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Kolkata horror: 21 docs booked for protesting outside Ministry

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

¬he Delhi Police filed an FIR A against 21 doctors from major hospitals across the national Capital, including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) and Safdarjung, for protesting outside in front of the office of the Ministry of Health at Nirman Bhawan against the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata hospital.

According to a source, the doctors were charged under Section 143 IPC for unlawful assembly and other relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), violating a prohibitory order under Section 144 CrPC and the FIR was registered at Kartavya Path police station. The FIR is against 21 doctors from prominent hospitals in the capital, including AIIMS, Safdarjung (SFJ), Lady Hardinge Medical College, RML, Guru Tegh Bahadur (GTB), and Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC).

Among the doctors against who the FIR has been registered, Dr Inder (AIIMS), Dr Ansar (AIIMS), Dr Chinmay (AIIMS), Dr Himanshu Sharma (AIIMS), Dr Prakalp (AIIMS), Dr Raghunandan Dixit (AIIMS), Dr Shubhankar Dutta (AIIMS), Dr Gautam (RML), Dr Nitin Bagri (RML), Dr Abhishek Garg (LHMC), Dr Bharani (SFJ), Dr Subham Saini (SFJ), Dr Saksham (SFJ), Dr Arpana, Dr Aditi (SFJ), Dr Rajat (University College of Medical Sciences), Dr Sharda (LHMC), Dr Bhanu (PG), Dr Vipin (Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital), Dr Vinayak Kumar (GTB), and Dr Gaurav Chaudhary (GTB).

According to the police, a prohibitory order under Section 144 CrPC was in place around Nirman Bhawan, near Maulana Azad Road. However, the doctors violated the order by staging a protest and raising slogans. The police stated that the FIR was lodged against the doctors for

violating the prohibitory order. However, no senior official has commented on the matter as of yet. Meanwhile, marking the 10th day of their indefinite strike on Wednesday over the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor in a Kolkata hospital, resident doctors continued their protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on Wednesday while slogans such as 'Doshi ko saza do' and 'Shauk nahin, majboori hai, ye hadtal zaroori hai' echoing at the However, with elective services in

several government hospitals across the city remaining suspended, patients continued to reel as it is becoming difficult to access medical services as hospitals turned them away. Many are sharing that the strike is hindering them to get treatment for themselves and their loved ones.

"I travelled from Patna to get treatment here for my son and have been trying to show him to a doctor here. I have been coming for four



Doctors stage a protest over the alleged sexual assault and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor, at Jantar Mantar, in New Delhi on Wednesday Ranian Dimri/The Pioneer

days but either we don't get an appointment or they say that the doctor has left," said a 37 year old woman who came to Safdarjung hospital, adding that she will return after waiting for a day more.

Meanwhile, a 45 year old Naveen reached Jantar Mantar along with his brother to get consultation from doctors at the protesting site. "I received this pamphlet from a

woman in my shop at Pallika bazaar about doctors staging a protest here. We had learnt from the news that they are offering elective outpatient services on the road. Hence, we came here to show our solidarity to their cause, as they are absolutely right to do this, while also getting consultation from them," he said. Further, protesting doctors said that it's very important to understand

that we are fighting for better working conditions in our own workplace. Resident doctors arrived at Jantar Mantar at 11 am for the protest, marking their second gathering there after Saturday.

"Not just as a doctor, but as a woman, I often feel unsafe while working. I have to be extra careful during work and constantly think about my own safety, often carrying a key or something for protection," Radhika Sharma, a doctor from Lady Hardinge Medical college,

"The situation is beyond us. It's a mass movement and we need protection," Sharma said, adding that this fight is very important for the doctors as they are fighting for better working conditions at their workplaces. Another protesting doctor said, "We are thankful to the Supreme Court for recognising this as a national issue, but we are continuing the strike because we want this issue to reach a conclusion as soon as possible".

assurance; we want a protection act, and we want it from the central government," the doctor said. Meanwhile, the All India Institute of

Sciences Medical requested resident doctors of the institute to resume their duties immediately so that patient care services are normalized. According to a release from the Office of the Director, AIIMS, "The undersigned along with the entire AIIMS family stands behind the cause of the safety of all healthcare professionals at AIIMS New Delhi & across the Country. However, as doctors, our supreme duty is also to ensure that the patients visiting our portals do not go unattended.

Members of Resident Doctors' Association from major hospitals in Delhi, along with the Federation of Resident Doctors' Associations (FORDA) and the Federation of All Medical Associations (FAIMA), have been on an indefinite strike.

Department by Dec, directs LG

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Lieutenant Governor (LG)Vinai Kumar Saxena has expressed serious concern over the delays due to lack of inter-departmental communication

recruitment and position in the Health Department. He directed that the process be completed by December.

Giving details, Raj Niwas officials said on Wednesday Saxena recently reviewed the status of recruitments and vacancy position in the Health Department. The focus was on expediting the filling up of posts in Medical, the Paramedical and Nursing the of Government Hospitals, which had been pending for the past 10 years.

He was informed that 23 Doctors in different categories like Neurosurgery, Cardiology, Plastic Surgery and Micro Biology, etc. in the Group 'A' had already been appointed by UPSC and their dossiers have been sent to the Health sent by UPSC in May, 2024. However, their postings were

Department since as early as July, 2023. Many dossiers were yet to take place because the competent authority to post them - the NCCSA was not meeting due to the Chief Minister being in judicial Principal Secretary (Services) to immediately find the way

out, especially in light of the severe shortage of Doctors that the Government Hospitals in Delhi are facing.

A detailed presentation was made before LG, where it was informed that in the Medical Branch, there were 1,364 sanctioned posts of General Duty Medical Officers, out of which 234 were vacant, and were in the advance stage of getting filled up. The UPSC, which is the recruiting agency, has informed that the entire process will be completed by September, 2024.

Non-Teaching Regarding Specialities sub Cadre, it was informed that 279 posts were lying vacant in 21 specialities. UPSC will be completing the recruitment process of 258 these by among December 2024

The Health Department also informed that they have been Chief Secretary and the Services (CHS) of the Ministry

were held. A steering

committee was formed under the chairmanship of the Chief

Secretary to finalize the proposal of the core group.

That committee proposed a draft policy for climate change

environmental conference was

organised with different

departments, institutions and

experts on that draft policy. "About 40 different

departments, institutions and

experts participated in it. The

Government of India is

working on making this policy

in the entire country in collaboration with the German

Technical Cooperation Group.

This group helped us in preparing this draft for Delhi.

These 40 institutions including IIT Delhi, GGIPU, Technical

Energy and Research (TERI)

Government and Central

Government participated in the conference," said the

Rai shared that a proposal has

come to identify the sources of

climate change happening in

different sectors and for a comprehensive policy. "The

Delhi government is sending

this to the central government.

A detailed action plan of the

policy will be prepared

suggestion the government receives."

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prepared after receiving suggestions from the central

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in Delhi," he said.

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of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India for a long time, for filling up 217 posts of Teaching Specialists at the earliest. The LG said that he will write to the Minister of will write to the Minister of Health, Govt. of India in this regard to expedite the process. Regarding recruitments in the category that 1507 Nursing Nursing included Officers, 24 Nursing Officers in the Physically Handicapped capacity and 56 ANM workers, examination for selection has been scheduled by DSSSB in the months of August and September, 2024. In the Paramedical Branch 1,055 posts in different categories like Pharmacists, Lab Technicians, Speech Therapists, Technical Assistants, Lab Assistants,

the process of recruitment by While examination for around half these positions had already been conducted in June, 2024, the entire process for final appointment by DSSSB will be completed by December, 2024, the LG was

Supervisors

informed. Meanwhile, the AAP stated that the LG office has finally accepted that he is responsible answerable doctors, recruitment specialists. nurses,

Refractionists, etc. were under

paramedics, OT technicians in government hospitals and

Complete recruitment in Health | Ruckus in MCD over Mayor arriving late in House

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $M^{
m unicipal}$ Corporation of Delhi (MCD) House on Wednesday witnessed a ruckus as Opposition Councillors protesting against Shelly Oberoi for started Mayor arriving late and causing a delay in the proceedings following which Oberoi suspended four Councillors.

Heavy sloganeering ensued in the House after Oberoi arrived, but the meeting was adjourned soon after for 15 minutes. BJP and Congress councillors stormed into the Well of the House, raising slogans against Oberoi and the AAP-led MCD and holding placards with 'Mayor sahiba jawab do! Jawab do!' and 'Constitute a standing committee' written on them. They also raised slogans like, 'Mayor Haye, Haye' and "Corrupt Mayor Shame On You", and demanded her resignation.

The House was adjourned for a second time for 30 minutes as the protest continued. Moreover, the mayor suspended BJP councillors Pankaj Luthra from Jhilmil ward, Gajendra Singh Dalal from Mundka and Amit Nagpal from Pitampura.

The meeting began more than 50 minutes late from its scheduled time at 2 pm and was adjourned at 2.55 pm for 15 minutes due to the protests. Before the commencement of the meeting, BJP councillors



meeting hall. They raised slogans over issues, including the pending appointment of a Dalit mayor to the MCD, delay clearing garbage, waterlogging and the standing committee's formation.

Leader of Opposition and former Mayor of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi Raja

Iqbal Singh launched a sharp attack on the AAP government in the corporation over the issue of severe waterlogging in Delhi. "The government government machinery of Delhi came into action only after intervention of the Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, otherwise Delhi's

no stone unturned to drown the city," Singh stated. There was heavy deployment of police personnel at the civic body office.

He added that the AAP government in the MCD has wreaked havoc in the city and after Minto Bridge underpass, there is waterlogging in Tabbira as well. "PWD Zakhira as well. "PWD Minister Atishi only realised the need to write to the Railway Department to construct drains and culverts after the waterlogging occurred. Reacting after a waterlogging crisis is a hallmark of AAP's way of functioning and due to their incompetence, the people of Delhi are suffering severely from waterlogging," the LoP

Delhi Metro completes 865 metre underground tunnel on Tughlakabad-Aerocity corridor

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Metro on Wednesday completed tunnelling work between Chhattarpur and Chhattarpur Mandir Station on the golden line on the Tughlakabad - Aerocity corridor in the presence of Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena and Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot.

In a statement by the corporation, it stated, "The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) achieved a major construction milestone in Phase 4 with the completion of tunnelling work between Chhattarpur Tughlakabad-Aerocity corridor.

It added that a Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) broke through this morning at Chhattarpur Mandir Station after boring an 865 meter long tunnel. "This tunnel breakthrough was achieved using a mammoth 97-metre-long TBM. Two parallel circular tunnels for up and down movement are being constructed on this stretch as part of the Aerocity -Tughlakabad corridor. The work on the other tunnel parallel tunnel on this section will be completed by September this year," it said, adding that the new tunnel has been constructed approximately at an

average depth of 15 metres and about 618



Minister Kailash Gahlot and others after the breakthrough of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) at the Chhatarnur Mandir site of the Delhi Metro Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer ancing method). Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, Principal in New Delhi

Secretary to Saxena Ashish Kundra and Officer on Special Duty (UT) of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Jaideep also graced the occasion in the presence of Managing Director of DMRC Dr Vikas Kumar and other senior officials.

"It has an inner diameter of 5.8 metres. The tunnelling work involved innumerable challenges like shifting of 66 KV electrical HT line. In addition, crossing of TBM was carried out below the existing Yellow Line viaduct without disturbing the Metro train operations on Yellow line." the statement said.

The tunnel has been built with the proven technology of EPBM (Earth pr

Rai holds round table conference to address climate change



STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Wednesday held a round table conference to address the issue of climate change in the national Capital and said that the AAP government has launched an aggressive initiative to combat the escalating climate crisis in Delhi, focusing on seven including critical sectors electricity, water, waste, green cover, transport, health, and agriculture.

At a round table conference chaired by Rai, over 40 departments, experts and officials convened to overhaul the existing climate policy of 2019. The senior AAP leader stated that a comprehensive policy will be crafted and sent to the central government for

approval.
"In Delhi too, a policy on climate change was formulated in 2019. But seeing the pace with which the climate is changing after 2019, the Delhi government started the process of revising the policy of climate change two years ago. A core group was formed among different departments and stakeholders for this, under which several meetings

Review meeting on Govt's 400 units free power for 1984 Sikh massacre victims held

STAFF REPORTER ■ **NEW DELHI**

 $D_{\text{Atishi}}^{\text{elhi}} \stackrel{\text{Power Minister}}{\text{on Wednesday}}$ held a review meeting on the Arvind Kejriwal Government's 400 units free electricity scheme for 1984 Sikh massacre victims and instructed officials of the Revenue Department and the Power Department to ensure hassle free implementation.

ensure hassle-free implementation of the Kejriwal government's scheme to provide up to 400 units of free electricity to 1984 Sikh massacre victims in Delhi, Power Minister Atishi on Wednesday held a review meeting with the officials of the Revenue Department and the Power Department," the party said in a statement.

On this occasion, Power Minister Atishi said, "The Kejriwal government is committed to working towards the betterment of every section of the society in Delhi. In this direction, a scheme to provide up to 400 units of free electricity to the victims of the 1984 Sikh riots was started in 2018 under the leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal." AAP MLA Jarnail Singh from Tilak Nagar was also present in the

meeting. Further, in the meeting, Atishi instructed the officials of the Power Department and Revenue Departments to work in tandem to ensure that the victims of the 1984 Sikh riots continue to get the benefit of electricity subsidy government on this," he added. | without any hassle.

AAP Councillor apologises to party for nominating himself as Deputy Mayor

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $A^{\rm AP~Councillor~from}_{\rm Trilokpuri,~Vijay~Kumar,}$ on Wednesday apologised to the party leadership for nominating himself for the post of Deputy Mayor and called it a "mistake".

"I am a Municipal Councillor from Trilokpuri and will remain so. I apologise to the top leadership, Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodiya, Durgesh Pathak and Atishi for my mistakes," Kumar said in a

social media post. "I also want to apologise to my elder brother Kuldeep Kumar.

We all are soldiers of the Aam I request you not to put trying to dismantle the party Aadmi Party. We all stand pressure on my family. You and said, "We are fighting with shoulder to shoulder with the popular chief minister of Delhi in his difficult phase," he added. Kumar was one of the two 'rebel' candidates, who had filed a nomination for the post of deputy mayor against the party's choice earlier in April. AAP councillor Narendra Kumar from Manglapuri ward had also filed his nomination for the post.

Kumar had later also accused the AAP of pressurising him to withdraw the nomination. "I have filed a nomination, will Responding to the allegation, fight the election and also win.

Responding to the allegation, the AAP had said the BJP was

people talk about democracy, but there is no democracy in the party," he wrote in a social media post.

"Filing a nomination is my personal decision, and I request not to involve my family in politics. It is my job to serve the public and do politics. The doors of my house are always open for you; you can come anytime, but I again request you not to put any kind of pressure on my family," he had written in another post.

a demonic power called BJP. They will try all deceitful tricks and tactics imaginable to unsettle AAP." The MCD mayoral elections have been postponed due to nonappointment of the presiding officer by Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena due to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's absence as he is lodged in jail. The AAP had fielded Devnagar ward councillor Mahesh Khichi as the party's candidate for the mayor's post and Ravinder Bhardwai for the post of deputy mayor.

Stephen's denies admission to 12 'single girl child' students

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi University's St. Stephen's College has rejected the applications of 12 'single girl child' students seeking admission to its undergraduate programme. The applications submitted under under supernumerary quota created

by the Delhi University (DU)

as a special provision implemented this year. However, the college did not accept these applications, according to Dean of Academics Haneet Gandhi. Calls and texts to St. Stephen's principal, John Varghese, for comment did not elicit a response. "Around 19 single girl child students applied for admission to the BA Pro-gramme course at St. Stephens. The college accepted the applications of seven students

but rejected those of the remaining 12," Gandhi stated. This year, we have instructed all colleges to admit extra students for optimal filling of seats. St. Stephen's was asked to

admit five per cent more students beyond its total seat capacity, but they refused to admit some single girl child applicants," she added. Gandhi mentioned that she

sent an email to the college principal and extended the deadline for the college to accept the admissions until

midnight yesterday.
"He responded by saying that we were asking them to admit students beyond their capacity. However, last year, St. Stephen's admitted 20-30 percent more students," she said.

to launch membership

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A head of the Assembly polls due early next year, the BJP's Delhi unit will launch a membership drive from September 2 aimbigs to add at least 200 members from each of the over 13,000 polling booths in the city.

A five member team headed by North West MP Yogender Chandolia has been formed to monitor the membership drive, party leaders said.

The senior leaders of Delhi BJP, including state president Virendra Sachdeva and general secretary (organisation) Pawan Rana, discussed the preparations for the campaign in a meeting held at the party office here on Wednesday.

The campaign will be launched officially across the country by BJP national president JP Nadda on September 1. It will be launched in Delhi by the local leadership later, said a senior Delhi BJP functionary.

"Although no target is set for the membership drive, it has been decided that minimum 200 members are to be brought to the party fold from each of

the over 13,000 polling booths spread across the 70 assembly constituencies... There will be time to time, resets and course directions through regular reviews of the campaign" he added. Another party leader said the five

member team will play a supervisory role in ensuring the membership drive progressed smoothly and achieved the desired results. Headed by Chandolia, who is also a general secretary of Delhi BJP, the team will comprise senior party leaders, including Yogita Singh, Shikha Rai, Ashok Goel and Vinod Bacheti, he

Delhi BIP chief Sachdeva said in a post on X that a comprehensive strategy for expansion of membership of the party through extensive campaign at state, district, ward and sector level was discussed by the senior leaders. BJP national vice president and co-in charge of Uttarakhand Rekha Verma was also present in the meeting, he said. The Delhi BJP has roughly 27-28 lakh registered members at In the upcoming Delhi Assembly polls next year, the BJP is pitted against the strongly positioned AAP that registered back to back landslide victories in 2015 and 2020

The membership drive is expected to not only revitalise the party base but also charge up the organisational set up ahead of the polls, party leaders hoped. The BJP has targeted to enroll more than

10 crore members in the nationwide membership drive, BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra said last week.

The members will be registered through four methods - calling a mobile number, scanning QR code, by NaMo app and through the BJP's website, he said. **OPINION 6**

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Modi to discuss with Zelenskyy ways to end war

 $P_{\text{Modi on Wednesday said}}^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}$ he was looking forward to sharing perspectives with Volodymyr President Zelenskyy on a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine conflict.

Prime Minister's comments came on Wednesday shortly before he embarked on a two-nation trip to Poland and Ukraine. Modi on Wednesday said his

maiden visit to Poland will add momentum to the bilateral friendship and benefit the people of the two countries as he arrived here on the first leg of his twonation visit during which he will also travel to the Ukrainian capital Kyiv. Modi, who will meet Poland's

President Andrzej Sebastian Duda and hold bilateral talks with Prime Minister Donald Tusk, said he was looking forward to the various programmes in the Polish capital here.

"Landed in Poland. Looking forward to the various programmes here. This visit will add momentum to the India-Poland friendship and benefit the people of our nations," Modi said in a post on X soon after his arrival at the Warsaw military airport

On the first leg_of the visit, Modi is visiting Polish capital city of Warsaw on August 21



Prime Minister Narendra Modi gives his autograph on a portrait presented to him by the Indian community members upon his arrival at a hotel, in Warsaw, Poland, on Wednesday

Modi will be in Kyiv for around seven hours on August 23 in the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Ukraine since the country became independent in 1991. In a departure statement, Modi, referring to the Ukraine conflict, said as a "friend and partner", India hopes for an early return of peace and stability in the

"From Poland, I will be visiting Ukraine at the invitation of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. This is the first-ever visit by an

Indian Prime Minister to Ukraine," he said. "I look forward to the

opportunity to build upon earlier conversations with President Zelenskyy strengthening bilateral cooperation and share perspectives on peaceful resolution of the ongoing Ukraine conflict," he said. "As a friend and partner, we hope for an early return of

region," he added. Modi said he was confident that his visit to Warsaw and Kyiv "will serve as a natural continuation of extensive

peace and stability in the

contacts with the two countries and help create the foundation for stronger and more vibrant relations in the vears ahead".

The Prime Minister will travel to Kviv from Poland in a 'Rail Force One' train that will take around 10 hours. The return trip will also be of the same duration.

A number of world leaders including US President Joe French President Biden, Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz visited Kyiv by train after the Russian invasion of

Modi's visit to Kyiv comes nearly six weeks after his high-profile trip to Moscow which drew criticism from the US and some of its Western allies. India has been calling for resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy.

In his summit talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow last month, Modi said "a solution to the Ukraine conflict is not possible on the battlefield and peace talks do not succeed amidst bombs and bullets."

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Monday said Modi's visit to Ukraine would be a "landmark and historic"

"Lasting peace can only be achieved through options that are acceptable to both parties. And it can only be a negotiated settlement," said Tanmaya Lal, Secretary (West) in the MEA. "On our part, India continues

engage with stakeholders," he said. "My visit to Poland comes as we' mark 70 years of our diplomatic relations. Poland is a key economic partner in

Central Europe," he said. "Our mutual commitment to democracy and pluralism further reinforces our relationship. I look forward to meeting my friend Prime Minister Donald Tusk and President Andrzej Duda to further advance partnership," he said.











NDA's push for majority mark in Rajya Sabha

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

BIP leader Kiran former Union Minister Upendra Kushwaha, Supreme Court lawyer Manan Kumar Mishra, renowned Kudumi community leader Mamata Mohanta, Union Minister George Kurian, nominees of BJP and NCP, Dhairyasheel Patil and Nitin Patil, Mission Ranjan Das and Rameshwar Teli and Union Minister of State Ravneet Singh Bittu were among those who filed their nomination papers for election to the 12 vacant seats in the Upper House on

Wednesday.
For the BJP, the by-poll is crucial for pushing the NDA's Rajya Sabha tally past the majority mark, a key factor in passing of Bills.

The current effective strength of Rajya Sabha is 229. Of this, the BJP has 87 MPs, with the NDA allies taking the number to 105. support of six

The Opposition has 84 members — Congress 26

and allies 58. Several of the 12 seats fell vacant as the sitting members, including Union Ministers Piyush Goyal, Sarbananda Sonowal and Jyotiraditya Scindia, were elected to the Lok Sabha. From Haryana, BJP leader Kiran Choudhry filed her nomination for the Rajya Sabha by-poll on Wednesday, with some JJP rebel MLAs also extending

support to her candidature. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, State BJP President Mohan Lal Badoli, several party MLAs, the party's coin-charge for the State Biplab Kumar Deb and some JJP rebels were among those present when Choudhry submitted her nomination papers. Wednesday was the last day

for filing of nominations for the Rajya Sabha by-poll. The BJP named Choudhry nominated MPs takes the nominee shortly after NDA's strength further up to she resigned from the as its nominee shortly after

111, four short of half-way Assembly on Tuesday, nearly two months after she left Congress. She represented the Tosham seat in the Haryana Assembly. The by-poll for the lone

Rajya Sabha seat in Haryana

was necessitated after

Congress leader Deepender

Singh Hooda was elected to the Lok Sabha from Rohtak. His Rajya Sabha term was to end in April 2026. In Jaipur, Union Minister Ravneet Singh Bittu filed his nomination as a BJP candidate for the Rajya Sabha

by-poll from Rajasthan. He was accompanied by Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, Deputy Chief Premchand Ministers Bairwa and Diya Kumari, and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel. Before submitting his nomination paper, Bittu, during a meeting of the BJP Legislature Party, expressed gratitude for his selection as the Rajya Sabha candidate from Rajasthan. Rajasthan

one of which is vacant. Continued on Page 4

has a total of 10 Rajya seats,



Firefighters douse a fire which broke out following an explosion in a reactor pharma unit of pharmaceutical company Escientia, in Anakapalle, Andhra Pradesh, on

13 killed in Andhra pharma unit fire

PTI ■ ATCHUTAPURAM (ANDHRA PRADESH)

The death toll in the fire accident at a pharmaceutical unit here on Wednesday rose to 13, officials said. Anakapalli District Collector Vijaya Krishnan said the fire broke out at 2:15 pm at Escientia Advanced Sciences Pvt Ltd at Atchutapuram in Anakapalli

"The factory operates with 381 employees in two shifts. The blast occurred during lunch time. Therefore, staff presence was less, Krishnan told PTI, adding that the explosion is suspected to be electricityrelated. As many as 33 injured people were shifted to different hospitals in Anakapalli and Atchutapuram while the Fire Department is engaged in rescue operations, deploying six fire tenders. Further, the collector said 13 people trapped in the unit were rescued. Meanwhile, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed grief over the loss of lives The CM assured that the Government will stand by the families of the workers who died, said an official press release.

WB icons join march for justice in Kolkata horror case A former Ranji Trophy player said,

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

rolkata continued to remain Kloyal to its age old insignia — Michhil Nagari or City of Processions — with players and engineers, IT personnel on Wednesday joining the doctors in their ongoing protest movement against the RG Kar Medical College rape and murder case. fields like football swimming, athletics etc joined the march for "Justice" for the 31-year-old lady doctor who was allegedly raped and murdered in the wee hours of August 8.

Among who joined the march were Chess Grand Master Dibyendu Barua, swimmer Bula Chowdhury, sprinter Jyotirmoyee Sikdar and national soccer player Gautam Sarkar.

'We have joined not to get justice for the young lady doctor but also for the whole society... enough is enough we cannot breathe anymore in this vitiated system where everything is rott tomorrow it can be my family members or anyone else's... you need a foolproof system in place," said Chowdhury.

Sarkar too lent his voice saying, "It is not the culprits that have to



be hanged but the system in which they flourish that has to go to the gallows... this rule of the corrupt, by the corrupt and for the corrupt must end because in the mire of this corruption these devils are born... who else than the State can do it... we demand justice for the State... if a doctor is not safe inside her own hospital .. if a journalist is not safe inside

policewoman is not safe inside the police station... if a player is not safe inside the camp... or for

"It is the voice that has risen from within the society and that has to be addressed or else it will turn into a volcano... society is scared... I am a father of a girl who too is in a profession that I won't name and I want her safe... "I can just imagine what the old

parents of the ill-fated doctor who was killed so brutally must be going through subside but the pain of losing an 'aulad' (offspring) that is burning the old parents by the hour will that matter if a politician is not safe inside the legislature then who is safe in which place."

The old parents by the nour will never subside... so it is the duty of the society to see the end of it."

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SC resumes hearing on LMV driving licence

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday decided to resume its hearing on the legal question of whether a person holding a driving licence for a light motor vehicle is also entitled to drive a transport vehicle with an unladen weight not exceeding

7,500 kg. A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud took the decision after Attorney General R Venkataramani, appearing for the Centre, said though the consultations to amend the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act 1988 were "almost complete", but the proposed

tabled before Parliament. The top most law officer said the amended Bill can be presented before Parliament in the Winter session and suggested the bench either defer the hearing till it is

Google, Meta in trouble over ads linked to fake lotteries

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala police have issued a notice to Google to remove apps from its Play Store that are selling fake lotteries online in the name of the lottery run by the state. A similar notice was issued to

to remove advertisements of such fake lotteries from social media platforms Facebook, Whatsapp and Instagram managed by it, the State Police Media Centre (SPMC) said in a release on Wednesday. Police took the action after cyber patrolling revealed that 60 fake lottery apps, 25 fake Facebook profiles and 20 websites are connected to the scam, the



SPMC release said. It said that stringent legal action will be taken against those who are behind the fraud.

Giving details of the scam, the said that fake police advertisements in the name of 'Kerala Megamillion Lottery' and 'Kerala Summer Season Dhamaka' have circulating on social media

platforms like WhatsApp, Telegram and Instagram for some time stating that lotteries run by the state government can be bought online. People also get messages on

their phones stating that the Kerala government has started an online lottery, and on spending ₹40 rupees there is a chance to win up to ₹12 crore, it said. When a person sends ₹40 on the number mentioned in the message, they get a fake lottery ticket image on WhatsApp. Later, when the draw time is over, the fraudsters send artificially fabricated results that show that the ticket held has won a prize of ₹5 lakh, the release

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Bharat Bandh against SC's quota ruling evokes mixed response

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Amid protest against the Supreme Court's decision to permit the sub-classification of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), a daylong nationwide strike called by Dalits and Adivasi communities led to partial disruption in rail and road services in the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Rajasthan on Wednesday, evoked a mixed reaction. The response was tepid in other parts of the country. The bandh was by and large peaceful

with some sporadic incidents of violence. Several videos of cops lathicharging protesters were doing the rounds on the Internet. One such video from Bihar's Patna has grabbed

eyeballs after a policeman accidentally hit a Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) with a baton while managing law and order in Patna.

The bizarre incident occurred at the busy Dak Bangla square in Bihar's capital city. Having broken barricades at the JP Golambar intersection, the protesters reached Dak Bangla, where to control the situation, security forces resorted to a lathi-charge. In a viral video, the policeman is seen hitting Khandekar, who was in civil dress, with a stick. While the SDM is taken aback, the erring policeman is taken away by his colleagues, who tell him about the mistake. The SDM identified as Shrikant Kundlik Khandekar.

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amendments are yet to be cleared by the House or proceed with the matters. Continued on Page 4 Greed for big catch poses risk to fish eaters

Dosa, butter chicken, Indian street food popular in Poland

PTI WARSAW

Dosa, butter chicken and mango lassi, an unlikely combo for some perhaps but topping the list of favourites for Polish diners who say the dishes remind them of their travels to the country. More than 45

restaurants are offering a variety of traditional Indian food across Poland, with the capital Warsaw City having at least a dozen of them, as per the listing of the Embassy of India in Poland here. And not just dining out, Indian food is popular as a

takeaway option too across

Poland.



Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, who will arrive here

for his two-day visit on

This will be the first official visit of an Indian Prime Minister to this country in 45 Ín Warsaw, Chetan Nandani, Gujarati businessman,

recently opened a restaurant called 'Chaiwala', possibly alluding to the moniker that has stuck with Modi since

Nandani, who already ran a restaurant called 'Curry opened House, 'Chaiwala' owing to the popular demand for Indian food. He claimed to have introduced Indian street food

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Several fishermen are using commonly available pesticides,

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

particularly synthetic pyrethroids to harvest highvalue crustaceans or prawns in the lower stretches of the River Ganga in West Bengal. The practice may cause significant harm to the river's ecosystem in the long run, scientists from ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research (CIFRI) Institute sounded alarms. "Research has shown that

pesticide residues are present in fish tissues from the River Ganga, although concentrations are currently levels below deemed hazardous to human health.

"However, long-term exposure to these chemicals can impact reproductive health in fish and pose risks to wildlife and human populations dependent on the river for drinking water and livelihood," the researchers warned, calling for urgent stringent regulatory actions and community awareness. The illegal fishing practice is particularly prevalent in areas extending from Nabadwip to Balagarh in the State, said the Also, as per the representation of the local

communities in the studied area, the scientists found that illegal intruders appear from neighbouring areas, specifically the villages adjacent to the river.



freshwater (Macrobrachium spp.), which commands high prices in the market. Apart from this, a "They target the lucrative variety of Small Indigenous Salmostoma," said Ajoy Saha,

prawn Fish species are caught rampantly as the bye catch, including Puntius chapra Gudusia

Mondal, Basanta Kumar Das from ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), Barrackpore, and Vikas Kumar from ICAR-CIFRI, Prayagraj.
Presently, majority of the fish are harvested using gill nets,

Archisman Ray,

cast nets, passive fish traps, or occasionally plant-based fish poisons, the banned pesticides rampantly used despite being banned. "Indiscriminate

synthetic pyrethroids, such as cypermethrin disruptsdeltamethrin, aquatic ecosystems by causing imbalances in fish populations and damaging aquatic flora.

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Ram Madhav appointed BJP poll in-charge in J&K

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Ending the four-year-long hiatus from active politics, Ram Madhav, a senior RSS functionary and former BJP General Secretary is all set to play an active role in bringing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) closer to the corridors of power in Jammu Kashmir.

Late Tuesday evening, Party President JP Nadda sprung a surprise when he appointed Ram Madhav in charge of the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir along with Union Minister G Kishan Reddy.

Expressing his gratitude Ram Madhav posted on the microblogging site X, "I am extremely grateful to the Prime Minister for the assignment given to me as the BJP's Election Incharge for J&K. From conversations, I realized that PM's singular and statesmanly mission is to continue to provide good governance to the people of J&K after the historic abrogation of Art 370 by fulfilling his commitment of handing over reins of power to them through free and fair elections, just like the ones he conducted for the parliament a few months ago".

Madhav also thanked Home Minister Amit Shah, party President JK Nadda, and his



parent organization RSS for extending their support in the new assignment.

According to insiders in the party, Ram Madhav was brought back to the party fold at the behest of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to iron out differences within the Jammu Kashmir party unit and explore the possibilities of stable government formation after the culmination of the poll

His entry into the political landscape of Jammu Kashmir at this juncture is set to change the poll matrix after the culmination of the poll process. His contacts in the regional parties may come in handy during the government formation.

Ram Madhav was earlier removed as general secretary in September 2020. After the vot-

Walkathon towards marine plas-

tic pollution in collaboration

with local youth organisations,

initiative "Puneet Sagar Abhiyan"

and enhancing international

outreach. In a maiden initiative,

two women ICG officers

embarked onboard for the

Overseas Deployment will also

be representing "Women in

Maritime Security and Safety'

while interacting and partici-

pating in bilateral cooperative

engagements.ICG signed a

(CCS) approved Memorandum

of Understanding (MoU) with

contributing to the GoI

Petition filed in HC for ED probe into irregularities in Kolkata RGK Hospital

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Even as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) subjected former principal of the RG Kar Medical College Sandip Ghosh to marathon grilling for sixth consecutive day on Wednesday trouble continued to pile up for him with a former Superintendent of the Hospital moving the Calcutta High Court seeking and order for the Enforcement Department to investigate the financial irregularities that had been taking place in the medical college for the past several years.

The petition was filed by Dr Akhtar Ali a former superintendant of the hospital who has claimed that he had brought the alleged financial issues before the vigilance commission and the State Health Department but nothing happened.

"Sandip Ghosh has so much of clout that he was transferred twice and was reinstated in his post within a matter of days" adding "as I raised my voice I was transferred out of the college and at present I fear for my life after moving the High threats."

Incidentally after about an year of such issues being raised the State Government formed a Special Investigation Team comprising several senior IPS officers on Monday to look into the alleged complaints of financial irregularities. The SIT has issued summons to Sandip Ghosh to appear before

'This is a ploy to take him into custody and destroy evidence before CBI or any other agency can get hold of him ... so this petition has been filed before the High Court so that this medical scam that has plagued the entire Health Department and all the State-owned hospitals gets brushed under the carpet like the previous scams this has to be unearthed because the doctors murder is not a one-off case ... it should be found out whether some people were trying to

silence her? said one of the lawyers of Ali adding the scam could run into hundreds of crores and that Ghosh was only one of many fixers that was working for a Statewide "medical

Health scam of crores exposed, Delhi Govt Minister should resign: Vijender

exceeding the sanctioned bud-

get. He mentioned that the Delhi

government had planned the

construction/renovation of 94

polyclinics, for which a sum of

Rs 168.58 crore was sanc-

tioned and given to PWD.

However, PWD spent Rs 220

crore on constructing only 52

Similarly, there has been mas-

sive corruption in the con-

struction works carried out in

24 hospitals of the Delhi gov-

ernment, including LNJP

Harishchandra Hospital,

Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital,

Guru Gobind Singh Hospital,

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

Hospital, Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Acharya

Shri Bhikshu Hospital, Rao

polyclinics.

STAFF REPORTER

Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta reacted sternly over the corruption in the construction of hospitals exposed in a note sent by three senior officers of Delhi Government to the Health Minister of Delhi regarding the lack of health services and has demanded resignation of the Health Minister. He said that the note sent by the officers of Delhi Government to the Minister has exposed the claims of the Delhi Government which is boasting about the health services of Delhi all over the world. Corruption worth crores of rupees has taken

place. According to Gupta, the construction of 24 hospitals, including major facilities like LNJP Hospital and Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Hospital, has seen cost escalate by up to 100 per cent. Many of these projects are severely behind schedule. For instance, the new block at LNJP Hospital is only 60 per cent complete after nearly 4 years, despite an initial 30-month timeline.

The misuse of funds extends to the polyclinic project as well. Out of 94 planned polyclinics, only 52 have been constructed, despite expenditures Tula Ram Hospital, Dada Dev Hospital, Chacha Nehru Bal Chikitsalaya, Aruna Asaf Ali Hospital, Deepchand Bandhu Hospital, etc. Gupta mentioned that the cost of these 24 underconstruction hospitals has increased by 100 per cnt, and the construction work has come to a standstill.

Gupta highlighted a specific case study of the LNJP Hospital new block project, which was initially contracted at Rs 465.52 crore but has now seen costs spiral to Rs 1125 crore. "This scandal exposes the hollow claims of the Delhi government about world-class healthcare," Gupta stated. "The note from senior officials to the Health Minister reveals corruption worth hundreds of

crores of rupees." In response to these findings, the Delhi BJP leadership plans to meet with the anti-corruption branch (ACB) chief to file an official complaint. They are demanding a thorough investigation into all aspects of this multi-crore scam and calling for the immediate resignation of Delhi's Health Minister. Gupta added, "The people of Delhi deserve answers and accountability. We will pursue this matter to

ensure that those responsible for this gross mismanagement and potential corruption are brought to justice."

ICGS Sujay makes port call at Jakarta



Indian Coast Guard's Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) ICGS Sujay with integral helicopter made a port call at Jakarta, Indonesia on Wednesday as part of its ongoing overseas deployment to East Asia. This marks a pivotal milestone in diplomatic maritime engagements.

During the two-day visit, the crew of ICGS Sujay will engage in professional interactions focusing on Marine Pollution Search and Rescue (M-SAR) and Maritime Law Enforcement. Activities include professional interactions with BAKMALA (Indonesia Coast Guard), Cross deck training, joint

yoga sessions, friendly sports events and Passage Sea Exercise (PASSEX) with the BAKAMLA. The visit aims not only to strengthen ties between the Indian Coast Guard and their Indonesian counterparts but also to showcase India's shipbuilding capabilities, supporting the concept of "Atamnirbhar Bharat."

Additionally, the 10 National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets aboard ICGS Sujay will partici**Bharat Bandh against SC's quota ruling...** From page 3

to New Delhi.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Rajeev Mishra described the incident as a human error, and said the police officer did not recognise the official. The Patna District Administration confirmed that the incident was an honest mistake and said no disciplinary action will be taken against the police

Meanwhile, the response to

mandate during the 2014 Assembly polls in Jammu and

Kashmir, Ram Madhav along

Peoples Democratic Party came

together to stitch an alliance

after which Mufti Mohd Sayeed

took the oath of office as Chief

Minister. After Mufti's demise

on January 7, 2016, Ram

Madhav again negotiated on

behalf of the party with the PDP

leadership to form the govern-ment headed by PDP Chief

Meanwhile, Leader of the oppo-

sition Rahul Gandhi also

arrived in Srinagar late

Wednesday evening ahead of finalising a pre-poll alliance

with the top brass of the Jammu

and Kashmir National

Conference. He is accompanied

by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, KC

Venugopal, and others. Rahul is

scheduled to address party

workers and senior leaders on

Thursday at a private hotel

while the party leaders may take

time off to formalize the con-

tours of the pre-poll alliance on

the sidelines of the day-long

meeting. Rahul Gandhi is also

scheduled to visit Jammu later

in the day to address a workers

convention before heading back

Mehbooba Mufti.

with Haseeb Drabu of the

the Bharat Bandh or pan-India shutdown has been largely mixed; its maximum impact was seen in Bihar, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh. As many as 21 organisations including the National Confederation of and Adivasi Organisations (NACDAOR) have called for Bharat Bandh against the Supreme Court's decision to permit the subclassification of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). Left parties, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Congress, Rashtriya Samajwadi Party have extended support to the nationwide bandh.

BAKAMLA on 06 Jul 2020 towards enhanced maritime In Jehanabad district, clashes cooperation and institutionoccurred between protesters alised its cooperative engageand security personnel on National Highway-83 near Unta Chowk, leading to the The overseas deployment is in detention of five persons. In other districts, including Madhepura, Muzaffarpur, line with the Indian Coast Guard's commitment to fostering bilateral relationships under the ambit of MoU and holds sig-Saran, Begusarai, Hajipur, and nificance in reinforcing bilater-Purnea, protesters attempted to block traffic and burned al relationships with key maritime agencies, crucial for ensurtyres, but were quickly ing safety, security, and envi-ronmental sustainability of the dispersed by security forces.At Darbhanga and Buxar railway seas in the region, while addressstations, a large number of ing contemporary maritime protesters halted the Bihar Sampark Kranti and Farakka

Express trains, following which the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and district police were deployed to cleared the stations. East Central Railway Chief Public Relations Officer Sharswati Chandra confirmed that train services were disrupted in Ara, Chausa (Buxar), Darbhanga, Begusarai, and Rajgir, but the situation was promptly controlled.

The bandh had little impact on normal life in Uttar Pradesh, even as Dalit groups and political parties demonstrations and marches in parts of the state. A group of protesters held a march and raised slogans in Agra. BSP workers disrupted traffic on MG road, climbed atop the gate of the collectorate and raised slogans.

They also tried to shut shops in the city. The protesters presented a memorandum to the district magistrate. In Lucknow, traffic was affected on key routes in and near Hazratganj as BSP workers Kanpur, some shops near the BSP's office were closed while public buses plied as usual. Similar scenes were witnessed Unnao, Muzaffarnagar, Sambhal,

Jalaun, Etawah, Mathura, Hathras and Gorakhpur, among other districts. The bandh has voked a mixed response in Chhattisgarh, barring tribal-dominated regions. Several shops and commercial establishments remained closed in parts of Bastar and Surguja divisions,

largely inhabited by tribals,

Mohla-Manpur-

Ambagarh Chowki amendments which are Dhamtari districts.

SC resumes hearing on LMV...

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The bench, also comprising justices Hrishikesh Roy, P 🤅 Narasimha, Pankaj Mithal and Manoj Misra, said as it has already heard the matter for some time and hence, it will proceed with the hearing waiting without Parliament amendments in the MV Act. The legal question has given

rise to various disputes over payment of claims by insurance companies in accident cases involving transport vehicles being driven by those having licences to drive LMVs. Earlier on April 16, the bench had deferred the hearing on the issue after the attorney

general submitted a note indicating that consultations carried out by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways have culminated in proposals for amending the MV Act that will be put before the newlyconstituted Lok Sabha following general elections. "By its communication dated has placed on record the

"In view of the impending General Elections, the Attorney General for India requests that these proceedings may be deferred until the last week of July 2024 so as to enable the Union government to bring forth a proposal for the amendment of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 before the newly constituted Parliament following the General Elections," the bench had

details of the proposed

amendment to the statute.

proposed on the reference will be decided in the course of the hearing, it had said while deferring the hearing. Prior to this, the apex court had asked the Centre if a change in law is warranted on the legal question of whether a person holding a driving licence for a light motor vehicle is entitled to legally drive a transport vehicle of a particular weight. It had also sought the assistance of the attorney general in dealing with the legal question.

Observing that these are policy issues impacting "the livelihood of lakhs of people", the court had said the government needs to take a fresh look" at the matter, which needs to be taken up at the policy level.

Whether a person holding a driving licence in respect of a light motor vehicle (LMV) could, on the strength of that licence, be entitled to drive a transport vehicle of light motor vehicle class having unladen weight not exceeding 7,500 kg," reads the legal question being dealt

bench had said ascertaining the position of the union ministry will be necessary after it was told that the apex court's 2017 verdict in the case of Mukund Dewangan versus Oriental Insurance Company Limited was accepted by the Centre and rules were amended to align those with the judgment.

In the Mukund Dewangan case, a three-judge bench of the top court had held that transport vehicles, the gross weight of which does not said. exceed 7,500 kg, are not excluded from the definition of an LMV.

INBRIEF

QR CODE MACHINES FOR TICKETS AT NFR

Satyawadi

Maligaon: In order to promote the vision of 'Digital India' and facilitate cashless transactions at booking counters across the railway stations over Northeast Frontie Railway (NFR), a total of 191 QR code machines have been provided at 422 locations over five divisions at Katihar, Rangiya, Alipurduar, Lumding and Tinsukia. 587 counters at these locations have been covered till date. Further, 189

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND GREEN HYDROGEN WORKSHOP Amritsar: An open-door workshop titled "Energy efficiency and green hydrogen

for rural India of 2047 and beyond" was organised by the Department of Chemistry, Guru Nanak Dev University, in collaboration with Brunel University London, UK. Expert lectures were delivered by leading global experts

GNDU RELEASES EXAM FORM, FEE SCHEDULE

Amaravati: The online examination form submission and fee payments for December 2024 exams of under graduate Semester 1,3,5,7,9 and post graduate Semester 1, 3 (except BEd Sem-1st and Law TYC/FYIC Sem-1st) for regular and private students, through online portal

collegeadmissions.gndu.ac.in/loginNew.aspx has been scheduled as per below mentioned dates. Examination forms for annual system examinations (special chance/additional subject, re-appear, improvement) will be submitted manually at university cash counter, said Prof Shalini Bahel, Professor Incharge Examination

RPF OF NFR NABS 225 ILLEGAL MIGRANTS

Maligaon: Continuing the fight to detect illegal migrants (Bangladeshis and (RPF) of Northeast Frontier Railway has nabbed 225 illegal migrants and 16 Indian agents during checks across various stations of N.F. Railway from January 1 to



August 15, 2024. In the present month itself till 15 th of August, RPF of N. F. Railway has detained 22 illegal migrants. In an incident on 01 st of August 2024, RPF team of Agartala jointly with GRP/Agartala conducted a routine drive at

PRITHVI AWARDS 2024 ON SEP 14

New Delhi: Prithvi Awards 2024 and ESG Global Conference is a groundbreaking initiative by ESG Research Foundation, (Section 8 Not for Profit organisation registered with Govt. of India) to recognise sustainability icons and leaders in ESG and bring together ESG experts to have evocative discussions related to

RAJ IV-A POWER HANDED OVER TO APRAAVA

Gurugram: REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of REC Limited, the Maharatna CPSU under the aegis of Ministry of Power, handed over a project specific SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle). viz, Rajasthan IV-A Power Transmission Limited to M/s Apraava Energy Private Limited (AEPL). The project will facilitate evacuation of power from Rajasthan Renewable Energy Zone Ph-IV (Jaisalmer/Barmer Complex).

NMDC STEEL FIRST MAJOR PRODUCTION MILESTONE

Hyderabad: NMDC Steel Limited (NSL) proudly announces a landmark achievement of its production capabilities. Today, this ultra-modern, state-of-the-art plant has successfully produced 1 Million Ton (MnT) of Hot Rolled Coil (HRC), reaching this milestone four days ahead of the first anniversary of commencement of HR Coil production. These achievements highlight NSL's commitment to operational excellence and

innovation. The company continues to push the boundaries by aspiring to be a leader in the steel

manufacturing sector with a sole focus on efficiency, sustainability and technological advancement.

Google, Meta in trouble over ads linked to fake lotteries

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Subsequently, someone claiming to be a government representative calls on the phone and asks the 'ticket holder' to transfer a certain amount to a bank account towards 'GST' and 'stamp duty' to receive the prize money, it said. After the demanded amount is transferred, they ask for more money claiming that the RBI

is holding on to the prize. "Victims are provided with artificially produced documents and videos to make every step seem believable," the SPMC release said.

public to be careful not to fall prey to such online lottery scams and to immediately call on the number 1930 if they suspect that a financial fraud is taking place.

WB icons...

Elsewhere at the College Street a swarm of retired and working engineers joined a procession demanding "justice." One of them who demanding worked with the State Government for 35 years said, "I retired in 2005 ... went through the hoodlum years of the 1970s when Bengal lost hundreds of young people to naxalite movement and police atrocities ... but not like this ... I was not scared then as I

am scared now." Samar Mahapatra another mechanical engineer who worked on a top post with the Indian Railways said he had severe arthritis and could not walk properly "but see the dead doctor has brought me here and I am walking with a stick to demand justice for her ... my daughter is in the US .. I hope she remains safe

there... my solidarity with the family ... and when this hue and cry subsides I will visit the family of the victim and continue to be by their side till I die? Meanwhile, even a day after

the Supreme Court ordering deployment of Central

Industrial Security Force for the security of RGKMCH there was no sign of the ongoing medical strike ending with the several thousand junior doctors on Wednesday marching to the Swasthya Bhawan (Health Headquarters).

challenges.

"We came to seek solution to a number of issues like foolproof security, inquiry into complains of corruption in all the State-run medical colleges and hospitals and appointment of full-time principals in medical colleges but there was no assurance coming from the authorities . it seems that the Health Department is under serious

pressure from higher authorities," said an agitating doctor from the RG Kar Hospital. The doctors' march came in

tandem with a DIG of the CISF on Wednesday visiting the Hospital with a posse of security personnel. "The CISF officials had come to make a survey and inspect the hospital premises before they take charge ... they visited the principal's chamber and some other areas and then left," a source in the hospital said.

NDA's push for majority mark...

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Of the nine seats, BJP has four and Congress has five. Bittu grandson of former Punjab chief minister Beant Singh, joined BJP in March this year and contested the Lok Sabha polls. He lost, but was appointed as the Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Railways.

Former Union minister Upendra Kushwaha and Supreme

Court lawyer Manan Kumar Mishra, filed their nomination papers for the by-polls to two Rajya Sabha seats in Bihar. Top leaders of the NDA in the State, including Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his deputies, Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, were present at the Vidhan Sabha secretariat during the filing of nomination papers by the two candidates. The by-polls have been necessitated by the election to the Lok Sabha of sitting Rajya Sabha MPs Vivek Thakur (BJP) and Misa Bharti (RJD). Mishra, who began his political career with the 2009 Lok Sabha election he contested unsuccessfully from Valmiki Nagar on a BSP ticket, switched over to the BJP five vears later and canvassed in favour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Kushwaha, who heads Rashtriya Lok Morcha, is seeking election to the Upper House after having lost the recently held Lok Sabha polls. He asserted that as a member of the Upper House, he will press for judicial reforms and doing away with the Collegiums System

Notably, in the last 10 years, despite enjoying a comfortable majority in the Lok Sabha, the NDA numbers have remained short in the Rajya Sabha compelling the Government to rely on 'neutral' parties such as BJD and YSRCP to get Bills passed. With the two parties having changed tack - the BJP defeated BJD in Odisha this time, and allied with YSRCP's rival TDP in Andhra Pradesh - a boost in the Upper House will provide the NDA much-needed relief.

Greed for big...

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"These chemicals trigger a knock-down effect crustaceans, leading to their immediate death and impacting other aquatic life forms, the authors said adding that there is an urgent need for stringent regulatory actions and continuous outreach programs to curb the illegal use of pesticides.

"They might also cause mutations in amphibians and insects. Moreover, juvenile fishes are more susceptible to these chemicals, and such detrimental effects on fishes juvenile and reproductive adults may threaten river fish population dynamics. The threat of bioaccumulation looms as birds and otters consume poisoned fish while wild animals drink water from poisoned rivers," said the "Raising awareness about the

harmful effects and enforcing laws against toxic fishing practices is crucial to preserving the Ganga's ecological integrity.

Also, the scientists suggested that "further research is needed to quantify the extent pesticide use, its environmental and health impacts, and to develop effective strategies monitoring and controlling this destructive practice."

gathered from the fishermen, the researchers revealed that there is continuous poaching in the lower and some areas of the upper Hooghly estuary, using pesticides belonging to the synthetic pyrethroid group.

Based on the information

Our study also demonstrated that long-term exposure to cypermethrin, even at an environmentally relevant dose, may affect the reproductive potential of fish. Therefore, fishermen have been warned to be vigilant and avoid contaminated fish, noted the authors.

Measures like strict fishing regulations and continuous outreach programmes are necessary to maintain the natural river system, they added.

The police have urged the

Will resign willingly if need arises: Union Minister Kumaraswamy

'scam.

Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Wednesday said he will willingly resign if the need arises unlike Chief Minister Siddaramaiah who found Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's permission to investigate and prosecute him in the Mysuru Development Authority land allotment

Reacting to the Chief Minister's allegation that the Governor was not giving consent to prosecute him, Kumaraswamy asked what stops Siddaramaiah from approaching the Supreme Court against him in connection with the alleged scam related to Sri Sai Venkateshwara Minerals.

Lokavukta's Special Investigation Team has once again submitted a proposal to the Governor on Monday seeking permission to file a charge-sheet against Kumaraswamy in the alleged

illegal mining lease case. The SIT had first requested Gehlot's nod in November last year to prosecute the Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, who had allegedly granted mining



lease to the private firm when he was the Chief Minister in 2007 in violation of law.

The Chief Minister on Wednesday reiterated that the Governor sanctioned in haste investigation and prosecution against him. Accusing the Governor of

discriminating against him, Siddaramaiah Lokayukta's recommendation to prosecute Kumaraswamy has been pending with Gehlot since November 2023.

Kumaraswamy, the Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, said he has seen the statements of Virappet MLA and legal advisor to the Chief Minister A S Ponnanna and ministers

demanding resignation

"I will willingly resign if unlike needed, (Siddaramaiah) who found fault with the Governor's permission to prosecute you and commented about the Governor in a derogatory

The Karnataka ministers should be ashamed for using such words against the Governor," he said.

He said: "Don't you think I could have closed the cases against me in 2018 when I

was the Chief Minister?" Stating that the ruling

Congress is opening another case against him, he said he is not afraid of it.

Install CCTV cameras in one month, schools told after Badlapur incident

Following the incident of comprehensive camera network metabolic m government on Wednesday issued a directive to all the schools in the state to install CCTV cameras on their premises within a month.

The failure to comply with the order may result in severe consequences such as revocation of the permission to operate, said the order issued by School Education Minister Deepak Kesarkar. Protests have broken out in many parts of the state following the alleged sexual abuse of two kindergarten girls at a school in Badlapur near Mumbai.

A school attendant was arrested in the case.

"All private schools in the state are required to comply with new guidelines from the department, mandating the installation of CCTV installation of CCTV cameras at appropriate locations within school premises. Failure to comply may result in actions such as withholding financial grants or revocation of the school's

said. Installation of a camera network is proactive measure to enhance the safety and security of students, teachers and staff, it said.

education The school has department permitted the use of five per cent of the funds allocated for schools in the District Planning and Development Council to establish CCTV camera networks in state-run and aided schools.

Further, the CCTV footage should be examined at least three times a week, and it would be the principal's responsibility to contact police if any concerning incident is captured by the cameras, the order said.

department instructed managements to conduct thorough background checks of all employees with the assistance of the local police station. Schools should the local police provide station the details photographs of employees, it added.

Hema panel report: UDF demands apology from CM

The direction of the apex

court is not to disclose the

names of victims, but it is not

an obstacle to taking action

"This is nothing new. This is

not a bar to taking action on the report. There are

references to incidents in the

prosecution even under POCSO Act," Satheesan said.

It is also a criminal offence if

a person, who knows that a

crime has been committed,

conceals it or fail to report it,

he pointed out and accused

the Chief Minister and other

ministers of committing the

offence by sitting on it silently

without taking any action.

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The Opposition Congress-led UDF on Wednesday rejected Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's claim that Justice Hema had herself requested that the expert panel's report on the film industry not be made public, calling it a 'blatant lie' and 'hypocrisy'.

Addressing a press conference here, opposition leader V D Satheesan said Justice Hema, who helmed the three-member panel, had never asked the government not to release it.

The CM tried to mislead everyone by telling lies, and his reply that the government had always been with the victims was nothing but "hypocrisy", he alleged.`

The Leader of the Opposition also released the purported letter Justice Hema reportedly sent to the government.
Accusing the government of

protecting the "hunters" for the last four and a half years after the panel submitted its report, he further charged that Vijayan's expectation was that the letter would never come out. In the letter, the Hema

committee had not asked the government not to release the report but to follow the

The LoP further alleged that a directions of the Supreme series of crimes had taken Court while releasing it," he place, and there is evidence to prove the same.

So, a team of women IPS officers should investigate the case, he demanded. But the CM is "lying" without

being prepared for an investigation, he charged.
The LoP called on Chief

Minister Vijayan to apologise for his allegedly misleading claims about the letter penned by Justice Hema.

He warned the government of street protests if it doesn't act upon the report findings. Satheesan also urged the CM and the Law Minister to explain what the legal hurdles were in registering cases when there are statements of

PMLA case: Hearing on Senthil's appeal adjourned to Aug 28

The Madras High Court on Wednesday adjourned the hearing on former Tamil Nadu Minister V Senthil Balaji's appeal against a sessions court order refusing to discharge him from a money laundering case.

A division bench comprising Justices S M Subramaniam and V Sivagnanam adjourned to August 28, the hearing on the appeal at the request of advocate Gouthaman, appearing for Senthil Balaji. When the case came up for hearing, Additional Solicitor General A R L Sundaresan

submitted charges had been framed against Senthil Balaji in the money laundering case by Principal Sessions Judge S commenced by examining a prosecution witness. The trial was posted to August 22 for cross examination, he added. Advocate Gouthaman. appearing for Balaji, sought time to argue the case.

Monsoon to

remain active in

for another week

Monsoon will remain active in eastern parts of

Rajasthan for one more week,

the meteorological department

Heavy rains pounded many

districts, including the capital Jaipur, in the last 24 hours, it

Radheshyam Sharma, in-

Jaipur

here said on Wednesday

east Rajasthan

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AIADMK regime.

Bihar decides to launch 'social register' to create database of beneficiaries

The Bihar government on Wednesday decided to launch a family-based 'social register' to create a database of beneficiaries of welfare schemes of the state.

The decision was taken during a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The council of ministers The council of minimizers approved a proposal by the Information Technology Information Technology Department to launch the 'social register' which will act as a Unified Service Delivery Platform, Cabinet Secretariat's Additional Chief Secretary S Siddharth told Secretary after the meeting reporters after the meeting.

The department will prepare a unified platform, which will be called 'Bihar-One', for the purpose, he said. The aim of launching this

government welfare schemes in the state," Siddharth said. avail benefits of such welfare register themselves with the portal and each individual



registry number, he said.

The social registry system will also reduce fraud and duplication of beneficiaries and provide a monitoring mechanism for the living

he said The department will spend Rs 85.23 crore in developing the 'social register', he said,

reduce registration charges on

will be utilised in near future.

He had said that the biometric

prepared in accordance with

the advice of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi and Union

In April last year, the Union

Ministry of Home Affairs had

directed the governments of

both Mizoram and Manipur, which share borders with

Myanmar, to capture the biometric and biographic

details of "illegal immigrants'

In June, it directed the states

that the campaign be

completed by the end of

September and directed both

to prepare a plan and initiate

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government had initially

towards the Centre direction

by conducting training and

appointing nodal officers, the Council of Ministers in its

Mizoram

the initiative

Home minister Amit Shah.

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It was also decided in the cabinet meeting that the government will soon launch vaccination for girls in the age group of 9 to 14 years for the prevention of cervical cancer. such vaccines

government health facilities in the state. The state government will invest Rs 150 crore in the

procurement of such vaccines for the purpose, he said.

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No.2041056/2024

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Choudhary.

28 children died of Chandipura virus since July in Gujarat: Minister

PTI GANDHINAGAR

Chandipura virus has claimed the lives of 28 children under the age of 14 in Gujarat since the first case was reported in July, the state legislative assembly was

informed on Wednesday.

Responding to a 'short notice question' by AAP MLA
Umesh Makwana, health minister Rushikesh Patel told the House that Gujarat has so far reported 164 cases of viral encephalitis, caused by certain pathogens including the Chandipura virus, with 101 children succumbing to the infection.

Of these 164 cases detected so far, 61 were caused by the Chandipura virus, he said. Chandipura virus causes fever,

with symptoms similar to flu, and acute encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). It is transmitted by vectors like sandflies.

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KARTIK SRIVASTAVA (ADVOCATE) Delhi High Court, D-2802/2020, Shop No. 4, Old SDM Office, Nangloi, ND-41, Mob 9560560561



He said the sandfly, which carries the Chandipura virus, lives in the cracks of mud houses that are very common in the hinterland.

"So far, 101 children under the age of 14 have died due to acute encephalitis. Of these, 28 have died due to Chandipura virus infection, while 73 succumbed to encephalitis caused by other infections," said Patel.

treatment, while four were still under medical care. The situation is under control he said and stressed that no new case has been reported in

The minister said 63 children

discharged

been reported for the last 12 According to the minister, the government has launched a

the past week and no death has

drive across the state for vector control and containment of the Chandipura virus. Under this drive, health teams

surveyed over 53,000 houses in areas from where viral encephalitis and Chandipura cases had emerged.

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Directorate of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar Notice No.DE/AGR/ 1285 '/Date./ 20 /08 / 2024 Expression of Interest for empanelment/approval of Manufacturers and Make & Model o

improved Implements, Equipment and Machinery relating to Agriculture, Fisheries & Anin Resource Development sector for 2024-25, 1st phase for popularization under different

Expression of Interest (EoI) is invited from manufacturing firms/source companies fo mproved and advanced implements, equipment and machinery relating to Agriculture, Fisheries & Animal Resource Development Sector for popularization through subsidized sale in the State of Odisha under various programmes of State and Central Government. Offers should be submitted online only at the link https://ofmrdc.odisha.gov.in to the Development Engineer OFMRDC, Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar-751007. Offers through online mode will be received up to 5:00 P.M. of 27.09.2024 failing which offers will not be considered forempanelment by SLTC. The authority is not responsible for any technical glitch at the lastmo

request from the manufacturers for enlistment/ empanelment of their products during 2024-25 (1st Phase) without required authenticated documents and not fulfilling the stipulated terms and conditions will not be taken into consideration and will be liable for rejection The authority reserves the right to reject/ cancel the offer in full or part without assigning any reasons thereof. The detail terms and conditions can also be obtained from the Govt. website

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5.	Date of opening of Eol	30.09.2024 at 11:00 A.M in the Conference Hall of OFMRDC		
3.	Last date of submission of EOI in online mode (Adding of Implements , technical specification and uploading of relevant documents):	27.09.2024 at 5:00 PM		
4	Approval of manufacturer profiles	24.09.2024		
3	Last date for online submission ofmanufacturer profile (Sign Up, Registration and uploading of documents w.r.t.manufacturer profile)			
2.	Pre-bid meeting and Orientation at OFMRDC Conference hall:	03.09.2024 at 11.00 A.M.		
1.		27.08.2024		

NB: 1. After approval of manufacturer profile, Manufacturers shall be able to add implements in the

online portal.

All the uploaded documents must be legible or else the applications shall be rejected.

For any query and clarification during application, please contact.

(i) Sri Manoj Ku Dash, NIC (Mobile No- 7008352395)

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Director of Agriculture & Food Product Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Meteorological Centre, said a low pressure area was formed on Wednesday, raising a strong possibility of monsoon being active in many parts of eastern Rajasthan over the next one During this period, moderate to heavy rains are likely in some parts of Bharatpur, Jaipur, Ajmer, Kota, and Udaipur divisions.

There is also a possibility of heavy rains at some places in Kota and Udaipur districts and Jaipur division for the next 5-6

Sharma said light to moderate rains are likely in some parts of Jodhpur and Bikaner divisions of western Rajasthan for the next two-three days. According to weather data in

the past 24 hours till 8:30 am on Wednesday, Jaipur tehsil was the wettest in the state recording a maximum rainfall of 85 mm, followed by 78 mm rains in Rajakheda of Dholpur, 65 mm in Gangdhar of Jhalawar, 42 mm Kushalgarh of Banswara.

Posting the case to August 28, the bench said the trial which has already commenced may



2023 by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a money laundering case linked to a cash-for-jobs scam Minister during an earlier

register is to develop a database of all beneficiaries In future, those who want to when he was the Transport schemes will have to first

"With the help of that number, the government can find out details about benefits of the schemes that are being availed by an individual in the state," the official said.

adding that the process will

start very soon. The cabinet also decided to new vehicles to prevent loss of revenue, said the ACS, adding that the decision has been taken in view of the lower motor vehicle registration charges in the neighbouring

Mizoram yet to collect biometric data of refugees taking shelter in State: Minister meeting held in September last year decided not to

conduct

advisable to

November that year.



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Manipur also took refuge in

The Myanmarese people

mostly from the Chin state,

who share ethnic ties with the

Mizo, have been taking shelter

in Mizoram since the military

takeover in February 2021,

while the Bawm people, one of

Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill

Tracts (CHT) migrated to the

November 2022, officials said.

The Kuki-Zo people from

Manipur, who also share

ethnic ties with Mizos, have

been taking shelter in

Mizoram since May 2023 due

neighbouring Manipur, they

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The Mizoram government is yet to collect biometric of refugees from neighbouring countries taking shelter in the state, Home Minister K Sapdanga told the assembly on Wednesday. In a written reply to a query of opposition Mizo National Front (MNF) MLA Robert Romawia Royte, the Home minister said that the matter is being discussed with the

"The state government is currently in talks with the Ministry of Home Affairs over the collection of biometric data of the refugees," the Home minister said Sapdanga said that 33,724

Myanmarese nationals and 2,014 Zo ethnic people from Bangladesh took shelter in the state as per the record of state home department, as of August 13.

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The Govt steps back

The Government withdraws lateral entry into bureaucracy amid opposition from its allies

he government has decided to withdraw its initiative on lateral entry into the civil services. This decision comes in the wake of mounting opposition from its political allies, who raised concerns over the potential implications of such a policy shift. However, this withdrawal would put the clock back on the Government's desire to infuse the bureaucracy with fresh talent from the private sector and other domains, aiming to bring specialised skills and perspectives into the administration. Lateral entry, as a concept, was introduced to bridge the gap between the skills required for contemporary governance and the traditional expertise within the civil services. By allowing professionals from various fields—such as finance, technology, and social sciences—to enter the bureaucracy at senior levels, the government aimed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of public administration. This initiative was seen as a way to inject new ideas and innovation into a system often criticised for being slow, rigid, and out of

touch with modern realities. But it was not well taken by the Opposition and the BJP allies alike.

Critics argued that lateral entry could undermine the foundational principles of the Indian civil services, which have historically emphasised neutrality, continuity, and a deep understanding of the country's socio-political landscape. This policy, they claimed, might lead to a dilution of these values, creating a disconnect between the administration and the people it serves. This is indeed a valid point as the professionals in the private sector do not have the training and mindset to serve the people, they are more focused on achieving targets and making profits. This does not go well

with the public office which has to be more sympathetic to people's aspirations even if the cost is high. Another major concern, and that is more pronounced in the Indian context, was that lateral entry could become a tool for political patronage. It was feared that the process could be manipulated to favour individuals with political connections, thus compromising the meritocratic nature of the civil services. Surely, it could lead to the politicisation of the bureaucracy, further eroding public trust in the system. Besides, bypassing the traditional recruitment process could create resentment among career bureaucrats. The decision to withdraw the lateral entry initiative reflects a pragmatic recognition of the political realities at play. While the government may have been convinced of the merits of the policy, the need to maintain a cohesive and supportive alliance outweighed the potential benefits of pushing forward with a contested reform. For now, the Government's retreat on lateral entry is a reminder of the delicate interplay between policy and politics. While the idea of bringing in fresh talent from outside the civil services is laudable, the concerns raised by political allies cannot be ignored. Moving forward, any attempt to reform the bureaucracy will need to address these concerns head-on, ensuring that innovation does not come at the cost of values.



People perform Shravani Purnima rituals while taking bath in the Ganga river, in Varanasi

J&K gears up for historic elections



For the first time since the revocation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019, the region is set to hold its Assembly elections

ammu and Kashmir will have Assembly elections from September 18 to October 1 to elect 90 legislators, the first after the vocation of Article 370 and the state's bifurcation in August 2019. The delay in holding new elections has been a contention for years. However, a recent Supreme Court directive was crucial in setting the timeline. Now that the elections are announced, political parties of all shades welcomed it. Kashmir has been a significant source of conflict for long between India and Pakistan. Both countries claim Kashmir, although they only govern a part of it. Pakistan has even internationalised the issue, which has been brought to the United Nations. In 2019, mixed reactions followed Modi's decision to divide the state.

This decision led to Kashmir losing its flag, criminal code, and constitutional protections. Government job opportunities for Kashmiris decreased and are now open to non-residents. Despite challenges, the state has seen both positive and negative changes. The Prime Minister's initiatives have spurred development, and the growing interest of Gulf countries in investing in Jammu and Kashmir signals a promising future, bringing hope to the residents. The Ministry of Home Affairs reports decreased security force casualties from 80 in 2019 to 33 in 2023 and a drop in civilian deaths from 44 in 2019 to 12 in 2023. The last state elections were in 2014. The high voter turnout in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls has led to Assembly polls. In Kashmir, there was a historic 58.46% voter turnout in the recent parliamentary elections, a 30-point increase from the 2019 general election. The government completed a delimitation exercise after the 2019 revocation of Article 370 and the bifurcation. The assembly seats in Jammu and Kashmir increased from 87 to 114 after the 2022 delimitation, including 24 seats for Pakistanoccupied Kashmir (PoK). This increase in seats could potentially shift the balance of power and influence the strategies of politi-



tions. The BJP claimed that the scrapping of Article 370 and their subsequent policies in Kashmir had developed the region for the better. The recently concluded Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir were a significant victory for Indian democracy. In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the NC and PDP saw a

resurgence. The election allowed them to revitalise their membership and bring long-standing issues to the forefront. Although the Congress did not secure any seats, the NC won two out of three, presenting a strong challenge for the third seat.

Despite the region's history of terrorism and allegations of rigged elections, the polls were widely celebrated for the conduct of free and fair polls. The upcoming election will test the central government's efforts to integrate Jammu and Kashmir more fully into the Indian Union after revoking the region's special status under Article 370.

It is also a test for the Election Commission to conduct polls without any violent incidents, The political parties have started preparing for the upcoming assembly elections, including campaign strategy, alliances, and candidate selection. The People's Conference, Congress,



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Congress, Peoples Democratic Party, and National Conference have all met at their party level to plan for the elections. If the assembly elections are held as scheduled, the Valley will see a contest between the NC and the PDP. Moreover, the polarisation and separatist narrative that gained traction during the Lok Sabha elections will only intensify and peak during the assembly elections.

The PDP leader and daughter of Mehboobha Mufti echoed the others. Other political parties, including the Congress, the BJP, the CPI(M) and the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), welcomed the EC's announcement.

In the 2014 Jammu and Kashmir elections, no party won a majority. Governor's Rule was imposed for 49 days until PDP's Mehbooba Mufti pointed chief minister with BJP's support. 2018, the BJP withdrew from the ruling alliance, leading to the Governor's Ruleagain. The

assembly was dissolved in November 2018, and President's Rule was imposed in December 2018 . Since

then, the governor's Rule has been in the state. The government needs to decide whether to intervene in the Kashmir Valley to address soft separatism or consider a reorganisation plan before the elections. During the parliamentary elections, Congress and the NC allied. The NC contested three seats in Kashmir, while Congress contested in Jammu and Udhampur. PDP, part of the

INDIA Alliance, was not accommodated and fielded candidates on three seats in Kashmir against the National Conference. For the upcoming Assembly polls, the scene is not explicit. Congress and NC might go together. Omar mentioned that allying with the PDP would be difficult because they ran against each other in the parliament elections. If the regional parties want to improve, they must unite, and the INDIA Bloc must collaborate. The Kashmir elections are crucial, and the entire country will observe a

> (The writer is a popular columnist: views are

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Raj Kapoor's deep bond with Delhi: A legacy of cinema



cal parties in the upcoming elec-

Raj Kapoor's relationship with the capital remains an enduring part of his legacy, etched in the memories of cinema halls and the city's cultural fabric

s fans gear up to cele-brate the birth cente-▲ Larry of Bollywood's legendary showman Raj Kapoor on December 14th, it is essential to remember his deep-rooted connection with Delhi—a city that was almost like a second home to him. Kapoor's association with Delhi was profound, and this bond will be celebrated in a grand event in the capital on his birth anniversary.

Raj Kapoor's final days were also tied to Delhi, where he passed away on June 2, 1988. Just a month before his death, on May 2nd, 1988, he was honored with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award by President Venkataraman at the Siri Fort auditorium. Unfortunately, his health deteriorated short-

ly after the ceremony, leading to severe breathing difficulties. He was admitted to AIIMS, where doctors, led by Dr. J.N. Pandey, tried their best to save him, but his condition did not improve, and he passed away due to complications from asthma. Delhi, the city that played such a significant role in his life, also became the place of his final farewell.

Kapoor had a special affinity for Delhi's iconic cinema halls, particularly Regal and Moti, where he preferred his films to be premiered. Regal, one of New Delhi's first cinema halls, held a special place in his heart. It was here that some of his most celebrated films, including "Sangam," "Mera Naam Joker," "Satyam Shivam Sundaram," "Boot Polish," and "Jis Desh Mein Ganga Behti Hai," were

released. The RK Banner films consistently performed well in the capital, further cementing Kapoor's connection with the city. As Pandit J.P. Sharma 'Trikha,' a close family friend, recalls, even Kapoor's father, Prithviraj Kapoor, had acted in plays at Regal, which showcased both English and Hindi productions in its early days.

in 2017, with Moti following suit shortly after. Shashi Kapoor, Raj Kapoor's younger brother, fondly remembered his visits to Regal with his elder brother.

For Shashi, Regal was more

than just a cinema hall; it was

a place filled with memories of Raj Kapoor. Raj Kapoor's connection with Delhi was not limited to cinema alone. His tryst with the city began in 1957 when he produced the film "Ab Dilli

Door Nahin.' The film also marked one of the early appearances of a young Amjad Khan, who would later become famous as Gabbar Singh. "Ab Dilli Door Nahin" captured various iconic locations in Delhi, including the old iron bridge over the Yamuna, Daryaganj, and Connaught Place.

Kapoor's relationship with Delhi deepened further in 1970 when his eldest daughter, Ritu, married Rajan Nanda, son of H.P. Nanda, the founder chairman of the Escorts Group. Raj Kapoor would often visit his daughter's home in Jor Bagh whenever he was in town, strengthening his bond with Delhi. Sadly, Regal closed its doors The Kapoor family's connection with Delhi extended beyond Raj Kapoor. His younger brother, Shammi Kapoor, had a different association with the city's cinema culture. In the mid-1960s, Shammi Kapoor became a partner in Plaza Cinema in Connaught Place, along with film producer F.C. Mehra. While he later sold his stake, Shammi Kapoor remains the only member of the Kapoor clan to have held a stake in a cinema hall.

Raj Kapoor's fondness for his younger brother Shashi was evident, with the former often treating the latter as a son. Shashi Kapoor's early film "Householder," directed by James Ivory and produced by Ismail Merchant, was primarily shot in a large house near Times House in Daryaganj. "Householder," written by Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, featured two of Delhi's iconic landmarks, Jantar Mantar and Jama Masjid. The Kapoor family's connection with Delhi is deeply rooted, with their memories continuing to be

cherished in the city.

(The writer is a journalist and a columnist; views are

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR RAPE

Madam — All eyes may be on Supreme Court hearings with respect to the Kolkata case but time shouldn't die down and the government can't be numb further on this issue. The pains undergoing by the parents of the victim as well as the fear in the minds of the medicos when they enter into a hospital for their work need to be realised by the law making authorities. It's time to burn the culprits and not the candles. The time has come for the government to pass a bill for capital punishment for rapists. When currency can be changed overnight, when special session can be called to increase the salary of politicians, when parliament can remain open all night for trust votes, wondering what is delaying to pass a stringent

law against rape.
The State of West Bengal must be taught a lesson by enforcing the President's role till the case gets cracked and culprits taken to task. Only drastic change like this will also become a lesson for other states to adhere caution and to protect the women from this society. The female MPs in the parliament must take this up as a cause of their own and today it may be somebody's and tomorrow this can happen at their own house can't be ruled out. A.P. Thiruvadi | Chennai

REAL HERO Madam— Amid the dance of death and destruction in Wayanad, humanity dawned. Darkness gets a relief when the sun softly touches it at dawn. Our pessimism and doubt in goodness in human beings similarly got a relief. It was when we read the report that some people on their own rushed to the danger zone in Wayanad and saved others at the cost of their lives.

Sharath saw that the roof of his home had been blown away after landslides hit Chooramala on July 30. Immediately, he took his parents to a safer place. But he did not stop there. He rescued 18

Saga of champai Soren!

THE EDITOR



🖚 ixty eight year-old Champai Soren, who was the Chief Minister of Jharkhand for a few weeks, is in the headlines of newspapers these days. Some are saying that he will join BJP, some are predicting that he will form a new party, some are assessing that he will join JDU. But three days have passed since this news break but it has not come to fruition yet. He is still silent, yes, his intention has definitely become clear that after four decades, the people of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, with whose help he became famous,

before he went missing. Prajeesh ventured up the hill with his jeep the moment the first landslides hit Mundakkai at the small hours. It was pitch dark as landslides thrashed electricity connections. He made the second trip after rescuing many lives in his first mission. After his successful second trip, rescuing several lives, he was last seen in his jeep, setting off for his third

attempt. They have reiterated the scientific discovery that says all living human beings are relatives and have originated from one woman. Research has shown that fragments of the mitochondrial genome carried by all humans alive today can be traced to a single woman ancestor living an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 years ago. This woman, known as "Mitochondrial Eve", lived in Africa. You and I, irrespective of our religion, race, class, caste, country, colour, or gender carry the same genome of that mother. The whole humanity is one!

Sujit De | Kolkata

insulted him. He should remember very well what

a decade.



was the fate of Geeta Koda, Congress MP from Singhhhum parliamentary constituency when she jumped to BJP at the last moment in the last Lok Sabha elections? She was neither here nor there. The mystery of Champai Soren's future is going on for a long time because he played the game of rebellion thinking that all the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha MLAs of Kolhan will come with him . But nothing like that happened. Nor is it going to hap-

It is quite possible that he may lose the election from his constituency Saraikela as well. Because in the last assembly elections in the entire Kolhan, BJP was wiped out. Therefore, even though the people here call Champai the 'Tiger of Jharkhand', they will never tolerate rebellion against JMM. Therefore, for the time being, it seems that Champai Soren's political life has come to an end. Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

SAFETY AT SCHOOLS

Madam — Schools are noble and honorable places where students learn humility, humanity, compassion, benevolence, respect for others, and how to abandon violence and corruption. They foster unity, peace, and a spirit of

togetherness Unfortunately, today, schools have become places of fear and distress. Instances of student suicides due to teachers' cruelty, conflicts among students, vandalism on campus, and incidents like the recent Udaipur stabbing have left parents frightened and apprehensive about sending their children to school. Why is this happening? Why aren't government schools especially peaceful anymore?

We heard a lot about shooting in the US schools and wondered why that happens but now it is happening in our own country. A close look is needed

Jakir Hussain | Kanpur

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FIRST COLUMN

THE DIVINE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Aligning with this divine justice system is essential for realising true justice and harmony in life



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

long with the Creation, God has set in place a perfect justice system. This is overseen by the Divine Authority under the superin-Attendence of God. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 9.10) The Divine Authority is required to record all our acts by the mind, words and the body 24x7. Obviously, they have access to them. They are required by God to decide awards and punishments according to the guidelines given by Him. God does not interfere in this, and we keep on getting rewards and punishments as deserved life after life according to the 'Karmaphala Principle', which is: "what we sow we reap." Going into details, there are three parts of this.

There is 'prarabdha' (acts done earlier), 'kriyamana' (acts currently being done) and 'svabhava' (nature). What was done earlier including past lives, which has not been acted upon is carried forward till rewarded or punished. This process goes on eternally. The timing of rewards and punishments are decided by the Divine Authority. God knows what is being done, but does not interfere in it.

God gets into the act only if someone, mostly a devotee having God's consciousness, approaches Him for relief/pardon. If the request is found appropriate, God helps those approaching Him in order to deal with their punishments, i.e. makes them tolerable. (18.58) In this connection, it is necessary to point out that nature of all souls are also results of past karmas (deeds), as determined by the Divine Authority. It is very difficult to change one's nature by self-help. For example, if someone is lusty,



he or she will continue to be so during his entire life, unless God intervenes and helps in improving it. Again, we have to pray for it. These are the basics. Now let us see how it turns out practically. Take up a soul as an example. He has past karmas, which are due for rewards and punishments in this life. They manifest at their appointed times.

A man gets into an argument with his brother for his share in the paternal property. He decides to seek legal help. This is stage one of the justice system. Now it is 'Panchayat' at the village level or a court of justice. Such courts deliver justice based on man-made laws. These authorities deliver justice expeditiously, i.e. not taking too much time. But they must do justice, in which 'dharma' (highest religious principles) is the basis, wherever they have some latitude. Failing which, they create their faulty destiny; they just act as mediums. Whatever happens to a person has been decided long ago. That is how astrologers can predict what

At every stage of the legal process, rewards and punishments, as destined only, keep coming. If the person concerned is fated to get relief, it will happen in a higher court. Vice versa is also true. God has no preconceived or prejudiced notion towards anyone, except if someone takes His shelter, as mentioned earlier.Like all of us, nations have also destiny. This is a cumulative total of fate of all its residents. Let me take up India for example.

The 21st century is likely to be dominated by India. If it is true and India will become a developed nation by 2047, then, its judicial system has to be functioning smoothly. It must have been streamlined. There will be no delay in the delivery of judgements, i.e. there will be time-bound at every stage. Justice delayed is justice denied will be a thing of the past. There will be adequate judicial infrastructure with sufficient resources. But for this miracle to happen, some people in authority have to become mediums. For this, they will be rewarded personally according to the karmaphala principle. The divine justice system is foolproof. Are people in authority listening? It will be a shame if an opportunity like this is squandered; whatever is destined will surely happen. The question is: who would become mediums and get credit? This has been left to individuals.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher; views are personal)

Streamlining Punjab's administrative web



To unlock the State's true potential, there is an urgent need for structural reforms that prioritise smooth operations, accountability and stakeholder engagement

t's time for the complex web of multiple organisations of the Punjab government to take cues from the Indian Army's well-structured organisational hierarchy, which prioritises efficient command, control, and operational efficiency to maintain readiness. From a Havaldar leading a section, the smallest unit comprising ten soldiers, to the Chief of the Army Staff, the Army meticulously ensures cohesive functioning, distinct roles, and responsibilities, enabling the 14.55 lakh personnel to effectively fulfil defence and security roles. In contrast, the Punjab government's organisational structure (4.15 lakh personnel, including contractual and outsourced) requires an overhaul. In total, 50 parent departments and 163 affiliated organisations, each with its administrative head, aim for seamless result-oriented operations, which are below expectations. In the current government, the Chief Minister, who also oversees the industry sector, plays a pivotal role. However, the current structure, with around 20 administrative secretaries heading 17 departments, corporations, boards, and regulatory authorities, is not conducive to growth. By fostering a culture of collaboration, we can overcome these hurdles and drive efficiency and accountability towards a single goal of industrial growth, which has the potential to exceed the current stagnation of around 3% over the past 20 years in Punjab. Unfortunately, the complexity of multiple departments cannot achieve the single target of developing a fresh entrepreneurial class in the state. Rather, numerous channels breed corruption at various levels, and coercion can easily be gauged as the Punjab government scrapped 1498 mandatory compliances for industries three years ago. Therefore, it is high time to further ease the parent department as a single unique point, focusing on the singular target of developing a fresh entrepreneurial class in the state. It's impractical for any chief secretary to closely monitor 50 parent departments and their 163 affiliated organisations, which around 75 administrative secretaries head.

Assigning an Apex officer, preferably at an additional chief secretary (ACS) level, is crucial to overseeing and synchronising each key sector. This officer will provide guidance, ensure alignment of goals and CHIEF SECRETARY strategies, and streamline numan resources operations effectively. Industries and other key sectors, such as Education, Health, urban development, Rural Development, and Agriculture, also need help navigating the complex web of 15 parent departments and their 69 affiliated organisations, which hampers good governance in Punjab. However, these challenges also present an opportunity for policymakers to reassess and reform, driving efficient and accountable human resources and paving the way for a vibrant Punjab.Industries: In Punjab industries are overseen by over 20 administrative secretaries who manage 17 departments and affiliated organizations. This large organizational structure, instead of collectively achieving the goal of growth, is currently engaged in assessing around 2000 compliances, posing a significant challenge for entrepreneurs. The need for an efficient and accountable administrative setup is urgent to create a conducive thriving environment. Initially, the Department of Punjab Industries and Commerce and its



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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIES seven affiliated organisations over-saw the industrial sector. However, three additional depart-

ments were later established - the Department of Investment Promotion, the Department of Employment Generation and Training, and the Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training - along with their ten organisations to fulfil the same objective. To fetch new investment, "Invest Punjab" was established under the Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion (PBIP) as a single access point to streamline processes. It is claimed that this entity has been empowered to provide over 34 regulatory approvals, clearances, and compliances related to more than 30 organisations. This streamlined approach is crucial for existing industries, as they face challenges in directly dealing with 17 departments- the Punjab Industries & Commerce Department, Pollution Control Board, Chief Electrical Inspector, Commissioner, Department of Factories, Department of Industries, Employment Generation and Training, Skill Development Mission, Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion and Punjab State Industrial Development

This complex web of multiple departments is directionless and unfocused; enormous human resources can be utilised in a single merged service provider entity. In 2012, the idea of merging The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation (PSIDC) and Punjab Financial Corporation (PFC) into the Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation (PSIEC) was also

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proposed but has yet to materialise. Punjab, with 99.7 per cent of MSMEs, is a promising hub for growth. However, the most significant roadblock for these enterprises is dealing with multiple departments and keeping track of their compliance. Despite the implementation of ten policies since the first industrial policy was formulated in 1978, the need for actionable governance reforms is still pressing. It is necessary to explore various measures to significantly improve services and make Punjab an attractive destination. Policymakers must urgently reimagine the state. Agriculture: In Punjab, agriculture is overseen by five distinct departments: the Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries, Department of Horticulture, and Department of Soil & Water Conservation.

Eighteen additional organisations support these departments. Despite the involvement of multiple organisations, the state's agricultural growth has consistently declined, resting at around three per cent from 1990 to 2000 and further declining to less than two cent from 2010 onwards.Education: The government greatly emphasises education and considers it a top priority. There is a critical need to revamp

the administrative structure, as there are currently two separate departments, with six organisations and a school education board. The Department of Higher Education and Languages manages organisations in education and languages, while the Department of School Education oversees the six organisations. Despite these efforts,

it is essential to address that Punjab's secondary school dropout rate was 17.2% in 2022, exceeding the national average of 12.6%. The Way Forward: The reforms have the potential to significantly improve the functioning of key sectors in Punjab, creating a more accessible, transparent, efficient, responsive and accountable system to achieve a single goal collectively. Therefore two steps may be taken: First, Empowering Apex Officials: To achieve seamless collaboration among departments, empower at least five to six apex officers who will oversee the overall administration of their respective departments and have to report to the chief secretary. Each apex officer should have the support of five to six officers as direct

This approach aims to improve responsiveness, ensure transparen-cy in decision-making processes, and hold apex officials accountable for their actions. Second, Stakeholder Engagement: The active participation of stakeholders is not just important, it's integral to the success of the proposed reforms. Encouraging stakeholder participation through feedback mechanisms and regular interactions to understand their needs and concerns is a key part of inclusive growth.

(The Author is Vice-Chairman of Sonalika ITL Group, Vice-Chairman(Cabinet minister rank) of the Punjab Economic Policy and Planning Board, Chairman of ASSOCHAM Northern Region Development Council and President of Tractor and Mechanization Association(TMA). Views expressed are personal)

A bold leap towards 'Viksit Bharat' with historic push for education and skilling

This budget allocation of Rs 1.48 lakh crore for education and skilling along with digital learning will help build a robust, future-ready workforce

Tnion Minister for E d u c a t i o n Dharmendra Pradhan hailed the 2024-25 budget as a pivotal milestone on India's path to becoming a developed nation by 2047. Prioritising education, skilling, employment generation, research and innovation like never before, #Budget for Viksit Bharat paves the way for strengthening Bharat's credentials"

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan posted on X. He noted that these are comprehensive and concrete measures taken up by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman that will be a win-win for all stakeholders-students, academia, and industry.

The budget allocation for Education, employment, and



REETU SRIVASTAVA

30% to Rs 1.48 lakh crore. India has the largest educational system with 265 million students in schools, 43 million in higher education and more than 10 million learners enrolled in skilling institutions. The Budget Allocation for 2024-25 of Rs 73,498 crores is the highest ever for the Department of School Education & Literacy. Autonomous bodies such as skilling has been increased by the Kendriya Vidyalaya dents every year with an annu-made. There has been an over-

Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti have also received their highest-ever allocations. The Flagship Schemes like Samagra Shiksha, POSHAN and PM-SHRI have got Rs 3,250 crores. The budget includes strengthening the skilling and apprenticeship ecosystem, skill development and internship opportunities for one crore youth by India's top companies, and providing employment-linked incentives to first-time employees across the sector. The government has introduced a revamped 'Model Skill Loans Scheme' from 1.5 lahks to 7.5 lahks to 25000 students annually and education loans up to 10 lahks for pursuing education in higher domestic educational

institutions to one lakh stu-

al interest subvention of 3%. The step will certainly promote enrolment in domestic institutions as well as reduce the financial burden on the students. In addition to this, the finance minister also outlined several initiatives for the Skill Development sector.

These include the upgrading of 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in line with the skill requirements of the industry. The internship opportunities for one crore youth in 5 years by the government is a welcoming step, this will provide youths with an engagement and enhance employability and practical skills.

In the scheme 'National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS), an allocation of Rs 600 crore has been



all increase of Rs. 3525.15 crore (7.99%) in the budget allocation of the Department of Higher Education in this budget.

Deemed Universities, IITs NITs, IISERs, and IISc have got hefty allocations, considerably high in comparison to the previous budget. In higher education, areas like Digital e-learning, Research and Innovation, teacher training, the Centre of

Excellence in Artificial Intelligence and some specific institutions have received higher allocations. Under Digital e-learning, the government is looking forward to tapping the potential of virtual learning and aligning it with the Academic Bank of Credits with the view of increasing portability and flexible study options.

In the scheme 'National Mission in Education through ICT', an allocation of ?480 crore has been made in 2024-25 and this is ? 80 crore more than the allocation in 2023-24.The increased budget for Research and Innovation is to focus on academic and research collaborations in science, engineering and technical education. To improve the quality of education being

imparted at the school level it requires a revamped pedagogical structure, so, the Teacher Training segment has got its due share. The scheme Establishment of 3 Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in Artificial Intelligence (AI) has got an allocation of? 255 crore in the budget. The Major Schemes For Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) erstwhile known as Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)], the budget has been kept at Rs1814.94 crore An allocation of Rs 1800 crore has been allocated for Institutions of Eminence. In the scheme 'Multi disciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education EAP (MERITE), an allocation of Rs

200 crore has been made and

this is a 100% increase over the

The NEP 2020 says that the aim of the policy must be for India to have an education system by 2040 with equitable access to the highest-quality education for all learners regardless of social or economic background. Recognising the crucial role of education the government has designed an ambitious package for education for it to be growth-oriented, inclusive and progressive. However, the most important aspect is its implementation. The features of the budget meant for education will play a crucial role in guiding India towards becoming a Viksit Bharat' by 2047 as stated by the Education Minister. (The writer is an educationist and a freelance writer; views expressed are personal)

last year's budget.

16 MPs, 135 MLAs face charges of crimes against women, WB tops: ADR

s many as 151 sitting MPs and MLAs have declared cases related to crimes against women in their election affidavits, with West Bengal having the highest number of lawmakers facing such cases, according to a recent report by a poll rights body.

For the report, Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) examined 4,693 out of 4,809 affidavits of sitting MPs and MLAs submitted to the Election



Commission of India during elections between 2019 and The organisation identified 16 MPs and 135 MLAs facing cases related to crimes against women. West Bengal tops the list with

25 sitting MPs and MLAs

extend

are MPs and 14 MLAs.

RAJKUMAR, RENU and KUSUM LATA.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that my client Mrs. Santosh Devi who is the owner of Plot No. 85 measuring 102 Sq-Yds situated at vide Knewat No. 50 min, Khata No. 58 min, Rect. & Killa No. 61/21/21/21 (1-18),71/125/1 (6-15), 27 (0-16) within the revenue estate of Bandepur. Teh. & Distt. Sonipat executed by Sahil Sharma who was owner on the basis of Vide Agreement to Sell Dated 23.02.2017 Now my Client intend to get the financial assistance from Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited. If any person(s) Institution has/have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within 07 days from the date of this notice on the address mentioned herein below, failling which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever. यह कि हम अपने बेटे वरुण कमार जिसकी आध संख्या 4872-6431-0980 है को उसके दुर्व्यवहा गलत आचरण व आपराधिक मानसिकता के कार तंग व परेशान होकर अपने व अपने परिवार के समस सामाजिक एवं पारिवारिक संबंध विच्छेद कर उक्त को अपनी समस्त चल-अचल, संपत्ति से बेदखत कर दिया है। भविष्य में वरुण कुमार अपने द्वार किए गए समस्त कृत्यों व लेन-देन के लिए स्व जिम्मेदार होगा तथा हम किसी भी परिस्थिति में किस लिए उन्मरायी नहीं कहलायेंगे उक्त में मम्बंधित हम अथवा हमारे परिवार के अन्य सदस्यों की को जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी। श्री सुशील कुमार (62 वर्ष और श्रीमती राज चघ (62 वर्ष), निवासी बी-20 जीसी सेंट्रम अहिंसा खंड-2 इंदिरापुरम, गाजियाबा उत्तर प्रदेश –201014 ७

APPENDIX IV-A

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property
E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and
Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaar Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold of the Secured Creditor. which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 24.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M. for recovery of Rs. 19,55,173/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Three only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00281705, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 14.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 15.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from BIMY KUMAR, NEELAM KUMARI, SUDHIR KUMAR and MANOJ KUMAR GUPTA.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 11,00,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,10,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Ten Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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AUTHORISED OFFICER SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED (Formerly known as INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.) Date: 14.08.2024

Place: GHAZIABAD

NOTICE OF PETITION FORM NO. NCLT. 3A Advertisement detailing petition [Rule 35] Company Petition No 155/ND/2023

A petition under section 241-242 of the Companies Act. 2013, for oppression and mismanagement was presented by Ms. Minu Subba on the 02.08.2023, and the said petition is fixed for hearing before VI bench of National Company Law Tribunal, Delhi on 19.09.2024. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the petitioner's advocate, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the petitioner's advocate not later than 'two days before the date fixed for seeks to oppose the petition/ application/ reference, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition/ application/ reference will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

> Aparna Jain Advocate for petitioner W-19, L.G.F. Greater Kailash-2 New Delhi-110048

of augrum under Section 103 of the Act.

Depository Limited ('NSDL') at www.evoting.nsdl.com. The member please note the followings:

at the EGM is Monday, 09th September, 2024.

INTEGRATED INDUSTRIES LIMITED

(Formerly known as Integrated Technologies Limited)

CIN-L10719DL1995PLC277176

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NOTICE OF 01/2024-25 EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING INFORMATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the 01/2024-25 EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Limited ('Company') will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 02.00 P.M. (IST

through Video Conferencing/Other Audio Visual Means ('VC/OAVM'), without the physical

presence of the Members at the EGM, to transact the business as set out in the EGM Notice. Members attending the EGM through VC/OAVM shall be reckoned for the purpose

In compliance with the Circulars, EGM Notice has been sent only through electronic mode

to those Members whose email ids are registered with the Company/Registrar and

Transfer Agent ('RTA')/Depository Participant ('DP'). The emailing of EGM Notice to al nembers has been completed on 21st August, 2024. The aforesaid documents are also

available on the Company's website at www.integratedindustries.in, website of the Stocl

. The remote e-voting shall commence at 9.00 a.m. on Friday, 13th September, 2024 and

shall end at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday, 15th September, 2024. The remote e-Voting modul shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.

The cut-off date for determining the eligibility of members for remote e-voting/e-Voting

Any person who acquires shares of the Company and becomes member of the Company after sending the notice of the EGM and holding shares as on cut-off date i.e

Monday, September 09, 2024, may obtain the User ID and password by sending a

email to evoting@nsdl.co.in or info@skylinerta.com by mentioning their Folio No./DF

ID and Client ID. However, if a person is already registered with NSDL for remote

In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for

Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download

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The Board of Directors has appointed Ms. Loveleen Gupta (FCS No. 5287), Practisin Company Secretary as 'Scrutinizer' to scrutinize the process of e-voting during th

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Advocate for petitione Address: W-19, L.G.F. Greate Kailash-2, New Delhi-110048

Empowering women in tribal Odisha linked to improved child nutrition: Study

The adage 'Educate a woman, and you educate an entire family' holds good in the realm of child nutrition crimes against women, followed by Andhra Pradesh too, as has been confirmed by a team of researchers who in with 21 and Odisha with 17, their recent study found that empowering females women in according to the report that tribal areas of Odisha, India, comes amid the nationwide protests over the alleged rape significantly improved child and murder of a trainee nutrition and reduced underdoctor in a State-run hospital weight and wasted children.

in Kolkata and sexual assault The study is crucial given health of two children in Thane. India's pressing challenge as highlighted by the 2023 National Family According to the report, there are 16 sitting MPs and MLAs Health Survey (NFHS-4) who have declared cases which reports that over 40 related to rape under Indian per cent of tribal children are Penal Code (IPC) section 376, which carries a minimum underweight and stunted, and about 30 per cent are sentence of 10 years and can to imprisonment. Of these, two

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Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaa

Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession or which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold or

which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 26.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 29,49,455/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00377083, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 16.08.2024 with applicable future interest in

terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 17.08.2024

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 17,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,70,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY RESIDENTIAL FLAT NO. S. F. 402, ON THE SECOND FLOOR, WITH ROOF

RIGHT, (FRONT LEFT SIDE), MIG, HAVING COVERED AREA 550 SQ. FEET

EQUIVALENT 51.09 SQ. MTRS.. DEVELOPED / CONSTRUCTED ON PLOT NO. C

7/2. SITUATED DLF ANKUR VIHAR AT VILLAGE SADULLAHBAD. PARGANA

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124

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lotice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and

Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaar Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of

which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on

as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 24.09.2024 from

04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 49,62,235/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh

Sixty Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Five only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLLAJ00490620, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including

accrued late charges) and interest till 14.08.2024 with applicable future interest in

terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 15.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from

PRAMOD GOEL, SHIVAM GOEL, KAMLESH GOEL and RAHUL UPADHYAY.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 24,00,000/- (Rupe

Twenty Four Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be

Rs. 2,40,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. G - 4, HAVING SUPER AREA 65.03 SQ. METRES, GROUND FLOOR REAR MIDDLE SIDE, PLOT NO. A - 176, BLOCK - A, SHALIMAR GARDEN EXTN.

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the

website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124

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Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 26.09.2024 from

04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 19,67,856/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Six only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLVAS00396200. by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 16.08.2024 with applicable future interest in

terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 17.08.2024

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 21,25,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposi

("EMD") will be Rs. 2,12,500/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twelve Thousand Five Hundred only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. S - 1 (M. I. G.) HAVING SUPER COVERED AREA 519 SQUARE FEET

EQUIVALENT TO 48.21 SQUARE METERS (WITH ROOF RIGHTS) ON SECOND

with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from

Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sam

2, SAHIBABAD, GHAZIABAD – 201005, UTTAR PRADESH.

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read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

AND TEHSIL LONI, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201002.

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with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from

Published in PLOS ONE, the study analysed the Women's

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Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) to measure empowerment among 1,900 farm households.

empowerment in agricultural decision-making, income, and access to resources led to better household dietary diversity and higher weightfor-age and weight-for-height scores in children. However, the study also

It found that women's

suggested that complementary interventions are necessary to enhance dietary diversity further.

Sylvester Ogutu, a researcher for the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT and the paper's lead author, explained that by using this score and then comparing it to outcomes like the number of different foods found in employment) the household and the weight



of children for their age, a clear picture emerged. "As primary care-givers, the

empowerment of women contributes to improved child nutrition, nutrition, nearui, and education," he said and "Women's health, and empowerment in agricultural input use, sales, income, and other (access to credit, group membership and decision-

domains

associated underweight and wasted children?

Jonathan Mockshell, an

agricultural economist at the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, study lead, and a coauthor of the paper chipped in saying that in terms of the effects of women's empowerment on the household dietary diversity score (HDDS) - a snapshot of the economic ability of a household to access a variety of foods dietary diversity — the study found women's empowerment contributes to improved food production

and dietary diversity. "The magnitude of the effect of women's empowerment on dietary diversity was relatively small, which was suggests that complementary

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required to achieve higher household dietary diversity, he said in the study empowerment, 'Women's household dietary diversity, and child anthropometry

vulnerable among populations in Odisha, India". The researchers measured the height and weight of children and discovered that women's empowerment significantly increased children's weightfor-age z-scores (WAZ), and weight-for-height z-scores (WHZ), but not their height-

for-age scores (HAZ). The improvements in the zscores contributed to reduced prevalence of underweight and wasting in children with mother's with a higher empowerment Mockshell said.

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read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) a Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaai Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold or "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 24.09.2024 fron 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 13,20,825/- (Rupees Thirteen Laki Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLVAS00245177, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 14.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 15.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from CHHAYA and RAMAN KUMAR.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 10,22,000/- (Rupees Ter Lakh Twenty Two Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,02,200/- (Rupees One Lakh Two Thousand Two Hundred only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. 305, SECOND FLOOR, BACK SIDE, HAVING TOTAL COVERED AREA OF 30.19 SQ. MTR., CONSTRUCTED ON PLOT NO. A - 4/21, DLF ANKUR VIHAR PARGANA & TEHSIL LONI, GHAZIABAD - 200111, UTTAR PRADESH.

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and BHARTI MISHRA.

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 24,07,700/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Seven Thousand Seven Hundred only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 2,40,770/- (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. C - 3402 HAVING SUPER AREA 73.58 SQUARE METERS ON FIRST

FLOOR, SPRING VIEW FLOOR, BLOCK - C, CRECENT PARK, NEAR VILLAGE SHAHPUR BAMHOTA GZB, LAL KAUA, GHAZIABAD - 201001, UTTAR

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 6,50,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 65,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. FF - 4 (L. I. G.) ON FIRST FLOOR, REAR RHS, HAVING COVERED AREA 350 SQUARE FEET EQUIVALENT TO 32.51 SQUARE METERS, CONSTRUCTED UPON PLOT NO. B - 1/22A, SITUATED IN DLF ANKUR VIHAR, PARGANA & TEHSIL LONI, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, GHAZIABAD - 201011, UTTAR PRADESH AND WHICH IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: OTHER'S LAND

COMMON PASSAGE AND STAIRS FLAT NO. FF - 3 (M. I. G.) PLOT NO. B - 1/22B SOUTH For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on th

website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124-6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 16,86,900/- (Rupee: Sixteen Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred only) and the Earnest Mone Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,68,690/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Eight Thousan Six Hundred Ninety only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve P

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. G. F. 4 (M. I. G.), HAVING TOTAL SUPER & COVERED AREA OF 57.6

SQ. MTR. ON GROUND FLOOR, REAR RIGHT HAND BACK SIDE WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, SITUATED ON PLOT NO. MM 100 IN DLF ANKUR VIHAR, LONI GHAZIABAD - 201010, UTTAR PRADESH. ALONG WITH ONE COVERED CAR

PLOT NO. MM - 101 COMMON PASSAGE & FLAT NO. GF 01 (M. I. G.) PLOT NO. C - 1/18

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Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to **Sammaa**r Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold or "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 24.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 30,57,235/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Five only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00367746, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 05.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 06.08.2024 along with

Sixteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,67,500/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

gal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from BHOPAL, RA

FLAT NO - SF - 04, 2ND FLOOR, REAR LHS, PLOT NO - B - 3/3, DLF ANKUF VIHAR, GHAZIABAD - 201102, UTTAR PRADESH.

BOUNDARIES: PLOT NO. B - 3/4 NORTH: PLOT NO. B - 1/36 EAST : PLOTNO.B-3/4 WEST : PLOTNO.B-3/2 or detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 16,07,500/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Seven Thousand Five Hundred only) and the Earnest Money Deposi ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,60,750/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. 202, FIRST FLOOR, FRONT R. H. S., PLOT NO. B - 12/5, DLF ANKUF

VIHAR, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201010. For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124-6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 16,04,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Four Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,60,400/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Thousand Four Hundred only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

penses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from AKASH and

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. GF - 01 (M. I. G.) ON GROUND FLOOR (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS)

FRONT SIDE, ADMEASURING 600 SQUARE FEET EQUIVALENT TO 55.74 SQUARE METERS, PLOT NO. A - 109, BLOCK - A, OUT OF KHASRA NO. 392,
"S. L. F. VED VIHAR", IN THE REVENUE ESTATE OF VILLAGE SADULLABAD, PARGANA - LONI, TEHSIL & DISTRICT - GHAZIABAD, GHAZIABAD - 201102 UTTAR PRADESH.

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 15,30,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Thirty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,53,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Three Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY RESIDENTIAL FLAT BEARING NUMBER – SF - 03. M. I. G. ON 2ND FLOOR WITH

ROOF / TERRACE RIGHTS, REAR RIGHT HAND SIDE, HAVING ONE DINNING DRAWING ROOM, TWO BED ROOM, TWO TOILET, ONE KITCHEN AND BALCONY, TOTAL AND COVERED AREA OF 500 SQ. FEET i. e. 46.45 SQUARE METERS IN THE RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO. F. -44, BLOCK -F, "S. L. F. VED VIHAR' VILLAGE AND TEHSIL LONI, GHAZIABAD - 201004, UTTAR PRADESH. THE SAID PLOT IS BOUNDED ON THE FOUR SIDES BY:-

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Date: 14.08 2024 Date: 14.08.2024 (Formerly known as INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.)

SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED (Priyanka Date: 16.08.2024 Place: GHAZIABAD (Formerly known as INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.)

Dated: 21.08.2024 Place: Delhi

Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

(Formerly known as Integrated Technologies Ltd)

EGM and remote e-voting held before the EGM in a fair and transparent manner. Detailed process and manner of remote e-Voting, e-Voting at the EGM and instruction for attending the EGM through VC/OAVM is being provided in the EGM Notice and also available on the Company's website at www.integratedindustries.in and on the webs

of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com For Integrated Industries Limite

FLOOR, (FRONT SIDE), CONSTRUCTED UPON PLOT NO. A - 1/62, DLF DILSHAD EXTENSION - 2, SITUATED IN HADBAST VILLAGE BRAHMPUR ALIAS BHOPURA, PARGANA LONI, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD - 201005, UTTAR PRADESHALONGWITH COVERED CAR PARKING SPACE. PLOT NO. A - 1/62 IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:-30 FEET WIDE ROAD WEST : COMMON STAIRS SOUTH : PLOT NO. A - 1/63 NORTH: PLOTNO.A-1/61 For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124-6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.

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AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date : 16.08.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.) APPENDIX IV-A Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ead with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN: 65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on 'as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 26.09.2024 fron as is where is ", as is what is and "whatever inter is "basis on 26.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 24,36,115/ (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Fifteen only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOD00461021, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 16.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 17.08.2024 along with nses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from RAJ BABU and

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 16,75,000/- (Rupee Sixteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit
("EMD") will be Rs. 1,67,500/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Five
Hundred only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. FF - 01 (M. I. G.), ON 1ST FLOOR, (LEFT HAND FRONT SIDE), WITHOUT ROOF RIGHT , ADMEASURING COVERED AREA 46.45 SQ. MTRS.,

CONSTRUCTED ON THE RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO. 15, BLOCK -F, SITUATED AT S. L. F. VED VIHAR, HADBAST VILLAGE LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201102 AND BOUNDED AS UNDER: 9 MTRS., WIDE ROAD COMMON PASSAGE STAIRCASE AND FLAT NO. F - 4 FLAT NO. FF - 2 (L. I. G.) PLOT NO F - 16 SOUTH

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Date: 14.08.2024

Another case filed against Hasina, her aides in B'desh

Acase was filed on Wednesday against AWednesday against Bangladesh's deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and 86 others on charge of attacking a procession in Sylhet citywhich left several people shot and injured during the recent mass protests on August 4, taking the number of cases against her after her ouster to 33

Juber Ahmed, acting president of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal's Sylhet city unit, filed the case with the court of Sylhet Metropolitan Magistrate Suman Bhuiya. Hasina's sister Sheikh Rehana is

also an accused in the case. According to the case statement, the accused attacked a peaceful rally, brought out by Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its associate organisations in Sylhet City's Bandarbazar

Daily Star newspaper said. Awami League's general secretary and former road transport minister Obaidul Quader, forhome minister Asaduzzaman Khan, former foreign minister Hasan

area on August 4, which left

several shot and injured, The



Mahmud, former law minister Anisur Rahman, and former advisor to the prime minister Salman F Rahman were among people named in the case.

With this case, Hasina is now facing 33 cases against her, including 27 for murder, four for crimes against humanity and genocide, and one for abduction, the paper said. Hasina fled to India on August

5 after resigning from her post amidst unprecedented anti-government student-led The Hasina-led government

was replaced by an interim government, and 84-year-old Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus was named its Chief

Bangladesh's interim govern-

ment has said it will try those involved in the killings during the recent mass movement of the students against the Hasina-led government in the International Crimes Tribunal.
Over 230 people were killed in
Bangladesh in the incidents of
violence that erupted across the country following the fall of the Hasina government, taking the death toll to more than 600

since the massive protest by

students against a controversial

quota system in government jobs first started in mid-July. On Tuesday, she along with five other was implicated in a case lodged over the murder of private company employee Firoj Talukder in indiscriminate shooting from a heli-copter by Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) during recent anti-discrimination students

Earlier Hasina, her son Sajeeb, daughter Saima and sister Rehana and 17 others were sued in a case filed over the killing of a fruit seller in the capital's Jatrabari on August 5. The victim's father, Sultan Miah, filed the case with the court of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Shakil Ahmed.

movement

Another case was filed against Hasina and 49 others over the death of Md Omar Faruque, a student of Kabi Nazrul Government College, at Laxmibazar of Sutrapur on July 19.

Hasina and 24 others were sued for the death of 18-yearold garment worker Sohel Rana in the city's Adabor area on August 5.

In Šavar, Hasina and 75 Awami League men were sued over the murder of a barber shop worker on August 5. In Narayanganj, a case was filed

against Hasina, seven former ministers and lawmakers and 179 others for killing a bus helper in the Kanchpur area of Sonargaon upazila. In Rangpur, Hasina, her sister

and 49 were sued over the killing of a vegetable trader during the quota reform movement on July 19. In Joypurhat, a murder case has

been filed against Hasina along with 216 others in connection with the death of an auto driver in front of a police station on August 5.In Bogura, Hasina and Obaidul Quader have been sued for the murder of a rick shaw puller on August 4.

Moscow faces massive Ukrainian drone attack but destroys all

Moscow came under one of the largest attacks yet by Ukrainian drones since the start of fighting in 2022, Russian authorities reported Wednesday, saying they destroyed all of those headed toward the capital.

Russia downed 45 Ukrainian

Russia downed 45 Ukrainian drones overnight, the Ministry of Defense said. It said 11 were destroyed over the Moscow region, 23 over the Bryansk region, six over Belgorod, three over Kaluga and two over

"This was one of the biggest attempts of all time to attack Moscow using drones," Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyanin said on his Telegram channel. He said strong defenses around the capital made it possible to shoot down all the drones before they could hit

their intended targets.
Some Russian social media channels shared videos of drones apparently being destroyed by air defense systems, which then set off car

Alexander Bogomaz, the governor of the Bryansk region, which borders Ukraine, report-



ed a "mass" attack on his region but that 23 drones were destroyed

While Ukraine has been bogged down in a land conflict in eastern Europe in which the Russians have been driving forward slowly at a heavy cost to both sides, Kyiv has also been attacking Russia with drones. Ukraine has targeted oil refineries and airfields in an attempt to weaken Russia's fighting potential, and also has targeted the capital several times.

The drone attacks come as

The Institute for the Study of War, a think tank based in Washington, said in its daily report late Tuesday that the Ukrainians had made additional advances in their incursion, now in its third week.

ern industrial region of

The Russian state news agency Tass reported that 31 people had died since Ukraine's attack on Russia began Aug. 6, citing an unnamed source in the medical service — figures which are impossible to verify. It said 143 people had suffered injuries, of whom 79 were hospitalized, including four chil-

Ukraine's attacks on three bridges over the Seym River in Kursk, in areas in does not control, could potentially trap Russian forces between the river, the Ukrainian advance and the Ukrainian border. Already they appear to be slowing down Russia's response to the Kursk incursion.

Ukrainian forces appear to be striking Russian pontoon bridges and pontoon engineering equipment over the Seym in an area west of the Ukrainian advance point, the Washington think tank said.

Unrest impact: Hospitality sector hit in Dhaka, rooms empty at hotels

The recent anti-government protests that rocked Bangladesh for over a month have hit the hospitality sector hard in the capital Dhaka with the majority of rooms at several luxury and economy hotels here going empty in the aftermath of the unrest. Dhaka is both the political

and financial capital of Bangladesh and home to several landmark commercial properties managed by international hotel chains which cater largely to business travellers. Senior managers at many of these hotels say, the "heaviest impact" was felt in July when huge booking cancellations took place resulting in a "big

financial loss". PTI spoke to front office employees, managers and restaurant staff at some of the luxury chains as well as economy hotels located in plush areas, and they all painted a sombre picture of the current condition of the hospitality sector in Dhaka.

"The situation is now a bit betour sector as the majority of the rooms are still empty. While a certain section of business travellers are still coming, after the

unrest in the country, the number of guests occupying rooms have dramatically shrunk," a senior manager in the sales department of a luxury hotel told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

This five-star hotel operating under the current brand name for a year-and-a-half is located in a towering building near Gulshan enclave — an affluent area which also houses several diplomatic missions of foreign countries in Bangladesh. "We have 150 rooms of different categories — standard, preent categories — standard, pre-mium, junior suite and execu-tive suite. Currently, about 35 rooms are occupied. The num-bers are slowly increasing," the senior manager said.

He recalled the situation in the area on August 4-5 when the unrest had reached its peak leading to the ouster of embattled Bangladeshi leader Sheikh Hasina as the prime minister, plunging the country into a state of crisis. Several hundreds of people

have been killed in the protests in Bangladesh, triggered by the reinstatement of a quota in civil services, and injuries suffered in its aftermath.

The protests began in July and residents and staff at

multiple hotels still talk in a hushed tone about the police action that took place in the third week of July and later days to halt the protests. However, the police crackdown only infuriated the masses which eventually led to the fall of the Hasina-led government.

"For July, the mass cancella-tions of booking for rooms, food and beverage services and banquet and catering services led to the loss of Taka 1.2-1.3 crore, and the financial loss suffered in the first week of August was about Taka 35 lakh," the senior manager at the five-star hotel added.

As the situation had escalated, the hotel administration had asked its women staff to stay at home on August 4-5 while arrangments were made for the stay of male staff within the premises of the hotel building which is a huge landmark in the area with Gulshan Avenue and Kemal Ataturk Avenue being major thoroughfares. Recalling the challenges faced on August 5, the day the Hasina government fell, he said, on that day there were Germans, Bangladeshi people among the guests and some members of the diplomatic community, at

Imran demands open court trial of ex-ISI chief

PTI ISLAMABAD

Tailed former prime minister Imran Khan on Wednesday demanded an open court trial of former Pakistan spymaster Lt Gen (retd.) Faiz Hameed if his links with the May 9 violence were established as then "it would not be an internal military affair."

These remarks came just two days after Khan on Monday expressed his fear that authorities were coercing the arrested former spymaster to become a state witness against him (Khan) in the May 9, 2023 riots. After Khan was arrested in an accountability case last year, hundreds and thousands of his followers and workers of his party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTÍ) vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Jinnah House (Lahore Corps Commander House), Mianwali Airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad on May 9. The Army head-quarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi

too was attacked by the mob for the first The arrest of Hameed, the former chief of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), was disclosed by the military last

During an informal conversation with journalists at the Adiala Jail at Rawalpindi, where he has been lodged since last



year, Khan said that if Hameed "indeed the mastermind behind the May 9 conspiracy, then the trial should be held openly," adding that the incident was a local issue rather than a matter of national security. Earlier in one of the similar informal talks with the media soon after Hameed was arrested, Khan had said it was an internal matter of the army. 'They'll make Faiz Hameed turn state witness against me. he told reporters and added. "The army chief should facili-Hameed.

Hameed, who served as director general of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) from 2019 to

2021 when Khan was the prime minister, was arrested following action in the complaint of

a private property developer over alleged misuse of official authority. He denied that he had any association with the ex-spy chief since the latter retired in November 2022. "General Faiz became insignificant after retirement. How could he benefit me in any way?" Khan questioned, dismissing the notion that he was in contact with the former ISI chief.The former premier also "my arrest" and this person was the "number one and the Badshah and the super King' but didn't name anyone.

Pak police charge man with cyber terrorism that his parents are from

Lahore (AP): Pakistani police have arrested a man and charged him with cyber terrorism for his alleged role in spreading misinformation that led to widespread rioting in the UK earlier this month, a senior police investigator said Wednesday.

Ukrainian forces are continu-

ing to push into Russia's west-

The daring incursion into

Russia has raised morale in

Ukraine with its surprising success and changed the

dynamic of the fighting. But it's uncertain how long Ukraine will be able to hold the territo-

It has also opened up another

front in a fight where

Ukrainian forces were already badly stretched. The gains in

Kursk come as Ukraine contin-

ues to lose ground in its east-

ry it has seized in Kursk.

ern Kursk region.

The suspect was identified as Farhan Asif, 32, a freelance web developer, said Imran Kishwar, deputy inspector general of investigations in Lahore, the capital of eastern Punjab province.

The man is accused of spreading misinformation from YouTube and Facebook about the British teenage suspect in a stabbing attack that killed three girls and injured 10 other people July 29 at a dance class in Northwest England. The false information claimed that the suspect was a recently arrived asylum-seeker and had a name that suggested the teen was Muslim. After the misinformation led to a violent mob attacking a mosque near the police took the unusual step of clarifying that the suspect was born in the UK. It's been widely reported in British media

Rwanda and said to have Christian beliefs. Channel3 Now, an account on the X social media platform that purports to be a news channel, was one of the first outlets to report the false name, Ali Al-Shakati. A Facebook account for the channel said it is managed by people in Pakistan and the

The site's editor-in-chief posted an apology July 31 for "the misleading information published in a recent article on our website, Channel3 NOW. We deeply regret any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused." But the false reports were widely disseminated and are blamed for fueling more than a week of rioting that broke out across the United Kingdom and has led to more than 1,000 arrests.

Authorities have blamed farright agitators for stoking the violent unrest by continuing to spread misinformation and promoting the violent demonconference in the eastern city of Lahore, police said Asif was arrested at his house in the city for questioning.

Indonesia searches for ways to balance domestic industries with surging Chinese imports

AP JAKARTA

flood of Chinese products Ainto Indonesia has hit local manufacturers hard, prompting the government to look for ways to placate domestic producers while avoiding angering the country's biggest trading partner. Garment makers – both home-based piece work producers and factories - have appealed for help as they lose market share to low-cost apparel and textiles from China. A surge of products bought online has added to the problem.

A protest by workers in Jakarta prompted Indonesian Minister of Trade Zulkifli Hasan to announce in July that the government will impose import tariffs of up to 200% on some products from China, particularly textiles, clothing, footwear, electronics, ceramics and cosmetics, to try to protect local businesses and prevent layoffs."The United States can impose a 200% tariff on imported ceramics or clothes, so we can do it as well," Zulkifli said,

medium-sized enterprises and induBut China is Indonesia's largest trading partner, with two-way trade exceeding \$127 billion in 2023. Imposing higher tariffs could prompt Chinese manufacturers to invest in more in factories in Indonesia, but could also backfire, leading Beijing to retaliate. As a result, the government announced in July that it was setting up a task force to monitor and handle problems related to certain imports. It's an urgent matter, Hasan said,

given the flood of imported products that has caused closures of textile factories and mass lavoffs. From January to July 2024, at

least 12 textile factories shut down operations, causing more than 12,000 workers to lose their jobs, according to the Nusantara Trade Union Confederation. Bandung district in

Indonesia's West Java province

such as batiks, handwoven fab-

country's one of the worst

- an area famous for textiles

to ensure micro, small, and rics and silks - imports of Chinese products have left thousands of workers idle and without regular incomes, said Neng Wati, a manager at manufacturing company Asnur Konveksi.

"Now they take turns. The number of workers stays the same, but the work is divided up and not all get some. Some of them have been off for two weeks, some of them haven't gotten work for a month," Wati said. That's a hard blow coming after the slow days of the COVID-19 pandemic, when many workers were shifted to ecommerce to make ends meet, said Nandi Herdiaman, head of a local organization of smalland medium-sized entrepreneurs. Only 60% of the 8,000 members of the association kept working after the pandem-

Now, the biggest challenge is cheap imports from China. In the past two months, output from home-based industries has fallen by 70%, the industry organization says.

Sirisena settles compensation for Easter Sunday bombings victims

The uptick in imports of Chinese products is partly seen as the result of trade friction between the U.S. and China, which has led to increased American tariffs on Chinese goods. But it also reflects rising trade within Asia as the region implements various free trade pacts, as well as weakening demand in Western markets for Chinese exports. Industry groups in Thailand have also expressed increasing concern about an influx of cheap products from China, which they say have greatly hurt sales by domestic producers who are unable to compete. In what it called an urgent measure, the Thai government imposed a 7% value-added tax on all imported products, a change from the previous rule that only collected taxes on imported products that cost more than 1,500 baht (\$44). The policy is only in effect from July until December this year to give the government time to study the issue before a longer-term solution can be

School employee kills at least 3 in Bosnian town

Sarajevo (AP): A school employee shot and killed three people Wednesday in a town in northwestern Bosnia, police said. The shooter was severely injured after trying to kill himself. The shooting took place around 10a.m. local time in a secondary school building in Sanski Most about 300 kilometers northwest of Bosnia's capital, Sarajevo, said regional police spokesman Adnan Beganovic.Beganovic told The Associated Press that the man used a "military weapon, an automatic rifle." He then attempted to kill himself and is in serious condition in a hospital in nearby Banja Luka. The victims include the school principal, a secretary and a teacher, said Beganovic.

Regional N1 television reported that the man had a dispute with the school management.

No other details were immediately available. Bosnian schools are closed for the summer holiday, but Beganovic said there were people in the school as repeat examinations were under-

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China opens investigation into EU exports as trade tensions flare

AP BEIJING

European milk and cheese producers have become the latest target in a simmering trade war with China. The Chinese Commerce Ministry said Wednesday that it would launch an investigamember countries for dairy been denounced by the Chinese products that could lead to government and automakers and tariffs on their export to threaten to set back the industry's

efforts to go global. The announcement came one The dairy investigation will cover day after the EU released a a range of products including

draft decision to finalize tar- fresh and processed cheese, blue iffs on electric vehicles made cheese and milk and cream with in China, in a follow-up to a fat content of more than 10%, provisional tariffs announced a Commence Ministry notice last month. The tariffs have said.

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killed 270 people, including 11 Indians, during his tenure. Sirisena, 72, was ordered by the Supreme Court to pay SLRs 100 million as compensation to victims for his negligence in preventing the

Colombo (PTI): Sri Lanka's

former president Maithripala terror strikes despite having Sirisena has settled in full the credible information of an SLR 100 million compensation imminent attack His lawyers said the full payfor the victims of the 2019 Easter Sunday bombings that ment of rupees 100 million

was completed on August 16. Nine suicide bombers belonging to local Islamist extremist group National Thawheed Jamaat (NTJ) linked to ISIS carried out a series of devastating blasts that tore through



many luxury hotels on April 21, 2019, killing nearly 270 people, including 11 Indians, and injuring over 500. Sirisena was also the minister of defence at that time.

three Catholic churches and as

The attack stirred a political storm as the then President Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe were blamed for their inability to prevent the attacks despite

available In mid-July, Sirisena reported

prior intelligence being made

to the court that he had already paid SLR 58 million and pleaded for six more months to pay the balance of 42 million.

A presidential panel of inquiry appointed by Sirisena after the attacks ironically found the then-president guilty of his failure to prevent the attacks.

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Markets extend gains

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed higher on Wednesday, helped by gains in FMCG, consumer durables and healthcare stocks amid strong buying support from domestic institutional investors.

However, foreign capital outflows amid a cautious trend in global equities ahead of the release of US Fed minutes restricted the gains in domestic markets, traders said.

In a range-bound trade, the 30 share BŠE Sensex gained for the second day in a row, rising 102.44 points or 0.13 per cent to close at 80,905.30. During the day, it rose 149.97 points or 0.18 per cent to hit an intra-day high of 80,952.83.

Rising for the fifth straight session, the NSE Nifty went up by 71.35 points or 0.29 per cent to end at 24,770.20.

"The Indian market traded on a tight range with a positive bias supported by strong DII flows. While defensive sector outperformed due to a continued shift in portfolio towards FMCG, consumer, commodities, and pharma.

"Global markets exhibited a mildly cautious tone ahead of the release of the FOMC minutes later today. Currently, the expectation of a rate cut



remains high, given the fall in US inflation and moderation in overall growth," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said.

Among the Sensex firms, Titan, Asian Paints, ITC, Hindustan Unilever, Nestle India, Bajaj Finserv and Bharti Airtel were among the gainers.

In contrast, UltraTech Cement, Tech Mahindra, Tata Steel, Power Grid, HDFC Bank, HCL Technology, State Bank of India and ICICI Bank were the laggards.

Shares of FSN E-Commerce Ventures, beauty and personal care brand Nykaa, bounced 9.42 per cent on Wednesday. During the day, it rallied 18.6 per cent to hit its 52-week high

of Rs 228.50

GE T&D India stocks fell 5 per cent — its lower circuit limit – after the company said its promoters are considering selling a minority stake to simplify its holding structure. Meanwhile, the scrip of NHPC fell 0.88 per cent after a major landslide in East Sikkim caused significant damage to the 510-MW hydroelectric project on the Teesta River.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge jumped 0.87 per cent, and the midcap index climbed 0.43 per cent.

Among the indices, Consumer Durables surged by 1.56 per cent, FMCG by 1.33 per cent, healthcare by 0.94 per cent, metal by 0.73 per cent,

per cent, Commodities by 0.58 per cent and Consumer discretionary by 0.55 per cent. Realty, Power, Bankex and Utilities were the laggards.

The Indian markets showed mixed signals as key indices traded in a narrow range on Wednesday.

"Investors are now focusing on the minutes from the Federal Reserve's most recent monetary policy meeting and Fed Chair Jerome Powell's speech at the lackson Hole Economic Symposium for clues on the US interest-rate cuts this year," Avdhut Bagkar, Technical and Derivatives Analyst at StoxBox,

The European markets were trading higher on Wednesday. In Asian markets, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong were closed in the negative territory, while Seoul ended higher on Wednesday.

The US stock markets settled lower in overnight trade on Tuesday.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) again turned sellers on Tuesday as they offloaded equities worth Rs 1,457.96 crore, according to exchange data.

Domestic Institutional (DIIs) Investors bought equities worth Rs 2,252.10 crore on Tuesday.

Sebi slaps ₹11 lakh fine on IIFL Securities for flouting stock brokers rules

Capital market regulator Sebi on Wednesday slapped a fine of Rs 11 lakh on brokerage firm IIFL Securities for flouting stock broker rules and regulatory norms.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) inspected IIFL Securities Ltd (IIFL) to look into various compliance requirements adhered by the brokerage

inspection conducted for the period beginning April to July 2022. Thereafter, a show cause notice (SCN) was issued to IIFL Securities on April 15, 2024 by the regulator.

In its 35-page order, Sebi observed that the noticee Securities) admitted to the allegations stated in the SCN in respect of the monthly/ quarterly settlement of client funds and securities stating that there

was some technical error.

"I find that the circulars specifically mandate brokers to settle accounts and issue retention statements on a timely basis. However, the noticee failed to do so," Sebi's Adjudicating Officer Barnali Mukherjee said in the order.

While the noticee has now taken corrective action, it noted that it failed to settle the funds and securities on a

monthly/ quarterly basis. The regulator also alleged that the noticee did not do periodic reconciliation of client securities lying in DP accounts, with back office holding and also reported incorrect quantity in weekly holding statement in one instance for 1,835 shares valued at Rs 11.69 lakh.

As per Sebi norms, stock reconciliation is a critical process for all brokers to ensure that their physical inventory count matches the recorded data in their systems to make correct

reporting to the exchange. IIFL Securities admitted that it was a one-off case and a very small portion of the entire holding of shares valued at Rs 120.73 crore. Therefore, the noticee failed to reconcile 1,835 shares, and hence the allegation of violation of norms by the noticee stands established, the order said.

"I find that the noticee has given an ambiguous reply and not addressed the issue raised in the SCN regarding the passing of penalty on short reporting of upfront margin.

"The noticee has not given any reason why it had passed on a penalty to clients on account of short reporting of upfront margins amounting to Rs 24.22 lakh in the CM segment for 26 clients, Rs 56 lakh in Futures & Options segment for 13 clients and Rs 5.19 lakh in CD segment for 15 clients," Mukherjee said. Accordingly, IIFL Securities contravened the provisions of brokers' rules.

IIFL Securities was under a statutory obligation to abide by and comply with the provisions of the circulars/ directions issued by Sebi and stock exchanges, which it failed to do during the inspection period, Sebi said.

Studying in Australia made easy for Indians

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For Indian students eager to pursue higher education in Australia, a new fintech platform has been launched by Australian fintech Ziksu in partnership with India's Elanistech. This innovative platform, introduced at a launch event at the Australian High Commission here is designed to simplify and enhance the financial journey for students studying abroad. The collaboration aims to address the financial needs of Indian students by providing a unified platform that covers the entire financing process, from pre-admission to postadmission stages. student loans averaging AUD 3.2 billion annually (INR 17,700 Crores), this platform will support students and their families by offering comprehensive financial comprehensive solutions.

Dr Monica Kennedy, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner — South Asia at Austrade said,"Australia's Ziksu's collaboration with India's Elanistech and IDFC First Bank Limited showcases how Australian technology is bridging education and

Al-led demand for data centres in India to drive 500 MW capacity addition in 4 yrs: Avendus

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Artificial Intelligence (AI)-led demand for data centres in India is projected to drive about 500 MW of capacity addition over next four years, according to a report released by Avendus Capital on Wednesday. India is among the fastest-

growing data centre markets globally, it has seen overall capacities doubling to about 1,011 megawatt (MW) in 2023 from about 540 MW in 2019. Poised to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of about 26 per cent over the next three years, the sector now has the attention of investors, from growth stage PEs to long-term pension and sovereign wealth funds, as per the report.

According to it, India's data centre (DC) market is undergoing massive disruption led by increased demand and use cases by AI The report said that AI-led

has the potential to add another 500 MW over the next four years.

"With AI workloads set to surge and eventually outpace traditional cloud computing, the demand for DCs is also



expected to rise sharply," the report said.

Hyperscalers in India are opting to build and own data centre tailored to their specifications, marking a major deviation from trends seen globally. This preference is bolstered by India's longterm growth potential and regulatory guidance for data sovereignty

Prateek Jhawar, Managing Director and Head, Infrastructure and Real Assets Investment Banking, at Avendus Capital believes that India's data centre market will of investments in real estate fund this growth. The industry and AI unlocking tremendous stakeholder value.

"Developers can expect to generate 25 per cent plus IRR (Internal Rate of Return) with build-and-sell model,

potential for superior returns compared to other yielding real asset classes," Ihawar said. This will drive overall demand for DC capacity in India, which is expected to double to 2 gigawatt (GW) by 2026, Jhawar pointed out.

Close to 94 per cent of the current installed data centre capacity is concentrated in India's top seven cities. Over the next five years, around 40 per cent of the total additional capacity is projected to be added in Mumbai. Chennai is expected to contribute about 25 per cent of the new capacity, while Delhi will account for around 15 per

"We anticipate heightened transaction activity from both public and private markets. Scaled investments with a vintage of over 4 years are expected to seek listing opportunities, while developers will look to raise amounts o is maturing with the entry of long-term investors with commitments of over USD 250 million per investment, offering de-risked returns," Jhawar added.

Scheme to bolster medical device industry to roll out soon: Pharma Secy



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

new scheme to strengthen Anew scheme to state of the domestic medical device industry will be rolled out in the next one month, Department of Pharmaceuticals Secretary Arunish Chawla said on Wednesday. The scheme

is formulated after detailed consultations with the medical device industry, he stated while participating in an event here. "This (the scheme) will be launched in the next one month. It was part of the stakeholder consultation so that different parts of the scheme are firmed up and are aligned with the needs of the

He further said: "We have already received in-principle approval from the Finance Ministry for launching the new scheme." Participating in the second

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Tuesday

said the scheme envisages a reduction in import dependence medical devices going forward.

The scheme is being brought in order to make the domestic industry self-reliant in the long run," Chawla said.

He noted that the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for medical devices has worked well so far with 20 big greenfield projects having commenced operations

Various high-tech medical devices like computed tomography (CT) scan, MRI, ultrasound and dialysis machines, among others, are the country.

Last year in April, the Union Cabinet approved the National Medical Devices Policy to increase domestic production and reduce imports of such equipment.

Rupee plunges 14 paise to 83.91 against US dollar

The Indian rupee nosedived 14 paise to 83.91 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday amid unabated outflow of foreign capital and volatile domestic equity mar-

Forex traders said a weak American currency and lower level of crude prices, however, cushioned the local unit at lower level.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened weak at 83.79 and touched the intra-day low of 83.94 against the greenback. The unit finally settled at 83.91 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a loss of 14 paise from its previous days' closing level of 83.77. The rupee settled 10 paise

higher at 83.77 against the Tuesday, a day after gaining 8

Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said the rupee declined on recovery in US dollar index and US treasury

Brookfield proposes massive investment in renewable energy sector in Andhra



FII outflows also weighed on the rupee. However, weak crude oil prices cushioned the downside He said the rupee is expected to trade with a slight negative

bias due to recovery in the US dollar and geopolitical tension in the Middle East. "USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of

Rs 83.70 to Rs 84.20," Choudhary added.

which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading higher by 0.09 per cent at 101.38 Analysts said the dollar index

is at its seven-month low level

concerns upcoming PMI data from the US and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's speech at Jackson Hole Symposium later this week.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.40 per cent to USD 77.51 per barrel. On the domestic equity

market front, Sensex rose 102.44 points, or 0.13 per cent, to close at 80,905.30 points. The Nifty went up 35 points or 0 to 24,770.20 points.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital markets on Tuesday, offloading shares worth Rs 1,457.96 crore, according to exchange data.

Online vendors generated 15.8 million jobs in India, says e-commerce report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Online vendors have generated 15.8 million jobs in India, including 3.5 million for women, with about 1.76 million retail enterprises participating in e-commerce activity, says a report released on Wednesday. The report 'Assessing the Net

Impact of e-Commerce on Employment and Consumer Welfare in India' was launched by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. "Plugging in data from our

survey, we estimate that online vendors generate 15.8 million jobs, including 3.5 million jobs for women," the report prepared by Pahle India Foundation (PIF), a Delhi-based policy research institute, said

E-commerce, according to the report, has been a key driver of employment generation In India. On an average, online vendors employ 54 per cent more people and almost twice the number of female employees, compared to offline vendors.

The report noted that two of the most widely-recognised contributions of e-commerce penetration in the retail sector are growth in employment and improvements in consumer

It said rather than displacing markets, commerce is expanding into new territories like tier 3 high-skilled (management,



'Our data shows that a higher percentage of Tier 3 city consumers spend more than Rs 5,000 per month on online shopping as compared to consumers from bigger cities," it said, adding this is the India consumption story, which enables the co-existence of physical and digital retail.

The study analysed the impact e-commerce has had employment consumer welfare through a pan-India survey of 2,062 online vendors, 2,031 offline and vendors, 8,209 consumers of products from e-commerce websites across 35 cities in 20 states and UTs. According to the report, each e-commerce vendor on an average employs about 9 people, of which 2 are female, while each offline vendor

employs about 6 people, of which only 1 is female. It pointed out that there was increase in employment across skill levels, including

marketing), medium-skilled (customer operations), and low-skilled (warehousing,

delivery) functions.
The report said that the growth of e-commerce and accompanying digitalisation have fundamentally changed the skill sets and roles required in the industry. 'Vendors have experienced

improved business performance parameters since listing online, including higher sales and profits," it According to the report, 60

per cent and 52 per cent of vendors, respectively, state that their sales and profits have increased since the time they have started selling online. "Overall, more than two

thirds of the online vendors interviewed experienced an increase in online sales value and profits in the past year," the report said, adding that 58 per cent saw an increase in

the Chief Minister and expressed desire to examine investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh," the official confirmed to PTI. However, he said he could not comment on the quantum of investment. Meanwhile, K Ravi Kumar Reddy, chairman, Evren, a joint venture between Brookfield and Axis Energy Group, said the platform envisages to invest over Rs 50,000 crore in the next three to five years in the southern state.

Evren aims to install 1,380 MW of solar power capacity and 1,640 MW of wind power capacity by 2026, Reddy said. It already operates 210 MW of



Pradesh. Further, he said that the joint venture envisages to add 828 MW of solar power capacity and 204 MW of wind power capacity in 2027.

It also plans to install 1,311 MW of solar power capacity and 3,300 MW of wind power capacity beyond 2027 with the

adoption of commercial EVs

Expanding the available

charging infrastructure on

opt for electric commercial

vehicles and improve vehicle

for last-mile deliveries.

ambition to achieve 8,873 MW of joint solar and wind capacities in total.

These projects will mostly come up in the Rayalaseema region. We have to procure land for wind energy projects...We Reddy committed," said adding that Kurnool and

Anantapur could feature in the larger scheme of things. The Evren chairman said the company is keen to speed up investments and observed that every MW can create one job, hinting at the employment potential. Further, Reddy pointed out

that the company has already harvested four years worth of wind data to assess the viability and intensity of wind energy to generate renewable power in the southern state. Evren is a brand of ABC Clean

Tech Company, which is 51 per cent owned by Brookfield and 49 per cent by Axis Energy

Tata Motors ties up with two firms to expand charging infra for electric CVs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tata Motors on Wednesday said it has with Delta Electronics India and Thunderplus Solutions to set up charging infrastructure for its range of electric commercial vehicles (CVs). As part of the MoU inked between the parties, 250 new fast-charging stations for electric commercial vehicles would be set up across the country. Strategically located in and around over 50 cities, including Delhi, Mumbai,

Chennai, Bengaluru, Pune,

and Kochi, among others,

these new charging stations

will significantly increase the existing network of 540 commercial vehicle charging points, Tata Motors said in a high-use routes will encourage more customers to statement. Basis its understanding of the

commercial EV movement, the commercial vehicle major will recommend optimal locations and nearest dealerships for setting up the fast-charging stations, the company said While Delta Electronics will

necessary Thunderplus the hardware, Solutions will install and operate them, it added. E-commerce companies, parcel and courier service

uptime, resulting in higher revenues profitability, while contributing towards a greener cleaner, environment," Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Vice President and Business Head
— SCV & PU — Vinay
Pathak said.

Currently, Tata Motors sells Ace EVs to cater to various delivery providers, among other last-mile industries, are increasing the requirements.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has permitted exports of two lakh tonne of non-basmati white rice to Malaysia, through National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL).

Though exports of non-basmati white rice have been banned since July 20, 2023, to boost domestic supply, exports are allowed on the basis of permission granted by the government ` to countries to meet their food security needs on request. "Exports of 2,00,000 MT of

non-basmati white rice...To Malaysia is permitted through NCEL," the Directorate Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED). General of Foreign Trade

notification. India has earlier also allowed these exports to countries like Nepal, Cameroon, Cote D' Ivore, Guinea, Malaysia,

(DGFT) has said in a

India allows export of 2 lakh tonne of

non-basmati white rice to Malaysia

Philippines, and Seychelles. NCEL is a multi-state cooperative society. It is jointly promoted by some of the leading cooperative societies in the country, namely, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) popularly known as AMUL, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO), Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd (KRIBHCO) and National Agricultural Cooperative

INDIAN PARA-ATHLETES EYE 12 MEDALS AT PARALYMPICS



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

yeing an unprecedented five gold and a dozen medals in total, the first the Indian contingent, including star javelin thrower Sumit Antil, left for the Paris Paralympics in advance to get acclimatised to the conditions.

The 16 para athletes will stay at hotels in Paris for a few days before entering the Games Village on August 25, three days before the Opening Ceremony.

The likes of Antil, who is bidding to become the first Indian to defend his Paralympics gold, will train at facilities near the French capital to acclimatise with the weather conditions there.

Para athletics events will be held from August 30 to September 8, the closing day of the Paralympics, at Stade de France, the same venue where the able-bodied athletes

competed during the Paris Olympics.

"Sumit Antil and some other para athletes will train at Nelson Mandela Sports Nelson Mandela Sports
Complex for a few days before
entering the Games Village,"
para-athletics head coach
Satyanarayana told PTI.
Nelson Mandela Sports
Complex is around 5km from
Stade de France. It has state.

Stade de France. It has stateof-the-art training facilities for athletics, rugby, tennis, wheelchair tennis

swimming. "Some will stay at hotels near the Games Village and they can use the training facilities there during day time," he added.

Asked about Indian paraathletics team's medal prospects at the Paris Games, he said, "We are aiming for at least five gold and 12 medals in total. This will be our best performance in Paralympics.

Satyanarayana's hopes stem

success at the 2024 World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan, in May where India had finished sixth in the medal tally with six gold, five silver and six bronze.

Antil (men's javelin F64), Deepthi Jeevanji (women's 400m T20), Sachin Khilari (men's shot put F46), Ekta Bhyan (women's club throw F51), Simran Sharma (women's 200m T12) and Mariyappan Thangavelu (men's high jump T42) won

In the Tokyo Paralympics in 2021, India had won a record 19 medals (5 gold, 8 silver and 6 bronze).

India is sending its biggest ever team of 84 athletes across 12 sports to the Paralympics, with 38 from the paraathletics team.

athletics team.

Paralympic Committee of India President Devendra Jhajharia has predicted at least 25 medals from the Paris

Antil and Bhagyashree Jadhav, who won a silver in Hangzhou Asian Para Games in women's shot put F34, will be the joint flag bearers for India during the Opening Ceremony, which will be held outside a stadium for the first time.

The ceremony will be held from Champs-Elysees to Place de la Concorde in the heart of Paris. The Opening Ceremony of the Paris Olympics was also held outside a stadium, on the banks of the Seine river, a first in the games' history.

Ronaldo aiming to help Al-Nassr end

No Jhinghan among India probables for Intercontinental Cup



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Influential centre-back Sandesh Jhingan's name was missing as Chennaiyin FC forward Kiyan Nassiri, son of East Bengal's Iranian legend Jamshid, on Wednesday inched closer to his maiden India selection after being named among new head coach Manolo Marquez's 26 probables Întercontinental

preparatory camp. Mohun Bagan SG right-back Ashish Rai and East Bengal goalkeeper Prabhsukhan Singh Gill, who are yet to play for the senior India team, also received call-ups for the camp in preparation for the three-team annual tournament that will be held from September 3-9 in Hyderabad.

It is understood that key defender Jhingan, who sustained a right knee injury during India's Asian Cup group match against Syria in January, is yet to recover from the injury. Jhingan, the 31-year-old central defender, also missed out on selection for the team's camp ahead of the FIFA World Cup 2026 preliminary joint qualification round 2 matches against Kuwait and Qatar, in

Syria, placed 93rd in the latest FIFA rankings and Mauritius, who stand at 179, are the other two teams in the competition. India are currently ranked 124th. The preparatory camp will start in Hyderabad from August 31.

The fourth edition of the Intercontinental Cup will be the first full tournament after the retirement of the legendary Sunil Chhetri and the first assignment for Marquez who was named India head coach last month. India have won the tournament twice in the past. The 23-year-old Kiyan, who grew up in Kolkata and whose mother was born and brought up in Shillong, has been excelling upfront while playing for Indian Super League side Chennaiyin FC.

His father has been an East Bengal legend and currently lives in Kolkata, having represented the Iranian U-20 team in the 1977 FIFA World Youth Championship.

Announcing the probables,

Marquez said: "We are very excited about our first preparatory camp and I know t will be the same for the

players. "We face two different teams and the rankings are not very important. We need to work all together in the same direction to find the correct group of players and their predisposition will be very good, something I am completely sure about.

"I know all of us are in preseason with pice challenges in

season with nice challenges in front of us. Is a big honour to wear the jersey of the national team and we need to show it

for all our fans."
THE LIST OF PROBABLES: Goalkeepers: Gurpreet Singh, Amrinder Singh, Prabhsukhan

Amrinder Singh, Pradisukhan Singh Gill. **Defenders:** Nikhil Poojary, Rahul Bheke, Chinglensana Singh Konsham, Roshan Singh Naorem, Anwar Ali, Jay Gupta, Ashish Rai, Subhasish Bose,

Mehtab Singh.

Midfielders: Suresh Singh Wangjam, Jeakson Singh, Nandhakumar Sekar, Naorem Mahesh Singh, Yasir Mohammad, Lalengmawia Ralte, Anirudh Thapa, Sahal Abdul Samad, Lallianzuala Lalthathanga Chhangte,

Khawlhring. Forwards: Kiyan Nassiri Giri, Edmund Lalrindika, Manvir Singh, Liston Colaco.

Intercontinental Cup fixtures (all matches will kick-off at

7.30 pm): September 3: India Mauritius

September 6: Syria vs

U17 WORLD WRESTLING C'SHIP



India's Ronak wins bronze in 110kg

PTI AMMAN (JORDAN)

Tndia's Ronak Dahiya bagged **⊥**the bronze medal in the 110kg Greco-Roman category at the U17 World Wrestling Championship here.

In the bronze medal play-off, Ronak, currently ranked two in the world in his age-group weight category, comfortably disposed the challenge of Turkey's Emrullah Capkan 6-1 to claim India's first medal from the championship on

Tuesday. Earlier, Ronak had lost to eventual silver medallist

Zoltan Czako of Hungary in the semi-final. The gold in this category was won by Ukraine's Ivan Yankovskyi, who beat Czako 13-4 by virtue of technical superiority.

India have a chance of a second medal in the 51 kg repechage if Sainath Pardhi wins two bouts.

He is first pitted against Dominic Michael Munaretto of the United States and if he wins the bout then he will fight the bronze medal play off with either Kazakhstan's Mussan Yerassyl or Iran's Abolfazl Mehrdad Karamiegaei.

Ronaldo signed for Al-Nassr in December 2022 and has yet to win a domestic trophy with the club. In a social media post this week, he wrote: New season, same goal.

ristiano Ronaldo is lining

Up for another Saudi Pro

League season with the main

aim of helping Al-Nassr end

the dominance of Riyadh rival

AP ■ RIYADH

Al-Hilal won the title last season with 31 wins and three draws, finishing 14 points clear of second-place Al-

in the final of the Saudi Super Cup last weekend. The 18-team league kicks off its season on Thursday. "I'm feeling a lot of apprehension because this

season is going to be very

difficult," Al-Hilal defender Kalidou Koulibaly, who signed from Chelsea last year, told The Associated Press. "Last year, it was a tough championship, but we managed to come out on top. This year, all the teams will be gunning to beat Al Hilal."

Last summer, a string of bigname stars arrived from Europe's top leagues to join Ronaldo in Saudi Arabia. According to Deloitte's Sports Business Group, a total of \$957 million was spent. This has summer comparatively quiet, although the transfer window remains open until Sept 2

For Al-Hilal, the return of Neymar will be like a new The Brazilian signing. superstar made only five appearances for the Riyadh club before sustaining a serious left knee injury while



Al-Hilal's dominance in Saudi soccer league

qualifier in October. return is anticipated by our players," Koulibaly said. "We know that there is still a little bit of waiting due to his injury but people will see a great Neymar. He still has this motivation when we see him in training."

playing in a World Cup Neymar returned to training last month and, according to local media playing again in September. In Nevmar's absence, Serbian

striker Aleksandar Mitrovic scored 28 league goals last season, second only to Ronaldo's record 35. Al-Hilal Portuguese has

international Ruben Neves and Morocco's Yassine Bounou in goal. Al-Nassr's major new signing

so far has been Brazilian goalkeeper Bento, who Colombian replaces international David Ospina. As well as Ronaldo, the Yellows have Senegalese star Mane, Croatian midfielder Marcelo Brozovic and defender Aymeric Laporte, who helped Spain to the European championship

Other challenges are expected to come from Jeddah clubs Al-Ahli, led by Riyad Mahrez, Karim Ittihad, which has made the biggest signing this summer so far, paying over \$60 million to Aston Villa for French winger Moussa Diaby.

All four clubs, which were taken over in 2023 by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund, are by far the country's best-supported teams.

League officials will likely be hoping a more competitive title race will help improve the average attendance, which was just over 8,000 per game last season. Al-Hilal has international as

well as domestic ambitions. The club will represent Asia in the expanded FIFA Club World Cup which kicks off June 15 in the United States. Al-Hilal reached the final of the 2022 tournament before losing to Real Madrid.

"What will be expected going into that competition it's going to be Neymar's team," the 33-year-old Koulibaly said. "So we're going to do everything in training so that he's out there and in his best conditions to help us win

trophies.

Firouzja remained in front with 1.5 points in his bag leaving eight players

Caruana is currently at the bottom with seven rounds still remaining in 10-player the round-robin

With a half point in his kitty,

behind him on one point each.

0.5); D Gukesh (Ind, 1) drew with Ian Nepomniachtchi (FID, 1); Alireza Firouzja (Fra, 1.5) drew with Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 1).

PTI ■ ST LOUIS (USA)

World championship challenger Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh played out a thrilling draw with Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi to be tied second after the second round of the Sinquefield Cup, the final event on the Grand Chess Tour this year. After a relatively easy draw with reigning world champion Ding Liren of China, Gukesh had an exciting match against Nepomniachtchi out of a Catalan opening game on Tuesday.

The Indian stood marginally better for the major part as white pieces but Nepomniachtchi, who has won the

Candidates' tournament twice, stayed put with some fine defense and counter-attacks to steer the game to a draw in the knight and pawns endgame. The game lasted 60 moves. Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa also stayed in the hunt after a draw with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France. It was another Italian opening game as black for the Indian

solid Vachier-Lagrave. The pieces got traded at regular intervals and the players arrived at a rook and pawns endgame that



offered no chances. After a lone decisive game in the opening round wherein Alireza Firouzia of France defeated Fabiano Caruana of United States, the second round witnessed an all-draws day. Firouzja drew with Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan and Dutchman Anish Giri signed peace

with Ding Liren. In the other game of the USD 3,50,000 prize money tournament, the all American duel between Wesley So and Caruana was also

tournament. **RESULTS ROUND 2:** Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, 1) drew with R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 1); Anish Giri (Ned, 1) drew with Ding Liren (Chn, 1); Wesley So (Usa, 1) drew with Fabiano Caruana (Usa,

It's final week to qualify for Presidents Cup and Solheim Cup

AP WASHINGTON

The BMW Championship is the last stop before the leading six players get automatic spots in the Presidents Cup next month at Royal Montreal

Turns out the first FedEx Cup playoff event had a strong effect, too.

Jordan Spieth might have been a long shot to make the U.S. Team, but last week sealed it. He finished 26 shots out of the lead, failed to advance and said he would be having surgery on his left wrist. His season is

It also was a big blow to Mackenzie Hughes of Canada, who dropped out of the top 50. International captain Mike Weir wants a strong Canadian presence, but none is in the top six and four other Canadians are ahead of Hughes.

Weir gets six captain's picks after the Tour Championship. Hughes won't be at East Lake,

either. This comes two years after Hughes, renowned for his putting, was curiously left off the International side for the matches at Quail Hollow, where he is a member.

For the Americans, there figures to be significant turnover from their last team competition at the Ryder Cup. Three players already are effectively eliminated - Spieth, Rickie Fowler (didn't qualify for the postseason) and Brooks Koepka (ineligible because he plays for LIV Golf). The leading five - Scottie Scheffler, Xander Schauffele, Collin Morikawa, Wyndham Clark and Patrick Cantlay were at Marco Simone. Sahith Theegala is holding down the

sixth spot over Tony Finau. Max Homa, who went 4-0 in his Presidents Cup debut at Quail Hollow, finished last in the 70-man field last week. He has not contended since his Sunday chance at the Masters (his lone top 10 was at Wells the 2019 matches. Four others

Fargo, where he finished 13 shots behind). Homa is at No. 9 in the standings. Right behind is Brian Harman,

who has one top 10 in his last 13 starts.

The wild card, again, is Justin Thomas. He is at No. 16 in the standings and he could use a mile-high effort this week. Thomas faced plenty of scrutiny from being picked for the Ryder Cup team without having qualified for the

postseason. U.S. Captain Jim Furyk could have some interesting choices, such as 20-year-old Nick Dunlap or 22-year-old Akshay Bhatia, depending on what kind of performances he sees at Castle Pines and then East Lake.

The International team, which has lost nine in a row, is the side that would appear to have and Allisen Corpuz, who tied some stability. The leading five players were at Quail Hollow for 15th in Scotland, clinched and Byeong Hun An played in their spots. Meghan Khang and Andrea Lee are holding

from the '22 team have done enough consideration SOLHEIM CUP PUSH: The

Women's British Open at St. Andrews is the final qualifying event for the Solheim Cup, with seven players vying for the final two automatic spots for the U.S. Team. Lauren Coughlin, who won

down the final two spots to merit among seven qualifiers.

already eligible. Stacy Lewis gets three captain's picks, one of them likely going the Women's Scottish Open,

automatic Rose Zhang is at No. 8, though she also is leading in the two

spots awarded to players from the women's world ranking not

to Lexi Thompson, who has shown renewed form since announcing her retirement from a full schedule.

standings, the leading six players from the women's world ranking and Suzann Pettersen will get four captain's

The matches are Sept. 13-15 at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia. Keegan hangs on

Keegan Bradley figured to be safe when he started the postseason at No. 39, but that was a little misleading. There were 93 points between Bradley and No. 38, and only 105 points down to Jake Knapp at No. 50. left the TPC

Bradley

Southwind projected outside the top 50 and he narrowly hung on, moving inside when Tom Kim finished bogeydouble bogey-double bogey. He has said his goal was to get to the Tour Championship. But the Ryder Cup captain did well to make it to the BMW Championship. The top 50 get Europe takes two players from its European Solheim Cup into all eight signature events next year, allowing Bradley to

be around players likely to make his team for Bethpage Black.

Plus, he doesn't have to put tournament directors in a spot by asking for exemptions.

WINNERS OUT: Winning a

PGA Tour event that offers full

FedEx Cup points is worth a trip to the Masters and PGA Championship, a start at Kapalua for The Sentry and a two-year exemption. But it doesn't guarantee the top 50 in the FedEx Cup and the guarantee of playing the eight \$20 million signature events the following year. Nick Taylor (Phoenix Open),

Jake Knapp (Mexico Open), Peter Malnati (Valspar Championship), Davis Riley (Colonial) and Jhonattan Vegas (3M Open) did not reach

Championship.
Don't expect Vegas to lose sleep over it. He was No. 139 in the FedEx Cup and in danger of losing his card when he won in Minnesota. Saunders retires

Trying to play golf at the highest level is difficult enough. Sam Saunders did this while being known his entire career as the grandson of Arnold Palmer.

Saunders strived for his own identity while embracing his heritage with remarkable

But the 37-year-old is ready to move on. Saunders missed the cut on the Korn Ferry Tour last week and posted to Instagram that it was his last professional round. He did not qualify for the Korn Ferry Tour postseason after making only four cuts this year.

"I started this career over 15 years ago, and today was my last professional round," Saunders wrote. "I didn't want to post anything or make a big to-do of it, but I have too many people I want to thank, and acknowledge what a treat it has been.

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BORDER GAVASKAR TROPHY ON PAR WITH ASHES FOR AUSTRALIA: STARC

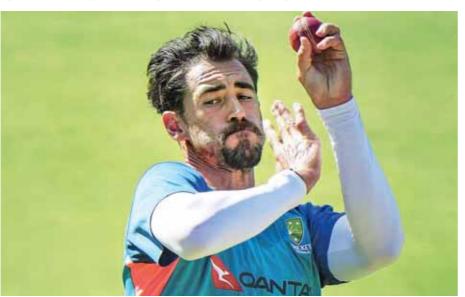
Australia pace ace Mitchell Starc believes that with the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy against India becoming a five-Test affair for the first time in over three decades, it would be "right on par" with the esteemed Ashes series for his team.

The marquee series between India and Australia, set to begin in November, was extended by a match this year for the first time since the 1991-92 season.

"Being five matches now it's probably right on par with an Ashes series," Starc told Wide

World of Sports. Since 2014-15, Australia have failed to lay their hands on the Border Gavsakar Trophy, with India winning four consecutive series including the historic triumphs Down Under in 2018-19 and 2020-21.

Starc is not only intent on reversing this trend but also harbours aspirations of a clean sweep, particularly as the series forms a crucial part of the World Test Championship. "We always want to win every



game at home and we know Ĭndia are a very strong team,"

Currently, India leads the Wold Test Championships table with Australia in second place. "As we're placed at the minute we're the top two teams on the Test ladder... So a very exciting series coming up for the fans and certainly the players.

"Hopefully when we're sitting there on the 8th of January we have that trophy back on our

The 34-year-old is just 11 matches shy of reaching a milestone 100 Tests and has no plans to quit red-ball cricket. The left-armer said he is scaling back his white-ball

commitments to prolong his

...Every time I get to wear the baggy green cap it feels very special. Hopefully it's five times through the summer with five wins and we can sing that song five times, then we move on from there.

Test career for as long as

"If it does come to a point where I'm lucky enough to get

obviously going to be pretty special as well," he said.
Starc is scheduled to fly to England next month for a white-ball series following which the left-armer intends to play domestic cricket for New South Wales ahead of the Border Gavaskar Trophy.

"The Tests will always be taking precedence for me," he

"We've got seven Tests on the bounce with five against India and then two in Sri Lanka, so they sit top of the tree with

what's coming up."
Alongside, Test and ODI skipper Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood, Starc will shoulder the pace duties across three

"Pat is resting for this UK tour... We love playing all three formats but that could look different at different times over 12 months'

There is certainly no end date on (our bowling careers). That will be an ongoing one. We'll see where (our) bodies are and the want to keep going, but at this stage it's all guns blazing for five Tests against India."

Arya leads South Delhi Superstarz to six-wicket win over Central Delhi Kings

 P^{riyansh}_{82} Arya's scintillating P^{riyansh}_{82} off 51 balls powered South Delhi Superstarz to a six-wicket win over Central Delhi Kings in the Delhi

Premier League here. Fifties from Dhruv Kaushik (56) and Yash Dhull (52) guided Central Delhi Kings to 176/7 after they were asked to

bat on Tuesday. However, South Delhi Superstarz chased down the target with five balls to spare, courtesy a solid 101-run partnership between Arya and Ayush Badoni (42). After the early loss of Sarthak Ray (0 off 1) in the first over, Badoni and Arya approached the run chase

with composed batting. By the end of the powerplay, they took the score to 45/1 and went on to consistently score more than 10 runs per over. Arya brought up his fifty in 32

balls, while Badoni contributed a vital 42 off 36 balls before being caught at mid-wicket, thus missing out on his half-

century. By the strategic timeout, SDS were firmly in control, thanks to the free-flowing stroke play of Arya and Tejaswi Dahiya.

Arva, who smashed seven sixes and three fours, was dismissed in the 17th over. Tejaswi followed in the next over, contributing 22 off 14.

Despite these quick wickets, the South Delĥi Superstarz were still in a commanding position, needing just 17 runs from 16 balls.

Vision Panchal and Dhruv Singh then sealed the victory with two sixes and a four in the 19th over, securing the South Delhi Superstarz' win of consecutive tournament.

Earlier in the contest, Hiten Dalal (10 off 9) fell cheaply to

Divij Mehra in the third over However, skipper Yash Dhull led from the front, keeping the scoreboard ticking alongside Dhruv Kaushik as they stitched together a solid 91-run partnership off 65 balls.

Kaushik was then dismissed in the following over after scoring 56 off 33 balls

Brief Scores:

Central Delhi Kings: 176/7 in 20 overs (Dhruv Kaushik 56 off 34, Yash Dhull 52 off 44, Kuldip Yadav 2/37) South Delhi Superstarz: 177/4

in 19.1 overs (Priyansh Arya 82 off 51, Ayush Badoni 42 off 36, Money Grewal 2/22).

Conor joins Atletico Madrid from Chelsea Can see growth, especially in women's as Joao moves in opposite direction

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ngland midfielder Conor Gallagher finally completed his move to Atletico Madrid on Wednesday, ending a weeks-long saga that required a move by Joao Felix in the opposite direction to facilitate the deal.

Gallagher joined Atletico for a reported 36 million pounds (\$47 million) on a five-year deal. Hours later, Chelsea announced the signing of Felix, the Portugal forward, for a reported 45 million pounds (\$59 million).

Chelsea wanted to sell Gallagher, an academy product and the team's vicecaptain last season, to help the club meet the Premier League's financial requirements that are being more strictly applied in recent seasons. Chelsea and Atletico reached an

agreement on his transfer but it was in jeopardy last week, reportedly because of



the collapse of a deal that would have seen Atletico striker Samu Omorodion move in the opposite direction.

That meant Gallagher had to return to Chelsea and train alone but a solution was reached, with Felix instead making the switch from Atletico to Chelsea.

Felix spent the second half of the 2022-23 season on loan at Chelsea, having previously become the third most expensive player of all time when Atletico triggered the 126 million euro continues to overh (around \$140 million) buyout clause in American owners.

his contract in 2019 to sign him from

"I'm really happy to be back at Chelsea and I can't wait to get started," he said. "I can see some familiar faces from the last time I was here, which is always nice. "I loved my time here before and I told

my friends and family that I'd love to return to the Premier League one day. To do that with Chelsea is a great feeling and I'm excited to be back."

Felix was on loan at Barcelona last season.

Gallagher played for England at the recent European Championship and was one of Chelsea's best players last season. He has played 95 times for a club he joined as a 6-year-old, scoring 10 goals in

It continues a frenzied summer of transfer activity for Chelsea, which continues to overhaul its squad under its

table tennis in India: Manika on UTT



Indian table tennis is headed in the right direction thanks to the advent of the UTT tournament which attracts top players from across the world, feels Manika Batra, who is the most prominent face of the women's game in

the country. Manika and Sreeja Akula recently made history by becoming the first Indian table tennis players to reach the Olympics singles pre-quarterfinals in

Next, the 29-year-old Manika will represent Bengaluru Smashers in the competition, which gets underway here

on Thursday "Personally, it has helped me because the players come for UTT from different countries, and we play against them, we play with them," Manika told reporters here on Wednesday.

"It's really fun, and we enjoy this. I can see the growth that's happening, especially in women's table tennis in India, how we all are performing internationally. We have improved a lot from UTT"

Manika lost to Miu Hirano of Japan 0-3 in the women's singles pre-quarterfinals in Paris. In the team event, India, who were represented by Manika, Sreeja and Archana Kamath, lost to Germany 1-3 in the quarterfinals.

In the UTT, one of Manika's most anticipated contests will be against world No. 13, Bernadette Szocs of Romania, who will play for Ahmedabad SG Pipers. The two players also clashed during the pre-quarterfinals of the team event in Paris Olympics, with India winning the tie 3-2. Bernadette said, "I love to play here; I

love all the fans who are very big supporters of table tennis. And, of course, always when I come here, everything is perfect organisation."

Veteran Sharath Kamal, who will lead Chennai Lions in UTT, feels the performance graph of Indian players is

going up gradually.
"This is the first time both Indian teams, men and women, qualified for the Olympic Games in the team event. The girls went further; they went on to play in the quarterfinals in the team event, and especially Manika and Sreeja got into the last 16 in the individual event," Sharath pointed out.

So, performances like this have been constantly coming up, and India has been constantly growing in the international arena, and we look forward to more growth.

Nigerian legend Quadri Aruna returns to the tournament, and his clash against Sharath is expected to be one of the highlights of the tournament.

"With huge spending on the sport of table tennis in India, we have seen huge growth. Indian players are already title contenders in most of the tournaments in the world. So, I think table tennis has improved a lot in India," expressed Aruna, who will be representing U Mumba TT.

UTT 2024 SQUADS:
Ahmedabad SG Pipers: Manush Shah,
Bernadette Szocs (Romania), Lilian
Bardet (France), Reeth Tennison, Pritha Vartikar, Jash Modi.

Chennai Lions: Achanta Sharath Kamal, Sakura Mori (Japan), Jules Rolland (France), Poymantee Baisya, Mouma Das, Abhinandh PB

Dabang Delhi TTC: Sathiyan G, Orawan Paranang (Thailand), Diya Chitale, Andreas Levenko (Austria), Yashansh Malik, Lakshita Narang. **Athlead Goa Challengers:** Harmeet

Desai, Yangzi Liu (Australia), Yashaswini Ghorpade, Sudhanshu Grover, Sayali Wani, Mihai Bobocica (Italy).

Jaipur Patriots: Cho Seungmin (South Snehit SFR, Ronit Bhanja, Moumita

Dutta, Nithyashree Mani. PBG Bengaluru Smashers: Manika Batra, Alvaro Robles (Spain), Lily Zhang (USA), Jeet Chandra, Taneesha Kotecha, Amalraj Anthony

Puneri Paltan Table Tennis: Ayhika Mukherjee, Natalia Bajor (Poland), Joao Monteiro (Portugal), Bhattacharjee, Anirban Ghosh, Yashini Sivashankar.

U Mumba TT: Manay Thakkar, Sutirtha Mukherjee, Aruna Quadri (Nigeria), Akash Pal, Kavyasree Baskar, Maria Xiao

Unlucky to lose to Germany; back-to-back bronze a huge achievement: Harmanpreet

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hockey India hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh on Wednesday said that his side was unlucky to lose to Germany in the Paris Olympics semifinal despite creating several chances before calling the back-tobronze winning "huge performance

achievement". India repeated their 2021 Tokyo Games performance in Paris, defeating Spain to win consecutive bronze medals

for the first time in 52 years.
The keenly-contested "But I think the bronze medal speed" semifinal earlier saw India going down to reigning world champions Germany 2-3 to set up a bronze-medal match

was a very close match. I

with Spain.
"It (semifinal vs Germany)

think we created a lot of chances but you can say we were not lucky that day and some chances were off target," Harmanpreet told Videos during a felicitation ceremony

was very important. It was the last match of the tournament and feeling very happy after winning the match. Our effort was that we should fulfil our dream (of winning gold) but somehow we were unlucky.

"But, still, we had the bronze medal to play for. So, went into the match with that mindset that we will win. We've won back-to-back medals in hockey; it's a very organised by the Odisha big thing for us," he added.

given to the players, saying the team gets the same affection every time it comes to Odisha.

"And, this time, we are getting all the more affection. Whenever the team comes here, be it to play in a tournament or after winning a medal, it always feels nice. We get a lot of respect," added Harmanpreet.

Harmanpreet also thanked the state government for sponsoring hockey.

After silver at Olympics, Chopra takes field in Lausanne in bid for Diamond League title

Two weeks after winning his historic silver medal at the Paris Olympics, star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will resume action at the Lausanne Diamond League meeting on Thursday, seeking to reclaim the DL trophy at the season-ending finale next month.

Nursing a long-standing groin injury, Chopra claimed a silver in the Paris Olympics on August 8 with a 89.45m throw, having won a historic gold in the Tokyo edition of the Games three years ago.

The 26-year-old double Olympic medallist Indian on Saturday confirmed his participation at the Diamond League meeting in Lausanne, leaving a decision on a possible surgery after the end of the season.

Chopra was the Diamond League champion in 2022 and finished second behind Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic in the winner-takes-all DL final in Eugene, USA, last year.

This season's DL finals will be held in Brussels on September 14. He needs to finish in the top-six of the Diamond League meetings series standings to qualify for the season finale.

There is another DL meeting — in Zurich on September 5 which has men's javelin throw event in its roster.

He is currently at fourth spot with seven points he has garnered after finishing second behind Vadlejch in the Doha Diamond League on May 10.

After a busy couple of days post the Olympic final on August 8, Chopra started training in Switzerland and is determined to finish the season on a high despite being restricted by the injury.
"I came to Switzerland for training ahead of the



Diamond League. Luckily, I did not aggravate my injury as I took extra care of that. "I thought of continuing my season like most other athletes. There is one month to go until the season ends. I will go to the doctors in my

week Chopra will be up against a top-class field in Lausanne with five of the top-six finishers in Paris Olympics competing. Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who stunned the athletics

free time," he had said last

world by winning the gold with an Olympic record throw of 92.97m, is missing. Nadeem had finished fourth in the Paris Diamond League on July 7 with a throw of 84.21m. That was the only DL meeting — as well as the lone event apart from the Olympics — he had taken part this season. He is currently at sixth spot in the standings with five points. Having pushed to the fourth spot with a throw of 88.50m

in Paris after winning a silver

in Tokyo, Vadlejch would be

looking to maintain his form in his bid to defend the DL

Two-time world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada, who took the bronze in the Paris Olympics with 88.54m, has been on the ascendancy after a poor last season, and he is capable of pulling off big throws, having already gone past the 90m mark in his career.

Chopra has been the most consistent javelin thrower in the last couple of seasons, before Nadeem pulled off the heist in Paris, and the Indian will start as favourite in Lausanne on Thursday.

He has been managing his groin injury since winning the gold in the Budapest World Championships last

The final treatment will be after the season ends. I will try to take care of it as much possible and consult the doctors later," he said.



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