outside the pandals during Durga Puja and Navaratra celebrations. A senior cop said, "There will be around 100 small and big puja pandals in the city and security will be reviewed on a routine basis."

Two commit suicide **Devotees throng Brahmacharini Temple PRAYAGRAJ (PNS):** Two persons committed suicide in

VARANASI (PNS): Hundreds Devis where the devotees reach of devotees thronged to offer prayers on different Brahmacharini Devi Temple days during Basantik (Chaitya) Kotwali area on the second day of Shardiya Navratra here on Monday. Right from the morning hours, there was a long line of devotees in the nearby narrow lanes and only a few devotees were allowed to enter the temple premises at a time to avoid any awkward situation. The devotees waited for a long time to reach the temple and offer prayers.

Heavy rush of devotees was also seen throughout the day at the famous Durga Mandir (Durga Kund) as usual. Rush was also seen at some other temples of goddesses. This holy city is a rare place where there are separate temples of all the nine Gauris and

Besides, hundreds of devotees rushed to Vindhyachal in Mirzapur district by Roadway buses or other vehicles to offer prayer on this auspicious occasion. Rush was also seen at Old Durga Mandir at Ramnagar, Sheetla Mata Mandir at Adalpura (near Chunar, Mirzapur) and others. Due to the high level of water in river Ganga, though it was recorded steady during the day, the devotees faced it tough to reach Sheetla Mata Mandir at Old Dashashwamedh Ghat. At both Kund Durga Brahmacharini Devi temples, elaborate security arrangements were made.

first case, a 27 year-old youth identified as Yashwant, a resi-

suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling at his rented accommodation near Bagh road under the Khuldabad police station. The police said Yashwant was preparing for the competitive exams and had not picked up phone for the past two days. The incident came to the fore when his uncle went to meet him but found door locked from inside. On being alerted, a team of Khuldabad police rushed to the spot and found the youth hanging from the ceiling. The police said foul smell was also coming from the room suspecting that youth might have hanged himself two days back. The body has been sent for the post

mortem. In second case, a 37 year-old man identified as Abhishek of Lukerganj committed suicide by hanging himself at his residence under the same police station. Initial that he committed suicide due to domestic issues

PRAYAGRAJ JN BEING REDEVELOPED: Prayagraj Junction is being redeveloped in view of the Mahakumbh to be held in 2025 here. Now work has started on platform numbers 9 and 10 from Sunday. No trains will operate on this route for 77 days. As many as 10 trains have been completely cancelled while around 30 trains were shifted to other platforms. Both these platforms are important because trains go to cities like Mumbai, Delhi and Surat from here. This change may also cause some inconvenience to the passen-

Millet need of the hour: Minister

CORRESPONDENT MIRZAPUR

Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel before flagging off a rally to make people aware to promote the use and farming of 'Shree Anna' at Vikas Bhawan on Sunday said millet is the need of the hour hence it should adopted not only in the larger interest of health but also of nature.

She said it that the UNO has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets. Regarding the district she said farming of millet is the way to cope with the declining groundwater situation. Addressing the gathering District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjan said millet needs less water for irrigation hence is very suitable for area like Mirzapur. On the occasion other experts also expressed their views and the vote of thanks was proposed by Chief Development Officer (CDO) Srilaxmi VS.

Flagging off the awareness rally taken out by the Agriculture department the minister appealed to farmers to



millet awareness rally at Vikas Bhawan on Sunday

not only make others aware but also adopt themselves first. The awareness rally which started from Vikas Bhawan passed through different localities and villages and concluded at the agriculture farm house in Bisundarpur.

INAUGURATED: Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel has inaugurated the Vindhya Darshan Mela app at Vikas Bhawan on Sunday. She praised the initiative of the district

administration which prepared the app for the convenience of the devotees. She said the app had many information, including medical facilities, police assistance, hotels as well as dhabas, rain baseras, toilet facility, CNG/petrol pump, contact number of district administration, medical camp etc. She said the entire information related to the 'darshan' route will be available to the devotee through one click. DM

Priyanka Niranjan and CDO

Srilaxmi VS were also present on the occasion.

COUPLES REUNITE: Under Project Milan programme eight couples reunited through the Family Counselling Centre (FCC) located at Police Lines on Sunday. The couples were living separately due to misunderstanding over trivial issues and the case were brought to the police. The police had referred them to the FCC. After separate sittings eight couples agreed to live together. The staff extended their best good wishes to them for a successful life and bright future. Constable Sapna and colleague Sunita were pre-ARRESTED: The

Madihan police arrested an accused of raping a minor girl on Sunday. A woman had lodged a case on September 22 in this connection. The police started the investigation. On being tipped off by an informer the police nabbed an accused of Belwan village under Padari police station from the Madihan area on Sunday and sent him to jail.

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Underdogs no more!

Buzkashi-playing Afghanistan has braved high odds to make a mark on world cricket, and how!

gnoring long years of wars, conflicts and turmoil, Afghanistan's cricket team threw up the biggest upset in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023, vanquishing defending champions England by a convincing margin of 69 runs. This victory marked only their second win in World Cup history. But it changes everything: Afghanistan's battle-hardened cricket team is now firmly established among the sport's elite. Of course, some credit is due to India, which has helped the Afghan team reach this position of strength. The journey of Afghan cricketers was shaped by their early training in Pakistan, with some even starting their cricketing careers in refugee camps across the border. As they played in dusty and makeshift grounds, they harboured dreams of representing their country on the international stage. The team from this war-torn country made its T20 and ODI debuts against Pakistan. However, the turning point came when the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) stepped in to play a pivotal role in the swift ascension of the



sport within the strife-ridden nation. In 2015, the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex in Greater Noida served as a temporary "home ground" for the Afghans. In the world of cricket, few stories are as captivating and inspirational as the meteoric rise of the Afghan team. Over the past two decades, its journey has been a testament to the indomitable spirit of the Afghans and their unrelenting pursuit of excellence. From its humble beginnings to becoming a formidable force, Afghanistan has not only earned the confidence and respect of major cricketing nations but also made a mark in history. Its remarkable progress in cricket came through their

participation in domestic and international tournaments, such as the World Cricket League. Under the guidance of coaches and mentors, Afghan players honed their skills and developed a unique brand of cricket. Their bowlers, known for their pace and spin prowess, have become a force to reckon with, while their batters have shown glimpses of brilliance. One of the defining moments for Afghanistan was gaining Full Member status from the International Cricket Council (ICC) in 2017. It meant they were granted the same status as giants like India, England and Australia. The emergence of the Afghanistan cricket team is a story of resilience and dedication. It has captured the hearts of cricket enthusiasts and earned the confidence and respect of their peers. The fear factor now associated with Afghanistan's spinners and batters is a testament to their remarkable journey. As Afghanistan continues to take impressive strides in international cricket, it is crucial to celebrate its success as a reminder of the power of sports to bring people together, regardless of their background or circumstances. Afghanistan's cricketing journey is a story of hope and inspiration, one that demonstrates how determination can lead to triumph in the most challenging circumstances. To rephrase Shah Rukh Khan's famous dialogue from a Hindi movie: "Don't underestimate the grit of a war-torn nation!"



Artists perform during the annual presentation 'Shri Ram', a dance drama on Sampoorna Ramayana, in New Delhi

The Israel-Hamas war in perspective



Religiosity woven into war has the automatic effect of rendering the ensuing bloodshed all the more bitter. The results are devastating

he world is used to the spectacle of scholars, academics and social and political activists propagating and conferencing for global peace, but it is increasingly difficult to dismiss the notion that peace is little more than an uneasy halt between wars. While civilians somehow cling to some unreal hope, those in charge of the political destinies talk of peace, but actually build and sharpen the weaponry for the next bout.

In the land of origin of the three Abrahamic faiths, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, peace is currently the biggest casualty. Virtually everyone is concerned about the Israel-Hamas war. One, however, does almost immediately ponder as to how Tel Aviv was caught by utter surprise. Needless to add, the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad has been reputed to be one of the most efficient in the world, possibly the best spy

On balance, it appears that Hamas was conscious that there are groups within Israel that desire the Jewish homeland and country to further expand into a Greater Israel, as large and great as possible. Undoubtedly, the Hamas leaders themselves yearn to wipe the Jewish nation out of existence. Curiously, like in love, so in hate; such desires are mutual. With the help of friends and allies, it is likely that Hamas has been, for a long time planning to strike a 'grand slam' at their Jewish neighbour.

Just as the Israeli leaders would like to get rid of Hamas from the country's neighbourhood. All of this lays the grounds for a conflict before the end of which the other side would supposedly be wiped out. A wounded enemy is more dangerous than one who hasn't been wounded. A grand slam, so to say, might have been thought to be necessary. The question is whether Israel too sees the Hamas invasion and barbarity as a great opportunity for "setting things right" in the Middle

An organized state in Tel Aviv would certainly be functioning per se can seldom win. For the round the clock and would not give its adversaries any chance to tures, however violent and destroy it. As luck would have it, apparently successful, do not



While the members of the Knesset could not readily reach a settlement, the people of the country took over and protested through public meetings and processions. Such scenes had not been seen ever before and were being played out again and again, on the streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. When the adversary is divided, it is human nature for the other side to smell an opportunity. As we have discussed, the desire of Hamas has been intense. The images of an Israel divided in the streets of its cities would certainly have held out the temptation, to believe that this was the opportunity. A terrorist organization like Hamas is unlikely to be foresignted. In fact, terrorism simple reason that its adven-



HAMAS HAS GIFTED ISRAEL WITH A JUSTIFICATION TO **BLAME ANY COUNTRY OR** ORGANISATION IT CHOOSES AS A PARTNER-IN-CRIME THAT EXPRESSES **EVEN MINIMAL** SYMPATHY FOR **HAMAS**

capture territory. And without territory, there is no lasting victory. And yet, terrorist after terrorist gives up his life, merely to temporarily devastate places and people. Evidently, such men or women cannot be far-sighted. To expect the Hamas to be, therefore, to have vision is to expect a bat to have eyesight. Regardless, the attacks launched by Hamas on October 7 Bloody Saturday were thoughtless, to say the least. The consequences from Sunday onwards were foreseeable and yet, were not seen by the terrorist fighters of Hamas. It is not impossible that their escape route may, in an eventuality, be the Mediterranean

On the other hand, Hamas has gifted Israel with a justification to blame any country or organisation it chooses as a partner-in-crime that expresses even minimal sympathy for Hamas. Israel would also, and not without reason, feel justified to heap destruction on not any the Hamas but also the palaces of Qatar (which reportedly funds Hamas to some extent) and Irans nuclear toys, as well as bomb places in Syria, most of which are in ruins anyway because of the latter's civil war. Fortunately for

Israel, ammunition has begun flying in from the USA; if necessary, even weapons would flow in. When Israel's Prime Minister says that his country will change the Middle East, he isn't bluffing.

Unfortunately, Israel-and India too—has been battling enemies who look upon war as a religious duty. Religiosity woven into war has the automatic effect of rendering the ensuing bloodshed all the more bitter. Such religious beliefs hold the promise of an eternal heaven with unending gratification of one's natural lust, in the pursuit of which the adherents of those dogmas have little hesitation in unleashing hell on earth.

For India, tightening our security, internal and external, in the wake of the war in Gaza will be imperative, for Hamas' initial boldness could well embolden elements in Pakistan to try something similar. This time, the Arab states have not supported Hamas, as several of them are seeking better relations with Israel and a different future.

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THE EDITOR

Is it worth going to study in a foreign university?



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Most students fall for the smart marketing tactics and the lure of getting good employment overseas, realising little that the jobs are scarce there

or the past few years, the craze for people from India to go abroad to gain admission to foreign colleges and settle there has been on the increase. According to the government, between 2016 and 2021, 26.44 lakh Indian students went abroad to study. The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) estimates show that in the year 2020, 4.5 lakh Indian students went abroad for education and they spent \$ 13.5 billion in this process. In the year 2022, this expenditure was 24 billion dollars that is, about 2 lakh crore rupees. According to the report of Redseer Strategy Consultant, by 2024 this expenditure may reach US\$ 80 billion, that is, 7 lakh crore rupees, when an estimated 20 lakh Indian students will go abroad to study. If we make a state-wise analysis, till the year 2021, among the students going to study abroad, 12 per cent were from Punjab and Andhra Pradesh each; and 8 per cent were from Gujarat. If seen in proportion to the total number of youth, then 7 out of cation in the country. If we



every thousand youth from Punjab, 4 out of every thousand youth from Andhra Pradesh and at least 2 out of every thousand youth from Gujarat are going to study abroad every year. If we take the cumulative numbers from 2016 to 2022, the situation looks quite alarming. This number is 50 per thousand in Punjab, 30 per thousand in Andhra Pradesh and 14 per thousand in Gujarat. The exponential increase in the number of students going abroad to study is a matter of concern for many reasons. The biggest concern is that these youth are migrating to foreign countries in search of education and employment and this migration is causing a shortage of labour for the economic activities in the country. There has been huge progress in the field of edu-

look at the admission of students in higher education, then in 1990-91, only 49.2 lakh students took admission in higher educational institutions; but this number reached 414 lakh in the year 2020-21. Broadly speaking, the number of students taking admission to higher education has increased more than 10 times in the last 30 years. If we talk about higher education institutions, we see that in the year 2021, there were 1113 universities and equivalent institutions, 43796 colleges and 11296 standalone educational institutions in the country. As far as the fee for admission into educational institutions is concerned, in most of the Indian educational institutions it's much lower than the fees in foreign institutions and most of the foreign institutions in which Indian youth are taking admission are of very low standard. So, the question arises why do Indian youth spend huge amounts of money and get admission to foreign educational institutions? The simple answer is that most of the students who

go abroad to pursue higher

education, actually don't go to

get a higher degree. The real intent of Indian students going to other countries including Australia, Canada, and European countries including the United Kingdom, is not too keen to get an education. Their real objective is to get employment there. But Indian youth fail to realise that there is a huge shortage of employment in these countries also. In many countries, incidents of violence by local people, against Indians and youth coming from other countries, generally from South Asia, are also being witnessed. Most of the young students leaving the country fail to get employment there and have to return home, due to which they are also facing frustration. The students are not able to

realise that today in Canada, Australia and European countries, where they are taking admission to educational institutions, those educational institutions are giving easy admission to Indian students in their institutions, for profit.

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INDIA'S DEPLORABLE HUNGER INDEX Sir—It's shocking news that the Global

Hunger Index for 2023 ranks India 111th out of 125 countries, categorizing the level of hunger as "serious." While the Union government has rejected this index as erroneous, it can't be completely dismissed, considering that India ranked 102nd out of 119 countries in 2022. Despite maintaining buffer stocks, people dying of starvation is a disgrace, especially for the world's fifth-largest economy, ranking lower than nations like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sub-Saharan African countries. Hoarding food grains while thousands starve is extreme callousness. Hollow government slogans claiming that nobody will die of starvation are contradicted.

Furthermore, this alarming ranking on the Global Hunger Index points to a harsh reality: millions of our fellow citizens are struggling to access their daily bread, with their basic human rights being compromised. The fact that India, often celebrated for its rapid economic growth and technological advancements, ranks below countries in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa in terms of hunger is a stark contradiction. It highlights the persistent disparities that exist within the nation and the urgent need for comprehensive policy reform. The government's rejection of this index as erroneous should not serve as a shield to deflect from the pressing issues at hand. It's imperative for the authorities to take this wake-up call seriously and delve into the root causes of this hunger crisis.

They must work towards a more equitable distribution of resources, food security, and social safety nets to protect the most vulnerable among us.

SK Khosla | Chandigarh

INDIA TO HOST 2036 OLYMPIC GAMES

Sir-Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 141st session of the World Olympic Committee in Mumbai, announcing India's readiness to host the 2036 Olympic Games. If the World

India beats Pakistan, again



n 8-0 verdict against Pakistan in World Cup matches has proven that the team from our neighborhood is not up to the challenge at this level. Even the Pakistan hockey team went

down tamely without a semblance of a fight in the Asian Games. The toss proved vital in the ODI games, and after losing it, the team was pro-

gressing at a slow pace. As the team across the border failed to accelerate the scoring, danger lurked. Once Babar, the star batsman, was out, the wickets started tumbling, and the end was in sight. Instead of boosting their scoring with pinch hitters to upset Indian spin bowling, the lower-order batsmen fell into the trap and perished. The Indian batting did not retreat against Afridi but instead wielded the willow with great effect, hitting fours and sixes, bringing the target within reach. Captain Rohit Sharma's batting and his ability to handle both bowlers and field placements received appreciation. In the end, Pakistan was soundly defeated. However, Pakistan has had a great tradition of cricket and this is not the end of it as they can and will bounce back to the height they once were

Ck Ramani | Trichy

Olympic Organization accepts this demand, it will be a significant honor for India. India is rapidly emerging as a global superpower, rising from the tenth to the fifth largest economy in a few years. It is expected to be ranked third soon. Hosting the Olympics will introduce India's tourism to the world and be a source of pride for athletes. India's successful organization of the Asian Games and the inclusion of cricket in the World Olympic Games are positive developments. However, India's permanent membership in the UN Security Committee is still pending, which is crucial for maintaining world peace. The Olympics in India will be a momentous occasion with numerous benefits.

Shantaram Wagh | Pune

GAZA'S WORSENING CONDITION

Sir-Gaza and the West Bank are becoming a new battleground as we saw in Bucha, Kyiv, and Donetsk region of Ukraine at the start of 2023 when Russia invaded Ukraine. The condition of Gaza is dire after the Israeli Air Force occupation. The Iron Sword operation by Israel's defense ministry and the suffering of Palestinians paint a grim pic-

The world is marred by struggles for superiority and ethnic and religious tensions. Gaza has seen no peace for years, only shelling, tears, plight, fear, and anger. Wars persist without solutions, causing destruction and suffering. We must shift our mindset from war to peace, as India opposes the erasure of the Palestinian community. The world needs de-escalation, not war. We must focus on peace in conflict zones, or the world will continue fighting for unnecessary supremacy.

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FIRST COLUMN

paramount keys to achieving success

Anand was a mere mentee at a celebrated flautist's music school. The youngster was bewitched by a damsel who too was learning to play the

Anand and Bhairavi were ensnared by craving; they were in a tearing hurry to achieve stardom through soulful renditions of the fabled Ananda Bhairavi raga. Their respected Master was however certainly not impressed at the

"One needs enormous tapas to arrive at the world stage," he added. A Zen Story: Years ago, a greenhorn was learning various nuances of breathing techniques and meditation at a temple of knowledge. After acquiring some basic skills, he approached his monk as to how soon he could graduate from the monastery and begin to spread the knowledge of Zen Buddhism. The impassioned monk was to say impassively, "It will take

"Master, I will practice twice the number of hours, then how long will it

Learning to Learn: Forbearance and endurance are paramount keys to achieving success. Tearing hurry and sheer desperation to climb the ladder to achieve fame in any field leads only to severe psychological prob-

flute under the expertise of the legendary musician.

proffer of his novitiates and admonished them.

take me to become a suzerain of Buddhism?"

"Thirty years," was the bland reply.

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Igniting the passion of **MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS** traditional entrepreneurs **YOUR ATTENTION** Forbearance and endurance are



DINESH SOOD

'PM Vishwakarma' is an attempt to empower the self-employed traditional entrepreneurs who contribute to their communities and create employment



Psychotherapy: The intent of a therapeutic approach is to upend the pyramid. It is to ensure the betterment of the victim's life. The therapy reinforces the client's resolve for mitigating distress leading to an improved lifestyle. By adopting a holistic line of treatment, the mind is blessed with positivity, becomes robust and develops the ability to eschew unwelcome

There is astonishing progress in the victim who undergoes a mental transformation; the thinking pattern changes dramatically and becomes empowered to make mindful decisions on the voyage of rehabilitation. Gifted and trained psychotherapists combine their clinical insights and their mental GPS to zero in on suitable psychodynamic therapies.

Dynamics of Rehabilitation and Recuperation: Fundamentally, psychodynamic therapy cogitates that it is an intra-psychic conflict that is primarily responsible for the psychological malady. The fountainhead of the problem lies within the psyche of the individual. Research in the field opines that querulous desires of childhood and unmitigated childhood fears are essentially responsible for intra-psychic disorders. Keeping in mind the above two factors, psychotherapists deploy the technique of free association and eliciting information through visualisation, dreams, thoughts, and feelings to create a database. The cutting edge of the therapy is provided as the therapist glides and floats from the intellectual frame to an emotional plane. Psychodynamic therapy enfranchised the therapist to understand the mind of the patient and provide emotional succour.

Last but not least, the duration of treatment is of tremendous significance. The magnitude of the problem is obviously a key determinant of the span of treatment. However, around 15 to 20 vigorous sessions put the patient well on the road to renascence.

Alternative therapies

Unbridled ambition could also trigger alcoholism, bulimia, heavy smoking, and substance abuse among others. In such cases, alternative therapies such as practising the unique rhythmic breathing technique of Sudarshan Kriya, Vipassana, sessions of yoga and pranayama, and meditation techniques of Yoga Nidra, help in the relaxation of the mind and body immensely

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any people strive to secure their dream job and are unwilling to risk becoming an entrepreneur. However, it is notable that professions such as blacksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, carpenters, sculptors, barbers, cobblers, and others are a significant part of India's workforce. These traditional tiny entrepreneurs work with their hands and tools and are usually self-employed individuals whose skills are passed down from generation to generation. This proves that entrepreneurs are born, not made. The culture in which these individuals are raised plays a significant role in shaping their entrepreneurial mindset. They witness the s and downs of entrepreneurship and choose to live their lives similarly.

Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme worth Rs 13,000 crore to promote such traditional tiny entrepreneurs to create more employers than employees. The aim is to integrate traditional tiny entrepreneurs into the domestic and global value chains by providing skill upgradation and modernisation. This will help to enhance their already existing traditional skill sets and make them more relevant, thereby improving their socio-economic status and quality of life.

Successful entrepreneurs are not limited to those who inherit family businesses. An individual's mindset towards entrepreneurship is crucial and develops with age and experience. As people mature, they become aware of the advantages of entrepreneurship and often choose it as a career path. However, how can we motivate those who do not come from entrepreneurial backgrounds to become future employers



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my? It is our responsibility to take the necessary steps to make this happen. Can't we start at least with these initial steps? Home; the parents should start

from the early school days of their young ones, read to them the stories of successful entrepreneurs, ones their young buds could relate to and get them acquainted with their day-to-day life attributes and the attributes and benefits they pass on to the society. Well, it is better to tell your bud to aim at making a hospital or hotel than just being a doctor or a chef, in the process, the young mind will keep his trajectory not confined to just being a doctor or a chef but keep his horizons much open and farther even after turning a successful super specialist doctor or a celebrity chef.

Schools, To fuel the entrepreneurship spirit among job seekers, multi-faceted efforts are needed to accelerate the creation of more job providers in the bustling industrial, services and tertiary sectors. Unfortunately, our education system did not focus on the development of essential entrepreneurial skills in school students, while entrepreneurial skill is the main pillar of job providers, intend to march forward.

Thus, to support the entrepreneurial spirit must give a nod to the Business Blaster Young Entrepreneur Programme in schools to encourage school children from class 11 to become and dedication as employability entrepreneurs. Successful entrepre-

neurs and unicorns who bring with them years of entrepreneurial experience can play a vital role as mentors and can contribute the angel funding to build entrepreneurial orientation and mindset among the youths, especially school dropouts can be skilled and would equip their budding entrepreneurship to take charge as a job

Colleges; there should be a structured curriculum with frequent seminars and workshops on entrepreneurship, emphasizing handson experience rather than just classroom learning. Encouraging idea sponsorships and mentorship from entrepreneurs would be ben-eficial. Additionally, students should be encouraged to visit actual facilities to better understand the entrepreneurial culture.

Business schools; should place equal emphasis on teaching entrepreneurship as they do on teaching business. Mock drills should be implemented, where students spend an equal amount of time shadowing an entrepreneur as they do during internships with organizations. Evaluations should hold equal weight in determining the student's level of business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit. Skill Development Centres; we have some of the brightest minds who are driving change in skill development. These leaders should focus on imparting entrepreneur-

ship skills with the same energy

Development Institutes; how many successful entrepreneurs have we connected with to mentor our future entrepreneurs? We don't need teachers to teach how to be an entrepreneur; if they knew, they would already be one. We need proven entrepreneurs to guide and support our future entrepreneurs and set them on the path to success. Providing resources is only part of the equation, providing expert guidance is equally important.

Lastly; successful entrepreneurs must step forward and make time in their busy schedules to mentor tuture entrepreneurs regularly This can be done for a specific period until the mentee establishes their trajectory, after which the mentor can move on to the next aspiring entrepreneur. This would be a more effective and impactful form of corporate social responsi-

Entrepreneurship is driven by aspirations that exceed available resources. Entrepreneurs do not start businesses because everything falls into place perfectly. Even the self-employed, or 'Vishwakarma" in traditional terms, continue to hone their skills for personal fulfilment and to contribute to their communities. Society as a whole should come together to support these individuals and in doing so, benefit itself. The goal should be to create more employers than employees, and it is hoped that "PM Vishwakarma" will help make this a reality.

Developing argumentative skills with Moot Courts

In a bid to improve the argumentative skills of budding lawyers, law colleges and schools across India are choosing 'Moot Court' competitions

⊣he syllabus of the law universities features 'Moot Court' as a compulsory topic, the marks scored in it playing a crucial role in determining the grade with which the students pass out of the LLB degree examination. Persons outside the legal fraternity or law colleges may stare back when they are asked about Moot Court. "Though Moot Courts are as important and interesting as Mathematics Olympiad, they are yet to get the public recognition. For those interested in legal affairs, this is an event equal in status to the Mathematics Olympiad," said Prof V R Jayadevan, principal, of Government Law College, Thrissur, who successfully conducted an all-India Moot Court event in his college in



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the last week of September. Though planned as a low-profile event the Thrissur Moot Court Competition drew 36 teams from all over India. The winners walked away with the Justice T Ramachandran Memorial Trophy. The event saw intense competition as participating undergraduates switched over from one section of the law to another section with elan and poise. If you ask a person without a

legal background what moot court is about, chances are that you will get a grumpy look. No one can blame him/her because persons without knowledge of legal education are not at all familiar with the term. Moot Courts are simulated lessons held in law schools to make

real-life battles in courtrooms. It is an intellectual bout conceived to test the prowess of law students in their academic pursuits.

The organisers take out subjects of national and international events, put them as a legal issue and ask the students to argue for and against the topic. Classrooms in law schools are converted into real-life courtrooms with all resplendent ambience. These bouts turn out future Jethmalanis, Narimans and Sorabjees!

Those familiar with the nuances of law and legal codes are sure to take a liking to the event. "I always feel that Moot Courts resemble Kathakali, a pantomime of Kerala, which could be enjoyed only by the budding lawyers ready to face connoisseurs of art. For those

who are uninitiated about Kerala Kathakali, watching it is a futile exercise. There is a saying in Malayalam that watching the art form without knowing the story is a waste of time," said Parvathi Sreejth Valliathan, Assistant Professor, SRM Law School, Assistant Chennai. The Thrissur event was the 12th edition of the

annual Moot Court competition held by the College. 'This year we selected a topic right out of a real-life event. Dharmanchal, a State in the Union of India, enacted Dharmanchal Infrastructure Investment Fund Act 2001. The preamble of the Act states that it was expedient to constitute a fund for investment in infrastructure projects in the State. The Act was simi-

Infrastructure Investment Fund Act 1999,"

explained Prof Sonia K Das, the livewire of the event. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India took strong objections to the way the KIIFB was functioning and the availing of loans beyond the repaying capacity of the State. The Articles concerning the federal structure and the freedom of the States were used as weapons by the participants in simulated courtrooms which were presided over by judges who needled the counsels appearing for the petitioners and respondents with questions that went deep into the subject. The expressions on the faces of the audience spoke a lot. They too were taken to the hitherto lar to the provisions of the undebated issues in the Indian

Constitution. "Our intention is to tone up the skills of advocacy," said Prof Jayadevan. The competition witnessed high-pitch arguments and counter-arguments. "Besides arguments, Moot Courts are

the path for law students to have practical knowledge in drafting, pleading and conveyancing. The Moot Courts will intellectually stimulate students to develop skills that will be of great importance in future The participants (addressed as Mooters) should possess sharp analytical skills to dissect complex legal issues, identify key arguments and develop logical frameworks," said Parvathy Kumar, who has more than a dozen Moot Court events to her credit.

Moot Court also have a

forming various tasks like researching and drafting which are put to the Court for approval/consideration. The participants are hopeful that one day they will be able to compete in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court hosted in Washington DC. Considering the fact that there is no empowered body to ask the global community of nations to follow the diktat of the International Court of Justice, it is for the Gen Next to come up with ideas and solutions that make the States obey the orders issued by it. The progress made in science and technology has brought together warring nations of Europe is a hopeful signature. Let the Moot Courts flourish in India.

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Muslim boy killed, woman hurt in Illinois hate crime

AP ■ CHICAGO

A⁷¹-year-old Illinois man accused of fatally stabbing a 6-year-old boy and seriously wounding a 32-year-old woman was charged with a hate crime Sunday. Police allege he singled out the victims because of their Islamic faith and as a response to the war between Israel and Hamas.

In recent days, police in U.S. cities and federal authorities have been on high alert for violence driven by antisemitic or Islamophobic sentiments. FBI officials, along with Jewish and Muslim groups, have reported an increase of hateful and threatening rhetoric.

In the Chicago-area case, officers found the woman and boy late Saturday morning at a home in an unincorporated area of Plainfield Township, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) southwest of Chicago, the Will County Sheriff's Office said in a statement on social media.

The boy was pronounced dead at a hospital. The woman had multiple stab wounds and was expected to survive, according to the statement. An autopsy on the child showed he had been stabbed dozens of times.

"Detectives were able to determine that both victims in this brutal attack were targeted by the suspect due to them being Muslim and the on-going Middle Eastern conflict involving Hamas and the Israelis," the sheriff's statement said. According to the Will County sheriff's office, the

woman had called 911 to report that her landlord had attacked her with a knife, adding she then ran into a bathroom and continued to fight him off.

The man suspected in the attack was found Saturday outside the home and "sitting upright outside on the ground near the driveway of the residence" with a cut on his forehead, authorities said.

Joseph M. Czuba of Plainfield was charged with first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, two counts of hate crimes and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, according to the sheriff's office. He was in custody Sunday and awaiting a court appearance. Attempts to reach Czuba or

a family member were unsuccessful Sunday. His home phone number was unlisted. Messages left for possible relatives in online records and on social media were not immediately returned. The sheriff's office and county public defender's office did not immediately return messages about Czuba's legal representation.

Authorities did not release the names of the two victims. But the boy's paternal uncle, Yousef Hannon, spoke at

a news conference Sunday hosted by the Chicago chapter Council on American-Islamic Relations. There the boy was identi-

fied as Wadea Al-Fayoume, a Palestinian American boy who recently had turned 6. The organization identified the other victim as the boy's moth-

UNRWA sends advance team to Egypt

United Nations (PTI): The UN agency for Palestinian refugees on Monday said it has sent an advance team to Egypt to prepare for a possible opening of a corridor to bring humanitari an aid supplies into the Gaza Strip amidst Israeli bombardment that has displaced over one million people in the Hamas-ruled region. The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said that heavy Israeli Forces' bombardments of the Gaza Strip have continued, from the air, sea and land, and civilians continue to flee to the southern areas following Israel's warning on Friday to evacuate northern areas.

With Gaza running out of water, food, fuel and essential medicines, UNRWA said it has sent an advance team to Egypt to prepare for the possible opening of a humanitarian corridor to bring humanitarian aid supplies into the Strip. Advocacy continues at the highest levels for humanitarian access for prepositioned critical supplies to cross into Gaza through Rafah, including food, water, medical supplies, fuel and non-food items.

In a situation report by UNRWA on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, the agency said people across Gaza have severely limited access to clean drinking water.

Rishi Sunak visits UK's Jewish school to reassure community

PTI ■ LONDON

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Monday visited a Jewish school here and reiterated his government's commitment to protect Britain's Jews from antisemitic attacks amid the ongoing Israel-Gaza conflict. The British Indian leader also stressed that Israel's operations must centre on the terrorist group Hamas to avoid an escalation of conflict in the region. He pointed to the spy planes deployed by the UK to the eastern Mediterranean region to monitor and prevent arms shipments from landing in terrorist hands.

"I'm determined to ensure that our Jewish community is able to feel safe on our streets, that there is no place in our society for antisemitism, and we will do everything we can to stamp it out and where it happens," said Sunak during his visit to the Jewish school in north London.He attended an assembly at the secondary school before answering a few questions from those present.

"I stand with all of you, the Jewish community, not just today, tomorrow but always, and I really mean it. Like many of you, I am different; I come from a different background, and our society is strongest when that diversity is respect-ed. There are people who are trying to stir up hatred and division, and I will always strive very hard to protect that diversity," he said.



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak signing messages and prayers for Israel during a visit to a school in north London, England Monday.

Biden postpones trip to Colorado

Washington (AP): President and the growing humanitari-Joe Biden postponed a trip to Colorado on Monday to stay in Washington and focus on the growing conflict in the Middle East. Biden had been heading to the Colorado district of Rep. Lauren Boebert, where he was to visit CS Wind, the world's largest facility for wind tower manufacturing. The White House said iust a few hours before Biden was set to take off for the trip that it would be rescheduled.

Instead, Biden is expected to hold a series of high-level meetings with aides on Israel

an concerns in Gaza. The Democratic president is weighing a decision to visit the region in a powerful symbol of support for Israel following the October 7 attack by Hamas that killed more than 1,400 people including at least 30 US citizens.

The decision reflects the competing pressures for the president, heading into an election year in which he is trying to showcase his domestic agenda as conflicts abroad in Ukraine and now Israel

EU leaders to hold emergency summit

Brussels (AP): European Union leaders will hold an emergency summit on Tuesday as concerns grow that the war between Israel and Hamas could fuel inter-communal tensions in Europe and bring more refugees in search of sanctuary. "This conflict has many consequences, including for us in the European Union," EU Council President Charles Michel said in a video statement announcing that he had convened the virtual meeting. The conflict could have major security consequences for our societies.

Since the Palestinian militant group Hamas attacked southern on October 7, triggering the latest Gaza war, France has ordered a ban on pro-Palestinian demonstrations and the number of antisemitic acts has risen. Low-level rallies have been held in other EU countries. Both the the 27-nation bloc and the United States consider Hamas as a terrorist organisation.

The Louvre Museum in Paris evacuated people after receiving bomb threats over the

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Noboa wins presidency in Ecuador

AP ■ QUITO (ECUADOR)

Daniel Noboa has managed to do what his father failed at five times: Getting elected as Ecuador's president. And he did it Sunday on his first attempt, winning a runoff election against a leftist lawyer on the resume of a 35-year-old who belongs to the South American country's elite, which means some schooling in the US, some entre-preneurial work, some dabbling in politics. Now, he must answer the uni-

versal demand to make Ecuador safe again, which voters urged on all the candidates who originally jumped into the race amid a surge in unprecedented violence tied to drug trafficking.

Noboa's proposals to tackle the crucial issue have run the gamut. At one point in the campaign, he proposed turning ships into floating jails for the most vioply promised more gear for police.

Voters are increasingly frightened by the escalation of drug violence over the past three years. Killings, kidnappings, robberies and other criminal activities have become part of everyday life, leaving Ecuadorians wondering when, not if, they will be victims.

And as he is getting a truncated term, Noboa faces a daunting

task. "I think there would be a very slim chance that even the best equipped president could reverse

Ecuador's security crisis within 18



months — it's such a short period of time — and neither of these candidates was the best equipped. — defeat during a speech before supporters in which she also urged Noboa to fulfill his campaign didates was the best equipped. Noboa certainly not," said Will

Freeman, a fellow on Latin American studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. "His proposals on security were erratic, and they gave the sense that he was impro-

will run only through May 2025, which is what remains of the tenure of President Guillermo

He cut his term short when he dissolved the National Assembly in May as lawmakers pursued impeachment proceedings against him over alleged improprieties in a government contract.

With nearly all votes counted, electoral officials said Noboa had just over 52%, compared to nearly 48 per cent for Luisa González, an ally of exiled former President Rafael Correa. González conceded

promises. After results showed him vic-

torious, Noboa thanked Ecuadorians for believing in "a new political project, a young political project, an improbable political project."

peace to the country, to give education to the youth again, to be able to provide employment to the many people who are looking for it." To that end, Noboa said, he will immediately begin to work to "rebuild a country that has been seriously hit by violence, corruption and hatred."

The government's inability to tackle the security crisis was laid bare in August with the assassination of presidential candidate and anti-corruption crusader Fernando Villavicencio. Since then, other politicians and political leaders bombs have exploded in multiple cities, including the capital, Quito, and inmates have rioted in prisons. Earlier this month, seven men held as suspects in Villavicencio's slaying were themslves killed inside Noboa opened an event orga-

have been killed or kidnapped, car

nizing company when he was 18 and then joined his father's Noboa Corp., where he held management positions in the shipping, logistics and commercial areas. His political career began in 2021, when he got a seat in the National Assembly and chaired its Economic Development Commission. His father, Álvaro Noboa, is the

richest man in Ecuador thanks to a conglomerate that started in the growing and shipping of bananas Ecuador's main crop — and now includes more than 128 companies in dozens of countries. The elder ident five times. The younger Noboa's party will not have have enough seats in the National Assembly to be able to govern on its own. Garnering support from opposing lawmakers will be key to avoid the difficulties that plagued Lasso's term. Lasso, a conservative former banker, clashed constantly with lawmakers after his election in 2021 and decided not to run in the special election. On Sunday, he called on Ecuadorians to have a peaceful election and think about what is "best for their children, their parents and the country."

Poles vote for centrist opp after 8 years of nationalist rule

AP ■ WARSAW

 $T^{\text{he majority of voters in Poland's}}_{\text{general election supported}}$ opposition parties that promised to repair the nation's constitutional order and its relationship with allies, including the European Union and Ukraine, according to projections

After a bitter and emotional campaign, voters turned out in droves on Sunday to make their voices known. Turnout was projected at almost 73 per cent, the highest level in the country's 34 years of democracy and surpassing the 63 per cent who turned out in the historic 1989 vote that toppled communism. In the city of Wroclaw, the lines were so long that voting continued through the night until nearly 3 a.m.

A so-called late exit poll by Ipsos suggested that voters had grown tired of the governing nationalist Law and Justice party after eight years of divisive policies that led to

frequent street protests, bitter divisions within families and billions of euros (dollars) in funding held up by the EU over rule of law violations. Poland's currency, the zloty, reacted by strengthening against the

dollar and the euro Monday. The

outcome could also affect ties with

neighbouring Ukraine, which

Poland has been supporting in the war against Russia's aggression. The good relations soured in September over Ukraine grain entering and

The Ipsos poll showed that three centrist opposition parties that campaigned on a promise to reverse the illiberal drift of the government had together secured around 248 seats in the 460-seat lower house of parliament, or Sejm, a clear majority.

affecting Poland's market.

"I am really overjoyed now,' Magdalena Chmieluk, a 43-year-old accountant, said Monday morning. The opposition "will form a government and we will finally be able to live in a normal country, for real." Still, Poles on Monday were fac-

ing weeks of political uncertainty. Law and Justice won more votes than any single party and said it would try to build a new govern-ment led by Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki.

"No matter how you look at it, we won," Law and Justice campaign FM radio

manager Joachim Brudzinski said Monday in an interview on RMF President Andrzej Duda, an ally of Law and Justice, must call the first session of the new parliament time, the current government will remain in a caretaker role.

The tradition in the democratic era has been for the president to first tap someone from the party with the most votes, but he is not required to do so.

It was not clear how Law and Justice could realistically hold onto power, unless it managed to win over some lawmakers from opposition parties, something it did in the past to maintain the thin parliamentary majority it held for eight years. But that seemed unlikely given the large number that would need to change allegiances.

The leader of the agrarian PSL party, a frequent kingmaker in past governments, ruled out cooperating with Law and Justice, known in Poland as PiS, after running with the Third Way coalition. "Those who voted for us want change, want a change of government, want PiS removed from power," Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Kamysz said on RMF FM.

The Ipsos poll showed Law and Justice with 36.6 per cent of the votes cast; the opposition Civic Coalition, led by former European Council President Donald Tusk, with 31 per cent; the centrist Third Way coalition with 13.5 per cent; the Left within 30 days of the election and party with 8.6 per cent; and the fardesignate a prime minister to try to right Confederation with 6.4 per build a government. In the mean-

Ex-Finnish president dies at 86



AP HELSINKI

Martti Ahtisaari, the former president of Finland and global peace broker who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2008 for his work to resolve international conflicts, died Monday. He was 86.

The foundation he created for preventing and resolving violent conflicts said in a statement it was "deeply saddened by the loss of its founder and (former) chair of the board." In 2021, it was announced

that Ahtisaari had advanced Alzheimer's disease. It is with great sadness that we have received the news of the death of President Martti Ahtisaari," Finnish President Sauli Niinisto said in a statement.

Leaders from emerging economies arriving for 'Belt and Road' forum

eaders of emerging market Leaders of chiefs.... Beijing for a meeting organised by the Chinese government that will mark the 10th anniversary of its Belt and Road Initiative.

More than a dozen leaders from Africa, Asia and the Mideast were flying into Beijing on Monday, following the arrivals of Chilean President Gabriel Boric and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Örbán on Sunday. Others are coming on Tuesday.

Under the Belt and Road Initiative, a signature policy of President Xi Jinping, Chinese companies have built ports, roads, railways, power plants and other infrastructure around the world in a bid to boost trade and economic

But the massive Chinese development loans that funded the projects have also burdened some poorer countries with heavy debts.

A flurry of diplomacy is expected on the sidelines of the third Belt and Road Forum, whose main events are on Wednesday. Orbán met with Xi and Premier Li Qiang, Hungary's state news agency MTI said. The forums also were held in 2017 and 2019.

Kenyan President William Ruto will be seeking additional loans for stalled road projects despite the country's already high public debt, and an easing of the repayment of a Chinese loan for a railway project that has not proven commercially

Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to attend the forum, as are representatives of the Taliban government in Afghanistan. Putin downplayed the idea that China, through its Belt and Road projects in Central Asia, is competing for influence in a region that Russia has long considered its backyard. "Our own ideas on the

development of the Eurasian Economic Union, for example, on the construction of a Greater Eurasia, fully coincide with the Chinese ideas proposed within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative," he told Chinese state broadcaster CCTV, according to a tran-

in Pakistan on Monday reject-

ed a plea by Imran Khan

against holding his trial in the

cipher case in jail, saying in-

prison hearing was "in favour"

of the former prime minister

keeping in mind security-relat-

ed matters. The case pertains to

a secret diplomatic document

that Khan used to criticise his

opponents for allegedly orches-

trating his ouster from power

in April last year. The docu-

ment reportedly went missing

the case against Khan, 71, in

Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi where

he was shifted on September 26

from the District Iail Attock.

Insaf (PTI) chairman in a peti-

tion filed in the Islamabad

High Court (IHC) on October

4 sought to stay the jail trial.

Aamer Farooq announced the

reserved verdict, dismissing

the plea against the holding of

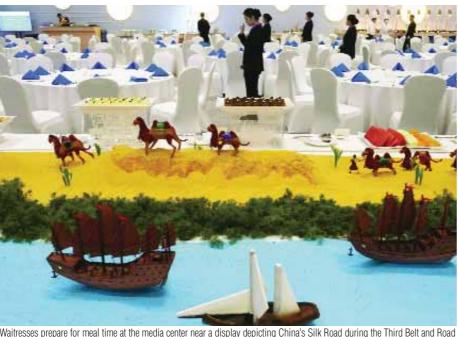
the cipher case trial in Adiala

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A special court is hearing

from his possession.



Waitresses prepare for meal time at the media center near a display depicting China's Silk Road during the Third Belt and Road Forum held at the China National Convention Centre in Beijing, on Monday

Kenya seeks more loans despite rising public debt

enya's President William Ruto sought \$1 billion more in loans from China Monday, despite rising public debt that has now reached \$70 billion in the Eastern African country, according to National Treasury figures for 2022/2023. President Ruto was was one of a number of global leaders in Beijing to attend the tenth anniversary meeting of China's Belt and Road Initiative, the ambitious plan that aims to connect Âfrica, Asia and Europe through massive infrastructure and energy projects. A statement from Kenya's

State House Spokesman Hussein Mohammed said, "The president will deliver a keynote address headlined Digital Economy as a New Source of Growth' at the High-Level Forum." "Additionally, the president will participate in a Kenya-China investors round-

script posted on the Kremlin The leaders who arrived on

Monday included Ethiopian

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recalled that Khan had voiced

his reservations relating to his

security "numerous times". "If

the PTÍ chairman has reserva-

tions about the jail trial, he may

approach the trial court," the

court declared that Khan and

former foreign minister Shah

Mahmood Oureshi would be

indicted during the next hear-

ing on October 17, which

would mark the official start of

the trial. Khan was ousted

through a vote of no-confidence

in April 2022. He was incarcer-

ated on August 5 this year, after

an Islamabad court sentenced

him to three years in prison in

the Toshakhana case.

Earlier this month, the

order stated.

The court in its order

of jail trial," it observed.

Court rejects Imran Khan's plea

against jail trial in cipher case

table to emphasise Kenya's standing as an investment hub for Chinese companies," said the statement. One of the signature BRI projects in Kenya is the Standard Gauge Railway line, which runs from the port city of Mombasa to the Rift Valley via the capital, Nairobi. It cost \$4.7 billion dollars to build but has faced numerous challenges, including delays and a low uptake of its freight service. The SGR which started operations in 2017, was initially intended to go all the way to neighbouring Uganda to the west, as well as serving other landlocked countries in eastern

cancelled after Kampala pulled out and opted instead for partnership with a Turkish firm for the construction of its main line. Kenya's SGR was mainly constructed using Chinese banks loans and last week, Deputy President Rigathi

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed,

Sri Lankan President Ranil

Wickremesinghe, Republic of

Congo President Denis Sassou

Dakistan's self-exiled former

Sharif will give a road map to

pull the cash-strapped country

out of the economic mess dur-

ing his gathering here in the

capital of Punjab province on

October 21, a media report said

istration on Sunday allowed the

Pakistan Muslim League-

Nawaz (PML-N) party to hold

a gathering at the Minar-e-Pakistan after the former ruling

party sought permission in a

bid to whip up support for its

supreme leader's return later

this week, Dawn news report-

ed. Speaking to workers at a

party convention in Mustafabad, PML-N Vice

President Hamza Shehbaz said

Pakistan will "restart its journey

towards progress and prosper-

ity" with the return of the

PML-N supreme leader later

The Lahore district admin-

prime minister Nawaz

PTI ■ LAHORE

on Monday.

this week.

However, those plans were

Gachagua told a local radio station that the president will be asking Chinese officials "to repay the loans slowly, while also borrowing a little money to finish stalled road projects". "The Kenya SGR desper-

ately needs cross-border expansion to make it a financially sustainable project. This is another key element in Kenya's negotiation," said economist Aly Khan Satchu. "The SGR as is is a dud. To make it sustainable it needs to connect Uganda's oil to the sea and (Congo) minerals. Therefore, to take the SGR from a negative return on investment into a positive ROI he needs to increase leverage," added Satchu. Kenya has been struggling with ballooning public debt, with \$6 billion owed to Chinese creditors, according to national data. Some of the loans will mature in the 2023/2024 fiscal year, putting further pressure on the government.

Nguesso, Papua New Guinean Prime Minister Iames Marape and Cambodian Minister Hun Manet.

Nawaz Sharif to unveil 'recovery plan' at

"In his address at Minar-e-

Pakistan, Nawaz Sharif will

give a road map to pull the

country out of the economic

mess," Hamza Shehbaz, the

nephew of Nawaz Sharif, said.

allies saved the country while

risking their political capital.

Had there been no agreement

with the International

Monetary Fund (IMF),

Pakistan would have gone

bankrupt, Hamza said, adding

that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-

Insaf (PTI) government led by

its chief Imran Khan brought

the country to the verge of

default. Hamza, the son of for-

mer prime minister Shehbaz

Sharif, said while the politics of

the PML-N revolved around

development, jailed former

prime minister Khan-led PTI

He referred to the May 9

PML-N leader Malik

indulged in politics of hate.

incidents to back his point.

Ahmed, who was a former

He said the PML-N and its

Minar-e-Pakistan gathering on Oct 21

'X' \$385,000 for not tackling child abuse content

Canberra (AP): Australia's online safety watchdog said on Monday it had fined X — the social media platform formerly known as Twitter — 610,500 Áustralian dollars (ÚSD 385,000) for failing to fully explain how it tackled child sexual exploitation content.

Australia's eSafety Commission describes itself as the world's first govern-ment agency dedicated to keeping people safe online.

The commission issued legal transparency notices early this year to X and other platforms questioning what they were doing to tackle a prolifer ation of child sexual exploitation, sexual extortion and the livestreaming of child sexual abuse. eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant said X and Google had not complied with the notices because both companies had failed to adequately respond to a number of questions. The platform renamed X by its new owner Elon Musk was the worst offender, providing no answers to some questions including how many staff remained on the trust and safety team that worked on preventing harmful and illegal content since Musk took over, Inman Grant said.

"I think there's a degree of defiance there," Inman Grant said. "If you've got a basic H.R. (human resources) system or payroll, you'll know how many people are on each team, she added. X did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

After Musk completed his acquisition of the company in October last year, he drastically cut costs and shed thousands of jobs. X could challenge the fine in the Australian Federal Court. But the court could impose a fine of up to AU\$780,000 (USD 493,402) per day since March when the commission first found the platform had not complied with the transparency notice.

The commission would continue to pressure X through notices to become more transparent, Inman Grant said. They can keep stonewalling and we'll keep fining them," she said. The commission issued Google with a formal warning for providing "generic responses to specific questions," a statement said.

Sharif, said October 21 would

not be "an ordinary day in fact

this would be the day when the

country would start its journey

towards glory and prosperity"

The PML-N is all set to hold the

mass public meeting not only to

welcome Nawaz Sharif but also

to give a befitting reply to the

PTI that used the venue to show

its massive popularity among

holding a public meeting at

Minar-e-Pakistan and the sub-

mission of an affidavit by PML-

N leader Bilal Yasin to take full

responsibility for the public gath-

ering in case of any untoward

incident, the deputy commis-

sioner's office issued a no objec-

tion certificate (NOC) to the

party. The organisers have been

instructed to ensure stage secu-

rity, security of ladies' and gents'

enclosures, emergency exits,

measures for avoiding/ control-

ling stampedes and adequate

parking through the hiring of

In response to the request for

the masses, the report said.

Oz watchdog fines Russia's assault on eastern Ukraine city is weakening'

Adayslong attempt by Russian forces to storm a strategically important city in eastern Ukraine appears to be running out of steam, Kviv officials claimed Monday, as the Kremlin's war entered its 600th day. Ukrainian forces repelled 15 Russian attacks from four directions on Avdiivka over the previous 24 hours, the Ukrainian General Staff said

That compared with up to 60 attacks a day in the middle of last week, according to Vitalii Barabash, head of the city administration. The slackening suggests the Russian effort to capture Avdiivka has

"deflated", Barabash said. A Washington-based think tank broadly concurred with that assessment. "Russian forces continued offensive operations aimed at encircling Avdiivka... but have yet to make further gains amid a likely decreasing tempo of Russian operations in the area," the Institute for the Study of War said in analysis published late Sunday. Russia's ambassador to the

United Nations, Vassily Nebenzia, told a UN Security Council meeting last Friday that the ramped-up attacks in the east amounted to a new

With the looming onset of wintry conditions that will limit military operations, both sides have been seeking battlefield breakthroughs that could invigorate their efforts and raise morale.

Ukraine launched its own counteroffensive about four months ago. It has made some headway but the limited success has underlined the daunting challenge of taking on the Kremlin's more numerous forces. Kyiv's Western allies insist that their military and financial support for Ukraine will continue, even as the Israeli-Hamas war rages and competes for resources.

ŪS National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said Sunday the Biden administration will ask Congress for a combined aid package for Ukraine and Israel worth more than \$2 billion.

Ukrainian officials have said their troops are holding out against fierce Russian efforts to wrest control of Avdiivka, a heavily fortified city. Avdiivka lies in the northern suburbs of the city of Donetsk, in a region of the same name that Russian forces partially occupy. Avdiivka's location grants Ukrainian forces artillery advantages over

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springboard for them to liber-

ate Donetsk. It is not possible to verify battlefield claims by either side. Misinformation and dis-

information have played a

central role in the war. Russian President Vladimir Putin, in an interview with the China Media Group released Monday, claimed that Ukraine's counteroffensive has achieved "no results so far, only massive

Meanwhile, Russian children's rights ombudswoman Maria Lvova-Belova claimed Monday that her office has helped 35 Ukrainian children reunite with their relatives in Ukraine and other countries.

Lvova-Belova, who was indicted along with Putin by the International Criminal Court for war crimes connected to the deportation of children from Ükraine, claimed Russia never opposed reuniting children with their families.

Qatar's foreign ministry issued a statement saying it had been involved in recent family reunifications through its embassy in Moscow but it provided no details.

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aide to ex-premier Shehbaz private security and volunteers.

Church on Monday criticised the Japanese government's request for a court order to dissolve the group, saying it's based on groundless accusations and is a serious threat to

Japan's Education Ministry on Friday asked the Tokyo District Court to revoke the legal status of the Unification Church after a ministry investigation concluded the group for decades has systematically manipulated its followers into donating money, sowing fear

months of public outrage and questions about the group's Minister Shinzo Abe's assassination last year. The man accused of shooting Abe allegedly was motivated by the former prime minister's links to the church and blamed it for

and regrettable," said the church's legal affairs department chief, Nobuo Okamura. 'We believe the request for a dissolution order is a serious development not only for freedom of religion but also human rights." The request asks the court to issue a dissolution revoking church's status as a religious

A harvesting machine mows down rows of corn on fields near Dingelstaedt. Germany, on Monday

Unification Church slams Japan's dissolution request as threat to religious freedom

Tokyo (AP): The Japanese branch of the Unification religious freedom and human rights of its followers.

and harming their families.

The investigation followed

fundraising and recruitment tactics after former Prime bankrupting his family. The government's request

"extremely disappointing

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'India expected to grow at 6.3 per cent in FY24'

India's economic growth is expected at 6.3 per cent during 2023-24 on the back of good health of the financial sector and uptick in private investment even as downside risks remain, said a survey by industry body Ficci unveiled on Monday.

The latest round of Ficci's Economic Outlook Survey pegs annual median gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2023-24 at 6.3 per cent - with a minimum and maximum growth estimate of 6 per cent and 6.6 per cent, respectively, the chamber stated.

The median growth forecast for agriculture and allied activities has been put at 2.7 per cent for 2023-24. This marks a moderation vis-a-vis growth of about 4 per cent reported in 2022-23. The El Nino effect has had an impact on the spatial distribution of rainfall this monsoon. Industry and services sector, on the other hand, are anticipated to grow 5.6 per cent and 7.3 per cent, respectively in current fiscal year, the survey shows.

Ficci said the survey was conducted in September 2023 and drew responses from lead-



ing economists representing industry, banking and financial services sector.

"Persisting headwinds on account of geopolitical stress, slowing growth in China, lagged impact of monetary tightening and below normal monsoons pose downside risks to growth," it said.

According to survey results, median GDP growth is estimated to slow down to 6.1 per cent and 6 per cent in Q2 2023-24 and Q3 2023-24, respectively after posting a four-quarter high growth of 7.8 per cent in Q1 2023-24.

Further, the chamber said

Back home, the survey said though India's economic performance has remained relatively steady amid recent challenges, the country has not been unscathed from the external shocks. Weak external demand is already reflecting in India's merchandise exports performance and is expected to be a drag on domestic growth, it

"Nonetheless, growth in India is expected to hold ground on the back of good health of the financial sector, robust urban demand, uptick in private investment as a result of government's front-loading of capex, pick up in real estate/construction sector and the forthcoming festive season," the survey said.

It further said Reserve Bank's policy repo rate is expected to remain unchanged until the end of current financial year. The latest survey results forecast repo rate at 6.5 per cent as at March-end 2024.

Economists were of the view that a cut in the repo rate is expected only by the end of the first quarter or second quarter of next fiscal year 2024-25, Ficci added.

Experts see WPI inflation rising in second half this fiscal

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in India is likely to rise in the second half of the ongoing fiscal and a prolonged deflationary trend could impact growth, experts said on Monday.

Wholesale inflation remained in the negative territory for the sixth straight month in September at (-) 0.26 per cent on easing prices of food items, especially vegetables

Deflation in WPI in September is primarily due to the fall in prices of chemicals and chemical products, mineral oils, textiles, basic metals, and food products as compared to the year-ago period, the commerce and industry ministry said on Mondav.

"In September, the WPI exhibited its sixth consecutive month of contraction, with a decline of 0.3 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y), lower than the previous month's contraction of 0.5 per cent," CareEdge Chief Economist Rajani Sinha said.

attributed to the deceleration in food prices, as well as the ongoing decline in fuel and manufactured product prices," Sinha said. She suggested that while the fading impact of a high base may lead to a "slight increase" in WPI

"The continued contraction in WPI can be

in the second half of the fiscal year, the overall WPI inflation is expected to remain low. Elevated global crude oil prices and potential risks to kharif harvest due to uneven rainfall

also pose upside risks to WPI inflation, Sinha said. Abhirup Sarkar, an economist and professor at the Indian Institute of Statistics, told PTI that while the decrease in fuel prices is positive news, geopolitical conflicts in Russia and the Middle East could lead to an increase in international oil prices, affecting wholesale price inflation in India

He said although wholesale food prices have seen a decline, it may take time for this to be reflected in retail prices, as it depends on traders

Sidbi announces growth accelerator programme for small NBFCs



and their ability to pass on the price reduction to

Sarkar cautioned that prolonged deflation in WPI can have a negative impact on the economy, indicating lack of demand and potentially slowing down growth.

The WPI-based inflation rate has been in the negative zone since April and was (-) 0.52 per cent

In September last year, it was 10.55 per cent. Inflation in food articles eased to 3.35 per cent in September, after remaining in double digits in the previous two months. It was 10.60 per cent in

"Deflation in September 2023 is primarily due to fall in prices of chemical and chemical products, mineral oils, textiles, basic metals and food products as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year," the commerce and industry ministry said on Monday.

Fuel and power basket inflation was at (-) 3.35 per cent in September, against (-)6.03 per cent in August. In manufactured products, inflation rate was (-) 1.34 per cent, as against (-) 2.37 per cent in August.

Data released last week showed that the annual retail, or consumer price inflation, was at 5.02 per cent in September, which was a three-month



JK Paper to acquire Manipal **Utility Packaging** Solutions for ₹90 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

K Paper Ltd on Monday said it will fully acquire Manipal Utility Packaging Solutions Pvt Ltd for nearly Rs 90 crore.

The company has entered into a share purchase agreement (SPA) for the acquisition of 100 per cent shares of Manipal Utility Packaging Solutions Pvt Ltd (MUPSPL), JK Paper said in a regulatory filing. Under the SPA, JK Paper will acquire 4.07 crore equity

shares representing 100 per cent of capital of MUPSPL at Rs 21.80 per equity share of Rs 10 each, subject to adjustments as per terms of agreement, it added.

The acquisition is expected to be completed within six weeks of execution of the SPA with the target entity and its promoters/shareholders, subject to fulfilment of conditions mentioned in the SPA, the company said. JK Paper Vice Chairman

and Managing Director Harsh Pati Singhania said, "This acquisition is in line with the long-term strategic objective of the company in the packaging business and gives us an opportuni-ty to offer combined solution to the customers with respect to secondary and tertiary packaging, improve operational efficiencies and ensure that MUP-SPL grows and adds value to stakeholders."

MUPSPL is engaged in the business of manufacturing pack-aging products like folding cartons, corrugated boxes and labels with four manufacturing plants across India. It had a revenue of Rs 147.77 crore in FY 2022-23,

the company said.

Packaging business is amongst the fastest growing segments in the Indian paper and packaging industry driven by growth in end use industries such as food and beverage, and



Markets fall for 3rd day on weak global equities

PTI MUMBAI

 $B_{\text{ended lower on Monday,}}^{\text{enchmark equity indices}}$ falling for the third day running, amid weak trends in global markets and spike in Brent crude oil prices due to geopo-litical tension in the Middle

East.
The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 115.81 points or 0.17 During the day, it fell 243.36 points or 0.36 per cent to 66,039.38. The Nifty slipped 19.30 points or 0.10 per cent to 19,731.75

From the Sensex pack, Nestle, Tata Consultancy Services, IndusInd Bank, Asian Paints, Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, UltraTech Cement Kotak Mahindra Bank and Hindustan Unilever were among the major laggards.

Tata Steel, JSW Steel, HCL Technologies, Axis Bank, Power Grid and Mahindra & Mahindra were among the gain-"Markets continued to wit-

ness range-bound trend with a negative bias amid weak Asian cues as selective profit-taking was seen in banking, realty and IT stocks, whereas buying in metal, auto and consumer durable stocks helped markets curb losses

"Investors are trading cautiously in an uncertain global environment as ongoing Israel-

Palestine conflict coupled with weak overseas fundamentals and persistent FII selling have dampened sentiment," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.34 per cent and midcap index gained 0.25 per cent.

Among the indices, per cent, realty (0.39 per cent), teck (0.32 per cent), FMCG (0.28 per cent), services (0.17 per cent), bankex (0.11 per cent) and IT (0.10 per cent).

Commodities, consumer discretionary, energy, industrials, auto and metal were among the gainers.

'Persistent geopolitical tensions continue to weigh down the sentiment on equity, yet the mid and smallcap index witnessed bargain hunting ahead of festival-driven demand and optimistic Q2 results. If oil price moves higher in a sustained manner, it may elevate yields and operation cost, potentially straining margins in H2 FY24," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower

European markets were trading mostly in the negative territory. The US markets ended on a mixed note on Friday.

National development bank Sidbi on Monday announced a growth accelerator programme for small NBFCs to help them become eligible for bank funding.
Under the initiative, being

the median forecast for CPI

based inflation has been put at

5.5 per cent for 2023-24, with

a minimum and maximum

range of 5.3 per cent and 5.7 per

opined that the course of infla-

view among the participants

that global growth is poised to

slow in the current year vis-a-

vis 2022, and this trend is

expected to continue in the year 2024 as well," Ficci said, and

added significant downside

risks continue to remain on fore

that could hamper the momen-

tion remains uncertain.

The survey participants

There was an unanimous

cent, respectively.

carried out in association with the global alliance for mass entrepreneurship and national NBFC lobby FIDC (Finance Industry Development Council), it has onboarded 18 small NBFCs as the first cohort of the programme.

The five-month-long programme is designed to scale small NBFCs (Non Banking Financial Company) through design interventions, enabling them to apply for institutional funding based on holistic evaluation parameters, Sidbi chairman & managing director Sivasubramanian Ramann told reporters here.

The programme includes mentorship from domain experts on risk, operations, governance, and technology and is structured to encourage and facilitate peer learning, reviews and networking through a blend of in-person, virtual and individualised sessions, Umesh Revankar, FIDC chairman and executive vice-chairman of Shriram Finance, said.

Of the nearly 80 million small businesses, only 15 per cent get access to formal credit, showing the large addressable market for MSME (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise) funding, Ramann said.

Further, he said in the past three years, Sidbi's lending to MSMEs doubled to cross the Rs



50,000 crore-mark, while the system wide MSME loan book is Rs 25 lakh crore, which is slated to double over the next three years. Of the present MSME book, only 28 per cent are met **NBFCs**

The objective of the pro-

gramme is to design a replica-ble model to enable MSMEfocused NBFCs to become eligible for formal funding and future-ready, Ravi Venkatesan, founder of the global alliance for

MT to power sector till 15th October FY 2024, against which

the company's supplies were ahead by 3 MTs at 319 MTs. CIL

is confident of meeting the

tasked target to the power sec-

od last fiscal year," it said.

Coal is the largest source of

With no letup in the out-

put tempo, CIL's progressive

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October FY 2024 has logged a

robust 11.6 per cent year-on-

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growth is again higher than the

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nificantly from specific advice, informal interactions with peers, structured reviews and evalua-We have built in the process to ensure that participants demonstrate action to be eligi-

ble for continuing to the next stage and mentors endorse and support them ensuring accountability, he said, adding that over the next three years, the plan is to prepare 100 non-banks

Sidbi will be lending to NBFCs under the initiative, Ramann

said that there is no target or cap.

All depends on how many of them clear the programme.

The programme will enhance the fund flow for the

MSME sector by enabling

NBFCs to get institutional fund-

ing. In this cohort, the participating 18 NBFCs will benefit sig-



Petrol, diesel sales fall ahead of start of festive season

 $P^{etrol \ and \ diesel \ sales \ fell \ in}_{the \ first \ half \ of \ October}$ ahead of the start of festival season that is expected to boost consumption, preliminary data of state-owned firms showed.

Last year, Durga Puja/ Dussehra as well as Diwali fell in October. This year the festival season, when consumption picks up, starts in the second half of October.

Petrol sales by three stateowned fuel retailers fell 9 per cent year-on-year, the first drop in two months. Diesel consumption dropped 3.2 per cent.

The decline was largely because of the larger base of last

Petrol sales dropped to 1.17 million tonnes during the first half of October from 1.29 million tonnes a year back.

Sales dropped 9 per cent month-on-month as well.

Consumption of diesel, the most consumed fuel in the country - accounting for about two-fifths of the demand, dropped to 2.99 million tonnes during October 1 to 15 from 3.09 million tonnes a year back. Month-on-month sales were however, up 9.6 per cent when compared with 2.73 million tonnes in the first half of

Diesel sales typically fall in

demand in the agriculture sector which uses the fuel for irrigation, harvesting and transportation. Also, rains slow vehicular movements. This had led to a fall in diesel consumption in the last three months And once the monsoon ended, consumption has risen month-

on-month. Consumption of diesel had soared 6.7 per cent and 9.3 per cent in April and May, respectively, as agriculture demand picked up and cars yanked up air-conditioning to beat the summer heat. It started to taper in the second half of June after the monsoon set in. It has continued to fall since.

Suppliers' group OPEC sees India's oil demand expanding on average by 2,20,000 barrels per day on the back of vigorous economic growth.

Consumption of petrol during October 1-15 was 12 per cent more than in the COVIDmarred October 2021 and 21.7 per cent more than in pre-pandemic October 2019.

Diesel consumption was up 23.4 per cent over October 1-15 in 2021 and 23.1 per cent compared to October 2019. With the continuing rise in

oassenger traffic at airports, jet fuel (ATF) demand rose 5.7 per cent to 2,95,200 tonnes during first fortnight of October against the same period last

Coal India's fuel supply to thermal power plants rises 6 per cent "On a cumulative basis CIL's targeted commitment was 316

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned Coal India on Monday said its supply of fos-sil fuel to the country's coal-fired electricity generating units increased by six per cent to 23.5 million tonnes in the first half of October, ahead of the festive sea-

The supply was increased amid a sudden rise in power demand even as unseasonal rains hit the operations in coal bearing areas of Coal India's arms based in the eastern part of the nation

Chattishgarh-based South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL) also bore the brunt of the inclement weather, it said.

Coal supply to thermal power plants stood at 22.2 million tonnes during the same period of the last financial year. "Coal India's (CIL) supplies

country shot up close to six per

cent to 23.5 million tonnes

to thermal power plants of the

(MTs) during the first fortnight of October 2023... Comparatively the supplies were 22.2 MTs in the same period of October 2022," the public sector coal pro-

ducer said in a statement. The overall supply of dry fuel by CIL to the country's coalfired plants was nearly 319 MT till October 15 of the ongoing fiscal, which was 12 MT higher in volume terms compared to

"The four per cent growth recorded during this period is at par with current year's annual asking growth rate to power plants," it said.

CIL was given a projection this sector in FY23.

307 MTs supplied during the expects its supplies to exceed the corresponding period of FY23.

electricity in the country and CIL produces over 80 per cent of the fuel in India. "CIL's supplies to all consuming sectors were 389.3 MT during the referred period posting nine per cent growth compared to 356.6 MT of same peri-

of 610 MT supply to the country's power plants for the ongoing fiscal, which is four per cent more than what it supplied to The 'maharatna' firm

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over Rs 23,000 crore. The company said that the tax demands are arbitrary and 124.60 — its 52-week low. On

will challenge them. DGGI (Directorate General of GST Intelligence) Kolkata on October 13, 2023 has served an intimation notice on Deltatech Gaming, a subsidiary of Delta Corp, seeking GST of Rs 6,236.8 crore for the period January 2018 to November 2022, the company said in a filing on Saturday.

Shares of Delta Corp plunged nearly 9 per cent on Monday

all tax demand on the firm to

contrary to law, and added it the NSE, it plummeted 8.17 per cent to end at Rs 128.55 per

September.

Delta Corp shares plunge

PTI NEW DELHI

after the company received a GST notice for short payment of tax to the tune of Rs 6,384 The stock tanked 8.79 per cent to settle at Rs 127.70 apiece on the BSE. During the day, it fell 11 per cent to Rs

On the volume front, 28.26 lakh shares of the company were traded on the BSE and over 2.93 crore shares were traded on the NSE during the

In another blow to the company, Delta Corp has received a GST notice for short payment of tax to the tune of Rs 6,384 crore, taking the over-

served, it said.

For the period July 2017 to October 2022, another demand worth Rs 147.5 crore has been

monsoon months as rains lower

NDDB Dairy Services' semen station in Maharashtra emerges top in quality parameters PTI ■ NEW DELHI to produce disease-free semen, ▼DDB Dairy Services-owned

mark among 55 such facilities across India in an audit report

Nahuri Semen Station in Maharashtra has got highest submitted by the governmentconstituted Central Monitoring National Dairy Develop-ment Board's (NDDB) arm NDS

Semen Station has emerged first on parameters ranging from quality, animal genetics to health and safety protocols. NDŚ is NDDB Dairy Services. Earlier this month, NDS said that the CMU has submitted a technical audit report

of 55 semen stations across the

country for 2022-23 to the

Union government's Depart-

said in a statement that Rahuri

ment of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development In the audit report, Rahuri station was given a mark of 97

followed by 95 for Animal Breeding Centre Salon, a NDS station, in Uttar Pradesh. The CMU report accorded

a total of nine semen stations a score of 90 and above under Grade A.

The other seven include the two NDS stations -Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala, Bidaj in Gujarat and Alamadhi

NDDB Chairman Meenesh Shah, who is also the Chairman of NDS, said "credit to this goes

Semen station in Tamil Nadu.

to the dedication of the teams of veterinary experts and scientists who are working for enhancing the productivity of the milch animals and propagation of the genetics of the indigenous reeds" The semen stations run by

NDS adhere strictly to the quality protocols and have in-place stringent bio-security measures

NDS functions as a delivery arm of NDDB for field opera-

tions relating to promoting Farmer Producer Organisations and Productivity Enhancement Services. This includes supply of high genetic merit semen doses Artificial Insemination Delivery Services, Embryo Transfer Services, Animal Nutrition Services and induction and supply of high genetic merit live animals under the brand 'SAG Live'. NDS stations have close to 1,800 high genetic merit bulls of

35 breeds and together sold over 5.2 crore semen doses during the evaluation period 2022-23. These stations are also actively involved in In vivo and Invitro embryo production and trans-

LIONEL MESSI REMAINS A DOUBTFUL STARTER

ionel Messi's involvement in a 1-0 win over Paraguay ⊿last week doesn't necessar ily mean he'll be fit for Argentina's next game in World Cup qualifying against Peru.

Messi played most of the second half against Paraguay last Thursday despite struggling with muscular pains in the weeks leading up to the game.

But there's no certainty he'll play against Peru on Tuesday despite practicing with the

Meanwhile in Brazil, Ney mar is under fire for his lackluster performance in a 1-1 draw against Venezuela last week that ended with some fans throwing popcorn at the Arena Pantanal in Cuiabá. He will have a tough challenge at Uruguay to show he is back in form.

The next World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada is expanding to a 48team format, meaning direct entry to the top six teams in South America. The seventhplace team will contest an intercontinental playoff for a berth.

World Cup winner Argentina leads continental qualifying with 9 points, followed by Brazil (7), Colombia (5), Uruguay, Chile and Venezuela (4), Ecuador (3), Paraguay and Peru (1), and Bolivia (0).

The fourth match day in South American qualifying also features Ecuador against Colombia, Paraguay against Bolivia and Venezuela taking on

PERU vs. ARGENTINA

Argentina's practice on Sunday didn't show whether the 36-year-old Messi will play against Peru. He took part of the morning session at his national team's training ground, but has



recently felt muscular pains in his right leg that have sidelined him for several MLS matches for his club, Inter Miami.

If Messi plays at Peru, coach Lionel Scaloni might have to remove either Julián Alvarez or Lautaro Martinez from the lineup that beat Paraguay. Keeping the captain in the starting lineup will likely mean Argentina playing Nico Gonzalez again in

Messi substituted Julián Álvarez in the 52nd minute

against Paraguay, when Argentina was already in the lead. He hit the post twice, but had a low key performance overall at the Monumental de Nuñez Stadium in Buenos Aires.

Peru has lost its latest two qualifying matches in South American qualifying. The squad arrived in silence shortly before dawn so no fans could be at the airport protesting after its 2-0 loss at Chile. Players and coach Juan Reynoso know they will face a much tougher challenge against the World Cup champi-

"May this defeat today suit us for what is coming," Reynoso said in a news conference after the match in Santiago. "You don't qualify by playing beautiful soccer, you do it by playing well. For us to do that, we need to be a chamaleonic team that adapts to various cirumstances.'

URUGUAY vs. BRAZIL

Brazil fans were frustrated with the draw against Venezuela,

Tom Kim wins PGA Tour,

2nd time in the same season

a team that has never qualified to a World Cup. The 31-year-old Neymar was the team's most criticized player after that encounter because of several missed passes and floppy finish-

es.

The Al-Hilal striker was filmed leaving the pitch in anger as some fans threw popcorn at him. Brazil's soccer tradition calls "pipoqueiro" (popcorn man) the players who fail to deliver in hig matches He is likedeliver in big matches. He is likely to face Uruguay at the Centenario Stadium in

Montevideo on Tuesday.

Neymar is Brazil's all-time top goal scorer with 79 goals in official matches.

Brazil's new coach Fernando Diniz, who was also criticized after the draw with Venezuela, is likely to make three changes for the next round

of qualifying.
Right-back Danilo is injured, and is set to be replaced by Yan Couto. Left-back Guilherme Arana is expected to be replaced with the 24-year-old Carlos Augusto, who will make his national team debut. And striker Richarlison, on a six-match goal drought for the national team, could lose his position to Gabriel Jesus.

Uruguay has not beaten Brazil in World Cup qualifying since 2001. Captain Federico Valverde is optimistic about the match after a 2-2 draw at Colombia. He said he and Real Madrid teammates Vinicius Júnior and Rodrygo of Brazil have spent weeks talking about the encounter.

"We could have gotten a better result, but at least $\bar{\mbox{w}} e \mbox{ returned}$ with one point, which always suits us," Valverde said of the draw. Uruguay has been coached by Argentine Marcelo Bielsa since the start of South American qualifying.



Gavi goal against Norway, secures 1-0 win

AP ■ LONDON

Gavi's winning goal for Spain against Norway in a European Championship qualifier on Sunday will likely have been cheered as wildly in Glasgow as it was in Madrid.

The Barcelona midfielder's strike at Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo secured a 1-0 win that means both Spain and Scotland have qualified for Euro 2024.

Gavi's goal came in the 49th minute and ensured the three-time European champions will be at next year's tournament in Germany when they will be among the favorites to lift the trophy for the first time since

Scotland might not harbor realistic ambitions of winning Euro 2024, but it has arguably exceeded expectations by qualifying from Group A. Indeed, until losing to Spain on Thursday, the Scots had made a 100% start to qualifying.

Scotland has now qualified for back-to-back Euros, having failed to reach the finals from 2000-2016. In Germany it will be aiming to advance from the group stages for the first time in its history.

Turkey also qualified with a 4-0 win against Latvia at the Konya Metropolitan Municipality Stadium, while Croatia made it back-to-back losses in Group D after a surprise 2-1 defeat to Wales.

CROATIA STRUGGLES

Less than a year after a third-place finish at the World Cup in Qatar, Croatia is making hard work of qualification for the European Championship.

The Croatians went into this latest batch of qualifiers atop Group D, with the chance to put daylight between them and Turkey. But a 1-0 loss to Turkey on Thursday has now been followed by defeat to Wales.

Even with stars like Luka Modric, Josko Gvardiol and Marcelo Brozovic in the team, Croatia was trailing 2-0 to goals from Harry Wilson in each

half. Mario Pasalic halved the deficit, but it wasn't enough to spark a comeback. Wales moved up to second in the group ahead of Croatia in third, with both

teams on 10 points. Yunus Akgun set Turkey on course for victory against Latvia, with substitute Cenk Tosun scoring two and Kerem Akturkoglu also grabbing a goal.

ALBANIA WAITS

Four teams are separated by four points in Group $\bar{\underline{E}}$ as results on Sunday meant Albania was left waiting to seal qualification. Czech Republic's 1-0 win

against Faroe Islands leaves it two points behind leader Albania in second place. Poland drew 1-1 with

Moldova to leave those teams three points and four points off the top respectively.

Romania is top of Group I after a 4-0 win against Andorra ahead of second-place Switzerland, which needed goals in the 89th and 90th minutes to draw 3-3 with Belarus.



Spain coach De la Fuente able to silence doubters

Spain coach Luis de la Fuente has found a way to turn the doubters into supporters.

Nearly a year after he was appointed amid a wave of skepticism, De la Fuente now has widespread backing at the helm of La Roja, having turned Spain into a contender again and comfortably securing the team a spot in the 2024 European Championship Spain qualified for next

year's tournament in Germany on Sunday with a 1-0 win at Norway — the team's sixth straight triumph since a loss at Scotland in March had left De la Fuente under pressure just two games into his stint.

"We are always learning," De la Fuente said. "At that moment the analysis was different than it is now. We've just reached an important objective and we have to keep working and learning. We recognize what was done well, but we know there are still things to improve.

The 62-year-old De la Fuente replaced Luis Enrique after the team's loss to Morocco in the round of 16 of the World Cup in Qatar. He was then relatively unknown in Spain after spending years coaching the nation's youth squads.

His first match in charge was a home win in a qualifier against Norway in which Spain struggled from the start, and the subsequent loss to Scotland put

De la Fuente on the hot seat early on. Many didn't think he had the experience to take charge of the national team at the time. But after the slow start, De

la Fuente also helped Spain win the Nations League with victories over Italy in the semifinals and Croatia in a penalty shootout in the final. Spain then routed Georgia 7-1 and Cyprus 6-0 in qualifiers, and defeated Scotland 2-0 at home last week before securing its spot at Euro 2024 against Erling Haaland's Norway on Sunday.

"I'm happy with the work that we've done," De la Fuente said. "When you achieve something like this, things must have been done right. But in soccer one day you are up and the other you are down again, so we have to stay balanced. I'm happy now, but I also stayed composed

in the tougher moments. De la Fuente put Spain back on track in part by betting on the talent of some younger players. He kept players like Gavi, Ansu Fati and Pedri - who played at the World Cup - and brought in others such as 16-year-old Lamine Yamal, the Barcelona sensation.

His experience with the nation's youth squads proved important, and he now has his job secured for a while.

"We have a team for the future, it's what I'm most excited about," he said. "We worked hard to be where we are and we



AP LAS VEGAS

Tom Kim now has something in common with Byron Nelson as the only players to have won the same PGA Tour event twice in the same season.

Kim successfully defended his title Sunday in the Shriners Children's Open when he closed with a 5-under 66 to emerge from a pack of a dozen players who had a chance in the final hour. Kim wound up winning by one shot over Adam Hadwin, who birded the final hole for a 67.

Kim now has three PGA Tour titles in the last 15 months, at 21 the youngest player since Tiger Woods in 1997 to have three tour wins.

"I really felt confident in myself," Kim said. "I knew that if I did me I was going to be able to do it. I'm stoked to get this one."

He won in Las Vegas a year ago, beating Patrick Cantlay in a play-

off at the TPC Summerlin, when the Shiners Children's Open was early in the season. Now, the Las Vegas event is still part of the same season because the PGA Tour goes to a calendar season starting in

Nelson won the San Francisco Open in January 1944, and the same tournament in December of 1944, both times at Harding Park. This one was up for grabs until Kim seized control on the par-5 16th.

With an hour left in the tournament, there was a six-way tie for the lead and 12 players were separated by a single shot. The key stretch at the TPC Summerlin was holes No. 13 through No. 16, which ranked as four of the five easiest holes in the final round.

Taylor Pendrith was tied for the lead with a birdie on the 13th, but had to settle for pars the rest of that stretch. K.H. Lee made all pars.

Then, it became a two-man

race between Kim and Hadwin. playing in the final group with Kim olding a one-shot advantage. Both birdied the 13th, Hadwin

with a 35-foot birdie putt that rimmed all the way around the cup before dropping. Both birdied the reachable par-4 15th, Kim with a tough up-and-down and birdie putt from 12 feet, Hadwin narrowmissing a 25-foot eagle attempt.

It turned on the par-5 16th. Kim hit to the fat of the green in two, 50 feet away for eagle. Hadwin knew he missed his shot right after contact and it came up well short and into the water. Hadwin missed a 6-foot par putt after his penalty drop, and Kim three-putted - he had to make a 5-footer on his third one - for par.

"I completely whiffed it, up and out of it, and unfortunately one of my worst swings of the day at the least opportune time," Hadwin

water there on 16, and I certainly by no means gave the tournament but I would have liked to have hit a more quality golf shot and put a little bit more pressure on Tom coming down the stretch.

"I feel like you dump it in the

That gave Kim a two-shot lead solid pars. Kim finished at 20-under

Eric Cole boosted his bid to be PGA Tour rookie of the year by closing with a 62 to finish two behind, along with Alex Noren (65), J.T. Poston (66) and Pendrith (67). Pendrith came into Las Vegas at No. 123 in the FedEx Cup and was projected to move to No. 90, all but assuring a full card for 2024.

Ludvig Aberg, who made his Ryder Cup debut two weeks ago, also shot 62 and tied for 13th.

Kim, born in South Korea and raised primarily in Australia, won for the first time in 2023. He had a hot run last summer that included victories in the Wyndham Championship and in Las Vegas, followed by a dynamic debut in the

Presidents Cup.
But he said he felt the pressure to live up to the expectations, and it turned this year into a grind. He was a distant runner-up in the British Open, though he injured his ankle during the week that kept him from defending his title in the Wyndham Championship.

"It's been a grind trying to fig-ure it out," Kim said. "My first full season, trying to live up to expectations of a great year. It's been humbling sometimes."
The victory moves Kim to No.

11 in the world ranking.

Isaiah Salinda, who got into Las Vegas as a Monday qualifier, had a 63-67 weekend and tied for seventh, which gets him into the next full PGA Tour event Nov.



Brooks Koepka defends LIV Golf title

AP ■ KING ABDULLAH ECONOMIC CITY (SAUDI ARABIA)

 $B^{
m rooks}$ Koepka held it together at the end for a 2-gunder 68 and defended his title at LIV Golf-Jeddah with a birdie on the second playoff hole to beat Talor Gooch on a day when both had reason to celebrate. Koepka had to birdie two of his last three holes

to finish at 14-under 196 and tie with Gooch, who closed with a 62. With his playoff loss, Gooch moved past Cameron Smith and won the season points title and the \$18 million bonus.

Koepka not only won \$4 million from the tournament, his victory bumped Bryson DeChambeau out of the top three in the season standings. Koepka picked up an additional \$4 million for finishing third in the

points race. DeChambeau fell back Sunday with a 70. Smith had a 66 and tied for 24th.

The LIV Golf League wraps up its second season next week at Doral in South Florida with the team championship.

Koepka ends his year with two LIV Golf titles, along with his fifth major at the PGA Championship.

Rod Pampling ends a marathon day at SAS

AP ■ CARY (NORTH CAROLINA)

 $R^{\text{ od Pampling of Australia had to}}_{\text{play 33 holes Sunday in the rain-}}$ delayed SAS Championship and it was worth ever step when he finished off a 68 and then closed with a 5-under 67 for his second career

PGA Tour Champions title. The SAS Championship was the final tournament before the Charles Schwab Cup playoffs begin for the top 72 players. Pampling's victory moved

him up 13 spots to No. 17. David Duval shot 71 and tied for

11th, just enough for him to move up seven spots and finish at No. 71 in the Schwab Cup to qualify for the post-

Pampling finished with a bogey for a two-shot victory over Steven Alker, who moved up to No. 2 in the standings behind Steve Stricker.

The Australian finished off 15 holes of the second round in the morning with back-to-back birdies, and then he played bogey-free in the final round until the end, when it only affected his margin of victory.

"I just walked as slow as I could,"



Pampling said. "It was a long day. We knew what we were going to be in for. Just eat the food, take your time. Thankfully, it wasn't too quick out

Pampling had a one-shot lead over Alker, Paul Broadhurst and Vijay Singh when the second round was finished. Singh and Broadhurst fell back early in the final round, and Pampling had three birdies in a fourhole stretch around the turn to seize

"We've been working hard," Pampling said. "We got rid of our bad it was just a great ball-striking week, putting well, everything. It's a great eeling to win again." Ernie Els had a 68 and tied for

stuff about a month-and-a-half ago.

Been closer and closer and this week

third with Mario Tiziani, who closed with a 65. Tiziani, the brother-in-law of

Stricker, split time this year playing on the PGA Tour Champions, managing his wife's brother and occasionally caddying for Stricker. He made it to the postseason for the second straight



Cricket is included in 2028 Olympics

PTI ■ BENGALURU

 $F^{or\ long,\ cricket\ remained\ a}_{statistical\ global\ sport\ sans\ a}$ true global footing. A solid fan base of 2.5 billion and an everswelling TV revenue formed its axis to be labelled as a sport with a worldwide appeal, second only to football.

However, in reality, all of it is parked in the Commonwealth countries and even among them India alone helm around 70 percent, if not more, of those num-

But now, all this could change as cricket, in its T20 avatar, has made its re-entry into the Olympic fold through the 2028 edition at Los Angeles, and it is a mutually beneficial association from sporting and commercial angles

From a sporting perspective, the Olympics provides an unmatchable platform for cricket, perhaps even bigger than a World Cup.

Standing on the podium wearing an Olympic medal around the neck is an unmatched feeling for any sportsperson, as it is a reverentially warm handshake with his-

tory that dates back to 1896. "It is an excellent piece of news for cricket to be part of the Olympics. It will certainly add to the global image of cricket," says Keith Joseph, president of the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees (CANOC), who gave a strong backing to ICC's efforts to get cricket included in the LA

Olympics.
"T20 provides an excellent platform too in terms of duration and connection with younger audiences. That USA will be co-hosting the T20 World Cup in 2024 will also work as a very good precursor to cricket ahead of the Olympics," he points out.

to match the universal appeal of football, something the sport always cherished, just because of an Olympic appearance is quite naïve.

Sample this: The ICC men's T20 ranking list features 87 nations in the men's section and 66 in the women's segment. But the FIFA ranking list touches 207 men's teams and 186 women's outfits, the numbers reveal the vast gulf between the two sports.

Of course, this is not to deny that the T20 format has helped cricket to reach some hitherto

unexplored corners of Africa. Europe and Latin America.
"Yes, it is a good first step to

take cricket to a global audience. As the USA is a big market and there is a strong presence of sub-continent crowd. But as of now, it has been included only in Los Angeles, and hopefully it will figure in Brisbane as well (in 2032).
"It is important because

Australia is a traditional cricketing nation, and being able to play there will be a big boost to the sport. It may even open doors to cricket being a permanent Olympic sport," opines a veteran BCCI administrator.

However, cricket had to leap over several self-imposed hurdles to make its return to the Olympics

Both the officials and players did not want to follow several clauses, especially the one pertaining to their whereabouts that is mandatory for random dope testing, laid out by the IOC, IOA, WADA etc.

England, the champion side when cricket was last staged in the Olympics in 1900, was another country which was initially reluctant to take this

Yes, there were some difficulties in reaching an understanding for some time over certain issues such as the whereabouts clause.

However, most importantly, the BCCI and ICC and few other boards have found a common ground to take cricket to a global stage," said the adminis-

Beyond the sporting field, the IOA also might have thought about the crowd-pulling power of cricket, especially in the USA, a country with a large Asian diaspora.

An industry insider, whom PTI contacted, said the million eyeballs that cricket ensures will purchase of broadcasting rights of the LA Olympics.

"It is great news (cricket in Olympics) if you are a businessperson. America has a large section of Asian expats, who are crazv about cricket and they will fill the stadium and of course will follow the game on TV or

streaming apps.
"Since cricket is in LA, our estimate is that the selling price of broadcasting rights might see at least a 20-30 percent jump from the existing one, which is huge for a single edition," the expert said.

Zampa bags four wickets against Sri Lanka

PTI LUCKNOW

eg-spinner Adam Zampa roared back to form with ✓a four-wicket haul as Australia bowled out Sri Lanka for 209 in the World Cup here on Monday.

An out-of-form Kusal Perera (78) got some much-needed runs while Pathum Nissanka struck 61 for his second consecutive fifty

Australia benefitted from the timely return to form of Zampa, who had been having an awful tournament. The wrist spinner enjoyed an excellent outing to help bundle out Sri Lanka in 43.3 overs.

Looking on course for a 300-plus score, the 1996 winners faced a bizarre batting collapse and went from 125 for no loss to 209 all out.

There were lots going on in the field as Mitchell Starc aborted his delivery stride thrice to warn Perera to not leave his crease early on at the non-striker's end.

Perera was also struck in the head by a Marcus Stoinis bouncer which caught the Sri Lankan off guard.

But the experienced southpaw didn't let the blow deter him and went on to send Stonis' slower cutter down the ground to bring up his

With both openers pilling on the runs, the Australian bowlers looked clueless. But



Tender

skipper Pat Cummins kept shuffling his bowlers in search of that first breakthrough.

Cummins, who has been far from his best with the ball, stood up at the opportune moment to give Australia the breakthrough they

Cummins cramped Nissanka for room and the Sri Lankan hit it high and in front of square only for David Warner to run and complete a stunning catch.

Cummins bowled a peach of a delivery five overs later to clean up the other set batter in Perera, who picked the wrong line to swing his bat.

The dismissal marked the beginning of Australia's dominance as the Sri Lanka batting unravelled and the fivetime champions grew in confidence.

Zampa got rid of the inform Kusal Mendis. But the wicket belonged to Warner who ran across from deep midwicket, covering about 25ms to complete a spectacular diving catch. Sadeera Samarawickrama,

Chamika Karunaratne and Maheesh Theekshana were Zampa's other victims with Mitchell Starc pitching in with two wickets. Apart from the openers

and Charith Asalanka's 25, no other Sri Lankan batter reached double digits.

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South Africa looks strong against Netherlands



PTI DHARAMSALA

outh Africa are making quite a statement at the Sworld Cup, playing entertaining cricket and plundering tons of runs as they steamroll rival

hilly paradise on Tuesday, the perennial under-

As the Proteas take on the Netherlands in this

chokers' have two games their determination to go the distance in the tournament. Their 102-run win against Sri Lanka in the opener in New Delhi after putting a record 428/5

on the board, followed by 134-run victory against five-time champions Australia in Lucknow, have made South Africa the team to beat in the com-

From staying under the radar in the lead-up to the ODI showpiece to becoming high-flyers, the Proteas have started playing to potential and will be firm favourites against the Dutch.

Unlike the Australian and England cricket teams, whose patchy performance so far has left a lot to be desired, the South Africans have come out with full combat capabilities -with the likes of wicket-keeping stalwart Quinton de Kock, toporder batter Rassie van der Dussen and Aiden Markram making a massive impact here.

The trio smashed a century each against Sri Lanka to pile up a mountain of runs with Heinrich Klaasen and David Miller playing useful cameos in the 428-run total.

Though their bowlers did take a beating from the Sri Lankans, they hit back with full force against the Australians in the next match. A second consecutive century by De Kock and

a massively improved performance from tall pace

bowler Marco Jansen and Kagiso Rabada floored Pat Cummins' side. The 177-run loss for the five-time champions following the humiliating loss to India in the

opener has put the Kangaroos on the mat. The Proteas would look to attack with even more firepower against the Netherlands, a side that has very few recognisable faces in mainstream cricket. But they have posed a challenge occasionlike the huge upset they made during the 2000

T20 World Cup, defeating England at Lord's. Last year, the Dutch eliminated the Proteas handing them a shocking 13-run defeat in the Super 12 stage of the T20 World Cup in Australia.

The Scott Edwards-led side will certainly take inspiration from that victory, though T20 and 50over formats are like chalk and cheese.

But, on a cricket field, where miracles happen, the Dutch too would want to aim for a victory for the ages after seeing Afghanistan overrun defending champions England on Sunday night in New Delhi.

The Proteas, once bitten twice shy, would be looking to opener De Kock, Rassie van der Dussen and Aiden Markram to once again set the stage on fire and then give their bowlers a big total to

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Injured Prannoy withdraws from Denmark and French Open

PTI ODENSE (DENMARK)

Star Indian shuttler HS Prannoy has pulled out of the Denmark Open Super 750 tournament due to a back injury that troubled him during his maiden bronze medal-winning run at the recently-concluded Asian Games.

The 31-year-old Indian had battled excruciating back pain to secure India's first medal in men's singles in 41 years at Hangzhou but now he will have to sit out for two to three weeks due to the injury.

"We are not looking at play ing any tournament this month. Something also came up in the MRI as well, so I will have to be out for 2-3 weeks, so I will not be able to play Denmark and France," Prannoy told PTI.

"I will need to rest and then start with rehab.

In his absence, India's charge will be led by Lakshya Sen, who will be back on the



court after playing a vital role in India's first-ever silver medal in men's team event at the Asian

mained unbeaten at the Asian

Games, will open against

Thailand's Kantaphon Wang-

the second round Two-time Olympic medal-World No. 15 Sen, who relist PV Sindhu too will look for

charoen and is likely to meet sixth seed Shi Yuqi of China in

a good outing after a semifinal

finish at the Arctic Open last

week. She will be up against

Scotland's Kirsty Gilmour. World No. 20 Kidambi Srikanth, who is also desperate-

ly looking to accumulate ranking points to make the cut for the Paris Olympics, will take on China's Weng Hong Yang in his opening game.

It is going to be a tricky affair for the former world No. 1, who has blown hot and cold throughout the season.

Priyanshu Rajawat, currently ranked No. 30 in the world, will also have his task cut out as he faces world No. 14 Lee Zii Jia, who is brimming with confidence following his title-winning run in the Arci

Newly-crowned world N pair of Satwiksairaj Ra kireddy and Chirag Shetty, wl claimed an epic gold at Han zhou, is pitted against Malaysi Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi.

MR Arjun and Dhr Kapila will also miss out af the former suffered a ba injury at Hangzhou.

The women's pairing Treesa Jolly and Gaya Gopichand, however, will back on the court after the Asi Games and will take Thailand's Benyapa Aimsaard 4. Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, will be published only on the above mentioned Website. and Nuntakarn Aimsaard.

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