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North to South, Monsoon Mania ravages India

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SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

Delhi turned into a floating city after record-breaking downpour late on Wednesday, the highest single-day rainfall for July in 14 years, leading to prolonged traffic jams and 11 deaths in the Delhi-NCR areas. A woman and her three-yearold toddler who fell into an overflowing under-construction drain in east Delhi's Ghazipur were among the victims.

The weather station at Safdariung recorded 108 millimetres of rainfall within a span of 24 hours. It caused major traffic congestion especially in Lutyen's

The rain led to water leaking from the roof of the lobby of the newly inaugurated Parliament building. Waterlogging was seen around the premises of the new Parliament, particularly near the Makar Dwar of the Parliament. Several videos of the flooding went viral on social media. Opposition leaders took swipe at the Narendra Modi Government over "water leakage" in a lobby of the new Parliament building and praised the "sturdy" old Parliament building for its better infrastructure during monsoon. In a statement Lok Sabha Secretariat said a minor water leak in the new Parliament building was due to displacement of an adhesive material used to fix glass domes over the lobby and corrective measures were taken immediately.

"During the heavy rain on Wednesday, the adhesive material used to fix the glass domes over the Lobby of the Building was slightly displaced, causing minor leakage of water in the Lobby," the Lok Sabha Secretariat said in a statement.

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SDRF personnel evacuate stranded people after cloudburst at Junglechatti near Lincholi, in Rudraprayag district,



Search and rescue operation underway following a cloudburst, in Rampur area of Shimla district, on

WAYANAD

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

 $E_{Monsoon's}^{ven} \ \, \mbox{the South-West} \\ \mbox{unabated in Wayanad district, the} \\$ death toll in the massive Mundakkai landslides in settlement crossed 283 mark by 6 pm on Thursday. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who inspected the flood-affected region, told mediapersons that the landslides

in Wayanad district should be declared as a national disaster. The non-stop rain in the district has affected the pace of the rescue operations as disaster response team members were finding it hard to wade through the slush,

water and boulders.
Though 283 bodies have been retrieved during the last three days of search and rescue operations, rescue workers are yet and deluge which wreaked havoc to make any breakthrough

regarding the dismembered human bodies recovered from the rivers and the landslide-affected regions. There is no information about 240 persons Mundakkai missing Tuesday's landslides. Engineers of the Indian Army

have almost completed the laying of the Bailey bridge across the Chaliyar river to facilitate rescue operations



Rescue operation underway after landslides triggered by rain, in Wayanad district, Kerala on Thursday

HIMACHAL / **UTTARAKHAND**

PNS ■ SHIMLA/DEHRADUN

Building collapsing in Kullu in Himachal Pradesh, roads being washed away, pilgrims being airlifted — these were the scenes in Uttarakhand and neighbouring Himalayan State of HP on Thursday morning as multiple cloudbursts led to rain wreaking havoc in these States.

At least 17 people were killed, 50 missing and hundreds are stranded in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh due to heavy rains and multiple cloudbursts and toll is likely to go up. More than 1,500 pilgrims stranded on the Kedarnath trek route, which is blocked at several places by boulders, have been at several places. Pilgrims are being shifted to safe places. Pilgrims are being rescued with the help of both helicopters and rescue teams consisting of the SDRF, NDRF, police and district

NDRF, police and district administration.

According to officials, 425 pilgrims have been brought to safety by helicopter from Lincholi and Bhimbali while 1100 pilgrims have reached Sonprayag on foot from various places with the help of rescue teams. The pilgrims had got stranded beyond Bhimbali along Gaurikund-Kedarnath trek route when 20-25 metres of the stretch were washed out by heavy rain on Wednesday night, Disaster Management Secretary Vinod Kumar Suman said. While multiple cloudbursts caused severe damage with five people confirmed dead and more than 50 others reported missing in Mandi, Kullu and Shimla.

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SC vents its ire on Kejriwal aide Bibhav Kumar's conduct

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday came down heavily on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar who allegedly assaulted AAP Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal, saying "is this kind of goon supposed to work in the CM's residence".

"He (Bibhav Kumar) acted as if some 'goon' had entered the official residence of CM," said the top court, adding that his entire argument before the High Court was that her allegations are concocted.

A bench of Justices Surva Kant, Dipankar Datta and Ujjal Bhuyan posted Kumar's bail plea for next Wednesday and told senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Kumar, that the court was shocked with the details of the incident recorded by the

Delhi High Court. Kumar has challenged the July 12 order of the Delhi High Court denying him bail in the case and claimed that the allegations against him are false. He has also said his custody was no longer required as the probe was The apex court also issued a

to the notice Government on his plea. "Is CM residence a private

bungalow? Is this kind of 'goon' supposed to work in the CM's residence?" the bench asked Singhvi, who said there were non-serious injuries and the FIR was lodged three days after the May 13 incident.

In its scathing remarks, the bench also asked Singhvi what Maliwal calling the police helpline number 112 during the assault indicated.



Apex court upholds quota within quota

RAJESH KUMAR **NEW DELHI**

In a landmark ruling, the Supreme Court on Thursday ruled that subclassification within the Scheduled Castes (SC) which form a socially heterogeneous class is permissible into different groups based on their inter backwardness for extending the benefits of reservation.

The court also called for identification of creamy layer among the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/STs) to take them out of the fold of offirmative action affirmative (reservation)

The court clarified that while allowing sub-classification, the State cannot earmark 100 per cent reservation for a subclass. Also, the State has to justify the sub-classification on the basis of empirical

regarding inadequacy representation of the sub-

A seven-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud held by a 6:1 majority that further classification of SCs and STs by States can be permitted to ensure the grant of quota to more backward castes inside these groups.

This judgment overrules the 2004 decision in EV Chinnaiah vs State of Andhra Pradesh, where a five-judge bench had held that sub-classification was not permissible, arguing that SC/STs form homogenous classes.

The bench, which included Justices BR Gavai, Vikram Nath, Bela M Trivedi, Pankaj Mithal, Misra, and Satish Chandra Sharma, delivered separate judgments.

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Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw assures action on recent accidents

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Under criticism due to series of train accidents and derailments in recent times, Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday assured that the ent will m: effort to implement automatic train-protection Kavach in the right earnest. Vaishnaw, however, did not any timeline for implementation of Kavach on the entire railways network, but mentioned that smaller countries having much smaller railwavs networks took more than 20 years to implement the automatic train-protection

"Í can assure you that no stone will be left unturned in the roll



Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi, on Thursday

out of Kavach. We will work hard day and night and make every effort to install Kavach kilometer," every Vaishnaw said in a lengthy speech during which he also praised the efforts of 12 lakh railway employees for transporting two crore passengers in about 20,000

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The decks are cleared for arrest

I of controversial dismissed trainee IAS officer Puja Khedkar

after a Delhi court on Thursday

denied anticipatory bail to her.

She has been accused of

"misrepresenting and falsifying

facts" in her Union Public

Service Commission (UPSC)

trains every day. At one point of time the bureaucrat turned politician also lost his cool responding to Opposition members who were attacking him by terms like 'Derailment Minister' and 'Reel Minister'.

accused the Vaishnaw Opposition Congress and "its

Puja Khedkar denied anticipatory bail

Civil Services Examination 2022 application.

The denial of anticipatory bail comes with a day after the UPSC,

which conducts the civil services

examination, cancelled her

provisional candidature of

Khedkar and permanently

debarred her from all the future

Denying the anticipatory bail plea of Khedkar, Patiala House

exams/selections.

social media troll army" of trying to amplify every small incident on the railways network to instill a sense of fear in more than two crore passengers who use the railway

network everyday.
"The attempts by the Congress to spread misinformation will adding that attempts were made by the Congress and the Samajwadi Party to spread "incorrect" information about incidents at the Avodhya railway station.

Minister's apparent reference to Congress leader and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi's meeting with loco pilots at the New Delhi railway station last month had the Opposition members on their feet.

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Court Judge Devender Kumar Jangala asked the Delhi Police to

find out whether an insider from

the complainant (UPSC) helped

the applicant (Puja Khedkar). The court also asked to widened

the probe in the case and ordered

the Delhi Police to investigate if

other persons have availed benefits of quotas under OBC

and PwD without entitlement.

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Trials in Mandir-Masjid dispute to continue, says **Allahabad HC**

PTI ■ PRAYAGRAJ

L Court on Thursday ruled that the trial in 18 cases relating to the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah dispute in Mathura can continue dismissing a petition filed by the mosque committee that challenged the maintainability of these

Justice Mayank Kumar Jain had on June 6 reserved his judgment on the plea moved by the Muslim side on maintainability of the suits. The court has now fixed August 12 as the date for framing of

issues. The suits filed by Hindu litigants seek "removal" of the Shahi Idgah mosque adjacent to the Krishna

Janmabhoomi temple. The petitions claim that Aurangazeb-era mosque was built after the demolition of a temple that marked the spot where

Lord Krishna was born. Continued on Page 2

BSF woman wards off Bangla infiltrators all alone

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

woman personnel of the A Border Security Force has military organisation said. noticed some 14 people walking towards the Indian

stop and return.

successfully beaten back infiltration bid by an armed band of Bangladeshis fighting them single-handedly at the Ranaghat border out-post of the 68th battalion in Nadia district, sources in the para-According to sources the lady official in charge of a CCTV control room on July 30

side of the border. She immediately rushed towards them and directed them to

However, armed with knives

and other lethal weapons they would not listen and charged Continued on Page 2 | at her. The valiant BSF

grenade" from a distance to advance

personnel fought back even as frighten the intruders away. woman constable fired a single a fellow jawan threw a "stun As the infiltrators continued to shot from her rifle scaring the

infiltrators who then ran back undeterred the

adding this was the third such infiltration bid that was foiled in the past one week. Referring to the issue Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu

to their side, sources said

Adhikari said during Mamata Banerjee's rule infiltration had peaked and that the Trinamool Congress was aiding illegal infiltration to increase vote comprising the Rohingyas. "It is the same Mamata who

protested valiantly against the Government for encouraging infiltrators... and now it is under her Government that the Rohingyas are infiltrating in Paris Games. His medal comes large numbers and migrating following the stunning performance of Manu Bhaker, to other parts of the country creating law and order problems," Adhikari earlier who clinched the women's

Swapnil Kusale adds to India's medal collection at Olympics PTI ■ CHATEAUROUX (FRANCE)

On an empty stomach and with his heart racing, Indian shooter Swapnil Kusale kept his composure to stage a remarkable comeback and help the country claim its first ever Olympic bronze in the 50m rifle 3 positions event here on Thursday.

Kusale shot an aggregate of 451.4 in the eight-shooter final to finish third after being placed sixth at one stage. It took the country's overall tally to three, all bronze in shooting, at the

10m air pistol and mixed team

10m air pistol bralongside Sarabjot Singh.

"I did not eating anything, was feeling the butterflies (in my stomach). Just had black tea and came here. The night before every match, I just pray to god," Kusale said after unprecedented

MCD, DDA at loggerheads over drowning of woman, son MCD orders survey of buildings

"The road and drain where the

incident took place is under construction by DDA (DDA

jurisdiction). The drain is

about 10 to 12 feet deep and

the same is running along the

120-150 feet road of DDA

starting from Khoda Chowk

towards Mayur Vihar Phase-

Earlier, the AAP targetted

Saxena over the drowning of a

woman and her toddler in an

under-construction DDA drain

in Ghazipur and demanded

action against the erring offi-

cials, terming it as "unfortu-

The DDA was carrying out

the work of redevelopment of

the drain. The Lt Governor is

the chairman of the DDA. The

officials directly report to him.

We demand action against the

Lt Governor," Rajya Šabha MP

Sanjay Singh said, accusing the BJP of "maintaining" silence over the incident that he

termed as "murder".

III," the statement read.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Delhi Development Authority (DDA) are in loggerheads over the death of a woman and her three-year-old son by drowning in east Delhi's Ghazipur during the torrential downpour on Wednesday. While the DDA claimed that the drain belongs to MCD, AAP targetted Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena who is also the head of the DDA over the death.

This comes a day after Tanuja and her three-year-old son Priyansh slipped and fell into the waterlogged under-construction drain around 8 pm on Wednesday, amid heavy rain in the area. They had gone to a weekly market near Khoda Colony.

The (DDA) blamed the MCD for the death, stating that the major portion of the drain where the tragedy struck has been handed over to the MCD while their part is covered with Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) slabs. "The total length of the drain along the Khoda Colony side is 1350 meters. Out of which, 1000 meters of the drain, along with the adjoining road, was handed over to the MCD a considerable time ago. The remaining 350 meters of the drain, extending from the Truck parking plot (Bus Terminal) to the PWD road, is under the jurisdiction of the DDA," a



statement by DDA said. The added that recently, the desilting of the 350-metre section of the drain under the DDA's jurisdiction was completed, and this section was subsequently covered with RCC slabs. "Additionally, a screen was installed at the junction point of the MCD and the DDA drains to prevent the flow of garbage into this drain," the statement stated.

It added that the tragic incident took place in the MCD drain. Their bodies were found at the junction point of the MCD and DDA drains, where a screen is installed, which is approximately 500 meters from the drowning site," it stated, adding that the 350-meter section of the drain under the jurisdiction of DDA is fully

Putting the onus on the DDA, MCD stated that the incident of drowning happened in an under construction DDA drain near Ambedkar Gate of Khoda

 $T^{he\, Municipal\, Corporation}_{of\ Delhi\ (MCD)\ has}$ ordered a survey of buildings with basements, open hanging wires and old barrels catering to the combined drainage system across the city in wake of the Rajinder Nagar coaching centre deaths. The civic body has issued

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urgent preventive measures for compliance which includes ensuring separate entry and exit points in the basement of any building, public declara-tion of their building plan, removal of encroachment from drains and footpaths, among other steps. All zonal deputy commissioners have been directed to implement these measures to prevent misuse of the basement and other related matters in a circular issued on July 29, released on Thursday.

".. A tragic incident occurred in the basement of a coaching institute for IAS aspirants located at Old Rajender Nagar on Saturday, the 27th of July 2024 which resulted into loss of life of three students due to flashflood caused because of choked sewer line / storm water drainage system. Needless to say that it is the primary responsibility of MCD to provide a safe and livable city to the Public... "In

this regard, a delegation of stuon Sunday, the 28th of July 2024 and expressed their concerns on this issue. It was explained to them by the Commissioner that MCD will take all necessary steps urgently so as to prevent such a mishap in future," the circular read. The MCD ordered the building having basement should be surveyed and immediate action including sealing be taken against those who are found misusing the

There should be separate entry and exit gates for the basement and all building plans be made available in public domain, so that the violators can be detected, it added. All encroachments above drains and footpaths must be removed and the storm water drains be fully desilted and choking at any point needs to be cleared with the help of super-sucker machines, as per the order.

"In case a fresh drain is required at any place, an immediate proposal for the same should be put up," it said. Furthermore, the officials have been directed to keep handy portable pumps along with operators for dewatering of vulnerable points where waterlogging usually occurs. Such points have already been identified by the MCD, it said.

AAP holds meet to discuss future strategy, Assembly elections

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AP held a meeting on Thursday evening to discuss the future strategy and the Delhi Assembly elections at its party headquarters where the senior party leaders were also present.

According to a statement, the party will discuss its strategy regarding the upcoming Delhi elections which will be held in 2025 while also deliberating upon how the party will deal with the various incidents happening in the national Capital politically including the death of the three IAS aspirants in the basement of Rau's coaching centre recently due to rain induced floods.

Senior party leaders including Rajya Sabha MPs Sanjay Singh and Sandeep Pathak, Delhi cabinet ministers Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj and Gopal Rai, AAP National Secretary Pankaj Gupta and Kondli MLÁ Durgesh Pathal were present in the meeting.

"The meeting will be held at the party headquarters. There will be a discussion on the strategy ahead of the Delhi Assembly polls, which are due early next year," the AAP said. The AAP, which is in power for the last three consecutive terms, is vying to gain power for the fourth time. To achieve this, the



party is chalking out a strategy to start organisational meet-ings with ground workers at both Mandal and Booth level. The party is planning to hold meetings with MLAs, Councillors and booth level workers in every constituency across the state. Later, the party will hold such meetings at the booth level where the party's strategy will be discussed with all the workers. After these two levels of meetings, AAP is planning to carry out "Apke Vidhayak Apke Dwar" campaign where all MLAs will present their report cards to the

As the party is not in alliance with Congress for the impending elections, the AAP will fight the assembly polls solo. AAP's Delhi State convenor Gopal Rai had said, "For the State Assembly elections, there is no need for the INDI alliance. We will fight the polls with the help of the people of Delhi, and we

Olympics 2024: Kolhapur erupts in joy as Kusale wins Bronze

T N RAGHUNATHA

Kolhapur, a city in western Maharashtra that is known as "Dakshin Kashi", famous for its Mahakshmi temple, its chappals and wrestling akhadas – erupted in joy on Thursday, as its son of the soil Swapnil Kusale won a Bronze medal in Olympics in the 50-metre rifle threeposition final in Paris.

The shouts of "Bharat Mata ki jai...Bharat Mata ki jai...' rent the air in the nooks and corners of the historic city located on the banks of Panchganga River as 28-yearold Swapnil brought glory to Maharashtra 72 -long years after Khashaba Jadhav clinched an individual Bronze in wrestling in the Helsinki Olympics in 1952.

Glued as they were to the television sets, the family members and the people of his Kambalwadi village in Radhanagari taluka of Kolhapur district cheered the Olympic gold medallist, wept in joy and went into a celebration mode, after their own lad became the toast of the nation.

A recipient of the coveted Shiv Chhatrapati Award, Swapnil comes from a humble background.

Pakistani infiltrator gunned down by BSF

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n unarmed Pakistani **A**intruder was gunned down by BSF troops along the International Border in the Samba district of Jammu region while he was attempting to infiltrate inside the Indian territory late Wednesday night. Preliminary reports suggested the intruder was being pushed inside the Indian territory to check whether the gaps exist-ed to push in small groups of terrorists. Senior BSF officers of the Jammu frontier rushed to the forward BSF post to take stock of the infiltration bid from across the International

Briefing reporters in Samba, Inspector General of BSF, Jammu Frontier D K Boora said, "At around 10.15 pm, forward duty points (of Border Security Force) observed movement of one human being movement was kept under observation and was challenged when he entered into this side"."The intruder tried to flee and was fired upon by the alert personnel and neutralized. The



search operations were conducted in the area" the IG BSF

The officer asserted that anyone stepping foot on Indian soil with "nefarious design" would meet the same fate.

The officials said the body of the intruder was recovered near the border fence but nothing objectionable was recovered from his person. The identity of the deceased could not be ascertained immediately, they said, adding the body is being handed over to police for postmortem and other legal formalities. In Rajouri, a joint Border from Pakistan. His Police, and BSF launched an operation based on intelligence inputs. The operation led to the recovery of a large consignment of weapons, ammunition, and explosives from a remote location in Kalakote, Rajouri.

Army engineers achieve major feat in laying 85 ft Bailey Bridge in Wayanad

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The engineers of the Indian Army did the country proud by laying an 85 feet long Bailey Bridge in just 36 hours, a record feat by any standard, in Wayanad district of Kerala on Thursday. This was achieved by 6 PM on Thursday despite heavy rainfall and uncertain weather conditions. An Army jeep made the first trip along the bridge as onlookers raised "Jai Jawan" slogans. The completion of the bridge would speed up the rescue operations in the disaster affected region as there are no roads worth the name in the district thanks to the Public Works Department of the State. Members of the National Disaster Response Team and soldiers of the Indian Army, who have proved their mettle of the worst mishaps are finding it tough to work in the postdisaster landscapes in Wayanad district in Kerala. Incessant rains, fallen trees and dilapidated roads have made it a challenging task to lay the heavy machinery meant for removing the obstacles from the thoroughfares, according to chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Briefing the media after an interaction with commanders of the Indian army units who have been working 24X7 for the last three days,

Vijayan said it would take many more days to clear the debris generated by the landslides. "The completion of the Bailey Bridge by this evening would speed up the rescue and relief operations. Since there are no means to take the heavy machinery to cut and remove the trees and boulders, the rescue staff were finding the going tough," the chief minister said.

K Rajan, revenue minister and rated as the best minister in the present government, said that from Chaliyar river at Pothukal (in Malappuram district). "This shows the huge impact of this incident," said the minister. The Pothukal area of Chaliyar River is around eight kilometres from Mundakkai.

SC remarks expose moral decline of AAP: Vijender

m Vijender Gupta, former president of Delhi BJP and MLA from Rohini, referred to the Supreme Court's serious remarks on the incident of assault with Rajya Sabha MP and former Delhi Commission for Women chairperson Swati Maliwal at the Delhi Chief Minister's residence. He said that today, the court has also exposed the lies, deceit, and atrocities against women by the Aam Aadmi Party.

Gupta said that in the case of misbehaviour with Swati Maliwal, the court has put the morality of the Aam Aadmi Party in the dock. The court stated that even big criminals are granted bail, but the deliberate misbehavior with a woman at the Chief Minister's residence is a gross moral

Gupta explained that according to Maliwal's FIR, she pleaded ith Vibhav to stop hitting, cit ing menstrual pain she was suffering through, but he did not stop. This was the height of inhumanity. Gupta stated that no amount of



must be taught a lesson so that the message goes out to society that there is no place for such incidents in a civilised society. Gupta further said that even after knowing all this, Vibhav's presence alongside Kejriwal in the Lok Sabha election campaign shows that the unfortunate incident with Maliwal was part of Kejriwal's conspiracy. Gupta questioned, how was Vibhav Kumar at the Chief Minister's residence despite not holding the position of private secretary? This is a question for Kejriwal, who preach-Gupta said that in the list of Kejriwal government's crimes, consisting of loot, corruption, scams, negligence, incompetence, and anarchy in Delhi, condemnation of this incident atrocities against women is sufficient, and such criminals should also be added.

TMC passes resolution in House against new criminal laws

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The ruling Trinamool L Congress on Thursday passed a resolution against the hree new criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Saksdhya Adhiniyam replacing Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code and the Indian Evidence Act in that order earlier implemented nationally by the Centre from July 1. The resolution to this effect was earlier moved under rule 169 in the Bengal Assembly seeking a review of the three new criminal statues --- calling then 'dra-

conian law'. Bengal Law Minister Moloy Ghatak during discussion said that, "there are many questions that are being raised against these three criminal laws. We are opposing this because it was passed without consulting with the stockholders and Law Commission," adding how Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee herself had written three letters to the Centre demanding consultation with the State Governments being the stakeholders in this case. The State Government had formed a Committee to review these laws, and suggest suitable amendments he said.

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committee and the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board argued that the suits were barred under Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 that prohibits changing the status of any place of worship

from what it was on the day of s indepei Hindu side counsel Vishnu Shankar Jain told reporters that with the dismissal of the challenging

maintainability, the high court will continue to hear all

INBRIEF

DUAL GATE PHONES AT LEVEL CROSSING FOR SAFETY: NFR Maligaon: Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is installing of Dual Gate Phones at Level Crossing (LC) gates across its network in addition to the existing gate phones. This will help to reduce the failure duration of gate phone that often leads to operational problems. This initiative aims to significantly reduce punctuality losses and enhance safety measures. The introduction of Dual Gate Phones facilitates seamless communication between gateman and station masters, ensuring timely coordination. Out of 1447 Level crossing gates in NFR, till date 1030 gates have been provided with Dual gate phone. NoninterlockedLevel crossing gates have also been provided with voice recording facilities. This initiative underscores NFR's commitment to improving railway efficiency and passenger safety

TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN BY PSPCL

Patiala: Aggregate Revenue Requirement and Tariff Regulation (ARR & TR) Wing of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) today launched a tree planting part of PSPCL's ongoing commitment to environmental



Singh, Dr Sachin Kapoor, and other officials and employees of the wing. This event highlighted the dedication to greening initiatives being undertaken by PSPCL's CMD, Er Baldev S Sran. The diverse variety of trees planted will not only enhance the beauty of the Shakti Vihar campus but also contribute to improving air quality and biodiversity in the area.

AUGUST 14, LAST DATE FOR 2 COURSES AT GNDU

Amritsar: B.Tech. (Textile Processing Technology), a four-year programme and M.Sc (Fashion Designing) two year programmes are running at the Department of Apparel & Textile Technology of the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Few seats are vacant in these courses. Last date for admission without late fees is 14.8.2024. Dr Varinder Kaur, head of the department said that candidates should contact the department directly. She said that the eligibility for B.Tech. (Textile Processing Technology) was 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics/Biology subjects or 10+2 with Chemistry as compulsory subject. The eligibility for M.Sc. Fashion Designing course is graduation in Fashion/Garment/Textile/Apparel Designing/Technology/Home Science or additional course in graduation related to Fashion/Garment/Textile/Apparel Designing/

HIMACHAL / UTTARAKHAND

In Uttarakhand, at least 12 people including three of a family, were killed and six injured in heavy overnight rains in various parts that triggered many incidents of house collapse, flooding and rise in water levels of several rivers.An advisory has been issued for Kedarnath-bound pilgrims asking them to wait in a safe place until the weather improves and the roads blocked here and there are restored. Both Mandakini and Alaknanda rivers in Rudraprayag district are flowing close to the danger mark.Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Himachal

Pradesh Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and took stock of the situation arising due to the cloudburst in the state, and assured him of all help from the Centre.

Uttarkhand chief minister Pushkar Dhami said the government stands with the affected people. All possible assistance will be provided to them. He directed Tehri Magistrate District streamline road connectivity, electricity and drinking water supply in the affected areas to restore normalcy.In Kharkhari, a truck carrying rations and essentials for a group of kanwariyas was among the

vehicles washed away.

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It said the problem was detected timely and corrective measures were taken immediately. "Thereafter, no further leakage of water has been noticed," the Lok Sabha Secretariat said.Six weather stations across Delhi recorded over 100 mm of rain in a single day. Rains in Delhi, which was put on a 'red alert', claimed lives of atleast six people in the city including a 62-year-old man who died in a building collapse in north Delhi's Sabji Mandi area, a 22-year-old woman and her three-year-old son in east Delhi's Ghazipur area who drowned after they slipped into a waterlogged drain, a 12-year-old boy who got electrocuted after coming

in contact with a live wire in

southwest Delhi's Bindapur area, an 18 year old boy who fell and died in South Delhi's Sangam Vihar and a 28 year old Prabhat who died due to electrocution at his home in South east Delhi's Meethapur. Five deaths were reported in the adjoining regions of the city including Gurugram and Ĭn Haryana's Gurugram, three died due to electrocution after coming in contact with high tension wire after heavy rain while two died in Greater Noida after a wall

Noida. collapse in Dadri area. Multiple incidents of fallen trees, water inundated roads, and wall collapses were

reported from across the city

as several key stretches were

choked with unending traffic

and people left stranded.

SC vents its ire on...

"Every day we grant bail to contract killers, murderers, robbers but the question is what kind of incident...," the bench said, while asserting that the manner in which the incident had taken place bothered it.

Singhvi said on the day of the incident she went to the police station, then came back without saying anything but then after three days she lodged an FIR. The bench told the senior lawyer, "We are shocked? Is this a way to deal with a young lady? He (Kumar) assaulted her even after she told about her physical conditions."

Singhvi said the court is relying on the details of the FIR lodged by her but Kumar's complaint was not registered by her "friendly" police and Delhi lieutenant governor. Justice Kant said, "We are not on your internal politics and the court is only going by the case records and the FIR."

Puja Khedkar denied...

'The investigation agency needs to widen the scope of the investigation. The agency is directed to find out the candidates recommended [by the UPSC] in recent past who have availed benefits beyond permissible age limit under OBC quota and those who availed Persons with Benchmark Disabilities benefits despite not being entitled to it," the Court ordered.

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Soldiers and volunteers of the National Disaster Response Team numbering more than 500 are working round-theclock in their efforts to rescue persons trapped underneath the boulders and clay.

Chief Minister Vijayan said in his media briefing that the Army officers had told him that there was no possibility of finding any survivor in Mundakkai as the entire population havehas been either drowned or washed away by the gushing waters

following the landslides. All 348 houses in Mundakkai

were washed away by the flood waters. The Central Water Commission, the agency entrusted with the task of issuing warnings about floods, issued a flood alert in five districts of the State.

Vijayan had on Wednesdav blamed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for the failure of the central agencies in issuing timely warnings about the flood and landslides.

Apex court upholds...

"The State in exercise of its power under Articles 15 (nondiscrimination against any citizen on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth) and 16 (equality of opportunity in public employment) of the Constitution is free to identify the different degrees of social backwardness and provide special provisions (such as reservation) to achieve the specific degree of harm identified," held the CJI in his 140-page judgement."Historical and empirical evidence demonstrates that the SCs are a socially heterogeneous class. Thus, the state in exercise of the power under Articles 15(4) and 16(4) can further classify the SCs if (a) there is a rational principle for differentiation; and (b) the rational principle has a nexus with the purpose of sub-classification," the CJI held.

The ruling means that within the 15 percent reservation for SCs. castes that are deemed more disadvantaged would be given more weightage than others. The ruling will have crucial consequences for states which want to give wider protection to some castes that are grossly underrepresented despite reservation, in comparison to the so-called dominant scheduled castes.

Railway Minister...

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"Those who were busy making reels with loco pilots... Not one air conditioner was installed in running rooms during the UPA rule, and there were no locomotives with conditioned cabins," Vaishnaw said.

Opposition members trooped to the Well of the House raising slogans 'Railway Minister go back, 'Reel Minister haay, haay' and 'Reel Minister isteefa do' before staging a walkout. Congress leader and Lok Sabha MP Gaurav Gogoi took a jibe at Vaishnaw for not taking moral responsibility for train accidents and called him the 'derailment minister.'

Replying to a debate in the Lok Sabha on the Demand for Grants, Vaishnaw slammed the previous UPA Government for allegedly not doing enough for

ensuring safety of passengers. "Unfortunately, during the 58 years of Congress rule, the automatic train-protection system was not implemented on even one km on Indian Railways till 2014. I acknowledge that many experiments were carried out, but there was no focussed approach to take it to fruition," Vaishnaw said. Vaishnaw said Kavach 4.0 received certification by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation on July 17 this year and three manufacturers of the system have scaled up their production capabilities. 'Two new manufacturers are also coming onboard, more than 8,000 engineers and technicians have been trained,

universities

syllabus," Vaishnaw said.

introduced Kavach in their



EC takes first step to hold polls in J&K

 I^{n} a fresh indication that Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir are imminent, the Election Commission (EC) has asked the Union Territory administration to transfer out officers posted in their home districts, an exercise it holds ahead of conducting elections. The commission has been following a consistent policy that officers directly connected with the conduct of elections in a poll-bound State or Union Territory are not posted in their home districts or places where they have served for a considerably

has issued similar directions to the Chief secretaries of Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand.

It said the terms of the existing legislative Assemblies of Haryana, Jharkhand and Maharashtra were up to November 3, 2024; January 5, 2025; and November 26, 2024, respectively, and elections in these States were due in 2024.

"Further, the election to the legislative Assembly of the



and Kashmir is also due in the near future," it noted on

It is usual for the poll panel to issue instructions related to transfers of officers ahead of Sabha and Assembly polls. Recently, it had ordered the updation of electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir and the three States.

In June, it decided to accept applications seeking allotment of 'common symbols' from registered unrecognised parties in the Union Territory. Whenever Assembly elections are held in Jammu and Kashmir, they

Union Territory of Jammu will be the first since provisions of Article 370 of Constitution were abrogated and the erstwhile State divided into two Union Territories in 2019. The electoral exercise in Jammu and Kashmir is usually spread over a month.

Following a delimitation exercise, the number of Assembly seats has gone up from 83 to 90, excluding those Pakistanallocated to occupied Kashmir.

Last December, the Supreme Court directed the poll panel to hold Assembly elections in Iammu and Kashmir by

Be alert during House proceedings to ask suppl questions: Birla to MPs

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla On Thursday asked members to be alert during House proceedings or else, he said, they will lose the opportunity to ask supplementary questions during the Question Hour. Birla said this after Shiromani Akali Dal MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal was unable to respond to the Speaker's call on time. During the Question Hour, a

question posed by Badal related to Punjab was listed in the agenda for discussion. When Birla took Harsimrat Badal's name for a few times, she failed to respond in time as she was apparently busy talking to a fellow member. At this, the Speaker decided to move on to the next question. Soon after, the Shiromani Akali Dal MP responded and urged the Speaker to allow her to raise the issue. "I have called your name thrice. But you were busy in talking. You have to be alert when your question is listed. I want to tell all Honourable members that if

you don't pay attention to the



proceedings, you will not get the chance to raise issues," Birla said.The Speaker also told members that if they ask supplementary question of any listed question, they should submit their names to his office by 10.30 am of that particular day. "I will try to accommodate your request if it relates to your respective State. But that does not mean that you will certainly get the chance to ask supplementary," he said.

Birla, however, later allowed Badal to raise the relevant and supplementary question.

The first hour of the Lok Sabha proceedings, called the Question Hour, is reserved for MPs to ask any question of public importance. The member whose question is listed in the agenda is allowed to ask two supplementary

India, Vietnam firm up action plan to expand strategic ties

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

India and Vietnam on Thursday firmed up a new action plan to expand their strategic ties, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserting that both sides will work towards a free and rules-based Indo-Pacific and that New Delhi supports development and not "expansionism".

After his wide-ranging talks here with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh, Modi said, the agreed USD 300 million credit line for Vietnam, will strengthen the Southeast Asian nation's maritime security. Chinh arrived in Delhi on Tuesday night on a three-day visit that is aimed at further expanding the comprehensive strategic ties between the two countries.

"We have adopted a new plan of action to further strengthen our comprehensive strategic cooperation," Modi said in his media Statement in presence of Chinh. Modi said both sides will

continue cooperation for a free, open, rules-based and Indo-Pacific.



Vietnam is India's important partner in our Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific vision, he

"We support development, not expansionism (Hum vistarbad nahi, vikasvad ka samarthan karte hei)," Modi said.The comments came amid growing global concerns over China's expansionist behaviour in the Indo-Pacific. Modi said various dimensions of India-Vietnam relations have both expanded and deepened in the last one decade. In the last 10 years, we have transformed our

Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, he said.

'We held extensive talks on all aspects of mutual cooperation and initiated steps towards the framework of future cooperation," he said, adding the two countries have adopted a new plan of action further strengthen comprehensive cooperation.

Modi said both sides have decided that cooperation will be strengthened on counter-terrorism and cyber

Lt Gen Sadhana: First woman to become DGMS

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Lt General Sadhna Saxena Nair on Thursday took charge as the Director General Medical Services (Army), becoming the first woman officer to be appointed to the

She graduated from the Forces Medical College, Pune, with a distinguished was commissioned into the Army

Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number

2. Rakesh Kumar/

Medical Corps in December 1985, according to a Statement issued by the defence ministry.

She assumed the office of the Director General Medical Services (Army) on Thursday, it said. "Prior to this, she was the first woman to hold the post of DG Hospital Services Forces) promotion to the rank of Air Marshal," it said.

Lt General Nair has become the first woman to be appointed as the Director

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession

Property Id, No. 7C248U124, Waka Mauja, Abadi Dey Khadi Sampla, Tehsil Sampla Distt. Rohtak-Haryana/ July 30, 2024



(Army), the ministry said. She holds a post-graduate

Mr. Krishna Kumar Khemka S/o Mr. Dwarika Prasad Khemka B/o H No. 17/49 Block-17 Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031 is missing since 06.05.2014 and is not traceable till date. In this regard missing report of vide DD No. 59 dated 07.05.2014 at P.S. Geeta Colony Delhi was lodged by Mrs. Sonia Khemka W/o Mr. Krishna Kumar Khemka, The police of P.S. Geeta Colony Delhi also registered an FIR No. 745 dated 18.10.2014, U/s 365 of IPC. If anybody knows whereabouts of Mr. Krishna Kumar Khemka S/o Mr. Dwarika Prasad Khemka, R/o H. No. 17/49. Block-17, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031. Please contact immediately to the undersigned, as a civil suit regarding death declaration is filed/pending in Karkardooma Courts, Delhi vide CS No.303/2024, titled as "Sonia Khemka Vs Municipal Corporation of Delhi &Ors." and now is fixed for 12.08.2024. Umesh Prasad (Advocate) Ch. No.411, Saket Court

degree in family medicine, diplomas in maternal and child health and healthcare management, and has undergone a two-year training programme in medical informatics at AIIMS, New Delhi, the Statement said.

She was trained in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear warfare with the Israeli Defence Forces and in military medical ethics with the Swiss Armed Forces in Spiez, it added. Lt Gen Nair is also the first woman Principal Medical Officer of Western Air Command, and Training Command, Indian Air Force (IAF). She was nominated as an expert member of Dr Kasturirangan Committee for drafting part of the medical education component of the National Education Policy, the Statement said.

For her meritorious service, she has been awarded the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Air Command and Chief of the Air Staff Commendations as well as Vishisht Seva Medal by the President, it said.

Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera assumes charge as Assam Rifles DG

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

t General Vikas Lakhera on Thursday Lassumed charge as the new director general of the Assam Rifles, which is known as the "Sentinels" of the northeastern region. He succeeds Lt General P C Nair who retired after four decades of service.

Lt Gen Lakhera has varied professional experience in serving in the northeastern region. He was commissioned into the 4 Sikh Light Infantry in 1990.He is a post graduate from Defence Service Staff College,



Management Course from College of Defence Management, Secunderabad and completed the prestigious National Defence Course from the Royal College of Defence Studies, London.

ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्रधिकरण सार्वजनिक सूचना ग्रेटर नोएडा औधोगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अर्न्तगत M/s Panchsheel Buildtech

Pvt. Ltd. भूखण्ड संख्या-GH-08A, Sector-01, Greater Noida को दिनांक 21.05.2014 को मानचित्र स्वीकृति प्रदान की गयी थी। तदोपरान्त विकासकर्ता द्वारा (Group Housing project) का आंशिक अधिभोग प्रमाण-पत्र हेतु आवेदन संख्या-CC-552 दिनांक 09.04.2024 ऑनलाईन के माध्यम से आवेदन किया गया है। तत्कम में ILP Apartment Act-2010, Amendment 2016 in Section-4 Sub Section-B के अन्तर्गत परियोजना के आवंटियों से आपत्ति / सुझाव आमंत्रित किये जाने का प्रावधान है। इस संबंध में विकासकर्ता द्वारा प्रस्तुत स्वीकृति मानचित्र एव Declarations as per UP Apartment Act-2010 परीक्षण किसी भी कार्यदिवस में सुबह 9:30 से साय 6:00 बजे के मध्य नियोजन विभाग में तथा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाईट पर किया जा सकता है । अतः उपरोक्त परियोजना के आंवटियो द्वारा Sanction Map एंव

Declarations as per U.P. Apartment Act 2010 के सम्बन्ध में सचना प्रकाशित करने के 30 दिनों के अन्दर आपत्तिया/सुझाव आमंत्रित की जाती है। उपरोक्त के नेहितार्थ अपनी आपत्तिया लिखित रुप में अपने आवटन पत्र, नाम, पता एवं दूरभाष नम्बर के साथ कार्यालय समय व कार्यदिवस में ग्रेटर नोएडा प्राधिकरण के मुख्य प्रशासनिक कार्यालय, भूखण्ड संख्या–1, नॉलेज पार्क–4, ग्रेटर नौएडा में स्थित महाप्रबन्धक (नियोजन/वास्तु0) को सम्बोधित करते हुए सूचना प्रकाशित होने के 30 दिवसों के अन्दर जमा करायी जा सकती है। प्रभारी महाप्रबन्धक (नियो०/वास्तु०)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Complex, New Delhi-110017, M 9818628815.

Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)

April 16, 2024 Delhi Ncr. Rs. Rohtak

Rs. 20,54,492/-

Rs. 9,45,291/-

April 29, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that my client, MR, VIVER
DABAS & MR-VINAY DABAS BOTH S/O LATE
SH. VIJAY KUMAR DABAS R/O HOUSE NO.736
HARSHUKE PANA, POOTH KHURD, NORTH
WEST DELHI, DELHI-110039, Allottee,
Purchaser/ Owner of PLOT NO.176,POCKET
-4.3,SECTOR-34,AREA MEASURING 123.75 SQ.

this property, can personally inform or write to Astt.Director (LSB)(R) DDA, Vikas Sadan, INA,

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mr. AMAR RANJAN PANIGRAHI S/O Mr. ARUN KUMAR is the owner RESIDENTIAL FLAT NO. 1 ON GROUND FLOOR, WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, SUPER AREA MEASURING 69.68 sq. meters, out or khasra no 153 of khasra no 82, situated in the village Sarfabad, colony known as Orchic Apartment, thesil Dadri, distt. Gautam Budh Nagar UP vide Registered GPA (BLOOD RELATION) Doc No.266, Dated 23.05.2017 executed by Mr. Roop Chand Yadav in favour offir. Dhanvir S/O Mr. Rupchand in respect osaid property, and same mortgaging the saic said property. and same mortgaging the saic property with MUTHOOTH HOMEFIN INDIA LTD., if anybody has any charge/interest/title n the said property or any kind of dispute indly inform the undersigned in writing 7 days of the present. Adv Deepanshu Sharr 12A 14 S3 Tower Rishabh cloud-9, Vaish

APPENDIX IV-A Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property 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 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 to Sam Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be solo on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 05.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 80,56,755/ (Rupees Eighty Laki Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00194851, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 27.07.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 28.07.2024

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 150,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BEARING NUMBER 903, HAVING SUPER AREA OF 223.04 SQUARE METERS (2400 SQUARE FEET APPROX), ON 9TH FLOOR, IN TOWER 'A', IN THE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT KNOWN AS "THE ESFERA", SITUATED IN SECTOR 37 - C, GURUGRAM - 122002, HARYANA, ALONG WITH ONE COVERED CAR PARKING SPACE.

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No: 0124-6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id: auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in. AUTHORISED OFFICE

SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED Date: 29.07.2024 (Formerly known as INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.) Western Wing Tis Hazari Court Delhi-110054 **E kotak** Kotak Mahindra Bank

It is to inform you that my client Mr. Pradeer Kumar Ghosh S/o Mr. Nihar Ranjan Ghosh R/o SC-77B, Near Shiv Mandir Shastri Nagar, Ghaziabad U.P.-201002, wants to give the the General Public

Notice that original property Documents i.e. Sale Deed Dated 05.04.1989 vide Document No. 2093

Deed Dated 05/1-1935 vide December 10: 2033 executed by Jihhilimat S/o Niranjan and Mewa Lal S/o Mr. Mahadev in favour of M/S Jai Prakash Agarwal and Company, regarding area measuring one Bigha Five Bisva, in comprising Khasra No.

195/6, in the area of village Mirjapur, Prangna, Loni, District-Ghaziabad, U.P. 201002 have lost by

my client, in the area of Tis Hazari Court Complex, Delni at about 2:30 PM dated 30.07.2024. In this respect, my client lodged a report LR No. 1988410/2024 dated 01.08.2024 through online,

f any persons will have found then he/she/the

SONU GAUTAAM (ADVOCATE) Ch. No. 198A

NOTICE Locker Hired by SEEMA JUNEJA

having address at E 10-6 Vasant Vihar New Delhi - 110057 Delhi India with D-10 | No 1&2 D Block Local Shopping Center Vasant Vihar New Delhi – 110057 remains un-operated from last 3 years, 6 months and the rent due for the last 4 years

All the 3 letters earlier sent to SEEMA JUNEJA calling upon her to clear dues and to operate the locker has returned unserved and she is not contactable

It is hereby informed that despite this notice, if dues not cleared and locker is not operated by SEEMA JUNEJA within 90 days from the date of this notice, break open of the said locker will be done on October 31, 2024 at around

IN THE COURT OF SH. SANJEEV JAIN, LD. PRINCIPAL JUDGE, FAMILY COURTS, KARKARDOOMA COURTS, ROOM NO. 5, DELHI. PROCLAMATION REQUIREINGAT-TENDANCE OF DEFENDANT **ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF THE CODE**

OF CIVIL PROCEDURE HMA-556/22 Rita v/s Pradeep Pradeep Haidar

S/o Sh. Nakul Haidar R/o b-157, JJ COLONY SAWDA-GHEWRA P.S KANJHAWALA DELHI 110081 WHEREAS You are intentionally

evading service of summons it is hereby notiied that if you shall not defend the case on the 13/08/2024 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determinded

Given undr my hand and the seal of the courtm this 02 day 07 2024

> Principal Judge East Disttrict, Family Court Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

Influenza spreads, 132 fatalities in five months, reports NCDC



ARCHANA JYOTI **NEW DELHI**

Tn the first five months of this Lyear, India has seen a significant surge in influenza cases and deaths, with a total of 6,351 cases and 132 fatalities reported. Punjab topped the mortalities list with 41 deaths followed by Gujarat with 27 and Harvana with 26. Case numbers are highest in Delhi (1,563), Gujarat (1,049), and Rajasthan (1,008), according to data from the National Centre for Diseases Control (NCDC) under the Union Health Ministry.

Last year, in Tamil Nadu alone, 3,544 influenza cases marked the highest number in 14 years. Health experts said that

while temperate regions see seasonal flu primarily in winter, tropical areas like India experience two phases of influenza-summer and a longer winter phase.

Since, the current year has already seen 80% of last year's total cases in just five months, it suggests that a potentially severe flu season

The incubation period, or the time from infection to illness, is about two days but ranges from one to four days. However, experts have attributed rise in numbers to higher investigations post-Covid-19 pandemic.

Also, this indicates that with regions immunocompromised

populations, those with co-morbidities, and the elderly with influenza.

are at higher risk of afflicting Dr Deepak Kumar Das, Chief Medical Officer at the Government-run

emphasised that individuals

with low immunity or

underlying health condition

Rao Hospital,

Hindu

as well as those suffering from co-morbidities are at a higher risk of contracting

influenza. "Prevention steps are similar to those for Covid-19. People should cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and wash their hands regularly. They should also avoid going to crowded places and must wear masks as a prevention measure, said Dr Das.

"Anti-viral medications can be used to treat influenza. Newer antiviral drugs are also available. Seasonal influenza vaccines are updated annually to match circulating strains. The 2024-25 influenza vaccine includes components targeting common strains of Influenza

A (H1N1, H3N2)." "Efforts are ongoing to improve effectiveness and develop universal influenza vaccines that offer broader protection," said Dr Rishikesh Dessai, Consultant Physician at the Department of Medicine, Sir Gangaram

Hospital. "Also, the vaccine shot should be taken before the onset of influenza spread. Taking the vaccine during

the influenza season will not help," said the doctors. Dr. Kartikeya Kohli, Senior Consultant of Internal Medicine at MASSH Super Speciality Hospital in Delhi,

emphasised that influenza is

a serious respiratory illness if

ignored. The symptoms of influenza include high fever, chills, muscle aches, fatigue, sore throat, cough, and a runny or stuffy nose.

Vaccination remains the best preventive measure against influenza, helping to reduce the severity and incidence of the flu," Dr Kohli explained.

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: August 02, 2024 Place: Delhi/Ncr Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd. **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Rakesh Kumar/
Deepa Sharma/
Rameshwar Sharma/
LBNOD0001302806 Flat No. B-205 1st Floor, Hig Type (Without Roof Right) Park View Appt.-II, Sector 12, T.H.A Ram
Prastha Gaziabad Village Maharajpur Pargana Loni
Tehsil District Gaziabad U.P./ July 30, 2024

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loar facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date	
1.	Shree Sai Jewels, Sita Devi Verma, Vijay Varma, Sita Devi Verma W/o Sh. Ram Swarup Verma, 244005000375, Represented By Proprietor Vijay Varma 3344, Block No-Q, Ward No- 16 2nd Floor Central Delhi, Karol Bagh, New Delhi Delhi- 110005	Plot of Land Measuring 888 Sq. Feet I.E 0.83 Centiars Vide With Patta No. 8 Being Part of Deg No. 62 Kha of Rehabari Ward, Dibrugarh Town Mouza, District Dibrugarh, Assam	12/06/2024 Rs. 35,80,668.00/-	04-02- 2024	
2.	Ashish Engineers, Rahul Saini, Sunita Saini, 732005500066, Represented By Proprietor Sunita Saini 422/3/2, Ground Floor And First Floor, Lal Dora, Village Mundka Delhi- 110041	Property Bearing Entire Second Floor (Without Roof Rights), Part of Freehold Built Up Property Bearing Plot No. A-35, Block-A, Measuring Covered area 139.45 Sq. Mtrs Vide With Relinquishment Deed Registration No. 8434, Dated 08/09/2021, Situated At Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura Residential Scheme, Delhi.	22/06/2024 Rs. 2,28,77,146.00/-	05-08- 2024	
3.	Arun Kumar Ajay Kumar, Harsh Mittal, Eshika Garg, Suman Lata Alias Suman Lata Mittal, Suman Lata, 740305000114, Represented By Proprietor Harsh Mittal Mohalla Rampura,pilkhuwa Hapur, Uttar Pradesh Hapur- 245304	Residential Plot Measuring area 259.55 Sq. Yrds I.E. 217.08 Sq. Mtrs. Situated At Pilkhuwa, Mohalla Rampur, Pargana Dasna, Tehsil Hapur, District Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh	15/07/2024 Rs. 45,17,294.00/-	12-05- 2024	

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction o Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Sincerely, Authorised Signatory

Date: August 02, 2024 Place: Delhi NCR For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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Karnataka CM holds discussions with Cabinet colleagues after Guv's notice on MUDA scam

rarnataka Chief Minister

Karnataka Ciner Manager Siddaramaiah on Thursday held discussions with his Cabinet colleagues in the wake of the Governor Thankarchand Gehlot reportedly issuing him a "show-cause notice", seen as a precursor to sanctioning his prosecution in the alleged Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment 'scam'.

The Governor has reportedly asked the Chief Minister to explain why prosecution sanction must not be accorded in connection with the alleged irregularities in the distribution of sites to land losers by MUDA, including to his wife including Parvathi.

During a breakfast meeting, Siddaramaiah is said to have discussed with the Ministers regarding a political and legal strategy and the Congress high command's directions on the issue. A Cabinet meeting is slated to be held



later today. Siddaramaiah along with Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Tuesday met Congress President M Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, party General Secretaries K C Vengopal Randeep Surjewala in New Delhi and held discussions.

The Governor's move comes

were allotted to Siddaramaiah's wife in an upmarket area in Mysuru, which had higher property value as compared to the location of her land which had been "acquired" by the

The MUDA had allotted plots to Parvathi under a 50:50 ratio scheme in lieu of 3.16 acres of her land, where MUDA developed residential layout.

Under the controversial scheme, MUDA allotted 50 per cent of developed land to the land losers in lieu of undeveloped land acquired from them for forming residential layouts.

BJP leaders have claimed that the MUDA "scam" is of the magnitude of Rs 4000 crore to Rs 5,000 crore.

The Congress government on July 14 constituted a single member inquiry commission under former High Court Judge Justice P N Desai to probe the MUDA

BRS seeks apology from Telangana CM over comments on women MLAs

Members of the BRS held a protest in the Telangana Assembly on Thursday demanding an apology from Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his alleged insulting remarks against women members of the

opposition party.
Hitting back at the opposition party, Revanth Reddy said he always respected women and sisters. As soon as the House commenced business, the BRS MLAs wearing black badges rose and started raising slogans.

The members entered the well of the House and indulged in during sloganeering discussion on a bill for setting up skill universities in the

Despite repeated requests by Speaker G Prasad Kumar and the treasury benches to return to their seats, the BRS legislators continued their agitation. AIMIM

floor Akbaruddin Owaisi asked the Speaker to either give the BRS members a chance to speak or



suspend them so that the

House would be in order. You have to face them or have the courage to suspend them. If you don't have the courage, you give them the mike," he said.

After BRS MLA Harish Rao made a favourable statement on the skill university and the Supreme Court's verdict on empowering states to make sub-classifications

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the party walked out and staged a dharna in front of the CM's chambers in the Assembly.

Later, they were evicted by the marshals, who carried BRS Working President K T Rama Rao and others out of the

Assembly.

The opposition party also called for statewide protests on Thursday against the CM's comments. Later, the CM found fault

with the BRS for not participating in the debate on the skill university.

He also castigated the opposition party, alleging that it is circulating objectionable pictures and posts on social media on Minister Dansari Anasuya Seethakka "If I show you that (objectionable) video (of

Seethakka), you will hit them with footwear," Revanth Reddy told the Speaker. Asserting that he always respected women, Reddy

an understanding with Delhi after its MLC Kavitha was arrested. Later, talking to PTI Videos, K T Rama Rao, termed Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's comments as "highly disgraceful, highly disrespectful and highly reprehensible", and accused Reddy of not acting like a Chief Minister but a "Cheap" Minister in Telangana. He made some (comments)

alleged that the BRS reached

which are unbecoming of a Chief Minister, Rama Rao asserted.

Those kinds of comments against women members who are senior legislators and former ministers. They did not say anything, there was no provocation. I was speaking

Appropriation. He suddenly suddenly jumps and intervenes and starts calling them names," Rama Rao said. He said when the BRS leaders wanted the mike to put forward their version to be heard, unfortunately the government tried bulldoze us therefore we started protesting since

Clashes erupt in Manipur after security forces fire tear gas shells to disperse crowd



Clashes erupted between Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) residing in a relief camp and security forces in Manipur's Imphal East district on Thursday after tear gas was used to disperse a protest rally, police

Approximately 100 IDPs from Akampat relief camp in the district attempted to stage a protest but were stopped by security forces, leading to an altercation, they added.

The relief camp residents, demanding their rehabilitation and a resolution to the ethnic violence in the state so they could return to

PTI ■ MAHARAJGANJ (UP)

¬wo Chinese nationals

▲ were arrested at the Indo-

Nepal border area here for

allegedly trying to cross over

into India illegally, police on

A Tibetan refugee, who was

helping them in the task, has

also been arrested, they said.

The trio was held at the

Sonouli transit point between

the two countries by the

"Yang Meng Meng (37) and Gu Baoqiang (35), both from

People's Republic of China,

were roaming in Sonauli

Indo-Nepal Border area last

night when they were stopped

by the Sashastra Seema Bal

(SSB) for a routine checking,"

said Maharajganj Additional Superintendent of Police

"They were arrested by the

immigration department in

the Sonauli area after they

found the Chinese passport

but no Indian visa papers and

Atish Kumar Singh.

Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

Thursday said

their homes at Moreh in Tengnoupal district, and other areas.

Ethnic violence in the state which started in May 2023 has so far claimed 226 lives and left over 59,000 people displaced, officials said. Locals also joined the fray, hurling stones at the security

The protesters managed to continue their rally for about 1 km but were stopped at Singjamei in Imphal West district after additional reinforcements, security including CRPF personnel,

Reports of assaults and injuries have surfaced but the numbers

Two Chinese men arrested

for illegally entering India

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

after a delegation of BJP

legislators met the Governor

on July 25 and submitted to

demanding transfer of the MUDA case to CBI for a

probe and resignation of the

Abraham seeking sanction to

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advocate-activist

Siddaramaiah.

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Minister, and e-activist T J

research Ainstitute under the central government has working without break for the last two days to prepare food items with longer shelf life for the survivors of landslides in Wavanad.

A team of scientists from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) -Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST) here has

cell for technology transfer into a food processing and production unit with more than 70 people, including research scholars volunteering to help, working in one shift to prepare 1000 packets of each food item. They are using an exclusive technology developed by the

converted their incubation

which the director said has a high protein value. "One is upma; we increased

institute to provide extra shelf

life to food items like Upma,



Central institute prepares food products

the protein content of it by 10 per cent. And we use retort

processing and retort pouches that will keep the food fresh

for at least one month. Then we have poha mixed with ground nuts in dried form, which also has a shelf life of one month. We also have millet puffs for kids," C Anandharamakrishnan, director of CSIR-NIIST, told

He said the prime aim was to pack and send food items that are readily consumable and have a longer shelf life. Anandharamakrishnan said their unit is equipped to produce more if further requirements come, and they aim to complete the first batch by Thursday batch evening.

'We are planning to hand over the consignment to the Thiruvananthapuram district collector by this evening," the director said. NIIST never had a full-

fledged production capability their incubation cell, but they used the existing infrastructure and converted it into a roundthe-clock production line.

Phalguni, Shambhavi rivers in spate, houses inundated in coastal Karnataka

PTI MANGALURU/UDUPI (KARNATAKA)

Two major rivers in Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts are in spate following torrential rains in the past two days, officials said on Thursday. The Phalguni river in Dakshina Shambhayi ir district overflowing in the wake of heavy rains, they said. As a result of the heavy to very

heavy rainfall, a 56-year-old woman died after her house partially collapsed in Nellikaru village in Udupi district, the officials said.

According to Prashanth Jain, secretary of Nellikaru Village panchayat, the woman was alone in her house when a wall

Her three children were engaged in covering the leaking roof of the house with a tarpaulin sheet, but a sudden

electric poles and cables. In Udupi district, it has been raining continuously for the past 72 hours. ATHE PIONEER A

people to clear the area of fallen

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All India Packers and Movers Judgment Debto

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. Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff Regulations'2019 i) Truing up of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff block and ii) Determination of Transmission tariff for 2024-29 tariff block for Petition-1: Transmission system associated with Chamera HEP Stage-II Transmission System in Northern Region Petition-2: Series Capacitors on Circuits-I and II of 220 kV D/C Kishanpur-Pampore Transmission Line at Kishanpur Sub-station Petition-3: Provision of 400 kV bays at Fatehpur for ATS under Unchahar TPS, Petition-4: System Strengthening in South West Part o Northern Grid (Part-A) Transmission System, Petition-5: System Strengthening in Northern Region Grid for Karcham Wangtoo HEP Petition-6: Augmentation of transformation capacity at Amritsar and Moga Sub-stations, Petition-7: 400 kV S/C Chamera-1 Kishenpur Transmission System, Petition-8: 132 kV S/C Mau-Balia Transmission System in the Northern Region, Petition-9: Norther Region System Strengthening Scheme-VII (NRSS-VII), Petition-10: Additional Converter Transformer (Spare) for Rihand-Dadr

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a) 2019-24 block Petition

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Petition-9

Completion 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24 ECOD/ Cost as on 31.03.2024 National Revised AFC based 372.36 369.39 376.17 01.08.2003 01.06.1999 795.05 Revised AFC based 92.28 93.74 95.30 97.02 99.23 on truing up 21.12.2016 Revised AFC based 221.7 214.54 on truing up 2612.00 2590.32 2575.00 01.02.2009 29562 47 Revised AFC based 4044 50 3903.87 on truing up 01.04.2011 21119.62 Revised AFC based 3121.24 3028.40 2936.10 2847.49 1931.57 823.80 01.03.2008 3921.24 Revised AFC based 920.10 796.91 803.13 811.72 on truing up 01.10.1997 8271.00 Revised AFC based 1243.42 1246.21 1249.15 1253.63 1261.09 on truing up 01.05.2003 603.94 Revised AFC based 66.55 66.12 65.84 65.56 65.75

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b) 2024-29 Block ₹In Lakhs										
Petition no	Asset detail	Completion Cost as on 31.03.2029			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	
Petition-1	Asset-1	4678.43	AF	-C	358.74	355.38	352.08	348.89	345.82	
Petition-2	Asset-1	795.05	AF	FC	88.41	80.27	82.66	85.16	87.80	
Petition-3	Asset-1	962.90	AF	-C	201.44	195.48	193.28	180.99	180.15	
Petition-4	Asset-1	29562.47	AF	-C	2507.57	2495.62	2501.01	2523.77	2548.18	
Petition-5	Asset-1	21119.62	AF	-C	1881.61	1876.35	1871.10	1865.45	1866.37	
Petition-6	Asset-1	3921.24	AF	-C	674.54	693.75	713.53	734.48	757.30	
Petition-7	Asset-1	8271.00	AF	-C	1236.55	1242.54	1248.73	1255.22	1262.13	
Petition-8	Asset-1	603.94	AF	-C	62.93	63.72	64.51	65.42	66.32	
Petition-9	Asset-1	6596.75	AF	-C	900.54	907.33	919.01	938.12	960.97	

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A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at www.powergrid.in The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any erson, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th, 7th & 8th floor, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Naoroji Nagar, New Delhi - 110029 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice

Sr. General Manager (Commercial) **POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED**

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A Maharatna PSU

PTI ■ HYDERABAD The Telangana Assembly ■ on Thursday passed a Bill for setting up a Young India Skill University-Telangana in the state. Minister Industries Sridhar Babu moved the

Young India Skill University Bill and the House took up a discussion on it. Speaking on the Bill, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy



valid documents," he

Jamyang (44), who had taken

the responsibility of facilitating the two Chinese

citizens to enter India illegally

from Nepal, has also been

"The Tibetan refugee had also

made fake Indian Aadhaar

cards of both the Chinese

citizens and taken the

Telangana Assembly passes Bill to set up skill university in State

held, the officer said.

Tibetan

refugee Lobsang

said, taking inspiration from

Kathmandu to Gorakhpur, but they could not escape the security agencies and all three were arrested by SSB jawans while entering India from Nepal," Singh added. said when documents were asked from

citizens, no an Indian address.

done," the officer added. case against both the Chinese citizens under sections of the law, including Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, while action is being taken against the Tibetan

responsibility their transportation

various

the two arrested Chinese visa was recovered from them, while the Tibetan refugee was found to have an Indian Aadhaar card and PAN card which had

"The motive behind their move could not be established yet. Interrogation is being The police have registered a

person by registering a case under relevant law at the local Sonauli police station.

started an English journal "Young India," during the struggle for Independence

the Telangana government

named the varsity as "Young India Skill University."

Reddy said the varsity will be

"We had several rounds of

discussions with universities,

industry and students on the

proposed varsity. This

university will focus on

preparing the students to

the international

run on a PPP model.

New cave fish discovered in Meghalaya

Agroup of scientists has identified a new species of loach in Meghalaya's South Garo Hills district, near Bangladesh border, officials said on Thursday.

across rivers in South East Asia. The species, Schistura sonarengaensis, Sonarenga, discovered in Nakama, and Chiabol caves in

Funded by the ICAR National Genetic Resources College, Journal of Fish Biology of the Fisheries Society of the British

standards," Sridhar Babu

The varsity would focus on

skilling students in some of

the sectors such as BFSI,

pharma and life sciences.

Artificial Intelligence, retail

association with industry, he

He further said a permanent

campus for the skill

university will be built in

over 50 acres at Mucharla

e-commerce,

PTI ■ SHILLONG

the district, they added. Bureau of Fish Lucknow, the discovery was led by Dr Khlur Mukhim, principal of Lady Keane a team from Guwahati University, among others. The research paper was officially published on Wednesday by Wiley-Blackwell, an international

Loach is a freshwater bottomdwelling fish and found

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Squabbling overshadows tragedy

The Wayanad landslide tragedy serves as a stark reminder of the consequences of ignoring environmental warnings

■ n India, we've developed a bad habit of politicising everything, from festivities to tragedies, using every opportunity for one-upmanship against opponents. Indeed, the tragic landslide in Wayanad, Kerala, that claimed life of more than 170 people is being used as a slingshot to score brownie points. It has triggered a heated political exchange between State and Central Government leaders. The tragedy, which resulted in significant loss of life and property, has brought to the forefront the critical issue of disaster preparedness and environmental stewardship. Following the landslide, Home Minister Amit Shah stated that the State had received an early warning but failed to take necessary preventive measures. He criticised the State Government for the negligence, suggesting that more lives could have been saved with timely action. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan quickly refuted Shah's claims, asserting that the State Government had acted on all available warnings and had under-



taken necessary measures to mitigate the impact. Vijayan emphasised that the unprecedented intensity of the landslide was beyond what the early warnings had predicted and that the state's disaster response teams had worked tirelessly to manage the situation. This spat achieved nothing; neither relief for the people injured nor a plan of action to stop such incidents in the future. But yes, both the Central and State Governments gave themselves a clean chit, and that was the end of it.

This incident highlights challenges in disaster management and the need for coordinated efforts between State and Central Governments. The

Wayanad tragedy has also opened a broader discussion on environmental conservation and the risks of taking nature for granted. The Kerala Government must take the blame for unrestricted development in the Western Ghats, one of the most fragile ecosystems in the country. Despite frequent disasters, the Kerala Government continues unsustainable activities in the name of development. The thick tree cover is gone due to changed land use. This has turned many perennial streams and rivers into seasonal ones and increased the risk of flooding in the monsoon season. The Wayanad landslide is a stark reminder of the consequences of ignoring environmental signals. Human activities such as deforestation and unplanned construction have exacerbated the vulnerability of regions like Wayanad to natural disasters. The Wayanad landslide underscores the importance of accountability and proactive measures in disaster management. More importantly, it highlights the critical need to respect and care for our environment. Forests, for instance, play a crucial role in stabilising soil and regulating water cycles. Deforestation disrupts ecosystems, making landslides more likely. The Wayanad tragedy is a call to action for governments, communities, and individuals to prioritise environmental conservation for our collective survival.



Asian Openbill storks perch on a tree, in Kolkata

The evolution of learning



Learning is a complex phenomenon with multiple layers. It needs judgement, sensitivity, foresight and a strong will to absorb new ideas

he real world can be tricky to negotiate. This is because a lot of early childhood learning needs substantive modification when it comes to real life. Illustratively, a child is taught many principles which are simply impracticable as he grows up. Typically, a child will be told never to do something without informing their parents, whereas in real life this is neither feasible nor practicable.

The truth is, that childhood learning is about basics; one learns to modify or calibrate it as one goes along. It has to do with a child's mind and establishing certain principles that life experiences may define or modify. Consider the case of teaching a child about parallel lines. The child is taught that parallel lines are lines that never meet. That's good enough for his purposes. As one matures and gains a few years, the child transitioning into adulthood learns that parallel lines do meet, but they meet at 'infinity'. Similar examples can be cited elsewhere. However, more to the point is a simple proposition, namely that learning has to do with the capacity and capability of the learner. The same principle can undergo several modifications or even alterations. As one emerges into adulthood, one learns many other intricacies about life, and several of them can only be re-learned only through experience. Here is the need to sharpen a person's capacity for continuous learning and absorption. Typically, the adult, as he goes through life, meets different types of people, and there is a clear need

steer clear or walk through it. This is what adult learning is about, and it is a lifelong necessity that is felt at each stage.Sometimes strange situations can occur, especially if one learns through aphorisms/proverbs/ folk say-offensive in conversations.

to coexist with several others.

One's judgment becomes a cru-

cible for deciding what the

truth is and where one has to



An illustration of this could make the point clear. In Sanskrit, there is a saying "Satyam brooyat, priyam brooyat, na brooyat satyama priyam". "Broadly translated, it means, speak the truth, but speak it pleasantly. If a truth is bitter, it need not be spoken". Whether this is desirable or not is a moot point. What is more, is that other sayings can be found to be very different than the one quoted above. For example, there is another Sanskrit statement "Satyameva jayate" "A free Sanskrit translation into English would be that "truth alone triumphs". The two statements are clearly in two dif-

There is an element of contradiction between the two. It is here that adult learning acquires a special veneer of its own. What that special something is a matter of experience and exposure. Some people who repeatedly emphasised in their childhood that they must always tell the truth get so much in ings, and even the wisdom of This is not because of their

ferent contexts and mean

two different things.

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EXPERIENCE

itself became 'offensive'. Such offensive behaviour can have a heavy price. After all, tact is something that is not an optional extra, it is essential to life.Being tactful does not end up lying or being untruthful. It only trains a person to be sensitive to another person's feelings and sentiments.

ill intention, but their style

It also raises the importance of recognizing that all inputs contribute to better and improved behaviour. Creating a situation in which everyone gains and a better environment is established is essential. If bluntness causes hurt rather than improvement, it could lead to deterioration of quality of life, which cannot be the objective of any action.

The obvious conclusion is that learning is a complex phenomenon with multiple layers. It needs judgement sensitivity, and foresight. In the absence of any of the above relationships, they can become compromised. After all, if the relationship itself is lost, one might ask: what is the input abouts

This issue is fundamental to the act of living. This is so because man is a gregarious animal, and the act of living

requires a collective experience. Learning therefore is a lifelong exercise requiring continuous involvement and the capability to evolve. External inputs to learning are of course critical, but internalization of the same is the core. Unfortunately, whereas much attention has been paid to teaching, an equal amount of attention is due to the ways of the learning process. There are indeed definite limits to the capacity to learn and meth-

ods of learning. This is something that needs to be more widely recognized than before, especially since it does not seem to be integrated into the larger theories of learning. Indeed, one needs to pay attention to also when and how a revision of the learning process becomes seminal.

To sum up, it is important to recognize the continuous nature of learning and one's central role in keeping that learning alive. A teacher can only help the process but cannot substitute a learner's learning.

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Age and capability: Rethinking retirement and leadership



Why is it that in the corporate world, age is a barrier to employment, while in public service, older individuals often hold the highest offices?

n May 2020, close on the heels of the covid out-▲break, my husband lost his job. It was an unexpected knock to take barely a month after he was awarded the best employee. The company that he was serving for the past many years attributed the pink slip to the pandemic, and following it, it was near impossible for him to find another job. In most cases, it seemed as if he was deemed over-age. In the traditional sense, it must be true that 58 years is the time to hang one's boots, but taking superannuation was far from his mind. His mental and physical abilities had not dimmed a wee bit and he had many more years of active work life left in him. But it was hard to convince a work culture that was transitioning to a younger demographic about his worthiness. He was soon forced to stop looking for a job and start something of his own. Three years on, it is a decision we don't regret taking. But there is one thing that I have not been able to decipher. If a company considers a person to be too old to seek employment at that age, what



seek fresh terms as heads of state? This question is more relevant now after John Biden was forced to step aside following doubts over his diminishing cognitive abilities on various platforms. Biden's dropping out in no way suggests that his opponent (who is younger by only three years) is more eligible to be the boss at the White House if age is a major criterion for holding responsible positions. Yet, in public service, it is par for the course for older men and women to push it till economic and social policies allow or they are naturally indisposed. Why is 80 a wholesome number to be at the helm of a state and 60 an

There is no doubt that the age gap between the highest and lowest denominators at a workplace has widened significantly.

There are concerns about an agile, IT-driven young generation unable to work alongside an older brigade that follows old clunky ways. On this side things, it is still a huge challenge for those used to archaic practices of functioning to adopt digital modes overnight. But experience is something we still cannot discount. On the other hand, we also need a lot of young blood to keep our workplaces vibrant. People age differently. Their biological age may not be commensurate with makes older doyens eligible to age to retire for employees? their chronological age. In a

recent interview on CNN, Anthony Fauci, former chief medical advisor to the President of the United States looked and sounded many times more agile and vigorous at 81 than Biden does. My mother at 77 is much less healthy than a few other relations in their 90s. So to determine people's capabilities based on the number of summers they have seen is a faulty method. Our cognitive age and ability to handle the pressures of a job is something only we can gauge.

It is for us to decide if we are fit to handle the responsibilities - be it to serve the nation, run a company or a household. John Biden must have eventually realised that cracks are showing up in his public image and faculties and that stepping aside is the most gracious thing to do, both for his self-esteem and for the sake of his country. Although it had to come after much persuasion, he the Congratulations to him for being rational and accepting 'it is what it is'.

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ALL OUIET IN BANGLADESH

Madam — After the recent mind-boggling violence in Bangladesh, things seem to be stabilising for now. Hopefully, peace will not be compromised again, as Dhaka is an important neighbor for New Delhi. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's support for those who fought for the liberation of Bangladesh, led by her late father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, is well known and reasonable. In the past, Hasina's firm and decisive action against the offenders of the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War earned her praise, but her indecision and leniency towards extremism were criticized by moderates and lib-

Her recent decision to reserve fifty-six percent of jobs for the descendants of the liberation movement was undoubtedly aimed at certain sections of the country's vote bank. Although the Bangladesh Supreme Court struck down the order and reduced the reservation to five percent, Hasina must be feeling the setback. Some short-sighted remarks by Hasina during the students' protests further fueled emotions. It's time for the longestserving Prime Minister of Bangladesh to get her act together and display the statesmanship expected of her.

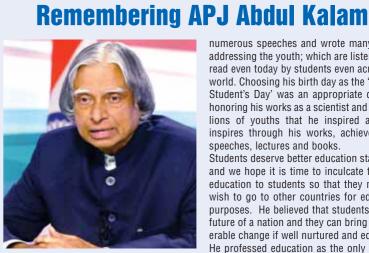
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THE LEGACY OF JRD TATA

Madam—The 29th of July 2024 marked 120 years since the birth of JRD Tata, fondly called Jeh by those close to him. Words cannot do justice to his modesty, philanthropy, achievements, awe-inspiring firsts, patriotism, and staunch belief in the three guiding tenets of Zoroastrianism: good thoughts, good words, and good deeds, without professing either belief or disbelief in God.Jeh was India's first commercial pilot lice nse holder and the first to fly a commercial plane from Karachi to Madras.

He was also the first Indian businessman who refused to bribe politicians and the first to establish Asia's first cancer care hospital, the Tata Memorial Centre in

numerous speeches and wrote many books addressing the youth; which are listened and read even today by students even across the world. Choosing his birth day as the 'World's Student's Day' was an appropriate decision



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

hroughout his life Abdul Kalam professed the scientific, academic as well as spiritual development of the students. He made

Bombay. Furthermore, he was a pioneer in advocating for workers' rights, introducing an eight-hour working day, free medical facilities, and more. As stated at the outset, it is impossible to fully capture the essence of JRD Tata, whose life itself was his message. Tata passed away in Geneva, Switzerland,

from a kidney infection on 29 November 1993, at the age of 89. A few days before his death, he remarked, "Comme c'est doux de mourir" ("How gentle it is to die"). Upon his death, the Indian Parliament was adjourned in his memory, an honor rarely given to those who are not members of parliament.

He was buried at the Père Lachaise Cemetery in Paris. Pages from JRD Tata's life ought to be made compulsory reading in our parliament and legislative assemblies. It might lead to some introspection and, perhaps, inspire some of our elected representatives to mend their ways. Politics in India being what it is, I know this is just daydreaming on my part.

Avinash Godboley | Dewas

education to students so that they may not wish to go to other countries for education purposes. He believed that students are the future of a nation and they can bring considerable change if well nurtured and educated. He professed education as the only weapon to fight back the demons of poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition etc. Anandambal Subbu | Mumbai

honoring his works as a scientist and the millions of youths that he inspired and still

inspires through his works, achievements,

Students deserve better education standards

and we hope it is time to inculcate the best

speeches, lectures and books.

LACKADAISICAL APPROACH OF MCD

Madam — This refers to the editorial, Enough is enough (July 29) vide which the bitter truth was elaborated that the inaction of municipal authorities and the lack of accountability have resulted in yet another tragedy. The tragic death of three students at the illegal Rao IAS Coaching Centre in Old Rajendra Nagar area of Delhi is a shameful tale of gross and unpardonable negligence at the administrative level. This illegal business is flourishing with the connivance of MCD officials. The basement meant for commercial storage was illegally converted into a coaching centre. There was no emergency exit and no technical scientific arrangements for drainage. The issuance of NOC for building usage and security lapses reflected lackadaisical approach of the MCD officials. Harshest punitive measures must be taken against he people responsible.

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INDIA NAVIGATES DIPLOMATIC TIGHTROPE

Despite the US unease, India charts its own course; QUAD Tokyo conference is a case in point



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

n a balancing act of sorts, the Government of India is trying to address US and European concerns regarding PM Modi's meeting with President Putin last month, when many of the leaders were in a huddle in Washington for the NATO summit. President Putin went an extra step to welcome PM Modi in Moscow, signalling a strong message to the US, regarding the long-standing partnership with India. Senior officials in the US expressed deep concern with the optics involved in PM Modi's Moscow visit while reiterating that nothing significant was achieved.

Russia bilateral is a tightrope, that India has managed to carefully tread on, despite its growing engagement with the US in the past decades. Therefore, this week's QUAD foreign minister's conference in Tokyo where External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met his US counterpart Anthony Blinken was significant. The joint statement in unequivocal terms condemned Russia's action in Ukraine, perhaps for the first time joining in such a multilateral official communication. The joint statement read "We express our deepest concern over the war raging in Ukraine including its terrible and tragic humanitarian consequences. We reiterate the need for a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in line with international law, consistent with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, including respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity.

PM Modi had also in his bilateral meetings with President Putin and public messages subsequently, mentioned the need for finding lasting solutions to the Ukraine crisis away from the battleground while condemning the attack by Russia killing nearly 41 persons including at a children's hospital

PM Modi said "Whether it is war, conflict or a terrorist attack, any person who believes in humanity, is pained when there is loss of lives. But even in that, when innocent children are killed, the heart bleeds and that pain is very terrifying.". Ukraine President Zelensky has condemned PM Modi's visit to Russia. Government officials now indicate that the PM is likely to travel to Ukraine in August to balance the geopolitical dynamics and reset India and Europe's relationship. Meanwhile, the QUAD for-



eign ministers meeting continued to focus on the Gaza crisis, and its spillover in the Red Sea zone, impacting lives and raising freight costs The foreign ministers jointly communicated "We urge all parties to comply with international law, including international humanitarian law, as applicable. We welcome UNSC Resolution S/RES/2735 (2024) and strongly urge all parties concerned to work immediately and steadily toward the release of all hostages and an immediate ceasefire. We call on all parties to take every feasible step to protect the lives of civilians including aid workers, and facilitate the rapid transportation of humanitarian relief. We also encourage other countries, including those in the Indo-Pacific, to increase their efforts to address the dire humanitarian need on the ground. We underscore that the future recovery and reconstruction of the Gaza Strip should be supported by the international community. We remain committed to a sovereign, viable and independent Palestinian state taking into account Israel's legitimate security concerns as part of a two-state solution that enables both Israelis and Palestinians to live in a just, lasting, and secure peace."

India would be the host for the QUAD leaders summit scheduled this year, however, the crucial US presidential elections in November would be a key determinant of the time. President Biden who has mostly shaped the Quad narrative in the past, would like to leave a lasting impression on this group of four.

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Union budget prioritises employment and skilling DINESH SOOD



To empower youth, the Government has announced three transformative schemes aimed at promoting skilling across various sectors



ne of the top nine priorities of the Union Budget is employment and skilling. In line with this, three schemes have been announced to promote skilling. The first scheme involves increasing the maximum loan amount for high-end skilling courses under the revamped Model Skill Loan Scheme from Rs 1.5 lakhs to Rs 7.5 lakhs, with an interest rate of 1.5% per annum. This scheme is expected to empower the youth by providing easy access to advanced-level skill courses, potentially removing significant financial barriers for many deserving students and can-didates to gain futuristic and in-demand industry skills, thus creating a futureworkforce.Recognising the significant role played by non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) and micro-finance institutions in the skill loan market, the Ministry of Skill Development and Employment (MSDE) has made pivotal modifications to the scheme.
This includes the inclusion of NBFCs,

Micro Finance Institutions, and Small Finance Banks to extend loans backed by a guarantee against default up to 75% of the loan disbursed through the instrument of collateral-free loans of up to Rs 7.5 lakh to facilitate 25,000 aspirants every year. Without a vibrant skill loan market, many youths leave aspiring candidates without the necessary financial support to pursue their skill training. To ensure uninterrupted credit flow in the skilling sector and to provide low-income youths with access to affordable finance for specialized skill courses, the MSDE initially launched the Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Skill Development in July 2015, resulting in below expectations.

The low fund utilisation under the scheme over the past decade was due to the low ticket size of loans up to Rs 1.5 lakh, even as course costs and fees rose due to inflation, leaving many high-cost



SCHEME, COVER ONE CRORE YOUTH IN 5 YEARS. HAS THE **POTENTIAL** TO BE

A GAME CHANGER IN TACKLING YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT courses out of the scheme. Secondly, private banks still need to be more willing to finance government-sponsored schemes. As of March 31, 2024, loans amounting to Rs 115.75 crore had been extended to just 10,077 borrowers over the past decade. However, the government's unwavering commitment to addressing this issue is evident in the new model skill loan scheme, which aims to meet the challenges of a highly skilled workforce emerging from paced technological changes. Relevant skills are in demand, and the cost of acquiring specialised skills is higher.

Only 5% of the so-called skilled workforce is formally trained, creating a significant skilling gap that needs to be urgently addressed. While 26.5 crore children enrol in school each year, by the time they reach higher edu-cation, their numbers have dwindled to 4.3 crores. To align with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 mandate, an additional five crore children who pass school need to be included in higher education and to make skill training accessible to every individual, especially the large number of students from rural

The Model Skill Loan Scheme is not just a solution but a necessary and urgent step in bridging this gap. The skill economy is increasingly market-led, integrating new-age learning into the skill development ecosystem. The youth from urban and semiurban areas recognise the opportunities for skilling and livelihood improvement. An initiative like the Model Skill Loan Scheme opens doors to many skill coursbeauty-wellness, IT, AI-data science, cloud applications, digital marketing, hospitality, animation, gaming, graphic designing, and drone technology. These courses, driven by chang-

ing industry dynamics, offer substantial placement opportunities and the potential for global mobility, providing a promising future for the youth and opening doors to international career prospects.

The second scheme aimed at skilling 20 lakh youth over five years. The scheme, with a total outlay of Rs 60,000 crore, aims at fulfilling this objective by upgrading 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the hub and spoke arrangements with outcome orientation. It's an ambitious scheme that aims to make youth more employable by imparting industry-specific skills. The course content and design will be upgraded to reflect the skill needs of the industry. For instance, emerging IT sector needs could include cyber security or data analytics skills. The third scheme introduced in the Budget for Skilling Youth is a comprehensive scheme that provides the youth with internship opportunities in 500 top compa-

This first-of-its-kind scheme, aiming to cover one crore youth in 5 years, has the potential to be a game changer in tackling youth unemployment. This internship scheme's innovative approach and potential impact make it a beacon of hope for young people's future employment, promising a significant reduction in youth unemployment rates.

Moreover, landing an internship is difficult, leading to a vicious

cycle of frustration and disappointment. Students with professional degrees like MBA, engineering, etc., may still find landing jobs or internships easier after graduation. However, the scenario could be more precise for unemployable humanities graduates with no ready-made market-appropriate skill set.

Thus, such a scheme providing young graduates across disciplines with internship opportunities at leading companies can be a game-changer if implemented properly and effectively. Perhaps, in the future, the government could consider widening the scope of this scheme by making it mandatory for companies above a specific size (the government could come up with a set of specifications to decide this) to take in a fixed number of interns every year and fund the training program through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds. These funds are a company's initiative to assess and take responsibility for the company's effects on environmental and social well-being.Most importantly, the internship opportunities provided under this new scheme could significantly boost the employability quotient of youth. With concrete experience, they will be more likely to land a job. However, implementation, effectiveness, and accountability are crucial to fostering employable skill sets.

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Transforming bone fracture treatment with the magnesium implants invention

This innovative solution promises to alleviate the long-term suffering of bone-fractured patients caused by traditional metal implants

n age-old adage "necessity is the mother of This aforementioned adage is duly proven by the fact that Nitin Pratap Varma Senior Scientist and highly esteemed research scholar from Dhanbad-based IIT-ISM and currently working as Senior Scientist for Shahjahanpur(UP) based company G Surgiwear Limited, felt the necessity of resorbable implant that could be fully absorbed in the bodies of accident victims as part of treating their Understanding this need of

the hour, Varma held meet-

ings with members--scien-

tists of his research team.

Many brainstorming ses



sions with experiments ensued. Eventually, the team led by Varma zeroed in on the final product and invented the "magnesium implant" for the first time in the world. Shedding light on factual aspects of his invention, Varma says: "For many years, I have been observing the predicaments and trouup of stainless steel and titanium metals Since those plates and screws remained embedded in the body, patients had to undergo painful sufferings for a long period. To remove those metallic plates from the body, the patients have to undergo surgery which is physically tormenting as patients have to bear the brunt of risk aspects of

And to add insult to injury, patients bear the huge expenses of surgery. Keeping in mind the troubles faced by patients, Varma convened a series of meetings with his fellow scientists and team bles being suffered by bone-fractured patients due to of plates made up of inserted implants compris- resorbable metals in place of



After having a long discussion, we reached to the scientific conclusion that implant of resorbable metals gets fully absorbed in the body within 3-5 years of

insertion. It is no hyperbole on my part ing plates and screws made stainless steel--made plates if I say it vanishes into the physical inconvenience the utility and quality of bodies, it will be put in the

body. Thus through continued research and experiments, we invented and zeroed in on magnesium implant due to its pathbreaking resorbable quality in the human body.
Patients do not feel any

achievement in an in-depth manner, Varma explains that there are three kinds of metals that are resorbable and biologically safe: magnesium, zinc and iron. Undoubtedly, these metals have their pluses and minuses. Varma and his colleagues

afterwards., Varma explains

matter-of-factly. Analysing

his bone treatment-related

have been experimenting with resorbable metals to gain knowledge of their utilties and qualities.

For this very purpose, the team of scientists also visited the Jamshedpur-based

National Institute of Metallurgy institution to seek intricate technical knowledge of metals. Expressing optimism over

magnesium implants, Varma avers that the invented product has reached the final stage; since the product has already been implanted in animals for testing its effica-

Álso, to be well-versed with different clinical parameters related to experimental procedures, the animals have been kept under observation for six months.

Results from animal testing are very encouraging. After successfully experimenting with this product in animals, Varma has plans to test this product in human bodies. For this, he has decided to seek permission from the Drug Controller General of India. Having successfully tested this product in human

public domain, Varma explains.

Eventually, it is no exaggeration to say that the invention of the magnesium implant is slated to bring revolutionary changes in the treatment of bone fractures and other bone diseases. This is more so because as per a research report, scores of scientists are engaged in experimental procedures of implants in laboratories the world over. And in this context, thousands of research papers have been inked and published. But to this date, those scientists have yet to make in-roads to reach the level of realistic utility of implants.

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Iran's supreme leader prays over coffin of Hamas leader Haniyeh

Tran's supreme leader and rep ▲resentatives of Palestinian militias he backs prayed Thursday over the coffins of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh and his bodyguard who were killed in a shocking assassination blamed on Israel that risked escalating into an all-out regional war. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei prayed

over Haniyeh's coffin at Tehran University while Iran's new President Masoud Pezeshkian stood next to him. State television later showed the coffins placed in a truck and moved on the street toward Azadi Square in Tehran and people throwing flowers at them.

After the funeral services in Tehran, Haniyeh's remains are to be transferred to Oatar for burial Friday. Haniyeh came to Tehran to attend the inauguration of Pezeshkian. Associated Press photos showed the Hamas



Iranians attend the funeral ceremony of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh and his bodyguard, some of them holding up posters with his photo and reading in Arabic "Congratulations Haniyeh!" at Engelab-e-Eslami (Islamic Revolution) Sq. in Tehran,

leader seated alongside leaders from the Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group and Hezbollah, and Iranian media showed him and Pezeshkian authorities said the attack is hugging. Haniyeh had met ear- under investigation but haven't

lier with Khamenei Hours later, he was killed in an airstrike that hit a residence Haniyeh uses in Tehran. Iranian

Īsrael had pledged to kill Haniyeh and other Hamas leaders over the group's Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel that sparked the war in Gaza. The strike came just hours after Israel targeted a top commander in Iran's ally Hezbollah in the Lebanese cap-

Iran supports Hamas, as well as Hezbollah and other Palestinian militant groups fighting Israel in Gaza.U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said "all parties" in the Middle East must avoid escalatory actions that could plunge the region into further

Speaking in the Mongolian capital of Ulaaanbataar on Thursday, Blinken appealed for countries to make the right choices in the days ahead" and said a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza was the only way to begin to break the current cycle of violence and suffering.

Israel confirms death of Hamas military chief in July strike

Jerusalem (AP): The Israeli military said Thursday that it has confirmed that the head of Hamas' military wing, Mohammed Deif, was killed in an airstrike in Gaza in

Israel targeted Deif in a July 13 strike that hit a compound on the outskirts of the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis, but the military said for weeks it was working to determine if he died in the blast. Hamas has denied he was killed. More than 90 other people,

including displaced civilians in nearby tents, were killed in the strike, Gaza health officials said at the time. In a statement Thursday, the Israeli military said that "following an intelligence assess-

ment, it can be confirmed that

Mohammed Deif was eliminated in the strike There was no immediate comment from Hamas

US reaches plea deal with alleged 9/11 mastermind

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US has announced that it has entered into a pretrial deal with the alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, a Kuwaiti-Pakistani engineer, and two other co-accused in the 2001 terror attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

The agreement – reached after 27 months of negotiations takes the death sentence off the table for Mohammed, Walid Bin 'Attash, and Mustafa al Hawsawi, prosecutors said in a letter sent to the families of 9/11 victims and survivors shortly before the Department of Defense announced the news in a press release Wednesday. Mohammed and his co-defendants, who have spent almost two decades in the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay. Cuba, will enter guilty pleas at a plea hearing that could come as early as next week, according to the letter obtained by

CNN.The settlement agreements with the Pentagon bring partial closure to a case that has dragged on for years and become mired in legal delays over whether the evidence extracted through torture during their interrogations was admissible in court.

On September 11, 2001, two hijacked passenger planes hit the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. A third plane struck the Pentagon in Washington. A fourth plane, heading to Washington, crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers fought back with the hijackers. Many family members of the nearly 3,000 people who died in the September 11, 2001, attacks want the 9/11 defendants put to

Since a trial became increasingly unlikely, plea bargains were widely viewed as the only way to resolve the case, the US media reported. The Convening Authority for Military

has entered into pretrial agreements with Khalid Shaikh Mohammad. Muhammad Salih Mubarak Bin 'Attash, and Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi, three of the co-accused in the 9/11 case, the US Department of Defence said

Commissions, Susan Escallier,

in a press release. 'The specific terms and conditions of the pretrial agreements are not available to the public at this time," it said.

The three accused, along with Ali Abdul Aziz Ali and Ramzi Bin al Shibh, were initially charged jointly and arraigned on June 5, 2008, and then were again charged jointly and arraigned a second time on May 5, 2012, in connection with their alleged roles in the September 11, 2001, attacks against the United States, the release said. The letter says that the families now have 45 days to submit questions to be answered by the alleged co-conspirators by the

concerns on 6-nation Asia tour

With large parts of the world in turmoil and deep uncertainty over the future direction of America's global role, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken sought this week to project an aura of calm normalcy as he traveled through Asia on his first overseas mission since President Joe Biden jolted the 2024 presidential race with his withdrawal. Whether he succeeded or not

remains an open question. On a trip to Laos, Vietnam, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore and Mongolia that was punctuated by several potential escalatory develop-ments in the Middle East, an uptick in Russian attacks in Ukraine and overshadowed by persistent fears about China's increasingly aggressive actions, he could not escape questions and comments about domestic

Having embarked on the sixnation tour just days after Biden's decision, Blinken no

doubt would have preferred to avoid the issue entirely but came prepared with several stock answers to questions about U.S. leadership from concerned partners and allies. Chief among them: "I don't do politics" and variations on "American engagement abroad endures across administra-tions."In the Philippines, Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin remained politely silent when President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. welcomed them with a nod toward the campaign that now pits former President Donald Trump

Democratic nominee Vice President Kamala Harris. "We are very happy to see (you) once again," Marcos said on Tuesday in Manila. "I am a bit surprised considering how interesting your political situation has become back in the States, but I'm glad that you've found the time to come and

presumptive

against

visit with us.' In Singapore, Blinken was asked by a senior diplomat about the

"noise coming out of the presidential campaign" and replied with a joke.

'Really? I hadn't heard any of it," he said to laughter from the audience of students and academics from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy before taking a stab at a serious answer "We have these periodic things called elections and I think it's normal that before every election — given the importance of this moment in history that our country has around the world that of course people ask

questions," Blinken said. They wonder what's going to happen in any given election, what direction does the country take, and maybe there are lesser or higher degrees of that on any given election, but it always happens before every election, and I understand that," he said.

But, he argued that no matter who occupies the White House "there are a number of constants that don't fundamental ly change irrespective of who wins a particular election."

Blinken aims to ease US election | UK stabbings suspect named in court

The teenage male suspect charged with murder over the fatal stabbing of three young girls in north-west Éngland was Thursday named by authorities after restrictions were lifted in court, as Prime Minister Keir Starmer held talks with police chiefs over violent protests the incident triggered outside Downing Street here.

Axel Muganwa Rudakubana, a Wales-born 17-year-old from the nearby village of Banks in Lancashire who was arrested soon after the attack on Monday in Southport, appeared at Liverpool City Magistrates Court charged with three counts of murder, 10 counts of attempted murder and possession of a knife.

Judge Andrew Menary lifted the legal restriction on naming the accused after hearing submissions that he is just days away from his 18th birthday on August 7 and remanded him in youth custody until the next hearing on October 25.

In its update on Wednesday evening's violent clashes in the



aftermath of the stabbings, the Metropolitan Police said that 111 people had been arrested for offences including violent disorder, assaults on police officers, possession of knives and offensive weapons and breach of protest conditions. A number of officers were injured as one was punched in the chest, one elbowed in the head, one kicked in the back, one kicked in the wrist and

another kicked multiple times.

"Last night our officers faced unacceptable scenes of disorder and violence, as others across the country have done in recent days. They acted with great courage and the highest levels of professionalism in the face of hateful behaviour," said Met Police Assistant Commissioner Matt Twist.

"All our thoughts should be with the victims and families of those impacted by the most dreadful attack in Southport. It

is shameful that some have sought to exploit this tragedy as justification for their own violence and criminality. There is absolutely no place for this on our streets. We will ensure that anyone involved in any violent disorder and criminal behaviour will be stopped, arrested and will face justice," he said.

Flares were thrown towards the

gates of Downing Street and some among the crowd threw cans and glass bottles. Protesters later tried to kick down a fence as they were confronted by police equipped with riot gear. Chants of "Rule Britannia", "save our kids" and "stop the boats" could be heard as the crowd was penned in by the police trying to contain the disorder on Wednesday night. The London events followed violent protests in Southport and also in Hartlepool, northeast England, and Aldershot, south-east England, believed to involve far-right groups whipped up by social media misinformation claiming the male suspect behind the stab-

bing was a Muslim asylum

seeker who arrived illegally in

the country on a boat. Arrests were also made in the violent disorder in Hartlepool and Aldershot.

Earlier, Merseyside Police Chief Constable Serena Kennedy said the charges against the teenage suspect mark a "significant milestone" in the "live investigation" as the force continues to work with partners from Lancashire Police and Counter Terrorism Policing North West (CTPNW).

Three children – six-year-old Bebe King, seven-year-old Elsie Dot Stancombe and nine-yearold Alice Dasilva Aguiar died as a result of the attack at The Hart Space community

centre. A "Taylor Swift Yoga and Dance Workshop" aimed at primary school children was taking place at the time of the attack in the seaside town north of the city of Liverpool.

suffered stab wounds in the attack, five of whom remain in critical condition in hospital. Two adults, including one of the organisers of the event, also suffered critical injuries. PTI

Eight other children

Over 60 leaders endorse Kamala Harris for US President

New York (PTI): More than 60 South Asian American state and local elected officials from across the US have endorsed Kamala Harris for the presidency, saying that as the daughter of an Indian immigrant mother, she will create a "fairer and more inclusive" immi gration system. They also said that the US Vice President's victory in the November 5 presidential election would send a powerful signal to all Asian Americans, communities of colour, and women.

The officials joined the Indian American Impact in endorsing Harris, who is the 2024 Democratic candidate for President of the United States. "As South Asian elected officials, we proudly support Kamala Harris in her historic bid to become the first South Asian American woman President of the United States, the officials said in a statement issued by The Indian American Impact Fund, which is dedicated to promoting and elevating voices of Indian and South Asian Americans in the political and civic life of the United States

"As the daughter of an Indian immigrant mother, Harris will also "create a fairer and more inclusive immigration system, the statement said, referring to Harris's Chennai-born mother Shyamala Gopalan, a scientist who had moved to the US in the 1950s to pursue higher education. "As an exceptional coalition

builder, Harris possesses an extraordinary ability to unite our nation at a time when the stakes have never been higher," it said. The statement added that Harris's victory in the November 5 election would send a powerful signal to all Asian Americans, communities of colour, and women. "By helping so many reimagine what is possible, a President Kamala Harris would affirm that the American Dream isn't just an aspiration, but an achievable reality."

Ramaswamy accuses Harris of leaning into 'identity politics'

Pormer Republican presidential Candidate Vivek Ramaswamy has accused Vice President Kamala Harris of leaning into 'identity politics' and claimed that she only considered herself Indian-American when "conve-

Ramaswamy, who supports the Republican Party's nominee Donald Trump now, said that Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee, leaned on her Indian American heritage while running for office in California, where there is a significant Asian American population, but has since shifted her focus away from that identity on the national

38-year-old Indian-American biotech entrepreneur drew a comparison between Harris' heritage and his own to share his views on the subject. "On a very personal level, my parents were immigrants to this country, legal immigrants from southern India- the very same part of India that (Harris') mother also immigrated from," he told



Real Madrid goalkeeper Andriy Lunin dives as Milan forward Samuel Chukwueze passes the ball during the second half of a friendly soccer match Wednesday, in

Fox News

"I think it's a hard fact... it's a fact whether you like it or not, that many Indian-Americans in the US are indeed somewhat offended by the way Kamala has suddenly cast aside the Indian-American side of identity,"

Ramaswamy said. She leaned into it when she ran for Office in California- big Asian-American and Indian-American population, he said.

"So she wore that when it was convenient. She's wearing a different identity now when it is polit-

stage," he alleged. He said he does not think Americans should be relying on these ethnic identities at all. We're actually American. And the problem is, when you're Kamala Harris and you actually lean into your identity politics, then you open the door to that type of criticism," he said.

"But if you ask me, that shouldn't be how this election is decided one way or another. It should be decided on our own identity as Americans and what our vision is for the future of our country. And the number one thing missing in Kamala Harris' candidacy is that she lacks that vision for the country," he added.Harris, 59, is Indian American and African American. Her mother emigrated from India, and her father emigrated from Jamaica. Former President Trump also mocked Vice President Harris's heritage during a combative live interview Wednesday at the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) convention, saying "she happened to turn Black" in recent

Death toll jumps to 30 in China landslide

Beijing (AP): At least 30 people have died and 35 others are missing in a city in southeastern China after days of heavy rains tied to a tropical storm, state media said Thursday.

The death toll rose sharply from a previously reported four deaths in villages in Zixing, a city in Hunan province. In addition, a mudslide from the same rains killed 15 people on Sunday in another part of the province. Earlier this week, state broad-caster CCTV showed helicopters being used to get relief supplies into severely flooded areas in Zixing.

By midday Thursday, roadways, electricity and communications had been largely restored in the city's eight most affected townships, state media said.

Chinese Premier Li Qiang, visiting flood-hit villages in Zixing, urged all-out efforts to find the missing as search and rescue work continued.

Poland marks 80 years since Warsaw uprising, honours heroes



Warsaw (Poland) (AP): The Polish and German presidents bowed their heads to the cadence of a military drum as they paid tribute Thursday to Poles slaughtered by Nazi Germany during the Warsaw Uprising of 1944 on the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of

the ill-fated revolt. As Poland marked the hallowed day, news broke that the oldest surviving insurgent of the uprising, 106-year-old Barbara Sowa, died in the morning. With very few survivors left to take part in the ceremonies, it was a poignant reminder of the passing away of the generation shaped by the sacrifice of World War II. Later, the city will stop and sirens will wail to pay tribute to the insurgents. Taylor Swift, who is giving the first of three concerts Thursday evening in Warsaw, warned her fans on social media not to panic when they hear the sirens. Many are traveling from far away for the performance. Polish President Andrzej Duda and German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier stood together, heads bowed, to remember those days of August in 1944. They paid tribute to the Wola Massacre, the mass-murder of civilians of Warsaw's Wola district carried out by the Germans from August 5 to August 12, 1944. "They were

led out of their homes, tene-

ment houses, their homes were

set on fire, and they themselves

were shot in the streets, and

their bodies were burned Several tons of ashes were collected from the streets and squares of Wola, in order to place them in a common grave," Duda said.

The German president's bowed head and other symbolic gestures signaled remorse for the crimes of his nation. That Steinmeier "lays a wreath, bows his head, kneels before the commemorative cross," calls for respect, said Duda, speaking for the nation under brutal occupation from 1939-1945, which suffered the extermination of millions of its citizens, Christian and Jewish, and the near-total destruction of its capital city. Many Poles feel the gestures of remorse are not enough, and the previous nationalist government in power from 2015-23 — allied with Duda — demanded USD 1.3 trillion from Germany in war reparations. Germany says it will not pay

and the matter was settled with compensation paid to East Bloc nations in the years after the war and with territory given up to Poland.

The government of Prime Minister Donald Tusk, which took power last December, has toned down the demands but says it would still like Berlin to consider possibilities for compensation.Warsaw's revolt began August 1, 1944, by the clandestine Home Army, which acted on orders from Poland's government-in-exile

Trump questions Harris' racial identity: Is she black or indian? annual meeting of the National Francisco, and a member of the

Washington (PTI): Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has launched a racially insensitive attack against Kamala Harris by questioning whether she is "Indian or Black", drawing a sharp reaction from his Democratic rival who termed his remarks "the same old show" of "divisiveness" and "disre-

Trump, 78, falsely claimed Vice President Harris had only emphasised her Asian-American heritage until recently when, he claimed, "she became a black person".

"I've known her a long time, indirectly, not directly very much, and she was always of Indian heritage, and she was only promoting Indian heritage. 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," Trump said at the National Association of Black Journalists convention in Chicago on Wednesday, as the race for the November 5 presidential election gained momentum with opinion polls showing that Harris has narrowed the gap with her Republican rival. "So I don't know - Is she Indian? Or is she black?"

Harris' mother is originally from India, and her father is from Jamaica.

As an undergraduate, Harris attended Howard University, a historically black school in Washington, and belongs to Alpha Kappa Alpha, the country's oldest Black sorority. She was also the president of the Black Law Students Association while studying at the University of California's law school in San

Congressional Black Caucus during her time in the Senate. When one of the journalists who was interviewing Trump on stage tried to tell him that Harris had always identified as Black and had attended a historically Black university, the former president continued: "I respect either one, but she obviously doesn't. Because she was Indian all the way, and then all of a sudden, she made a turn, and she went - she became a Black person. And I think somebody should look into that too." Trump's comments prompted immediate criticism.

Speaking at an event in Houston Wednesday for the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, a histor-

ically Black sorority, Harris told

the crowd that "this afternoon,

Donald Trump spoke at the

Association of Black Journalists, and it was the same old show." 'The divisiveness and the disrespect, and let me just say, the American people deserve better."Harris, 59, did not directly address the content of Trump's words but said that Americans "deserve a leader who tells the truth, a leader who does not respond with hostility and anger when confronted with the facts, we deserve a leader who understands that our differences do not divide us, they are an essensource of our strength." Harris campaign communications director Michael Tyler earlier said the "hostility Trump showed on stage today is the same hostility he has shown

"Trump lobbed personal attacks and insults at Black journalists the same way he did throughout his presidency — while he failed Black families and left the entire country digging out of the ditch he left us in," Tyler said. "Donald Trump has already proven he cannot unite America, so he attempts to divide us." At the White House, press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre responded to Trump's jab at Harris, calling the former president's comments insulting. "As a person of colour, as a Black

woman, who is in this position that is standing before you at this insulting," Jean-Pierre said. someone who they are, how they

throughout his life, throughout his term in office, and throughout his campaign for president."

podium, behind this lectern what he just said, what you just read out to me is repulsive, it's 'No one has any right to tell

Chhatra Shibir banned

Bangladesh on Thursday banned the Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir under anti-terrorism law following nationwide unrest over the quota system for government jobs, accusing the fundamentalist party of instigat ing protests that left at least 150 people dead.

A notification issued by the Public Security Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs on Thursday confirmed the ban on the Islamist party, a key ally of former prime minister Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party. The ban on Jamaat, Chhatra Shibir and other associated groups came through an executive order under Section 18(1) of the Anti-Terrorism Act. "They (Jamaat-Shibir and BNP) just used the students as their shield," Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said on Thursday when

A Home Ministry spokesman said that the government on August 1 banned all political activities of Bangladesh Jamaate-Islami and its various wings. The Bangladesh government on Tuesday decided to ban the

Italian Ambassador Antonio

Alessandro called on her at her

official residence Ganabhaban

Jamaat-e-Islami following the deadly nationwide students' protests over quotas in government jobs, accusing it of exploiting the movement that left at least 150 people dead.

The development comes after a meeting of the ruling Awami League-led 14-party alliance passed a resolution earlier this week that Jamaat must be banned from politics.

The decision to ban Jamaat comes over 50 years after its initial prohibition in 1972 for "misusing religion for political purposes". The Jamaat opposed Bangladesh's 1971 independence from Pakistan and sided with the Pakistani troops during the Liberation War.

The party, founded in 1941 in undivided India, was first banned in 1972, the year Bangladesh framed its Constitution, which disbanded the functioning of any association or union or political party based on religion. But the subsequent military gov-

ernment led by General Ziaur Rahman revoked the ban by issuing a martial law proclamation, which allowed Jamaat to refloat and years later became a crucial partner of the then prime minister Khaleda Zia's 2001-2006 four-party alliance government. Two senior Jamaat leaders

were inducted into her cabinet. Top leaders of the ruling Awami League, who have been in power for the past 15 years, have supported the ban on the Jamaat because of its role in the Liberation War.

The Jamaat remained active despite losing its registration and being barred from elections due to court rulings.

The party was allegedly involved in the recent violence surrounding the protests of the quota reform movement, which the government has cited as a reason for the ban, the report added. Violence gripped Bangladesh for almost the entire of July when the protests that had started in universities and colleges earlier this month, quickly turned into a widespread agitation against Prime Minister Hasina and her government's policies.

The government called in the Army to quell protests against job quotas after the unrest left at least 150 dead and several thousand people, including policemen, wounded and major government installations damaged Law Minister Anisul Huq said on Tuesday the ban is being imposed because of the recent violence associated with the quota reform movement and will be enacted through an executive

Jamaat-e-Islami, Islami | Xi for smart system to boost border defence

Chinese President Xi Jinping has called for greater use of technology and the deployment of a "smart system" for border defence to meet "new opportunities and challenges", amidst Beijing's unresolved land and maritime territorial disputes with its neighbours. The instructions were made

during a group study session on Tuesday attended by the Communist Party's 24-member Politburo, its top policymaking

Xi highlighted the need to "strengthen technological empowerment" in border defence, "enhance the development of new methods and conditions for border, maritime, and air defence, and build a comprehensive and smart management and control system," Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported on Thursday. This aligns with Xi's repeated

calls to improve the use of advanced technology in the armed forces to meet modernisation goals by 2027 and achieve the goal of building a world-class military by 2050. Tuesday's meeting lacked details about what the "smart" systems would entail, the Post report said. However, an article published

last year in the PLA Daily, the official newspaper of the People's Liberation Army, said



technological advancements for border defence included modernised reconnaissance, surveillance, and early warning networks for efficient monitor ing, as well as unmanned weapons incorporating AI.

Xi called for efforts to build a "strong, stable, and modern" border defence, as well as air and sea defence, to safeguard the country's national security and interests. "As the world undergoes a cen-

tury of accelerating changes, the influencing factors have become increasingly complex. The construction of border, maritime, and air defence faces new opportunities and challenges," Xi said.

China is facing tensions on multiple fronts, including the military standoff with India in eastern Ladakh since May 2020 after Chinese troops aggressively moved closer to the LAC. Since then the two sides have

so far held 21 rounds of Corps Commander-level talks to resolve the standoff. The two sides so far agreed to disengage from four points, namely the Galwan Valley, the Pangong Lake, Hot Springs, and Jianan Daban (Gogra) in eastern

India is pressing the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to disengage from the Depsang and Demchok areas, maintaining that there cannot be the

relations with China as long as the state of the borders remains abnormal.

On Wednesday, India and

China held a Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) in New Delhi.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the two sides reviewed the current situation along the LAC with a view to finding an early resolution of the outstanding issues. In the South China Sea, China has ongoing territorial disputes with the Philippines, and in the East China Sea, it is at odds with Japan over the con-tested Diaoyu Islands, known in Japan as the Senkaku Islands. Xi called for strengthened "overall coordination" to secure the borders, according to state news agency Xinhua.

Xi said on Tuesday that managing China's border defence involved multiple military and civilian departments. He called for "combined" efforts by the military, police, civilians and local governments.

He praised the achievements of recent reforms in border defence management systems, force structure and national defence policies, adding that "a series of significant actions have been carried out to effectively safeguard our territorial sovereignty and maritime rights," the Post report said.

British journalist deported from Pak after seeking meeting with Imran Khan in jail

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

British-73-vear-old American author and journalist, who sought an interview with Pakistan's iailed former premier Imran Khan, has been deported after his tourist visa was revoked, a media report said on Thursday.

Charles Glass, an author, journalist, broadcaster, and publisher who specialises in the Middle East, was told by law enforcement agencies on Wednesday that his visa had been cancelled and he had five hours to leave the country, the Dawn newspaper reported.

Glass has served pro-minent media organisations such as Newsweek, ABC TV, and The Tele-graph, among others, and currently works as a freelance journalist. He had been trying to secure a meeting with Khan. Sources told the paper that

Glass, who was recently spotted outside Adiala jail in Rawalpindi alongside Khan's sister Aleema, was at the residence of Islamabad-based senior journalist Zahid Hussain when they were visited by a large police contingent. Around noon on Wednesday,

a team led by an assistant superintendent of police (ASP) arrived, initially saying they wanted to meet the foreign They then informed Glass that his visa had been cancelled,

After arguing for nearly an hour, the ASP reportedly told the journalist he had to leave the country by 5 pm. "Mr Glass wondered how he

would secure a flight and said his luggage is still at [his lodg-ings]. The ASP offered to accompany him to the hotel to collect his luggage and informed him that there was a

flight to Abu Dhabi available at 4 pm, which he should take to leave the country. The ASP said he had a clear order to deport the journalist," the paper quoted sources as saying.

Sources said that Glass was ini-

tially taken to his lodgings to collect his luggage, and then deported to the Middle East. Shahzad Akbar, a former aide of ex-PM Imran Khan, also mentioned the incident on social media. ' 'There are reports of the deportation of British journalist Charles Glass who was visiting Pakistan to see @ImranKhanPTI at Adiala prison," he wrote on X, former-Twitter. Sources said that Glass had been trying to secure an interview with Khan, the founder of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, and it was possible that his tourist

visa was cancelled because of

Rainfall breaks 44-year record in Lahore

Lahore (PTI): Monsoon rains on Thursday broke the 44-year record for maximum rainfall in a day for Lahore, flooding streets, homes, and even public hospitals in the capital city of Pakistan's Punjab province, which also killed three persons, officials said. More rains are forecast for a few days and the authorities have warned of moderate to high flooding in Ihelum river at Mangla.

According to the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) spokesperson Mazhar Hussain, the 44year record for maximum rainfall in a day during monsoon was broken on Thursday with maximum rainfall — 337 millimetres — recorded at the Lahore airport area. The Pakistan Meteorological

Department (PMD) said, Strong monsoon currents from the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal are expected to bring torrential rains to upper parts of the country from August 1 to 6, with intermit tent breaks.

"Rain flooded streets, homes, and even public hospitals, dis-rupting electricity supply across Lahore. Around 300 feeders have tripped in the city. Three people were killed in rain-related incidents in the city," officials said.

Flight operations in Lahore too were suspended for several hours due to heavy rains. Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has directed the officials concerned to remain in the field 24/7 to drain out rainwater-inundated

The PDMA said water levels in rivers, dams and streams are rising due to the monsoon rains. "Moderate to high-level flooding in the river Jhelum at Mangla from August 1 to 4 can be witnessed," it said.

China sanctions US lawmaker for 'interference' in domestic affairs

AP ■ BANGKOK

Thina has sanctioned a United States lawmaker for "frequently interfering" in China's domestic affairs, in its latest effort to express displeasure with US politicians who have criticised China's policy and practice.

The sanction against Rep Jim McGovern, a Democratic congressman from Massachusetts. is symbolic, since the congressman has no assets in China or business dealings there. The sanction includes freezing his assets and properties in China, prohibiting any organization or individual in China from conducting transactions or working with him, and denying him and his family a visa to enter the country, according to a statement from China's Ministry of Foreign

Singapore Airlines resumes

dent, SIA tightened its in-flight

turbulence response proce-

dures as a precautionary mea-

sure. The safety time-out

implemented was to allow the

airline time to "thoroughly

review" its turbulence manage-

ment protocols, SIA said in its

X, McGovern called the sanctions "absurd" and said he would wear his "as a badge of honour.' "If (Chinese) leaders don't like

On the social media platform

it when people speak out against their horrific human rights record, maybe they should improve their horrific human rights record," McGovern wrote on X. "They can start by ending their oppression of Tibetans, ending their genocide in Xinjiang, and ending their crackdown on democracy in Hong Kong." McGovern is the ranking member of the House Committee on Rules, and he co-chairs the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. He also is a member of the Congressional-Executive

Commission on China, which

focuses on China's human

rights record.

tioned a number of US lawmakers, former Trump administration officials, and companies. It sanctioned Rep. Michael McCaul, also chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and former Rep. Michael Gallagher over their support for Taiwan, a self-governed democracy that China claims as its own. In 2020 it sanctioned Rep Chris Smith and several US senators, including Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz. McGovern and McCaul, along with two senators, last year introduced bicameral legislation calling for stronger US support for Tibet, a region in China where human rights groups have criticized authorities for the treatment of ethnic Tibetans. Congress approved the bill in June, and President Joe Biden

Beijing has previously sanc-

Russia launches biggest arone barrage in seven months

Kyiv (AP): Ukrainian forces shot down all 89 Shahed drones launched by Russia in a nighttime attack on the country Ukraine's air force said Wednesday, in what was one of the largest drone barrages this year. No damage or injuries were immediately reported in the bombardment, which mostly targeted the region of Kyiv, the capital. Russia used the same number of Shahed drones in a Jan. 1 attack, an air force statement said. Both Ukraine and Russia have relied extensively on explosive drones during the war and have scrambled to come up with more countermeasures. The Russian drones are being shot down by Ukraine's Soviet-era aircraft, according to Anatolii Khrapchynskyi, an aviation expert in Kyiv. "The air force is using electronic jamming against the drones' GPS which forces the drones to fly at a higher altitude, which then makes it easier for Ukrainian aircraft to strike them down, he told The Associated Press



In this photo released by the Telegram channel of the head of Nizhny Tagil Vladislav Pinyaev on Thursday, August 1, 2024 Russian Emergency Ministry workers are seen near a multi-storey building partially collapsed presumably due to gas explosion in Nizhny Tagil, 1400km (870mi) east from Moscow, Sverdlovsk region, Russia. Three people have reportedly been rescued from under the rubble, information about the victims is being clarified

S Korea offers humanitarian

AP ■ SEOUL

 $S \ \, \text{outh Korea on Thursday} \\ offered to send aid supplies \\ to North Korea to help the$ South's expansion of comsupplies to address the

"humanitarian difficulties"

facing North Korean residents following the recent storms. The ministry in a statement urged North Korea's Red Cross to promptly respond to its calls for discussions to determine the types and amounts of South Korean supplies and how to deliver

ately respond to the South's

North Korean state media said Wednesday that recent heavy rains left 4,100 houses, 7,410 acres of agricultural fields and numerous other public buildings, structures, roads and railways flooded in the northwestern city of Sinuiju and the neighboring town of Uiju.

details about casualties.

crew have undergone additional refresher courses over

the last four weeks.

The courses covered topics such as recognising and handling risks associated with turbulence, assisting passengers during such instances and how to maintain safety throughout the flight. The airline has also introduced periodic reminders to its passengers via its in-flight entertainment system screens to reinforce the importance of keeping seat belts fastened while seated. "Customers should always follow the instructions of our pilots and cabin crew, and keep their seat belts fastened while seated at all times," the Channel News Asia quoted the spokesperson as saying. Safety of passengers and staff remains SIA's top priority, said the airline.

UK family docs vote to limit services to patients in row

signed it into law in July.

OVER funding
London (AP): Family doctors in
England have voted to limit the
number of patients they see and
refuse extra work to protest a
""." "broken" funding model, their union said on Thursday. The British Medical Association said 98.3 per cent of the 8,500 general practitioners who voted backed the work-to-rule action, which falls just short of a strike.

The open-ended action is due to start immediately.

The state-funded National Health Service said doctors' offices would remain open and the impact would vary from place to place. The union described the collective action as "an act of desperation." It said a new contract between doctors and the government, which will see services given a 1.9 per cent funding increase for 2024-25.

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NOTICE Notice is hereby given that 23rd Annual Representative General Body Meeting (RGB) of National Yuva Cooperative Society Limited will be held on 25th August, 2024 at 10:00 am at Nationa

All the Members of the RGB and Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies are requested to participate in the meeting

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Detailed agenda of the meeting can be viewed in the website www.nycsindia.com

Date: 02nd August 2024 Place: New Delhi Prakash Chandra Sahu

mostly young people poured onto the streets across Nigeria on Thursday as they protested against the country's worst costof-living crisis in a generation. Security forces fired tear gas to disperse protesters in several

Abuja (Nigeria): Thousands of

În Abuja, where a court granted an order late Wednesday to restrict the protest to a stadium, Nigerian police officers were seen firing tear gas to disperse a crowd of protesters that gathered a few kilometers (miles) from the Presidential Villa. The police also fired tear gas at

protesters in Bauchi and Borno

states in the conflict-battered

northeast. It was not immediately clear if security forces made any arrests. Nigeria's public officials, fre-

Police fire tear gas as protests break out in Nigeria

quently accused of corruption, are among the best paid in Africa, a stark contrast in a country that, despite being one of the continent's top oil producers, also has some of the world's poorest and hungriest people.

Roads were blocked in parts of the country by either placardcarrying protesters or armed security forces, who were deployed overnight after days of mobilization for protests against the government of Nigerian President Bola Tinubu. Some

groups also staged protests in support of the Nigerian leader. Rights groups and activists had raised concerns about a possible clampdown on the protests. Comments in recent days suggest "a troubling readiness to stifle dissent, heightening fears of a violent crackdown," the international rights group Human Rights Watch said. Many businesses across the country were also shut on Thursday amid fears the protests could be a replay of the deadly 2020 demonstrations

against police brutality in the

West African nation — or a wave of violence similar to last

month's protests in Kenya,

where a tax hike led to chaos in the capital, Nairobi. Though originally planned for 10 days, Omoyele Sowore, a former presidential aspirant and one of the protect organizers said they the protest organizers, said they won't back down until their demands are met. The protesters said they are also aggrieved over the country's

deadly security crises in the conflict-battered north, which Tinubu had promised to end when he was campaigning for president. Fourteen months into office, the country's security and economic crises have persisted, and even worsened in some instances, official statistics

standard inflight services pend or continue with the inflight service when the seat belt sign is switched on, depending on their assessment of weather and operational conditions,

Singapore Airlines (SIA) on Thursday resumed its stan-dard in-flight service proce-dures following adjustments made in the wake of the inflight the spokesperson added. Hot beverages, including soup, turbulence incident in May that hit flight SQ321 badly, will not be served when the seat belt sign is on. Shortly after the SQ321 inci-

leaving one passenger dead and several others injured. The airline had stopped serving meals when the seatbelt sign was turned on as part of a more cautious approach after the incident during the London-Singapore flight on May 21.

"SIÁ flights will end its safety time-out and revert to standard in-flight service procedures from Aug 1, 2024, 0001hrs, Singapore time," said an SIA spokesperson in a statement on Thursday. SIA's pilots will continue to decide to either sus-

We have verified that SIA's turbulence management protocols are in line with the industry's best practices and safety protocols," said SIA. "To reinforce these procedures among our staff, all our pilots and cabin

statement.

aid to flood-affected North

country recover from heavy rains and floods that submerged thousands of homes and huge swaths of farmland. and huge swaths of farmiand. It's unclear whether North Korea would accept South Korea's proposal for help. Animosity between the wardivided rivals is at its highest in years over the North's growing nuclear ambitions and the South's expansion of combined military exercises with the United States and Japan to counter the North's threats. South Korea's Unification Ministry, which handles inter-Korean affairs, said the South was willing to swiftly provide

North Korea didn't immedi-

The North has not reported

Sensex rises for 5th day

Nifty scales historic 25K mount on US Fed rate cut hopes

enchmark advanced 126 points to close at an all-time high while broader Nifty scaled the historic 25,000 mount for the first time in a volatile trade on Thursday following gains in banking and oil shares as the US Federal Reserve hinted at a rate cut by September.

Extending its winning run to the fifth day in a row amid weak global trends, the 30share Sensex climbed 126.21 points or 0.15 per cent to settle at a new lifetime high of 81,867.55. The index opened higher and rallied 388.15 points, or 0.47 per cent, to hit an all-time intra-day high of 82,129.49 in the morning

The NSE Nifty rose 59.75 points or 0.24 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 25,010.90. Intraday, it scaled the record 25,000 level for the first time, rising 127.15 points, or 0.50 per cent, to 25,078.30. From the Sensex stocks, Power Grid, NTPC, HDFC Bank, Nestle India, Adani Ports and



Economic Zone, Maruti Suzuki India and Reliance Industries were the major gainers.

In contrast, Mahindra and Mahindra, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finserv, State Bank of India, Larsen & Toubro and Tata Motors were the laggards.

"The benchmarks started positive taking cues from the global market following the Fed Chair's indication that a rate cut might be considered at the September meeting due to easing inflationary pressures.

"However, the broader market closed on a negative bias due to escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East leading to rising crude oil prices," Vinod Nair. Head of Research at

Geojit Financial Services, said.

The BSE smallcap gauge fell 0.70 per cent and MidCap by

0.80 per cent in the broader

market. During the day, BSE

MidCap hit its all-time high

level. Among the indices,

utilities zoomed by 2.04 per

cent, power by 0.86 per cent, energy by 0.80 per cent, oil &

gas by 0.59 per cent and metal by 0.35 per cent. Realty, capital industrials, telecommunication, consumer discretionary were

among the laggards. "Indian

equity indices rose for the fifth

consecutive session. Indian markets opened higher on the back of positive cues from US markets where FOMC Chair Jerome Powell said a cut as early as September was a possibility," Devarsh Vakil, Deputy Head Retail Research of HDFC Securities, said. Maruti Suzuki India shares settled 1 per cent higher after the homegrown automobile major reported a 47 per cent jump in net profit to Rs 3,650 crore for the June quarter. During the day, the stock hit a 52-week high on the bourse. Shares of Omaxe declined 5 per cent -- its lower circuit limit -- in the second straight day following Sebi restrictions on the realty firm, its Chairman, the MD, and three others from the securities

market for two years for

misrepresenting the company's

Strategic reforms needed to enhance India's appeal to global investors, attract FDI: GTRI

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Strategic reforms are needed to enhance India's appeal to global investors as despite having huge potential, FDI data shows that the country has not fully capitalised on its opportunities, think tank GTRI said on Thursday.

Suggesting a four-step plan, the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said that measures which can help India position itself as a leading choice for foreign investors include reducing cost disadvantages for companies relocating to India, improving the Ease of Doing Business throughout the business lifecycle, and establishing a framework for evaluating investment proposals.

India attracted USD 44.4 billion in FDI (foreign direct investment) in FY2024, which is only 1.1 per cent of its GDP. country lagged significantly behind countries like China (USD 189.1 billion), Brazil (USD 86.1 billion), Australia (USD 61.6 billion), and Canada (USD

Billion) as noted in the World Development Report 2023, it

It suggested that India must offer a more competitive cost structure to attract businesses shifting from China or considering alternative production locations.

For this, India needs to address the four cost-related components - labour, rate material, energy and financial

"In India, raw material costs are higher for non-traditional productions due to import dependence and high tariffs. China benefits from lower

costs due to large-scale local production and efficient supply chains, while Vietnam offers competitive costs with low or zero tariffs on imports," GTRI Founder Ajay

Srivastava said.

He said that the financial costs in India are the highest, with lending rates around 9-10 per cent, while China enjoys lower interest rates at 4-5 per cent, and Vietnam's rates are moderate at 7-8 per

"India needs to address these costs and strive to be the most cost-effective

To further improve the ease of doing business, the GTRI suggested the identification of priority sectors, particularly where manufacturing and export capabilities are currently weak, such as Electronics, computers, telecom, precision equipment, and factory machinery.

Secondly, invite top global manufacturers. These firms can drive technological innovation and improve productivity across sectors. Additionally, there is a need to ensure quick factory-toship movement. Improving

logistics through dedicated freight corridors and strategically industrial zones near ports will streamline port and customs processes, facilitating faster shipments," it added. Recommending to create a framework for evaluating investment proposals, it said

investments technology transfer must be assessed for their potential to enhance local technological capabilities, especially in high-tech areas where India aims to close gaps

Domestic travel operators to see 15-17% revenue growth this fiscal: Crisil Ratings

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 R^{ising} domestic tourism and increasing propensity to travel overseas will expand the revenue of India's tour and travel operators by 15-17 per cent this fiscal, Crisil Ratings said on Thursday.

Factors like improving infrastructure, rising disposable incomes, a behavioural shift in travel patterns, and the government's increasing focus on boosting domestic tourism will further support the sector's revenue growth.

The assessment was based on an analysis of the country's four major travel operators, who account for about 60 per cent of the sector's revenue.

"The credit profiles of travel operators, too, are expected to remain healthy supported by strong balance sheets and steady operating margins of 6.5-7 per cent, in line with last fiscal, resulting in sizeable cash flows and continuing low reliance on debt," Crisil Ratings stated. In the domestic tourism market, growth is being fuelled by 'micro holidays' (e.G., quick getaways or staycations over long weekends), growing spiritual tourism, and better infrastructure (improved lastmile connectivity) facilitating travel to

newer destinations. An increase in inbound travel (foreign and high demand from the corporate MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) segments are also supporting domestic travel, the



rating agency said.

For overseas leisure travel, growth is being led by higher disposable incomes, visa-free facilities from 37 countries, simplified visa processes, including visaon-arrival and e-visa facilities, among others, and easing visa-related challenges related to long-haul destinations.

In addition, attractive travel packages and increased focus of Indian airlines on central Asia are spurring international trips, driving outbound travel to a record high this calendar year, it said. Poonam Upadhyay, Director at CRISIL

Ratings Ltd, observed that the trend of 'revenge travel' seen after the pandemic has evolved into 'regularised travel' in recent years with a significant shift towards shorter and frequent vacations, for both domestic and overseas trips.

'Moreover, growing middle-class rising urbanisation, aspirations, affordable packages, steadily increasing income levels, and the government's focus on boosting Indian tourism will tour and travel sector. This will, in turn, ensure healthy double-digit revenue growth for travel operators this fiscal as well," Upadhyay stated.

Sebi fines JM Financial Asset Management, former CEO, others for flouting rules

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Sebi has imposed penalty totalling Rs 2 crore on seven entities, including JM Financial Asset Management Ltd, its trustee and its former CEO Bhanu Katoch, for flouting regulatory norms. The fine needs to be paid within 45 days, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in its order. Individually, a fine of Rs 25

lakh was levied on JM Financial Asset Management, Rs 10 lakh on JM Financial Trustee Company, Rs 1.1 crore on Bhanu Katoch, Rs 17 lakh on his mother Swarn Lata Katoch and Rs 8 lakh on his wife Sharika Kher.

Additionally, the regulator slapped a fine of Rs 22 lakh on Deepen Doshi, who was head of institutional sales at JM Financial Asset Management during the violation, and Rs 9 lakh on his mother Aruna

In its order, Sebi noted that these five persons invested in Head of Institutional Sales, certain JM Financial Mutual respectively, during the defaulted Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) securities before the change, using



unpublished information. This was considered unfair trading.

Additionally, investments were made informing before unit violating holders, regulations and the AMC's policy on employee investments Through this act, these five

persons made a notional gain of over Rs 1 crore collectively. The Noticee Nos. 1 (Bhanu Katoch) and 4 held (Deepen Doshi) important positions as Chief Executive Officer and of their positions, they were privy to non-public material information regarding the impending sale of defaulted securities of DHFL.

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"However, Noticee Nos. 1 and

4 by putting their interests

interests

unitholders, have misused their positions and taken undue benefits out of the same," Sebi said in its 86-page order passed on Wednesday. Further, the regulator said that JM Financial Asset Management and Financial Trustee Company were responsible for promptly and accurately informing all unit holders about the schemes' general affairs, including the reasons for the NAV increase, but failed to do

Sebi said that JM Financial Asset Management and JM Financial Trustee Company abdicate

responsibility of disclosing to the investors at large by merely averring that the sale of defaulted securities had a positive impact on the net asset value (NAV).
"No doubt Noticee Nos. 6 (JM

Financial Asset Management) and 7 (JM Financial Trustee Company) had disclosed relevant information in the annual report for FY 2020-21 regarding the sale of defaulted securities, but the fact remains that the said annual report was issued on April 10, 2021, i.E. Almost nine months after the sale of defaulted securities," Sebi added.

The order came after Sebi received a news article in July 2020, reporting an unusual 19.9 per cent increase in the Net Asset Value (NAV) of JM Low Duration Fund and other debt funds. This jump was mainly due to the sale of defaulted securities from DHFL, which had matured in 2019.

A Sebi circular dated June 23, 2020, allowed transactions in such matured downgraded Since these securities had a 'Nil' valuation, their sale value was entirely considered a gain, causing the NAV to rise.

Nasscom bats for Infosys, says ₹32k cr GST notice shows lack of understanding of industry model

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Apex IT association Nasscom on Thursday came out in support of Infosys -- which is facing a Rs 32,403 crore GST notice, saying that the move reflected a lack of understanding of the industry's operating model.

Flagging the issue of the applicability of GST through the reverse charge mechanism (RCM), Nasscom rued that multiple companies are facing avoidable litigation, uncertainty, and concerns from investors and customers.

"Recent media reports of a GST demand of over Rs 320 billion (Rs 32,403 crore) reflects a lack of understanding of the industry's operating model," Nasscom said in a statement, without naming Infosys.

The leading industry body asserted that it is crucial that compliance obligations are not subject to multiple interpreta-

Accelerating services exports is key to India's ambition of 'Viksit Bharat' and for attracting global tech investment to India, it added.

PTI ■ CHENNAI The domestic food market I was expected to grow by over 47 per cent between 2022 and 2027 and expected to touch USD 1,274 billion, a top industry official said. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Foodpro Expo 2024 Chairman B Thiagarajan said the food processing sector "This requires a supportive policy environment and ease of

ease of doing business," it said.

GST authorities have slapped a

Rs 32,403 crore notice on

Infosys for services availed by

the company from its overseas

branches for five years starting

Infosys has called the notice a

'pre-show cause' notice and

said that it believes the GST is

not applicable to these expens-

The Bengaluru-headquartered

IT firm on Wednesday said

Karnataka State GST authori-

ties have issued a pre-show

cause notice for payment of

GST of Rs 32,403 crore for the

period July 2017 to March

2022 towards the expenses

incurred by overseas branch

offices of Infosys Limited and

added that the company has

responded to the pre-show

cause notice.

was growing at an average annual growth rate of 5.35 per cent between 2015-16 to 2022-23. doing business. The govern-"In 2022-23, the sector accountment circulars issued based on recommendations of the GST ed for 7.66 per cent of the GVA (Gross Value Added) in manu-Council must be honoured in enforcement mechanisms so facturing at 2011-12 prices," that notices do not create Thiagarajan, also the Managing Director of air-conditioners and uncertainty and negatively commercial refrigerators maker impact perceptions on India's

Domestic food

market expected

to grow at 47%

till 2027: Official

release on Thursday. "In terms of employment, the sector employs almost 2 million workers in nearly 41,500 registered units. With a market size of USD 866 billion in 2022, the food industry will play a vital role in the economy growth. CII Tamil Nadu Chairman

Blue Star Ltd said in a press

Srivats Ram said currently India is the largest producer of milk, pulses, banana, mango, pomegranate, papaya, lemon, non-food crops like cotton and jute.

During 2023-24, India produced 304.4 million tonnes of cereals, 296 million tonnes of pulses, 351.9 million tonnes of horticulture, 230.6 million tonne of milk and 138.4 billion eggs, Ram also the Managing Director of steel wheels manufacturer Wheels India Ltd said.

India's manufacturing sector growth eases slightly in July

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Tndia's manufacturing sector Igrowth eased slightly in July, on softer increases in new orders and output, while cost pressures and demand strength led to the steepest increase in selling prices since October 2013, a monthly survey said on Thursday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) moderated slightly from 58.3 in June to 58.1 in July. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

headline "India's manufacturing PMI showed a marginal slowdown in the pace of expansion in July, but with most components remaining at robust levels, the small drop is no cause for concern," Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Économist at HSBC, said.

Despite slowing since June, Indian manufacturers reported a substantial increase in new work intakes. There were also reports of strengthening demand from clients based in Asia, Europe, North America and the Indian Middle East, manufacturers experienced a robust increase international sales during

The overall rate of expansion was marked and the secondstrongest in over 13 years, the survey said.

On the price front, buoyant demand also exerted pressure on prices. Input costs rose at one of the quickest rates in nearly two years, which contributed to the steepest increase in selling prices since October 2013.

manufacturers Indian reported having paid more for coal, leather, packaging, paper, rubber and steel, as per the survey.

The continuous increase in the output price index, driven by input and labour cost pressure, may signal further inflationary pressure in the economy," Bhandari noted.

The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent in the June meeting as sticky food inflation continues to keep retail inflation high. The monetary announcement is scheduled for August 8.

Going ahead, the survey further noted that the overall level of positive sentiment towards the year-ahead outlook for production was broadly unchanged since June. Growth is expected to be supported by marketing efforts and new client enquiries, it said.

Chandrayaan-3 success encouraged startups to tap space sector: Nambi

The historic success of ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 mission to the Moon has captured the attention of several startups to tap the Indian space sector, said former ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan.

Tamil Nadu Minister for

Industries TRB Rajaa said the achievements scientists and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) should be celebrated. Rajaa and former ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan took part in the launch of space accelerator technology "Vaanam" (Tamil word meaning sky) backed by its co-founders Sameer Bharat Hariharan Ram and Vedamurthy, on Wednesday. The space tech aims to nurture startups in the space sector by offering its expertise including seed fundings among others. "We are evaluating about 6 startups this year (to offer its expertise)", Ram said. According to him, the Indian space economy pegged at ÚSD 13 billion is expected to touch USD 44 billion in 10 years. Ram said Nambi Narayanan and actor Madhavan, who played the role of Narayanan himself, in multilingual 'Rocketry', have been inducted into the Board of Vaanam Tech accelerator. Narayanan in a 'Fireside Chat' organised at the event observed that though there



technology, 'majority' of them were engaged in what ISRO did 50 years ago.

"Why do you want to do something that ISRO did 50 years ago? You need to do what ISRO needs today and in that you will be able to compete globally, particularly with other countries." he said. Narayanan expressed his long-term desire to set up an Aeronautics Agency (AASA) comprising Asian countries, in line with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the United States. 'You may induct countries like Maldives, Mayanmar if they are interested (to set up the Asian Space Agency)" he said. Welcoming Narayanan's view, Rajaa remarked that the achievements of ISRO and space scientists should be celebrated and showcased to the world.

"We need to celebrate these victories, instead showcasing it as just one event. Achievements of ISRO and space scientists like Narayanan should be told (to are about 189 startups in space the world)" he said.

in the presence of startups engaged in the space sector while the majority of such startups were based out of Bengaluru, Narayanan said academic institutions should forge a partnership with agencies like ISRO to foster education on technology to students. He said it was the Princeton university that forged a partnership with NASA to tap the space sector allowing students to explore the opportunities in space tech. We need to tell kids, schools about space technology. It should be taken into the curriculum," he said and opined that a space exploration facility be set up to encourage kids.

Chennai holds third position

"Maybe, the space exploration facility can accommodate about 100 students who will get an opportunity to see and feel how it will be in space and how other planets look from Earth. It may be like a simulation. This will encourage them ", Narayanan

GEETA CHANDRAN'S ARTISTIC LEGACY

Padma Shri awardee **GEETA CHANDRAN**, honored with the NRITYA CHOODAMANI, celebrates 50 years of transformative work in Bharatanatyam, underscoring her lasting impact on classical dance and cultural dialogue, says SAKSHI PRIYA

ongratulations on being conferred the NRITYA CHOODAMANI Reflecting on your 50-year journey in Bharatanatyam, how do you perceive this honour in the context of your career and contributions to classical dance?

Every award is a reminder that the work must continue. But, frankly, after a while, the awards truly cease to matter. One's perspective changes. What is truly exciting is that the body and the mind are so aligned that one can dance only for oneself. That is the most exciting frontier. Everything else feels superficial.

You have received numerous prestigious awards over your career, including the Padma Shri and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. How does the NRITYA CHOODAMANI title compare to these other honours in terms of its significance to you?

The Krishna Gana Sabha is an extremely prestigious dance forum in Chennai. An honour from that Sabha is very significant. In fact, for a Bharatanatyam dancer who has crafted my dance journey completely outside Chennai considered the mecca of Bharatanatyam, this is a nod from that citadel. So, I value it.

Your journey in Bharatanatyam began 50 years ago with your arangetram. Can you share some of the most pivotal moments and challenges you faced during these five decades?

Dance is probably the most fragile of artistic pursuits. That is because its instrument is the body and to keep that tuned constantly in pitch condition is an extremely arduous and daily task. Taming the body constantly for fifty years has been challenge Number 1. The next challenge has been to add layers to the knowledge gained from some of the most wonderful Gurus of those decades. And finally, the search for one's own artistic voice and to keep it sane without compromises has been a wonderful path of self-realization.

As the Founder-President of NATYA VRIKSHA, you have nurtured many young artists. How has your philosophy of holistic dance education evolved over the years and what core values do you emphasise in your teachings?

Dance as movement is only a fraction of my vision of dance. At Natya Vriksha, I have experimented with Bharatanatyam as a 'force multiplier' for the widest range of classical dance



issues that have engaged my focus: exploring linkages between body and mind; forging relationships between solo dancing, group dancing and choreography; actualising the connects between the artist and society; and using dance as a medium for expressing abstract notions of Joy, Beauty, Values, Aspirations, Mythology and Spirituality.

NATYA VRIKSHA's vision statement seeks to probe the continuing relevance of classical tradition in a world of changing values. It showcases the aesthetics of Bharatanatyam and its history, how the tenets of the dance can be employed as a means of communicating issues contemporary concern, even while exploring linkages between history and continuity, between external body and internal mind-space, between yesterday and tomorrow, between artist and audience.....between roots and wings.

You are celebrated for your dynamic performances that promote societal dialogue and inclusivity. Could you elaborate on how you choose themes and choreograph pieces that transcend linguistic and cultural

My engagement with contemporary issues led me to create a unique

format which I call performancedialogue through which I raise contemporary issues through my classical performances. Previous works like HER VOICE and IMAGINING PEACE raised issues of the meaninglessness of violence. KAIKEYI spoke about stigma and villainization. MYTHOLOGIES RETOLD addressed the issue of female foeticide. ANEKANTA highlighted the Indian Constitution's vision of an inclusive society. And GANDHI: WARP AND WEFT was a reminder of Gandhian values and choices. SIMHIKA: DAUGHTER OF THE FOREST highlighted the need for justice and rights for forest tribals. JAYATU BHARATAM celebrated 75 years of India's independence.

All these choreographies articulated my conviction that dance can be a vehicle to build social bridges and erase social stigma, amplify gender issues and raise awareness on making sustainable environmental choices. I am currently absorbed with creating a new work that looks at new dimensions of women and conflict.

Preserving and promoting Bharatanatyam is a significant part of your legacy. What specific initiatives or projects have you

championed to ensure the art form's relevance and vibrancy in today's

At NATYA VRIKSHA, I aim to make youth aware of the immense potential of Bharatanatyam to become a live voyage of learning; make them comprehend the complex; interlinkages between the classical dance tradition and its strict grammar with other disciplines: Philosophy, Ritual, Religion, Myths, Ancient texts, Poetry, Literature, Art (Painting and Sculpture), Cultural Studies, Yoga, Handicrafts & Handlooms and Beauty & Aesthetics.

Towards this end, I have evolved a holistic method of transmitting classical dance; an approach that encompasses training students both in dance (theory and practice) and dance aesthetics. They are also made aware of the related fields of music, aharya (costuming & make-up), stage design and sound & light technologies. The aim is to use Bharatanatyam as a tool to wider knowledge, spiritual and physical empowerment

Balancing multiple roles as a dancer, choreographer, Carnatic vocalist and media personality is no small feat. How do you integrate these diverse aspects of your artistic identity into a cohesive whole?

There is no master plan; just efficient management of time to do all these things that I truly enjoy and that imbue my being with meaning.

Curating dance at the Serendipity Arts Festival must be a unique experience. How has this role influenced your perspective on contemporary and traditional art forms and how do you see them converging?

Serendipity has made me focus on young audiences and their expectations of performance. And what joy it is to see that GenZZZ can equally engage and enjoy the pristine classical and the contemporary and also the experimental. Curating that dizzy mix has brought me in touch with artists from across the spectrum all over India. South Asia and

What legacy do you hope to leave behind in the world of Bharatanatyam and classical dance, both through your performances and your work with students and the broader community?

I don't yearn for any legacy. The only legacy is constant sweat. If you can do that every single day of your life, you can become a dancer. Everyone else remains an amateur.

A New Path to Inspire

ADAH SHARMA makes her singing debut with a powerful rendition of the Shiv Tandav Stotram, showcasing a profound connection to both devotion and artistic expression. In a conversation with TEAM VIVA, Sharma reveals her intent to inspire others through her music.

dah, your recent singing debut with Athe Shiv Tandav Stotram has captivated many. What inspired you to choose the Shiv Tandav Stotram for your singing debut?

As an actor I meet so many people who say they saw me do something and got inspired to do it themselves. So I thought this would be nice to inspire people. Also we made this version a version that has a lot of beats so you feel energised when you listen to it.

Can you describe the emotions you felt while chanting the Shiv Tandav Stotram live in a temple and how that experience influenced your recorded performance?

I had shared a version during the lockdown which I sang live in my home and then in a temple last year. Whenever I went for any public appearances people would ask me to chant it. So I thought it would be nice to do a studio recorded version. Chanting the Shiv tandav makes me feel focused, strong , energetic and the empowered feeling that all evil will be destroyed.

The video of your live chanting at an event went viral and received widespread acclaim and is trending on instagram since the release. How did that response impact you and did it motivate you to pursue more singing opportunities?

I did this especially for the audience so them enjoying it feels very special. I sing anyway, always. There's always music going on in my head. I've got singing offers before but I thought the first one should be something from me directly to the audience So I decided to release it on my own YouTube channel.

How do you balance your acting career with your newfound interest in singing and do you have plans to explore more musical projects in the future?

I like doing multiple things I enjoy. But I don't know how to plan for the future. I enjoy living in the present and working on becoming a better actor, dancer, singer everyday. I believe opportunities will come if they are meant to.

What was the most challenging part of performing the Shiv Tandav Stotram and how did you overcome those challenges? For the video I wanted to stand in the middle

of the ocean on a rock. I practice meditation on one foot everyday to increase focus. On the day we decided to shoot it was very sunny and breezy and hot. So that was tough. But somehow the strength just came to push through and I didn't feel like it was a

How did you approach the task of capturing the essence and energy of the Shiv Tandav Stotram in both your live and recorded performances.

With honesty always, as I do everything in life. I don't know any other way.

Given the positive reception of your live chanting performance, do you plan to incorporate more live chanting or musical elements into your public appearances? I haven't actually planned anything. We

thought we would do a launch but I'm shooting for two big projects and the role in one of them I think is the toughest I've played. So even on days off in preparation. We just put the song out on YouTube and Instagram , no ads, no publicity. But in today's time I think the audience is the best

What message or feeling do you hope to convey to your audience through your rendition of the Shiv Tandav Stotram and how do you feel it aligns with your overall artistic expression?

I am one of those very fortunate actors, I get the opportunity to play different roles because the audience accepts me in them. Just after the Kerala story where I played an innocent college girl I played an evil bar dancer in Sunflower season 2 and then I did Bastar where I was a soldier fighting for my country. My upcoming projects also have me being different people. On social media I am myself which is so different from all these characters. The audience doesn't allow me to get typecast. I'm very very lucky.



Experience the artistic vision and creative journey of Amitava and Mohan Samant. Their exhibitions remind us that art goes beyond just being a collection of works, it becomes a dialogue between the past, present and future, writes TEAM VIVA

The Kiran Nadar Museum of Art engagement with materials, ranging I in New Delhi has hosted two from graphite, ink and watercolor remarkable exhibitions that explore to acrylics and burnt marks. His the creative journeys of Amitava artworks resisted straightforward and Mohan Samant. These narratives, inviting viewers to exhibitions, titled "If We Knew the interpret the complex themes and Point" and "Magic in the Square," emotions embedded within each provided a fascinating look into the world of Indian modern art Central to Amitava's work was the through the eyes of two artists color black, used not merely as a whose works are both unique and tone but as a gateway to deeper deeply interconnected. The introspection. Black served as a museum presented over 150 works by Amitava and a diverse range of themes and reflected the pieces by Mohan Samant, tumultuous showcasing how each artist has contributed shaping to contemporary Indian art.

Amitava's "If We Knew the Point" was an introspective exploration of his internal landscape, brought to patterns life through a variety of mediums hinting at and techniques. The exhibition title underlying itself hinted at a philosophical c h a o s journey, with the "point" referring to the elusive meaning or direction approach struck a

canvas for exploring socio-political realities contemporary society. In works like the "Heads" series, dense, totemic figures emerged from

this blackness, their intricate Amitava's

in life that Amitava seeks through balance between control and his art. The collection revealed spontaneity, as he layered materials Amitava's versatility and his deep to create compositions that were On the other hand, Mohan Samant's



visually

engaging. Each piece invited

viewers to lose themselves in the

textures and layers, emphasising

that art is more about experiencing

striking and intellectually

than simply understanding.



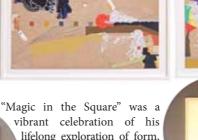
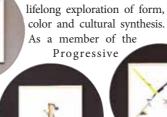


Photo: Pankah Kumar





Group, Samant embodied a fearless spirit of innovation that cut across traditional boundaries. His art reflected a harmonious blend of Eastern and Western influences, creating a unique visual language that defied categorisation.

Samant's works often drew from a wide array of cultural motifs, incorporating elements from Indian mythology, Egyptian hieroglyphs and Western modernist techniques.

fascination with mythological and ancient themes was evident in his work, where the past and present converged to create symbols and narratives. His art was not just a visual experience but a sensory one, incorporating mixed media materials like wire, plastic toys and sand to add

texture and depth. These elements created a tactile dimension to his pieces, inviting viewers to explore them as living artifacts that challenged the conventional boundaries of painting and

sculpture.

The juxtaposition of Amitava and Mohan's exhibitions offered a unique dialogue between two generations of artists. While Amitava's work delved into introspection and emotional

complexity, Samant's art celebrated cultural synthesis and exploration. Together, these exhibitions provided a holistic view of the diverse trajectories of Indian art, highlighting the personal and cultural narratives that have shaped its evolution.

As viewers navigated these exhibitions, they were encouraged to reflect on their interpretations and connections, making the experience both profound and intimate. In this shared space, art became a journey - a continuous exploration of meaning and the human experience. Through their lenses, the museum offered a window into the transformative power of art and its ability to bridge cultural and personal divides.

At the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, these two exhibitions reminded us that art is more than just a collection of works; it is a conversation between the past, present and future, a tribute to the enduring power of creativity and the human spirit.



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ational record holder Priyanka Goswami finished a poor 41st in women's 20km competition while Vikash Singh and Paramjeet Singh ended at lowly 30th and 37th positions respectively in the men's event as Indian race walkers produced disappointing performance at the Paris Olympics here on Thursday.

Priyanka, an Asian silver medallist, clocked 1 hour, 39 minutes and 55 seconds, more than a whopping 10 minutes outside her season's best of 1:29:48, to bring up the rear. Only two race walkers finished behind her.

The U.S. Men's 3x3 basketball team fell to 0-2 in pool play in the Paris Olympics with a 19-17 loss to

Poland Wednesday night.

Jimmer Fredette cut the lead

to 1 with about 90 seconds left

before Michal Sokolowski

made a free throw a few

seconds later to extend the

The U.S. Had a chance to tie it

late, but Fredette's 2-point attempt came up short.

Fredette, who was brought in

to boost the team after the U.S. Failed to qualify for

Tokyo, appeared to sustain an

injury with about three minutes left. He looked to be

in pain as he was tended to by

a trainer but soon returned to

the game. He did not speak to reporters

after the game and a team

spokesman said he was

receiving treatment but did

confident despite the tough

concerned," Kareem Maddox

said. "We just know we have some adjustments to make."

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The 28-year-old Priyanka, who has a personal best of 1:28:45, has been based in Australia since early this year after the Mission Olympic Cell approved her high-altitude

ne pioneer

training last December. Reigning Asian Games champion Yang Jiayu of China won gold with a time of 1:25.54 while world champion Maria Perez (1:26:19) of Spain and Commonwealth gold and Commonwealth gold medallist Jemima Montag (1:26:25) of Australia took the silver and bronze respectively. The competitions were held under warm and humid conditions. When the women's event ended, the temperature rose to nearly 25 degree Celsius while humidity was more than 85 per cent

throughout. Athletics competition of the Paris Olympics began on Thursday. In the men's corresponding event, which started 30 minutes late due to rain, Vikash clocked 1 hour, 22 minutes and 36 seconds while Paramjeet crossed the finish

(1:18:55) of Ecuador. Caio Bonfim (1:19:09) of Brazil and reigning world champion Alvaro Martin (1:19:11) of Spain took the silver and bronze medals respectively while Tokyo gold medallist Olympics Massimo Stano (1:19:12) of Italy was fourth.

line in 1:23:48sec in the race won by Brian Daniel Pintado

record holder National Akshdeep Singh pulled out

after the 6km mark and he was

seen in discomfort, holding his

abdomen while bending down

forward. A team coach told PTI that Akshdeep was having fever for the last two days due to Urinary Track Infection (UTI). "He was having fever from 30th onwards because of UTI. However, he recovered from fever yesterday," the coach

India was among the countries which had three full quota of athletes in the men's event but all of them could not match their personal best.

The best performance by an Indian in the Olympics was the 10th-place finish by KT Irfan in the 2012 London Games with a timing of 1:20:21.

Nikhat's Olympic campaign ends with shocking loss to China's Yu



PTI PARIS

In one of the biggest upsets of the Olympic Games boxing competition, two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen (50kg) bowed out after a 0-5 loss to Asian Games goldmedallist Wu Yu, completely outmaneuvered by the Chinese in a stunningly lopsided bout here on Thursday.

Nikhat was unseeded for the Games as the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which is holding the boxing competition, doesn't recognise the International Boxing Association (IBA), which conducts the

conducts the world championship.

One of India's strongest medal contenders, Nikhat was put under pressure by the top-seeded reigning flyweight (52kg) world champion in the opening round itself.

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Nikhat tried to counter-attack, she wasn't able to connect. The reason being, Yu's brilliant footwork, which allowed her to consistently switch her stance to avoid the blows. Trailing 1-4, Nikhat found a bit more success in the second round as she landed a few straights but Yu managed to connect some telling hooks on the Indian's face. Nikhat ended the round with a few

body shots. Not much changed in the third round as Nikhat desperately tried to connect but continued to fail due to Yu's nimble movements.

Despite this loss, Nikhat remains one of the most consistent Indian boxers, having won back-to-back gold medals at the world championships and the 2022 Commonwealth Games besides a bronze in the Asian Games last year.

Biggest, most diverse fleet in Olympic sailing gets ready to hit water

AP ■ MARSEILLE (FRANCE)

The biggest and most diverse fleet of the 2024 Olympics' sailing events, the one-person dinghy, is scheduled to hit the water Thursday in sweltering Marseille.

The small, white-sailed boats formerly known as lasers, now called ILCA 6 for women and ILCA 7 for men - go slower, sail deeper into the water and have a less spectacular design than many other vessels in the Olympic marina.

But, to the sailors who race them, they are the purest form of the sport.

"It's very pure and it's very close - you've got to work for every inch," said Matt Wearn, 28, of Australia. "You're not looking to win by a mile, you're looking to win by a meter."

Wearn is seeking to defend the gold he won in the event in the Tokyo Games - and so is Anne-Marie Rindom of Denmark, 33, who in addition to gold from Tokyo has a bronze from Rio de Janeiro and first competed in the London Games in 2012.

"It's all about the sailor in the boat," said Rindom, whose parents first took her sailing when she was two weeks old. She competed in her first regatta at age nine. In this class, boats are provid-

ed to Olympians only about a week before the Games, levelling the playing field.

That makes consistently nailing the smallest tactical detail - an inch of advantage at the starting line, catching a sudden wave to surf ahead, balancing for the additional weight of branding stickers on the sail the key to medal.

"All these little accuracies make a huge difference," said Micky Beckett, 29, of Britain. "Being on top of your mental game is absolutely everything?

That's also because the boats are so versatile and "basically that they can - and do - sail in any weather, for hourlong regat-

Not that physical strength is negligible. In big swells, with spray coming straight at the athletes' bodies, races can be "quite battering, like being thrown into a washing machine and spat out the other side," Wearn

So far in Marseille, the challenge has been the opposite: very low winds under a scorching sun, which can also be draining.

The boats are relatively inexpensive to buy and transport, designed to fit the top of a car. So, they're the star of World Sailing's development program, which aims to support athletes from nations without long histories in Olympic sailing, from El Salvador to Fiji to Mozambique.

"It's cool to see it's not always the same five nations," said Nethra Kumanan, 26, of India, who qualified for the Games in the ILCA 6 at the so-called lastchance regatta under the program. "We hope we can give them a fight."

And a fight it is, because the event features almost twice as many boats as the other sailing categories - more than 80. 'It's the hardest to win, it's very

equal," said Tom Saunders, 32, of New Zealand, whose brother also was an Olympic sailor but in the two-person boats. "It feels like it's not over till the very end," echoed Maud Jayet, 28, of Switzerland, who learned sailing on Alpine lakes and competed in the Tokyo Games. Like her and most sailors in this category, Marit Bouwmeester, 36, of the Netherlands, enjoys shouldering all the responsibil-

ity alone for racing strategy, unlike in two-person boats. Her tactics have been paying off - she's medaled in the last three Olympics, snagging silver in London, gold in Rio and bronze in Tokyo. In Marseille, however, she's trying something new - competing as the mother of a 2-year-old daughter.

'It's a challenge to do motherhood and top sports," Bouwmeester said, especially to find the time to train hard and then, recover, but there's also a mental advantage. "If I have a

a mother.

Pavlos Kontides, 34 and the first athlete from Cyprus to win a medal - for the then-laser in 2012 - is coming back for his fifth Olympics, with a toddler in tow who changed his perspective about the relative importance of medals. Not that he doesn't want one.

US men fall to 0-2 in 3x3 basketball pool play at Olympics with 19-17 loss to Poland

a basket by Canyon Barry with about six minutes left before Poland used a 6-1 run to make it 15-9 with four minutes to

Poland was up by 5 with about 2 1/2 minutes to go when Barry made three free throws to cut the lead to 17-15. Barry shoots free throws underhanded like his father, NBA Hall of Famer Rick

A basket by Adrian Bogucki pushed Poland's lead to 3 and Dylan Travis made a shot for the U.S. Before Fredette's last bucket got team within 18-17. Bogucki had seven points and

Barry and Travis led the U.S. With six points each. Fredette, who is the only player with NBA experience in the 3x3 competition, added three. The U.S. Struggled from long-

range, making just 2 of 15 "We're just not making shots,"



five rebounds for Poland, Barry said. "That's what it throws by Lucas Dussoulier which lost to France on comes down to. We had a lot with about two minutes left. didn't fall tonight."

FRANCE 21, LITHUANIA 19: Timothé Vergiat scored eight points and his basket with three seconds remaining lifted France to a win over Lithuania and a 2-0 start in pool play.

France led by 5 after two free

five points, with the last three from Evaldas Dziaugys to tie it with less than a minute to play. Lithuania had the ball with 12 seconds left, but Gintautas Matulis turned it over to set

up Vergiat's game-winner. Jules Rambaut had nine points with five rebounds for France,

beat Poland on Lithuania got seven points each from Aurelijus Pukelis and Dziaugys.

LATVIA NETHERLANDS 12: Karlis Lasmanis scored eight points to lead defending champion Latvia over the Netherlands. Nauris Miezis added five points and six rebounds in the

win after Latvia opened the tournament by beating Lithuania. Worthy de Jong made a basket followed by a free throw to get the Netherlands within 1

Latvia then scored the next Majstorovic made consecutive pointers by Lasmanis and one from Miezis to extend the lead to 19-9.

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Arvin Slagter scored the first points for the Netherlands in more than two minutes on a 2-pointer after that and De Jong made a basket with less than a minute to go to cut the

lead to 19-12. But Lasmanis made a 2-

pointer to end it on the next ossession. The Netherlands, which beat

China in its opener, was led by De Jong's seven points.

CHINA 21, SERBIA 15: Zhang Ning scored 11 points and added four rebounds to

help China beat Serbia. A basket by Mihailo Vasic put Serbia up 9-7 with about six

minutes remaining.
China took over after that, going on a 10-1 run to take a 17-10 lead. China made three 2-pointers in that stretch to pull away. Marko Érankovic and Dejan

lead to 19-15 with about two minutes to go. Zhao Jiaren closed it out by

making two free throws with 2:05 remaining. Majstorovic had seven points

and Brankovic added five for Serbia, the Tokyo Olympics bronze medal winner.

HER SPORTS

India eager to settle Rahul vs Pant debate in ODIs against SL

PTI ■ COLOMBO

The Gautam Gambhir-led Indian team management has an opportunity to decide who among KL Rahul and Rishabh Pant will be Indias long-term first-choice wicketkeeper-batter in ODIs when the side takes on Sri Lanka in a three-match series beginning here on Friday.

There will be clamour around the first sighting of veterans Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli as well, after the recent T20 World Cup triumph.

But the think-tank will look to shut out that outside noise, focusing on sorting out the combination in a season that has some marquee one-day events including the Champions Trophy.

In that context, the Rahul vs Pant conundrum is certain to get priority treatment in this series

Rahul is the incumbent wicketkeeperbatter and has been assigned to that role by the previous set-up under Rahul Dravid since last year's Asia Cup, a tournament in which he made his comeback from a long injury-forced layoff.

Since then, Rahul has done full justice to his duty both in front and behind the wicket.

Since the continental showpiece last year, Rahul has made 834 runs from 21 matches at a fine average of 69.50 with two hundreds. Besides, Rahul also captained



India in the ODI series against South Africa earlier this year

As a stumper too, the 32-year-old has been pretty good.

But will Gambhir follow the same route since Pant is back in the reckoning? Pant's return to India fold through a clutch of T20Is after that horrific accident in 2022 has been heartwarming but he has not set

the field ablaze with his outings. There have been encouraging sparks during the last month or so. But is that enough to convince the powers that be to

pick him ahead of Rahul? If Gambhir and skipper Rohit decide to keep both Rahul and Pant in the 11, then they will have to think as to how to accommodate Shreyas Iyer, another formidable player in the 50-over version. In his last ODI outing, Iyer made a 52 against South Africa at Johannesburg, and

his record in 2023 is also impressive - 846 runs from 20 matches at an average of 53 with three hundreds.

So, it could be a three-way tie between Rahul, Pant and Iyer for two batting slots because if India go ahead with all three of them, then they will have to play with five

India might not want to walk that rigid path particularly with Hardik Pandya missing this series because of personal reasons

Hence, India might just want to give a run to either Shivam Dube or Riyan Parag at No. 6.

However, the management entrusting Parag with bowling duties in the justconcluded T20Is could be a precursor to the larger role he might get in the OD

series.
That Parag can shift between off-spin and leg-spin effectively too brightens his chance, something he was not able to showcase much in the IPL, courtesy the Impact Player rule. But the Assam player has a fairly

noticeable body of work in the domestic

50-over competition — the Deodhar Trophy He took 11 wickets last season to be placed sixth behind Vidwath Kaverappa (13) Shams Mulani (12), Mayank Yadav (12), Shahbaz Ahmed (12) and R Sai Kishore (11) at a good economy of 4.8.

Cri Lanka suffered a massive blow ahead of the three-match ODI series against India as pacers Matheesha Pathirana and Dilshan Madushanka were ruled out with respective injuries. The first one-dayer will be played at the RPSC Stadium here on

"Madushanka suffered a Grade 2 hamstring injury on his left leg during the team's field-



ing practice" the Sri Lanka Cricket announced in a statement on Thursday.

"Pathirana has suffered a mild sprain on his right shoulder while diving to take a catch during the Third T20 match vs. India," the statement added. Pathirana did not bowl in the thirds T20I at Pallekele on Tuesday. The hosts have brought in Mohammed Shiraz and Eshan Malinga as replacements

Meanwhile, Kusal Janith, Pramod Madushan and Jeffrey Vandersay have been added to the squad as standbys.

for the injured players.

court.

My favourite bowler is Bumrah: Dhoni have to see what decision they

egendary Mahendra Singh Dhoni picked Jasprit Bumrah as his favourite bowler, but the multiple World Cup-winning former Indian skipper refrained from selecting between Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma as batsman of his choice.

Bumrah played a vital role in India's recent T20 World Cup triumph in the Americas, picking up 15 wickets from eight matches at an economy rate of 4.17, best among the regular bowlers in the ICC showpiece.

The effort earned Bumrah the player of the tournament award.



"It's easy to pick my favourite bowler because Bumrah is there. It's difficult to pick a batsman because we have many good batsmen. But that doesn't mean bowlers aren't good," said Dhoni during a romotional event here. Bumrah has been given a rest

post the World Cup, and he is

not playing the ongoing away white ball series against Sri Lanka Dhoni said it is tough to pick

because several batters churn out excellent knocks. "It's difficult to pick one among batters as whomever I see batting, he looks the best. But

one batsman as his favourite

when I see someone else he also looks great. "But as long as Team India is winning, I don't want to pick a batter (as my favourite). I hope

they will keep scoring runs for the team," Dhoni said The 43-year-old Dhoni did not reveal his IPL future when a fan posed a question about his

"There is a lot of time for it. We

plans for the 2025 edition.

"So, once the rules and regulations get formarlised, I will take a call, but needs to be in the best interest of the team," he added. At present, the IPL teams are a divided house over a host of issues ranging from the mega

take on player retention etc.

Right now, the ball is not in our

Player' rule. The BCCI secretary Jay Shah said he had a "constructive dialogue" with the IPL team owners on a variety of subjects, which would then be taken before the IPL Governing Council led by Arun Dhumal

for further deliberation.

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