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PM Modi apologises to his deity, Shivaji Maharaj



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde during laying of the foundation stone of Vadhvan Port and launching of development works, in Palghar district, on Friday

#### TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In an apparent bid to blunt the Opposition's full-fledged full-fledged campaign against the BJP-led MahaYuti Government and the Centre over the collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's imposing statue at Rajkot fort in Sindhudurg district ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday apologised to Chhatrapati Shivaji whom he described as not just "a revered king or great personality but a

Speaking at a function after laying the foundation stone for ₹76,000 Vadhvan Port in Maharashtra's Palghar district and kick-starting other developments, Modi recalled that the first thing he did after he was nominated by the BJP as the Prime Ministerial candidate in 2013, was to visit Raigad Fort to offers his prayers to Čhhatrapati Shivaji Maĥaraj at the latter's Samadhi. He said he was blessed with the same 'bhakti bhav' with which he revered his master and embarked on the new journey to serve the nation. Alluding to the collapse of a 35-

tall statue at Malvan in Sindhudurg district, the Prime Minister tendered his humble apology to the legendary Maratha king by saying: "Shivaji Maharaj is not merely a name, a revered king or a great personality but a deity". Indirectly hitting out at the leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi of the Congress for showing disrespect towards freedom fighter Veer Savarkar, Modi said that his upbringing and his culture made him different from those "who intend to disrespect the great son of the land Veer Savarkar and trample the feeling of nationalism". In an unmistakable criticism of

Rahul Gandhi ahead of the State Assembly polls, Modi said: "People of Maharashtra should remain wary of those who disrespect Veer Savarkar and feel no remorse for it"

The Prime Minister said that his

reverence towards Chhatrapati Shivaji should be seen in the context of the fact that the first thing he did after visiting Maharashtra was to apologise to his deity Chhatrapati Shivaji He also sought Maharaj. forgiveness from all those who worship Shivaji Maharaj. Averring that his government had taken major steps for the growth of Maharashtra in the last 10 years as "a Viksit Maharashtra is the most crucial element of the resolution of a Viksit Bharat", Modi said that the state had the potential and resources to grow due to its coastal proximity, holding immense

possibilities for the future. "The Vadhvan Port will be the

country's largest container port and will be counted among the world's deep water ports. It will become an epicenter of trade and industrial development for Maharashtra and India," the Prime Minister said. Being built at a cost of ₹76,000

crore, Vadhvan Port — located near Dahanu town in Palghar district — is expected to be one of India's largest deep-water ports and will provide direct connectivity to international shipping routes, reducing transit times and costs.

Vadhvan Port aims to establish a world-class maritime gateway that will boost the country's trade and economic growth by catering to large container vessels, offering deeper drafts, and accommodating ultra-large cargo ships. Modi, who also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 218 fisheries projects worth around Rs 1,560 crore and launched Rs 360 crore National Roll Out of Vessel Communication and Support system, said there was a time when Bharat used to be counted among the most strong and prosperous nations due to its maritime capabilities.

"People of Maharashtra are wellversed in this potential. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj India's took maritime capabilities to new heights with his policies and strong decisions for the development of the country," Modi said, adding that even the entire East India Company could not stand in front of Darya Sarang Kanhoji Yaganti.

## Dialogue a bygone theme, **EAM warns Pakistan of action**

RAHUL DATTA ■ NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday sent out a stern message to Pakistan declaring that the era of "uninterrupted dialogue" is over. He also warned that "actions have consequences" in an apparent reference to Pakistansponsored terrorism.

Making these assertions at a book launch event here, he reaffirmed New Delhi's position that terror and talks cannot go together.

The Minister's comments on dialogue with Pakistan came in the backdrop of elections in Jammu and Kashmir in less than 20 days 'The era of uninterrupted dialogue

with Pakistan is over. Actions have consequences," Jaishankar said. 'So far as Jammu and Kashmir is concerned, Article 370 is done with. So, the issue is what kind of relationship we can contemplate with Pakistan," Jaishankar said, making it clear that there would be no compromise on this matter. He also stressed that India would not

remain passive in its dealings with Pakistan. "What I do want to say is that we are

not passive, and whether events take a positive or a negative direction, either way, we will react," the Minister added.

On a suggestion that India is content with the relationship to continue as it is, he said, "Maybe yes, maybe no... but what I do want to say is that we are not passive, and that whether events take a positive or negative direction... either way we will react." In his address, Jaishankar also said

for any country in the world,



"always neighbours are conundrum", and so are "major powers"

Major powers will be a conundrum because they are major, because of the breadth of their interests. They will always have an agenda, which will overlap with us, but to differing degrees, also diverge, he said.

In the case of China, you have a

"double conundrum", because it's a neighbour and a major power. So, the challenges with China fits this double definition, he added. The book "Strategic Conundrum:

Reshaping India's Foreign Policy" by former diplomat Rajiv Sikri talks about India's relationship with its neighbouring countries and the accompanying challenges. The Minister also said there is a

debate in the neighbourhood about SAARC and BIMSTEC, and "all of you know the difference". That is a contrast which illustrates some of the challenges and opportunities of "regionalisation", he said.

#### **Jagdish Tytler** to be framed for 1984 riots and murders

SAUMYA SHUKLA **NEW DELHI** 

Holding that there was sufficient evidence to put him on trial, a Delhi Rouse Avenue Court on Friday ordered framing of charges for murder and other offences against Congress leader Jagdish Tytler in a case related to alleged murder of three people in the North Delhi's Pul Bangash area, almost 40 years after the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

Special CBI judge Rakesh Sival said there was sufficient evidence against him to put him on trial. "Sufficient ground is there to proceed against the accused person," the Special CBI judge said, posting the matter for September 13 for formally framing the charges when Tytler would be asked if he would like to plead guilty or face trial. Tytler was discharged under

the Indian Penal Code (IPC)'s Section 148 (rioting armed with deadly weapons) as the special judge Rakesh Syal listed the matter for the next hearing on September 13.

Welcoming development, BJP national spokesperson RP Singh wrote on X, "Albeit delayed, it appears justice is being

The case relates to the burning to death of Badal Singh, Sardar Thakur Singh, and Gurbachan Singh and setting ablaze Pul Bangash Gurudwara a day after the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination on November 1, 1984.

### **Helpless Mamata Banerjee** writes to PM a second time

Within a week of writing a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking enactment of stringent laws in rape cases — all in the rop of the nationwide protests against the rape and murder of a postgraduate lady doctor at RG Kar Medical College Hospital in Kolkata — Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday shot him off a second letter reiterating the earlier demand and expressed her dismay at the alleged lukewarm response her first missive found in South Block. "You may kindly recall my letter number 44-CM dated August 22, 2024," Mamata wrote, adding with a tinge of discontent that though such issues warranted immediate attention she is yet to receive any reply from him.

"No reply was received from your end on such a sensitive issue," the Chief Minister wrote in her second letter mentioning, however, that she had indeed received a general letter from the Minister of Woman and Child Development which, she said, was a "generic reply" concerning a serious

"I am of the thought that the seriousness of the subject of non-stop duty.



and its relevance to society has not been adequately appreciated as this generic reply reflects," Mamata wrote providing details of the measures her Government has taken to prevent such offences.

back-to-back Mamata's express communications come in the wake of tremendous pressure her Government is facing from the community of doctors, the civil society and general public as a whole with streets of the State getting flooded with huge rallies demanding justice for the 31-year-old lady doctor who was brutally raped and murdered in the wee hours of August 9 even as she was taking rest inside a seminar hall of the hospital after completion of 36 hours

Mamata's letter also comes in the wake of her Government announcing amendments in the Central laws through a special Assembly Session summoned for that purpose on September 2.

The State Government has

Session on September 2 for placing an amendment Bill and passing a stringent law against rape, senior Bengal Minister Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay earlier said. The State Cabinet has already given clearance to the tabling of the Amendment Bill, he said. Mamata had a couple of days ago told a students rally that she had requested Modi to pass stringent laws in these

"But if the Centre cannot pass stringent laws... then we will pass it in the State by convening a Special Session of the Assembly... we want a strong law so that the accused can be tried in a fast-track court and given death sentence in 15 days' time," she said.

Meanwhile, Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose on Friday met Home Minister Amit Shah at his residence where they apparently discussed the situation arising out of the rape and murder of the lady doctor at RH Kar Hospital, sources said.

#### **Assam cancels Jumma break for Muslim MLAs**

PNS GUWAHATI

The Assam Assembly will do away with a two-hour break provided on Fridays to facilitate Muslim legislators to offer namaz, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa implemented from the next Session, an Assembly official

said. In a social media post, Sarma said, "By doing away with the hour Jumma break, @AssamAssembly prioritised productivity and shed another vestige of colonial baggage. This baggage. practice was introduced by Muslim League's Saadulla in 1937." Syed

### **Jharkhand feels the tremors** RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI On a day when Ghatshila MLA Ramdas Soren replaced him in the

Jharkhand Cabinet taking oath as a Minister, former Chief Minister Champai popularly the 'Kolhan Tiger', joined the BJP on Friday, marking a significant change in the State's political landscape just ahead of the Assembly

elections.

Champai along with a large number of his supporters crossed over to the saffron camp in the presence of Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa



**Champai Soren joins BJP,** 

Former Jharkhand chief minister Champai Soren with Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan waves to supporters after joining BJP during a ceremony, in Ranchi, Friday

Ranchi while Jharkhand Governor Santosh Gangwar administered the oath to Ramdas in the presence of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, senior leaders of the IMM-led coalition Though bureaucrats. Ramdas's portfolio is yet to be announced, he would likely be given similar portfolios as Champai held.

Champai's induction into BJP is seen as a shot in the arm of the saffron party, looking to establish a foothold in the tribal belt of Jharkhand, where Scheduled Tribes make up about 26 per cent of the electorate.

### Construction threatens Sultanpur Park's fragile biodiversity

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Taking exception to the flagrant disregard for environmental regulations at the Ramsar site and Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Sultanpur National Park in Gurugram, Haryana, a high-level central panel chaired by Union Minister Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, has sought action against the



comprehensive action taken report from the State Government in the matter. At a meeting held recently, the members of the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) led by the Union Minister deliberated in detail on the observations made in the report prepared under the supervision of General Inspector

It has also called for a (Wildlife). The report was particularly alarming to the extent that it "leaves much

to be desired. The report said despite the national park being enclosed by a boundary and habitats its preserved due to the proactive measures of the Forest and Wildlife Department, governance management practices within the ESZ are found to be seriously deficient.

Ukraine Iryna Shchetnik,

who broke the Paralympic Qualification Record with a score of 627.5, Mona, the two-

time World Cup gold

medallist, shot 623.1.

# Nation salutes historic gold and bronze medalists at Paris Paralympics

PTI CHATEAROUX

incredible Avani Lekhara became the first Indian to claim successive Paralympic gold medals with a record-shattering top finish in the women's 10m air rifle (SH1) shooting competition and had a bronze-winning Mona Agarwal for company on the podium in a historic double for the country here on Friday.

Winner of the Tokyo Paralympics gold three years back, Avani, 22, shot a superb 249.7 to erase her own Paralympic record of 249.6 set in the Japanese capital three years back.

The 37-year-old Mona, who not let health concerns

including shot-put, powerlifting and wheelchair volleyball before settling on shot on the shot of the for the third-place finish. This is the first time in India's

Paralympic history that two shooters have pulled off medals in a single event. Avani, who hails from Jaipur, endured a tough buildup to

the Paralympics. She grappled with a host of health issues, including a gallbladder surgery, which forced her to take a recovery break of one and half months. But the committed shooter,

conservator of forest with the

Rajasthan Government, did

dabbled in several sports distract her from her aim of

is an assistant



Paralympic glory. She lost quite a bit of weight following the surgery but the determination to overcome all odds was all too evident

during the national camp at the Karni Singh ranges, where

she worked hard on regaining

her strength and mentally

steeling herself for Paris.

my parents," said Avani after the match. The SH1 category is for athletes who have movement affected in their arms, lower

"I am happy to win a medal for my country. I am thankful

to my team, my coaches and

trunk, legs or have no limbs. The youngster, who is wheelchair bound after a car mishap left her paralysed below the waist as an 11years-old, had became the first woman shooter from the country to win medals in shooting at the Tokyo

Paralympics in 2021. In a nerve-wracking final, form in the last one year, also Avani was trailing her rival made it to the eight-shooter Lee Yunri by a few decimal summit clash in fifth place. points but the South Korean While Avani shot a 625.8 to be placed second behind wilted under pressure and

had an awful last shot of 6.8, while Avani kept her cool to shoot a superb 10.5 to clinch the gold with a Paralympics record. The success will come as a

huge boost for Avani ahead of the 50m rifle 3-positions event, where she is also a firm favourite for a medal after winning bronze in the previous edition of the Games in Tokyo. Earlier, Avani came up with

another sterling performance by qualifying for the final in second place, while Mona, who too has been in sublime

Avani had credited the "positive environment" in the national camp for helping her overcome her fitness worries. "I think we have been in a very positive environment throughout. We are just focussing on the process rather than the outcome. There, obviously, will be

expectations but those expectations only motivate me and inspire me more to give my best. I am also more mature in my technique," she had said before leaving for



### MP Utsav will provide opportunity to know & understand the State: CM

hief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that ✓Madhya Pradesh is a rich state in terms of cultural, historical, archaeological, tribal heritage, tourism, art, lifestyle diverse cuisine, etc.

Chief Minister Yadav said that a unique 4-day 'Madhya Pradesh Utsav" has been organized in the country's capital to acquaint the people of Delhi and other states with the rich cultural heritage of Madhya Pradesh, the heart of the country.

Chief Minister Yadav said this while inaugurating the Madhya Pradesh Utsav at Madhya Pradesh Bhawan in Delhi on Friday. On the initiative of Chief Minister Yadav, Madhya Pradesh Utsav has been organized



for the first time on a massive scale in Delhi, which will run from August 30 to September 2, 2024.

Chief Minister Yadav said that through Madhya Pradesh Utsav, the people of Delhi and tourists from other states will get an enjoy the special dishes

opportunity to learn about the richly diverse culture and other aspects of Madhya Pradesh, the heart of the country. Visitors will not only know and understand the rich heritage of the state but will also be able to

made from super-'Shri Anna' including the special dishes made in different regions of Madhya Pradesh, which are diverse. MP Heritage shown

through exhibition Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that excellent work has been done by the Archeology Department in Madhya Pradesh.
The department is successfully carrying

out the challenging task of restoring ancient dilapidated temples and shrines. He appreciated the 'Heritage of Madhya Pradesh' exhibition organized by the Directorate

Archaeological Archives and Museum. In the exhi-

bition organized in Madhya Pradesh Utsav, on the one hand, an innovative effort has been made to honor the paintings of Gond artists, on the other hand, efforts have been made to make people aware of about 10 thousand years old painting, the rock paintings of Bhimbaitka. Chief Minister Yadav took a selfie at the selfie point of the exhibition of the Department of Public

Appreciating the exhibition, in the visitor's book Dr. Yadav wrote that 'Madhya Pradesh Utsav has been organized in a very good and befitting manner, congratulations.' Sports and Youth Welfare and Cooperatives Minister Shri Vishwas Sarang and officials and spectators were also present in the program.

Relations.



Rabindranath Tagore University Chancellor Santosh Chaubey addressing a programme RNTU Sports Achievers Award 2024, at

#### Tribal girl gangraped, 2 nabbed after SP's intervention

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

≺ikamgarh police have arrested two accused who were involved in sexually assaulting a minor tribal girl, the case was registered after it was instructed by the SP and only then the police took action.

At the time when this incident occurred, the victim's family was outside the house, after the family came, the girl was not telling anyone due to fear. The matter came to light after her health deteriorated.

The incident matter is of Khargapur police station area of Tikamgarh district of Madhya Pradesh, a minor tribal girl working on her farm was gang raped by two youths of the same village. After this, the accused also threatened the girl that if she told anyone, they would kill her. Due to the threatening,

When this incident occurred, the victim's family was outside, as the family came, She was not telling anyone due to fear

the girl did not inform anyone about this, but when her health started deteriorating, she told this to her mother. After which the police were informed.

Khargapur police said that the girl was sexually assaulted around 11 days ago. The victim's family met the Superintendent of Police during the visit of the district's in-charge minister Krishna Gaur, after which the case was registered.

After this, the police team

took immediate action and took both the accused into police custody. These accused are being questioned. A special woman police officer has also been sent for recording the statement of the minor. Meanwhile a day before the Tikamgarh incident five youths gang-raped a minor girl in the forest of Kalyanpur in Kotwali police station area of Shahdol. Within just 24 hours of the incident, the police arrested all the

accused.

The administration's bulldozer was run on their house. All the five accused were residents of village Kalyanpur police station Kotwali Shahdol. The girl had left the house to study tuition with a young man known to her. Late in the evening, five youths living nearby raped her forcibly in turns in the forest of Kalyanpur and fled

#### **STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

Te need to give importance to sports as a main subject rather than an extra-curricular activity, only then will we be able to improve India's performance in international level competitions. Players should also take sports seriously like a degree program and work hard in it and perform excellently. Because just as you reach a good position by studying, in the same way we can reach a high position in sports through good performance.

These were the words of Ravi Kumar Gupta, Director of Sports and Youth Welfare Department of Madhya Pradesh. He was speaking as the keynote speaker at the RNTU Sports Achievers Award 2024 Ceremony organized by Rabindranath Tagore University Kushabhau Thakre

Convention Center to honor the talents of the state on the occasion of National Sports Day. On this occasion, the players of RNTU were honored with the Sports Achievers Award who have increased the pride of the nation and the state at the national and international level. In this, a total of 95 players (list is attached separately) of Hockey Men's Team, Hockey Women's Team, Sailing, Judo, Shooting, Athletics, Boxing, Taekwondo, Wrestling, Rowing, Karate, Kayaking-Čanoeing, Fencing and Badminton were awarded with a sum of Rs. 24 lakh 60 thousand.

During this, the special guests of the program included Rabindranath Tagore University Chancellor Santosh Chaubey, Scope Global Skills University Chancellor Dr. Siddharth Chaturvedi, former Olympian Mr. Ashok Dhyanchand, Indian Sports Authority Regional Director Abhishek Chauhan, BJP State Vice President Pankaj Joshi, RNTU Pro Chancellor Dr. Aditi Chaturvedi Vats, RNTU Registrar Vijay Singh were pre-

Rabindranath Tagore University felicitates talented players of Madhya Pradesh

In the program, Scope Global Skills University Chancellor Siddharth Chaturvedi welcomed all the guests while giving the welcome speech and informed about the work being done by Rabindranath Tagore University for the benefit of students and promotion of sports. He also said that we are preparing the infrastructure in the university with the aim of organizing Khelo India University Games.

At the same time, Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University Santosh Chaubey highlighted the importance of sports in life and said that continuous efforts are being made to promote sports in the uni-

versity. Many new initiatives

will be taken in future as well. In his statement, he praised Olympian and hockey player Vivek Sagar and congratulated him on being made the vicecaptain of the Indian hockey team.

Former Olympian Ashok Dhyanchand praised RNTU's intention to host Khelo India University Games and said that the schools, colleges and universities of the state should move forward with this thinking and objective. He also asked the industry to encourage sports through CSR activities, sponsorship and other support.

Regional Director of Sports Authority of India Abhishek Chauhan congratulated all the players and praised the efforts being made by the AISECT

RNTU Registrar Dr. Vijay Singh gave a vote of thanks and wished the players to continue per-

forming well in the future. In the program, RNTU Sports Achievers Award was given to the players studying at Rabindranath Tagore University. In this, Vivek Sagar from Hockey Men's Team was given an amount of Rs 5 lakh for bringing laurels to the country at the international level. This honor was received by his parents. Apart from this, Ali, Saddam, Arham, Shreyas, Ankit, Sundaram, Vaibhav, Abhay, Swapnil, Shailendra, Aamir, Himanshu, Deepak, Adesh, Satyam, Avnish, Akshay, Abhijeet and Love were honored for waving the flag of RNTU in Khelo India University Games.In sailing, Neha Thakur, Sheetal, Nancy, Vidyanshi were honored with prize money.Hockey Women's Team was honored for winning silver in Khelo India Youth Games and participation in Khelo India

University Games 2023.



also said that now we have

reached such a stage of age that

we must worry about our

future as well as that of our chil-

dren. Not only keep striving for

greenery yourself but also keep thinking about global warming

with your children and inspire

them to plant trees to improve

the environment. Cabinet

Minister Ramnivas Rawat also

obtained B.Sc degree from the

Pradeep Mishra, who was the

PRO of the Municipality in

Narmadapuram, was also a

classmate of Rawat in college at

that time and had studied

together and obtained a degree.

In this program organized in

the college, all the classmates

were seen hugging each other

and expressing gratitude to each other for coming to the

program. All the teachers who

taught the minister during his

education and who are present

at this time were also honored.

Former Chief Minister Kamal

Nath's OSD Praveen Kakkar

and Malaria Officer Akhilesh

Dubey from Bhopal were also

present in the programme. This program was organized by

the city's renowned business-

man Ramkumar Shivhare, his

son Tarun Shivhare and

nephew Kushal Shivhare.

same college in Shivpuri.

**PNS I** JABALPUR

West Central Railway, J S h o b h a n a Bandopadhyaya inspected the footplate of Jabalpur-Rani Kamalapati railway section from Rewa-Rani Kamalapati Vande Bharat train, on Friday. Besides, various stations, level crossings and bridges located on this section, she also inspected all the safety equipment of Vande Bharat train and thoroughly inspected the passenger facilities and catering available and also intertraveling.On Thursday, 29th August 2024, General Manager Smt. Shobhana Bandopadhyay along with the chief officers and senior officers of WCR headquarters inspected the stations, railway track, OHE, bridges, level crossings and signal system on Jabalpur-Rani Kamalapati

eneral Manager of

**Bandopadhyaya inspected the** footplate of the railway section and train safety equipment and other operations related to the train along with the loco pilot and assistant loco pilot in the driver's cab of Vande Bharat train

WCR GM inspects footplate of Jabalpur- Rani Kamlapati railway section

railway section from Rewa-Rani Kamalapati Vande

Bharat train. Bandopadhyaya inspected the footplate of the railway section and train safety equiprelated to the train along with the loco pilot and assistant loco pilot in the driver's cab of Vande Bharat train. Under which, after getting

complete information about traction, propulsion system, brake system, internal and external automatic doors, fire extinguishers and other safe-

ty related equipment, inspection was done. Along with this, under security in the train, modern technology system, CCTV cameras, emergency talk-back units, trol computer system and electro-pneumatic brake system were checked and tested. During the inspection, the General Manager inspected the passenger facilities and cleanliness available in Vande Bharat train. Under passenger facilities, the General Manager thoroughly inspect-

the executive coach, on-board Wi-Fi infotainment, GPS based passenger information system, 32 inch screen for passenger entertainment, LED lighting, bio vacuum toilets, attractive interiors, Divyang friendly facilities with touch free facilities etc. During this, he also inspected the mini pantry passenger facilities including hot case for hot food, availability of hot and cold beverages under the catering system in Vande Bharat train.

ed 180 degree rotating seats in

During the journey in Vande Manager Bandopadhyay discussed with the passengers about the facilities, catering and cleanliness of Vande Bharat and also got feedback from the passengers.During the inspection, senior officers of the division including the Chief Engineer were

#### Minister Ramnivas Rawat attends Shivpuri College alumni meet

PNS SHIVPURI

he students of the batch of 1972 to 1980 in Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Government Post Graduate College and Priyadarshini Indira Gandhi Girls College and are gradual ly working in the interest of the country and society by holding senior positions. All the alumni have met each

other in this function after almost forty years. While studying at Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Government College, Shivpuri, Ramnivas Rawat, the current Minister of Environment and Forest Ministry of the state and who entered politics by becoming the President of the college also participated in this pro-

On this occasion, Rawat had a deep discussion on "Global Warming" with all his college classmates. Opinions were taken from all the classmates on how to reduce this global warming. At the end of the speech, Minister Ramnivas Rawat appealed to all his colleagues to plant trees in their surroundings and also protest against illegal cutting of trees. During the address, Shri Rawat 4 girls fall sick after getting immunization shots

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

Pour girls were hospitalised as they complained of uneasiness after being administered shots during an immunisation programme at a school in Bind district on Thursday.

The girls, all aged 16, were admitted to the Bhind district hospital when they started feeling uneasy and dizzy after they were administered shots for tetanus and diphtheria at a government high school in the Kyaripura area on Thursday, the district's chief medical and health officer Dr Shivram Singh Kushwaha told.

He said their condition is good now, and one of the girls will be discharged soon. The immunisation programme has been underway since August 8.

At least 35 students were administered the vaccines the previous days, the official said. The four girls were first rushed to a primary health centre and later shifted to the district hospital, he said, adding that the girls had not eaten anything before taking the shots.

#### Foundation Day of Family Medicine department celebrated at AIIMS

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

The 12th Foundation Day of the Department of Community and Family Medicine was celebrated with great enthusiasm at AIIMS Bhopal on Friday. The event marked another milestone in the department's ongoing efforts to enhance community health and promote preventive

medicine. Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, emphasized the crucial role that the Department of Community and Family Medicine plays in addressing public health challenges and advancing preventive healthcare practices. He remarked,

'The Department of Community and Family Medicine, AIIMS Bhopal, has played a leading role in addressing public health challenges and promoting preventive healthcare. On this 12th Foundation Day, the progress we have made in improving community health and wellbeing is remarkable.

vulnerable sections of society

and advancing the health of

families across the region is

unwavering. As we continue to

Our commitment to serving the

innovate and expand efforts, we hope to create a healthier future

The event also featured a guest lecture by Prof. (Dr.) Praveen Kumar, Director, Department of Pediatrics, LHMC & Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, New Delhi. Prof. Kumar delivered an insightful lecture on "Nutritional Care of Severely Malnourished Children" providing detailed information on child nutrition and its vital role in managing acute malnutrition in children. His lecture underscored the importance of early and effective nutritional interventions in improving child health out-

comes. During the program, Dr. Abhijit Pakhare presented the department's achievements over the past year, highlighting the significant progress made in various community health initiatives. The event also saw the unveiling of the CSAM 2023-2024 report and the inauguration of the AMB dashboard, which will further aid in monitoring and improving public health metrics. Additionally, individuals who made outstanding contributions to the department's initiatives were honored for their achievements.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav with Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat during inauguration of 39th convention of Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) in Bhopal on Friday.

#### RBI organises a Town Hall even at Indore for MSMEs

PNS INDORE

eserve Bank of India organised a Town Hall Revent at Indore on August 30, 2024 for Micro, and Medium Enterprises(MSME) entrepreneurs. The seminar was addressed by Senior Officers of various banks located at Indore and Bhopal including senior officers from Bank of India (lead bank), State Bank of



India, Central Bank of India, Bank of Baroda and Canara Bank. The participants included industry associations and

TReDS platform providers. Hemant Kumar Soni, General Manager, RBI, Bhopal chaired the session and addressed the gathering. In the Question & Answer

session, the participants raised several queries which were addressed by Soni, GM, RBI and senior officers of other banks. The purpose of the said event was to provide a platform for interaction for the banks and their MSME customers.

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## New multi-lelvel parkings to come up in the State capital

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everal important decisions Swere taken in the general council meeting of the Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Friday.

The major decisions include-Services of premium parking operator is likely to be scrapped and yet another proposal new multilevel parking to be developed at 10 Number market was approved during Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) general council meeting here on Friday.

Discussion held on significant proposals including a plan to rent out the roofs of BMC owned buildings to boost income, which received inprinciple approval despite opposition from Congress cor-

The proposal, introduced by BJP corporator, aims to increase

BMC revenue. Additionally, a proposal to beautify city squares, central verges and gardens through CSR and public participation was also approved.

Mayor Malti Rai supported the roof rental proposal, stating, "This proposal is to improve the financial condition of the corporation and increase the income of the corporation." In contrast, Leader of Opposition Shabista Zaki criticized the decision as hasty, requesting that the roofs of ward and zone offices not be rented out. Rai, with permission from BMC chairman Kishan Suryavanshi, submitted another proposal focused on beautifying parts of the city through the involvement of the public. However, the meeting saw limited discussion on other public interest issues raised by Congress corporators. These

included concerns about potholes, sewage, stray dogs and waterlogging, which were not extensively deliberated during the session. Only eight out of 13 questions could be asked during the one-hour Question

The contract for premium parking in New Market will be canceled following allegations of illegal collection by Akhtar Enterprises, the contractor. Both Congress and BJP corporators accused the company of these illegal activities. As a result, Corporation Chairman Kishan Survavanshi has directed strict action against the contractor.

"It was also decided to cancel the tender of Akhtar Enterprises, the contractor of premium parking in New Market," he said.

Corporators expressed their dissatisfaction with the illegal parking collection and insisted on measures to halt it prompt-

A proposal for multi-level parking in 10 number market was discussed in a BMC council meeting on Friday. Key participants included Congress corporator Ashok Maran and opposition corporator Devanshu Kansana. The meeting highlighted issues with the previous parking arrangements and illegal collections.

Congress corporator Ashok Maran explained the difficulties faced with the previous parking system. Corporator Devanshu Kansana also presented his perspective from the opposi-

"Vehicles are parked on the road in front of the multi-level parking of New Market," said corporator Yogendra Singh Guddu Chauhan. Corporator Pappu Vilas added, "Illegal col-

Bhopal: A couple living in

Tilajamalpura committed suicide

on Thursday night. Police sus-

pect the incident, as their fami-

y members took the bodies to Hamidia hopistal, claiming that

the couple was found hanging.

SHO Sarita Burman told that 29-

year-old Ajay lived with his wife

. Damini in Harijan Basti of

Tilajamalpura area. There used

to be frequent disputes between

The police were informed about

the death of the couple living in

Tilajamalpura area under suspi-

cious circumstances at 7.50 pm.

The police registered a case on

the information of the hospital

Couple ends life, police suspect the deaths

lection is being done in the name of parking in New Market. Action should be

During the meeting, uproar was witnessed as BJP Mandal President was alleged to have been involved in illegal collections. Leader of Opposition Shabista Zaki made the accusation, prompting BJP corporators to rise from their seats in protest. Shabista Zaki further asserted that threats were being issued by the BJP Mandal President from the parking area and that illegal collections were taking place at the Board Club. "Threats are given from BJP Mandal President Parking. Illegal collection is being done at the Board Club," stated Leader of Opposition Shabista Zaki. The ruckus ensued for a considerable duration, highlighting the contentious atmosphere of the meeting.

doctor and kept the body in the

of the case registered after infor-

death under suspicious circum-

family told the police that Ajay

and Damini died due to hang-

ing. Police will recorded state-

ments of the family of Ajay and

Damini after the postmortem report of both the bodies is

Police said that Ajay used to

work as a porter. Áfter receiving information about Ajay

and Damini's death under sus-

picious circumstances, the

police team has inspected the

spot of the incident. But, police

has not found any suicide note

received.

from the spot.

mortuary for postmortem.



Drug peddler nabbed with 11 kgs of Cannabis

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Police have started investigation **◄**he crime branch has arrested a drug ped-dler with 11 kg of Cannabis worth Rs 2.2 lakh, mation of Ajay and Damini's stances from Hamidia Hospital. police have registered a case under NDPS Act. In the initial interrogation, the

Acting on a tip off regarding a suspicious man at a newly constructed building in Arif Nagar, New Berasia Bus Stand carrying drugs and which he is trying to sell. As soon as the information was received, the crime branch team reached the spot and detained the man.

When the plastic bag he was carrying was checked Cannabis was recovered from the bag. After this, the police took the person into custody. The man was identified as Suresh Gaur (55) resident of Sehore near Freeganj Galla Mandi police station Mandi. A total of 11 kg 64 grams of

ganja was recovered from the accused. The cost of the drug is about Rs 2. 2 lakh. Meanwhile a home guard personnel posted at former minister Gopal Bhargava's bungalow was hit by an unknown vehicle on JK Road late Thursday night and died during treatment. Ashwini Payasi (56) lived in Ayodhya Nagar. His uncle Rajbhan Payasi said that Ashwini was posted at the former minister's bungalow for seven years. He left the place on a bicycle after completing his duty at around 10

pm on Thursday night.

He was hit by an unknown vehicle on JK Road at 10.30 pm. Passersby took him to the hospital for treatment, where he died late at night. The family came to know about the accident on the information of Piplani police.

Ashwini Payasi had two sons. One is in college, while the other got a private job just a month ago. He has been very happy since then. He hoped that after retirement he would spend a wonderful life with his wife and children. Here, the police said that the footage of CCTV cameras installed near the incident spot is being scanned so that the accused driver can be identified.



Police detain Youth Congress National President Srinivas BV during a demonstration of Madhya Pradesh Youth Congress

## Youth Congress protests with several issues including exam irregularities

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assive gathering by the Youth Congress to routh congress against exam irregularities, paper leak, nursing scam, unemployment and inflation was witnessed at Roshanpura intersection on Friday.

Along with Congress workers, State Congress President Jitu Patwari also climbed the barricade. Police used water cannons to stop the protesters. Jitu Patwari fell from the barri-

cade due to water pressure. Some workers also got injured. Police also fired tear gas on the workers. After this, the police arrested the workers and took them away in buses. Earlier, Madhya Pradesh

Congress President Jitu Patwari said, this governn government of Mohan Yadav and BJP but the government of

Mitendra Darshan Singh said, Youth Congress had started the 'Kya Hua Tera Vaada' campaign

**Bhopal:** A training program of

Youth Parliament in-charges was

organized through video confer-

encing at Pt. Kunjilal Dubey

Rashtriya Sansadiya Vidyapeeth,

Bhopal. Additional Chief

Secretary Parliamentary Affairs

Department Shri KC Gupta par-

ticipated in its inaugural session.

Addressing the program, the Additional Chief Secretary told

the Youth Parliament in charge

that India's democracy has a spe-

cial identity in the world due to

its uniqueness. Our country is

known as the largest democratic

country in the world. He said that

the role of the Youth Parliament

in charge is more important.

Maximum participation of stu-

dents should be ensured by stag-

ing the Youth Parliament in the

educational institutions. He said

that children and youth are the

Chhatarpur, M.P- 471001

S/o Shan Mohammad

Chhatarpur, M.P-471001

Place: Gwalior

Guarantor: Mr. Kamal Ahmed

Add: Hussain Nagar, Near Masjid,

Raj Nagar By-Pass Road, Distt.

Youth Parliament training programme held

two months ago. In this, about four and a half lakh youth have written postcards and told their problems. Today these postcards were going to be handed over to CM Dr. Mohan Yadav. This is the fourth big demonstration of Congress in the last eight days. State Congress President Jitu Patwari said that the workers will fight for caste census till their last breath. Until the government does not give MSP to the farmers, the price of paddy and soybean and 2.5 lakh jobs, the fight to protect the constitution will be fought till the last drop of blood. Sisters and Dalits are being tortured in this government. This is

a government of the mafia. Priyanka Patel, who came from Gujarat to join the protest, said that we were protesting peacefully. Police fired water canons. Tear gas shells were fired Many colleagues got injured. The brutality happening with the youth is wrong. The government will have to answer for this. We were raising the issues of the youth and their rights.

future of the country. They need

to know about the parliamentary

system. Dr. N.K. Thapak Vice

Chancellor of LNCT University

and Dr. Dharmendra Pare,

Director of Tribal Museum also

In his address, at the outset, the

Director of the Sansadiva Peeth.

Pratima Yadav said that this

Sansadiva Peeth has been oper-

ating since 1998. Efforts are being

made to give information about

the principles of the parliamen-

tary system to children and youth

through the Sansadiya Peeth. In

today's program held at the Peteh,

through video conferencing,

youth parliament in-charges of

schools of the state and colleges

of Barkatullah University, Bhopal

were given detailed information

about staging the Youth

Palotha, P.H.No. 66, Ward No.14,

F-03 Rajiv Gandhi Ward Tehsil and

Area 2000 Sq. Ft.

District Chhtatarpur, M.P admeasuring.

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Parliament.

addressed the program.

Youth Congress National President Srinivas BV said that we are demanding employment, jobs for the youth, 20 exams were conducted in the last five years. Appointments were given to 30000 people. Not a single one has joined till now. The government is cane-charging the pro-

testors. Congress MLA from Harda RK Dogne said that we had a meeting. After this we were going towards CM House in a peaceful manner. We were stopped before the barricade. Water cannon was fired. Tear gas was released.

The workers were pushed and chased away. This is unfortunate. We were going with the demands of the public. The government should listen. The public has legitimate demands. prices. The youth is upset. We wanted to put the matter before the government in a peaceful manner. Some workers were injured in the stampede. The government should solve the

**Bhopal:** Chief Minister Mohan

Yadav congratulated two ITI

Bhopal teachers on their selec-

tion for the National Teachers'

Award, expressing great pride

in their achievement. He

emphasized that this recogni-

tion not only highlights their

excellence in professional train-

ing and entrepreneurship

development but also serves as

a testament to their hard work

and dedication. Dr. Yadav

noted that their accomplish-

ment is an inspiration to all

teachers, and the people of the

state are proud of this unique

contribution that has earned

them the prestigious National

It is noteworthy that two teach-

ers of ITI Bhopal, Premlata

Rahangdale and Prashant Dixit,

Award.

problem of the people.

an unconscious state.

The government of Madhya Pradesh runs from Delhi. The Chief Minister here is busy taking liquor contracts. Jitu Patwari said, there is not a

single minister in the Mohan government who works without brokerage. About 100 brokers are roaming in Bhopal-Indore, who are getting the land use changed, 3 people of a Dalit family were killed in Sagar while a Dalit was beaten in Katni. If a house was demolished in

Chhatarpur for pelting stones at the police, then a bulldozer should be run on the house of the TI of Katni as well. We have lodged an FIR against that TI in Katni. Madhya Pradesh Congress

President Jitu Patwari said, this government is not the governnt of Mohan Yadav and BJP, it is the government of mafias. Two days ago, the Chief Minister had said that if you want to live in India, you will have to say Ram Krishna. Mohan Yadav ji, a young colleague of Congress

CM congratulates teachers chosen for National Awards

have been selected for the

National Teachers' Award. Both

teachers will be honored on the

occasion of Teachers' Day on 5

September 2024 at Vigyan

Bhawan, New Delhi. As a mark

of respect, they will be given a

cash amount of Rs 50 thousand

Smt. Rahangdale is the training

officer of Trade COPA at the

Government Divisional

Industrial Training Institute,

Bhopal. Smt. Rahangdale has

been a teacher for more than 11

years. Her special focus has

been on training visually

impaired students. Rahangdale

works not only on the acade-

mic development of the stu-

dents but also focuses on their

Prashant Dixit, an experienced

overall development.

06:00 PM

and a medal.

challenges you that if you want to remain the Chief Minister, then you should have to stop taking loans, conduct caste census has to be done, atrocities against Dalits have to be stopped, price of Soyabean has to be increased to Rs 6000, 2.5 lakh jobs have to be provided and hatred towards Baba Saheb Ambedkar's constitution has to be stopped.

Deputy Leader of Opposition Hemant Katare attacked Minister Vishwas Sarang in the nursing scam case. Katare said. Vishwas' name should be changed to Vishwas Sarang. All the evidence in the nursing scam is against Sarang. He should be dismissed from the cabinet.

MLA Arif Masood said from the stage, our leader Rahul Gandhi fighting Constitution. Remember that the leader of Youth Congress is not for sale. Those who were for sale have gone. The workers of Youth Congress will always be with Rahul Gandhi.

Training Officer of Trade

Mechanic Diesel at the

Government Divisional

Industrial Training Institute in

Bhopal, has significantly

impacted the careers of his stu-

dents, who now work in pres-

tigious organizations like

BARC, Indian Railways, and

top automobile companies. He

has developed effective training

methods that benefit both

trainers and trainees, while

also inspiring students toward

entrepreneurial endeavors. A

pioneer in e-content develop-

ment, Dixit created a series of

educational videos during the

COVID pandemic that have

since benefited millions of stu-

dents nationwide and are now

featured on the DGT's Bharat

Kaushal Portal.

#### Heavy rains occurred in 13 districts

**Bhopal:** Over 13 districts of the state received heavy rainfall in Madhya Pradesh in past 24 hours. Besides, light rain was also recorded in Betul, Shivpuri, Ujjain, Narsinghpur and Satna districts.

A new weather system is becoming active from Saturday. It will bring heavy rains in the eastern part of the state Jabalpur, Rewa, Shahdol and Sagar divisions for 2 days.

Senior meteorologist said, 'A monsoon trough is merging with the low pressure area formed in the Bay of Bengal through Shivpuri, Sidhi of the state. After a day or two, it will move forward showing its effect. Due to this, there may be heavy rain in the districts of the eastern part of the state.

So far, 33.6 inches of rain has Pradesh, which is 90% of the season. As soon as 3.7 inches of water falls, the normal rainfall figure will be crossed in the state. Mandla and Seoni are such districts where 45-46 inches of rainfall has been recorded while Rewa has received the least rainfall of 22.3 inches. Now good rain is expected in September as well.

Heavy rain has occurred in Guna since 7 pm on Friday. Heavy rainfall was witnessed for an hour. The sun had been shining since morning, due to which there was a lot of humidity.

नाम संशोधन सूचना में अंकित अग्रवाल निवासी सराफा चौर शंगाबाद जिला नर्मदापुरम (म.प्र) शपध पूर्वव ध्यन करता हूं कि मेरे पुत्र नैतिक अग्रवाल आ 15 वर्ष उसके समस्त दस्तावेओं में उसका नार निक अधवान (NAITIK AGARWAL) दर्ज जो कि पूर्व में उसका नाम नैतिक अग्रवाः NAITIK AGRAWAL) धा, मेरे द्वारा सह दस्तावेजों में सुधार करवा कर उसका नाम नैतिर पावाल (NAITIK AGARWAL) करवा लिया है रतः उसे नैतिक अप्रवाल (NAITIK AGARWAL नाम से जाना पहचाना जाए जो की सही है।

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L. No. JHS-ELG-W-T-23-2024-25 Date: 27.08.2024 TENDER NOTICE

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For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer

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# Mamata a liar, says BJP

# Has done nothing to protect women in West Bengal: Malviya

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The BJP on Friday slammed West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee calling her a "liar" and asked her to explain why she has not done anything to ensure implementation of existing "stringent" rules and regulations to protect women in her

This came after Mamata wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, reiterating her request for stringent central legislation and exemplary punishment on heinous crimes like rape and murder.

She also sought mandatory provision for time-bound disposal of cases of rape/rape and murder.

"It is incumbent on Mamata to explain why the West Bengal Government hasn't anything implementing the stringent rules and regulations, which exist for protecting women and girls," BJP co-incharge West Bengal Amit Malviya said in a social media post. "Stop writing letters. Answer the questions You are accountable," he said.



reply.

In her letter, Mamata said she was yet to receive a reply from the Prime Minister on the issue that she had flagged in her previous letter to him. The Chief Minister, however, she received a communication from the Union Women and Child Development (WCD)

Minister Annapurna Devi. Maintaining that the letter by the WCD Minister "barely attends the gravity of the issue" raised by her, Banerjee

"The seriousness of the subject and its relevance to the society have not been adequately appreciated while

amounts of iodine, compared

to men, more men consumed

inadequate amounts of zinc

and magnesium, compared to women, the team found.

While analyses over the past

10 years have looked at

micronutrient deficiencies,

remain for

population groups. In the

study, the authors used

publicly available data from

the Global Dietary Database

to estimate the prevalence of

insufficient nutrient intakes

for 99.3 per cent of the global

Men and women aged 10-30

years were most prone to

low-levels of calcium intake,

especially in South Asia,

Southeast Asia and sub-

Saharan Africa, the team

The authors said the findings

could be used by public

health professionals to target

populations in need of

They added that since they

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Banerjee, in her letter to the Prime Minister, mentioned that 88 fast-track special courts and 62 POCSOdesignated courts are already functioning in West Bengal on State funding.

Reacting sharply, Malviya said, "Mamata is a liar". "Annapurna Devi, Union Minister of Women and

Child Development, responded to West Bengal Chief Minister on August 25, 2024. In her letter, in point 4, she (the WCD Minister) specifically mentions West Bengal Government not

Sharad rejects

setting up even a single fast track Court for addressing rape and POCSO related cases," the BJP Leader said. He also posted on social media a copy of the WCD Minister's letter to the West Bengal Chief Minister. Malviya said as many as seven cases of rape, mostly of

seven cases of rape, mostly of minors, and in some cases murders too have been reported in West Bengal in the last 48 hours.

"But in the last 48 hours, Mamata has been engaged in every deplorable act — that a civilised Chief Minister would be ashamed of — from issuing open letters to from clarifications,

threatening and abusing doctors to inciting nationwide arson," he said in another social media post. He called Mamata a "failed Home and Health Minister" of the State and alleged that she is preoccupied with suppressing evidences of her

corruption incompetence in the RG Kar Hospital rape-and-murder case. "But, enough is enough. The awakened conscience of Bengal now calls accountability," the leader added.



### PM Modi to visit Brunei, Singapore in September: MEA

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Brunei and Singapore in the first week of September, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday.

The Prime Minister will travel Brunei on to 3-4, Nill Randhir September spokesperson Jaiswal announced at his

media briefing. This will be the first bilateral visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Brunei, he said. This visit will also mark 40 years of the establishment of the diplomatic ties between India and Brunei, Jaiswal said.

From there, Prime Minister Modi is slated to visit Singapore on September 4-5 at the invitation of his Singaporean counterpart, the



JPC hears views of Muslim

(Amendment) Bill which seeks to reform the registration process for Waqf properties through a centralised portal.

During the day-long meeting, the panel headed by BJP's Jagdambika Pal will hear the views of stakeholders, including the All India Sunni Jamiyatul Ulama, Mumbai, and Delhi-based Indian Muslims for Civil Rights (IMCR).

The Bill is the first major initiative of the BJP-led NDA Government aimed reforming the registration process for Waqf properties. Besides this, establishing a Central Waqf Council Council alongside State Waqf Boards with representation Muslim women and non-Muslim representatives are

also among the proposed reforms. A contentious provision of the Bill is the proposal to designate the district collector as the primary authority in determining whether a property is classified as Waqf

or Government land. The Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 8 and referred to a Joint Committee of Parliament after a heated debate with the Government

Graduation degree must for pharmacist position within CGHS

asserting the proposed law did not intend to interfere with the functioning of mosques and the opposition calling it a targeting of Muslims and an attack on the Constitution.

In its marathon first meeting earlier this month, opposition MPs flagged objections over a host of provisions as the Union Minority Affairs Ministry made a presentation in the proposed law.

Sources said BJP members in the meeting lauded the proposed amendments, including the provisions which seek to empower women.

Meanwhile, the Committee on Friday sought suggestions from stakeholders, experts and other institutions on the proposed law. The Bill seeks to reforming the registration process for Waqf properties through a centralised portal. According to a statement issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, the committee led by BJP's Jagdambika Pal has

He stated that the direct

impact of this change will be

on the CGHS department.

asked for "views/suggestions from the public in general and NGOs, experts, stakeholders and institutions in particular' considering the "wider implications" of the Bill. People have been asked to share their suggestions in writing in the next 15 days. memoranda suggestions submitted to the

committee would form part of the records of the Committee and would be treated as "confidential", it said. Those who wish to appear

before the committee, besides submitting views in writing, been asked have specifically indicate so in their correspondence.

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# Five billion people globally consume less iodine, vitamin E, calcium: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Arecent study published in The Lancet Global Health journal has revealed people across all age groups in India and globally, both men and equate amounts of micronutrients critical for health, including iron, calcium and folate.

The study is the first to provide estimates insufficient consumption of 15 micronutrients across 185 countries, taken through diets without the use of supplements, according to an international team, including researchers from Harvard University, US.

The findings suggested that around the world, almost 70 per cent, or over five billion, people do not consume enough iodine, vitamin E, and calcium.

The researchers also found that within a country and an age group, more women were consuming inadequate amounts of iodine, vitamin B12 and iron, compared to men, whereas more men were consuming inadequate amounts of magnesium, vitamin B6, zinc and vitamin C, compared to women.

In India, while more women insufficient consumed

his Delhi house PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Centre accorded him the Z-plus cover of the Central Reserve Police Force's (CRPF) VIP security wing after a threat assessment review by central agencies. However, Pawar is learnt to have conveyed to them that he has not been told why his security

is being beefed up. The 83-year-old former learnt to have rejected the proposals to deploy additional security personnel inside his house in the national Capital, change the vehicle he uses to travel within the city and that he be escorted by two security personnel inside his vehicle. Pawar was also amenable to increasing the height of the boundary walls of his house in Delhi as part of the enhanced security measures. The former Defence Minister is learnt to have conveyed this to the representatives of security agencies the CRPF and the Delhi Police at a meeting here on Friday. Besides them, representatives of the Delhi Fire Service, the Central Public Works Department, the New Delhi Municipal Council and the Union Home Ministry were also part of the meeting. Sources had said after the assessment recommended a strong security cover for

# proposal to step up security at

Mationalist Congress Party-SP (NCP-SP) chief Sharad Pawar, accorded Z-plus protective cover recently, is learnt to have turned down certain measures suggested by security agencies.

Pawar, the Union Home Ministry asked the CRPF to

Pharmacy from a recognized institution

To elevate professional standards for pharmacists in the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and address the sector's longstanding demands, the Modi Government has implemented new recruitment rules mandating a graduation degree as the minimum educational qualification for pharmacist positions within CGHS.

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

A notification in this regard was issued by the Union Health Ministry recently. Till now, the qualification required for the pharmacists post in CGHS was a 12th class pass with science subjects (Physics, Chemistry, and Biology) and a Diploma in Additionally, the age limit for candidates applying for the post has been increased from

25 to 27 years, according to a recent notification from the Union Health Ministry. This adjustment is intended to provide a broader age range potential candidates, making the recruitment process more inclusive. Baldev Kumar, a senior pharmacist and central

council member of the Pharmacy Council of India, welcomed the new RR, noting thev represent significant shift qualification requirements and age limits. He highlighted that candidates holding a



Pharmacy Doctor (Pharm.D) degree from a recognized Central or State Government university or institute are now also eligible for pharmacist positions in This CGHS. inclusion acknowledges advanced qualifications and may attract highly skilled professionals. Vikas Jain, General Secretary of the All India CGHS Employees Association, echoed similar sentiments.

With the new rules, only graduate and experienced pharmacists will be eligible for positions. He called the decision a significant victory for the pharmacist community, which has long sought more respectable positions and salary scales commensurate with their qualifications and experience. While the qualification requirement has been increased, the salary scale remains unchanged. However, Jain pinned hopes that a future pay commission may revise the salary scale to with the new qualifications, leading to

improvements. Overall, these new rules are a positive development for the pharmacist community,

potential

aligning job qualifications with industry standards and potentially enhancing the professional professional status of pharmacists in the CGHS, said the pharmacists. CGHS facilities providing a range of healthcare services

including outpatient and inpatient care, diagnostics, and medicines are utilized by central Government pensioners, Employees, Central Government Autonomous Bodies, Central Government Undertaking Employees and Certain State Government Employees

# Joint Commanders' | SC terms recovery agent meet to begin soon

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

first Commanders' Conference (JCC) is set to take place at the Headquarters Central Command, Lucknow from September 4, 5. Themed 'Sashakt aur Surakshit Bharat: Transforming the Armed Forces', the conference will be attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and will serve as the pivotal platform for undertaking internal 'process reforms' within the armed forces, Defence Ministry said here on Friday.

Chief Defence Staff(CDS)General Anil Chauhan will inaugurate the convocation on September four, which brings together the apex level hierarchy from the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces. The two-day deliberations

will focus on analysing the impact of regional and geo-political global disruptions and commensurate demands that are likely to be placed upon the reforms being undertaken by the armed forces.

Preparing for Future Wars, Jointness and Integration among the constituent services and technology absorption, riding on the Government's 'Atmanirbharta' initiative to achieve self-reliance in Defence, will be areas receiving prime emphasis. The JCC is planned to be developed as a crucial forum for exchange of ideas, strategies and best practices

among India's top military leadership, reinforcing the country's commitment to a strong and safer future and achieving strategic autonomy in defence. Women doctors feel insecure on night shifts, some carry weapons: IMA

> It noted an FIR was lodged two months."

The recovery agent firm, however, later returned the vehicle but in a damaged condition, with chassis and engine numbers changed.

'The petitioner-bank shall be entitled to recover the compensation amount paid to



respondent No. 4 (recovery

agent firm), or any other

person found to be responsible

for the damage caused to the vehicle," the bench said. It

directed that thereafter, the

trial Court would take cognisance of the charge sheet

and proceed in accordance

The bench further directed, "If

there is any license/authority

letter granted by a competent

authority to respondent No. 4

to act as recovery agent, the

respondent

with law

(Chowdhury)

 $T^{erming}$  a recovery agent firm of a bank as a "group of goons" who did not return the vehicle seized from a man despite one time settlement of the loan amount, the Supreme Court has directed the West Bengal Police to file charge sheet against the company within two months.

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**NEW DELHI** 

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan, which directed for payment of compensation to one Debasish Bosu Roy Chowdhury who took a loan of Rs 15.15 lakh for purchasing a bus for plying in Kolkata, directed Bank of India to recover the amount from the recovery agent. "Given the observations made

by the High Court and the plea taken by the petitioners, we find that respondent No. 4, a recovery agent, in actuality appears to be a group of goons, who use their muscle power to harass loanees on behalf of the petitioner-bank," the bench said in its recent order.

against the recovery agent firm M/s City Investigation and Detective for failing to return the vehicle in proper condition and said, "The Commissioner of Police of the concerned area is directed to ensure that investigation of FIR dated July 5, 2023, registered at Police Station Sodepur in West Bengal, under Sections 406, 420 and 471 of the IPC, is taken to its logical conclusion without any delay, and charge sheet is filed within a period of

that from January 2018, Chowdhury started defaulting in payment of monthly installment and his account was declared a Non-Performing Asset (NPA) on

May 31, 2018. The outstanding amount of loan as on date of NPA stood at Rs 10.23 lakh.

The top Court noted that the bank hired the services of M/s Investigation and Detective, the so-called recovery agent, who was aided by the Government authorities in seizing Chowdhury's vehicle for and on behalf of the bank.

The bank claimed in the High Court that the market value of the vehicle as on July 31, 2019 was only Rs 2.37 lakh and the distress sale value was only Rs 1.66 lakh.

In March 2021, Chowdhury

approached the bank for One-

Time Settlement (OTS) of Rs

1.8 lakh towards the entire

petitioner-bank is directed to make a separate complaint to that authority, regarding cancellation of such such permission/authority letter." The top Court refused to interfere with the Calcutta High Court order of May 16 by which the bank was asked to pay Chowdhury Rs 5 lakh interim compensation for its

from

conduct in not returning the vehicle to him. The High Court had granted liberty to the loanee to approach the civil Court for higher compensation. Chowdhury had approached the bank for a loan of Rs 15.15 and upon satisfaction of his credentials, his loan was sanctioned and to be repaid

along with interest in 84 equated monthly installments of Rs 26,502 commencing from December 2014. The vehicle (bus) in question was hypothecated to the bank. It was contended by the bank

outstanding. The bank agreed to the proposal to accept the OTS offer though it was only 17.75 per cent of the outstanding dues. "For reasons best known to the officers of the bank, a one-time settlement (OTS) was executed between the bank and respondent No. 1 (loanee) for a paltry sum of Rs 1,80,000. The said amount was admittedly deposited by respondent No. 1 (loanee) with the Bank," the top court noted in its order. It said the vehicle, however, was not released to the loanee, even though the bank was bound to do so, having accepted the

"After great efforts, the vehicle/bus was recovered, but by that time its chassis number and engine number were changed and some of the spare parts were also removed. Also, the vehicle was not in working condition," the bench noted.

OTS.

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Astudy by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has highlighted alarming safety concerns among doctors, with a significant number, particularly women, reporting feelings of extreme insecurity during night shifts so much so that some have begun carrying weapons for selfdefense.

This comprehensive survey, involving 3,885 respondents 22 States, was across conducted in the wake of the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. It said about onethird of respondents felt infrastructure and legislative issues. "unsafe" (24.1 per cent) or "very unsafe" (11.4 per cent) come amid the Union Health carrying weapons for self-

during night shifts. Around 45 per cent of doctors reported not having access to a duty room during night shifts. Those with duty rooms

generally felt safer. However, many duty rooms were overcrowded, lacked privacy, and had inadequate facilities, such as missing locks and no attached bathrooms. There were infrastructure Issues also. Duty rooms were often located far from patient care areas (53 per cent), and onelacked attached bathrooms, requiring doctors to venture outside late at

The study has recommended basic amenities, and address enhanced Security, improved



give him Z-plus protection.

States urging them to increase the number of trained

security personnel, install CCTV cameras, improve lighting, and implement alarm systems. It has also asked to ensure duty rooms are secure and equipped with overcrowding and privacy

conditions. Issues like verbal and physical threats from patients under the influence, and inappropriate contact in crowded emergency rooms were noted. The study highlights the

defense due to unsafe

urgent need for policy changes to enhance security infrastructure and healthcare settings. Dr. Siddharth Tara, Convenor of the Progressive Medicos and Scientists Forum, emphasised the urgent need for the survey, highlighting that the Indian healthcare system relies heavily on women, including ASHA workers, female nurses, and doctors. He asserted that these professionals deserve to work with dignity and called for the Medical Commission to derecognise medical colleges that fail to ensure the safety of their trainee doctors, citing a lack of administrative accountability. Dr. Shweta Sharma,

psychologist and head of Mansa Global Foundation, described the IMA survey as revealing and critical. She underscored the severe mental trauma experienced by female doctors following the tragic incident at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. Noting that similar incidents have been reported in the media, she stressed the need for an urgent and comprehensive safety network to ensure doctors can perform their duties without fear or undue pressure.Ends

# Manipur can't be broken: CM Biren

Won't allow separate administration for Kukis, says CM

PTI NEW DELHI

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has Singh rejected demand by Kuki groups for a administration, presenting himself as a champion of the state's interest and one who will not allow its identity to be diluted.

In an interview to PTI Videos on Thursday, he described hardworking state and said "our forefathers" have a history of 2,000 years. "Many sacrifices were made to make this state. This state can't be broken or have a separate administration. We will not allow this," the chief minister stated.

This is the first unequivocal rejection of the demand by Kukis. At a press conference on Thursday in New Delhi, some representatives of Kuki-zo communities demanded the creation of a union territory with a legislature along the lines of Puducherry, arguing that it is the only way out of

Singh, a Meitei accused by Kukis of siding with his community in the ethnic violence which erupted in May last year and polarised



Manipur society like never before, has, however, expressed his support for a special development package for the state's hilly region where Kukis

"We can look at what can be done through the autonomous councils (present in hill districts) with focus on development," he said.

Singh said he will also appeal to the Centre for a special package and acknowledged the need for the development of hilly areas.

He rejected the allegation of bias in dealing with the crisis, asserting that he is chief minister of every community, be it Meiteis, Kukis or Nagas.

claimed government's crackdown on drugs, illegal immigrants and forest encroachers was used by some elements to stoke social unrest which blew up into a full-blown ethnic violence after a high court order favouring Scheduled Tribes status for Meiteis.

order was never implemented and has since been withdrawn.

"Whatever I have done was to protect Manipur and its people," the chief minister said. Tagged by critics as a Meitei favouring his community, he said he allowed his position "to be diluted" and let the Centre take the lead in restoring peace through talks and security measures.

Singh expressed confidence that peace and reconciliation will be restored in five-six months, with the Centre playing a key role and applying 'finishing touches" ethnic brokering

Talks only on our terms, says Kuki leader on Manipur CM appointing emissary for talks

Talks, if any, will only be held on their terms and only with the Centre, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Indigenous Tribal Leaders'
Forum, an umbrella
organisation of Kuki bodies,
said on Friday, virtually
closing the door to
negotiations with an emissary
appointed by Manipur Chief
Minister N Biren Singh.
Singh while talking to the
media revealed that he has
appointed Dinganglung
Gangmei, a Naga MLA and
chairperson of the Hill Area
Committee, as an emissary to

Committee, as an emissary to hold talks with Kuki-zo and Meitei leaders. "Dialogue is the only way," Singh said. "We can meet. But this talking will be on our terms," ITLF spokesperson Ginza Vuglzong.

spokesperson Ginza Vualzong said, adding that the Kuki-zo community will only hold talks with the Central Government.

"Separation from the Meitei (Manipur) government is the only solution for us. We can no longer be under the same government that killed us, that drove us away and burnt our properties and places of worship," Vualzong told PTI. The ITLF view underscores the deepening divisions

Kuki-zo community and the Manipur government and majority Meitei community. The ethnic clashes that started last May and cleaved



the state along community lines have claimed more than 200 lives and displaced thousands of families.

In his interview with PTI, the chief minister expressed confidence that peace and reconciliation will be restored in five-six months with the Centre playing a key role and applying "finishing touches" in brokering ethnic

rapprochement.

To this, Vualzong said there was need for transparency and accountability. He said Kuki-zo Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) remain distrustful of the state government.

The ITLF spokesperson also referred to a 48-minute audio recording, presented to the judicial committee appointed by the Union Home Ministry, in which Singh is purportedly heard discussing bombing Kuki-dominated areas.

The Manipur government has dismissed the recording

# Rain abates in Gujarat but several towns remain flooded

Even as rains abated in most parts of Gujarat on Friday morning, several towns and villages witnessed water logging due to swollen rivers, officials said.

According to the State Emergency Operations Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC), only four places in the state received 15 mm to 26 mm of rain between 6 am and 2 pm, while other parts remained dry or received light showers

during this period.

The India Metrological
Department (IMD) has
warned that a deep
depression over the Kutch
region might turn into a cyclonic storm.

Due to the phenomenon, Mundra taluka of Kutch district received 26 mm of rainfall, the highest in the state, between 6 am and 2 pm, followed by Veraval of Gir Somnath (18 mm), Dwarka of Devbhumi Dwarka (16 mm), Dantiwada of Banaskantha (15mm) and Anjar taluka of Kutch district SEOC said. Several

Several parts of Mandvi town of Kutch district remained inundated, and some parts of Bhuj, Anjar and Nakhatrana towns were waterlogged, officials said.

which Vadodara flood-like witnessed situation due to the swelling the Shedhi river eventually

of the Vishwamitri river, is slowly limping back to normalcy as water has receded in most parts of the city, the city civic authorities stated in a release.

The river, which was flowing above the danger mark at 37 feet, was at 23.16 feet on Friday, and of 6,073 persons rescued and relocated, 1,610 have returned to their homes, it said.

While there was no rain in Kheda district, several parts of Kheda town and nearly 20 villages of the taluka and adjoining Matar taluka were inundated as the Shedhi river was in spate, authorities said. Several houses and shops in the main market area of Kheda town and main roads were still under one foot of water, they said.

collector Kheda Prakash Yadav has expressed hope that the situation will improve as the flood water of

goes into the Sabarmati river Devbhumi district, which extremely heavy rainfall the last two days, several areas of Dwarka, Okha and Jam Raval town are still inundated, collector GT Pandya said.

'We have installed pumps to drain out water from buildings. The overflowing of the Vartu dam is causing waterlogging in Jam Raval and surrounding areas. Fortunately, the flow is

decreasing.
Of 132 villages that faced power outage till Thursday, electricity has been restored in 111 villages," Pandya said. In Bharuch, nearly ten villages of Jambusar and Amod talukas have remained inundated since Thursday after water from the Dhadhar river entered these areas, Bharuch collector Tushar Sumera said.

# Bihar to construct more barrages on rivers to mitigate flood problem

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The Bihar government is planning to construct barrages on several rivers in six districts in the northern part of the state bordering Nepal to mitigate the recurring flood problem, Water Resources Department Minister Vijay Chaudhary said.

The proposed barrages will be built on the Gandak, Masan, Kamala, Kosi and Mahananda

"The Bihar government has started the process of finalising DPRs pertaining to the construction of more barrages in East Champaran, West Champaran, Sitamarhi, Kishanganj, Madhubani and flood mitigation measures," Chaudhary said.

The NDA government at the Centre recently announced financial support of Rs 11,500 crore for Bihar to deal with flood-related issues that are an annual phenomenon for the state, he said.

The DPRs are being finalised for the construction of



barrages on Gandak at Areraj in East Champaran, on Masan in West Champaran, Bagmati Kamala at Jainagar in Madhubani, on Kosi at Kishanganj, said the minister. Kosi-Mechi interlinking project, entailing an expenditure of Rs. 6,282.32 crore, will also be completed with the assistance of the Centre. This project aims to by rivers originating from

provide irrigation to a large number of people in the Seemanchal," Chaudhari said. of inter-linking of Kamala-Dakmara in Supaul and on Mahananda at Taiyabpur in Kishangani, said the ministry also get a boost from the Centre's flood mitigation projects for Bihar, he added. The minister said the state government has been asking the Centre to manage floods

Nepal.
"It was during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led government when India and Nepal agreed Vajpayee-led

to build high-level dams on river Kosi, Bagmati and Kamala in Nepal and set up a joint project office at Biratnagar (in that country) to prepare the related DPRs in 2004," he said.

However, the DPRs could never see the light of the day due to certain issues related to

Nepal, the minister said.
"Later, the Bihar government led by Nitish Kumar ji decided to finalise the projects within the state's territorial jurisdiction," the minister said.

The state government has taken several measures to venate and rivers, he said adding that this has to be done in a coordinated manner by the Centre as well as other states. "Heavy silt deposit slows down the water flow, posing a big challenge to the existence of certain rivers. The Centre should formulate the national silt management policy at the earliest", the minister said.

# I am inseparable from Modi, for as long as he is PM: Chirag

Union Minister Chirag Paswan on Friday rejected rumours of a rift between his Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) and the BJP, asserting that he views himself as "inseparable" from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In an interview to PTI, Paswan said he was willing to contest the upcoming Bihar assembly polls as an NDA partner "if the BJP so desires", and made light of estranged uncle Pashupati Kumar Paras' recent meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"My love for Narendra Modi unshakeable. I am parable from long as he is Prime Minister", said Paswan, when asked about speculations triggered by his stance on issues like Wakf Board reforms, lateral entry into bureaucracy and creamy layer and sub-categorisation of Scheduled Castes.

He pointed out "as a matter of fact, my views always



reflected the government's stand. A case in point is sending the Wakf Bill to the Joint Parliamentary Committee'

Speculations have been rife that Paswan, formerly a docile junior ally, had begun to flex his muscles in the backdrop of a decline in fortunes of the majority in Lok Sabha, and depends on allies' support to stay in power.

However, the LJP (RV) chief dismissed the speculations and made it clear that his party was not averse to contesting polls, in states like Jharkhand, as an NDA partner.

"The fact is, our party has an

alliance with BJP in Bihar and at the Centre. So, we will abide by coalition dharma at national level and in my home state. And although we have no strings attached in states like Iharkhand, it does not mean we are averse to a tie-up with BJP there. If the BJP and other NDA partners want us on board, we are game", the Union Minister said.
He also scoffed at rumours

that have followed the meeting between Paras, who had in 2021 split the Lok Janshakti Party founded by his late father Ram Vilas Paswan, and Shah earlier this

Some leaders in the opposition INDIA bloc have indirectly sending a message across to Paswan that he could ill-afford to defy the BJP which had many aces up its sleeve

Paswan, however, maintained "He (Paras) has lost all public support. He had been meeting all people ahead of Lok Sabha polls, too. That exercise proved to be of no avail".

Police probe into attack on family by BSF personnel completed: DyCM



PTI ■ SHILLONG

 $M_{\text{completed}}^{\text{eghalaya}} \stackrel{\text{Police have}}{\text{investigation}}$ into the alleged attack on a by three BSF personnel in East Jaintia Hills district earlier this year, Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong told the Assembly on Friday. According to the DyCM a case was registered at Khliehriat Women Police Station after the matter was reported on June 20.

"The investigation has been completed and is ready, chargesheet Tynsong, who is also minister in charge of Home department, said in his reply

to a call attention notice.

The complainant and the victims were examined and their statements were recorded on the same day and all necessary steps such as medical examinations, visit to place of occurrence and collection of evidence was done as per the law," he said. A woman named Martina Poshna of Kuliang village lodged an FIR stating that on

the night of June 19, three individuals claiming to be BSF personnel armed with weapons forcefully entered her home. The three persons broke into the house and upon entering, the assailants attacked her

husband Shanroi Lyngdoh, they also took an axe from the house and attempted to use it against the family, she said. Despite the efforts of Martina Pohshna and her 15-year-old daughter to disarm the attackers, overpowered. The assailants

continued to beat Lyngdoh severely, resulting in a broken Thereafter, at around 12.30 am, the same individuals returned with a larger group of more than 15 people and resumed their brutal assault

on Shanroi Lyngdoh.

During the second attack, they forcibly took the phone from the complainant's 15year-old daughter and allegedly abused her, Tynsong said, adding that the assailants further threatened the family of future harm.

Akal Takht declares Sukhbir Badal 'tankhaiya' for 'religious misconduct'

**PTI** ■ AMRITSAR

The Akal Takht on Friday declared Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal 'tankhaiya' -- guilty of religious misconduct-- for the "mistakes" committed by his party and the party's government from 2007 to 2017. Soon after the declaration,

Badal said he bows his head and accepts the order of the Akal Takht.

In a post on X in Punjabi, Badal said he will soon appear before the Akal Takht to apologise. After a meeting of the five

Sikh head priests, the jathedar of the Akal Takht Gyani Raghbir Singh asked Badal to appear before the supreme temporal seat of the Sikhs within 15 days to seek apology for the decisions he took as the deputy chief minister and as SAD chief that deeply harmed the image of the 'Panth' and caused damage to Sikh interests. Badal would remain a

'tankhaiya' until he apologises for his "sins", Singh said while pronouncing verdict from the Akal Takht complex here. The members of the Sikh community, who served as ministers in the Akali government from 2007-17,



the Akal Takht in person to their written explanation in 15 days, he

The Takht Jathedar did not give details of the "mistakes" committed by Badal. But incidents related to the theft of a 'bir (copy)' of the Guru Ganth Sahib, putting up of handwritten sacrilegious posters and torn pages of the handwritten holy book found scattered at Bargari had taken place in Faridkot in 2015 when the Shiromani Akali Dal was in

power.
The Sikh clergy in the meeting included Takht Damdama Sahib Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh.

A day before the meeting of five Sikh head priests, Badal had appointed senior leader Balwinder Singh Bhundar as the party's working president. has sought 'unconditional forgiveness" for "all mistakes" committed when the SAD was in power in Punjab. He had recently submitted his explanation after the Jathedar asked him to appear in person before the highest temporal seat of Sikhs, following allegations levelled by the party's rebel leaders, who have asked him to step down. In his letter earlier, Badal had

said he was a "humble servant" of the Guru and dedicated to the Guru Granth Sahib and the Akal Takht. submitted Badal

explanation after the Jathedar asked him to appear in person before the highest temporal seat of Sikhs, following allegations levelled by the rebel leaders. Rebel Shiromani Akali Dal

leaders, including former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra and ex-Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) chief Bibi Jagir Kaur, had appeared before the jathedar on July 1 and sought forgiveness for "four mistakes" committed during the party's government firing.

Singh, the Akal Takht Jathedar on the rebel leaders' accusations, on July 24. A section of party leaders have revolted against Badal, asking him to step down. Badal, in his letter, had said he and his companions will accept with humility every

between 2007 and 2017

Earlier this month, the Akal

Takht Secretariat in Amritsan

had released a copy of the three-page letter that Badal

submitted to Giani Raghbir

order issued by the Akal Takht, according to 'Gurmat' Badal traditions. also attached a copy of an October 2015 letter written by

his father and the-then chief minister Parkash Singh Badal to the Akal Takht regarding "some tragic incidents" that took place in Punjab from 2007 to 2015. Incidents related to the theft

of a 'bir (copy)' of the Guru Ganth Sahib, putting up of handwritten sacrilegious posters and torn pages of the holy book found scattered at Bargari had taken place in Faridkot in 2015 when the Shiromani Akali Dal was in

During the anti-sacrilege protests in Faridkot, two persons were killed and several injured in police

# Hema Panel report: Outrage grows in Kerala as Opposition accuses Govt of shielding accused

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Protests raged in Kerala on Friday as outrage grew over shocking accounts from several female actors in the Malayalam film industry about sexual abuse, with the Leader of the Opposition, V D Satheesan, accusing the CPI(M)-led government of shielding the culprits, including actor-politician Mukesh, who stands accused of rape.

Mahila Congress activists in Kochi and Kollam took to the streets, demanding the resignation of CPI(M) MLA Mukesh and a thorough investigation into the shocking allegations of sexual misconduct made by female actors in the Malayalam film industry to the Justice Hema Committee.

In Kochi, demonstrators vented their anger by beating effigies of Mukesh, Sidhique, and Ranjith -- all accused of sexual assault -- with brooms. In Kollam, a protest march was

held outside Mukesh's residence, with activists calling for his immediate resignation as MLA.

Satheesan alleged that the accused in the Malayalam film industry scandal are being protected by a "power group" within the ruling CPI(M), led by Chief Minister Pinarayi



"power group."
The so-called progressive leaders are weak in the face of this

"power group," he said.
"The government is shielding the culprits. Despite causing so much trouble, they are facing no consequences, but the film industry will face even more difficulties in the coming days,' the opposition leader said.

He noted that even after survivors spoke out courageously to the Justice Hema Committee, the lack of legal action from the government and police would lead to

"What is happening is a gross violation of the justice system," Satheesan alleged.

Attacking the chief minister, he said after the Hema Committee report came out, Vijayan stopped holding press conferences. "He is not even visible

now. Even if he holds a press conference, he will only answer questions that he likes," the Congress leader said.

He said that the opposition demands the resignation of accused MLA Mukesh and a thorough investigation, as recommended by the Hema Committee report. The decision on resignation

should be taken by Mukesh and the CPI(M). If Mukesh is not willing to resign, the  $\mbox{CPI}(\mbox{M})$ should take the decision. Despite pressure from allies and leaders, the chief minister and party leadership are not budging. By taking a stand to protect the accused, the CPI(M) is becoming a laughing stock in front of the people," he said.

Armed with the Justice K

Hema Committee report, which detailed explosive allegations of sexual abuse by male actors in the Malayalam cinema industry, several female actors came forward with complaints against their male counwww.dailypioneer.com

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### The dark side

Sexual exploitation in the Kerala film industry revealed by the Hema Committee report sends shockwaves across the country

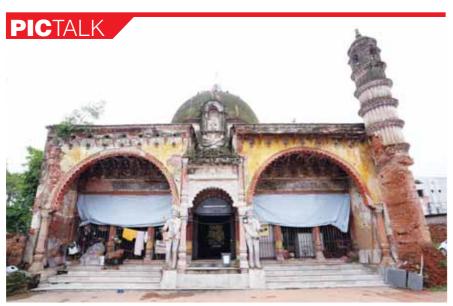
■ t is a "me too" moment of the Kerala film industry. The image of the Kerala film industry has touched the rock bottom after Hema committee has reported rampant sexual abuse, lack of basic amenities for women and more. It is all the more shocking as it is happening in the state which has given the most progressive films to the country. The Kerala film industry, known for producing some of India's most critically acclaimed and beloved films, is now under the shadow of a severe crisis. A landmark report from the Hema Committee has exposed the deep-rooted gender issues and sexual exploitation that plague this vibrant film hub, revealing a shocking underbelly that contradicts the industry's artistic achievements. The 290-page report, prepared by a three-member panel headed by retired Kerala High Court Justice K. Hema, offers a scathing indictment of the Malayalam-language film industry. It paints a grim picture of a workplace where sexual harass-



ment is rampant and systemic, and where a "mafia of powerful men" wields control, leaving women vulnerable to exploitation. The Hema Committee was established by the Kerala government in 2017, in the aftermath of a high-profile case that sent shockwaves through the industry.

The Hema Committee's findings have laid bare the systemic problems that have long been ignored or downplayed. The report uncovers a litany of abuses, from the lack of basic amenities like toilets and changing rooms for junior artists to the frequent demands for sexual Favors by powerful men in the industry. It describes the harrowing experiences of

women who have been forced to endure long hours without access to toilets, leading to severe health issues. The panel also found that sexual harassment is not only widespread but often goes unchecked and unreported due to the fear of retaliation. As expected, the Kerala film fraternity has vehemently denied all the allegations. Despite the damning findings, the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA), a prominent industry body, has denied the accusations. The organization's general secretary, Siddique, dismissed the claims, stating that conditions for women on film sets have improved in recent years and that the industry is not controlled by a small group of powerful men. However, the report's release has sparked widespread outrage, with activists and opposition leaders demanding immediate action against those implicated. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has vowed to take action if any woman who testified before the committee comes forward to file a complaint. As the industry grapples with these revelations, there is hope that this moment of reckoning will lead to lasting change. The Kerala film industry has long been celebrated for its artistic achievements; now, it must also become a beacon of respect, safety, and dignity for all who work within it.



Aukhra Nimbarka Peeth Mahanta Asthal, a 250-year-old Mutt in East Bardhaman

# Environment: A casualty of overtoursim



The future of India's tourism sector depends on a delicate balance between ecological integrity and economic growth, but it needs to be addressed now

ecently the Mayor of picturesque Santorini Island in Greece had to declare an emergency as 17000 tourists descended on the island in one day. The beleaguered residents of the island were advised to stay indoors as swarms of tourists took over the hapless location putting immense stress on infrastructure, accommodation and the local environment including the verdant beaches. This has triggered protests by the locals who took out rallies holding placards that read "no more mass tourism."

Overtourism is characterised by increased pollution and strain on resources like water and energy in a destination that is overwhelmed by an excessive number of tourists, to a point where it negatively affects the local environment, biodiversity, and infrastructure. The telling impact of overtourism is evident in India too. Every year the popular hill stations of north India such as Kullu, Manali and Mussoorie witness serpentine tourist traffic jams that extend over many kilometres to gain entry to these

Thanks to this excess footfall the average ambient temperatures have gone up in many of the Himalayan tourist hot spots. The rising temperatures in these locations have in turn altered the weather patterns. Over the last two decades, the Indian Himalayan region has experienced a consistent decline in snowfall days, severely affecting destinations such as Gulmarg and Auli, which have seen a decrease in skiing tourists and shorter seasons, resulting in lower revenue and local economic strain. Even far-flung religious destinations such as Joshimath have not been immune to this heavy tourism torture with over 10 crore people visiting this revered Himalayan town every year resulting in ecological issues such as land subsidence and crumbling biodiversity. Down south popular tourist states such as Kerala are experiencing the painful consequences of rampant tourism. The above-normal rainfall combined with indiscriminate 2030 the transport-related carbon emissions from tourism are expected to grow by 25% from 2016 levels. Some counhuman activity in the form of tries like Australia have taken



tourism resulted in a change in land use patterns in the plantation areas across Kerala. The God's on Country became a victim of human greed as over-tourism led to increased demand for hotels, restaurants and related businesses. Consequently, indiscriminate building activity on hillsides, exploitation of land and deforestation took place leading to irreversible damage to the environment besides terrain instability issues. The recent tragedy in Wayanad is an unfortunate example that consumed 500 lives and left 400 people injured besides causing immense loss of property. The unfortunate impact of tourism is accurately captured by the findings of the French start-up Murmuration specialising in monitoring the environmental impact of tourism using satellite data. The firm has stated that 80% of tourists visit just 10% of the

world's tourist spots leading to bigger crowds in fewer locations. If this trend continues, the United Nations World Organisation (UNWTO) estimates that by 2030, the number of worldwide tourists, which peaked at 1.5 billion in 2019, will reach 1.8 billion. Furthermore, by



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issue. The Australian eco-certification programme for instance promotes minimal environmental impact tourism, which helps tourists make responsible travel choices. South Africa on the other hand supports ethical tourism through its fair-trade tourism certification, which ensures fair wages and working conditions in tourism enterprises. Closer home, Bhutan has adopted a "high value, low volume" policy, which serves a dual purpose and involves a daily fee paid by tourists, which helps fund local community services and limits tourist numbers to prevent over-tourism. However, India has unique

broad steps to address the

problems and needs more specific and aggressive measures to rein in the issue of overtourism. The beginning point can be the tourism supply chain sector comprising travel companies, cruise companies, ticketing firms and package tour providers. These entities must bear a fair share of responsibility for ensuring a balanced tourist traffic flow across the destinations in

This can be done by abstaining from overselling usual tourist destinations and redirecting travellers to other locations. This will prevent overcrowding of a few traditional tourist hot spots and bring

environmental down stress.The tourism ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of environment working in tandem can employ innovative initiatives to protect the ecology and biodiversity of popular tourist destinations.

This partnership can start by first regulating the tour and ticketing companies. This can be ended by registering each tourist operator and weeding out illegal entities.

The dual ministry partnership can usher in a new era of environmentally conscious tourism. As a part of this, both the ministries can provide unique and non-transferable registration IDs to tourism companies and then periodic workshops can be held for these bonafide members to sensitise them about ecology, biodiversity and climate change issues.

As a part of this partnership, the ministries can also develop algorithm-based software for the tourism sector companies that helps in automatically limiting the tourist flow to popular destinations by limiting hotel and transport availability after a certain quota of tourists are accommodated. This can go a long way in reducing the tourist burden on the environment in these des-

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Our past experiences have shown that festivals

often lead to severe water pollution, particularly

due to the disposal of idols and ritual remains.

These materials, often containing silicon dioxide

and sodium carbonate, are harmful to aquatic life,

leading to their deaths and causing significant

water contamination. This, in turn, affects the qual-

ity of life, disrupts food chains, and threatens the

balance of our ecosystems.

# Automation vs authenticity: Can Al replace the writer's soul?



ASHA IYER KUMAR

Will the essence of storytelling — the reflection of genuine human experience — be lost in the rise of machine-generated content?

Tay back in the early 2000s, when I started writing my debut novel, it seemed like a daunting task that would take an entire lifetime to complete. Driven purely by my literary instincts and an eagerness to create something authentic, I took four years to finish the story and become an author. To be an author in those days meant a lot. Not many people ventured to do it given the time and effort that one had invested in the process. Cut to the new times, and becoming an author is as easy as blowing bubbles, thanks to the emergence of AI.

Someone I know recently said that they have a target of publishing 10 books this year, and I wasn't surprised. But can AI-assisted writing be a patch on creative writing that comes from the inner realms of a writer filled with genuine emotions and subjective thought? As a creative writing coach for children, I have often wondered if children will ever need to learn to write in future, and if even readers will stop caring if a piece of writing has come from AI's backyard or the annals of



tion and creativity.

I have floated this question to people and the responses have been divided. Some believe that in a world that is pressed for time, the source of thought is not as important as the thought itself. If served in an easily, digestible manner, it doesn't matter where it comes from – man or machine.

While this view has resulted in the spawning of authors around the world, what remains a cardinal truth is that a story or a piece of writing can be resonant with readers only when it is generated in human consciousness. The chief purpose of art and literature is to be able to strike a chord with readers and not to just disseminate

looking for a part of herself in the stories, a reflection of common human experiences and the books they read to be echo chambers of their own lives in parts or whole. Authentic storytelling brings with it a chunk of the writer's soul and it seeks to merge with the soul of the readers. Anything that is generated by a vast reservoir of readymade ideas will be too perfect to evoke responses. Students may be able to produce perfect sentences and passages that will answer a question, but they will not reflect the personality and character of the writer.

What makes a genuine piece of writing enduring and endearing is the voice of the writer and their ability to draw on personal experiences, intuition and a strong need to connect with the audience.

No matter how the concepts are laid out in an artificial piece of story, they will be less distinctive and more formulaic and impersonal. Maybe, our hustling world needs only quick fixes, and as we discover newer methods to replicate human thought, our spirit will original human contempla- information. The reader is also capitulate and settle for

the synthetic form of writing. It's again about what the audience chooses that will determine the future of creativity. If AI can satiate the population, then why would original writers spend time and energy on creating something from the core of their hearts? It is a scary outlook to hold, as a writer and creative writing coach. While a part of me still refuses to believe the doomsday scenario, I am still betting on ethical and moral considerations to deter people from going all out and claiming themselves to be authors and writers without much intellectual investment. I am under no illusion that writing will remain sacrosanct as it used to be. It will soon become generic and predictable. Or maybe, going forward, AI will be able to generate stylised texts that mimic the voice of a particular writer and erase the distinction between the real and the unreal. It's a scary and depressive scenario, but one that we, as authentic writers, must brace ourselves for.

(The author is a columnist and writing coach based in Dubai; views are personal)

#### **CAN GENDER JUSTICE BE ENSURED**

Madam — With the revelations of the Hema Committee, the masks of many prominent figures in the Malayalam film industry are falling apart. This is a good start. But are such degradations only in Malayalam cinema? Is this not the case in Kollywood and Bollywood? Aren't ordinary women more or less humiliated in many public places except in the government sector? Isn't this the reason for the age-old awareness of the society towards gender justice? How do organized religions treat their women? Do women have their own voice? After the Hema Committee's revelations, will the beleaguered creeps examine the condition of the women around them?

It is not rituals and prayers that children should be taught from an early age. Rather, the ability to react like the heroine in Jaya Jaya Jaya jayahe should be developed. Only then will society, the society's copies and remakes of cinema and its workers, especially actresses, be saved. Which party will take the initiative? Which religion will come forward?

#### Unnikrishnan Mangalasseri | Malappuram **ARE DOCOTORS' PORTESTS PEACEFUL?**

Madam— This is in response to the news report titled "Doctors on strike refuse to listen to Mamata" (August 29). Junior Doctors of government medical colleges of West Bengal, who are on cease-work for around 3 weeks, have not only condemned the violence and mayhem unleashed by a political outfit in the guise of "students" on the 27th day of August in Kolkata; but also gone to the hilarious extent of terming their own "protests" as "peaceful"!

While goons and lumpens are directly tormenting the innocents through muscle-flexing and physical assaults resulting in wounds of the victims; the Doctors are tormenting the innocent vulnerable patients, suffering from "wounds" in heart lungs kidney brain liver stomach eyes through the "non-

violent" path of refusal of medical

#### Let us have eco-friendly festivals

THE EDITOR

ed with immense joy and enthusiasm. However, these celebrations also bring forth significant challenges. Every year, Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated with great fervor, and this year will be no different, with festivities reaching new heights. But alongside the excitement, one of the most pressing challenges we face is environmental

To address this issue, people across the country must adopt the practice of making idols from clay ndia is a country where festivals are celebratand soil. This eco-friendly approach could be a significant asset in preserving environmental health. With many species of flora and fauna already endangered or on the brink of extinction, it is crucial to embrace new, innovative methods

to celebrate festivals. By doing so, we can protect life on Earth while maintaining the same energy and enthusiasm in our celebrations. Sarthaki Sharma | Ujjain

treatment!

Less said about the worst woes of patients, rushing from towns and villages several hundred kilometers away, suffering from cancer or requiring dialysis and operations the better! Yes, unlike the muscle-flexing stone-hurling violent goons, the "protests" by the "sacrosanct" Doctors are "peaceful"

Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

#### **BENGAL GOING DOWN THE HILL**

Madam — To the one of the kind gesture, recently the Indian Air Force launched the comic book to inspire youngster for joining Air Force.

So far, joining the air force is been a sort of privilege for the men and women. But after the case of Agniveer is trolled so much politically by the opposition parties and there were rumours of dismantling this particular scheme, one established in the governance, the craze of joining force got a little hurt.

Although patriotism is always a biggest inspiration for all the young people to

serve their motherland with utmost

honesty and integrity. But the novel idea of comic book to share the valour and patriotism of our exuberant commanders and officers. The nation is safe on the clutches of brave hands, we hope that more and more valour loving people come from the society to serve the nation's cause. In conclusion, while the Agniveer scheme has faced political scrutiny, the spirit of patriotism remains a driving force for many young people eager to serve their motherland.

By showcasing the courage and dedication of our commanders and officers, this novel approach helps reignite the passion for joining the Air Force. The nation's safety lies in the hands of these brave individuals, and we hope to see more valiant citizens stepping forward to serve the nation with honor and

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# The crisis of residential colonies in Punjab



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Despite repeated efforts to curb unauthorised development, the reality remains stark: unauthorised colonies have proliferated, and buyers still face numerous hurdles





# RELATIONSHIPS AND SPIRITUALITY

We must learn to see others as souls like ourselves, worthy of respect and understanding



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

Yes, spirituality can help in maintaining good relationships. I will cite several examples, where solutions are available in spirituality. Beginning with the common fault of seeing fault in others, don't we have faults? Therefore, others must have too. How should we deal with this problem? Lord Krishna quides in the Bhagavad-Geeta, "We should not cause confusion in the minds of ignorant persons, rather should pacify." (3.26) Let us assume that our assessment of other person is right.

Then, accept it and somehow manage the situation. We should be able to do so if we indeed are wise. Another common flaw is to get angry with someone and maintain anger. What benefit is there in doing so? All we will do is to cause harm to ourselves. The Geeta illuminates, "From anger, foolishness results; from foolishness, bewilderment results; from bewilderment, loss of intelligence occurs; and by the loss of intelligence, a person is doomed." (2.63) This sequence is repeated in the lives of all those who harbour anger. How does spirituality help? Forgive and be done with it. What benefit will be derived by harbouring anger?

Rather one can be a happy person. (5.23)Thoughts of illicit acts are another common problem. Who can claim that he or she doesn't get them: The only exceptions are highly advanced devotees like Swami Vivekananda. What is the spiritual solution? Lord Krishna has drawn the line when He stated, "I am passion in beings, according to religious principles." (7.11) Otherwise, get ready to burn as warned in this verse, "By this insatiable fire in the form of lust, which is the eternal enemy of a knowledgeable person knowledge is covered." (3.39) Close relationships



like marriage require special attention. In spiritual terms, we are packages with both good and bad. Our natures are parts of these. When we are born we bring them into our present lives. These are parts of our fate and don't change much in our lifetime, mainly the major factors. This is the solution for marriage partners. We must accept them as they are. Disliking would not help, acceptance will, as long as there is no violation of dharma like maintaining illicit relationships. From the Geeta we learn that even a man of knowledge endeavours according to his nature; persons follow nature. What will repression do? (3.33) God can help if we are determined, but it is a very slow process. Another major deterrent to good relationships is a clash of egos. Everyone is trying to prove his or her superiority, whereas there is only one superior, i.e. God. We are all small, ignorant and guite helpless really.

This is what ego means. Sooner we give up the false sense of superiority and become humble better we will be served. Humility is a great quality to achieve relationships. One will begin appreciating instead, which endears us to one and all. One will have no dearth of friends, which all egoists lack. Just like everyone has faults, everyone has some good qualities also. Look for them and you will find plenty.

Make a habit of thanking whenever some favour is done to us; this habit entitles us to more favours. Lord Krishna has asked us to see all others as souls just like us. (5.18) There must be basic regard for all human beings. We are judgemental, and, unfortunately, suffer due to our very limited knowledge. How much do we know about anything in its totality - the Big Picture? Only God knows. Therefore, our expectations are very high from others and, inevitably, very little from ourselves. If we are not so judgemental our relations with others will be conducive to dealing. We will appreciate that the circumstances of others may not be so favourable to them. We will be better served in dealing with others if we embrace spirituality. We will not step in the three doors to hell, which are lust, anger and greed. And if we can control our hateful tendencies, we will endear ourselves to others greatly

(The writer is a spiritual teacher, views expressed are personal)

n its meeting held on August 14, 2024, the Punjab cabinet decided to remove the requirement of PUDA NOC for the sale of plots in the unapproved residential colonies. But the stated objective "to save the buyers from their struggle for basic civic amenities in these colonies" is the same as used by the successive governments amending the PAPR Act 1995 from time to time while its hollowness is so obvious in the reality on the ground. Every time the law has been amended to make some of its provisions more stringent against the colonizers, it has served them more. For example, the PAPR Act 1995 was amended in 2014 to deal with the promoters or estate agents registered under the act but failing to comply with

The amendment changed the punishment of imprisonment from up to three years to a minimum of three years extendable to seven years with a fine from ten thousand to a minimum of Rupees two lac extending to Rupees five lac. But it made ne law ineffectual on the offending col onizers in the past. The cycle of stricter punishment and waiver of the offences in the past has been on since 1995 in the name of saving buyers from cheating and deceit. The notifications, issued in the years 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021, and 2022, amending or adding to the law(s) of PAPRA instantiate the continuity in relief to the colonizers in the name of providing relief to the people. The successive governments have been approving the schemes of instituting the need for a 'no objection certificate' NOC' by paying some fee as development charges that the individual plot holders are circumstantially compelled to pay but the real estate agents remain immune to it waiting for the next the cut-off date for the waiver. Given the increased demand for housing and the unregulated activities of "some private colonisers" working with the sole "motive of profits" disregarding "the interests and rights of buyers of plots and flats", the stated objective for repealing the Punjab Regulation of



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colonies Act, 1975 and the legislating Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act (PAPRA) 1995 was "to check, control and regulate effectively the activities of such private colonisers and protect the interest of the consumers".

The situation originated from the unpreparedness of the government to meet the rising need for housing and post-1990 privatisation policy without any regulating mechanisms. In hind-sight, the Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act 1995 was legislated and the Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA) was established to register private colonizers and issue licenses to develop the housing colonies on the agricultural or other land after seeking change in land use (CLU) and approved plans as per rules AGENTS in PAPR Act 1995.

With a huge financial burden on salaries and infrastructure PUDA and its subsequent regional authorities were tasked to enforce 'obligations on promoters and estate agents' to create all civic amenities within a specified time-frame requiring them to hand over the colony to the respective urban local body after NOCs from all the concerned departments. The stated objective of the act (PAPAR) and the authority (PUDA) since then has been to check the growth of unauthorised colonies and enforce the development in the authorised colonies

as per rules. But unfortunately, it has miserably failed in its two-pronged objective: since 1995 the number of unauthorised colonies has risen to more than 15000 while the number of authorised colonies in comparison is much

assured development is too weak to act for anyone as a motivation to build houses there. The colonisers have sold all the plots in the name of legal colonies plot-ting a chunk of land on its sidelines without necessary approvals and without developing the approved section to the standards of seeking NOCs from the concerned departments to hand over the colonies to the local body; the irony is that the development authorities prefer not to take any sou moto notice of it. Neither the developer nor any government agency including PUDA undertakes the development responsibility although the rules prescribe stringent action against the coloniser and for PUDA to undertake development by confiscating the mortgaged properties and bank guarantees etc. But PUDA continues to grant extensions year after year while the plot buyer is not able to build

Yet in the authorised colonies, the

enforcement of time-bound

The officials appointed in PUDA and urban local body (ULB) to enforce and ensure time-bound development in the legal colonies by the licensed private developer finish off by saying that the public facilities in an authorised colony are the responsibility of the colonizer who doesn't give a damn to this responsibility because he understands that the enforcement agencies enforce the law on those who approach the law not on those who violate the

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The plot buyers feel legally duped. The unauthorised colonies without change in land use or any

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Diversification and Global

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approved plan continued to mushroom where the colonisers created very little infrastructure and sold the plots leaving the plot holders to act as the vote bank approaching the political class for relief. Hence the need for NOCs and their waiver becomes a game of politics rather than a policy. Now that the cycle is complete by the Punjab cabinet decision to waive off the need for NOCs in the unauthorised colonies while the cabinet itself had legislated for the NOCs.

It doesn't matter to the common man which cabinet it was or is; what matters to them is a legal and easy-to-build house policy for them.

Therefore while the government notifies the waiver of NOCs in the unauthorised colonies, it should direct PUDA to confiscate mortgaged properties and bank guarantees to develop all morethan-ten-years colonies and ensure time-bound development of electricity LD systems, sewerage, water supply and roads before selling any plot in the authorised colonies to encourage the planned and legal development and strictly control the unauthorised development in future rather than approve policies to legalise the illegal.

The onus for ensured development should be on the regulator rather than on the buyer of a plot. Let the 2024 notification waiving off the condition of NOCs by the buyers be the last one! Let the common man experience the fundamental right to live a respectable life!

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# Seizing the opportunity in global defence supply gaps

With its growing defence manufacturing capabilities and strategic partnerships, India has the unique opportunity to address the emerging gaps in global defence supplies

→he global defence landscape is rapidly evolving, marked by escalating geopolitical conflicts and the increasingly strategic use of denial tactics to restrict access to critical military hardware and technology. Many nations, including India's key strategic partners, are facing unprecedented challenges as essential defence stockpiles deplete, and sophisticated war machines become obsolete or vulnerable to new forms of subversion. In response, major defence suppliers, particularly those in first-world countries, are prioritizing the preservation of their stockpiles over external sales. Amid these challenges, a critical opportunity emerges for India. By adopting a strategically designed approach to filling these gaps and enhanc-



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ing its strategic influence and partnerships, India can play a significant role in addressing the emerging deficits in the global defence supply chain **Vulnerabilities in the Global** Defense Supply Chain: The COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with ongoing conflicts in regions like Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Indo-Pacific, has exposed the fragility of global defence supply chains. As India seeks to posi-

tion itself as a reliable and diversified supplier of defence equipment, it is imperative to act promptly. Scaling these capabilities and implementing robust, resilient policies rooted in long-term strategic objectives is critical for India to emerge as a prominent player in the global defence market-

Strengthening Strategic Alliances: India has bolstered its defence partnerships with major global powers, including the United States, Russia, France, and Israel. However, these alliances must evolve beyond transactional arrangements into enduring, reciprocal relationships. For India, every transaction or partnership should be leveraged to bolster the country's ability to produce surpluses

and emerge as a key provider for other nations' defence needs. These strategic alliances should not only enhance India's position as a global player but also provide it with a sustainable competitive edge in the global defence market.

Advancing Indigenous Production Capacity: India has made considerable strides in Indigenous defence production, exemplified by achievements such as the Arjun main battle tank, BrahMos missile, and Tejas fighter jet. However, these successes must evolve to meet the increasing demands of the global defence market. To strengthen its position as a world-class defence producer, India must expand its production capabilities into areas such as military-class UAVs, advanced missile defence sys-



tems, and cutting-edge cyber defence technologies. Additionally, integrating advanced maritime reconnaissance aircraft, anti-submarine warfare systems, and comprehensive surveillance infrastructure into its production portfolio is essential.

Índia's Indigenous defence production capacity must be enhanced to meet international benchmarks, positioning the country as a dominant

player in filling global defence requirements.

Enhancing Strategic-Critical **Manufacturing Projects** India's ambitions to become a leading, self-sufficient defence producer are underscored by initiatives like "Make in India" and Atmanirbhar Bharat. However, the true measure of success will be how well these products align with international demands and address the expanding gaps in the global defence supply chain. India must swiftly adapt to global requirements, ensuring that its products are compati-ble with international platforms and standards.

supply chain. To achieve this, the country's As India aims to become a major defence supplier, success will depend on developing a policies must prioritize attracting investments in advanced manufacturing infrastructure, sustainable innovation ecosyssupporting defence production tem that produces tangible

systems, and upgrading critical production expertise. Additionally, enforcing rigor-

**Path Forward:** India as a Leading Defense SupplierIndia's ambition to emerge as a leading defence supplier demands decisive action and strategic focus. To realize this vision, India must enhance its export capabilities, target key markets, and align with international standards. Success in this arena depends on establishing a firm policy commitment to consistently deliver high-quality, adaptable, and precise defence products tailored to the needs of diverse conflicts, theatres, and warfare requirements.

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# Aid group: Israeli missiles hit convoy to hospital in Gaza

n Israeli missile hit a con-A voy carrying medical supplies and fuel to an Emirati hospital in the Gaza Strip, killing several people from a local transportation company, the American Near East Refugee Aid group said Friday. Israel claimed without immediate evidence that it opened fire after gunmen seized the con-

The strike killed several people employed by a transportation company that the aid group was using to bring supplies to the Emirates Red Crescent Hospital in Rafah, said Sandra Rasheed, Anera's director for the Palestinian territories.

The strike happened Thursday on the Salah al-Din Road in the Gaza Strip and hit the convoy's first vehicle.

"The convoy, which was coordinated by Anera and approved by Israeli authorities, included an Anera employee who was fortunately unharmed,"



Palestinian civil defense workers clear the rubble from a damaged house following an Israeli military operation in the West Bank refugee camp of Nur Shams, Tulkaren

Rasheed said in a statement. "Despite this devastating incident, our understanding is that the remaining vehicles in the convoy were able to continue and successfully deliver the aid to the hospital. We are urgently seeking further details about what happened.

Anera planned to release more information later Friday. The Israeli military did not immediately respond to a request for comment Friday from The Associated Press. However, Israeli military spokesperson Lt. Col. Avichay Adraee posted to the social

platform X that "gunmen seized a car at the head of the convoy (a jeep) and began driving." "After the seizure operation and after confirming the possibility of attacking the militants' vehicle alone, the raid was carried out, as the rest of the convoy vehicles were not harmed and reached their target according to the plan," Adraee wrote. "The operation to target the militants removed the risk of seizing the human-itarian convoy." He added: "The presence of armed men inside a humanitarian convoy in an uncoordinated manner makes it difficult to secure the convoys and their staff and harms the humanitarian effort."The United Arab Emirates, which reached a diplomatic recognition deal with Israel in 2020 and has been providing aid to Gaza since the Israel-Hamas war began, did not immediately acknowledge the attack. Ísraeli forces have opened fire on other aid convoys in the Gaza Strip.

# Houthi video shows Yemeni rebels planted bombs on tanker now threatening Red Sea oil spill

Yemen's Houthi rebels released footage on Thursday showing their fighters boarded and placed explosives on a Greek-flagged tanker, setting off blasts that put the Red Sea at risk of a major oil spill. The vessel was abandoned earlier, after the Houthis repeatedly attacked it.

In the video, the Iran-backed Houthis chant their motto as the bombs detonated aboard the oil tanker Sounion: "God is the greatest; death to America; death to Israel; curse the Jews; victory to Islam." The blasts capped the most-serious attack in weeks by the Houthis in their campaign disrupting the \$1 trillion in goods that pass through the Red Sea each year over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip, as well as halting some aid shipments to conflict-ravaged Sudan and Yemen. The Sounion carried some 1 million barrels of oil when the Houthis initially attacked it on Aug 21 with small arms fire, projectiles and a drone boat. A French destroy

er operating as part of the European Union's Operation Aspides rescued the Sounion's crew of 25 Filipinos and Russians, as well as four private security personnel, after they abandoned the vessel and took them to nearby Djibouti.

The footage released Thursday shows masked Houthi fighters carrying Kalashnikov-style rifles boarding the Sounion after it was abandoned. The bridge appeared ransacked. Fighters then rigged explosives over hatches on its deck leading to the oil tankers below. At least six simultaneous blasts could be seen in the footage.

The footage, as well as comments by the Houthi's mysterious leader Abdul Malik al-Houthi, confirmed an earlier analysis by The Associated Press that the Houthis boarded and planted explosives on the Sounion. The Houthi-controlled SABA news agency described al-Houthi as saying the Sounion attack shows America "is lying in its claims regarding any deterrence of Yemeni operations sup-porting Palestine". "The effectiveness of our operations and their control of the situation is acknowledged by the enemies," al-Houthi said.

Western countries and the United Nations have warned any oil spill from the Sounion could devastate the coral reefs and wildlife around the Red Sea. However, the EU's naval force in the region says it has yet to see any oil spill from the Sounion. Operation Aspides "is preparing to facilitate any courses of action, in coordination with European authorities and neighbouring countries, to avert a catastrophic environmental crisis," the EU mission said. "Together, we can protect the environment and maintain stability in the region." UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric commended the efforts by the international community and the UN special envoy for Yemen, Hans Grundberg, "to secure the immediate access to the vessel and avert an environmental catastrophe". The Houthis have agreed to allow the operation to proceed safely, he said. Dujarric did not offer any indication when it might start

but added that the reports that "the salvage operations for the tanker can proceed with tugboats and rescue ships to access the incident area" are encouraging.On Wednesday, the Houthis suggested they may allow the Sounion to be salvaged, though the rebels already once blocked crews trying to reach the abandoned vessel, the US military

The US State Department declined to directly comment on the video Thursday. It referred to earlier remarks in which spokesperson Matthew Miller warned "the Houthis' continued attacks threaten to spill a million barrels of oil into the Red Sea. an amount four times the size of the Exxon Valdez disaster" in 1989 off Alaska. This isn't the first time the Houthis have used the threat of an oil spill to their advantage. It took years of negotiations before the rebels allowed the UN in 2023 to remove 1 million barrels from the oil tanker Safer off the coast of Yemen, which had been used as a float ing storage and offloading facil-

## Germany deports 28 Afghan nationals to their homeland

ermany deported Afghan Gnationals to their homeland on Friday for the first time since August 2021, when the Taliban returned to power. Government

spokesperson Steffen Hebestreit described the 28 Afghan nationals as convicted criminals but did not immediately respond to a request for comment to clarify their offenses.

Interior Minister Nancy Faeser called the move a security issue for Germany. Germany does not have diplomatic relations with the Taliban, requiring the government to work through other channels. It's unlikely that Friday's actions will lead to a wider thawing of relations between Germany and the Taliban, especially after last week's issuing of the first set of laws to prevent vice and virtue Afghanistan. They include a voice outside the home.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock has slammed the morality laws in posts on X.

While Hebestreit said the deportations have been in the works for months, they occurred a week after a deadly knife attack in the town of Solingen in which the suspect is a Syrian citizen who had applied for asylum in

The suspect was supposed to be deported to Bulgaria last year but reportedly disappeared for a time and avoided deportation. He was ordered held Sunday on suspicion of murder and membership in a terrorist organization pending further investigation and a possible indict-

The Islamic State militant group claimed responsibility for last Friday's attack, without providing evidence. The Afghanistan. They include a requirement for a woman to news site that the attacker tar-

geted Christians and that he carried out the assaults "to avenge Muslims in Palestine and everywhere." The claim couldn't be independently verified.

There has also been debate over immigration ahead of regional elections Sunday in Germany's Saxony and Thuringia regions where antiimmigration parties such as the populist Alternative for Germany are expected to do well. In June, Chancellor Olaf Scholz vowed that the country would start deporting criminals from Afghanistan and Syria again after a knife attack by an Afghan immigrant left one police officer dead and four more people injured.

Thursday on announced a plan to tighten knife laws, according to German news agency dpa. Along with other officials in the governing coalition, she also pledged during a news conference to make deporta-

# 'America ready to turn page on Trump'

**PTI** WASHINGTON

The American people are ready to "turn the page" on Donald Trump, Kamala Harris has said, asserting that her Republican challenger is pushing an agenda which "divides" the country and "diminishes the character" of its people.

In her first major television interview of her presidential campaign, the 59-year-old US Vice President, who will face Trump in the November 5 elections, said the American people are ready for a "new way forward".

"I think sadly in the last decade, we have had in the former president someone who has really been pushing an agenda and an environment that is about diminishing the character and the strength of who we are as Americans really dividing our nation," Harris, in a joint interview with her running mate Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, told CNN. "And I think people are ready to turn the page on that," Harris, the Democratic Party's candidate,

"The American people are ready for a new way forward. Our former president has pushed an agenda that diminishes the character and strength of who we are as Americans, and divides our nation. People are ready to turn the page," she said in a post on X, linking an interview snippet. Harris, who is of Indian and African heritage, also refused to engage in Trump's identity politics during the interview. She eluded questions about Trump's claims over her racial identity, calling those a part of the "same old tired playbook".

Last month, Trump questioned Harris' racial identity at the National Association of Black Journalists conference in Chicago, suggesting she had previously identified as South Asian but "happened to turn Black" for political purposes. Her refusal to comment aligned with her campaign's strategy to avoid leaning into identity politics following Trump's remarks, CNN reported. Responding to a question about a previous debate on the

ders, she said, "I believe there should be consequence. We have laws that have to be followed and enforced that address and deal with people who cross our border illegally. And there should be consequence."Harris added that she is the "only person" in the presidential race who has prosecuted transnational criminal organisations who traffic in guns, drugs, and human beings"."I'm the only person in this race who actually served a border state as attorney general to enforce our laws. And I would enforce our laws as president going forward. I recognise the problem," she said

Calling the border issue a "very significant" immigration issue to the American people and the security of the US, she said a border security bill was crafted under the administration of her boss incumbent President Joe Biden. She said that Trump killed the bill that would have put 1,500 additional agents at the border as it "would not have helped him

politically". Speaking about Biden, she said that serving with him for almost four years was "one of the greatest honours of my career". He has the intelligence, the commitment and the judgment - disposition that I think the American people rightly deserve in their president," she said. Last month, Biden dropped out of the presidential race, saying it was in "the best interest" of the Democratic Party and the country to withdraw from the race. He endorsed Harris to be the nominee of the party. Harris also said she would name a Republican to serve in her Cabinet if elected.

Kamala Harris responded to a question in her first in-depth interview when asked about her Republican rival Donald Trump's remarks questioning her race.Fifty-nine-year-old Harris, who is of Indian and African descent, is the Democratic Party candidate in the November 5 presidential election in which she will con-

test against Trump, 78. During the interview with CNN, the US Vice President Trump's remarks on her race. Harris brushed off the question and said Trump's remarks as an

"old, tired playbook." Trump has been making disparaging remarks about Harris during the campaign. His comments, especially at the National Association of Black Journalists convention where he appeared to question Harris' race. Trump had falsely claimed Harris had only emphasised her Asian-American heritage until recently when, he said, "she became a black person" for

political gain.
"I didn't know she was Black until a number of years ago when she happened to turn Black and now, she wants to be known as Black. So, I don't know, is she Indian or is she Black?" Trump said at the time. Harris' mother, Shyamala Gopalan, was originally from India and her father, Donald Harris, is from Jamaica.

Trump in the last few weeks has been personally attacking Harris despite calls from allies to refocus his campaign on pol-

# **Harris: Biden called to inform about**

PTI WASHINGTON

Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris has said President Joe Biden called her personally on a Sunday to inform her about his decision to not seek reelection, asserting that he was "very clear" about endorsing her instead. In the first major television interview of her presidential campaign on Thursday, the 59-year-old Vice President said she was with her family when she got the call from Biden, 81. Harris said that she was having bacon with her baby nieces when her phone rang. "And it was Joe Biden. And — and he told me what he had decided to do. And I asked him, 'Are you sure?' And he said, 'Yes.' And that's how I learned about it," she told CNN in a joint interview with her running mate Minnesota



Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris poses for photos at a campaign rally in Savannah on Thursday

month, Biden, 81, dropped out of the presidential race, saying it was in "the best interest" of the Democratic Party and the country to withdraw from the

Governor Tim Walz. Last race. Biden had a disastrous presidential debate against for-mer president Donald Trump, who is the Republican presidential candidate.

Responding to a question

about Biden endorsing her as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate, Harris said "He was very clear that he was

gonna support me."
She added that her first thought at that moment was about Biden and not herself. Harris asserted that history will show several things about Biden's presidency. She said it would show how it was "transformative" about investing in America's infrastructure, new economics, new industries, and bringing its allies back together, among other things.

"And I think history is going to show not only has Joe Biden led an administration that has achieved those extraordinary successes, but the character of the man is one that he has been in his life and career, including as a president, quite selfless and puts the American people first," she said.

# Trump asks federal court to intervene in hush money case in bid to toss conviction

AP NEW YORK

Donald Trump asked a federal court late Thursday to intervene in his New York hush money criminal case, seeking a pathway to overturn his felony conviction and indefinitely delay his sentencing scheduled for next month. Lawyers for the former president and current Republican nominee asked the federal court in Manhattan to seize the case from the state court where it was brought and tried, arguing that the historic prosecution violated Trump's constitutional rights and ran afoul of the US Supreme Court's recent ruling on presidential immuni-

Trump's lawyers said moving the case to federal court following his May 30 conviction will give him an "unbiased forum, free from

local hostilities" to address those issues. If the case is moved to federal court, Trump lawyers wrote, they will then seek to have the verdict overturned and the case dismissed. If it remains in state court, with sentencing proceeding as scheduled, it could amount to election interference, they said. "The ongoing proceedings will continue to cause direct and irreparable harm to President Trump — the leading candidate in the 2024 Presidential election — and voters located far beyond Manhattan," Trump lawyers Todd Blanche and Emil Bove wrote in a 64-page US District Court court filing. Trump was convicted in state court in Manhattan of 34 counts of falsifying business records related to a payment to bury affair allegations that threatened to cloud his 2016 presidential run. Even if the case isn't moved to federal court, the potential delay caused by litigation surrounding Trump's effort could give him a critical reprieve as he navigates the aftermath of his criminal conviction and the homestretch of his

presidential campaign. Separately, the state court judge who presided over the trial, Juan M Merchan, is weighing Trump's requests to postpone sentencing until after Election Day, Nov 5, and to overturn the verdict and dismiss the case in the wake of the Supreme Court's immunity decision. The high court's July 1 ruling reins in prosecutions of ex-presidents for official acts and restricts prosecutors in pointing to official acts as evidence that a president's unofficial actions were illegal. Trump's lawyers argue that in light of the ruling, jurors in the

hush money case should not have heard such evidence as former White House staffers describing how the then-president reacted to news coverage of the deal to pay hush money to

porn actor Stormy Daniels. Trump's lawyers had previously invoked presidential immunity in a failed bid last year to get the hush money case moved from state court to federal court. A federal judge rejected that request, clearing the way for Trump's his-

US District Judge Alvin Hellerstein rejected Trump's claim that allegations in the hush money indictment involved official duties, writing in July 2023, "The evidence overwhelmingly suggests that the matter was a purely a personal item of the president — a cover-up of an embarrassing event."

### Taipei zoo's veteran giant panda celebrates her 20th birthday

AP TAIPEI

With politics set aside, well-wishers gathered to wish the Taipei zoo's senior panda a happy 20th birthday. Visitors crowded around Yuanyuan's enclosure to take photos of her with a birthday cake in the shape of the number 20. Yuanyuan was born in China and arrived in 2008 with her partner Tuantuan. He died in 2022 at age 18 but not before fathering two female cubs, Yuanzai and Yuanbao, now 11 and 4 respectively and still living at the zoo.

Danielle Shu, a 20-year-old Brazilian student in Taiwan, said she found online clips of the pandas an enjoyable distraction. "And I just find it really funny and cute," Shu said. Giant pandas are native only



to China, and Beijing bestows them as a sign of political amity. Yuanyuan and Tuantuan arrived in Taiwan during a period of relative calm between the sides, which split amid civil war in 1949. China claims the island its own territory, to

necessary. Faced with declining habitat and a notoriously low birthrate, giant panda populations have declined to around 1,900 in the mountains of western China, while 600 pandas live in zoos and breeding centres in China be annexed by military force if and around the world.

# MCA-Nepal signs contract for cross-border power transmission line to India

Nepal on Friday signed a USD 12.36 million contract for a critical 18 km crossborder electricity transmission line, a crucial part of the Electricity Transmission Project that will deepen energy cooperation with India. Signed under the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Nepal Compact, the 18 km transmission line project, with three sub-stations, will help Nepal achieve its domestic power goals and reinforce Nepal's position in the regional energy market, officials said. "As MCA-Nepal marks the

first anniversary of the

Compact's Entry-Into-Force,

this new milestone reflects the

unwavering commitment from

all stakeholders to enhancing

regional energy trade between Nepal and India," read a statement by the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA)

Nepal. The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Nepal Compact is jointly funded by the government of Nepal and

the US government. The MCC was created by the US Congress in January 2004 with The contract, amounting to

strong bipartisan support. USD 12.36 million, has been awarded to Transrail Lighting Ltd, entrusted to construct the transmission line from the 400 kV New Butwal Substation in

Nawalparasi Bardaghat Susta West to the Nepal-India bor-der, the MCA Nepal said. The contract was inked by Khadga Bahadur Bisht, executive director of MCA-Nepal, and Amol Wankhede, representative of Transrail Lighting Ltd at the cigning company witnessed by signing ceremony witnessed by the officials from the Ministry of Finance, National Electricity Authority (NEA), MCC and MCA-Nepal. "Along with the signing of the three substation contracts worth USD 126 million, this 18 km transmission line project is set to play an important role in helping Nepal make strides in achieving its domestic power goals and reinforcing Nepal's position in the regional energy market," Dr Ram Prasad Ghimire, Secretary, Ministry of

Finance, said.

#### Indian-origin woman in UK admits to killing daughter

London (PTI): A 33-year-old Indian-origin woman on Friday admitted to the killing of her 10-year-old daughter, who was found dead at their home in a town in the West Midlands region of England earlier this

Jaskirat Kaur, also known as Jasmine Kang, had been charged with the murder of Shay Kang on March 4 when West Midlands Police said the girl had been found with injuries at an address in the town of Rowley Regis and pronounced dead at the scene. Kaur has now told Court in a short hearing via video link from her prison that she pleads guilty to her daughter's manslaughter on the basis of diminished responsibility.

# B'desh yearns for new political force amidst uncertainty

PTI DHAKA

fter Bangladesh's recent Apolitical upheaval following Sheikh Hasina's ouster, the deeply polarised country is yearning for a new political force to emerge beyond the traditional Awami League and Bangladesh Nationalist Party binary that aims to create a discrimination-free and more inclusive society.

"We have seen the BNP, Awami League, and Jatiya Party come to power and fail us for decades. It is time for someone new to lead our country," says 60-year-old Ahmed, a rick-shaw-puller in Dhaka, echoing a sentiment shared by many in present-day Bangladesh.

After unprecedented anti-government protests that peaked on August 5, Hasina, 76, resigned as prime minister and fled to India.

The interim government led by 84-year-old Nobel laureate Mohammad Yunus aims to

reform Bangladesh's fractured another player in the political arena and has gone through trust by ensuring a free and fair election, which, if successful, would mark a significant achievement in a nation with a history of electoral malprac-

Yet, people are divided and yearning for a new political force, having experienced all the traditional parties.

While former prime minister Khalida Zia's BNP, long the main opposition party, is expected to participate, people have already tasted its gover-nance in the early 1990s and 2000s, casting doubt on its ability to gain widespread public

The Jamaat-e-Islami, the largest Islamic party in the country, is also a contender after the ban on it was lifted this week, but it too was in power in the early 2000s alongside the BNP.

The Jatiya Party, which held power in the late 1980s, is

several splits in the last three decades

Meanwhile, the Awami League, now a political pariah, with its leadership in hiding or exile, is uncertain whether it will be in a position to join the fray.

The possibility of new student parties emerging from the recent upheaval also looms large, potentially shifting the dynamics of the upcoming elections.

We, too, had hit the streets by responding to the call by the students. The students and youth of the nation have given us new hope, and now they must not step back. They have already come up as a force to reckon with, and now they should come up with a fullfledged political party. The people of this country are fed up with mainstream political parties," said Masud Alam, a

Amid the growing speculation

about new political players, the role of the student movement remains a critical factor.

While many have suggested that the student-led Monsoon Revolution could lead to the formation of a new political outfit, student leaders have so far refuted such reports.

"We are not here to replicate the mistakes of the past; we want to hold those in power accountable, whoever they may be," Ayesha Siddiqui, a student activist, said However, with the political

landscape in flux, some observers believe it's only a matter of time before the students channel their momentum into a more organised political form, potentially becoming a new force in Bangladesh's politics. The recent student movement has left many veteran politicians wondering if a new era of political transformation in Bangladesh is on the horizon. Golam Sarwar Milon, the first

president of the Bangladesh Jatiotabadi Chatra Dal—the student wing of the BNP—suggested that the successful movement could pave the way for a new generation of political leaders, potentially challenging the dominance of tra-ditional parties like the BNP, Awami League, and Jatiya Party. "This just may be the beginning of a new era of political transformation in Bangladesh, with students once again leading the way," Milon, who is presently co-chairman of the Jatiya Party (Raushan faction), told PTI. "The logical conclusion is that the students form a new political party. Although they have said they don't want to form any political party, you don't know what's in the future," he said. Other political leaders seem to echo this sentiment. Senior BNP leader Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury mentioned there is no issue if a new political outfit emerges, saying,

"That would only enhance the democratic system in the country. We are not like the Awami League, which doesn't believe in the democratic process. If the students want to join the political process, they are welcome to do it."

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami supremo Shafiqur Rahman also stated that his party has no objections to the formation of new political entities, emphasising that everybody deserves free and fair elections.

There have been no elections in Bangladesh since 2014. All the elections were fraudulent and did not reflect the people's mandate. We want people to participate in the elections and choose their own representatives democratically," he said. Echoing these sentiments, G M Quader, the chairman of the Jaiiya Party, emphasised that student movements, untainted by narrow political agendas, have played a transformative role in shaping Bangladesh's political land-scape. "Students have a unique advantage because they are trusted by the people," he remarked.

'We have witnessed once again how ordinary citizens have rallied behind them, showing unwavering support and solidarity during the recent protests. Now if they want to form a political party and contest elections, they are free to do it," he said.

Kajal Debnath, a leader of the Hindu minority community and a praesidium member of the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, believes that there is significant potential for a new political force to emerge, and that "the students who spearheaded the anti-discrimination protests could indeed usher in a more inclusive and discrimination-free society in Bangladesh.

The student movements in Bangladesh have always played a critical role in shaping the country's history, from the 1952 Language Movement to the Liberation War of 1971 and beyond.

However, the recent Monsoon Revolution is being hailed as something different—an unprecedented scale of mass

mobilization that has the

potential to change the course of Bangladesh's future. Political analysts, however, feel that supporting students during mass movements and electing them as their representa-

tives are not the same.

"It remains to be seen whether new coalitions, arising from the unorganised power of students and citizens, will lead to the formation of a new political party or a reformation of existing structures and bring about a change in the mindset of the mainstream political parties," Zillur Rehman, executive director of the Centre for Governance Studies, a think tank in Bangladesh, said.

**Pak PM speaks** 

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

on Friday spoke to Bangladesh's

Chief Adviser Muhammad

Yunus during which the two

leaders agreed to work closely

for the progress and prosperi-ty of the people of both coun-

tries. During the telephone

conversation, they further

agreed that "greater regional

cooperation could play a vital

to Yunus

# **Kremlin not worried about Putin visit to Mongolia**

The Kremlin says it has "no worries" about President Vladimir Putin's upcoming visit to Mongolia, a county that is a member of the International Criminal Court, which last year issued a warrant for his arrest.

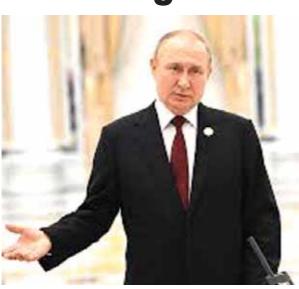
The visit, scheduled for September 3, will be Putin's first trip to an ICC member state since the warrant was issued in March 2023 over suspected war crimes in Ukraine. Under the court's founding

treaty, the Rome Statute, ICC members are bound to detain suspects for whom an arrest warrant has been issued by the court if they set foot on their soil. But the court doesn't have any enforcement mechanism. In a famous case, then Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir wasn't arrested in 2015 when he visited South Africa, which is a member of the court, sparking angry condemnation by rights activists and the country's main opposition party

Putin spokesperson Dmitrv Peskov, who previously stressed that Russia doesn't recognize the jurisdiction of the ICC, told reporters during his daily conference call Friday that the Kremlin has "no worries" about the upcoming trip: "We have a wonderful dialogue with our said.

According to a statement released by the Kremlin on Thursday, Putin will travel to Mongolia at the invitation of President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh "to participate in the ceremonial events dedicated to the 85th anniversary of the joint victory of the Soviet and Mongolian armed forces over the Japanese militarists on the Khalkhin Gol River".

Putin will also hold talks with Khurelsukh and other top



Mongolian officials, the statement said. The ICC has accused Putin of personal responsibility for the abductions of children from Ukraine, where Moscow has fought a devastating war for the last 21/2

It was the first time the global court has issued a warrant against a leader of one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council. The ICC said in a statement that Putin "is allegedly responsible for the war crime of unlawful deportation of (children) and that of unlawful transfer of (children) from occupied areas at. The Kremlin said Putin Russian Federation". The court also indicted Putin's

children's rights envoy, Maria Lvova-Belova, on the same charges, and later issued arrest warrants for former Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and chief of the general staff Gen. Valery Gerasimov on the charges of war crimes and the crime against humanity of inhumane acts.

Russia isn't a member of the court, doesn't recognise its jurisdiction and refuses to hand

Ukraine says US experts helping figure

out why F-16 crashed in Russia war

over suspects. Officials have dismissed the warrants as "null and void".

Putin hasn't travelled to ICC member states since the arrest warrant was issued. He skipped a summit of the BRICS bloc of developing economies last year in South Africa.

South Africa lobbied Moscow for months for Putin not to attend to avoid the diplomatic fallout since the country is an ICC member, and ultimately announced the countries had reached a "mutual agreement" that Putin would not attend a meeting he's normally a fixture person. He instead took part in the summit in Johannesburg by video link, during which he launched a tirade against the

Last, year, the Kremlin also bristled at old ally Armenia over its decision to join the ICC, adding to the growing tensions between the two countries. Armenian officials, however, quickly sought to assure Russia that Putin wouldn't be arrested if he entered the

# Japan def ministry seeks record budget

Japan's Defence Ministry on Friday sought a record 8.5 trillion yen (USD 59 billion) budget for the next year to fortify its deterrence on southwestern islands against China's increasing threat, while focusing on unmanned weapons and AI to make up for the declining number of servicemembers as a result of the country's shrinking population. The ministry's request for 2025 marks the third year of Japan's rapid five-year military buildup plan under the government's ongoing security strategy. Japan aims to spend 43 trillion yen (USD 297 billion)

through 2027 to double its annual military spending to around 10 trillion yen, making it the world's third-largest military spender after the United States and China. The budget request was

approved at the Defence Ministry meeting Friday ahead of a submission to the Finance Ministry for negotiations through December. Japan has been rapidly building up the defense of the southwestern region in recent years amid China's growing military threats and tension in the regional seas.

China has escalated clashes crewmembers, less than half with the Philippine coast guards in disputed waters in the South China Sea and sent a fleet of coast guard boats to routinely violate territorial waters around Japanese-controlled disputed islands in the East China Sea that Beijing also claims.

A hefty 970 billion yen (USD 6.7 billion) of the budget request for 2025 covers the cost of bolstering strike-back capability with the development and purchases of longrange missiles and equipment for their launch, including from an Aegis-class destroyer. About one-third of it goes to a satellite constellation aimed at bolstering the capability to detect missile-related activity, as North Korea, China and Russia develop hypersonic missiles that are harder to detect and

While pushing military buildup, Japan must deal with a shrinking troop size and is focusing on developing and buying more drones for surveillance and combat, requesting 103 billion yen (USD 710 million). It also seeks 314 billion yen (USD 2.17 billion) to build three new multi-purpose compact destroyers that require 90

the crew size currently need

Japanese defence officials say combat drones are "game changers" that can be on hours-long missions and lower human losses in combat and consider it a main pillar of Japan's ongoing military buildup. The unmanned weapons can also help a country struggling with its aging and shrinking popula-

Japan has been struggling to fulfill SDF troop levels at

247,000 people.
The Self-Defence Force has faced difficulty attracting young applicants in recent years and fulfilled only half of its recruiting target of 19,598 last year, making it the lowest in the 70 years of SDF his-

Last year, 6,258 mid-career personnel left, the highest number in 30 vears.

"Due to declining childbirths and working age population, it is inevitable that Japan will face a society of serious labour shortage," the ministry said in an interim report on human resources, also released Friday. "We need to build an organisation that can fight in new ways while strengthening defence

power." Shrinking younger population and private companies that offer better salaries and benefits make "the environment surrounding recruiting servicemembers the worst since the end of World War II," the ministry report said.

It requested 18 billion yen (USD 124 million) to introduce an AI surveillance system at 40 SDF bases across Japan, aiming to free up 1,000 service personnel. It is also asking 4.3 billion (USD 29.7 million) for automated supply storage for launch in 2027 in Okinawa.

In the interim report released Friday, the ministry called for reforms to improve salary, working environment, more training and learning opportunities, as well as support for working mothers to lure more women. The ministry has been hit by

a series of revelations of sexual assaults, harassment and abuse of power in recent years. Its internal investigation last year criticized coverup attempts and a lack of sense of responsibility among supervisors. It came under fire in July over the leak of classified informa-

#### role in uplifting the lives of the people of South Asia", according to an official statement here. Sharif's telephone call to Yunus marks the first high-level direct contact. **GURU**

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### Colombo Security Conclave signs Charter and MoU for Secretariat



National Security Advisor Ajit Doval (file pic) and the representatives of the Maldives, Mauritius and Sri Lanka signed the Charter and an MoU for the establishment of the Colombo Security Conclave Secretariat

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National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and the representatives of the Maldives, Mauritius and Sri Lanka on Friday signed the Charter and an MoU for the establishment of the Colombo Security Conclave Secretariat here to promote regional security by addressing transnational threats and challenges of common concern to the member states. The Colombo Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) brings together National Security Advisors (NSA) and Deputy NSAs from India, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Mauritius. It deals with maritime security, counter-terrorism and cyber security with India bringing to the fore its own strategic concerns in the Indian Ocean and promotes regional security by addressing transnational threats and challenges of common concern to the Member States. "NSA Ajit Doval KC joined reps from Maldives, Mauritius & Sri Lanka in signing the Charter & MoU for the establishment of Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Secretariat today. A key platform to enhance regional security cooperation, the signing marks a milestone in the CSC

roadmap," the Indian High

Commission here said in a post

on X along with photos from

A Colombo Security Conclave

Member States. The event concluded with a

tion and corruption scan-

Sr. No.	Name of Work/item	Period/Tentative Qty
1.	For Verka Head office, Chandigarh Hiring of milkpowder plant having conversion capacity in the range of 2.00 to 4.00 LLPD for conversion of liquid milk into extra grade SMP and WMP for Verka Dairies.	Annual
2.	For Verka Mohali Dairy Hiring of Agency for packaging of Dahi pouch/ Cups/Matkas, Lassi pouches, Kheer cups, Ghee, Paneer and Yoghurt, Packaging and recombination of White Butter and Reconstitution of SMP.	As per day to day requirement of Market
3.	For Verka Bathinda Dairy Hiring of insulated vehicles for supply of packed milk and fresh milk products in Bathinda Milkshed area.	One year with extension upto one year
4.	For Verka Sangrur Dairy a) Refrigeration Machinery Scrap. b) MS Scrap. c) Ammonia Compressor 7x7. d) Ammonia Compressor 9x9. e) Copper Wire Scrap f) Outsourcing activities i.e. packing of products, loading/unloading etc.	25 Ton 05 Ton 01 Ton 01 Ton 300 kg Annual
5.	For Verka Ludhiana Dairy Hiring of:-	

Deep Freezer (cold store) for storing White Butter Approx 2000 MT including storage loading/ unloading at cold store and transportation charges(to and fro)of White Butter per M.T per month.

Road Milk Tankers for transportation of milk all over Punjab, Chandigarh, U.P Delhi & Insulated Road Milk tankers for Tanrsportation of milk from BMC/Mcc etc. Vehicles (Tempo) for Cattle feed/ Milk products / Technical services.

Tyota Innova Crysta without driver for minimum running of 2000 kms per month on lump

Vehicles (Tempo) for transportation of Milk through cans.

Passenger Car (Swift Dzire, Toyota Etios or Equivalent) and Jeep Camper Type

For Verka Gurdaspur Dairy a) Operation repair & maintenance of pouch packing machines (milk, lassi and Dahi), online coding machines photocell sensors and crate washers. b) Hiring of:-

Insulated Vehicle for city supply.
Car (Dzire or its equivalent). Diesel Car (5 seater Bolero camper or its equivalent) Milk powder plant having conversion LPD for conversion of liquid milk into standard

grade SMP for Verka Gurdaspur Dairy

c) Advertisement Material backlit glow Sign Board, double sided glow sign board, non lit flex board, flex change, flex banner, wall paiting/shop painting, vehicle painting, umbrella, A-Type standing flex board and vinyl stickers.

d) Allotment of Milk booth (Civil Hospital Pathankot, Civil Hospital Batala, Civil Hospital Gurdaspur, Kotli Surat Mahli and Sardar Beant Singh State University) For Verka Jalandhar Dairy
a) Lifting/Sale of paneer whey from Verka Jalandhar Dairy Hiring of vehicles for transportation of Panjiri to C.D.P.O.'s of Punjab and other milk products to Punjab and other states.

c) Advertisement Material flex board, flex banner, star flex banner, vinyl board, glow sign board, gum sheets stickers, pamphlets, danglers, sun board, wall painting, vehicle painting, standies, canopies.
For Verka Amritsar Dairy i. Powder plant for conversion of skimmed milk into SMP.
i. Deep Freezer (cold store) for storage of white Butter at-18°c or below. 09 Months Godown for storage of Skimmed Milk Powder For Verka Hoshiarpur Dairy lotment of Milk booth:-Municipal Corporation office,Hoshiarpu

For Verka Mega Dairy, Bassi Pathana Hiring of 5-Seater Bolero camper (AC) - 01 no's & Passenger Vehicle Bolero/ swift Dzire Etios (Platinum) or equivalent (AC)-2 no's along with drivers 1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e

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Hiring of Five-Seater AC car model less than 7 year old

2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only

ii. Udam Singh Park, Hoshiarpur. For Verka CFP, Bhattian (Khanna)

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Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

#### US experts have joined a Ukrainian investigation

Ukraine received from its Western partners crashed earlier this week during a Russian bombardment, the country's air force commander said on Friday. Commander Oleshchuk said on Telegram that "a detailed analysis is

into why an F-16 warplane that

already being conducted" into why the fighter jet went down on Monday, when Russia launched a major missile and drone barrage at Ukraine. "We must carefully understand what happened, what the cir-

cumstances are, and whose

responsibility it is," Oleshchuk

wrote in the post. The crash was the first reported loss of an F-16 in Ukraine, where they arrived at the end of last month. At least six of the warplanes are believed to have been delivered by European

countries. Military analysts say the planes won't be a game-changer in the war, given Russia's massive air force and sophisticated air defence systems. But Ukrainian officials welcomed the supersonic jets, which can carry modern weapons used by



an opportunity to hit back at Russia's air superiority.

Russia's army is making slow but gradual progress in its drive into eastern Ukraine, while Ukraine's forces are holding ground in the Kursk border region of western Russia after a recent incursion.

Oleshchuk, the Ukrainian air force chief, directed scathing criticism at a lawmaker who is deputy head of the Ukraine parliament's defense committee for her claims that the F-16 was downed by a Patriot air defence system. Ukraine has received an unspecified number of the US-made systems.

Mariana Bezuhla cited unnamed sources for her claim and demanded punishment said.

for those responsible for the error. Oleshchuk accused Bezuhla of defaming the air force and discrediting US arms manufacturers, adding that he hoped she would face legal consequences for her claims. The air force didn't directly

deny that the F-16 was hit by a Patriot missile. The Institute for the Study of War said it was to be expected that Ukraine would lose some Western-provided military equipment in the fighting. But the Washingtonbased think tank added that "any loss among Ukraine's already limited allotment of Western-provided F-16s and trained pilots will have an outsized impact on Ukraine's ability to operate F-16s in the near term as part of its combined air defense umbrella or in an air-to-ground support

Overnight, Russia fired 18 Shahed drones and one ballistic missile at Ukraine, the air force said. It said 12 drones were destroyed, with four more going down before reaching their target. The attack killed one woman and started a fire in Sumy, the capital of the egion of the same name that borders Russia's Kursk region, the regional administration

the signing ceremony.

joint press release said the Member States of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) "signed the Charter and the MoU for the Establishment of the CSC Secretariat on 30 August 2024. The Signing Ceremony was hosted in Colombo by the

Government of Sri Lanka, it said. Doval; Ibrahim Lt Col (Retd) Latheef, DC, NSA of Maldives; Haymandoyal Dillum, High Commissioner of the Republic of Mauritius to Sri Lanka, and Sagala Ratnayake, National Security Advisor to the President of Sri Lanka, signed the documents on behalf of the respective

discussion among heads of delegation on the next steps and the future activities of the Conclave. There are five pillars of cooperation under the CSC namely Maritime Safety and Security; Countering Terrorism and Radicalisation; Combating Trafficking and Transnational Organised Crime; Cyber Security and Protection of Critical Infrastructure and Technology; and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, the joint press release said. Bangladesh and the Seychelles have observer status at the

# Sensex, Nifty hit all-time high during early trade

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty hit their new all-time high levels during early trade on Friday, amid the ongoing bullish rally in domestic stocks, tracking firm trends in Asian markets and fresh foreign fund inflows.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 502.42 points to hit a fresh all-time high of 82,637.03 in early trade. The NSE Nifty surged 105.7 points to hit a new record peak of 25,257.65. Among the 30 Sensex firms, Bajaj Finserv, HDFC Bank, Titan, Bajaj Finance, NTPC, Power Grid, Asian Paints and HCL Technologies were the biggest gainers.Tata Motors and Sun Pharma were the laggards.In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and



worth Rs 2,690.85 crore.

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"Continuation of accumulation

of quality largecaps by the DIIs

Investors) and HNIs and the

FIIs reducing their selling

significantly and buying on

certain days have contributed

to the resilience of the market,"

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Hong Kong were trading with gains. The US markets ended on a mixed note on Thursday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 3,259.56 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data. Domestic Institutional Investors also bought equities

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securiti sation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and ir

exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated

15.06.2024 calling upon the borrower Mr. Anadi Mishra S/o Mr. Dinesh Mishra & Mrs. Megha Dubey W/o Mr. Anadi Mishra (hereinafter called as Borrowers) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs. 58,87,578.00/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Eight Only), within 60 days from the date of required the soil notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of Rs. 58,87,578.00/- (Rupees Fifty Eight

Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Eight Only), and interes

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Freehold Residential Duplex House No.08 (A-08) S.No.319,321/2, 318/2,320/2. Situated at "Pride City" Village Katara, Ward No.85, Teshii

Huzur, Bhopal (M.P). Plot Area:1150 sqft or 106.87sqmt. Constructed area Ground Floor: 92.93 sqmt and First Floor: 92.93 sqmt. Owned by Mr. Anadi Mishra S/o Mr. Dinesh Mishra & Mrs. Megha Dubey W/o Mr. Anadi Mishra. BOUNDARIES: EAST: Boundary Wall, WEST: Road & Park, NORTH: Plot

in 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this

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29th day of August of the year 2024.

Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services. Global oil benchmark Brent

crude climbed 0.23 per cent to USD 80.12 a barrel.

Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said, key catalysts for markets rally include substantial FII buying, positive global cues, and upbeat US GDP data.

The BSE benchmark jumped 349.05 points or 0.43 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 82,134.61 on Thursday, winning extending its momentum to the eighth day in a row.

Rallying for the 11th straight session, the Nifty surged 99.60 points or 0.40 per cent to settle at a new closing high of

25,151.95.

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उपरोक्त विषयान्तर्गत दक्षिण बैतूल (सा.) वनमंडल अंतर्गत परिक्षेत्रों में हेतु Off-Grid Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Power Plant (Q3) क्रय के लिये जेम पोर्टल पर ऑनलाईन BID NO: GEM/2024/B/5344357 Date- 30.08.2024 को जारी किया गया, जो ऑनलाईन बीड में भाग लेना चाहता है वह जेम पोर्टल पर जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकता हैं।

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दक्षिण बैतूल ( सा. ) वनमंडल

# Mahindra Group, Sentrycs sign MoU to explore development of anti-drone solutions

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Mahindra Group and Israel's Sentrycs Ltd on Friday said they have signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore opportunities for developing and providing 'differentiated anti-drone solutions' in India. The solutions will cover

and

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the applications, companies said in a joint statement. The MoU relates to 'anti-drone systems' technology space and will focus on the Transfer of Technology (TOT) and manufacturing of radio frequency-based counterdrone solutions under the government of India's 'Make India' initiative, added. The 'differentiated antidrone solution' is an autonomous and integrated system with a command and control (C2) module, and enables detection, tracking, identification and mitigation of incoming drones."We believe that this MoU with Sentrycs would enable the

opportunities in the antidrone space and set the stage for cutting-edge technological offerings with global partners for a full suite of anti-drone solutions across applications in the future," said Vinod Sahay, Mahindra President, Aerospace & Defence Sector and Member of Group Executive Board.

Sentrycs CEO Yoav Zaltzman said the strategic partnership with Mahindra would provide a cutting-edge multi-layer CUAS (Counter Unmanned

made in India, that can be used to protect military bases, military forces and borders the statement said. against the threat of drones."India is a very important market for us and I am confident that together with industry leaders like Mahindra we will create the best CUAS solution for India, he added.The differentiated

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differentiation friendly and hostile drones,

In cases where a drone is classified as a threat, the system can autonomously take control and ensure it lands safely in a predefined zone resulting in no collateral damage.The system can be deployed for protection of critical infrastructure in urban areas or as an integral part of a broader multi-layered 'antidrone solutions' for military applications, it added.



# Rupee rises seven paise against US dollar

models,

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 $R_{ ext{to}}^{ ext{upee}}$  appreciated 7 paise to 83.82 against the US dollar in morning trade on supported significant foreign fund inflows and a positive trend in domestic equities.

Forex traders said a rise in global risk sentiments supported the rupee, while recovery in the US dollar and month-end dollar demand from importers and oil companies

HEAD OFFICE:



(OMCs) weighed on investor sentiments.

anti-drone solution'

monitor drone flight paths,

and identify their specific

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At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.83, then gained ground to touch 83.82, registering a rise of 7 paise from its previous close.

On Thursday, the rupee appreciated 8 paise to close at 83.89 against the American currency. According to forex traders,

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six MSCI rebalancing flows could take the rupee higher. currencies, was up 0.03 per cent to 101.37 points. "Some appreciation in the

rupee appears likely, with anticipated MSCI inflows of around USD 3 billion. The rupee is likely to trade within a range of 83.75 to 83.90, while in the medium-term, a range of 83.60 to 84.05 is anticipated, with a bias towards the upside," CR Forex Advisors MD-Amit Pabari said.

CAG signs MoU with General Court of

said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said rules Name & Address Details of Immovable Property of **Notice Date** of Borrower & which possession taken by the bank

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properties will be subject to the charge of Bank Of Maharashtra for mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as above, section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset d. The details of the properties provisions of sub-section (8) of ntion is invited to pro **CHIEF MANAGER & AUTHORIZED OFFICER** Place: Jabalpur, Date: 31/08/2024 BANK OF MAHARASHTRA



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S/o Kanhaiyalal Agrawal

Agrawal S/o Kanhaiyalal Agrawal

i) Mr. Ghanshyam Das Agrawal

Add: H.No.52, Veer Haqiqat Rai Marg,

Kiri Mohalla, Vidisha, M.P-464001

DATE: 29/08/2024

Regional Stressed Asset Recovery Branch, Sagar, 1st Floor, BSNL Building, City Center Gwalior (M.P.) - 474001, Mob. No. 7880153116 Email ID: sarsag@bankofbaroda.co.in | Web: www.bankofbaroda.com

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES** 

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower /s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below.

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Sr / Lot No.	Name & Address Borrowers / Guarantors/ Mortgagor	Give short Description of the Immovable property with known encumbrances, if any (Mortgaged by)	Total Dues.	Date of Auction Time of E-Auction Start Time to End Time	Reserve Price Rs. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. Bid Increase Amount Rs.	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1.	Borrower: Mrs. Nirmala Prajapati W/o Dinesh Prajapati Add: House No.25, Gali No.1, Chandbad Near Arya Gas Agency, Huzur, Bhopal 462010	Property Owner - Mrs. Nirmala Prajapati W/o Dinesh Prajapati- All that part and parcel of the Residential Flat situated at Flat No. 01, Fourth Floor, Shipra Block 1, Plot No.10, Sector D, Industrial Area, Ward No.13, Mandideep, Tehsil Goharganj, Distt Raisen, M.P admeasuring area 600 Sq. Ft. Boundaries:- EAST: Kshipra Block 01 4th Floor Flat No.02, WEST: Open, NORTH: Open, SOUTH: Corridor	Rs. 12,28,884/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four Only) + unapplied interest and charges	20.09.2024 02:00 PM 06:00 PM	Rs. 5,85,000.00 Rs. 58,500.00 10,000/-	Physical Possession	17.09.2024 Time 12:00 PM to 04:00 PM
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3.	Borrower: M/s Vijay Kumar Nand Kishore Prop.: Mr. Nand Kishore Agrawal S/o Kanhaiyalal Agrawal Add.: i). Plot No.99, Galla Mandi, Vidisha, M.P- 464001, ii). H.No.52, Veer Haqiqat Rai Marg, Kiri Mohalla,	Property Owner - Mr. Vijay Kumar S/o Kanhaiyalal Agrawal, Mr. Nand Kishore Agrawal S/o Kanhaiyalal Agrawal and Mr. Ghanshyam Das Agrawal S/o Kanhaiyalal Agrawal, All that part and parcel of the property (Plot) situated at Ward No.27(old), 20 (New). Ganeshgani Marg. Behind	Rs. 63,01,202.78/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs One Thousand Two Hundred Two and Paise Seventy Eight Only)	20.09.2024 02:00 PM 06:00 PM	Rs. 40,61,000.00 Rs. 04,06,100.00 10,000/-	Physical Possession	17.09.2024 Time 12:00 PM to 04:00 PM

#### Audit, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia SAIs and our nations," CAG Comptroller and

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has signed a pact with the General Court of Audit, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to strengthen cooperation and exchange of expertise between the two nations in the field of public sector auditing.

The area of cooperation encompasses conducting joint training programmes on topics related to financial, rompliance manuals and audit methodologies, the CAG said. Memorandum of



Understanding (MoU) was signed on Thursday in Rivadh.

"Our commitment to a strong and objectives of our reinforce bonds between our

Girish Chandra Murmu said. The CAG stated that the support and cooperation between the two SAIs will energise their capacity development initiatives and encourage exchange of knowledge and information between the two Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs).

Hussam Abdulmohsen Alangari, President, General Court of Audit, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, highlighted the importance of the agreement audits and exchange of audit witness to the shared values in areas of competence of two SAIs to enhance and improve institutions and will serve to their respective external audit practices.

#### Vistara to operate its last flight under brand name on Nov 11

PTI NEW DELHI/ MUMBAI

istara will operate the last Visita win or the find on November 11 and the fullservice carrier's operations will be unified with Air India from November 12.

The government has given its nod for the foreign direct investment by Singapore Airlines as part of the Air India-Vistara merger.

Vistara is a joint venture between Tata Group and Singapore Airlines. Air India is owned by Tata

Group. "Starting 03 September 2024, customers will, progressively, no longer be able to make bookings with Vistara for travel on or after 12 November 2024," Vistara said in a release on Friday.

Thereafter, Vistara aircraft will be operated by Air India and bookings for the routes operated by these planes will be redirected to Air India's website. "Vistara will continue to take

bookings and operate flights as usual till 11 November 2024." the release said. The merger of Vistara with

Air India was announced in November 2022 and postcompletion of the deal, Singapore Airlines will have a 25.1 per cent stake in Air India.

Vistara CEO Vinod Kannan said the merger is about offering passengers more choice with a larger fleet and a wider network while elevating the overall travel experience.

### **INBRIEF**

NBCC SELLS COMMERCIAL SPACE WORTH ₹14,800 CRORE

APPROX NEW DELHI: NBCC (India) Limited.announces the remarkable achievement of selling 100% of the office space inventory at World Trade

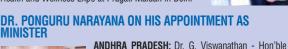




RECPDCL HANDS OVER BHADLA-III NEW DELHI: REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL), handed over a project specific SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle). viz. Bhadla-III Power Transmission Limited to M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) on 28th August 2024 at

7TH INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of AYUSH Pratap Rao Jadhav Inaugurates the Three-Day 7th International Health and Wellness Expo at Pragati Maidan in Delhi





Chancellor along with Shri Sankar Viswanathan -Vice president VIT University have called Dr. Ponguru Narayana on his appointment as Minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development -Government of Andhra Pradesh

**GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY** ORGANISED EXPERT TALK AMRITSAR: Department of Education of

Guru Nanak Dev University organized an expert talk to explore the universe and to develop the scientific temper and attitude among the teacher educators of the department under the guidance of Prof



#### 1ST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCED **MATERIALS**



AMRAVATI: The inauguration of first edition of International Symposium on Current Trends in Advanced Materials (CTAM-24) was held at VIT-AP Campus. The 6day symposium is being organized in association with American Chemical Society

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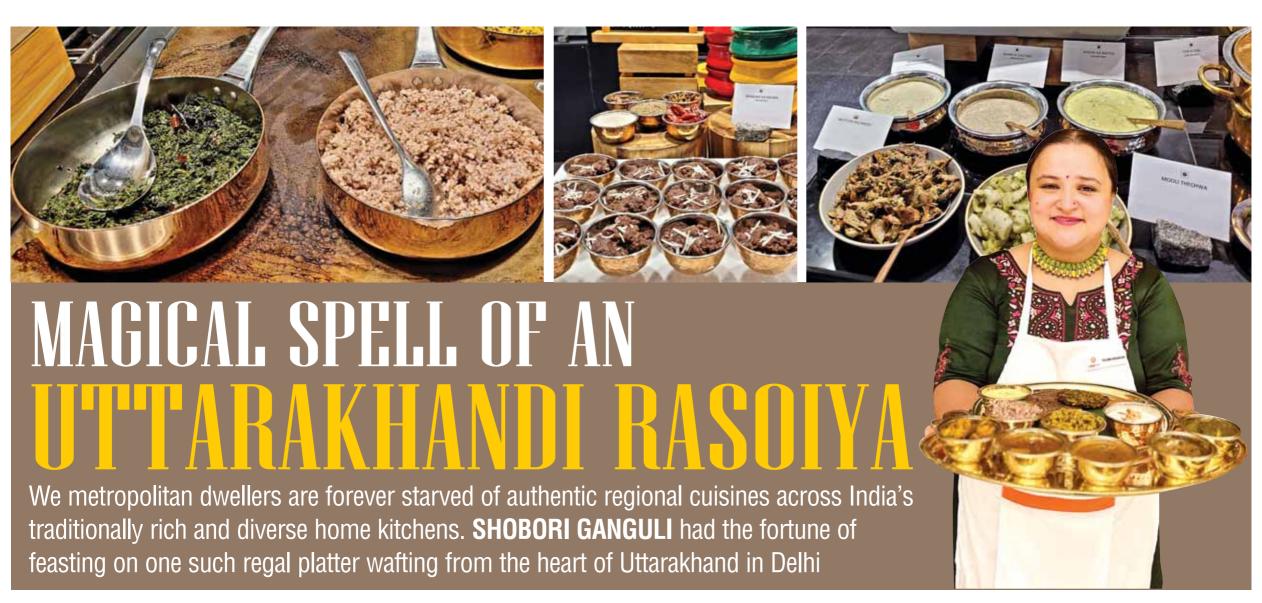
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amra, at Shangri La Eros, New Delhi, had a monsoon delight on offer this month with a pop-up of some truly earthy, hearty and soulful Uttarakhandi cuisine handcrafted by the extremely gifted Dehradun based Chef Yojana Khanduri Chaudhary. Those familiar with the flora and fauna of this northern Himalayan region would clearly know of the robust aromas of a pahadi kitchen and some of its most mouthwatering dishes to be savoured on a raindrenched August afternoon.

Here, I will pause to underline that Chef Pin is God's gift to those who worship and crave for, authentic Indian regional cuisines, far away from the butter chicken and paneer tikka fare that parades under the "Indian cuisine" banner in restaurants across metropolises. A unique and innovative platform across Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, and Mumbai, Chef Pin is an app which offers diners local, authentic and home-cooked meals from hundreds of talented home chefs. Apart from opening up these secret kitchens to urban diners at their homes, the pop-ups organised by Chef Pin at leading hotels allow these chefs to showcase their unique culinary flair to a much larger audience.

So this month it was Chef Yojana, a textile designer by training, her passion for food having taken her on a parallel route of creativity: Cooking. Her dedication to cooking, imprinted with her signature flourish on time-held traditional recipes of the Himalayan landscape, gave us a truly delectable meal. This infectiously bubbly Chef has made a commendable effort to act as a bridge to bring the raw, earthy robust spices, herbs, vegetables and seeds sourced from the



eart of Uttarakhand to the uninitiated urb metro dweller.

I was indeed fortunate to savour the innovative fusion of aromatic spices, fresh ingredients and traditional cooking techniques masterfully curated by Chef Yojana. Her passion for authenticity and originality, deeply inspired by her Himalayan roots, to cater to the urban palate is nothing short of a marvel.

her signature creations infusing each preparation with the warmth of a pahadi rasoiya. She was kind enough to detail all the ingredients she had sourced from her home town to give the Delhi diner some authentic flavours, like Jakhiya, Bhang beej, Bhang jeera, Phara, Jhangora (millet), Mandua (Ragi millet), Lal Bhaat, (red rice), Chemi (pahadi rajma) and gehet (horsegram). Chef Yojana is



passionate about roasting and hand grinding her masalas on a sil batta (stone mortar and pestle). Rare to see such enthusiasm for tradition in today's generation of professionals.

With everything in place, I set out on a heartwarming culinary journey through Patudi, a mini Dal Cheela, the absolutely irresistible and aromatic Bhaang Sookha Chicken. With Lal Bhaat as a companion, Chef Yojana walked me through with chicken cooked in arbi leaves (colocassia). Her Shikar Mutton was the show stopper of the whole spread with its smoky flavours lifting the rich gravy to an unbeatable level. There was palak hari bhujji (Spinach) and Urad ki Kichdi. All accompanied by side dishes like Bhang ki Chutney Kheere ka Raithu Naal Radi ka Saag and Mooli Thechwa.

Chef Yojana concluded the fare with her signature take on traditional Uttarakhandi sweets like Jhangore Ki Kheer and Mandwe Ka Halwa, descending straight from the serene landscapes of the Himalayas into the heart of Delhi. Hope these roving chefs continue to visit us with their art and craft of

# Sushi Samurais, Dim Sum Warriors

China Bistro in Delhi recently observed its first anniversary with the launch of Chopstick Chronicles. **SHOBORI GANGULI** participated in this celebration of Asia's ancient culinary heritage set against the backdrop of a contemporary Bistro

the bustling Select City Walk mall in Delhi, China Bistro with its calming ivory hued décor and Pan Asian culinary spread is the perfect place for a relaxed and quiet lunch or dinner with friends and family. Since its inception in 2012 in Mumbai, it now has outlets across India and the UAE. In the NCR, Delhi is the Bistro's first chapter, August 21 marking its first anniversary. To commemorate the event, China

ducked away in a quieter corner of

Bistro launched Chopstick Chronicles, a festival of sushi and dumplings, crafted and curated by Chef Lee Khan as he unveiled Asia's centuries-old imperial culinary treasure trove for its patrons. Each bite proved to be a passport to divine dining, transporting one

to a world of traditional Asian cuisine artistically painted on a rich canvas culture and tradition.

As pointed out by Rajib Mazumder, Corporate Chef at Foodlink F&B

Holdings India Pvt Ltd, "Chopstick Chronicles goes beyond the plate, exploring the cultural significance of chopsticks and the dynamic duos of Asia's sushi and dim



sum." Indeed, the sushi rolls were a work of art and the dim sum folds displayed brilliant craftsmanship. Drawing inspiration from global gastronomic innovations, the spread brought Japan, Tibet and China to the table.

> result: Simply awesome

One started out with the Lasha Luxury Dumpling, a Tibetan masterpiece which had juicy, aromatic chicken dumplings wrapped in lotus flour dough. Legend has it that these dumplings had to be bathed in a rich, piping hot chicken broth served right at the table. The experience was as magical as the dish itself. This was followed by the Dynamite

Prawn Maki, a creation of Chef Chiro





from Vancouver, crispy prawn tempura, crunchy nori, and sweet sushi rice. The freshness and texture of the prawns really stood out.

Next on offer was the Wasabi Firecracker Prawns - crispy tempura coated prawns tossed in a spicy wasabi sauce, inspired by Chef Jack's offering at his seafood restaurant from his coastal hometown. Sitting in the heart of Delhi, savouring

this delicacy was pure pleasure.

I was then thrown open to the Dim Sum Dare. This dish had four juicy chicken dim sums wrapped in carrot lotus flour and served with chicken broth. The dare was that these had to be consumed with four deadly chili dips, Sesame Sauce, Roasted Pepper Sauce, Sichuan Pepper Sauce, Bhut Jolokia Sauce. I guess my Bengali genes helped me simply cruise through this spice challenge.

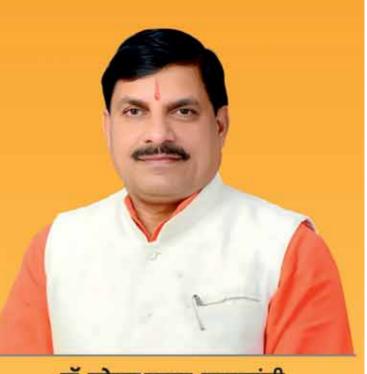
I also tried Chef Takashi's exquisite and signature Enoki Truffle Crunch, crispy tempura Enoki mushrooms wrapped in creamy truffle mayo in a delectable sushi roll. They say, one evening in a tranquil forest, Chef Takashi discovered a hidden truffle patch. He then used his discovery to create a creamy truffle mayo teaming it with crispy Enoki mushrooms to create a revolutionary sushi roll. This modern innovation of a traditional Japanese cuisine went on to become a legend.

Of course, I washed all this down with a chilled glass of Kogarashi, a combination of ginger and lime and some cool crispy cucumber flavour. A splash of nonalcoholic ginger beer gave the beverage a fizzy, spicy finish. China Bistro is highly recommended if you crave for authentic Pan Asian cuisine.

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# विमुक्त, घुमन्तु और अर्द्धघुमन्तु समुदायों को सबके साथ आगे बढ़ने के अधिकार और अवसर देने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध मध्यप्रदेश सरकार

## प्रदेश में निवासरत विमुक्त, घुमन्तु और अर्द्धघुमन्तु समुदायों की 51 जातियां

बलदिया, बाछोबालिया, भाट, भन्तु, देसर, दुर्गी मुरागी, घिसाड़ी, गोंधली, ईरानी, जोगी जोगी कनफटा, जोशी बाल संतोषी, जोशी बहुलीकर, जोशी बजारिया, जोशी बुदुबुउुकी, जोशी चित्राबठी, जोशी हरदा, जोशी नादिया, जोशी हरबोला, जोशी नामदीवाला, जोशी पिंगला), काशीकापड़ी (काशीकापड़ी हरदा, काशीकापड़ी हरबोला), कलन्दर नागफड़ा, कामद, करोला, कसाई (गडरिए), लोहार पिट्टा (गाडिया लोहार), नायकड़ा (नायकड़ा मील), शिकलिगर( बरधिया, सैगुलगोर, सरानिया, शिकलिगर) सिरंगी वाला कुचबन्द (कुचबन्द), सुदुगुदु सिदन(बहुरूपिया), बनीयन्थर राजगोंड, गद्रीज, रेभारी (पशु-पालक), गोलर (गोलम, गोला, बालाघाट गोलकर), गोसॉर्ड्, भराडी हरदास, भराडी हरबोला, हेजरा, धनगर कंजर, सांसी, बंजारा बनछड़ा, मोघिया, कालबेलिया, मानमत, बगरी, नट, पारधी, बेदिया, हाबुड़ा, भाटू, कुचबन्दिया, बिजोरिया, कबूतरी, सन्धिया, पासी, चन्द्रबेदिया, बैरागी, सनोरिया













### छात्रवृत्ति योजनाएं

कक्षा १ से १२ तक छात्र -छात्राओं को छात्रवृत्ति योजनाओं का मिल रहा लाभ।

#### विमुक्त जाति छात्रावास

छात्रावास/आश्रम/ सामुदायिक कल्याण केन्द्रों के माध्यम से बालक-बालिकाएं हो रहे लाभान्वित।

### आर्थिक विकास के लिये स्वरोज़गार योजना

स्वरोज़गार ऋण देकर इन समुदायों के युवाओं के लिए रोजगार एवं प्रशिक्षण के अवसरों का निर्माण।

#### "समर्थ पोर्टल"

मोबाइल एप के माध्यम से समर्थ पोर्टल पर समुदायों का चिन्हांकन एवं पंजीकरण कर केन्द्र एवं राज्य की योजनाओं का लाभ हो रहा सुनिश्चित।

#### कन्या शिक्षण हेतु प्रोत्साहन

कक्षा ११ में अध्ययनरत बालिकाओं को आर्थिक प्रोत्साहन।

#### बस्ती विकास योजना

विमुक्त, घुमक्कड़ एवं अर्द्धघुमक्कड़ बाहुल्य बस्तियों, ग्राम वार्ड, मोहल्ले, मजरे, टोलों एवं डेरों में सी.सी. रोड, नाली, सार्वजनिक शौचालय, पेयजल जैसी मूलभूत सुविधाएं एवं सामुदायिक भवन निर्माण।









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