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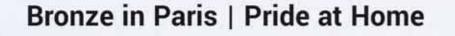
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Heavy rain causes traffic congestions

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Heavy rain lashed parts of Delhi-NCR on Tuesday morning, providing relief from the hot and humid weather conditions. The downpour resulted in traffic congestion and people faced problems commuting due to the heavy rain due to severe Waterlogging. This prompted the Delhi

Police to issue an advisory asking commuters to avoid stretches such as Nigambodh Ghat, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Marg, Mangi Bridge, and Rohtak Road. Besides, rains also led to power outages in several parts of the capital city.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD),North Delhi's Ridge Station received the highest -72.4mm - rainfall between 5:30 am and 8:30 am. West Delhi's Pitampura logged 57 mm, Delhi University 45mm, Mayur Vihar 39mm, Najafgarh 35mm, and Lodhi Road 25.6mm. Safdarjung, repre-sentative of Delhi's weather, recorded 28.7mm over three



light rain to continue until Saturday, with a chance of an isolated spell of moderate rain on Wednesday and Thursday. Delhi has received rain on all days of this month barring August 3, making it an unusually wet August. It has so far recorded 240.2mm of rainfall this month, the highest for

The IMD has said scattered light rain will continue throughout this week. Some of the places where heavy water logging was reported included the Minto Bridge underpass, Feroz Shah Road, Patel Chowk Metro Station area and Maharaj Ranjeet Singh Marg.Some of the visu-

als which are making rounds on social media, show water entering the road under Minto Bridge following heavy downpour. An auto-rickshaw is seen submerged into the waterlogged Minto Road.A senior police officer said that due to the rain, the auto-rickshaw developed some technical snag and the driver left it behind

before the water filled on the road.

According to Delhi PWD, the Minto Bridge underpass was closed for vehicular traffic for almost two to three hours in the morning until the waterlogging was cleared. The road was opened for the commuters at 11.30 am after waterlogging from all the underpasses was cleared and traffic is moving normally, a PWD official said. "I was not aware that the

Minto Road underpass was closed for commuting. I saw several people were working there with water pumps to remove the waterlogging. I waited there for sometime and later took an alternate route to reach Connaught Place,' Vaishali Chaudhary, a commuter travelling to Connaught Place in central Delhi, said. Due to the road cave-in opposite Old Delhi Railway Station in the carriageway from Chhatta Rail towards Pili Kothi, traffic is affected. Diversion has been made from Kodiya Pul Red Light, police said. The Delhi Police had issued traffic advisories for the affected roads.

In a post on X, the police said the traffic was affected on Outer Ring Road on both carriageways from Bhera Enclave roundabout towards Peeragarhi due to waterlogging.

New Rohtak Road also faced traffic issues in both directions at Anand Parbat because of waterlogging, they said. Similarly, traffic was disrupted on Rohtak Road in the section from Nangloi towards Tikri Border and vice versa due to potholes and waterlogging. Motorists were advised to avoid Mundka and use alternate routes. The traffic was also slow in north Delhi's Shastri Nagar area. Due to waterlogging on Indraprastha Marg (IP Marg) from Old Police Head Quarter Exit Gate to IP Flyover, traffic was affected, the police said in the post Rohtak Road in west Delhi was also hit by traffic from Tikri Border to Peeragarhi and vice-versa due to waterlogging at Mundka, the police said.

Similarly, the traffic was also affected on both carriageways of Mahatma Gandhi Marg following the waterlogging under Mangi Bridge.

Bomb threat emails target hospitals, malls

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informing that they had received bomb threats, a Delhi police and security authorities were yet again Delhi Fire Services (DFS) official said.A thorough on high alert on Tuesday as checking is being conducted bomb threat emails targeted by teams of the police, the dog squad, and bomb disposal multiple locations, including around 50 private and government and hospitals such as AIIMS, Safdarjung, Apollo, Moolchand, Max and Sir Ganga Ram hospitals and Ganga Ram hospitals and upscale malls like Chanakya Mall, Select CityWalk, Ambience Mall, DLF, and

Cinepolis. A police officer said the pat-tern of these threat emails matches with those sent earlier to hospitals, schools, universities and other government buildings, where the sender did not mention the dateline in the email.

Tuesday's mail threat warned that explosives would go off in a few hours, prompting authorities to launch searches on their premises, police officials said.

A call was received at 1.04 pm from a hospital in Nangloi and another from Primus

squad, and bomb disposal squad while fire tenders were rushed to the spots. The mailing list mentioned around 50 government and private hospitals, including AIIMS, Safdarjung, Apollo, Moolchand, Max, Primus, A Akash Healthcare AAkash Healthcare, Venkateshwar, and Sir Ganga Ram hospitals, police said. "We have placed many explosives inside your building. They are placed in black back-

Hospital at 1.07 pm in central Delhi's Chanakya Puri

packs. The bombs are set to go off in a few hours," the email, sent through Gmail at 12.04 pm, stated.

You will end up in a pool of blood, none of you deserve to keep living. Everyone inside the building will lose their lives. I incessantly have nothing other than scam for

humanity. Today will be your last day on earth," it said.

BJP criticises AAP Govt over rain-induced waterlogging

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ure to address water logging

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Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva on Tuesday criticized the Aam Aadmi Party government over the water logging situation in Delhi following the rains, saying the people of Delhi are once again suffering due to the negligence of the Delhi government. The onset of rain leads to water logging, submerging most areas of Delhi.

He said the rains on Tuesday morning rain caused waterlogging from Badarpur to ITO, from I.T.O. to Mundka, from Chhatarpur to Sangam Vihar, Badarpur from to Karkardooma, and from Vasant

Kunj to Najafgarh. As Delhiites headed to work, they were surrounded by water, and the city came to a standstill until the afternoon.

ment, accidents are continu-Sachdeva mentioned that an ously occurring in Delhi, but the Kejriwal government is auto driver narrowly escaped a fatal accident under the Minto not taking any concrete steps to Bridge, and a similar situation was seen at the Zakhira underaddress the issue, he claimed. Sachdeva said, "This is 100% pass. government negligence. The

BJP state chief said the Delhi Government, its Jal Board, and their 60 MLAs have failed to address the issue of water log-



entire city into a slum cluster. ernment become an enemy of Expressing deep concern over its citizens?" the water logging, he said in the upcoming Assembly elections,

He added that the Kejriwal government does not act in time, and when situations like water logging occur in Delhi, they only stage dramas on the streets for photo opportunities.

The Delhi BJP President demanded that a list of permanent water logging sites be prepared, and security marshals be deployed there to prevent people from approaching such sensitive locations. He said if the Kejriwal govern-ment could take a break from

indulging in corruption and looting the people of Delhi, then they might make some decisions in the interest of the

Officers write to Bhardwaj pointing out Govt's failures

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Three IAS Officers, two Special Secretaries and the Secretary of the Health Department, of Delhi government have written to Health Minister, Saurabh Bhardwaj, who has been habitually writing notes to them and shifting the blame for failures of the health infrastructure of the AAP Government. During the past few months, Bhardwaj has been writing these notes and putting them out in public domain through the Media / Social Media.

In their comprehensive note to the Minister, the officers have pointed out the various failures of the Minister / the Government by way of sitting on files and returning them time and again, without any concrete reason.

The issues raised by the officers include delay in construction of ill-planned 11 green field and 13 brown field hospital projects by over 03 years leading up to 100% cost escalation. Despite a total cost of Rs 8,000 Cr required for completing these projects a meagre Rs 400 Cr. had been budgeted in FY 2024-25;

Secondly, non-implementation of the Hospital



Procurement Agency (CPA) infructuous.

Fourthly, non-implementation of PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat) pointing out that Delhi is "tragically" among three States in the country, which has not implemented PMJAY. It has been pointed out that the file

ing with the Ministers since 2018 and is causing a major problem in providing healthcare to huge migratory population, a major chunk of which consists of building and construction workers, labourers, domestic workers and artisan, etc., who do not have ration cards in Delhi and therefore, cannot avail of Delhi

Government's schemes. The officers also flagged nonimplementation of PM-ABHIM for creation of Urban Health And Wellness Centres (UHWCs), District Integrated Public Health Lab (DIPHL) and Critical Care Blocks (CCBs), despite the Central Government providing Rs 2406 Cr. for the same;

spite of higher expenditure and shorter working hours, AamAadmiMohalla Clinics (AAMCs) are not providing preventive care like immupreventive care fike finitu-nization, pre-natal / post-natal check-ups and various National health programs. The design of AAMCs revolve around per patient payment basis, which makes it exorbitantly expensive.

The officers have requested the Minister for an early decision on all these crucial issues saying that it will resolve all the problems.

The officers the Minister has been sending notes about the Department in bunches everyday about -

1. Non Availability of medicines in AAMCs/Hospitals/etc.

2. Non Availability of equipments/space crunch in Hospitals, overcrowding of Hospitals, poor maintenance, lack of cleanliness etc.

3. Resolving the issue of construction of Hospitals/Polyclinics etc as requested by various elected representatives (i.e. Hon'ble MLAs) and duly forwarded to Hon'ble Minister to this office for taking action. The officials said the Minister

may further use his high office to find ways to increase the

"The Minister may also decid-ed on the issue of PM-ABHIM for augmenting the resources to improve the health infrastructure and to provide seamless treatment to citizens of Delhi to avoid untoward incident like denial of service to the patients, regular maintenance of Health Infrastructure for safety of the patients and citizens of Delhi.

almost doubling the same to ensure completion of all the

badly delayed projects for the

benefit of citizens of Delhi.

Similarly, a decision is required for the implementation of PMJAY Ayushman Bharat Scheme to benefit the migrant population of Delhi. In case, these are not approved, Hon'ble Minister may lay down a clear plan with clear budget and creation of manpower for doing the same so that all issues raised by Hon'ble Minister can be resolved by the Department.

"Without deciding upon these crucial issues, sending multiple notes to take action will only lead to wastage of manhours of the officials in the Department and divert the health personnel from core work (in preparing replies for the same) leading to poor service delivery and monitoring," the officials said in a note

System (HIMS) even after 08 years of its announcement simply due to the fact that the Minister did not want to implement NIC's NextGen e-Hospital Software, which was costed far less Rs 55 Cr in

comparison to the tendered amount of Rs 130 Cr. Thirdly, non-preparation of the Essential Drug List (EDL) since as long as 2016 and making the Central

issues.

LG orders return of IAS officer to parent cadre HC asks jail authorities to consider conman Sukesh's plea for additional virtual meetings STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI the chief secretary of Delhi, ment not being done by stat-

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has directed "surrendering of the services" of an IAS officer at the disposal of Department of Personnel and Training for repatriation to his parent cadre over his alleged "lack-adaisical approach" in finalising a tripartite agreement. In a communication to DDA Vice-chairman Ashish Kundra, Principal Secretary to LG Saxena said several meetings were held under Saxena over utilising drone surveys

"Hon'ble Lt. Governor has taken a dim view of lackadaisical approach of Commissioner Land Management, Vikas Singh (lAS). He has taken a strong exception to the lack of seriousness and diligence which is expected of an officer of this seniority. His contribu-



tion in the work assigned to and analyse the data to deterhim has been sub-par. Lt. mine the current status of the Governor has desired that land, including encroachments, unauthorised conhis services may be surrendered at the disposal of structions, change detection Department of Personnel and etc, which was discussed and Training for repatriation to deliberated in meetings his parent cadre immediatechaired by the Lt Governor on Kundra said. June 6, August 2, and August am writing to address a 16," read the communicacritical issue regarding utilistion.

These meetings attended by ing drone surveys to generate

commissioners of the MCD and other senior officials, focused on expanding the scope of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) dated August 23, 2019, between the DDA and the Survey of India (Sol) into a tripartite agreement by including the MCD. "This expansion is intended to ensure that the outputs of the drone surveys benefit all concerned government organisations and citizens of Delhi. "It has been noted with grave concern that despite commitment in June itself to finalise the tripartite agreement of the DDA, MCD and Survey of India within a week and to start the work on ground, nothing has happened in this regard," it noted. The communication alleged that in a meeting on August 16, the commissioner land management, DDA, "tried to cover up regarding agree-

ing that Survey of India had flagged some issues", whereas, the officials present in the meeting said they have not even received a copy of the agreement yet. "His contribution in the work

assigned to him has been sub-par. Hon'ble Lt Governor has desired that his services may be surrendered at the disposal of Department of Personnel and Training for repatriation to his parent cadre immediately," said the communication.

The letter also emphasised the "continued delay on flimsy grounds" undermines the directives issued by Saxena stressing upon the use of advanced technologies for maintaining records for land management, and also, the directives issued by the High Court of Delhi in different cases, "which is unacceptable"

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The Delhi High Court on Tuesday asked the jail authorities here to treat as representation a plea by alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekar seeking five virtual meetings with his counsel every week.

Chandrashekar, who is lodged in Mandoli jail, has said he is only permitted two virtual meetings of 45 minutes each per week with his lawyers which are not enough for "managing the complex and extensive legal matters he faces".

Justice Amit Mahajan asked the jail authorities to take a decision on Chandrashekar's request.

In his petition, Chandrashekar relied on a high court order granting similar relief of addi-



tional weekly meetings to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal who is in judicial custody in an excise policy related case, and said he faces "significant personal challenges" and requires substantive consultation with his counsel.

Asserting his right to consult and be defended by a legal practitioner under the Constitution, he urged the court to allow him three additional meetings.

"The petitioner, an undertrial

prisoner involved in multiple cases across various jurisdictions, contends that the limit-

ed virtual meetings are inadequate for managing the complex and extensive legal matters he faces. The Petitioner's involvement in high-profile cases, including those concerning corruption and extortion allegations, underscores the necessity for increased legal consultations," said the peti-tion. "Denying the petitioner this essential legal consultation undermines his constitutional protection and adversely affects the fairness of the legal proceedings," it added.

Chandrashekar is facing criminal proceedings in several cases, including a case for allegedly duping the spouses of former promoters of Ranbaxy, Shivinder Singh and Malvinder

Singh, of Rs 200 crore.

the files.

What happened to promise of turning roads into those Rai seeks meetings with Environment Minister to discuss strategy to combat cross-border pollution of London, Paris, Singapore's, Vijender asks Kejriwal

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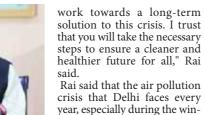
Delhi government, ahead of the winter season, has sought the Centre's support for collaboration with neighbouring states to address cross-border sources of pollution in the national capital.

In a letter to Union Minister Environment Bhupendra Yadav on Tuesday, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai sought time for meeting him to discuss the issue for a common strategy to combat air pollution. He requested the Centre to take stronger action by facilitating



collaboration between Delhi and its neighbouring states to address cross-border sources of pollution. "I believe that with the central

government's support, we can build on the foundation laid by the Delhi government and



ter season, has a severe impact on the health and well-being of millions of residents, particularly the elderly, children, and those with pre-existing respiratory conditions.

The minister highlighted various measures taken by the Kejriwal government to mitigate the crisis.

"We regularly undertake several initiatives to combat this issue, such as implementing the odd-even vehicle scheme, promoting electric vehicles, and enhancing the frequency of public transport and we have also enforced a ban on fire-crackers, large-scale plantations drives and switching the industrial units to clean PNG fuel," Rai said.

The air quality in Delhi, however, especially between November and December remains hazardous, largely due to factors beyond the control of the state government, pointed out the minister.

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The Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Assembly, Shri Vijender Gupta, has reminded PWD Minister Atishi of Chief Minister Kejriwal's promise to the people of Delhi that he would make Delhi's roads like those in London, Paris, and Singapore. Gupta said that far from making roads like those in London, the roads in Delhi are now in such a bad shape that motorists cannot even drive on them properly. During the monsoon rains, 80 percent of Delhi's roads have deteriorated, leading to frequent accidents.



The Leader of the Opposition expressed his disappointment, stating that it is unfortunate that neither the Delhi Government nor the Municipal Corporation has repaired the roads or constructed any new ones. This indicates that Chief Minister

Kejriwal neither cares about the development of Delhi nor is he concerned about the troubles being faced by its residents.

Citing a report from last year, Gupta noted that the report highlighted the poor condition of 80 percent of Delhi's roads. He mentioned that 1,400 kilometers of roads fall under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department, yet the PWD is neither repairing them nor constructing new roads. The Leader of the Opposition has demanded that PWD Minister Atishi urgently repair these roads. Gupta added that the poor condition of the roads not only contributes to the spread of pollution due to dust but also causes severe traffic jams, leading to the wastage of crores of rupees in fuel. Moreover, if an ambulance gets stuck in such a jam, it would take divine intervention to save the patient's life. Gupta recalled that last year, PWD Minister Atishi stated that a plan involving crores of rupees had been made for the maintenance of Delhi's 1,440 kilometers of roads. However, the Leader of the Opposition noted that, like many other government plans, this one seems to have been wrapped in



SUPREME COURT HOLDS WOMEN SUPREME **Medical fraternity safety** prime

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

Terming the incident of the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata as "horrific and horrendous" and "a systemic failure of the State machinery", the Supreme Court on Tuesday constituted a 10member National Task Force (NTF) to formulate a protocol for safety of doctors and healthcare workers at workplace.

The SC came down heavily on Banerjee the Mamata Government in West Bengal, slamming it for its "lackadaisical approach" to the case all through. The top court also directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is currently investigating the matter to submit a status report by August 22. The task force will submit its interim report within three weeks and the final report within two months. The top court also appealed to medical community, the including doctors protesting across the country, to call off the strike and resume work.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud, Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra was hearing matters related to the incident after it took suo motu cognisance of the incident, which has triggered a nationwide strike by doctors and other health workers.

The SC passed the order saying



A bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud, Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra during hearing on a suo moto case related to the alleged sexual assault and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor in Kolkata, at Supreme Court in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

the nation cannot wait for another rape to happen for things

to change on the ground. The bench said, "There are legislations to protect medical professionals but they do not address the systemic issues. Medical associations have consistently raised the issue," the court observed pointing out that medical professionals in the course of performance of their duties have been unfortunate violence, including gender-based targets of various forms of violence

violence". 'The constitutional value of equality brooks no compromises on the health, well-being and safety of those who provide healthcare to others. The nation cannot await a rape or murder for real changes to happen on the ground," the bench said. The SC asked the NTF to

formulate an action plan under two sub-heads — preventing against medical

professionals; and providing an enforceable national protocol for dignified and safe working conditions for interns, residents senior residents, doctors, nurses and all medical professionals. 'The NTF shall be at liberty to make recommendations on all aspects of the action-plan highlighted above and any other aspects which the members seek to cover. They are at liberty to make additional suggestions, where appropriate.

"The NTF shall also suggest appropriate timelines by which the recommendations could be implemented based on the existing facilities in hospitals. The NTF is requested to consult all stake-holders," the bench said. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will provide all logistical support, including making arrangements for travel, stay and secretarial assistance and bear the expenses of the members of the NTF, it said.

"All State Governments and UT Governments, through their Secretaries, in the Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and the Central Government, through the Secretary, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare must collate information from all hospitals run by the State and the Central Government, respectively on how many security personnel are employed at each hospital and each department.

"Whether there is a baggage and person screening mechanism in place at the entrance of the medical establishment. The total number of resting/duty rooms in the hospital and specific details of the number in each department. The facilities provided in the resting/duty rooms," the bench said. The data as submitted shall be tabulated and filed with an the Union affidavit by Government within one month of this order, it said.

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HC rapped for sexist comments

Pulling up judges for expressing personal views and preaching, the Supreme Court on Tuesday set aside a Calcutta High Court judgment acquitting a man who had sex with a minor girl and also junked the High

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Court's controversial remarks advising "adolescent girls to control their sexual urges". The court ordered setting up of an

independent committee of experts, including one from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, to ascertain the wish of the victim whether she intended to continue with the accused or was willing to be rehabilitated. The court also directed West Bengal Government to give details to the committee on the income and accommodation they would provide the victim and the child if she decides not to reside with the

accused. The impugned judgment of the High Court is set aside and the judgment of the Special Court is restored to the extent of the conviction of the accused for the offences punishable under sub-sections (2)(n) and (3) of Section 376 of the IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act. Accordingly, the accused stands convicted. The acquittal of the accused for the offences punishable under Sections 363 and 366 of the IPC is confirmed," a bench comprising justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said. The bench also directed the West

Bengal Government to constitute a

committee of three experts, including a clinical psychologist and a social scientist. "The State Government may take the assistance of NIMHANS or TISS for constituting the committee. A child welfare officer shall be appointed to assist the committee as its coordinator and secretary; (c) The committee shall be formed within three weeks from today," it said. Holding the accused guilty of the

offences punishable under sub-sections (2)(n) and (3) of Section 376 of the IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act, the bench said the issue regarding sentencing will be considered after the committee's report is received.

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Badlapur seeks Badla



ten-long hours - from 8 am to 6 pm. The protesters squatted on the railway disrupted tracks, train services. At one stage in the evening, the police resorted to lathi-charge to quell the protestors. "We will resume the train services between Badlapur and Karjat after the protesters disperse," a senior entral Railway officia said The protests spilled to Badlapur town, where people — including a large number of women - barged into the controversial school premises, by breaking the main gate of the school. They ransacked the premises, smashing the window panes and damaging the furniture and other items. Raising slogans against the school management for its failure to ensure safety to the girl children studying in its kinder-garten school, the protesters raided the classrooms and virtually went on a damaging spree. Elsewhere outside the school, the protesters blocked the roads and highway and hurled stones at the police hurled stones at the police personnel who tried to quell the angry citizens. The Badlapur town observed a spontaneous bandh, with shops, hotels and other business establishments remaining closed. **Continued on Page 4**





Police speak with protesters on Tuesday who blocked railway tracks at Badlapur station in Thane district after the alleged sexual assault of two four-year-old girls by the school sweeper in the washroom PTI

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Massive protests erupted at Badlapur in the adjoining Thane district of Maharashtra over the alleged sexual assault of two four-year-old girls by a sweeper in the toilet of a leading nursery school and the "delay" in police action. Irate residents staged a "rail roko", agitation crippling suburban train services between Badlapur and Karjat and disrupting normal life in Mumbai's

satellite town. The citizens took to the street at Badlapur, after the news of the alleged sexual assault on girls in the kindergarten school run by Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha (AVPS) by a contractual sweeper on August 12 and 13 spread like wild fire in the satellite town, which is located 68 km away from south Mumbai. It was the delay on the part of the local police to initiate action in connection with the incident that sparked protests.

Based on the complaint of the parents of the victim girls, the police registered an FIR on August 16 — three days after the incident — under the relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. A day after the registration of the incident, the accused identified as one Akshay Shinde (23) — was arrested. The protesters laid siege to the Badlapur railway station for



A traffic jam, waterlogged road amid monsoon rain, at ITO, New Delhi on Tuesday Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

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The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Tuesday hardened its $% \left({\left[{{\rm{TRAI}} \right]} \right)$ stance on pesky telemarketers, as it directed

telcos to take specific measures to curb misuse of messaging services and protect consumers from fraudulent practices. Continuing its offensive against unsolicited spam calls and messages, TRAI made it clear that from September 1, 2024, all access corruicar providere util he prohibited from service providers will be prohibited from transmitting messages containing URLs, OTT links, or call back numbers which are not 'whitelisted' (authorised) by the senders. To enhance message traceability, TRAI has mandated that the trail of all messages from senders to recipients must be traceable from November 1, 2024. Any message with an undefined or mismatched telemarketer chain will be rejected. The latest move assumes significance as TRAI has cracked the whip on unauthorised telemarketers indulging in promotional calls and messages to telecom subscribers. Last week, TRAI directed telcos to disconnect all telecom resources of unregistered telemarketers found making spam calls, and to blacklist them for up to two years. Continued on Page 4

Centre asks UPSC to cancel "lateral entry" recruitment on 45 positions

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on Tuesday cancelled its advertisement for recruitment to bureaucracy through lateral entry following a directive to this effect from the Centre. The cancellation comes amid a political row erupting over the issue. The UPSC had on August 17

issued a notification for recruiting 45 Joint Secretaries, directors and Deputy Secretaries through lateral entry — referred to as appointment of specialists (including those from the private sector) in the Government departments. This move had drawn criticism from the Opposition parties, which

claimed it undermined the reservation rights of SCs, STs and OBCs.

"It is for information of all concerned that the advertisement pertaining to lateral recruitment for 45 posts at the level of Joint Secretary/director/Deputy Secretary in different departments published in the Employment News, various newspapers and on the website of the Commission on August 17, 2024 stands cancelled as requested by the requisitioning authority," read a cancellation notice by communities the

the UPSC. Earlier in the day, Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh wrote to UPSC chairperson Preeti Sudan asking her to cancel the advertisement so that



their get rightful representation in

Government services. In the letter, Singh made it clear that for Prime Minister Narendra Modi reservation in public employment is a cornerstone of "our social justice framework" aimed at historical addressing marginalised injustices and promoting on ensuring social justice,"

inclusivity.

"Since these positions have been treated as specialised and designated as single-cadre posts, there has been no provision for reservation in these appointments. This aspect needs to be reviewed and reformed in the context of the Prime Minister's focus

he said. "I urge the UPSC to cancel the advertisement for lateral entry recruitment issued on 17.8.2024," he said. Singh said this step would be a significant advance in the

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pursuit of social justice and empowerment. "It is well known that, as a principle, lateral entry was endorsed by

the Second Administrative Reforms Commission which was constituted in 2005 under Veerappa Moily as its Chairperson. The recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission in 2013 were also in the same direction," he points out. "However, both before and after that there have been many cases of high-profile lateral entry," Singh's letter mentioned.

Under earlier Governments, posts as important as that of Secretary in various Ministries, leadership of UIDAI, etc, have been given to lateral entrants without following any process of reservations, Singh said.

"Further, it is well known that the members of the infamous National Advisory Council used to run a superbureaucracy that controlled

the Prime Minister's Office," he said.

While most of the major lateral entries before 2014 were made in an ad hoc manner, including cases of alleged favouritism, "the efforts of our government have been to make the process an institutionallydriven one, transparent and open", the Minister said. Further, the Prime Minister

is of the firm belief that the process of lateral entry must be aligned with the principles of equity and social justice enshrined in the Constitution, particularly concerning the provisions of reservation, Singh said.

Meanwhile, reacting to the latest development, Union Minister Chirag Paswan asserted that the Modi Government at the Centre

reaffirmed "has commitment towards the SCs, STs and OBCs" by asking the UPSC to withdraw the advertisement for "lateral entry" into the bureaucracy.

Addressing Press conference in Patna, Paswan also slammed the Congressled Opposition for "selective criticism" of the ruling NDA and accused the previous Governments of failure to fill up posts reserved for the

deprived castes. "I thank my Prime Minister for seeking cancellation of lateral entry on behalf of my Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas). This Government has set a precedent. We hope regimes of the future will show a similar sensitivity to public sentiments," Paswan said.

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Mismatch in statements of suspects puts CBI in a fix

SAUGAR SENGUPTA 📕 KOLKATA

 $D_{\text{ments}}^{\text{iscrepancies}}$ in the statepeople interrogated in the Kolkata lady doctor rape and murder case apart from several other "relevant facts" seem to have left the Central Bureau of Investigation officials in a fix. The CBI officials have come to know that a number of telephone calls and messages were sent and received by people including senior officials of the RG Kar Medical College Hospital where the incident took place and the state admin-

istration, sources say. The officials have found that some officials of the hospital had called up some people and received a call from at least one person "who could be in the state health administration." Messages too were sent and instructions that had influenced subsequent acts of the hospital authorities were received, sources said adding such messages have been deleted from the mobile call details of the staff interrogated thus far.Among these staff is the for-

mer Principal of the Hospital Sandip Ghosh as also some

Head of the departments and senior doctors.

The body of a postgraduate lady doctor of the department of chest medicine was found in a seminude condition inside the seminar room of the hospital in the wee hours of August 8 leading to a country wide protest from the medical fra-

ternity and the general public mostly women. The question is who made the calls and to whom ... and what instructions were received and whether the such instructions had anything to do with the police being called at a later stage or the attempt to let the rape and murder pass off as a suicide," sources privy to the

investigation process say wondering as to who directed the police to cremate the body of the victim in a hurry apparently to subvert the chance of a second postmortem. "Whether the hospital author-

ities were acting according to the instructions received from someone higher up ... whether the then Principal was taking instructions from anyone placed higher than him," is the question that he has evaded thus far, sources say.



SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Notwithstanding the Supreme Court order for deployment of Central Industrial Security Forces at RG Kar Medical College the striking resident doctors of the College said that they were not going to withdraw their strike anytime soon. 'We welcome the Supreme Court order but are not withdrawing the strike soon ... we will discuss things in our meeting before we take a decision," said one of the agitating doctors.

The junior doctors statewide have struck work since August 8 after a postgraduate lady doctor of the department of chest medicine raped and murdered inside a seminar hall of the hospital.

BSES unveils

centre

new handloom

and the revival of traditional

handloom arts, the BSES has

officially inaugurated its flagship

Handloom Incubation Centre,

'Dhaga Vishwas Ka,' in Uttam

Nagar, West Delhi, under its CSR

initiative. Building on the success

of the first centre in Sangam

Vihar, South Delhi, this new cen-

tre marks a crucial milestone in

community development and

came down heavily on the

government for the "very

shocking and serious"

NCP (SP) Working President

Supriva Sule said the incident

and the state home

department must take note of

"Apart from stern action

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accused, a case should also be

management of the institution

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matter," Sule said.

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the dismissal of deputy chief is "very shocking and serious"

J&K poll: Ex-alliance partners Cong, NC exploring pre-poll ties

MOHIT KANDHARI 🗖 JAMMU

Former alliance partners Congress and National Conference are expected to give a tough fight to the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) in the upcoming Assembly polls by forging a pre-poll alliance in Jammu and Kashmir.

Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge are both arriving here on a twoday visit to explore the possibilities of sealing the deal with

the National Conference. Meanwhile, on Tuesday, the Election Commission of India issued a notification for the first phase of polling across 24 Assembly segments on September 18.

The party Chief and Rahul Gandhi are also scheduled to attend an interactive session with party Leaders, delegates, block Presidents and other senior Leaders on Wednesday to chalk out their election campaign strategy for the upcoming Assembly elections. The duo will leave for Srinagar the same evening to hold parleys with the party Leaders in the valley.

A preliminary discussion has already been held between the Leaders of both parties in



Srinagar

During their visit to Srinagar on Thursday the Congress Leaders are expected to hold parleys with the top brass of the National Conference to discuss the contours of the pre-poll

alliance. On Tuesday, newly appointed Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee Chief Tariq Hamid Qarra said, "We have kept our doors open to all like-minded parties that stand against the hegemony and dictatorial attitude of the BJP. To facilitate this, we have formed a committee that will establish parameters to ensure that the interests of the people of J&K and the Indian National Congress are safeguarded," he

said. The National Conference and the Congress party had

Lok Sabha elections in alliance. The NC won two seats in the valley while Congress faced defeat on both seats in Jammu province

Scrutiny of the Lok Sabha results revealed the National Conference and the Congress arty garnered majority votes from at least 41 out of 90 Assembly segments.

The Bharatiya Janta Party, despite winning both the Lok Sabha seats of the Jammu region, fell short of at least 16 seats to reach the halfway mark of 45 in a 90-member legislature.

The Bharatiya Janta Party polled majority votes from 29 Assembly segments of Jammu-Reasi and Udhampur-Doda Lok Sabha seats

India, Japan review defence ties in 2+2 Ministerial dialogue

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world, there is a need for reli-

able partners with whom there

are substantial convergences.

As a result, "we have con-sciously sought to facilitate

each other's endeavours, com-

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strengthen each other's posi-

tions and work with other

nations of shared comfort. Our

Strategic Partnership will con-

tinue to grow as we embrace

mutuality and display sensitiv-

Jaishankar said "We mark the

10th anniversary of our Special Strategic and Global Partnership. The 2+2 must

particularly focus on the steps

ahead. It is two years since we

last met in Tokyo. There have

been many developments of consequence in the world. Our

own relationship also has to

factor in changes in our own

During the bilateral talks and

2+2 meeting, the Ministers reviewed the bilateral cooper-

ation and explored new initia-

tives to further strengthen the

engagements between the two

countries. They also exchanged

views on regional and global

issues of mutual interest.

capabilities and calculations."

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

ndia and Japan on Tuesday reviewed the entire spectreviewed the entire spec-trum of their strategic and defence ties in the 2+2 minis-terial dialogue. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in the last decade, the relationship has assumed the form of a Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

"Our cooperation is today set against a larger context of a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific. For India, this is a natural extrapolation from our Act East policy. Indeed, the proportion of our activities and interests East of India has been steadily growing," he said. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held talks with Japanese Minister of Defence Kihara Minoru and Minister of Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa for the 3rd India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue.

Elaborating upon the ties, Jaishankar said the logic of this evolution is "our expanding interests and growing activities. As we both step forward into a

INBRIEF

NF RAILWAY PROGRESS IN HEALTHCARE

Maligaon: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has made significant strides in enhancing healthcare services across its network of hospitals, reflecting its strong commitment to the health and well-being of its employees, their families, and the general public. Under the leadership of Chetan Kumar Shrivastava, General Manager/NFR, the railway has invested immensely in modernizing hospital facilities towards equipping them with advanced diagnostic tools, OT's, and Intensive Care Units (ICUs)

HANDMADE RAKHIS SHOWCASED

Amritsar: On the eve of Raksha Bandhan, the Department of Apparel and Textile Technology (DATT) of Guru Nanak Dev University, students of MSc Fashion Designing (FYIP) and MSc Fashion Designing (2 years programme) organised an exhibition cum sale on handmade rakhis, key chains and hair accessories like hai bow clips. The students showcased their work of handmade products. "The development of products was truly sustainable, fashionable, innovative and affordable," said the university. As part of their curriculum, the students made rakhis with different techniques of macrame and crocheting. Head of the Department of Apparel and Textile Technology Dr Varinder Kaur said the rakhis made from different techniques were eye-catching.

TCS HIRES 65 GNDU STUDENTS



Amritsar: The Directorate of Placement & Career Enhancement of Guru Nanak Dev

Govt alert on Mpox; surveillance upped, nodal centres designated

ARCHANA JYOTI 🗖 NEW DELHI

The threat of monkeypox (Mpox), which has spread from Central Africa to other parts of the world, is now increasing in India as well. Following reports of Mpox (a viral disease caused by the Mpox virus) positive cases in neighbouring countries Pakistan and Pakistan Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK), the Centre has issued an alert, designating three hospitals in Delhi as nodal centres for Mpox while surveillance at borders and airports has been enhanced. Presently, there is no reported case of Mpox in the country

At Lady Hardinge Medical College, RML Hospital, and Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi isolation wards have been established to treat and monitor Mpox patients. Any patient testing positive for Mpox can be admitted to these hospitals. In addition, at All India Institute

of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi, Dr Re



beds for treatment.

In addition to the central Government, the Delhi Government's Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital has also established an isolation ward for Mpox patients. The management has stated that, although no Mpox patients have vet been admitted to the hospital, any future cases will be placed in this ward.

cultural preservation. The 'Dhaga Dr Jugal Kishore, Director, Professor and Head of Vishwas Ka' initiative empowers underprivileged women by pro-Community Medicine at Vardhman Mahavir Medical viding resources, training, and mentorship to create unique College and Safdarjung handloom products. The centre Hospital in the national Capital, will promote innovation in traexplained that Mpox sympditional weaving techniques and toms are similar to those of sustainable practices while facilsmallpox and tating ma ket access for benef pox include sores, blisters, rashes, or ciaries. Currently, over 80 pimples on the face or body, women are training at the Uttam Nagar Centre, which is equipped potentially containing yellow pus. Other symptoms can with 15 handloom machines, 12 include itching, vomiting, fever, charkhas, one tana-bana headache, muscle stiffness, and machine, 10 sewing machines, lethargy. and a cutting and pressing table.

Badlapur seeks...

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portfolio.

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swiftly

asked

court.

Given that the Badlapur

incident has come on the heels of the much-discussed rape

and murder of a junior doctor

in a Kolkata medical college,

government found itself on

Aghadi (MVA) demanding

minister Devendra Fadnavis,

who holds the State Home

Having gone into a damage-

formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT),

headed by Aarti Singh, a

senior IPS officer of the rank

of Inspector General of Police,

to investigate the Badlapur

Simultaneously, Fadnavis

Thane

Dumbare to submit a proposal

to the state government to fast

track the case and prosecute

the accused before a special

Speaking separately to the

media, chief minister Eknath Shinde said: "We have taken

serious cognisance of the

incident. We have already set

up an SIT to investigate the

case. We will fast-track the

case and prosecute the

accused in as quick a manner

as possible. No one will be spared in the case".

management has suspended

the principal, a class teacher

and a female attendant in

connection with the sexual

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assault incident.

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RECPDCL hands over 2 SPVs to **Power Grid** PNS 📕 GURUGRAM

DEC Power Development Kand Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of REC Limited, the Maharatna CPSU under the aegis of Ministry of Power handed over two) project specific SPVs (Special Purpose Vehicles), Rajasthan IV-C Power Transmission Ltd and Rajasthan IV-E Power Transmission Ltd formed for evacuation of power from Rajasthan Renewable Energy Zone Ph-IV (Jaisalmer/Barmer Complex).

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) emerged as the Transmission Service Provider (TSP) through Tariff-based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) process con-ducted by RECPDCL, the Bid Process Coordinator, for development of above transmission projects on Build, Own e and Transfer (BOOT



Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power has acquired two Project Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) viz. Rajasthan IV C Power Transmission Ltd and Rajasthan IV E Power Transmission Ltd on 19th August 2024 for the Transmission System Projects for evacuation of power from Rajasthan REZ Phase IV (Part 2: 5.5 GW) (Jaisalmer/ Barmer Complex): Part C and Part E respectively after competing with various private sector players and emerging as successful bidder in Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) process.

Sports specific rehabilitation workshop

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injuries using latest available tech-REBOUND a one-day workshop on sports specific rehabilitation niques. Dr Amrinder Singh, Head of Department inaugurated the in association with Abhinav Bindra workshop and thanked deen Hosnital from Bhagyashree

POWERGRID acquires two



Professor and Media Cell In-Charge, informed that AIIMS has reserved five beds for suspected monkeypox cases. If any patient shows symptoms of Mpox or is suspected of having it, they will be shifted to these

Health Ministry introduces new security measures for doctors PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

 $D_{\text{protests}}^{\text{ays} \text{ after nationwide}} \\ \text{fraternity in the wake of a trag-} \\$ ic incident involving a trainee doctor in Kolkata, the Union Health Ministry has introduced new security measures for central government hospitals including strict entry and exit monitoring, installation of CCTV at strategic locations, escorts for female staff at night, and secure transport arrange ments.

In a directive issued to all heads of central government hospitals, the Ministry asked them to ensure adequate number of well secured duty rooms with basic amenities for female health professionals and deployment of women health professionals at night be preferably done in more than one in number.

Highlighting the need for increased security in government hospitals, which are more accessible compared to private facilities, the direction sought including setting up control rooms, employing trained security guards, and implementing strict monitoring of hospital entries and exits.

The Ministry also stressed the importance of regular emergency drills, staff training, and improved lighting in critical areas to ensure overall safety and effective emergency response

basis. The project Rajasthan IV-C Power Transmission Ltd covers construction of 765/400 kV, 3x1500 MVA & 400/220 kV, 5x500 MVA Pooling Station at Mandsaur, 171.75 Kms of 765 kV line and associated works.

and Sironix was held at the MYAS - GNDU Department of Sports Sciences and Medicine of Guru Nanak Dev University. Over 85 students and faculty mem-

bers attended the workshop. Speakers talked about the diagno-

organising it.

sis and rehabilitation of sports

Dr Inderdeep Singh, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Amandeep Hospital emphasised on importance of clinical examination and imaging of knee and shoulder injuries in sports persons.

University Services (165) company for BTech and MCA students of GNDU - Batch 2024. The company selected 65 students from these courses. These students have been offered a package in the range of Rs 3.36 lakh to Rs 9.00 lakh per annum. The students belong to Guru Nanak Dev University main campus, Regional Campuses of Jalandhar and Guraspur. These students will join their jobs after passing out their respective courses. Vice Chancellor Dr Jaspal Singh Sandhu congratulated the students and faculty members for the achievement.

Centre asks UPSC to In a related development, cancel "lateral entry"... Leaders of the Opposition MVA -- comprising Congress, NCP (SP), Shiv Sena (UBT) -

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Asked about the criticism being faced by the Government over the issue, he said, "When the Opposition points an accusing finger at us, it needs to remember three fingers get pointed at it. Why didn't these parties, while in power, ensure recruitments against posts reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs

In apparent reference to the issue, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said the Congress would protect the Constitution and the reservation system at all costs and foil "conspiracies" of the BJP.

'We will protect the Constitution and the reservation system at all costs. We will foil the BJP's conspiracies like that of 'lateral entry' at any cost," Gandhi said in a social media post in Hindi.

"I am saying it again - by removing the 50 per cent reservation cap, we will ensure social justice based on caste census," the former Congress chief said.

SUPREME COURT

Opposition (Assembly) Vijay Wadettiwar demanded the From Page 3

suspension of a woman police The court also appealed the official who reportedly made protesting doctors to call the victims' parents sit in the off the strike and resume police station for nearly 12 work. The bench said hours before taking their abstention from the work of doctors affects those "This case must be taken up segments of the society that by a fast track court to hear it are in need of medical care. in three months and the "We earnestly appeal to all accused must be given the death sentence," Wadettiwar the doctors that we are here to ensure that their safety and protection is the matter Opposition of highest national concern. (Council) Ambadas Danve Please trust us, that is why we have not left the matter asked the state government to ensure the strongest possible to the high court. punishment for the accused to "We felt this is not just a

serve as a deterrent and book matter of a serious offence but which affects the institution of healthcare "The fear of the law has gone pan India. Therefore the They feel that if others can get need for the Supreme Court away, they also will not be to take up the matter, the caught and punished," Danve bench said.

The 10 members of the

task force are Vice Admiral Sarin, Director Arti General, Medical Services (Navy), Dr D Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director, Asian Institute of Gastroenterology and AIG Hospitals, Hyderabad, Dr M Srinivas, Director of Delhi AIIMS, Dr Pratima Murthy, Director, National Institute of Mental Health Neurosciences and (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, Dr Goverdhan Dutt Puri, Executive Director, AIIMS Jodhpur, Dr Saumitra Chairperson, Rawat, Institute of Surgical Gastroenterology, GI and HPB, Onco-Surgery and Liver Transplantation and Member, Board of Management, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.

The other members are -Professor Anita Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, Pandit B D Sharma Medical University, Rohtak, former Dean of Academics, Chief Cardio thoracic Centre and Head Cardiology Department AIIMS, Delhi, Dr Pallavi Saple, Dean, Grant Medical College and Sir JJ Group of Hospitals, Mumbai, and Dr Padma Srivastava, formerly Professor at the Department of Neurology, AIIMS Delhi. It said the Cabinet Secretary and the Home Secretary to the Union Government, Ministry of Secretary, Health, Chairperson, National Medical Commission and president, National Board of Examinations, shall be the ex-officio members of the task force.

HC rapped for sexist...

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In its judgement, the Calcutta High Court bench of Justices Chitta Ranjan Dash and Partha Sarathi Sen High Court had observed that female adolescents should "control sexual urges" as in the "eyes of the society she is the loser when she gives in to enjoy the sexual pleasure of hardly two minutes". The high court had made the observations while hearing an appeal by a man who was awarded a 20-year sentence for sexual assault. The high court had acquitted the man. Ōka, Justice who pronounced the verdict on behalf of the bench, said that directions have been issued to the States to implement provisions of Section 19 (6) of POCSO Act along with Sections 30 to 43 of the Juvenile Justice Act that deal

with issues related to a

child's need for care and

protection and setting up of

Taking suo moto cognizance of the case titled "In Re: Right to Privacy of Adolescents", the Supreme Court said the observations were not only "highly objectionable" but also "completely unwarranted," as they violated the rights of adolescents under Article 21 of the Constitution. The Court expressed concern over the High Court's deviation from its remit to decide solely on the merits of the appeal, criticizing the judges for expressing personal views and preaching.

Justice Oka wondered how the High Court used its power under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, - that gives High Courts the power to prevent the abuse of the legal process and to ensure justice - to overturn the conviction in the case on the grounds that POCSO should be amended to recognize adolescent sexuality.

TRAI to crackdown on bogus...

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shelter homes.

The telecom regulator has now "issued directions for enforcement of measures to curb the misuse of messaging services and protect consumers from fraudulent practices." "TRAI has mandated the Access Providers to migrate telemarketing calls starting with 140 series to online DLT platform latest by September 30, 2024 for better monitoring and control," it said. To deter the misuse of templates for promotional content, TRAI has introduced punitive measures for non-compliance. Content templates registered under the wrong category will be blacklisted, and repeated offences will lead to a one-month suspension of the sender's services, it asserted.

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Three of family

among 5 killed

At least five people, including three members

one villager went missing after landslides triggered by incessant rain occurred at three places in Tripura, police raid on Tuesday.

The three members of a family died at Debipur in

South Tripura district when their house collapsed due to a

massive landslide on Monday

Magistrate

in landslides

in Tripura

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said on Tuesday.

Guv can't pick & choose: K'taka **CM after prosecution sanction**



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PTI BENGALURU

Karnataka Cinci III rarnataka Chief Minister said Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot should function like a representative of the President of India and not the central government.

He said the Governor should not 'pick and choose' and be selective in the matter of granting sanction for prosecution. "Governor is a constitutional

post and we respect it. What we say is that he should work as a representative of the President of India and not the Central government," Siddaramaiah told reporters here. Gehlot on August 16 granted sanction permitting investigation against Siddaramaiah under 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act and prosecution under Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, in connection with the Mysuru Urban Development Authority site allotment 'scam. The Chief Minister recalled

that the Karnataka Lokayukta had sought Governor's approval to prosecute Union Minister for Steel and Heavy

Industries

the pioneer

Kumaraswamy on November 23, 2023 in connection with Sri Sai Venkateshwara Minerals case but till now no permission has been granted. The state ombudsman on Monday again submitted a proposal to the Governor seeking his permission to file a charge-sheet against Kumaraswamy, who had allegedly granted mining lease to the private firm when he was the Chief Minister in 2007 is wighter of here

2007 in violation of law. Siddaramaiah also pointed out that the Governor did not give permission to the Lokayukta to prosecute former BJP Ministers Shashikala Jolle, Murugesh Nirani and G Janardhana Reddy.

"On the other hand, T J Abraham lodged a (private) complaint against me with the Governor on July 26 at 11 am and 10 hours later I was served a show-cause notice. Isn't it discrimination? That's the reason that the Governor was told not to use 'pick and choose' and should not do it selectively," Siddaramaiah said. his writ petition In

challenging the Governor's

E-AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR SALE OF RAILWAY SCRAP MATERIAL

E-auction programme for sale of Railway Scrap materials under iurisdiction of Dv.CMM/NFR/New Jalpaiguri for the month of September 2024 unit wise, is hereby fixed as under: For GSD-New Jalpaigur

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terested bidders can participate in E-auction programme through IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Material Manager/New Jalpaiguri NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY CARRYING OUT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE Public Notice

BJP MP hits out at Cong leaders for targeting Guv

PTI BENGALURU

 $B^{\mathrm{JP}\ \mathrm{MP}\ \mathrm{Lahar}\ \mathrm{Singh}}_{\mathrm{Siroya}\ \mathrm{on}\ \mathrm{Tuesday}\ \mathrm{hit}}$ out at Congress leaders for allegedly targeting Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot for granting sanction prosecution Minister Chief Siddaramaiah corruption charges.

'Revenue Minister (Krishna Byre Gowda) in the Siddaramaiah Cabinet has called the Governor from a Dalit family 'Nalayak'. Another Congress MLC (Ivan D'Souza) has said he will barge into Raj Bhavan and give the 'Bangladesh treatment' to the Governor," the Rajya Sabha member

order in the High Court on Monday, the Chief Minister submitted that it was issued without due application of mind, in violation of statutory mandates, and

PUBLIC NOTICE I, Seema Rani W/o Neeraj Jain R/o 1/5767, Gali No-14, Balbir Nagar Shahdara Delhi 32 we are married under Hindu Marriage Act/ Rights/ Customs and are living together as married couple since 04.12.1999. Seema Rani (maiden name of wife) would henceforth be known as Seema Jain (name of wife after marriage) by virtue of our

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Kumar 4: Smit Swatt Gupta 5: Mr. Nitin Gupta 8:6 Mrs. Komal Gupta in favour of Smit. Poonam gupta inrespectof Said Property. Smit. Poonam gupta intends to transfer the ownership by way of Sale Deed of aforementioned property to Mr. Jitesh Gaur. Subsequently, Mr. Jitesh Gaur is in the process of mortgaging the said is in the process of mortgaging SMFG india Home Finance Co. Ltd. (Drmerty Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.). Any objections or cancersr. regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 7 days from the date of this ublic notice. Any objections submitted after the

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Congress is following Rahul Gandhi's anarchy formula," Congress President M Mallikarjun Kharge, who is a Dalit, is also a 'Nalayak' ?

Ministers, which is binding under Article 163 of the Constitution of India.

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7 dead, 6 injured as auto-rickshaw rams into stationary truck in MP

PTI CHHATARPUR (MP)

 $S^{\text{even persons, including a}}_{\text{one-year-old child, were}}$ killed and six others injured after an auto-rickshaw rammed into a stationary truck from behind in Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh early on Tuesday, officials said. The accident took place

rickshaw was going towards Bageshwar on Khajuraho-Jhansi highway around 5 am, a police official said. "Thirteen persons were travelling in the autorickshaw and seven of them Chhatarpur, he said. Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Akhil Rathore said

Yadav (45), Manu Shrivastava (25), Govind Shrivastava (35) and Nanni Bua (42) and Lalu (age not known), the officials said.

eastern India's export growth, says Pradhan

PTI

Centre

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Tuesday emphasised the need to enhance exports from eastern India and sought cooperation from the state governments in the region.

He also underscored the government's commitment to ensuring the region benefits from various free trade agreements under the export promotion policy.

În this year's budget, eastern India was highlighted as a identified as autorickshaw driver Prem Narayan (46), priority area for development one year-old Asma, Janardan under the Purvodaya scheme with matching infrastructure creation being a key focus, Pradhan said on the sidelines of an Exim Conference organised by the CII here.





night, Santirbazar Sub Divisional Abhedananda Baidya told PTI over phone. The deceased were identified as Trisankar Chakma, his wife Rajini and his daughter Binita.Mauai Reang, aged 52, was killed in a landslide in

Gumati district's Karbook area on Monday, while another villager went missing, Additional District Magistrate (ADM) BB Das said A 14-year-old boy died when mounds of earth fell on his

house in Champlai area in Khowai district on August 19, a police officer said.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE IMPORTANT NOTICE General public is hereby informed that I Rajesh Bhakri am filing application in L&DO for substitution of the property no. 2A/28 Ramesh Nagar, New Delh-110015, in the name of Rajesh Bhakri on the grounds of registered will & relinquishment deed. If there are any objections t is for general information that I Chirac Arora S/o Of Ghanshyam R/o Flat No. 7A In order to clear extra rush of passengers, Railways Pocket A-3, Mayur Vihar Phase-3, East Delhi-110096 declare that name of my have decided to run the Post Rakshabandhan Superfast father and my mother has been wrongly claims from the general public on this application he same shall be communicated to L&DO with written as Ghanshyam Arora and Kavita Arora in my educational documents. The upporting documents through registered post o by visiting L&DO at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi o actual name of my father and mother are hrough an email at Ideal of the second of th Ghanshyam and Kavita respectively, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal Address : 2A/28, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015 requirements in this connection Phone : 9810959705. New Okhla Industrial Development Authority ndida Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301(U.P.) Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in **E-TENDER NOTICE** E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firms for the following job:

Three seriously injured

persons are being referred to Jhansi for further treatment,

he said. The deceased were

against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened / downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in 8 https://etender.up.nic.in Please ensure to see these we changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

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S. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (Rs Lacs)
1	03/DGM/ SM(WC-6)/ 2024-25	Development of Underpass Sector- 71, 72, 51 and 52 (Balance work of Theme Painting on Underpass RHS Sector-51 and 72 side), Noida.	Rs. 40.86
2	07/DGM/ SM(WC-6)/ 2024-25	Development of Sector-112 (C/o RCC wall for Central Verge of 30.00 mtr. wide road between Sector-112 and FNG road), Noida.	Rs. 67.63
3	20/DGM/ SM(WC-8)/ ET/2024-25	C/o Boundary wall (C/o Boundary wall of Commercial Plot opposite Pocket- 12 in Sector-82), Noida.	Rs. 98.21
The	above tende	ers can be uploaded by dated 03.09.2024 up	to 5.00 PM. Pre-

gualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 04.09.2024 at 11.00 AM Dy. General Manage



Accommodation: 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

Train No. 02418 Del Superfast Rakshaban			01 TRIP				
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	ARR.	DEP.					
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Accommodation: 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

For detailed information regarding stoppages and timings of above trains, please call RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or



he said in a post on 'X'. he asked

contrary to constitutional principles, including the advice of the Council of

under the Civil Line police station limits when the that as per the initial information, the CNG-run auto-rickshaw rammed into the stationary truck from behind.

were killed while six others injured after the vehicle collided with a truck on Jhansi-Khajuraho Road," Superintendent of Police (SP) Agam Jain said. The victims were going from Mahoba (in Uttar Pradesh) to Bageshwar Dham in

Public Notice This is to inform the general public that Mr. Arun Kurnar Jha is the GPA folder of Portion of Piot No. C-41, New No.A-217, area measuring 70 Sq. yds., out of Khasra No. Sa'18, Stuated in the area of Village Nangioi Jat, Colony Known as Nhai Vhar, Delhi. Heis in Possession above piot through Regd. GPA, ATS & Will dated 27.12.1993 executed by Mr. Rajbir Singh as general attorney of Mrs. Savita Dev in favour of Mr. Arun Kurnar Jhain respect of the **area measuring** 50 Sq. Yds. and Notarzed GPA, ATS & Will dated 04.07.2024 executed by Mis. Indu Jhain fevour of Mr. Arun Kurnar Jhain intends to transfer the ownership y way of Sale Deed of aforemenioned poit to Mr. Despak Kurnar Jha and Mrs. Binita Devi, Mr. Bengak Kurnar Jha and Mrs. Binita Devi are in the process of intergaging SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd.). Any objections of concerne regarding the stransdom bound be on should be raised within a period of 7 days from the date of this public notics. Ary petide will not be considered binding with respect to the sidd proort vorthe interest for date within a petid of 7 days from the date of this public notics. Ary petid will not be considered binding with respect to the sidd proort vorthe interest for date of this 7-day petid will not be considered binding with respect to the sidd poetid will not be considered binding with respect to the sidd proort worthe interest for date of this 7-day petid will not be considered binding with respect to the Objections submitted after the completion of this 7-dat period will not be considered brinding with respect to this said property or the interests of our client. If anyone where to raise an objection, please do se within the stipulated 7-day period by contacting Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) a Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-4201301 Sector-16, Nolda, Ultar Pradesh-201301 Landline(s): +910120-3101683; e-mail accounts@vnorth.in



CHANGE OF NAME

I, Satish Kumar S/o Shri Radhey Shyam R/o 1/5467-B, Street No. 16, Balbir Nagar Extn., Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name Nisha to Sakshi for all future purposes. And declare that Nisha and Sakshi both name are belong to same and one person.

PD(693)C I, Charanjeet S/o Shyam Singh R/o H No B/149, Sanjay Colony Bhati Mines, New Delhi-110074 have changed mv name to Charanjeet Singh for all purposes.

PD(694)C

I, Priyanshu Baliyan w/o Sachin Dhama R/o Plot MV02 gaur city 1 Greater Noida has changed my name to Priyanshu Dhama for all purpose.

PD(695)C We Karan Sikka and Ritika Jain resident of BT-21 Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110052, parents of my minor Son has changed the Name from Rohan Sikka to Rihaan Sikka as we confirm that Rihaan Sikka and Rohan Sikka PD(696)C PD(696)C A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024 are same person.

E-Tender No. SNT-29-LMG-2024 25: Dated: 17-08-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work. Name of work & Place: Carrying out Repair and Maintenance of Computer console Laptop.UPS. Printers used in SSE Tele/Lumding office, OFC/Exchange & Test room at Sr.DSTE/Lumding's office and other subordinate offices for a period of 2 years. Tender Value ₹11,02,953.97; Bid Security: ₹22,100.00; E-tender will be Close at 15:00 hrs. on 09-09-2024 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 09-09-2024

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE Re: Plot No. 13B, admeasuring 56.00 sq.yrds out of khasra No. 761, situated in the layou plan of Shahra Enclave, Village Chhaproala Tehsil Dadri Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (hereinafter called the "said property") Be it known to all that our client, Mr. Sarjeev Kumar Jatav (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intends to purchase the said property from Mr. Aasu & Vashu Dhimar (hereinafter called the "Seller"). In this connection, the seller has informed the purchaser that they are the joint owners of the said property. They have further informed tha the said property. May sweed by Mrs. Mamit

said property. They have further informed that the said property was owned by Mrs. Mamta vide Sale deed registered as Document No 7066 on 18.06.2020 (SRO Dadri) executed by Mr. Satbir. After the death of Mrs. Mamta, the said property devolved on them being her lega heirs. The seller have also informed that the said property is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigatior pending regarding the said property. The sellel has further informed the purchaser that the following original documents namely (1) Sale Deed registered as Document No.1142 on 17.01 2013 executed by Mrs. Savita ir requistered as Document No.5342 or 14.03.2014 executed by Mrs. Laxmi Sharma ir favour of Mrs. Laxmi Sharma; (2) Sale deec

14.03 2014 executed by Mrs. Laxmi Sharma in favour of Mr. Khurshid Ahmed; and (3) Sali deed registered as Document No.20616 or 16.10.2014 executed by Mr. Khurshid Ahmed in favour of Mr. Ajay Kumar, in respect of th said property and forming part of the chai documents" are not traceable and seem to have been lost. An FIR regarding loss of thess said documents has been lodged by the selle with Delhi Police Crime Branch vide LF No.2033687/2024 dated 16.08.2024.

the aforesaid original said documents or a If the aforesaid original said documents or any of them are/is found or have/has been found by any person, the same may be returned and delivered to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below. Further, if any person, body, institution is having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property he/she/they may raise his/her/thei objection/s, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to thi undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice. Otherwise, after expiry of 07 days fron the date of publication of this notice, no objection shall be acceptable.

biection shall be acceptable Seneral Public may also take note that a leal or transaction done by anybody on t basis of the said documents or any of the thall be illegal and not binding on our clie he person doing so shall be liable to b rosecuted under the law. Shivkant Arora, Advocate

lothi, colony Vikas Vihar Nilothi, Dell ereinafter referred to as the "Said Property"

(Hereinatter reference to as the Said Property). Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Satnam Singh & Mrs. Saran Preet Kaur (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said property from Mr. Jasmer Singh (hereinafter called the "Attorney-holder"). In this connection, the Attorney-holder has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute Attorney-holder in respect of the said property vide Notarized POA documents viz. perty vide Notarized POA documents viz. A, ATS and Will dated 05/09/1995 executed Gurbaksh Singh in his favour. Mr. Gurbaks ngh had purchased the said property fron and Singh vide POA docs viz., GPA, ATS and

Anand Singh vide POA docs viz., GPA, AI 5 and Will dated 0906/1992. The Attorney holder has further informed the purchaser that the said property is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said property. regarding the said property. Any person including Bank/s, Financial institution/s, relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever nto or upon the said property is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event for no resnose, having hean received to the

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no response having been received to the ptice, the title of the attorney-holder in respect the said property shall be deemed to be lear of any charge or encumbrance of any ature whatsoever and any subsequent claim hall not bind our clients/Purchaser, in any properties

hivkant Arora, Advocate M/s Intellective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE Reg: Portion of Property Bearing No. RH-282, having New No. RH-282/4, area measuring 35 sq. yds., (said portion), Built up on Property No. RH-282, New No. RH-282/4, total area measuring 406 sq. yds., Part of Khasra No. 76/2 & 8, situated in Vilage Nangloi Jat, Colon y known as Laxmi Park, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, New Delhi, (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property"). Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Parmod Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Parmod Kumar and Mrs. Shalini Singh (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said portion from Mr. Mukesh Chandra aamniya (hereinafter called the "Attorne" older"). In this connection, the Attorne older has informed the purchaser that he he sole and absolute Attorney-holder

espect of the said portion of the said property ide POA documents viz., Notarized GPA NTS and Will dated 13/03/2021 executed by Mr. Sunil Kumar in his favour. Mr. Sunil Kuma urchased the said property from Mr harmender vide POA documents viz. GPA

Jnarmender vide POA documents viz. GP4 TS and Will dated 19/12/2017. The Attorne tolder has further informed the purchaser that he said portion is not mortgaged anywher not here is no charge or dispute or an titigation pending regarding the said portion. Any person including Bank/s, Financia relitivity of relitive/s hashing any claim rinn robibilition/s. relitive/s hashing any claim rinn robibilition/s. nstitution/s. relative/s having any claim, right itle or any interest of any nature whatsoeve to or upon the said portion of the sail roperty is hereby called upon to make the ame known, in writing, with documentar vidence, by Registered AD Post, to the indersigned at the address mentioned herei

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M/s Intellective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

ne subject property. Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi – 110001 Mob.: +91-8076188328

Public Notice This is to inform the general public that Baby Sia Jindal through Guardian Mrs. Pooja Jindal & Baby Delisha Jindal through Guardian Mrs. Pooja Jindal & Mrs. Pooja Jindal are the owners Property bearing no. 28, area measuing 1050 sq. yards., situated at Sec-21-A, Urban Estate Faridabad, Tehsil & Distl. Faridabad, Haryana through Transfer Deed dated 26.11 2018 as doc. No. 8988 executed by Mr. Bhart Bhushan Jindal in favour of Baby Sia Jindal through Guardian Mrs. Pooja, Jindal & Baby Delisha, Jindal through duration favour delisha and through Guardian Mrs.

favour of Baby Sia Jindal through Guardian Mrs. Pooja Jindal & Baby Deisha Jindal through Guardian Mrs. Pooja Jindal Mrs. Pooja Jindal in respectof Said Property. The above-said owner has misplaced the 1) Original Allotment Letter, Possession Letter Issued by HUDA in favour of Mr. Sharti Bhushan, (3) Original Transfer Letter dated 31.03.1987 issued by HUDA in favour of Mr. Bharti Bhushan, (3) Original Conveyance Deed dated 07.05.1987 as doc. No.10826 executed by HUDA in favour of Mr. Bharti Bhushan in respect of PIoI No. 28. FIR No. 239 was also registered at NIT Faridabad Branch on 08.08.2024. Anyone who finds the above-mentioned documents, kindly handower the same mentioned documents, kindly handover the same to the Manager of Clix Capital Services Pvt Ltd

Io the Manager of Clix Capital Services Pvt Ltd, Rajendra Place. Baby Sia Jindal through Guardian Mrs. Pooja Jindal & Baby Delisha Jindal through Guardian Mrs. Pooja Jindal & Mrs. Pooja Jindal are in the process of morgaging the said Clix Capital Services Pvt Ltd. Any objections or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 07 days from the date of this public notice. Any objections submitted after the completion of this 07-day period will not be considered binding with respect to the said property or the interests of our client.

f anyone wishes to raise an objection, please do Within the stipulated 07-days period by contacting Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) at Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301; Landline(s): +910120-3101683, e-mail: accounts@lvnorth.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Arun Kumar Mishra (hereinafter called the seller) claims to be owner and in possession of Ground Floor of Prop. No. A-111, Khasra No. 620, Block A, Asha Park, Village Tihar, New Delhi (herein after called the said property). Said Arun Kumar Mishra was the oint owner of the said property with Deepali Mishra by virtue of Sale Deed dated 26.02.2004 read, vide Doc. No. 3713, after he death of Deepali Mishra, said Kamala Chatterjee, Chitra Giri & Javanta Kumar Mishra executed a regd. relinquishment Deed on 12.07.2024 in favor of Seller in respect of half share, said Seller have agreed to sell the said Property to Kamlesh Singh and said Kamlesh Singh has agreed to create a mortgage in favour of our clients IDFC First Bank Ltd, Rajendra Place Branch, any person/s having claim against the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/ registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, lien or otherwise howsoever, are ereby intimated to notify the same in writing o us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within **7days** from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan and subsequent creation of mortgage in respect hereof Vishal Diwan (Advocate) For Diwan and Company LLP H. No.2 (LGF), NRI Complex New Delhi-19 Mobile No. 9818399999

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Public Notice

This is to inform all concerned that

the Tender Notice: PGSC/Admin/

Digital Projection /2024/02 for the

"Supply, Installation, Integration

Testing, and Commissioning of a Full

Dome Digital 4K 2D Multichannel

Immersive Projection System" at

Pushpa Gujral Science City,

16.03.2024, is currently under review

for the award of the contract.

Stakeholders with any claims

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

OICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New 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.

Stakeholders with any claims or objections regarding this tender are invited to submit their written		Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch	
concerns, if any, no later than 02.09.2024, by 3:00 p.m., via post / email to sciencecity@hotmail.com. Administrative Officer			TBGUR00006436116	Property Document Covering Property No. 56 3rd Floor, Without Roof Rights, Block-D, Sector-8, Dwarka, New Delhi- 110075/ August 17, 2024	March 30, 2024 Rs. 95,47,976/-	Gautam Buddha Nagar/ New Delhi	
Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala NA/12/24854/2023/36805	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.						
Dated CHD :- 8/20/2024			e : August 21, 2024 ce : Gautam Buddha No		Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.		

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2024

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	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	Quarter Ended			Year Ended
	30.06.2024	31.03.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024	30.06.2024	31.03.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	2,278.03	2,749.64	697.24	5,447.54	2,278.03	2,749.64	697.24	5,447.54
Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities before tax	119.77	43.36	(100.47)	61.72	119.77	43.36	(100.47)	61.72
Net Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities after tax (9 \pm 10)	119.77	40.43	(100.47)	58.78	119.77	40.43	(100.47)	58.78
Net Profit/(Loss) After Tax for the period (11 ± 12)	119.77	58.51	(100.47)	76.87	119.77	58.51	(100.47)	76.87
Net Profit/(Loss) After Taxes and Minority Interest for the period (13+14+15)	119.77	58.51	(100.47)	76.87	117.88	67.47	(88.03)	97.80
Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each)	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
Earning per Share								
Basic	1.33	0.65	-1.12	0.85	1.31	0.75	-0.98	1.09
Diluted	1.33	0.65	(1.12)	0.85	1.31	0.75	(0.98)	1.09

Note:

The above is an extract of the Detailed format of Quarterly Financal results (Standalone & Consolidated) unaudited filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Financal results for the Said Quarter ended are available on www.msei.in. and the same is available on the website of the Company www.radicoindia.com

> By Order of the Board For Radico Khaitan Finance Ltd Sd/-Krishan Kumar Sharma (Director) DIN: 00856406

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Place: New Delhi Date: 13.08.2024

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Take no chances!

Mpox is becoming a global concern. While there is no need to push the panic button yet, it is important to remain watchful

n the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world is now facing another significant health challenge: Mpox, previously known as monkeypox. This viral disease, which has traditionally been confined to certain regions of Africa, has seen a disturbing rise in cases across the globe, prompting widespread concern and action from health authorities. Mpox is caused by the monkeypox virus, a member of the Orthopoxvirus genus, which also includes the smallpox virus. The good news is that it is not fatal in most cases and is curable. There is no specific treatment for mpox but most people recover in a few weeks. Supportive care and pain control can help people with good immune systems while those with low immunity can recover with medical treatment. While it is less deadly than smallpox, Mpox can still cause severe illness, especially in those with compromised immune systems. The virus is primarily transmitted to humans from animals, but human-to-human transmission can also occur, particularly through direct con-



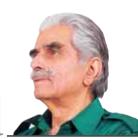
tact, bodily fluids, respiratory droplets, or contaminated materials like bedding. Mpox's symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes, chills, and a distinctive rash that often starts on the

face and spreads to other parts of the body. As they say, once bitten twice shy, we have just wriggled out of corona pandemic and cannot afford to have another pandemic. It is not an epidemic but can become one if preventive measures are not taken. After a surge in Mpox cases globally Indian airports have ramped up surveillance and precautionary measures to mitigate the spread of the virus. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued a nationwide adviso-

ry, urging airports to intensify screening processes and ensure that protocols for identifying and isolating potential cases are strictly followed. The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported an uptick in Mpox cases across several regions, with particular concern in areas where the virus had previously been under control. Travellers exhibiting symptoms such as fever, rash, or swollen lymph nodes are being referred for further medical evaluation. Major international airports in cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru are at the forefront of these preventive measures. Special medical teams have been stationed at these hubs to conduct rapid assessments and ensure that any suspected cases of Mpox are swiftly isolated and treated. The focus is not just on inbound passengers; outbound travellers are also being advised to take precautions, particularly if they are heading to regions experiencing outbreaks. While India has not yet reported a significant number of Mpox cases, the proactive measures being implemented at airports are part of a broader strategy to prevent the virus from gaining a foothold in the country. Health experts emphasise that early detection and isolation are key to controlling the spread of Mpox, particularly in a densely populated country like India, where an outbreak could have severe consequences.



Another surprise regime change in neighbourhood



ASHOK K MEHTA

Amid economic distress and a coup, India's once strong alliance with Bangladesh teeters on uncertainty, as anti-India sentiment rises and strategic interests hang in the balance

rime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned in his Independence Day speech that India is worried about developments in Bangladesh, especially about the safety of Hindus and other minorities there. Promptly Professor Yunus head of Caretaker Administration called Modi to reassure him of their safety. The soft coup in Dhaka, the fourth in 53 years is almost wholly student-driven following Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina losing touch with her people and mounting economic distress. The killing of 200 and more protestors, many students, was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back. COAS Gen Waqur Uz Zaman was left with only one choice: order Hasina to flee giving her 45 minutes.

The General must have foreseen this contingency as "the day after" scenario. Otherwise, the speed and orderly nature of the transition could not have been possible. The sentiment on the street is anti-Hasina with the Sheikh Mujib legacy she nurtured of freedom from Pakistan through a liberation war aided by India would not have been so bitterly desecrated. Anti-India feelings largely stem not only from India's blind support for Hasina despite the loss of democratic credentials but also some grievances that Bangladesh has nursed mainly like BSF firing on the border, not sharing Teesta waters and disallowing use of the Siliguri corridor.

Most of all, they were peeved by Home Minister Amit Shah calling Bangladeshis 'insects' and loud advocacy of CAA/NRC. Giving refuge to Hasina indefinitely could increase the anger against India. Critical strategic interests are at stake.Much has been written about the events of July and August in Bangladesh. Astonishing is the importance attached to conspiracy theories: naming the US, and CIA coveting St Martin Island which is also claimed by Myanmar and other



fear. Even though a Nobel lau-reate, liberal democrat and regionalist, Mohammad Yunus is to lead the caretaker administration has said he will be guided by the students and their leaders Nahid Islam and Asif Mahmud. The mystery in this drama is the extent to which Gen Zaman, a relative of Sheikh Hasina, was involved in the coup. No regime change has occurred in Bangladesh without the Army either facilitating or executing it.

Sheikh Hasina's greatest achievement was transforming Bangladesh once a basket case into the fastest-growing economy in South Asia with human development indices surpassing all regional countries except Sri Lanka. Its garment industry was world-class till periodic protests and strikes over wages and COVID began to wreck it. Bangladesh grew at a steady 6.5 per cent for two decades with a per capita income of USD 2600, much higher than India's. But its growth story ended after it sought IMF assistance of USD 4.76 bn and inflation crossed

10 per cent. Trade with India had grown phenomenally to nearly USD 18 bn. An FTA in the works for a long, had it materialised Bangladesh's exports would have risen 182 per cent. The

a fillip to medical tourism. Defence relations have enhanced miraculously: it is a story of turning foe into friend. This is quite extraordinary, given that Bangladesh used to portray India as an enemy in its war games. India has granted a \$500bn LoC for defence purchases but in Bangladesh's layered defence procurement system controlled by Armed Forces Division once led by Gen Zaman, India is at the lowest level for consideration for hardware with China topping the list at A level.

CHALLENGING Aircraft, submarines, tanks, artillery and other equipment CONUNDRUM are mainly of Chinese origin. IN THE COUNTRY Bangladesh is a nation in disarray being led by student lead-IT HELPED ers whose wishes are being promulgated by the Caretaker IN ITS BIRTH. Administration. India is faced THE GOLDEN PERIOD with a challenging conundrum in the country it helped IN BILATERAL in its birth. The golden period in bilateral relations when RELATIONS India's interests were being WHEN INDIA'S suitably addressed is bound to change given the fact that the **INTERESTS** new regime is targeting Sheikh Hasina and everyone associat-WERE BEING ed with her or the Awami SUITABLY League.

That the Bangladesh Army will become the conduit for a near-IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and

lenge of its economic distress India's assistance will be necessary. Dhaka will not forget how New Delhi bailed out Colombo after its default in 2022 and the student protest movement which could not transform Sri Lanka's polity. Former only Hindu Chief Justice of Bangladesh Surendra Kumar Sinha who was sacked by Hasina said last week that everything that has happened in Bangladesh in the last few days has been unconstitutional and he cited the various changes brought about by the Caretaker Administration. In a revolution or a coup the constitution is one of several casualties. The Administration has said that institutional reforms will include reviewing the constitution before any election can take place. All this will take time. It is the early days of regime change with the future clouded with uncertainty. India's new geo-political challenge is shaping and it must now begin engaging relevant stakeholders. What it will do about Sheikh Hasina and Awami League will be one of many challenges.

(The writer, a retired Major

General, was Commander.

usuai sus ects, Pakistani, 151 and China. While some of these players will certainly fish in troubled water, it is the role of Islamists and largest tourist population jihadi organisations India must comes from Bangladesh giving

normal relationship is what India must hope for. Geography and economic IS BOUND TO CHANGE logic also suggest that for

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Flowers in full bloom in Amrit Udyan at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi

Cyber security: Reducing attack surfaces in the digital age



As cyber threats become more sophisticated, cybersecurity requires a proactive approach. Advancing security practices through Zero Trust principles is key

s cyber threats continue to evolve, it's impor-Lant to remember cybersecurity is not a onetime task but an ongoing process.Advancing cybersecurity and Zero Trust maturity starts by focusing on three core practice areas: reducing the attack surface, detecting and responding to cyber threats and recovering from a cyberattack throughout the infrastructure, including edge, core and cloud.

The attack surface refers to all potential areas in an environment that a cyber attacker can target or exploit. These points can include software vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, weak authentication mechanisms, unpatched systems, excessive user privileges, open network ports, poor physical security and more. This is achieved by minimizing the potential vulnerabilities and entry points that attackers can exploit to compromise a system, network or organization across various domains including the edge, the core or the cloud Some ways we can strengthen

our security posture: Apply Zero Trust princi**ples:** Zero Trust is a security tion:. Systems, networks and provide automation to help



concept centred on the belief that organizations should not automatically trust anything inside or outside their perimeters and instead must verify everything trying to connect to their systems before granting access. Organizations can achieve a Zero Trust model by incorporating solutions like microsegmentation, identity and access management (IAM), multi-factor authentication (MFA) and security analytics, to name a few.

Patch and update regularly: Keeping operating systems, software and applications up to date with the latest security patches helps address known vulnerabilities and minimize the risk of exploita-

devices need to be correctly configured with security best practices, such as disabling unnecessary services, using strong passwords and enforcing access controls, to reduce the potential attack surface. Apply the principle of least privilege: Limit user and system accounts to only have the minimum access rights

Catalyst report, 58% of Indian

businesses feel GenAI will

tasks. Use network segmentation: Dividing a network into segments or zones with different security levels helps contain an attack and prevents lateral movement of a cyber threat by isolating critical assets and limiting access between dif-ferent parts of the network. Ensure application security: Implementing secure coding practices, conducting regular security testing and code reviews and using web application firewalls (WAFs) help protect against common application-level attacks and

reduce the attack surface of web applications. Utilize AI/ML: According to the Dell Technologies 2024 Innovation

tion. Ensure secure configurawith the efficiency and scale needed to deal with the influx of threats. We can leverage AI capabilities to help proactively identify and patch vulnerabilities, significantly shrinking the attack surface. Work with suppliers who maintain a secure supply chain: Ensure a trusted foundation with devices and infrastructure that are designed, manufactured and delivered with security in mind. Suppliers that provide a

secure supply chain, secure development lifecycle and rigorous threat modeling keep you a step ahead of threat actors.

Educate users and promote awareness: By proactively implementing these measures, organizations can effectively reduce the attack surface, helping to mitigate risks and making it more challenging for adversaries to exploit vulnerabilities, enhancing the overall defence posture against new and emerging threats.

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CHANKYA OF INDIAN POLITICS

Madam — As a doyen of literature and a great administrator, no one can come close to him for having used "Anna Arivalayaam" as a treasure of knowledge center which paved the way for his glorious political career. The gesture from the Centre will be a welcoming one for the DMK to feel warmth that a commemorative coin of Rs.100 has been released by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Chennai to mark the Birth Centenary of Kalaignar Dr. M. Karunanidhi.

As a prominent writer and politician, he served as the CM for over two decades. His tenure as CM was the longest in the State's history by the count of 6863 days. Whatever one can see as the light and shade in TN in state's progress, Karunanidhi was instrumental for the same. He has recorded 13 times unbeaten in all the contested assembly elections. He reaped what he sowed and the tall leader deserves the coin as an honor for his contributions.

AP Thirvadi Chennai

DOCTORS' SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT

Madam— I strongly condemn the recent horrific incident in West Bengal involving the heinous crime against an innocent 31 year old junior trainee female doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. My heartfelt condolences go to the victim's family. As a matter of fact, it is not for the first time that such horrific incidents take place in one corner or the other across the coun-

We have not forgotten the Nirbhaya case of Delhi. The other day, police have booked three persons, including two women, and detained two of them after a female doctor was allegedly assaulted at civic-run Sion hospital in the early hours of Sunday. Under the circumstances, resignations are not the solution and those who ask for resignation of the Chief Minister of West Bengal, will they ask for the resignation of the

M-pox is turning into a global threat

THE EDITOR



he risk of M-pox is turning as a global health emergency after its cases took a surge spike in the African continent particularly. The disease had reached western continent as well, recently Sweden too confirmed it's first ever Mpox infected case along with the USA. So far more than 1 lakh cases been reported from around 116 countries in total, however the ministry of health

Maharashtra Chief Minister for this incident or in Uttarakhand where two days back a similar incident had happened? Instead of asking resignations, the grim situation warrants the urgent need for enhanced safety measures for healthcare workers throughout the hospitals in the country.

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LATERAL ENTRY

Madam — The issue of lateral entry (Pioneer, 19th Aug. Pg.4) in the Government services politically assailed as deprivation to the reserved classes and through RSS instead of UPSC needs closer examination from administrative angle and technology gaps in the govern-ment services cadre. It is not a political issue. Neither it forfeits the interests of reserved

classes in the services nor it encroaches their recruitment in the civil or subordinate services. Already several government controlled services relating to digitisation, advanced technological projects etc. have been outsourced to the

and family welfare confirmed it's possible chances as low for India. But we just can't underestimate the risk from M-pox virus. Taking precautions from one's own self is the utmost way to avoid any disease coming to our body. Although there is no such designated cure and vaccine for it right now, but precautions like smallpox and cow pox can be adhere for it as well. The zoonotic diseases had turned common after their frequent transmission from the animals to the mankind, it is unfortunate that we our own self is responsible for creating this imbalance between our and animals habitat. Man is itself responsible for the tragic over exploitation of everything, the consequences are in front of us.

The virus disease from squirrel and monkeys are now entered in human now, risk prevention and mitigation had to be implemented on early basis, to avoid another pandemic for the world.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

companies and entities having desired skills and resources. The patterns of recruitment of civil and subordinate services in the Central and State governments lacks appointment and engagement of specialised and skilled cadres. Presently all government services are being operated digitally through applications and online mechanisms.

The traditional government services are red taped and have colonial essence which are not public oriented. In fact, UPSC must reform its recruitment systems for various services to facilitate appointments of a strong and robust cadre of technocrats highly specialised in latest technologies like cyber security, fintechs, block chain, metaverse, cloud, artificial intelligence etc. who can provide services to all government departments instead of lateral entries which will always be despised and envied within the government cadres. Vinod Johri | Delhi

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THE HIGH COST OF FAST FASHION

Sustainable clothing that is produced ethically should be our responsible fashion choice



SHAINY SHARMA

Fast fashion, which refers to the rapid production of inexpensive clothing based on the latest trends, has transformed the global fashion industry. Brands like Zara, H&M, and Forever 21 have led this movement, providing trendy, affordable clothing at an unprecedented speed. By turning runway designs into store-ready garments in just weeks, fast fashion has made the latest styles accessible to a wide audience, particularly young consumers. While this has democratized fashion, it comes with serious environmental, social, and economic consequences.

The fast fashion model thrives on its ability to meet consumer demand for low-cost, trendy clothing. The business strategy relies on efficient supply chains that quickly replicate popular styles, keeping consumers constantly engaged with new products. This approach fuels the desire for inexpensive, fashion-forward clothing, allowing consumers to experiment with various trends without spending much. For younger consumers, who often use fashion as a means of self-expression, this is particularly appealing. However, the lower quality and shorter lifespan of these clothes contribute to a cycle of overconsumption, waste, and environmental harm.

One of the biggest drawbacks of fast fashion is its environmental impact. The industry is energy-intensive, relying heavily on fossil fuels for textile production and transportation. It is estimated that the fashion industry is responsible for about 10% of global carbon emissions, surpassing the emissions from all international flights and maritime shipping combined. This is due to the widespread use of synthetic fibers, which are



derived from fossil fuels, and the energy required for manufacturing and global distribution. Furthermore, the production process consumes vast amounts of water, especially in the case of cotton, a commonly used fabric that requires thousands of liters to produce just one kilogram. Additionally, textile dyeing and finishing processes contribute significantly to water pollution. Fast fashion's environmental footprint extends beyond carbon emissions and water consumption.

Workers in fast fashion supply chains often endure poor working conditions and low wages. In many cases, these exploitative labor practices are linked to environmental degradation, as manufacturers in lowregulation regions cut costs by disregarding environmental standards. Thus, the social and environmental issues of fast fashion are intertwined. Despite these concerns, fast fashion remains popular due to its affordability and the constant influx of new styles. Many consumers, particularly those on tight budgets, are unaware of or choose to overlook the ethical and environmental implications of their purchases. However, there is a growing movement toward sustainable fashion, driven by increasing awareness of these issues. Sustainable fashion prioritizes quality over quantity, using eco-friendly materials and ethical production practices. Some brands are adopting circular economy principles, focusing on recycling, upcycling, and designing products for durability. Consumers must be educated about the environmental consequences of their choices, and governments should implement stricter regulations on textile production and promote recycling initiatives. Encouraging sustainable practices and fostering demand for eco-friendly products can push the industry toward more responsible production methods. The shift from fast fashion to sustainable alternatives is critical for reducing the industry's environmental and social toll In conclusion, while fast fashion has made high-fashion trends more accessible, its environmental and social costs are significant. Addressing these challenges will require concerted efforts from consumers, industry leaders, and policymakers to move toward more ethical and sustainable fashion practices.

Gas pricing: Reforms turn into a control regime



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Government's decision to grant a 20 per cent premium on natural gas from the state owned new wells has added complexity to the gas pricing regime



he decision of the Union Government to grant a 20 per cent premium over the APM price (a jargon for adminis-tered or controlled price) for any natural gas (NG) that state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) will produce from the 'new wells or well interventions' from their nominated fields has made the NG pric-ing more complicated. It is an outcome of a thought process that focuses on unshackling the oil and gas industry from price controls to start with but ends up exercising more controls.

Every year, India consumes 59.5 billion cubic metres (bcm) of NG. Of this, nearly 54 per cent or 32.13 bcm is produced domestically, and the balance is met from imports of liquefied natural gas (LNG). Of the domestic gas, around two-thirds is from blocks given on nomination to ONGC and OIL and from fields given under the New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP) (launched in 1999) as well as those given to private firms before the NELP. NG supplies from the aforementioned fields (known in common parlance as 'legacy fields') are governed by a particular pric-ing regime. Before April 2023, under the pricing guidelines effective since November 2014, supplies from these fields used to be a weighted average (WA) of prices of NG at four international locations: Henry Hub (the USA), Alberta Gas (Canada), NBP (National Balancing Point) (the UK), and Russian Gas. The prices used for arriving at the WA were over twelve months. It was revised every six months in a financial year (FY). The four global hubs have fairly mature gas markets and the prices obtained there are pretty reasonable. Moreover, considering that the prices for twelve consecutive months were used for arriving at the WA, it smoothened out the month-to-month variations thereby ensuring that the price to the consumers was 'stable'. From April 1, 2023, the government changed the above system based on the recommendations of the Kirit Parikh committee (2022). Under the new formula, for any given month, the price expressed per million

British thermal units (Btu) (ener-gy units used globally for setting NG prices) is arrived at by taking 10 per cent of the monthly aver-age of the basket of Indian crude oil in the preceding month. The price thus calculated is subject to a price band of US\$4 - 6.50 per Btu. The shift to link the price of NG with the crude oil price is flawed as natural gas is not a replacement for crude oil. The pricing of NG has to be on its own, especially when nearly half of the gas is used for urea production and power generation. Given the intimate connection of these sectors to food security and the need for affordable electricity (especially, for farmers and poor household consumers) and heavy subsidies are involved, the gas price has to be 'reasonable' and 'stable'. EVERY YEAR. While the earlier formula met both these requirements, the new one 59.5 BILLION effective from April 2023 doesn't as the volatility in crude prices and **CUBIC METRES** monthly revisions in NG price linked to crude can create uncer-tainties for both sectors. To avoid (BCM) OF NG. OF THIS, NEARLY 54 this, the government has put a price band. PER CENT OR What this means is even when the price determined based on crude 32.13 BCM IS linkage turns out to be higher (at the current Indian basket price of PRODUCED USD 77 per barrel, the NG price DOMESTICALLY comes to US\$ 7.7 per Btu) than the ceiling of US\$ 6.50 per Btu, the price will be set at US\$ 6.50 per AND THE BALANCE IS MET Given the movement in mBtu. crude price since April 2023 and FROM IMPORTS considering that in the near term, **OF LIQUEFIED** it will continue to rule well above US\$ 75 per barrel, the formula-based price will always be much NATURAL GAS more than US\$ 6.50 per Btu. So, the ceiling price will be the price to consumers thus rendering the formula redundant. Effectively, thus there is control on the gas price for two-thirds of domestic production and that too at a level,

the government wants. One wonders whether a premium of 20 per cent allowed on gas supplied from the so-called 'new wells' or well interventions' in the nomination fields of ONGC and OIL will make any difference to the situation on the ground.

Applying a 20 per cent premium to the formula-determined price of US\$ 7.7 per mBtu (77x0.1), we get US\$ 9.24 per mBtu. But, then there is a cap of US\$ 6.50 per mBtu. So, the price remains at US\$ 6.50 per Btu. The purpose of giving premi-ums is defeated.On the other hand, if the government intends to build a 20 per cent premium on the ceiling price and give US\$ 7.8 per mBtu then, it makes no sense to put a cap in the first place. The moot point is: if anyway ONGC and OIL are to be given a good price, let this be driven solely by the formula and putting a cap is unwarranted.

At least, there is an element of 'predictability; firms on their own can calculate as to what price they will be getting. But, here we have an APM price namely US\$ 6.50 per mBtu (call it base price) that is arrived solely at the discretion of the bureaucrat. And, yet another price for supplies from the socalled 'new wells' or 'well interventions' which is arrived at by adding 20 per cent to this. This too is at the discretion of the bureaucrat. Moreover, which fields get the benefit of interventions will also be at his discretion. Even the pricing of the remaining one-third of domestic NG supplied from the so-called deep/ultradeep and high-pressure/high-temperature fields (KG-D6 operated by Reliance Industries and neighbouring KG-DWN-98/2 operated by ONGC in Krishna-Godavari basin off the Andhra Pradesh coast fall in this category) isn't free from 'discretion' and 'arbitrariness'

go for competitive bidding to determine the price for such supplies (referred to as a 'premium' price), this too is subject to a ceil-ing linked to the prices of alternate fuels including fuel oil, naphtha, and LNG. On taking charge in 2014, the Modi – government started the process of reforming gas pricing by introducing formula-based pricing for legacy gas and thereafter in 2016 by permitting market-based pricing for supplies from deep/ultra-deep and high-pressure/high-temperature fields. But, it has ended up exercising control of both. Meanwhile, the Kirit Parikh committee had recommended the de-regulation of difficult gas fields' prices by January 1, 2026, and the de-regulation of APM prices for gas supplies from the legacy fields by January 1, 2027. But, the government is silent on these recommendations. In fact, by adding more

Technically though, the firms can

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categories (read: new wells and 'well interventions'), it has given a signal that the administered/controlled pricing regime for NG and attendant bureaucratic red tape is here to stay.

Delivering the 75th Independence Day address on August 15, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi set the country a target to achieve selfreliance in energy production by boosting the gas-based economy (besides giving a push to electric mobility and hydrogen production). He wanted the share of NG in the total energy mix to go up from the current around 6 per cent to 15 per cent. But, in the absence of a 'stable' and 'predictable' policy environment particularly when it comes to themost crucial aspect of pricing of gas, this won't be possible.

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Healthcare under siege: Rising violence, gender disparity, and the fight for justice

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The silent struggles of healthcare workers, often overlooked, reveal a disturbing reality of increasing violence in hospitals and clinics

uring his Independence Day address, the Chief Justice of Telangana proudly announced that he had recommended a Protection of Advocates Act to the state government. The applause that followed made me think of the resident doctors marching through the rain in Delhi, gathering their courage to demand a law that protects healthcare professionals from the increasing violence in spaces that are supposed to be the safest.

In 2019, the draft Healthcare Service Personnel & Clinical Establishments Bill was introduced, seeking to penalise those who assault healthcare workers. However, the Home Ministry opposed it, stating that no separate law was nec-



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essary for doctors. A Right to Information (RTI) response from the Health Ministry later revealed that the draft Bill had been withdrawn. On July 26, 2024, the Health Minister further rejected the idea of a central law, asserting in the Lok Sabha that the newly enacted BNS and BNSS laws provided adequate protection for medical professionals. Despite this, healthcare professionals' anger is justified. Why in the *Journal of Global

doesn't the public show the same solidarity as they did during the Nirbhaya case, where the horrific rape and murder of a physiotherapy student led to nationwide outrage? Even amid a national strike by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) over the rape and murder of a doctor in Kolkata, another tragedy was

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bludgeoned to death.

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ASHA workers face sexual violence, while 88% experience emotional and economic abuse. Disturbingly, 12% report sexual violence from their husbands, and 64% from beneficiaries and their families. These incidents highlight the pervasive threat healthcare workers face. Last year, a docoverlooked-the brutal killing tor allegedly raped a nurse at a clinic in northeast Delhi. In of a nurse, a single mother, another case, a Bhopal doctor who went missing from a hos-Rudrapur, was accused of confining and Uttarakhand. Her body was found in Uttar Pradesh after raping a 19-year-old patient. Just recently, at the same medshe had been strangled and ical college in Bhopal, a resident doctor was suspended for Similarly, in Gujarat in 2020, inappropriate behavior with a an Accredited Social Health cancer patient. Violence Activist (ASHA) worker was against healthcare workers raped while on duty. According to a study published also extends beyond sexual violence. Last month in Manipur, armed assailants



attacked a children's hospital, and two weeks later, a patient was shot dead at Delhi's GTB Hospital due to mistaken identity.

These violent acts, whether committed against doctors, nurses, paramedics, or patients, must be addressed with the same urgency and seriousness. However, the IMA has yet to make a statement regarding the rape and murder

membership of the Principal of RG Kar Medical College, implicated in the Kolkata case? Has the Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) taken action against its accused member?

A journalist recently tweeted during a doctors' protest, asking where the female doctors were in leadership positions. This raises a crucial point. According to a study published in PLOS Ğlobal Public Health, out of 46 professional medical associations in India, only 9 (less than 20%) are headed by women. Neither the Academy of Hospital Administration (AHA) nor the IOA has ever had a female president. This is despite women demonstrating remarkable leadership in of the nurse in Rudrapur. healthcare—both my hospital

Have they suspended the and medical college are currently led by women doctors, and more than 50% of the heads of departments are women. Clearly, women are capable of leading in healthcare, but they remain underrepresented in top positions. Of the 64 individuals currently serving as presidents and secretaries of the 32 state chapters of the IMA, only three are women.

It's time to move beyond token representation. Women doctorsmust be given more leadership opportunities. One of the most balanced and comprehensive statements on the issue of healthcare violence has come from Women in Global Health India. Their statement calls for an end to sexual violence in all healthcare settings, and it emphasizes that

anyone-whether doctor, nurse, paramedic, or even political party member-who commits such violence must face severe consequences.

Eleanor Roosevelt, who played a key role in drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, once famously said that human rights begin in small, often overlooked places.

In the context of today's healthcare system, that means the seminar room of RG Kar Medical College or the private hospital in Rudrapur-spaces where violence has occurred, but which remain untouched by reforms.

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Israel recovers bodies of 6 hostages from Gaza

AP JERUSALEM

The Israeli military said Tuesday that it recovered the bodies of six hostages taken in Hamas' October 7 attack that started the war in Gaza, as US and Arab media tors tried to advance an agreement to halt the fighting and release scores of other militantheld captives.

The military said its forces recovered the bodies in an overnight operation in southern Gaza, without saying when or how the six died. A forum for hostage families said they were kidnapped alive. Hamas says some captives have been killed and wounded in Israeli airstrikes.

An Israeli airstrike on Tuesday killed at least 10 people at a school-turned-shelter in Gaza City, in what the military said was a precise strike on a Hamas command center. Another strike killed a mother and her five children in central Gaza. The recovery of the remains is

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institutions.

 $U^{S\,intelligence\,officials\,said}_{Monday\,\,that\,\,Iran\,\,is}_{responsible\,\,for\,\,the\,\,hack\,\,of}$

Donald Trump's presidential

campaign. It was the first US

government attribution of

responsibility for a cyber intru-

sion that the Republican nom-

inee had previously linked to

The FBI and other federal agencies said Iran perceived

this year's presidential elec-

tion to be particularly conse-

quential and was determined through the hacking operation

and other activities to interfere

in American politics and "to

stoke discord and undermine

confidence in our democratic

"We have observed increasing-

ly aggressive Iranian activity during this election cycle,

specifically involving influence

operations targeting the American public and cyber

operations targeting Presidential campaigns," said a

Iran behind Trump

campaign hack: US

intelligence officials



Protesters march to the Democratic National Convention after a rally at Union Park AP/PTI Monday, in Chicago

a blow to Hamas, which hopes to exchange hostages for Palestinian prisoners, an Israeli withdrawal and a lasting cease-fire. But it was also likely to increase pressure on Israel's Alexander Dancyg, 76; Nadav government to reach a deal to

free dozens of hostages who are still believed to be alive. The military said it had iden tified the remains of Chaim Perry, 80; Yoram Metzger, 80; Avraham Munder, 79:

Popplewell, 51; and Yagev Buchshtav, 35. Metzger, Munder, Popplewell and Buchshtav had family mem-bers who were also abducted but freed during a November cease-fire. Munder's death was confirmed on Tuesday by Kibbutz Nir Oz, the farming community where he was among around 80 residents who were taken captive. It said he died "after enduring months of physical and men-tal torture." Israeli authorities had previously determined that the other five were deceased.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised the recov-ery effort and said "our hearts ache for the terrible loss?

"The State of Israel will continue to make every effort to return all of our hostages — both alive and dead," he said in a statement.

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant also praised the operation, which he said had been carried out inside Hamas' vast

tunnel network. There were no October 7 and rampaged immediate reports of any casu-alties among Israelis or Palestinians in the recovery operation.

Ĥamas is still believed to be holding around 110 hostages captured in the October 7 attack. Israeli authorities estimate around a third of them are dead. Blinken, who is on his ninth visit to the region since the start of the war, said Monday that Netanyahu has accepted a proposal to bridge gaps in the cease-fire talks, which have dragged on for months, and called on Hamas to do the same.

Hamas has accused the United States of embracing Israeli demands and trying to impose them on the militant group. There still appear to be wide gaps between the two sides, including Israel's demand for lasting control over two strategic corridors in Gaza, which Hamas has rejected.

Hamas-led militants burst through Israel's defenses on

across the south, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking around 250 people hostage. Over 100 hostages were released in exchange for Palestinians imprisoned in Israel during a weeklong ceasefire last year. Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed over 40,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not say how many were militants. Air and ground operations have caused wide spread destruction and forced the vast majority of Gaza's 2.3 million residents to flee their homes, often multiple times. Aid groups fear the outbreak of diseases like polio.

The Palestinian Civil Defense, first responders operating under the Hamas-run government, said the strike on the Mustafa Hafez school in Gaza City killed at least 10 people and that they were still search ing for survivors. It said around 700 people were sheltering at the school when it was hit.

Biden backs Harris as 'historic President'

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President Joe Biden embraces Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris during the first day of Democratic National Convention, Monday, in Chicago.

and Vice President of the

He said Trump will find out women's power in 2024. Harris will soon serve as the

47th President of the United States, Biden said, amidst cheers from his party members

"We saved democracy in 2020 and we must do it again in

2024," he said urging his coun-

trymen that America's future is

"Let me ask you: Are you ready

to vote for freedom? Are you

ready to vote for democracy

and for America? And let me

ask you: Are you ready to elect

Kamala Harris and Tim Waltz

as president and vice presi-

Biden appeared to wipe away a tear as he hugged his daughter Ashley Biden who introduced

him at the four-day convention. Observing that the decisions

that were being made now

would determine the fate of the

world and the country, Biden

said he and Harris had four

years of extraordinary progress

Biden said Trump promised

in the United States.

and leaders.

in their hands.

dent?" he asked.

United States," Biden said.

PTI CHICAGO

Kamala Harris will be a "his-toric president", US President Joe Biden has said, as he passed the baton of the Democratic Party to her and made a strong pitch to American voters to vote for her American voters to vote for her to preserve democracy.Biden, 81, received an emotional standing ovation when he came on stage at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on Monday night. Harris, 59, is scheduled to formally accept the Democratic Party's presidential nomination on Thursday to take on Republican rival Donald Trump, 78, in the November 5

election. "Are you ready to elect Kamala Harris as the President of the United States of America," Biden said, amidst cheers from thousands of members and leaders of the Democratic Party at its national convention here in this windy city as he urged his countrymen to vote and elect his deputy of four years. Biden said Harris would be a "historic president".

infrastructure week every week for four years. "He never built 'She'll be a president respected by world leaders because she already is. She'll be a president a damn thing," he alleged. "Together, we are building a better America," he said as he we can all be proud of, and she will be a historic president who puts her stamp on listed out some of the key America's future," he said. achievements of the Biden-"We need to preserve our

Harris administration. democracy. We need you to "You cannot say you love your beat Donald Trump and elect country only when you win," he Kamala and Tim as President said.

Jury clears Texas student's parents of negligence in 2018 school shooting AP BERLIN Galveston (AP): The parents of a former student accused of killing 10 people in a 2018 school shooting near Houston cannot be held responsible for what happened, a jury decided Monday. The victims' lawsuit sought to hold Dimitrios Pagourtzis and his parents, Antonios Pagourtzis and Rose Marie Kosmetatos, financially liable for the shooting at Santa Fe High School on May 18, 2018. The lawsuit alleged the parents failed to provide necessary support for their son's mental health and didn't do enough to prevent him from accessing their guns Authorities say Pagourtzis fatally shot eight students and two teachers. He was 17 years old at the time. Pagourtzis, now 23, has been charged with capital murder but the criminal case has been on hold since November 2019, when he was declared incompetent to stand trial. He is being held at a state mental health facility. In April, Jennifer and James Crumbley were sentenced to at least 10 years in prison by a Michigan judge after becoming the first parents convicted in a US mass school shooting. Pagourtzis' parents are not accused of any crime The lawsuit was filed by relatives of seven of the people killed and four of the 13 who were wounded in the Santa Fe attack. The attorney represent-ing Pagourtzis told jurors that while his client did plan the shooting, he was never in control of his actions because of his severe mental illness. Attorney Clint McGuire, representing some of the victims, said the parents knew their son was depressed, getting bad grades, isolating himself, and had taken weapons from their gun cabinet and safe. McGuire said Pagourtzis also wrote disturbing Facebook posts and ordered ammunition and other items online, such as a knife with a Nazi symbol and a T-shirt that said, "Born To Kill."



the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. The statement said the Iranian hackers have "sought access to individuals with direct access to the Presidential campaigns of both political parties." The FBI

has been investigating attempts to gain access to Democrat Kamala Harris' campaign.

Ex-Saudi official alleges Prince Mohammed forged king's signature on Yemen war decree

AP DUBAI

former Saudi official on A Monday alleged that Saudi Crown Prince Arabia's Mohammed bin Salman forged his father's signature on the roval decree that launched the kingdom's yearslong, stalemated war against Yemen's Houthi rebels. Saudi Arabia did not respond to questions over the allegations made without sup-porting evidence by Saad al-Jabri in a BBC interview first published Monday. Al-Jabri later acknowledged the allegations separately in detail in a statement to The Associated Press.The kingdom has described al-Jabri as "a discredited former government official." Al-Jabri, a former major general and intelligence official who lives in exile in Canada, has been in a long dispute with the kingdom as his two children have been imprisoned in a case he describes as an attempt to lure him back to Saudi Arabia. Al-Jabri also alleges that the crown prince wants him assassinated. "I am

not a dissident, nor did I put myself in this situation by choice," al-Jabri told the AP. "I was a high-ranking Saudi offi-cial who dedicated himself to safeguarding his country, recognized for saving thousands of Saudi and Western lives. Now I am a father doing everything possible to secure the release of

His allegation comes as Prince Mohammed serves as Saudi Arabia's de facto leader, often meeting leaders in place of his father, 88-year-old King Salman.

Prince Mohammed's assertive behavior, particularly early in his ascension to power around the beginning of the Yemen war in 2015, has extended to a wider crackdown on any perceived dissent or power base that could challenge his rule. Al-Jabri first told the BBC a "credible, reliable" official linked to the Saudi Interior Ministry confirmed to him that Prince Mohammed signed the decree declaring war in place of his father. Prince Mohammed was the defense

minister at the time.Later, al-Jabri told the AP that he had reached a deal with U.S. counterparts in the then-Obama administration for Saudi Arabia to launch "an aerial bombardment campaign to eliminate Houthi threats, establish deterrence and force a political process without a

ground intervention." His former boss, Saudi Arabia's then-Interior Minister Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, then chaired a meeting in Saudi Arabia formalizing that plan. Prince Mohammed bin Salman, however, responded with "visible displeasure" at that meeting and said he could beat the Houthis in two months in a ground offensive, al-Jabri claimed. "Surprisingly, a royal order was later issued, overriding the agreed plan and authorizing a ground operation — without the king's knowledge and with a forged signature," al-Jabri told the AP. The U.S. State Department declined to comment on al-Jabri's claims.

The war against the Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in

Yemen, launched with public promises by the prince it would quickly be over, has ground on for nearly a decade. The war has killed more than 150,000 people and created one of the world's worst humanitarian disasters.

The Houthis since the start of the current Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip have launched attacks on shipping that have disrupted traffic through the Red Sea — and led to the most intense combat faced by the U.S. Navy since World War II. Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, who later served as a crown prince for King Salman, was a trusted confidant of the U.S. in the battle against al-Qaida militants in the kingdom after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. King Salman replaced the crown prince for his son in 2017, and Prince Mohammed bin Nayef is believed to have been held under house arrest.Al-Jabri sued Prince Mohammed bin Salman in U.S. federal court, alleging the crown prince sought to have him killed after he fled abroad.

German court upholds conviction of 99-year-old ex-Nazi secretary

Students in UK organise protests, submit memo in Kolkata rape-murder case PTI LONDON is a symptom of the rising viodiaspora.

UK-based Indian stu lem of gender violence and its citizens. The absence of **A**dents' group organised a investment in public infraprotest in Scotland and subsocial injustice in the state of West Bengal, we are seeing the structure and safety measures mitted a memorandum to the Indian mission in Edinburgh state machinery led by has a disproportionate impact demanding urgent steps to Mamata Banerjee indulge in theatrics and the targeting of address gender-based violence in the wake of the rape and protesting voices," said Nikhil murder case of a medic in Mathew, a PhD candidate at the University of Edinburgh Kolkata. The Students' Federation of India-United and one of the organisers of Kingdom (SFI-UK) held a the protests as SFI-UK secrepeaceful demonstration outtary "The government has clearly side India's Consulate in Edinburgh on Monday and a failed to provide a safe space delegation submitted their for working women in the memo to the Acting Consul state," added Alakta Das, General of India, strongly conanother PhD candidate at the demning the brutal rape and University of Edinburgh and murder of the on-duty female doctor at the RG Kar Medical one of the organisers as SFI's Edinburgh Subcommittee College and Hospital in Member. In their memo handed over to Kolkata The group is planning further the Consulate General of India in Edinburgh, SFI-UK accused protests, including a gathering in Liverpool on Wednesday, to the state government of continue to highlight their "severe laxity" in its response demand for justice in a case to the incident and demanded a "gender-just" workplace for all women. "This incident that has sent shockwaves across India and among the

"Instead of actively working lence against women and the

his children.'

German court on Tuesday Arejected an appeal by a 99year-old woman who was con-

victed of being an accessory to more than 10,000 murders for her role as a secretary to the SS commander of the Nazis' Stutthof concentration camp during World War II.

The Federal Court of Justice upheld the conviction of Irmgard Furchner, who was given a two-year suspended sentence in December 2022 by a state court in Itzehoe in northern Germany She was accused of being part

of the apparatus that helped the camp near Danzig, now the Polish city of Gdansk, function. She was convicted of being an accessory to murder in 10,505 cases and an accessory to attempted murder in five cases. At a federal court hearing in Leipzig last month, Furchner's lawyers cast doubt on whether she really was an accessory to in various parts of Germany.

mander and other senior camp officials, and on whether she had truly been aware of what was going on at Stutthof. The Itzehoe court said that judges were convinced that Furchner "knew and, through

her work as a stenographer in the commandant's office of the Stutthof concentration camp from June 1, 1943, to April 1, 1945, deliberately supported the fact that 10,505 prisoners were cruelly killed by gassings, by hostile conditions in the camp," by transportation to the

crimes committed by the com- With any suspect

Auschwitz death camp and by being sent on death marches at the end of the war. Prosecutors said during the

original proceedings that Furchner's trial may be the last of its kind. However, a special federal prosecutors' office in Ludwigsburg tasked with investigating Nazi-era war crimes says three more cases are pending with prosecutors or courts

advanced age, questions increasingly arise over suspects' fitness to stand trial.

Germany's main Jewish leader welcomed the ruling. "For Holocaust survivors, it is enormously important for a late form of justice to be attempted," Josef Schuster, the head of the Central Council of Jews, said in statement.

'The legal system sent an important message today: even nearly 80 years after the Holocaust, no line can be drawn under Nazi crimes," he added. The Furchner case is one of several in recent years that built on a precedent established in 2011 with the conviction of former Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk as an accessory to murder on allegations that he served as a guard at the Sobibor death camp. Demjanjuk, who denied the allegations, died before his appeal could be heard.

German courts previously

charges by presenting evidence of a former guard's participation in a specific killing, often a near-impossible task.

required prosecutors to justify

However, prosecutors successfully argued during Demjanjuk's trial in Munich that helping a camp function was enough to convict someone as an accessory to murders committed there. A federal court subsequently upheld the 2015 conviction of former Auschwitz guard Oskar Groening on the same reason-

Furchner was tried in juvenile court because she was 18 and 19 at the time of the alleged crimes. and the court couldn't establish beyond a doubt her "maturity of mind" then.

Gabriele Cirener wrote that the fact that Stutthof wasn't always a death camp that existed for the sole purpose of extermination, such as Auschwitz or Sobibor, wasn't legally relevant.

In the ruling, presiding Judge

on women, who are already marginalised by the patriarchal social conditions," reads the memo. It goes on to demand a thorough judicial inquiry into the incident and the implementation of adequate workplace security measures for all medical staff. 'We stand in absolute solidarity with all those who are engaged in a determined and

resolute struggle against gendered violence and social injustice steeped in power disparities, and demand immediate justice for the victim of the RG Kar Medical College & Hospital," the memo concludes. The group had issued an open letter over the weekend following a peaceful protest staged outside India House in London.

Spanish woman, believed to be oldest person in world, dies at age 117

AP SPAIN

Maria Branyas, an American-born Spaniard considered the world's oldest person at 117 years old, has died, her family said on Tuesday. In a post on Branyas' X account, her family wrote in Catalan: "Maria Branyas has left us. She has gone the way she wanted: in her sleep, at peace, and without pain." The Gerontology Research

Group, which validates details of people thought to be 110 or older, listed Branyas as the oldest known person in the world after the death of French nun Lucile Randon last year. The next oldest person listed by the Gerontology Research Group is now Japan's Tomiko Itooka, who is 116 years old.



Her X account is called "Super

Catalan Grandma" and bears the description: "I am old, very old, but not an idiot." At age 113, Branyas tested positive for COVID-19 during the global pandemic, but avoided developing severe symptoms that claimed tens of thousands of older Spaniards.

At the time of her death she was living in a nursing home in Catalan town of Olot Her family wrote that Branvas

told them days before her Branyas was born in San death: "I don't know when, but Francisco on March 4, 1907 very soon this long journey will come to an end. Death will find After living for some years in New Orleans, where her father me worn down from having lived so much, but I want to founded a magazine, her family returned to Spain when she meet it with a smile, feeling free was young. Branyas said that and satisfied?

Divers search for six missing, including Mike Lynch, after yacht sinks off Sicily

AP PORTICELLO

Police divers resumed search-ing Tuesday for six people believed trapped in the hull of a superyacht that sank in a storm off Sicily, including a British tech magnate recently acquitted of fraud charges, his lawyer and a key defense witness at trial. The resting place of the luxury sailboat, off Porticello, is some 50 meters (164 feet) underwater — a depth that requires special precautions: Rescue crews said they were working in 12minute shifts, a measure that slowed down their work to reach the cramped inside of the wreck

The Bayesian, a 56-meter British-flagged luxury yacht, was moored about a kilometer off Ponticello when a storm rolled in before 4 am Monday.

Civil protection officials said they believed the ship was struck by a tornado over the water, known as a waterspout. Fifteen of the 22 people aboard survived, including a mother who reported holding her 1year-old baby over the waves to save her. One body has been recovered, identified by officials as the on-board chef. Fire rescue officials have said the other six on board will be considered missing until they are located in the wreckage.

Karsten Borner, the captain of the Sir Robert Baden Powell, which rescued the survivors who managed to get into a lifeboat, said he was close enough to be able to see the Bayesian as the weather came in but found it had disappeared after the storm cleared. "They said they went flat on the water and were sunk in two minutes,"

Borner said, quoting the surcruise ship that flipped on its side off Tuscany's coast, because vivors. The rotating search teams, each made up of two of the depth of the wreck and specialized cave divers, worked the space divers have to maneu-Tuesday to open up access 'That was much simpler. Here points to get inside the wreck, everything is more tight," he which lies at a depth far beyond what most recreational divers said. Among those missing was Mike Lvnch, who was once are certified to reach. The divers

have not yet been able to access

the below-deck cabins because

they were blocked by furniture

that had shifted during the

Rescue crews said they assume

the missing six are in those cab-

ins because the storm struck when most would be sleeping,

but the teams haven't verified

their presence there through

portholes. Luca Cari, a

spokesman for the rescue

teams, said the search was pro-

ceeding much more slowly

than another big shipwreck in

Italy, the 2012 Costa Concordia

violent storm.

hailed as Britain's king of technology. He was cleared in June of fraud and conspiracy charges in a US federal trial related to Hewlett Packard's USD 11 billion takeover of his company

Autonomy Corp. His wife, Angela Bacares, survived. The sailing vacation appeared to be something of a celebration after Lynch's acquittal. Some of the people who stood by Lynch throughout the ordeal were on board, including one of Lynch's US lawyers, Christopher Morvillo, and Morvillo's wife.

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SC reveals why it took suo motu cognisance of Kolkata doctor rape-murder case

RAJESH KUMAR 📕 NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on L Tuesday revealed why it took suo motu cognisance of the recent horrific rape and murder of a 31-year-old doctor in Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital. Expressing concern over the lack of workplace safety in healthcare institutions, the court in order also took strong exception to the failure by the West Bengal government machinery to stop a large mob which on August 15 vandalised the emergency ward and other areas of the hospital after the crime. The court also expressed its deep concern over the name of the victim, her photographs and video clips showing her lifeless body having been splashed all over the media and ordered removal of name, photos, videos from media platforms "Why we decided to take suo motu though high court was

hearing it because this is not Medical Association (IMA) just a case of a horrific murcalled for nationwide withdrawal of emergency services der in kolkata hospital.. but this is about systemic issue about safety of doctors across India," a bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said while hearing the matter. Terming the incident as "horrific", the bench excoriated the state government over the delay in filing the FIR and allowing thousands of miscreants to vandalise the staterun facility. Taking a serious note of mob violence in the hospital and

the allegation that the Kolkata police fled the scene, the top court ordered deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at the hospital to enable doctors to resume work. "On 12:30 am on August 15, a large mob vandalised the emergency ward and other areas of the hospias suicide and not registering tal. Following this, Indian an FIR. Body is handed to the

for 14 hours. The State was expected to deploy State machinery to maintain law and order and protect crime scene. We are unable to comprehend why the State could not do so," the Court said. It also asked the West Bengal government to not unleash the "power of the State" on peaceful protesters and to deal with them with "great sensitivity in this moment of national catharsis". The bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud criticised the ex-principal of RG Kar Medical College Dr Sandip Ghosh for trying to pass off the case as that of suicide and not letting the parents of the deceased to see her body for several hours. "What was the principal doing? Why was this inaction to first pass this



parents for cremation late in the night. On the next day, the doctors are on protest and a mob assembles at the hospital."The hospital is invaded and critical facilities are damaged. What was the police doing? A serious offence has taken place and the crime scene is within the hospital. The police should have pro-

tected the crime scene. How can the police allow vandals to enter the hospital. After the principal resigned, he is sent to another hospital. When his conduct was under scrutiny, how was he appointed to another college immediately," the bench, also comprising justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, observed.

The bench said what has taken place in Kolkata is not just a ĥorrific murder but an incident which has raised systemic issues about the safety of doctors."We are deeply concerned that there is a virtual absence of safe work conditions across the country, particularly in public hospitals. Most of the young doc-tors have to put in 36 hours of work.

'We find that there are no duty rooms available, or separate restrooms for men and women doctors and nursing staff. We must evolve a national consensus that there must be a national standard protocol so that safe work conditions are provided," the bench said.

If women cannot go to their place of work safely, then we are denying them equality, the apex court said. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the West Bengal government, refuted the observations and

submitted that Kolkata police took all necessary action. He said he will place on record all the facts.

"Photos and videos were circulated before the police reached the crime scene. We didn't allow anything to happen and cordoned off the area. Inquest was done and a case of unnatural death was registered immediately. We caught the culprit who was a civic worker. This is not adversarial litigation," Sibal told the court. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said a mob of 7,000 people could not have assembled at the hospital without the knowledge and consent of the police.

Let West Bengal government not be in denial mode, there is complete failure of law and order in the state. A girl has lost her life due to a sexual pervert and an animal," Mehta said. Sibal said over 50 FIRs have been registered following

BSF officer completes Ironman challenge

the vandalism incident and 37 people have already been arrested.

The top court asked the West Bengal government to not take coercive action against people holding peaceful protests and speaking up on social media. "Let not the power of the State of West Bengal be unleashed upon peaceful protesters. Let us deal with them with great sensitivity. This is a moment for national catharsis," the apex court said. Sibal said a lot of misinformation is beng spread in the media about the case and the state government is only taking action against those involved in it.

The court then said,"We expect that West Bengal government shall observe necessary restraint in the face of peaceful protests being conducted by any quarter of the society bearing on the issues which form the subject matter of the incident in Kolkata."

SC observations raise questions on Mamata Govt's mindset, morality: BJP

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The BJP on Tuesday said the Supreme Court's observations in the rape and murder case of a medic in Kolkata have raised serious questions on the "mindset and morality" of the Mamata Banerjee Government in West Bengal. The party asserted the Centre will leave "no stone unturned" to ensure justice to the victim.

Making these assertions, BJP national

spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi also targeted the Congress and its allies, saying if the Constitution is under threat today, it is in West Bengal and the states ruled by the opposition INDIA bloc constituents.

He also accused the Mamata Banerjee-led government of taking action against those seeking justice for the victim and asked people to imagine



what would have been the scenario in the country if any of the constituents of the INDIA bloc had been in power at the Centre. With Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal, who is also a senior Supreme Court lawyer,

appearing on behalf of the West Bengal government in the Supreme Court, it becomes clear that all the



ers' crime, Trivedi charged. The Supreme Court on Tuesday came down heavily on the West Bengal government over delay in filing FIR in the rape and murder case of a trainee doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, terming the incident "horrific".

Taking suo motu cognisance INDIA bloc partners stand of the case, the top court said

this incident raises systemic issue regarding safety of doctor across India.

'The questions that the Supreme Court has asked in connection with the case are serious questions on the mindset and morality of those running the government," the BJP spokesperson said at a press conference at the party headquarters.

"We all know how efforts were made to suppress the incident... It has become clear that the TMC government is shamelessly engaged in protecting the criminals. In this episode, the role of INDI alliance has also become clear," he added.

Trivedi alleged the INDIA bloc partners are standing together to protect each other's crime with Sibal, former Congress leader elected to Rajya Sabha as an independent candidate with support of the Samajwadi Party, appearing in the Supreme Court on behalf of the West Bengal government in the matter.

"There is no if and but left now. They are all standing together to support each other's crimes. They are the same people who stood in support of every separatist and terrorist in the court. They have once again stood in support of a notorious criminal in the court today," he said. "It is now clear that the Constitution is under threat in the states ruled by INDI alliance partners. Not just the Constitution is under threat, but life and dignity as well," he added. Trivedi said the law will take its course in the Kolkata

family members".

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35-year-old Border A³⁵-year-old Bolder Security Force (BSF) officer has become the first Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) officer to successfully complete the Ironman challenge, one of the toughest triathlon events across the globe. Assistant Commandant Harish Kajla joined the country's largest border-guarding force in 2012. He is currently on deputation posting to the counter-terrorist commando force National Security Guard (NSG).

Shri Harish Kajla, AC brings in laurels to the Nation and the Force by successfully completing Iron Man Challenge, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, becoming the first officer from CAPFs to successfully complete the challenge," the Border Security Force said on its official X handle on Monday. The officer, as per the BSF, was "able



to complete the event and achieve this historic feat in a time of 12:42:25.

posted pictures of Kajla holding the national flag as well as the flags of the BSF and NSG at the finish line in the Danish capital.

The BSF is part of the Central marathon. For the latest event, Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) under the Ministry of Home under the male 35-39 years of age category, the cut-off timing was 15:45:00, as per the BSF. The force, primarily tasked to

Regulatory failures can cause long-term dent India, Malaysia elevate ties to comprehensive strategic partnership in investor confidence: Cong amid Sebi row PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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row over A^{mid} Iow Contained A Hindenberg's allegations against Sebi chief Madhabi Buch, the Congress on Tuesday failures an conflicts of interest may be brazened out briefly but they can cause long-term damage to the sentiment and confidence of investors. The Opposition party also said the Indian equity market has so far enjoyed fair weather due to well-regulated markets but any lapse risks destabilising them. Congress general secretaryin-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said data released recently reveals that the unique registered investor base of the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) with unique PANs has crossed 10 crore. He said the immediate implication of this is that integrity and transparency in financial markets matter to a large and



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India and Malaysia on Tuesday elevated their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Malaysian counterpart Anwar Ibrahim here held tensive talks focusing expanding cooperation in several sectors, including trade, investment and defence.

medic's rape and murder case as per the direction of the court now, "but we want to assure that the Central government will leave no leave stone unturned in ensuring justice to the victim and her

guard Indian fronts with Pakistan and Bangladesh, also

The Ironman challenge comprises three events which include 3.8 kilometres of swimming, 180 kilometres of cycling and 42.2 kilometres of full

> Affairs which also includes the CRPF, ITBP, SSB and

> > international laws. And, we support the peaceful resolution of all disputes." The two sides also deliberated upon new possibilities of

> > cooperation in the defence sector as well. Both sides also decided to establish a digital council for cooperation in digital tech-

In his remarks, Ibrahim said

alliance.

growing number of Indians, particularly the youth. The median age of these

investors is 32 years, and 40 per cent of all investors are below 30 years of age, Ramesh said, citing the NSE Financial markets function on

the assumption that regulators will regulate fairly and companies will play by the rules, he said. "But when it is revealed that the SEBI Chairperson has had a serious conflict of interest, and that too regarding investigations into alleged

tripping by the Adani Group, this becomes a serious matter involving the faith of crores of

investors," Ramesh said in a social media post. Regulatory failures and conflicts of interest may be brazened out in the short term but these can cause long-term damage to sentiment and confidence, he asserted.

The politician also claimed that faith in markets was also shaken by the Narendra Modimade market volatility that followed the counting of votes money laundering and round on June 4, 2024.

A pact on promoting recruitment of Indian workers in Malaysia and protection of their interests was one of the at least eight agreements inked between the two sides. The pact on recruitment of Indian workers assumes significance as illegal immigration and human trafficking from India to Malaysia are among major concerns of the two governments.

Ibrahim began his three-day visit to India on Monday night in his first trip to the country as the prime minister.

"Today, we have decided that our partnership will be ele-



vated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership," Modi said in his media statement. The prime minister said the agreement on employment of workers will promote the recruitment of Indians as well as the protection of their interests.

Highlighting the importance of India-Malaysia economic engagement, Modi said bilateral trade is being done in Rupees and Malaysian currency Ringgit.

We believe that there is still a lot of potential in economic cooperation. Bilateral trade and investment should be

expanded," he said.

"We should increase mutual cooperation in new technological areas, such as semiconductor, Fintech, defence industry, artificial intelligence and quantum. We have emphasised on accelerating the review of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement between India and Malaysia," he said. The prime minister said work

will also be done to connect India's digital payment system UPI with Malaysia's PayNet. We are also unanimous in the fight against terrorism and extremism," he said. Modi also described Malaysia

as an "important partner" of India in the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and Indo-Pacific region. 'India gives priority to

ASEAN centrality. We agree that the review of the FTA (free trade agreement) between India and ASEAN should be completed in a timely manner," he said. In an apparent reference to

the situation in South China Sea that has been witnessing growing Chinese military muscle-flexing, Modi said, 'We are committed to free-

dom of navigation and over flight in accordance with

vour memories with me.

Rahul Gandhi said in a social

In a social media post in Hindi, Kharge said today the country is celebrating

'Sadbhavana Diwas'. "Former

prime minister Rajiv Gandhi

was a great son of India. He

ignited a ray of hope in crores

of Indians and brought India

to the 21st century with his

media post in Hindi.

all issues, sensitive or likewise, were discussed in reflection of the true meaning of friendship between the two countries."India is a great nation with a great history and a great culture and civilisation. It is in many ways multi-cultural and multi-religious," he

said. "Therefore, we have a lot of commonalities which extend beyond trade and investment," he added.

In the Modi-Ibrahim talks, it was decided to set up an Ayurveda chair in Malaysia's University Tunku Abdul Rahman.

Apart from this, a decision has also been taken to establish a Tiruvalluvar Chair in the University of Malaya.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh pays tributes to Indian Coast Guard DG Rakesh Pal

at his residence in New Delhi on Tuesday

RSS, affiliates to discuss better Modi pays tributes to Rajiv on 80th birth anniversary cooperation at Palakkad meet

scenario, recent important

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Cenior office-bearers of the **J**Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh(RSS), its affiliates and the BJP are set to deliberate on in this meeting," the statement various issues of national said. The meeting will also be interest and discuss measures attended by top functionaries to enhance mutual cooperaand key office-bears of 32 tion at a three-day annual meeting in Kerala's Palakkad RSS-inspired organisations, district that is scheduled to including the Rashtra Sevika start from August 31. Samiti, Vanvasi Kalyan RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, Ashram, Vishva Hindu general secretary Dattatreya Parishad, Akhil Bharatiya Hosabale, all six joint gener-Vidyarthi Parishad, Bharatiya al secretaries and other senior Janata Party, Bharatiya Kisan office-bearers will participate Sangh, Vidya Bharati and in the meeting, the organisa-Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, it tion's national media and pubadded. licity head Sunil Ambekar "During this meeting, volunsaid in a statement on teers of Sangh-inspired organ-

Tuesday. "Akhil Bharatiya Samanvay Baithak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) will be organised this year in Palakkad, Kerala, from August 31 to September 2, 2024.

Pujaniya Sarsanghchalak Dr Mohan Bhagwat ji, respected regarding the various dimen-Sarkaryawah Shri Dattatreya sions of social change," Hosabale ji, all six Sah Ambekar was quoted as say-Sarkaryawah and other senior ing in the statement. office-bearers will participate

talk about measures for strengthening "mutual cooperation and coordination on various subjects", Ambekar

said. This year's all-India coordination meet of the RSS assumes significance as it comes on the heels of top leaders of the organisation and the ruling BJP at the Centre discussing a host of issues, including strengthen-ing coordination between the party and the Sangh as well as upcoming elections, at Defence Minister Rajnath isations will share information Singh's residence last week. and exchange experiences Hosabale, Arun Kumar, the about their respective work. In RSS pointsman in the BJP, this meeting, there will be dis-Home Minister Amit Shah, cussions on various issues of BJP chief J P Nadda and national interest in the present Singh were present at the

meeting.

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anniversary on Tuesday. India's youngest prime minister, Gandhi held office from 1984 to 1989. He was assassinated by a suicide bomber of

Tributes to our former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi Ji on his birth anniversary," Modi said in a social media post.

The Congress paid rich tributes to Rajiv Gandhi with party chief Mallikarjun Kharge saying that he ignited hope in crores of Indians and brought India to the 21st century with his "unprecedented contribution".

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Raĥul Gandhi paid floral tributes to his father at his memorial Veer Bhumi here.

"A compassionate personali-



Kharge said. ings are my inspiration and vour dreams for India are my "His many pleasant initia-tives such as lowering the votown, I will fulfil them taking

ing age to 18 years, strength-ening Panchayati Raj, telecom and IT revolution, computerisation programme, peace accords, women empowerment, universal vaccination programme and new education policy with emphasis on inclusive education brought about transformational changes in the country," the Congress chief said.

the LTTE in 1991.

ty, a symbol of harmony and

goodwill... Papa, your teach-

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All these organisations will



Sensex rebounds 370 points; bank, finance stocks spurt

Stock market benchmark bindices Sensex and Nifty found firmer ground on Tuesday, propelled by robust buying in banking, financial and auto stocks amid a largely and auto stocks amid a largely firm trend in global equities.

Besides, easing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and falling global crude oil prices further bolstered sentiment, traders said. The 30-share BSE Sensex

rebounded 378.18 points or 0.47 per cent to settle at 80,802.86. During the day, the benchmark soared 518.28 points or 0.64 per cent to 80,942.96. Rising for the fourth consecutive day, the NSE Nifty surged 126.20 points or 0.51

per cent to 24,698.85. The domestic market started the session with a strong surge buoyed by positive global sentiment amidst Israel-Hamas ceasefire talks and diminishing US recession fears due to recent favourable data.

easing "Concurrently, geopolitical risks and weak China demand have led to a



decline crude in prices, benefiting the domestic said Vinod Nair, economy," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services. Among the 30 Sensex firms, Bajaj Finsery, IndusInd Bank, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank, NTPC, and Sun Pharma

were the major gainers. On the other hand, Bharti Airtel, ITC, Adani Ports, JSW Steel and Tata Motors were among the laggards. In the broader market, the BSE

midcap gauge climbed 0.98 per cent and smallcap index went up by 0.52 per cent.

"Much of the strength and rally at Dalal Street is in the backdrop of steady SIP flows by retail investors. Global factors will be keenly watched as local investors would be eyeing the July FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) meeting minutes to be released on minutes to be released on Wednesday," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Among the indices, financial Equities Ltd, said. Foreign Institutional Investors services jumped 1.19 per cent, utilities (1.07 per cent), power (0.80 per cent), IT (0.76 per (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 2,667.46 crore on Monday, cent) and auto (0.75 per cent). according to exchange data. Capital Goods and FMCG

However, Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) were the laggards. "Meanwhile, inflationary pressure in Japan bought equities worth Rs and the appreciating Yen 1.802.92 crore. cautioned the rally. This week's Global oil benchmark Brent Japan inflation data and FOMC

Monday.

crude dipped 0.72 per cent to minutes will provide insights USD 77.10 a barrel. In a range-bound trade, the into future interest rate trajectories and market trends,"

European markets were trading

with gains. The US markets

ended in positive territory on

"Much of the strength and rally

BSE benchmark on Monday slipped 12.16 points or 0.02 per cent to settle at 80,424.68. The Tokyo settled higher, while Shanghai and Hong Kong NSE Nifty edged up 31.50 points or 0.13 per cent to 24,572.65 in a volatile trade.

Developed countries push to expand contributor base for new climate finance goal

PTI NEW DELHI

s the deadline to agree on a Anew climate finance goal nears, developed nations are pushing to expand the list of countries responsible for contributing funds to help developing countries address change, climate with Switzerland even proposing criteria to broaden the donor

base. Submissions made by some developed countries to the regarding UNFCCC negotiations on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) — the new climate finance goal to be finalised in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November — suggest that wealthy nations might pressure countries with high emissions and high gross national income (GNI) per capita, such as Saudi Arabia, Russia and China, to contribute.

According to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), adopted 1992. high-income, in industrialised nations (referred to as Annex II countries) are responsible for providing finance and technology to help developing countries combat



as an

attempt

responsibility from those who

have historically benefited

from industrialisation and

contributed the most to

greenhouse gas emissions.

They argue that expecting

them to contribute, especially

when many are still struggling

with poverty and inadequate

infrastructure amid worsening

climate impacts, undermines

In a submission to the

UNFCCC last week, the

European Commission said

that the "collective goal can

only be reached if parties with

the principle of equity.

and adapt to climate change. These countries include the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and (EU) European Union member states such as Germany, France and the UK. Some developed countries, led by the EU and the US, argue that the global economic landscape has changed significantly since 1992.

They suggest that nations which have become wealthier during this period, like China and some Gulf states, should also contribute to the new climate finance goal.

Developing countries view this high GHG emissions and economic capabilities join the effort".

The US said that while current contributors will continue to support developing countries, other nations with the "capacity to support others in pursuing mitigation and adaptation must also be accountable for delivering on the NCQG's support layer'

'Their contributions will also enable a larger quantum for the support layer of the NCQG," the US said, adding that contributing parties could be identified in various ways through a "definitional approach, a criteria-based approach, a de facto approach, or otherwise".

"We are open to discussing various options. In no event are we considering a large number of new contributing parties," said the US, the world's second-largest GHG emitter.

Switzerland proposed that in addition to developed countries, parties that are among the "10 largest current emitters and have a purchasing power parity-adjusted gross national income per capita of more than USD 22,000" should also contribute to the new climate finance goal.

Note floated to seek distinction between online game of skill, game of chance for FDI: Official

PTI NEW DELHI

The department for promo-tion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) has circulated a note seeking views of different ministries on distinguishing between online 'Game of Skill' and 'Game of Chance' for the purpose of FDI, a senior official said.

The official said that a clear distinction between the two is necessary to seek foreign investments as online game of skill has huge potential

In his address during the 78th Independence Day celebrations here, Minister Narendra Prime Modi called upon Indian professionals to lead the global gaming market and help establish the country as a global leader in the industry. He had emphasised the need for Indian talent to dominate not just in gaming but in game production as well by leveraging the country's rich cultural heritage.

circulated for interministerial discussions to distinguish between the two for the purpose of FDI (foreign direct investment). We need to see how in online gaming, we can make



Nair said.

ended lower.

In Asian markets, Seoul and

distinction between 'games of the annual revenue of the skill' and 'games of chance' for the purpose of FDI," the official, who does not wish to be named, said. Certain

quarters raise objections as they relate online gaming with gambling and betting. There are also issues that who would be the final authority to define these things. "We need an independent body to assess that," the official said, adding, "in our interpretation, there is no restriction when it comes revenue for gaming Skill hut the fame of

83.79 against US dollar PTI MUMBAI sharp gains."

101.68.

Rupee rises 8 paise to

¬he Indian rupee stayed firm for the second straight ses-sion and settled 8 paise higher at 83.79 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, buoyed by positive domestic equity markets, weak American currency and lower crude oil prices.

Forex traders said, foreign outflow, however, fund resisted a sharp rise in the local unit.

overall Indian gaming industry is expected to almost At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 83.86 against the greenback double to USD 6 billion by 2028 from USD 3.1 billion in and traded in the range of 83.76 to 83.88. The unit 2023, a joint report by finally settled at 83.79 and Innovation Council and (provisional) against the dollar, registering a gain of 8 online gaming firm Winzo from its previous paise According to that report, the closing level.

On Monday, the rupee settled 8 paise higher at 83.87 against the American currency. Anuj Choudhary, Research

Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas said the rune 0 51 the highest levels in nearly two and a half weeks on a weak US dollar and positive domestic markets. "A decline in crude oil prices also supported the rupee. However, FII outflows capped

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading lower by 0.04 per cent to Analysts said the US dollar

declined to a seven-month low on rising odds of a rate cut by the Federal Reserve. "USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of

Rs 83.50 to Rs 84," Choudhary said, adding that concerns over upcoming PMI data from the US and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's speech at Jackson Hole Symposium later this week may keep investors awaiting

for further cues. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, declined 0.31 per cent to USD 77.42 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, Sensex climbed 378.18 points, or 0.47 per cent, to 80,802.86 points. The Nifty rose 126.20 points, or per cent to

Abandoning RBI's inflation target regime could be risky, counterproductive: Research paper

to shift

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) inflation targeting regime has worked well and need not be abandoned in favour of a more discretionary regime that could be risky and counterproductive, a new

research paper has said. The paper titled 'Inflation Targeting In India: A Further Assessment' said the weight of food-price inflation in the CPI inflation basket should be reduced to better reflect the circumstances of Indian households.

"The RBI's inflation targeting regime has worked well. Given this record, radical changes such as broadening its mandate or abandoning the target in favour of a more discretionary regime would be risky and counterproductive," it said.

The paper is authored by economists Barry Eichengreen (University of California, Berkeley) and Poonam Gupta (NCAER



tweaked to improve performance," it suggested. The government and the RBI signed an inflation-targeting agreement in February 2015 and amended the RBI Act in May 2016.

The inflation target was set by the government in consultation with the RBI with the possibility of revisiting it

agreement have been met; and

on almost all counts, it has

among emerging economies in the region outside of China. India's GDP is projected to

grow at over 6 per cent over

the next two years, Moody's

said, adding domestic demand

will be the main driving force

The large proportion of

domestic consumption in

India has and will continue to

insulate the rated companies

from external shocks. In

addition, as urbanisation

accelerates across the country,

sustained government spending on infrastructure

activities across key industrial

India's economy is well

fluctuations in external

demand, Moody's said, adding

it expects leverage for rated

companies in India

business

will

will stimulate

sectors, Moody's said.

behind India's growth.

after five years. Accordingly, the government announced, via the Official Gazette, 4 per cent Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation as the target from August 5, 2016, said. with an upper tolerance limit it and a lower limit of 6 per ce Adviso Nageswaran had pitched for of 2 per cent. For most part, the paper pointed out that targets set under the inflation-targeting

"It has been only once that inflation exceeded the upper tolerance band of 6 per cent for three consecutive quarters (during January 2022-September 2022)," the paper said.

According to the paper, evidence points to improved outcomes during inflation

targeting. 'Inflation is lower and less volatile; inflation expectations are better anchored, and the transmission of monetary policy is more effective," it

Recently, Chief Economic

problem is who will define Game of Skill." Online gaming as an industry is evolving and has expanded across horizons. India is the fastest growing mobile gaming market and

projected to 1 billion by 2028. The GST Council last year decided that 28 per cent GST

has said

(Goods and Services Tax) will be levied at face value of entry level bets placed on gaming platforms and casinos.

Personalisation is here," she

For three consecutive years now, India has been the best-

performing market in the Asia Pacific region for Adobe

India and one of the fastest-

growing markets globally, she

"So that is really a great place to be in, and demand

continues to be across sectors.

"A couple of years back, the

demand was in sectors like banking and financial services, and in travel and transportation... These

consumer-driven industries

expanding and we are unlocking new sectors," she

technology

and

transportation...

Interactive Entertainment

Indian gaming industry comprises over 1,400 gaming

companies, including 500

gaming studios. The annual

is

6

points.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital markets on Monday, offloading shares worth Rs 2,667.46 crore, according to exchange data.

In contrast, the paper noted that the 4 per cent point target, +/-2 per centage point tolerance band and focus on headline inflation remain broadly appropriate.

"That said, the regime can be performed as envisaged. excluding food inflation from the rate setting calls, saying that the monetary policy has no bearing on the prices of food items, which are dictated by supply side pressures.

India a priority market; seeing digital demand across new sectors: Adobe

PTI NEW DELHI

India is a high-performing market for Adobe in Asia-Pacific region and among the fastest-growing globally, Adobe India Vice-President and Managing Director, Prativa Mohapatra has said, adding that momentum on productivity, creativity and personalisa tion are driving digital opportunities across new sectors. In an interview to PTI, Mohapatra said India is a big innovation hub and a "great market" for Adobe.

"Adobe in India is a microcosm of Adobe as a whole... Today we have research, we have products and the market ... And it is the second-largest base for Adobe, beyond the US," Mohapatra said, asserting that the company's focus on talent and infrastructure investments in the country, continue.

Artificial Describing Intelligence as "very transformative technology", she said the company is of the firm belief that AI has to be "responsible".

"Technologies that are transformative have to be dealt with very really responsibly," Mohapatra said, pointing out that the company operates within AIframework ethics of accountability, responsibility, and transparency.



said

said.

The power of digital has turned every business into a business" "technology irrespective of the sector they operate in, she further said. "We as Adobe, and India in particular, are in space where we are focused on productivity, creativity and experience, and that is where

the opportunity lies. The opportunity is how do we make everyone creative, how do we bring productivity across business and people, and how do we upgrade personalised experiences for every customer," Mohapatra said.

Businesses are experiencing experiential AI-driven growth, and new age technologies are set to unleash the power of personalisation. "In terms of evolution, the era The government's sharp focus 0 experience... on

digitisation have also opened up opportunities in areas such as citizen services and egovernance.

"I am sure that with all the focus that the government has on technology, there will be lot of opportunities in that space in reaching out to citizens, bringing e-governance and productivity at scale," Mohapatra said.

Organisations have started acknowledging the power of digital in driving business momentum, she said.

"We are tracking where can digital 'use cases' become real... New ways of digital use are emerging, say, in how you buy your new car, or how you experience a new washing machine," she said.

Smaller cities and towns are offering massive runway for growth.

⁶Tier 2-3 cities are emerging as growth drivers, as tech companies are going into these markets. Also, there are skills available in smaller cities, and accordingly a lot of growth potential.

"Even the government is talking about skill-building and that is another big positive we are seeing in the market

were early adopters of our technology... The good news is that B2B sectors are now adopting digital... Growth is At the same time policy frameworks are getting more and more user-friendly, and organisation-friendly," Mohapatra said on the business drivers.

Indian firms to spend USD 45-50 bn in capex over 1-2 years, RIL to lead: Moody's

PTI NEW DELHI

Moody's Ratings on Tuesday said rated Indian compa-nies will spend USD 45-50 billion annually over the next 1years towards capex as com-panies boost capacity, with the country's most valued firm Reliance Industries alone accounting for 30 per cent of the spendings. Investments to increase

vertical integration and achieve net zero targets will also keep spending high, Moody's Ratings said in a report on corporates in India

and Indonesia. "Rated Indian companies' capex will remain elevated at around USD 45-50 billion annually over the next one to two years. With an annual capex budget of around USD 15 billion spread across its different business segments, Reliance Industries alone will account for around 30 per cent of the portfolio capex, Moody's Ratings said.

The oil and gas sector and Reliance Industries will collectively account for over 60 per cent of the rated Indian portfolio's spending over the next couple of years. Moody's said the seven rated

oil and gas companies in India will also account for around 30 per cent of rated Indian companies' capex.

These companies will spend around USD 15 billion annually to expand existing capacity and make green



carbon transition risk.

For instance, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (Baa3 stable) and Indian Oil will spend USD 6 billion and USD 4 billion, respectively, in each of the next two years on addition, reserves downstream integration and energy transition, Moody's added. It also said strong earnings will continue to keep the leverage of Indian corporates low, even as companies push ahead with capital spending plans in response to consumption growth and as offshore borrowing rates remain high. Moody's said credit quality will remain robust for companies in India and Indonesia.

diversified across services and manufacturing. India's large domestic market helps to shelter the country from India and Indonesia are the two largest emerging market economies in Asia excluding China. These two G-20 countries have the highest capacity and make green number of rated companies energy investments to reduce and volume of rated debt remain low.

registrations issued under India Handloom Brand so far: Govt PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Almost 2,000

Abeen issued under the 'India Handloom' Brand for 184 product categories, the government said on Tuesday. The 'India Handloom' Brand was launched on August 7, 2015, on the occasion of the National Handloom Day, to brand high-quality handloom products with zero defects and no ill-effects on the environment.

Since the launch of the "India Handloom" Brand, 1,998 registrations have been issued under 184 product categories," the Ministry of Textiles said.

The government has undertaken various measures for promoting the handloom sector. To provide end-to-end support for promotion of the sector and welfare of handloom workers, the Ministry of Textiles is implementing the National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme across the country, it said. Under the NHD Programme, financial assistance is provided eligible handloom to organisations/workers for upgraded looms and accessories, solar lighting units,

construction of workshed, product and design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, etc.



SPORTS LIFE IS A BEAUTIFUL LIFE: MANU TELLS STUDENTS

risscrossing the country since returning from Paris with two historic Olympic medals, ace shooter Manu Bhaker was in the southern metropolis on Tuesday, exhorting students to try making a career out of sports as it offers "a beautiful life".

Manu, 22, scripted history in Paris by becoming the first Indian athlete post Independence to win two medals in a single edition of the Olympics, more than making up for her forgettable games debut in Tokyo three years ago.

"My journey, coming from the Tokyo Olympics, it was very difficult for me to be confident again. I was world number two, but I did not do good in it," a garlanded Manu said after being felicitated by the Velammal Nexus School here. "I know the taste of losing and then winning. It's the beauty of sports. One competition you lose, and you can win the other. But, it would only happen if you put in hard work."

Urging young students to take up sports as career options, Manu emphasised on "dreaming big" and "hard work".

"To achieve the goal, we must put in a lot of hard work and effort. It doesn't always start



with aiming for something big, you also have to work to achieve it.

achieve it. "If you can dream big, you can achieve big. So, always start by dreaming big. "I always tell myself that no matter if I win or lose in any competition, I'll always be very confident and hold very confident and hold myself high and together, and be very confident.

"We have many career options. You don't have to become a doctor or an engineer. Sports life is a beautiful life. From financial support to any kind of it, you get everything in sports," she asserted.

Manu, who won a bronze each in the women's 10m air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team event -- where she had paired with Sarabjot Singh -- weighed in on the role of her parents in inspiring her.

"My inspiration came from my mother. She made me the way I am today. She told me to take inspiration, but not to become like anyone else. Without parents' support, a child cannot do much," Manu said. "My shooting career and journey started at my school. In any sporting career, the beginning happens first from home, and then from school. All the parents and teachers play a very significant role in what you become and what you do with your life?

In her career so far, Manu has won innumerable medals in off.

top competitions across the world. Reflecting on her journey, the champion shooter said she has learnt a lot in the last few years and urged the youngsters to never shy away

sport 11

"I have had eight and a half years in my shooting career. I have travelled almost half of the world. I have seen different kinds of people and cultures, their backgrounds and struggles, and also known

their journeys. 'We should never be ashamed of where we come from -- the cultural background. You should carry it with pride, and you should be proud of yourself, how far you have

come, and you have a long way to go. "I never knew English, how to talk to people, and many other things I never knew. But, I taught myself.

"People helped me to learn different things. You can always approach a teacher or your parents to learn something new. You can always ask somebody to teach you." Manu also asked the students to not give up after facing setbacks.

"Do not give up on any small setbacks that you face. If you do not win a competition or do not perform well in an exam, do not give up, but hold yourself together, get back up and keep going on," she signed

SINQUEFIELD CUP Gukesh holds Ding Liren, Praggnanandhaa draws with Abdusattorov

PTI SAINT LOUIS (USA)

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh held reigning world champion Ding Liren of China to a draw in a highly anticipated contest in the first round of the Sinquefield Cup chess tournament here. The clash resembled more of a shadow boxing match than a genuine contest, as both Gukesh, the World the Championship challenger, and Liren avoided revealing their true preparations for their upcoming World Championship battle later

this year. The Italian opening met with some usual response and Liren's attempt to complicate

matters through a king side attack met with a cold-water

treatment. In the end, the Chinese decided to end the game through perpetual checks after sacrificing a Bishop and a rook.

After a rather disappointing show in the Saint Louis rapid and blitz tournament where he finished last, Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa made some amends taking a draw with Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in his opening game.

was hardly any There recovery time for Praggnanandhaa but it seems that the young gun has moved on from the last



from Petroff defense Praggananandhaa faced the Abdusattorov and could do

little as the queens got traded in the early middle game. The remainder was a position wherein neither players could push for more and drew the game in just 36 moves.

Alireza Firouzja of France continued from where he left in the Saint Louis Rapid and blitz tournament and defeated American Fabiano Caruana in what was an important contest for the Grand Chess tour ranking. Leading over Caruana after a fantastic show that netted him the winner's trophy in the rapid and blitz that ended just a couple of days back, Firouzja is now a firm favourite to win the crown from Caruana in the overall

rankings on the tour that had five tournaments this year. There are eight more rounds to come int eh ten player round double robin tournament that has a total prize pool of USD 350000 apart from the Grand Chess tour bonus prize fund of USD 175000.

USD 175000. Results round 1: Fabiano Caruana (Usa) lost to Alireza Firouzja (Fra); 2. Wesley So (Usa) drew with Anish Giri (ned); Ding Liren (Chn) drew with D Gukesh (Ind); Ian Nepomniachtchi (Fid) drew with Maxime Vachier. drew with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra) R Praggnanandhaa (Ind) drew with Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb) 16.



Bumrah has been best multi-format bowler for last 5-6 years: Ponting

PTI DUBAI

India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has been the best multi-format bowler bowl an in-swinger, he's going for the last five or six years reckons former Australia captain Ricky Ponting. Ponting said that there might have been a few concerns over Bumrah's longevity but he has only returned stronger from injuries. "I've said it for a long time, he's probably been the best multi-format bowler there's been in world cricket for the last five or six years," Ponting said on the ICC review. "There might have been some fears a couple of years ago when the injuries come in and 'would he come back the same?', but I think he's actually come back better," he added. "The greatest way to always get a real gauge on these players is by asking (other) players. And when you talk to opposition batsmen about him (Bumrah) in particular, it's always, 'No, he's a

nightmare! You never know what's going to happen. "One's going to swing, one's going to seam, he's going to to howl an out-swin

T20 World Cup: New York's notorious Dhruv Chavan crowned Polo Cup champion drop-in pitches get six satisfactory ratings PTI CHENNAI

referee.

After a rather long delay, the ICC published the pitch

ratings on its website on Tuesday. The tournament,

won by India, was played

All eight games in New York

ended up being low-scoring

affairs, drawing scathing

criticism from experts and fans during and after the ICC

from June 1 to 29.

Mumbai's Dhruv Chavan edged out Aditya Patnaik to emerge champion in the Polo Cup India 2024 racing event here on Tuesday. Dhruv (183 points) pipped Aditya (170 points) to the post to take the title by a mere four points. Oias Surve

mere four points. Ojas Surve settled for the third position with 159 points.

Aditya jumped into the lead, winning Race 1 at the Madras International Circuit.

But Dhruv took the next race to catch up with him. In round 2, Aditya made a strong statement by winning the first race.

However, Dhruv was more consistent, securing crucial

points in rest of the races in the round to bag the title. Romir Arya was crowned the Best Rookie of the season while Munjal Savla the Master won

Championship.

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event.

The ICC match referees have gone soft on the much-maligned pitches used for the New York leg of the T20 World Cup with six of the eight games, including the India versus Pakistan contest, gatting a "actignctory" rating getting a "satisfactory" rating. Only two games at the makeshift Nassau County Cricket Stadium, including India's opening fixture against Ireland, have got an "unsatisfactory" rating from

The cricket on display in New the game's governing body which remains bullish on York was not the best advert for a sport trying to make its presence felt ahead of the promoting cricket in the United States 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, The surface used for the game where it will make its debut.

between between Sri Lanka India played three games in

event.

and South Africa also got New York while their match match referees for the games thumbs down from the match against Canada in Fort in New York. Lauderhill was washed out.

The drop-in tracks prepared in Adelaide by curator Damian Hough and transported to New York proved to be underprepared with hardly any testing done before the opening game between South Africa and Sri Lanka.

The surface came under fire for its unpredictable bounce and sluggish outfield throughout the tournament. For the eight games in New York, the average first innings score was 107.6.

Ranjan Madugalle, David Boon, Jeff Crowe and Richie Richardson were the four in Ahmedabad.

The pitch for India's Super 8 game against Afghanistan in Barbados was rated "satisfactory" with only the final match's strip being deemed "very good". Out of the 52 games staged in the competition, only three "unsatisfactory" and the third one being the semi-final between Afghanistan and South Africa in Trinidad, where the former was bowled out for 56. Last year, the ICC had given

"average" rating to the surface for the ODI World Cup final between India and Australia

great player. Look at (Glenn) Anderson, these guys, their longevity and their skills being able to hold up for such a long period of time is what separates them from the rest," Ponting added.

PTI KATHMANDU

Coming off a fighting 1-0 Win over Bhutan, the Indian team will need to work on its finishing in the upcom-ing matches of the SAFF U20 Championship, head coach Ranjan Chaudhuri reckoned

on Ťuesday. Having beaten their Himalayan neighbours 1-0 in their opening match, India have provisionally taken the top spot in Group B with three

points. While Chaudhuri was full of praise for his boys who managed to hold on to the lead against Bhutan despite being down to nine men, he also pointed out how India still need to improve while going forward.

"The way our boys fought after the two red cards is indeed commendable. It's not easy to set a stable formation with nine players, but they managed to hold fort. It speaks a great deal about their character," said Chaudhuri. "Not only did they hold fort,

India need to hone finishing skills after Bhutan triumph: Head coach



but they also broke through Bhutan's defence a few times. Finishing is perhaps the one area we have to

With a three-day gap before their next match against Maldives on August 23, the Blue Colts could manage to squeeze some rest and recovery into their packed schedule.

Chaudhuri said, "We are playing on artificial turfs, which do tend to take a toll on the body, so we have planned to have a recovery session today (Tuesday, 20). August We had initially planned for a pool session, but the rain and the relatively cooler weather here in Nepal made

Hence we went ahead with light stretching.

'We plan to put in two pro-Dhami. ductive training sessions in the next couple of days before

we play Maldives." With three points on board, the India U20s will have one eye on the next Group B match between Bhutan and Maldives on Wednesday, where a victory for the latter would secure a spot in the semi-finals for the Blue Colts. "I'm watching all the matches in this tournament, and I will definitely be watching that one.

A lot depends on how that match goes," he said.

"We are also going to dissect our match and try to rectify our mistakes from it. us reconsider those plans. Midfielder Manjot Singh

continued.

With 15 wickets in the T20 World Cup, Bumrah played a

pivotal role in India's title triumph and Ponting heaped praise on the 30-year-old. "If I watch what he did in the T20 World Cup - the pace is still there, there's nothing that's changed with the

that's changed with the accuracy or what he can deliver," Ponting said. "The skillset is all the same. He's getting better year on year He would rank right up year. He would rank right up there.

"When you've got that skillset and the consistency that he has, then you're going to be a

Dhami was in agreement with his coach, and felt that the team could only improve from here on.

"We can play much better than what we did, and we must show that in our next game. We must work on our combination and communication. But I feel the more matches we play here, the better we will get," said

"This is the competition phase, after all. It's all about what attitude we approach these games with."

As India prepare for the next match against Maldives, two of their players, Pramveer and Vanlalpeka Guite will be suspended after being sent off against Bhutan. However, the Blue Colts head coach is not overwhelmed by the situation. 'Yes, we will have to replace them in our next match, but the boys are all ready. Those players who started from the bench are equally good, and now it's an opportunity for the others to fight for those two spots," he said.



Samoan batter Visser sets new **T20I record with 39-run over**



PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

¬ amoa middle-order Sbatter Darius Visser on Tuesday set a new world record for most runs in an over in T20Is, accumulating 39 against Vanuatu in the World Cup East Asia-Pacific Region Qualifier in the capital city of Apia. Visser hammered pacer Nalin

and

Nipiko for six sixes in an over that also included three no shade over 160 kmph. balls.

His big-hitting ability was evident in his knock against The 28-year-old right-handed Vanuatu -- 132 off 62 balls batter, who learned the ropes in Sydney grade cricket, was with five fours and 14 sixes. playing in only his third T20I, "It was clean hitting (by Visser). We did not know it comes with the reputation of being a genuine was a world record, and later power-hitter, who once it was mentioned during the topped the shot-speed session innings break. by Hype Cricket Academy in "But happy for him, and and they were Stuart Broad

happy that we managed a win. Looking forward to the next match," Samoa skipper Jasmat Caleb replied to a PTI query. Samoa will face bitter rivals Fiji in their next EAP Qualifier match Wednesday.

Previously, there were five occasions when a bowler conceded 36 runs in an over

on

Akila Dananjaya (2007).(2021), Karim Jannat (2024), Kamran Khan (2024) and Azmatullah Omarzai (2024). Broad conceded six sixes in as many balls against Yuvraj Singh of India in the 2007 T20 World Cup, while Windies batsman Kieron Pollard batsman achieved the feat against Dananjaya during a bilateral T20I at Coolidge, Antigua.

Nepal's Dipendra Singh Airee creamed sixes off Qatar's Kamran Khan in the ACC Premier Cup, while Windies' Nicholas Pooran hit Afghanistan pacer Azmatullah Omarzai for six sixes during the T20 World Cup this June at Gros Islet. Rohit Sharma and Rinku Singh combined to take 36 runs off Afghanistan pacer Karim Janat at Bengaluru during a bilateral T20I that India won in the first-ever

second Super Over. Along with joining these big names, Visser, who also dabbles in coaching in Australia when he does not international have commitments, made another piece of history as his century was the first by a Samoan batter in T20Is.

The knock guided the side to a competitive 174 all out. The next highest score in Samoa innings was 16 by Jasmat, and it underlined the value of his knock. In reply, Vanuatu gave a strong chase but ended up at 164 for nine, losing the match by 10 runs. Opener Nipiko nearly amended his waywardness with the ball with a 73 off 52 balls with six fours and three sixes.

He had good support from skipper Joshua Rasu (23 off 14 balls) and Tim Cutler (21 off 11 balls) but Vanuatu fell short.



Bhushan's T-Series announces a biopic on Indian cricketer Yuvraj

said.

PTI MUMBAI

An upcoming biographical movie will chronicle the will chronicle the inspiring journey of former Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh, the makers announced Tuesday. The yet-to-be-titled biopic will be produced by Bhushan Kumar's T-Series and co-produced by Ravi Bhagchandka, known for "Sachin: A Billion Dreams" and the upcoming Aamir Khanupcoming Aamir Khan-starrer "Sitaare Zameen Par".

The film is touted as a "grand celebration of Singh's unparalleled journey and contributions to cricket, capturing the essence of his career, unforgettable six sixes in the 2007 T20 World Cup, his courageous off-field battles and his subsequent return to cricket in 2012" return to cricket in 2012",

a press release said. Singh, who began his career at the age of 13, said he is hoping his life story will inspire people to overcome challenges.

"I'm deeply honoured that my story will be showcased to millions of my fans across the globe the director and cast.

the US Open. The Belarusian

missed Wimbledon with a

shoulder injury, then returned to the tour at Washington two

"I would say that I'm really

great

"Probably not the best tennis I

tennis,"

by Bhushan and Ravi. Cricket has been my greatest love and source of strength through all the highs and lows. I hope this film inspires others to overcome their own challenges and pursue their dreams with unwavering passion," the former India all-rounder

Kumar, known for backing blockbuster films such as "Drishyam 2", "Animal", "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2", 'Kabir Singh" and 'Tanhaji: The Unsung "Kabir Warrior", said he is excited to bring out the inspiring journey of Singh on the big screen.

"Yuvraj Singh's life is a compelling narrative of resilience, triumph, and passion. His journey from a promising cricketer to a cricketing hero, and then to a hero in real life, is

truly inspiring. "I'm thrilled to bring a story that needs to be told and heard through the big screen and to celebrate his extraordinary achievements," he said.

The makers are yet to announce the key details about the film, including



Ace Indian player Sumit Nagal and France's Hugo Gaston will be the main attractions in the men's category of the sixth Tennis Premier League to be held here from December 3-8. Poland's Magda Linette, who is ranked 41st in the world, and Armenia's world No 52 Elina Avanesyan, will headline the women's category in the tournament which will be held at the 500 points (100 points x 5 t was a good day for



matches) at the league stage each category carrying 25 and the top four teams in the points table to qualify for the semi-finals," the organisers

A total of seven franchises, PBG Pune Jaguars, Bengal Wizards, Punjab Patriots, Hyderabad Strikers, Gujarat Panthers, Mumbai Leon Army and defending champions Bengaluru SG Pipers will vie for top honours. In order to discover and It connects the tennis

monitor young players, the community across India and organisers said TPL has tied allows them to compete with up with Gujarat State Tennis each other and helps the Association (GSTA), Delhi tennis players to track their Lawn Tennis Association progress," it added.

(DLTA) and Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association (MSLTA) for conducting district ranking tournaments apart from introducing their own mobile

app. "Over 100 academies have been affiliated with TPL app from various regions of India.

.lannik and women's Top-ranked number 2 Aryna win titles in Cincinnati

debutants in Italy's Serie A as new faces at Juventus and Atalanta gave their teams a winning start to the league season.

New Juventus coach Thiago Motta surprised fans by handing a debut to youth academy graduate Samuel Mbangula on Monday and the 20-year-old winger responded by scoring the opening goal in

Debutants

grab goals

AP LECCE (ITALY)

for Juventus

a 3-0 win over Como. Mbangula cut in from the left in the 23rd minute and slotted a low drive into the far corner to give Juventus the lead. US international Timothy Weah scored the second for the Turin club when he smashed a shot in off the underside of the bar just before halftime. It was the American's first league goal for the club.

Andrea Cambiaso added a third in injury time to pad the scoreline in Cesc Fàbregas' first league game in charge of Como since taking over as head coach this offseason.

Atalanta routs Lecce

New signings Mateo Retegui and Marco Brescianini both scored twice as Atalanta routed Lecce 4-0 in a blistering start to its campaign.

Brescianini joined last season's Europa League winners from Frosinone just three days ago and Retegui was signed last week from Genoa.

Brescianini got the opener when the midfielder pounced on a parried save by goalkeeper Wladimiro goalkeeper Falcone after 35 minutes and doubled then Retegui Atalanta's lead with a powerful header on the stroke of halftime.

Retegui got the third from the penalty spot 12 minutes into the second period and then Brescianini took advantage of gaping holes in the Lecce defence to make it four after 65 minutes.

Injured Messi out of Argentina's squad for World Cup qualifiers against Chile, Colombia

points.

AP BUENOS AIRES (ARGENTINA)

Lionel Messi will not play World Cup qualifiers because of injury. Lionel

Argentina coach Scaloni announced his 28man squad on Monday for the matches against Chile on September 5 and Colombia five days later.

Messi is still recovering from

a right ankle injury. The 36-year-old Ángel Di María, who retired from the national team after winning the recent Copa America, is not on the list either. World Cup champion Argentina leads South American qualifying with 15 points after six matches.

SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Walter Benítez (PSV Eindhoven), Gerónimo Rulli (Olympique Marseille), Juan Musso (Atalanta), Emiliano Martínez (Aston Villa).

Defenders: Gonzalo Montiel



(Atletico Madrid), Cristian Romero (Tottenham), Germán Pezzella (River Plate), Leonardo Balerdi (Olympique Marseille), Nicolás Otamendi (Benfica), Lisandro Martínez

(Manchester Tagliafico Nicolás (Olympique Lyon), Valentín Barco (Brighton).

Midfielders: Leandro Paredes (Roma), Guido Rodríguez (West Ham), Alexis Mac Allister Allister

Defenders: Gonzalo Montiel Alexis Mac Allister (Sevilla), Nahuel Molina (Liverpool), Enzo Fernández

Rodrigo de Paul (Atletico Madrid), Nico González (Fiorentina). Forwards: Alejandro Garnacho United),

Madrid), Valentín Carboni (Olympique Castellanos (Lazio).

AP MASON (US)

Top-ranked Jannik Sinner and women's No. 2 Ayrna Sabalenka earned straight-set victories in the finals of the Cincinnati Open, the first titles at the tournament for both players.

Sabalenka on Monday defeated Jessica Pegula 6-3 7-5 for her first title since the Australian Open in January.

Sinner, who turned 23 on Friday, beat American Frances Tiafoe 7-6(4) 6-2 to become the youngest Cincinnati champion since 21-year-old Andy Murray won in 2008. "I'm very happy to be in the position where I am," Sinner

said. "I'm just trying to keep going this way mentally. It's important to recover to be ready for New York. That's the most important thing." The US Open begins on August 26 in New York.

Sinner and Tiafoe were both playing in their first Cincinnati finals with their previous best results being the third round.



errors led to a 7-6 defeat. Sinner had a 5-1 lead in the She had never gotten past the second before Tiafoe saved semifinals at Cincinnati, losing three match points to make it three times in that round. The 26-year-old Sabalenka can 5-2 before Sinner was able to now be considered a favorite at serve out for the win.

Tiafoe had a less conventional path to the final. He won the first set in the quarterfinals on Saturday before Hubert Hurkacz retired with a calf injury then saved two match points to defeat Holger Rune in

three sets in the semis. An American man hasn't won the title in Cincinnati since Andy Roddick in 2006.

can play but I'm definitely getting there. Hopefully at the US Open I can reach even Sabalenka moved up a spot to Tiafoe forced a tiebreak in the first set, but three straight No. 2 in the rankings before the match, then didn't lose a set en higher levels." Against Pegula, Sabalenka took

17 minutes to build a 4-1 lead in the first set. Pegula, who double-faulted five times, broke serve for the first time to tie the second set at 5-all, but Sabalenka won the next two games to finish off the 1-hour, 14-minute match.

"She was playing at a high level and never really came down," Pegula said.

When she's serving really well, it's tough, especially on these fast courts."

The sixth-ranked Pegula had a challenging road to the final. After defending her title at Toronto, the American played two matches on Friday because of

weather-related postponements and had three matches go three sets. Her time on the court exceeded Sabalenka's by more than two hours entering the final.

"I'm proving to myself that I can play a lot of matches and overcome a lot of challenges," Pegula said.

"I'm looking forward to not doing anything for a few days." Sabalenka joined top-ranked Iga Swiatek as the only players with 10 or more WTA titles since 2020.

Vardy scores on PL return as Leicester holds Tottenham to 1-1 draw

PTI LEICESTER (ENGLAND)

Tamie Vardy still knows how to score in the Premier League. The 37-year-old striker rescued a point for Leicester in its return to chances. the Premier League on Monday by heading home a second-half equaliser in a 1-1 draw against Pedro

Tottenham, which had largely after 29 minutes when he got

dominated the first half. Tottenham had plenty of opportunities to build a bigger lead but new signing Dominic Solanke was among those guilty of missing

Instead it was Spanish defender Porro who made Tottenham's early superiority count

head James Maddison's cross into the net at the far post.

But Vardy, who was key to Leicester's stunning Premier League title win in 2016 and has remeined with the data size of remained with the club since then, was left unmarked to head home an equaliser.

between two Leicester defenders to indication of Spurs' dominance in head Iames Maddison's cross into the first half but Vardy's goal changed the game completely.

Steve Cooper's team suddenly looked a lot livelier and both teams had chances to win in a busy last half hour.

"Tottenham are a really good team but we gave them too much respect, A corner count of 9-0 gave some and we started getting after them chance of the match.

and it changed the momentum," Vardy told Sky Sports.

weeks ago.

Sabalenka said.

playing

Vardy spurned a good chance in the 70th minute when he was able to run clear on goal but his low shot was saved by Guglielmo Vicario. At the other end, Richarlison sent a header wide deep into injury time with the last

"It is a disappointing night for us," Tottenham manager Ange Postecoglou said. "We need to be more ruthless in front of goal. We were that dominant, we should have been well away from the opposition. To be that wasteful tonight when we had so much of the ball and territory, it is disappointing."

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