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# India monitors a neighbour at war with itself





External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar speaks in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday (I); people gather around the residence of Bangladeshi Prime Minister in Dhaka, Bangladesh

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n **NEW DELHI** 

Aday after Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was ousted and arrived here after the Government Parliament monitoring the situation with regard to minorities in the neighbouring country and is in "close and continuous" touch with the Indian community there through its diplomatic missions. The Government also apprised MPs about Hasina's "very short notice" request to come to India "for the moment."

Taking note of the likely impact of the turmoil in Bangladesh on

India, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also briefed an allparty meeting on the latest situation. He also did not rule out the role of foreign Government in the unrest there.

Home Minister Amit Shah, External Affairs Minister Jaishankar and National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval held a meeting to review the fast evolving situation in Bangladesh. They also took stock of the readiness of the forces on the India-Bangladesh border. Doval had met Hasina at the Hindon airbase on Monday.

In a statement in tĥe Rajya Sabha, Jaishankar also briefed the Elders

### Sheikh Hasina's port of arrival fluid

PNS n NEW DELHI

Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's travel plan to London remain fluid and she is likely to stay in India for a few more days after arriving here on Monday evening, sources said here on Tuesday.

Hasina landed at the Hindon airbase on Monday in a C-130J military transport aircraft hours after resigning.

This development arose after the



UK Government indicated that she may not get legal protection against any possible probe into the massive violent protests in her country, they said.

moment".

"There are an estimated 19,000 Indian nationals there, of which about 9,000 are students. The bulk of the students, however, have already returned to India in the month of July," Jaishankar

Elaborating upon the sequence of events, he said "On August 5, demonstrators converged in Dhaka despite curfew. Our understanding is that after a meeting with leaders of the security establishment, Hasina apparently made the decision to resign. At very short notice, she requested approval to come for the moment to India."

"We simultaneously received a request for flight clearance from Bangladesh authorities. She arrived yesterday evening in Delhi. The situation in Bangladesh is still evolving," he said. "Army Chief General Waqar-uz-Zaman, addressed the nation on August 5. He spoke about assuming responsibility and constituting an interim Government. We are in close and continuous touch with the Indian community in Bangladesh through our diplomatic missions," Jaishankar said.

India is also monitoring the situation with regard to the status of minorities, he said.

In the all party-meeting, Jaishankar informed them India has assured help to Hasina, who arrived here on Monday evening, and given her time to decide the future course of action, sources said.

## **Bangladesh prepares** for interim Government

Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin on Tuesday dissolved Parliament to make way for the formation of an interim administration, a day after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled the country following massive protests against her government. The decision to dissolve the

parliament was taken following the President's discussions with Chiefs of three staff of Armed forces, leaders of different political parties, representatives of civil society and leaders of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement," said a statement issued by the President's office. Over 100 people have been killed in

the violence across Bangladesh as chaos reigned supreme hours after Hasina resigned as Prime Minister and fled the country on Monday, reports said on Tuesday amid signs of return to normalcy. The situation in Dhaka was largely

calm on Tuesday morning after a day of unrest and a night of tension. Buses and other public transport were on the streets and traders were opening shops. Government vehicles were heading to offices. Many battery-run rickshaws plied the roads, BDNews24.Com newsportal According to local media reports,

119 people have been killed in the violence and attacks on Hindu



temples and widespread looting in the capital and various other places. At least 109 people were killed in clashes in different parts of the country, including Dhaka, at the last moment of the one-point demand of the anti-discrimination student movement on Monday, Bengali language daily Prothom Alo reported on Tuesday.

Earlier, the newspaper reported the death of 98 people till 12 pm on Sunday. Another 16 deaths were reported in the middle of the night. The total death toll stood at 114 on Sunday. "With this, the total death toll stood at 440 in 21 days from July 16 to yesterday," the paper said. It said that 37 bodies were brought to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital between 11 am and 8 pm on Monday.

#### **BJP** pillar LK Advani hospitalised

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n NEW DELHI

Around a month after being discharged, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani was admitted to Delhi's Apollo Hospital again on Tuesday. The 96-year-old is stable and under observation, according According to a hospital source, Advani, who was born in undivided India, was admitted to the Apollo hospital here today.

In the first week of July too, Advani was brought to this facility and discharged after being kept under observation for a couple of days. Prior to that he had been admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and was discharged following a night-long stay there. Advani served as the Deputy Prime Minister of India from 2002 to 2004 and as the Union Home Minister from 1999 to 2004.

### on Hasina's "very short notice"



Vinesh Phogat reacts after the round of 16 of the women's freestyle 50kg wrestling match against Japan's Yui Susaki, at Champ-de-Mars Arena, during the 2024 Summer Olympics

PTI n PARIS

Vinesh Phogat pulled off the biggest upset at the Paris Games by outwitting hitherto invincible Yui Susaki with a perfectly planned strategy before edging past Ukraine's Oksana Livach to storm into the women's 50kg semifinal as she inched closer to an elusive Olympic medal, here on

The Tokyo Games gold medallist and four-time World Champion Susaki had not lost any of her 82 bouts in her international career but the Japanese top seed hardly had an idea as to what was about to hit her in the opener which she lost

Later, Vinesh quelled the

#### Javelin king Neeraj set to beat his own record

Defending champion Neeraj Chopra turned on the style as he stormed into the men's javelin throw final of the Olympic Games with a season's best effort of 89.34m in his very first attempt in the qualification round here on Tuesday. The Tokyo Olympics, the 26year-old crossed the automatic qualifying mark

of 84m in his opening throw

to occupy the top spot in Group B.

championship bronze-medallist Livach 7-5 in the quarterfinal. Having endured two Olympic heart-breaks, the feisty 29-yearold, is now only one win away from ensuring her maiden Olympic medal. Vinesh has every medal in her cabinet which includes three

challenge of former European champion and 2018 world

CWG gold, an Asian Games title, eight Asian Championshij medals to go with two World Championship bronze but Olympic success eluded her both times in Rio and Tokyo. "It's a miracle, no less tȟan a miracle what Vinesh has done today. It was such a sad Monday due to Nisha's injury but Vinesh has lightened up the day," India's

national coach Virender Dahiya said before leaving for Anitm Panghal's draw. It was not just the Indian camp that was celebrating but the wrestlers in the Susaki's half in the draw were relieved that the

big obstacle has been removed. 'With the world champion out, I thought I will now have a better chance. Vinesh was very strong, I tried to fight but I made a few mistakes," said Livach after her close 5-7 defeat against Vinesh. Thrown in at the deep end, Vinesh came up with a strategy to look for that one attack in the dying moments and pulled that off successfully. There was no action for the first 90 seconds as the two wrestlers measured each other.

#### Manipur CM says illegal immigration the biggest threat to his people



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n IMPHAL

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Tuesday said illegal immigration is a grave threat to the state's indigenous people and asserted that those who entered after 1961 should be Government's help.

In response to a query from Naga People's Front legislator Leishiyo Keishing in the Assembly, Singh described the situation as "alarming," and stressed the need for unity in addressing illegal

He remarked, "It is an alarming situation. Illegal immigration has caused demographic changes but some sections do not believe it. Line Permit system is Without unity, it is not possible the year 1961, he said.

to deal with the issue." Singh said the State has a 398-km and unguarded international border with Myanmar, which complicates the detection of illegal immigrants. He recalled that a Cabinet subcommittee led by Tribal Affairs and Development Minister Letpao Haokip had been formed to investigate the issue. The sut committee, working with the Home Ministry, identified nearly 2,480 illegal immigrants, though this figure is subject to correction, he said and added that detecting these immigrants is challenging when they blend with local populations.
The Chief Minister mentioned

that new villages have been set up by illegal immigrants, with some areas inaccessible due to conflicts with the Myanmar-based Defence Force (PDF). He said sheltering nts would anyone immigrants punishment under new orders. Previously, 140 to immigrants

Churachandpur district were detained and moved to a shelter in Imphal, said the Chief Minister, adding that satellite data has revealed new villages forming after May 3, 2023, the day when the ethnic clashes

The implementation of the Inner Line Permit system is based on

for Management and Use of

Community Halls including



#### Hindus now file caveat in SC on Mathura dispute

PTI n NEW DELHI

The Hindu litigants have filed a caveat  $oldsymbol{1}$  in the Supreme Court seeking a hearing if the Muslim side approaches it challenging a recent order of the Allahabad High Court which rejected a plea against the maintainability of 18 cases related to the temple-mosque dispute in Mathura.

The caveat has been filed through advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain to ensure that no ex-parte order is passed against the Hindu litigants if the other group moves the top court.

A caveat application is filed by a litigant

to ensure that no adverse order is passed against him or her without being heard. On August 1, the High Court had rejected a plea challenging the maintainability of 18 cases related to the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah dispute in Mathura, and ruled that the religious character of the mosque needs

to be determined. The court had dismissed the Muslim side's contention that the suits filed by Hindu litigants relating to the dispute over the Krishna Janmabhoomi temple and the adjacent mosque violated the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act — and were thus not maintainable.

The 1991 Act prohibits changing the religious character of any shrine from what existed on the day of the country's Independence. It exempted only the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute

The cases filed by the Hindu side seek the 'removal" of the Aurangzeb-era mosque they claim was built after demolishing a temple that once stood there.

The Hindu litigants claim the mosque holds signs suggesting that it was a

The mosque management committee and the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board had argued that the suits were barred under Places of Worship Act and other laws. On May 31, the Allahabad High Court reserved its judgment on this maintainability plea after hearing both

However, the court reopened the hearing at the request of Shahi Idgah counsel Mehmood Pracha.

## **Victims of electrical accidents** to get compensation in Capital

STAFF REPORTER IN NEW DELHI

n a first, Delhi Electricity ■ Regulatory Commission has compensation to victims of electrical accidents regulations, 2024, paving the way for financial assistance of 7.5 lakh in case of loss of life and five lakh for more than 60 per cent disability due to electricity related mishaps in the city.

The regulations stipulate a range of compensation for loss of life, injuries to people as well as loss of milch and draught animals, birds and poultry. If an electricity related accident causes 40-60 per cent injury to any person, he will get one lakh as compensation, 25,000 for hospitalisation for over a



week of hospitalisation, regulations lay down. The quantum of compensation in case of loss of an animal involving any electricity related accident varies with 50,000 for each milch animal-buffalo, cow, camel and such others; `5,000 per sheep, goat, pig and others.

### SAUMYA SHUKLA n NEW DELHI

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) will soon launch three housing schemes offering a variety of flats located at different places across the city catering to income groups of all categories. Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena approved the housing scheme projects, beside a new policy for management and use of Community Halls and extension time for completing construction on the residential, industrial and commercial,

institutional plots. The proposal

was approved at the Authority

meeting at Raj Niwas on Tuesday.

According to proposals, DDA

Sasta Ghar Housing Scheme 2024

will offer lower income group

(LIG) and economically weaker

sections (EWS) flats at discounted

rates in Ramgarh Colony, Siraspur,

Narela through first come first serve (FCFS) mode, making housing more accessible and enabling a common man to their own houses in Delhi. Under the scheme, around 34000 flats are to be offered, with starting price as low as approximately `11.5 lakh. Under the General Housing scheme, flats of all categories including high income group (HIG), middle income group (MIG), LIG and EWS at different localities like Jasola, Loknayakpuram and Narela will be offered at 2023 prices without any price escalation. The starting price of flats is approximately 29 lakh and around 5400 flats are to be offered under this scheme. DDA's Dwarka Housing Scheme

19B of Dwarka through an e-auction process. This will provide

Loknayakpuram, Rohini, and will offer MIG, HIG and higher category flats in Sector 14, 16B and

More houses for aam aadmi in Delhi



under the scheme, with starting price of `128 lakh. To provide ease of living to the

residents of Delhi, the Authority has also approved a new Policy

About 173 flats are being offered

relaxed rental structure and operationalization of ancillary facilities in Multi-Purpose Community Halls. The Authority took an important decision whereby an Amnesty Scheme has been given nod to

renewal-cum-freehold conversion of Expired Term Leases (90 years) in 23 Nazul The scheme is proposed to be introduced, initially for a period of six months from the date of

The renewal charges are proposed

to be different in case of Residential and Mixed-Land use properties and shall further vary as per the size of the plot. The charges shall increase in a progressive manner, if in case the scheme is extended beyond the initial period of six months.

## **Entire society should participate in Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan**

**STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

the working meeting of the Bharatiya Janata Party L regarding the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan convened on Tuesday at the State BJP head-

Addressing the meeting, the party's National Co-Organization General Secretary Shivprakash said that the entire society should participate in the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said that the state government is also making preparations for Independence Day and the Minister-in-Charge will hoist the tricolor in every district on 15 August. State President and MP Vishnudutt Sharma said that the party workers should take a pledge to deliver the tricolor flag to all 1.5 crore families of the state during this State In-Charge Dr. Mahendra Singh said that today under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our tricolor is flying all over the world, hoist it in every house on Independence Day. State Co-in-Charge Satish Upadhyay said that the young generation is not aware of the horrors of partition. Party workers should inform the youth about this during the Tiranga

Organizational General Secretary Hitanand said that innovation has been the identity of the party organization of Madhya Pradesh. Make efforts to ensure that this identity remains in the Har-Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan. During the meeting, Deputy Chief Minister of the state government, Jagdish Devda and Rajendra Shukla were present on the stage.

Addressing the meeting, National Co-Organizational General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Shivprakash said that efforts are being made to divide the country on various grounds. But when a line has to be shortened, a bigger line is drawn in front of it. We want to shorten this divisive line by drawing the line of nationalism.

Har-Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan is a part of this plan. Shivprakash said that for the Har-Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan, we will have to make efforts for the availability of tricolors, in which the help of the sisters of the selfhelp group can also be taken. Apart from this, tricolor flags can also be taken from other establishments and made available to the public. He said that we have to use this campaign to inform the youth about the horrors of partition.

This is a very touching subject and in the riots that took place during the partition, crores of people were rendered homeless, lakhs were killed. But most of the youth are not aware of the events and tragedy of that time. Shivprakash said that the party workers should study themselves so that factual information can be given to the

youth.

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, while addressing the meeting, said that the liveliness of the Bharatiya Janata Party is that our party always works hand in hand with the society. There are many parties in the country and the state, but the biggest strength of our party is that the basis of every program of ours is the worker. Many countries in the world got independence with us or after us, but today the plight of democracy in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri

Only the parties that awaken national sentiments like the Bharatiya Janata Party strengthen democracy. The Chief Minister said that

the holy festival of brother-sister Rakshabandhan will be celebrated simultaneously at 25 thousand places in the state on 10 August. On the same day, an amount of Rs. 250 will be sent as a gift in the account of Laadli sisters in addition to Rs. 1250. August 15 and January 26 are August 15 and January 26 are the biggest festivals of all our festivals. Everyone should participate in celebrating Independence Day, so it is being celebrated a week in advance through the Har-Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan. Chief Minister Mehan Vaday said Minister Mohan Yadav said that on the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we will celebrate the festival of Independence Day with full joy.



School students display Rakhis as they prepare themselves for sending to the soldiers of the Indian Army ahead of the

#### FCSC saves crores of rupees by changing software

**STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL** 

adhya Pradesh Food and Civil Supplies Corporation has decided to use the software prepared by NIC instead of the software of the Bank of Maharashtra. With this, the Corporation will save several crores.

Action has been initiated on the instructions of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Minister Govind Singh Rajput to take necessary measures to strengthen the financial condition of the corporation.

The work of collecting money demand letters sent by the districts and providing funds to them was done through the software provided by Madhya Pradesh Civil Supplies State Corporation, Bank of Maharashtra. On one hand,

**Action has been** initiated on the instructions of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer **Protection Minister Govind** Singh Rajput

it took a lot of time to complete the entire process of providing funds to the districts through this software, while on the other hand, due to keeping the funds in bank accounts, the corporation had to bear unnecessary financial burden in the form of interest on it.

Managing Director Madhya Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation PN Yadav has said that this problem has been solved through online software developed by NIC. ings of several crores.

Due to this, the time taken for the entire process of demand from the districts and providing funds to them has reduced significantly. Besides, a situation of savings has been created from the interest expenses incurred due to keeping unnecessary funds at the district level. Other resources have also been saved.

The software developed by NIC is more secure because it is OTP based. Various riders have been installed to control the demands made by the districts through this software.

Effective control is also being established on various office expenses like taxi fare, stationery, telephone, computer maintenance expenses, and various incidental expenses. These changes made by the corporation are likely to result in annual sav-

## Ujjain police arrest man for stealing Rs 23 lakh from ATM

**STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

jjain police have nabbed accused involved in stealing Rs 23 lakh from ATM. The accused entered the

ATM wearing a black helmet-raincoat and ran away with the money in 10 min-The mastermind of the theft

of more than Rs 22.93 lakh from an ATM in Khachrod, Ujjain, turned out to be a maintenance employee. The accused, who holds an MSc (IT) degree, committed the crime along with his friend. The police arrested both the accused within 24 hours of filing the FIR.

The incident took place on the night of 28 July at a Bank of India ATM just 500 meters away from Khachrod police station. It was revealed on August 5, when bank

employees came to withdraw cash from the deposit machine. They did not find the cassette in the ATM installed near the deposit machine. The CCTV cameras of the ATM gallery were sprayed with black paint. Újjain SP Pradeep Sharma

said, 'On August 5, the bank's branch manager Neelkamal Panchal had lodged an FIR. He had told that the password door, four cassettes for keeping cash and Rs 22.93 lakh were stolen from the

When the CCTV cameras were checked, two people were seen entering the ATM between 1 and 2 in the night of July 28 They were wearing black helmet and raincoat. One person sprayed on the CCTV cameras while the other was seen tampering with the machine. Within 10 minutes, both were seen carrying away the goods in a black bag.'

During the investigation, it became clear that whoever has committed the theft, has complete knowledge about the ATM machine. There was no vandalism in the machine. It was opened by entering the password. During interrogation of the bank employees, it was found that the private agency had sent Rituraj Singh for the maintenance of the ATM on 26th July.

On the basis of this input, the police took Rituraj into custody. At first, he tried to mislead the police, but broke down when strict action was taken. He accepted that he had stolen the ATM along with Shubham Joshi. He told that he had given some of the stolen money to Shubham without counting it. The rest was hidden at his relative's

house in Nalkheda, Agar Malwa.

Rituraj Singh told that he had gone to the ATM gallery for maintenance with the bank employees at around 5 pm on 26th July. During this time, a bank employee opened the machine. At that time, Rituraj saw the password. Later, he wrote it down.

With the help of this password, they opened the machine on the night of 28-29 and committed the theft. The pictures were captured in the camera of the ATM situated in front

The accused sprayed black paint on the cameras of the ATM gallery so that nothing could be seen in the footage. But they were caught stealing money from another ATM situated in front of the ATM from which they stole money.

#### Life support course opens at AIIMS Bhopal

Bhopal: A timely and correct decision can be a lifesaver, emphasized Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, while inaugurating the National Emergency Life Support Course for para-medical staff on Tuesday. Dr. Singh stressed the crucial role of paramedics in managing accident victims before they reach the hospital. He highlighted the importance of providing maximum comfort to the patient during the golden hour, which can significantly improve their chances of survival.

Prof. Sanjeev Bhoi from AIIMS New Delhi and Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center underscored the alarming statistics of accident-related deaths in India. He emphasized the need for a skilled and trained workforce of paramedics to effectively manage emergencies and prevent untimely fatalities.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, BJP State President VD Sharma, Union Minister for Telecom Jyotiraditya Scindia and other leaders pay tributes to senior BJP leader and former Rajya Sabha MP Prabhat Jha during a condolence meeting at BJP State headquarters in Bhopal on Tuesday.

## Bhopal Mayor Malti Rai reviews complaints from citizens

**STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

¶here are 104 complaints regarding building permission, why are they increasing? Mayor said- so many complaints should not be pending; if there is a problem, sit

Mayor Malti Rai was talking to the building permission officer on mobile. There are 104 complaints regarding building permission pending. There should not be so many. Why are they increasing? If there is Mayor Malti Rai reviewing a problem, sit and solve it.' Mayor Malti Rai called the officer of the building permission branch on Tuesday and gave instructions in

Mayor Rai reviewed the 'Mayor Helpline' on Tuesday from Bhopal's Smart City Control Room. He called the responsible

Mayor Rai said that a total of 575 complaints have been received this week. Work is going on about 200 complaints, while the rest have been resolved

persons of every department and informed them about the pending comden, civil, Govardhan project, encroachment, clean-

complaints in the Smart City office.

Bring your complaints, we will discuss about pending

The mayor told the officer of the building permission branch that if the complaints are old, they should be resolved by giving reasons for them. We will discuss about the complaints

in the meeting. Mayor Rai said that a total plaints. The mayor also of 575 complaints have called the in-charge of garbeen received this week. Work is going on about 200 complaints. The rest have been resolved. There are about 1 thousand old complaints. Most of these are related to street dogs. People are not stopping them themselves. They want the dogs to be removed from the colony forever, but the corporation has less resources. At the same time, the rule is that the dog should be released at the place from where it

complaints are pending. Sewage complaints are also being resolved immediate-

The mayor also called the people who complained along with the officers on Tuesday. Asked a person that you had complained about encroachment, has it been resolved? On this, the person said that yesterday the staff removed the encroachment, but today it has again accumulated. The mayor said that further action will be taken.

You can complain on these

numbers If there are any other problems related to the corporation including street lights, street dogs, sewage, cleanliness, then you can also call the corporation and register a complaint. For this, you will have to call the mayor helpline number-155304.

#### Dist Panchayat CEO Siddharth Jain inspects Sanwer tehsil villages

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hief Executive Officer District Panchayat ✓Indore Siddharth Jain conducted an intensive tour of various villages of Sanwer District Panchayat. During the tour, the Chief Executive Officer, while inspecting the Gram Panchayat Lasudiya Parmar, reached the government school building of the village and inspected the building and discussed with the teachers and students present there. During the discussion with the students, the Chief Executive Officer discussed in detail the sectoral quality and the facilities being provided by the government and gave necessary instructions to the school in-charge present there.

The Chief Executive Officer Siddharth Jain inspected the Anganwadi located in the village and directed to make the Anganwadi building more attractive and well-equipped by getting information about the facilities being made available to the children as well as nutritional diet.

The Chief Executive Officer also inspected the basketball court located in the village during this period. During the inspection of Village Panchayat Peer Karadia, the Chief Executive Officer observed the works being done by the Village Panchayat with 15% finance amount and the works of Panchayat funds and directed the Panchayat Secretary and related persons to ensure that all the works are completed within the time limit with high quality. During the visit to Village Panchayat Dakchaya, the culvert was also inspected on the spot.

During the inspection of Village Panchayat Budhi Barlai, the documents being maintained by the Panchayat were also observed. Along with the inspection of the works being done by the Panchayat in the village, the under-construction Adarsh ??Shamshan Ghat was observed and the Panchayat was directed to complete the

said work this month. During the visit, the Chief Executive Officer also discussed with the villagers. Janpad CEO Sanwer Mukesh Jain, Assistant Engineer of the district and other district level employees and officers were present during the visit. Youth found murdered

**STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

ody of a youth was found near Shymala Hills area, b marks of attack with a sharp object on the body were found, he had gone out with friends and later found dead. The deceased identified as Sarfaraz has been found in Shyamala Hills area.

There are marks of injury on his body. Also, marks of attack with a sharp object have been found in the stomach. Police has sent body to Hamidia Hospital for postmortem. According to police, this incident happened on Monday

According to Shyamala Hills police, Sarfaraz, a resident of Bagh Mufti Kabit Pura, had left home with his friends at around 10 pm on Monday night, after which he did not return home. Police said that the residents living behind Ashoka Lake View in Shyamala Hills area informed the police in the afternoon.

When the police went to the spot, the young man was found lying in the forest area. He had an injury on his head, apart from this, there were marks of a sharp object on his stomach as well. According to the police, the young man used to work as a painter.

#### AIIMS launches dedicated support center for rare disease patients

**STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL** 

significant step towards improving the lives of patients suffering from rare diseases was taken today as Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director, AIIMS Bhopal, inaugurated a dedicated Helpdesk "Aastha" within the Neonatology and Pediatrics OPD.

Speaking at the inaugura-tion, Prof. Singh expressed his optimism about the center's potential to provide hope and support to patients. He emphasized the importance of accessible healthcare and comprehensive support services for those affected by rare diseases. The Executive Director extended his gratitude to Pfizer and Doctors for You for their collaboration in making this initiative a reality.

The event highlighted the challenges faced by rare disease patients and the solutions offered by the support center. Representatives from Pfizer and Doctors for You underscored the significance of their organizations' involvement in addressing

**Prof Singh** expressed his optimism about the center's potential to provide hope and support to patients

the needs of this underserved patient population.
AIIMS Bhopal officials detailed the enhanced healthcare services available to patients through the center, including a dedicated helpdesk. The helpdesk team will assist patients with various aspects of their healthcare journey, such as appointment scheduling, paperwork, travel arrangements, and accommodation. Additionally, the center will facilitate access to financial assistance for eligible patients under the National Rare Disease Policy.

AIIMS Bhopal has secured a grant of Rs. 3 crore from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to procure essential medicines as per the NPRD 2021 guidelines.



Union Minister for Telecom Jyotiraditya Scindia pays tributes to senior BJP leader and former Rajya Sabha MP Prabhat Jha during a condolence meeting at BJP State headquarters in Bhopal on Tuesday.

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#### Guv Mangubhai Patel meets the Governor of UP

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

overnor

Mangubhai Patel
met the Governor of Uttar Pradesh Smt. Anandiben Patel on Tuesday on a courtesy call at the Raj Bhavan Guest House. He welcomed Patel by presenting a bouquet. The Governors of

both the states exchanged gifts after holding informal discussions on various topics of mutual develop-Governor Mangubhai

Patel presented handicrafts of Madhya Pradesh to the Governor of Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel. He presented Angavastram and brass artwork (Kalash) Chanderi as a gift. Governor Mangubhai Patel was presented a replica of Lord Ramlala and perfume by the Governor Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel. After the meeting, Governor Mangubhai Patel bid Governor farewell to Governor Patel for Ujjain.

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#### 'Parent-teachers coordination must for creative development'



STAFF REPORTER n **JASHPUR** 

hhattisgarh Chief Minister CVishnu Deo Sai said on Tuesday that the more teachers and parents coordinate, the better it will be for children to grow creatively.

He was addressing a mega parents-teachers meeting programme in Bandarchua in Jashpur district.

On the directive of the School Education Department, authorities organised statewide parentteacher meetings in government schools to establish better coordination for the development of

Education is not a means to get employment, but the key to development, Sai said. He urged the teachers to satisfy the children's curiosity and told the parents to be

more involved in school life. Work is on to improve skill development of students to increase employment opportunities for them, he

Summer camps were held across the state to enable children explore their artistic talents, he said.

He added that 22 libraries are coming up in line with the Nalanda library in Raipur. This will create a more favourable environment to prepare for competitive exams.

He stated that parentteacher meetings will be organised regularly in government

education will be promoted in local dialects, schools will be upgraded through PM Shri Yojana, meritorious children will be honoured and supplies

will be distributed. On this occasion, Sai announced a fully equipped bus stand, solar street lights, increasing the capacity of Ashram hostel from 50 to 100 seats and a mini stadium in Bandarchua.

The key points of discussion included ensuring availability of books, bag-free Saturday, health test and nutrition of students, caste/income/residence certificate, free food, c o m p e t i t i v e examinations/scholarships, departmental schemes and

### Minister Netam seeks Centre's assistance for tribal welfare

STAFF REPORTER n **RAIPUR** 

Chhattisgarh Tribal, Scheduled Caste and Minority Development Minister Ramvichar Netam on Tuesday met Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram in New Delhi and discussed the issue of development of weaker and backward classes, including Scheduled Castes and Tribes, in the state.

At the meeting, Netam requested the release of remaining Rs 74.69 crore for fiscal year 2022-23 under the 'Pradhan Mantri Adi . Adarsh Gram Yojana'.

For 2022-23, a provision of Rs 1,653 crore was allocated to this scheme. Netam also sought approval of proposals of Rs 162 crore under the Special Central Assistance to the Tribal Sub Plan and Rs 55.14 crore for enhancing quality education in the Eklavya Adarsh Residential Schools in Chhattisgarh.

Netam provided updates on the 'Niyad Nellanar Yojana,' a state government initiative



focusing on development efforts in five Maoistaffected districts in the Bastar division.

He also discussed the progress of the Pradhan Mantri JANMAN Yojana, aimed at integrating the special backward tribal communities of Chhattisgarh, and other relevant schemes run by the Central and state

#### **Eight Maoists with** Rs 5L bounty surrender

STAFF REPORTER n SUKMA/DANTEWADA

Eight Maoists, three of them carrying a cumulative reward of Rs 5 lakhs on their head, surrendered on Tuesday in Sukma and Dantewada districts of Bastar division in

Chhattisgarh. Madkam Sona and Somdi Madkam alias Urmila turned themselves in, Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavan said.

They were platoon members of the outlawed Maoist organisation. The two carried a reward

of Rs 2 lakhs each on their heads.

Meanwhile, Madkam turned herself in citing disappointment with



ideology, the Maoist Dantewada Superintendent of Police Gaurav Rai said.

She was Chikpal RPC KAMS head under the Katekalyan Area Committee of the Maoist organization. She carried a bounty of Rs 1 lakh. So far, 859 Maoists, including 191 carrying cash rewards, have quit violence in Dantewada district since June

## 146 villages to embrace AYUSH lifestyle



STAFF REPORTER n

RAIPUR

The Chhattisgarh government is implementing the principles of AYUSH in 146 villages, an official communiqué said on

The goal is to transform these villages into

AYUSH Villages.

The AYUSH Directorate held a workshop in Raipur to track progress and brief about

planned activities. AYUSH Department Director Iffat Ara

said villagers will be educated

Treatment of common diseases through

medicinal plants.

these plants will be promoted, they said. Workshops will be held at local levels to

upgrade people's skills, they said. Ayurveda College, Bilaspur, Co-Professor

Dr. Vidyabhushan Pandey said they will impart Ayurveda knowledge in schools.

#### Public Works Department Sector-19, North Block, Naya Raipur (C.G.) E-Procurement Tender Notice E-mail: tenders-pwd.cg@gov.in

NIT No.066/TC/EinC/PWD/2024-25 Dated- 31.07.2024

The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under RCPLWE RRP-III in the district of Kanker, Narayanpur & Bijapur for construction of 06 Bridges with estimated cost amounting Rs 1818.20 Laes including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders may submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class under "Unified Registration System (e-Registration) of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement.

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh in https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in. Bids form will be available on the website from 02.08.2024 and may be sub-

mitted up to 17:00 Hrs. on 13.08.2024

For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web-site with nominal fee of Rs 500/- to be paid onine to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from authorized certifying authorities.

The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b) original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to Chief Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, Nirman Bhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.) 492-002 as per provisions of bid document through Speed/ Registered post, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.
Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board

of offices and also available on website of Public Works Departmenthttp://pwd.cg.nic.in

सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया शाखा- फाफाडीह (छ.ग.)

SI Name & Address of the Borrower(s)

Borrowers: 1) Smt. Shanti Devi Kedia W/o Shri K K Kedia 2) Mrs. Renuka

Agrawal W/o Shri Rubin Agrawal,

3) Smt. Anjali Kedia W/o Shri Nitin Kedia

Uderam Agrawal, All of their Add.: D/322

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Bank of Baroda

Name of Borrower /

P H No. - 105/59. Kh No. -

Tehsil & Distt. - Raipur,

Guarantor

Nagar Branch and Mr. Tulesh Dewangan,

Date: 07.08.2024, Place: Raipur, Chhattisgarh

PIN: 492001. Branch- Fafadih

Date: 07.08.2024, Place: Raipur

No. & Name of Branch

S. Branch

Name/Ph.No.

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Raipur

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Chief Engineer (Central Tender Cell) Office of Engineer-In-Chief P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)

APPENDIX-IV [RULE - 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas-The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial

Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002(54 of 2002)] and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with

rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement ) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice date as below mentioned date calling upon the

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section 4 of section

13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on on the date mentioned below. The Borrowers,

Guarantors in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the

& 4) Shri Rubin Kumar Agrawal S/o Dist-Raipur CG in the name of 1.Smt. Shanti Devi Kedia W/o Shri K K Kedia, 2. Smt.

Kamal Kunj, Tagore Nagar, Raipur(C.G.) 1998.76 sq. ft. Boundaries are as under: North: Road, East: HIG-II/750, South: HIG-

Dt. of Demand Notice Dutstanding Amt. Description of the Immovable as on the date of Property

Capital Project Raipur Village Nawagaon / Khapri, Sector – 29, Nava Raipur Tahsil and

Aniali Kedia W/o Shri Nitin Kedia and 3 Smt. Renuka Kedia W/o Shri Rubin Agrawal area

demand notice

Raipur (C.G.), PH: 0771 - 4222611, 4222612

Description of Property

Mrs. Suman Dewangan All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No.

166/81,Dr.Khubchand Baghel Changorabhata, sub-district Raipur and District Raipur, C.G.

Ward No.-67, Changorabhata, 492001. Bounded: On the North by - House of Sameer Pandey

The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for above mentioned amount interest and other charges thereon

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property and any

E-mail: recovery.raipur@bankofbaroda.com

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer o

the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to the following

borrowers / guarantors calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The under mentioned Borrowers / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub - section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 and under section 14 of the Act of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

be subject to the charge of CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA for amount mentioned below with subsequent interest and expenses thereon

Notice

16.05.2024

02.08.2024

II/752, West: Road

Borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and Interest thereon within 60 days from date of the receipt of the said notice.

#### Class 5 student demonstrates e-Jaadui Pitara to CM

STAFF REPORTER n JASHPUR

AClass 5 student on Tuesday demonstrated and apprised about the features of digital app e-Jaadui Pitara t Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at the Government Higher Secondary Bandarchua in Jashpur district. The app has been designed by the school education department for educational activities under the New Education Policy (NEP). Class 5 students Pratik Kujur accompanied by Sneha Mínj and Priyanka demonstrated how this app makes teaching fun and

A government official said that primarily designed for children up to the primary level, the e-Jaadui Pitara has been created to make learning ess cumbersome.

allows children to easily grasp difficult subjects through

Central Bank of India

Rs. 58,08,415/-+Further Interest & Building situated at RDA Scheme No. HIG-

Other Charges II/751, CGHB, Naya Raipur Township under

Authorised Officer, Central Bank Of India

/Plot No. \_\_\_\_in Survey No. \_\_\_/City or Town Survey No. / Khasra No. 166/81, P.H.No. - 105/59, Area - 800.00 sq. ft.

& Dhanmati Pandey, On the South by - Road, On the East by

within the registered Dr. Khubchand Baghel Ward, Ward No.-67, + interest

Road, On the West by-House of Ruby Mishra & Priyanka Mishra Symbolic Possession

Regional Office, Jeevan Prakash, L.I.C. Building, Pandri, POSSESSION

games. The app teaches children in a simple and entertaining way, catering to their interests.

It conducts creative activities for children through stories, nursery rhymes, puzzles, cards, audio-books, toys and games, handbook charts and the Jaadui Pitara box. It also connects children, teachers and parents. Any creative activity that takes place in a school can be uploaded to the app, allowing parents, children and teachers to observe. The Chief Minister encouraged the children and advised them to study with dedication.

Man held for GST fraud

RAIPUR: The Central Goods and Service Tax (CGST) and Central

Excise in Raipur on Tuesday arrested

a man who created a web of fictitious

firms to enable fake input tax credit of

Rs 34.23 crores. Officials searched and

exposed a network of six fake firms

actively engaged in generating bogus

invoices without any underlying sup-

ply of goods or services, an official

statement said. The investigation

revealed that Raipur-based Badal

Gour was the mastermind behind cre-

ating and managing these fake firms.

He confessed to have created a web of

fictitious firms for the purpose of

passing fake input tax credit and

admitted to availed fake credit

amounting to Rs 29.13 core and

passed on Rs 34.23 crore to several

recipients. A court sent him to judicial

custody. So far, CGST has held 19 tax

NOTICE

Demand Notice Date.

Amount & Symbolic

20.05.2024

02.08.2024

Authorised Officer Bank of Baroda

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Rs. 15,96,797.80

+ other charges

evaders in Chhattisgarh.

Through innovation, it

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, मण्डल क्र.१ रायपुर (छ.११., दूरभाष: (०७७१) २३३१४३१ फँक्स: (०७७१) ४०५५४६५ इमेल: sel.raipur@gov.in निविदा निरस्तीकरण सूचना इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित निम्नलिखित निविदाओं को तकनीकी कारणों से निरस्त किया जाता है

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4	108/156119	18.07.2024					
5	109/156120	18.07.2024					
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DCB BANK

**POSSESSION NOTICE** 

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the DCB Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on below mentioned dates calling upon the

detailed below in tabular form with further interest thereon from within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower and Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the porrower. Co-Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of ne property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 also r/w section 14(1) of the Security Interest Rules 2002

orrowers (Borrower's and Co-Borrower's) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice as

The borrower. Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property (Description of the immovable Property) and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the DCB Bank Ltd., for re-

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the act. in

emand Notice Dated :	16th April, 2024					
ame of Borrower(s) and Co-borrower(s) :	MR. SUSHIL KUMAR TIWARI, M/S. SHREE LAXMI NARAYAN KALA BHANDAR REPRESENTED BY ITS AUTHORISED SIGNATORY.					
	MR. ASHOK KUMAR TIWARI and MRS. SUDHA TIWAR					
an Account Numbers - DBLARAI00464237, DBLARAI00520239 and DBLARAI00549547						
otal Outstanding mount :	Rs. 54,00,598.80 (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Five Hundred Ninety Eight and Eighty Paisa Only) as on 16th April 2024					

Description of the Immovable Property : ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING HOUSE NO. 15/183, AREA 218 SQ. FT. SITUATED AT JAWAHAR NAGAR, WARD NO. 37 (OLD WARD NO. 15), BAIPUR TAHSIL & DISTRICT BAIPUR(CG), BOUNDED BY EAST - HOUSE OF GATTANI, WEST - ROAD, NORTH - HOUSE OF DEEPAK KUMAR SAHU, SOUTH - HOUSE OF MOTIL AL JAIN (The Secured Assets)

Date: 07.08.2024 For DCB Bank Limited



#### CAN FIN HOMES LTD. Shop No. 255-258, First Floor, Chouhan Estate, Supela, Bhilai (C.G.), Ph: 0788-4902391, 7625013253, Email: bhilai@canfinhomes.com, CIN- L85110KA1987PLC008699

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the power under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 02/05/2024 calling upon the Borrowers Mr. Ashok Kumar Verma S/o Mr. Radheshyam, R/o- 320 Jarway, Ward no 03, Kandarka Surdung, Tehsil and District-Durg, Chhattisgarh 490024 & Mr. Onkar Verma S/o Mr. Radheshyam Verma, R/o-320 Jarway, Ward no 03, Kandarka Surdung, Tehsil and District-Durg, Chhattisgarh 49002 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 621513/ (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty One thousand five hundred thirteen only with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 6 days from the date of the said notice.

POSSESSION NOTICE [(Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

The Borrower Having Failed to Repay the Amount, Notice is Hereb given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise o Power Conferred under section 13(4) of the Said Act Read with Rule 8 o the security interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 05th day of August of the year 2024.

The Borrower in Particular and the Public in General is Hereby cautione not to deal with the Property and any Dealing with Property will be Subject to the Charge of CFHL for an Amount of Rs. 621513/- (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty One thousand five hundred thirteen only) and The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section

3 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets Description of immovable property

Plot Situated at Mouja-Jamul, Khasra No 562/13, Ward no 05, Ganesh Naga Ph No 13/18, RNM Durg-01, Bhilai, Tehsil and District-Durg, Chhattisgari 490001. Boundaries: North by :- Remainning Land Seller, East by- Land o Nirmala Gupta, West by :-Road, South by:-Remainning Land Seller

Date:06.08.2024 Place: Bhilai

Authorised Office Can Fin Homes Ltd.

in ayurveda, yoga and ayush methods to help them live long and healthy lives. Officials said they will educate villagers

about medicinal plants. Villagers will be encouraged to cultivate and preserve

#### OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P.W.D. KANKER CIRCLE KANKER (C.G.)

e-Procurement Tender Notice
Online tenders are invited for Construction Of Building/Road work, up to Date 23/08/2024

Sr NI No No		System Tender No.	Name of work	Probab Amount Contrac		
1	2	3	4	5		
01	22	156403	White washing, Colour washing Distempering and Painting work on Govt. Resi. & Non Resi. Building Under P.W.D.(B/R) Sub Dn. Kanker.	50.00 Lakl		
02	23	157119	General Repair of Govt. Resi. & Non Resi. Building Under P.W.D.(B/R) Sub Dn. Kanker.	50.00 Lakl		
03	24	157120	White washing, Colour washing Distempering, Painting and General Repair work in Rest House at Charama and Non Resi. Building Under P.W.D.(B/R) Sub Dn.Charama. General Repair of Govt. Resi. & Non Resi. Building Under P.W.D.(B/R) Sub Dn. Charama.	38.00 Lakh		
04	25	157121	General Repair of Govt. Resi. & Non Resi. Building Under P.W.D.(B/R) Sub Dn. Charama.	25.00 Lakh		
05	26	157122	White washing, Colour washing Distempering and Painting awork on Govt. Resi. Building Under P.W.D.(B/R) Sub Dn. Charama.	25.00 Lakl		
06	27	157123	White washing, Colour washing Distempering, Painting and General Repair work on Govt. Resi. & Non Resi. Building for Narharpur, Dudhawa, Sarona, Jamgaon, Umradah Section Under P.W.D.(B/R) Sub Dn. Narharpur.	Lakh 20.00		
07	28	157124	Special Repair work of Govt. Resi. & Non Resi. Building Under P.W.D.(B/R) Sub Dn. Charama.	15.00 Lakh		
08	29	157125	Special Repair work of Govt. Resi. & Non Resi. Building Under P.W.D.(B/R) Sub Dn. Narharpur.	10.00 Lakh		
09	30	157126	White washing, Colour washing Distempering and Painting work on Resi. & Non Resi. Building Under P.W.D.(B/R) Narayanpur Division.	73.00 Laki		
10	31	31 157127 Annual Repair work of Resi. & Non Resi. Building Under P.W.D.(B/R) Narayanpur Division.		65.00 Lakh		
11	32	157128	8 Annual Repair work of Resi. & Non Resi. Building Under Head Qtr. Bande, Kapsi and Badgaon Section P.W.D.(B/R) Sub. Division Pakhanjore.			
12	33	157129	Distempering Emulsion and Enamel Painting of Govt. Resi. & Non Resi. Building of Head Qtr. Pakhanjore, Bande, Kapsi and Badgaon Section P.W.D.(B/R) Sub. Division Pakhanjore.			
13	34	157131	Special Repair work on Roads, Bridges and Culverts Under P.W.D.(B/R) Sub Dn. Narharpur.	30.00 Laki		

online only, failing which the tenderer can not participate in the bidding, for tender details please visit https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

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Superintending Engineer Kanker



#### CAN FIN HOMES LTD. Shop No. 255-258, First Floor, Chouhan Estate, Supela, Bhilai (C.G.), Ph: 0788-4902391, 7625013253, Email: bhilai@canfinhomes.com, CIN- L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE [(Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property) The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 02/05/2024 calling upon the Borrowers-Mrs. Soniya Dubey w/o Mr. Sourabh Dubey, R/o- EWS-64, Kohka, Housing Board, Bhilai, Tehisl and District- Durg, Chhattisgarh - 490023 & Mr. Raj Gupta S/o Mr. Rajesh Gupta, R/o- Near Babbu Hotel, Bhatapara, Baloda bazaar, Chhattisgarh - 493113 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Res 156900/. (Purpose Eleven Lath, fifty eigh the notice being Rs.1156900/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh fifty six Thousand Nine Hundred) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower Having Failed to Repay the Amount, Notice is Hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property Described Herein below in exercise of Power Conferred under section 13(4) of the Said Act Read with Rule 8 of the security interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 05th day of August of the year 2024.

The Borrower Attention is Invited to Provisions of Sub-Sections (8) of Section 13 of the Act, In Respect of time Available, to Redeem the Secured Assets. The Borrower in Particular and the Public in General is Hereby cautioned not to deal with the Property and any Dealing with Property will be Subject to the Charge of CFHL for An Amount of Rs.1156900/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh fifty six Thousand Nine

Hundred) and Interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of sectior 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

#### Description of immovable property

Plot Situated at Mouja- Jamul, Khasra no. 562/18, Ward no 05, Ganesh Nagar Ph No 13/18, RNM Durg-01, Bhilai, Tehsil and District-Durg Chhattisgarh 490001. Boundaries: North by: - Others Land, East by - 25 Feet Road, West by -Others Land, South by:- Remainning Land Seller

Authorised Officer Can Fin Homes Ltd Date: 06.08.2024

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# Ensure protection of minorities in Bangladesh, VHP urges Govt



People in Dhaka celebrate the downfall of the Sheikh Hasina-led Bangladesh Government

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n NEW

The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Tuesday urged the government to take "every possible" step to ensure the safety of Hindus, Sikhs and other minorities in Bangladesh, claiming that "fundamentalists" are targeting them in several districts of the neighbour-

Addressing a press conference,

VHP president Alok Kumar called for strict security vigil on the Indo-Bangladesh border, saying that attempts could be made to "orchestrate infiltration" into the Indian territory taking advantage of the prevailing situation in the neighbouring country.

He also asked the world community to take "effective action" for the safety of minorities and protection of human rights in Bangladesh which he said is many districts even crematori-ums were vandalised," he said.

"trapped in a strange uncertainty, violence and anarchy".

"In the recent past, religious places, business establishments and houses of Hindus, Sikhs and other minorities have also been rampaged in Bangladesh. Till last night, 22 houses in Panchgarh district alone, 20 houses in Jhenaidah and 22 shops in Jessore became targets of the fundamentalists and in

There is "hardly" any district left in Bangladesh which has not become a target of their "violence and terror", he added. "In Bangladesh, the houses, shops, offices, business establishments of Hindus and women, children and even the centres of their belief, faith and worship such as temples and gurudwaras are not safe. It can be said that the condition of the oppressed minorities there is going from bad to

### Minister raises concern over safety of Sikh, Hindu shrines

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n

Union Minister of State for Railways and Food processing Ravneet Singh Bittu expressed serious concern on Tuesday over attacks on "Sikh shrines and Hindu temples located in Bangladesh" and urged External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to take up the issue with the Army authorities or the interim government of Bangladesh.

In a written communication to Jaishankar, Bittu said, "Since the population of Sikhs in Bangladesh is very small and certain anti-India elements were indulging in rampage of religious places, the Sikh community is wor the Sikh community is worried about the safety of Sikh

He claimed that a lot of

ISKCON temple in the neigh-

bouring country. "The Vishva

Hindu Parishad urges the gov-

every possible step for the

safety of minorities in

Bangladesh," he said, adding,

"It is appropriate to point out

worse," Kumar said.

now less than 8 per cent and damage has been done to they too are victims of continuous jihadi persecution." taking advantage of the pre-vailing situation, a "big attempt" ernment of Bharat to take infiltration into the Indian territory through the 4,096-kilometre-long Indo-Bangladesh

32 per cent in Bangladesh, are Kumar said it is possible that may be made to orchestrate

'I, therefore, urge you to take up the issue with the

Army authorities/Interim

Government of Bangladesh to

protect the historical Sikh

shrines viz. Gurdwara Nanak

Shahi and Gurdwara Sangat

Tola situated in Dhaka along

with the Hindu temples,"

Bittu said. "It is relevant to

mention here that Guru

Nanak Dev ji and Guru Teg

Bahadur Sahib had visited

waras were built in their

Bittu urged Jaishankar to assure the Sikh and Hindu

communities in Bangladesh that the Indian government

will take all necessary steps to protect the Sikh shrines

and Hindu temples in

Bangladesh.

Dhaka and these gurud-

memories," he added.

"We have to be extremely cautious about this. Therefore, it is necessary for our security forces to keep strict 24x7 vigil on the borders and not allow any kind of infiltration," he added. The VHP president said after the resignation of the Hasina government and her leaving the country, the process of formation of interim government in

the neighbouring country is

## Specify steps taken for stability: Cong MP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n NEW DELHI

In the wake of the Bangladesh situation, Congress MP Manish Tewari on Tuesday said many countries in South Asia have been hit by political instability in the last three-four years and asked the government to specify what steps it has taken to maintain political stability in the region.

Bangladesh has plunged into uncertainty after extraordinary street protest over job quota forced Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to quit and flee.

Raising the issue of the Bangladesh situation during the Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, Tewari said India has had a special relationship with Bangladesh and played a special role in the creation of Bangladesh in 1971 due to which the geographical map of South Asia changed for a sec-

'The situation prevailing in

Bangladesh is very sensitive and concerning. In January 2024, the Awami League formed the government under Sheikh Hasina for the fourth time in a row and within six months of that, a situation arose that a movement arose due to which Sheikh Hasina had to resign and even leave the country," the former Union minister said.

"I want to bring to notice that not just in Bangladesh, in the last three-four years there are many countries in South Asia that have been hit by political instability, be it Mynmar, Sri Lanka or Maldives.

Even in Pakistan, the hold of the military is increasing on the civilian government," Tewari

He further said China's intervention in the western Indian Ocean has increased.

#### 'In this ȟour of crisis, Bharat stands firmly with the entire society of Bangladesh as a friend. We wish that democracy and a secular government re-established in Bangladesh as soon as possible. The society and government of Bharat will continue to support Bangladesh in this

## Cong, BJP MPs spar over Budget proposals in LS

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n

 $T_{25}^{
m he}$  Union Budget for 2024-25 has nothing for the salaried class, and the middle class, and it neither addresses the issue of unemployment nor takes any step to reduce out-of-pocket expenditure for households, Congress MP Amar Singh said in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. Initiating the debate on the

Finance Bill, the Fatehgarh Sahib MP said it appears in the Budget that the Union government was taxing the poor, while sparing the rich. BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, meanwhile, welcomed the Budget and called it "historic".

"From what the government has proposed, it appears the Centre intends to take away every single rupee from the salaried class, the common man, while the rich are being spared," Singh said.

"If we look at Income Tax, the tax on individuals is 19 per cent of total tax, while the corporate tax is 17 per cent. Why is the income tax more? In every way,



you are increasing individual tax, and bringing down the corporate tax. Who is the govern- lakh income, it will increase He also claimed the finance ment working for?" he asked. He said the World Inequality Report has revealed that one per cent of the richest people in India have 40 per cent of the wealth, and accused the government of benefitting the higher income groups.

"I want to suggest the finance minister. Around 70 per cent

tax... Exempt those up to Rs 5 cater to the rising workforce. public consumption and reduce minister said nothing about overty, he said.

He questioned whether the exemptions given by the government to the corporate have generated any jobs. Singh said the Economic

Survey has said India needs to generate an average of nearly 78.5 lakh jobs annually until

tood inflation which is at 10 pei cent. He also questioned what the government was doing on its promise for a law guaranteeing a minimum support price (MSP) on crops to farmers who protested against the now-scrapped farm laws. BJP MP Nishikant dubey,

meanwhile, welcomed the Budget and called it "historic". "Across the world, economies are growing at 2.5 per cent to 2.7 per cent. India is a ray of hope for the world," he said, lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for it."We are working towards the goal of a developed India by 2047," he said. Dubey said the NDA government has proposed to abolish angel tax, as it is competing with Singapore and Abu Dhabi, adding that it will generate employment.

He further attacked the Congress over its demand for a caste census. "I want to ask the Congress, many people in this country do not believe in religion, caste... how will they participate in caste-based census?" he said.

Dubey also said he has with him the Congress manifestos from 1952 to 1990, and claimed it said the party was against OBC reservation. He also alleged that the Congress wants to bring reservations for Christians and Muslims through "backdoor".

### Sufi body welcomes Govt move to amend Waqf Boards Act

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n

The All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council (AISSĆ) on Tuesday welcomed the Government's decision to amend the law governing Waqf boards, saying it was long due. The Government is all set to bring a Bill in Parliament to amend the 1995 law governing Waqf boards to ensure more accountability and transparency in their functioning and mandatory inclusion of women in these bodies, according to sources. AISSC chairman Hazrot Syed Naseruddin Chishty demanded a separate Dargah Board under the amendments.

"In the present Waqf Act, there is no mention of dargahs at all. The Waqt Boards do not recog nise the traditions of the dargah as many of our traditions are not there in sharia, so we demand a separate Dargah Board," he said at a press conference. Chishty alleged the Waqf Boards work in a "dictatorial manner" in their present



form and have no transparen-

cy at all.
"We are hopeful that the draft Waqf Amendment Bill will be comprehensive and serve the interests of all stakeholders. Following a thorough examination of the draft, we intend to submit our recommendations and proposal," he added. The AISSC representatives,

including the chairman met National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Union Minority earlier on Monday and pre-Affairs Minister Kiren Kijiju, were given assurance by the NSA and the Minority Affairs Minister that all the stakeholders will be consulted and the amendments will be in the interest of the Muslims,"

Chishty said. Earlier in the day, Rijiju said the AISSC delegation discussed

a range of important issues concerning the Muslim community and added that it was a "fruitful" and "forward looking" discussion. Last evening a delegation of

the All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council (AISSC) comprising of the most revered & prominent Sajjadanashins from various Dargahs across India met me under the leadership of Shri Syed Naseruddin Chishty, Chairman & Successor of the Present Spiritual Head of Ajmer Dargah to discuss a range of important issues concerning the Muslim community. It was a fruitful & forward looking discussion. They lauded & praised the efforts of PM Shri @narendramodi ji towards the welfare of the entire community and minorities in general. They also committed themselves towards the Sankalp of Viksit Bharat 2047. Shri Shehzad Poonawalla, national spokesperson of BJP, was also present," he said in a post on X.

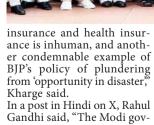
### INDIA Bloc protests, demands rollback of GST on life and health insurance premiums

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n **NEW DELHI** 

 $M^{
m embers}$  of the INDIA Bloc on Tuesday staged premises demanding the rollback of the 18 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) on life and health insurance premiums. MPs from various parties, including TMC, Congress, AAP, and NCP (SC), gathered on the steps leading to Makar Dwar, carrying placards reading "Tax terrorism" and raising slogans against the tax.

President Congress Mallikarjun Kharge criticized the GST hike, describing it as a severe blow to the middle class, which is already struggling under the burden of high taxes and medical inflation. He called the tax an example of the BJP's exploitative policies.

In a post in Hindi on X, Kharge said, "Today in the Parliament premises, INDIA parties demanded immediate removal of 18% GST on health and life insurance premiums as this extortion is a severe blow to our people, especially the middle class." "The middle class is already struggling under the burden of the Modi government's tax collection policies. India's medical inflation rate is the highest in Asia in 2024 - at 14%! On top of that, this



ernment even collected Rs 24,000 crore from millions of common Indians who pay health insurance premiums every year by saving every penny to ensure that they do not have to bow down to anyone in case of a 'health crisis' in life." Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said the INDIA bloc parties' protest against the imposition of 18 per cent GST on life and medical insurance premiums is absolutely justified. "India is already the country

whose citizens pay the high-est out-of-pocket expenses 'Gabbar Singh Tax' on life

for health crises in the world. Senior citizens who have taken health insurance are now paying the highest GST rates in the world. How does the government

intend to attain the goal of 'insurance for all by 2047', when it is instead ensuring the unaffordability of insurance to most?" Tharoor said

Trinamool Congress MPs and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee have been raising the issue, writing to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has also urged the Finance Minister to reconsider the GST, arguing that it hinders the growth of the insurance industry and penalizes individuals facing life uncertain-

## SC lists plea challenging Bombay HC's verdict to uphold dress code

The Supreme Court on ■ Tuesday said it has ordered listing of a plea challenging the verdict of the Bombay High Court which had upheld a decision of a Mumbai college to impose a ban on wearing of hijab, 'burqa' and 'naqab' inside

The high court had on June 26 refused to interfere with the decision of the Chembur Trombay Education Society's N G Acharya and D K Marathe College imposing the ban, saying such rules do not violate students' fundamental rights. It had said a dress code is meant

part of the college's fundamental right to "establish and administer an educational insti-

Taking note of submission seeking urgent listing of the appeal, a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said it has already assigned a bench for the matter and that it would be listed soon. Lawyer Abiha Zaidi, appearing for petitioners, including Zainab Abdul Qayyum, sought urgent hearing saying the unit tests in the college are likely to commence on Wednesday.



The top court is yet to conclusively decide the legality of such diktats issued by educational institutions. A twojudge bench of the top court, on October 13, 2022, had delivered opposing verdicts in the hijab controversy emanating

led state government had imposed a ban on wearing the Islamic head covering in schools there.

While Justice Hemant Gupta, since retired, had dismissed the appeals challenging the judgement of the Karnataka High Court which had refused to lift the ban, Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia had held there shall be no restriction on the wearing of hijab anywhere in the schools and colleges of the state. The present controversy stems from the decision of a Mumbai col-

The Bombay High Court trashed the plea against the ban

and said the dress code was applicable to all students irrespective of religion or caste. The students, who were in the second and third year of the science degree course, had moved the high court, challenging a directive issued by the college imposing a dress code under which students cannot wear a hijab, naqab, burka, stoles, caps and badges on the premises. The students had claimed it was against their fundamental right to practice religion, the right to privacy and right to choice. The college's action was "arbitrary, unreasonable, bad-in-law and perverse", the plea had said.

## Penalty does not apply to PM Jan Dhan accounts, says Sitharaman

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n **NEW DELHI** 

 ${
m F}$ inance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said there is no need to maintain minimum balance in Jan Dhan as well as basic savings accounts, and banks impose penalties only in cases where customers fail to maintain a requisite amount in their accounts.

The Minister was replying to a question in Rajya Sabha during Question Hour regarding public sector banks collecting about Rs 8,500 crore in penalty from customers for non-



maintenance of minimum balance in accounts in five years. Since the member is talking about banks collecting money for basic minimum balance which is not there in the account, that does not apply to PM Jan Dhan accounts and basic accounts of the poor

whose minimum balance is expected to be at a certain level," Sitharaman said.

It emerged in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha that public sector banks collected around Rs 8,500 crore under this head in five years starting FY 2019-20.

Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary also informed the Lok Sabha last month that state-owned banks have charged depositors Rs 2,331 crore penalty for not maintaining the average monthly minimum balance in

#### AFSPA removed from most parts of Northeast, Parliament informed

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n NEW DELHI

The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, which gives powers to the armed forces operating in disturbed areas to search, arrest and open fire if they deem it necessary, has been removed from most parts of the northeast, except a few districts and some police station areas, Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said there has

been a considerable reduction in the number of "disturbed areas" under the AFSPA and the law has been withdrawn completely from Tripura (from May 27, 2015) and Meghalaya (April 1, 2018). The AFSPA has also been withdrawn from all districts except four in Assam, Rai said the AFSPA has been

withdrawn gradually in Arunachal Pradesh and it is currently applicable only in three police station areas in Namsai district and three other districts — Tirap, Changlang and Longding.

## BJP-JD(S) 'Mysuru Chalo' march to demand CM's resignation continues

 $\begin{array}{cccc} T^{he} \ combined \ opposition, \\ BJP \ and \ JD(S), \ on \\ Tuesday \ continued \ their \end{array}$ protest march, demanding the resignation of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over the alleged Mysuru Development (MUDA) site Authority allotment 'scam.'

The week-long Bengaluru -Mysuru padayatre (foot march) has sought to highlight the alleged fraudulent allotment of sites alleged to land losers by MUDA, including to Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi. The fourth day of the 'Mysuru Chalo' protest began at Nidaghatta near here and is scheduled to cover a distance of 20 km to headquarters city of Mandya. BJP State President and MLA B Y Vijayendra, former Deputy Chief Minister C N Ashwath Narayan, Deputy Leader of Opposition in Assembly Arvind Bellad, several legislators, leaders and workers from both parties took part as the march resumed. A large number of workers and leaders from both parties were seen marching shouting



compensatory sites were

allotted to Siddaramaiah's

wife Parvathi in an upmarket

area in Mysuru, which had

compared to the location of

her land which had been

"acquired" by the MUDA. The MUDA had allotted

plots to Parvathi under a

50:50 ratio scheme in lieu of

3.16 acres of her land, where

residential layout. Under the

MUDA allotted 50 per cent

of developed land to the land

losers in lieu of undeveloped

land acquired from them for

developed

MUDA

controversial

against Congress government, holding BJP and JD(S) party flags and placards, amidst sounds of drum beat. The stretch through which the march passed was decked up with flags of both parties, buntings and portraits of prominent leaders at several places. Kick started on Saturday at Kengeri near Bengaluru, the march on its first day had covered a distance of 16 km to reach Bidadi, 22 km on day two to reach Kengal, and 20 km on day three to reach Nidaghatta. In the MUDA

forming residential layouts. BJP leaders have claimed that the MUDA "scam" is of the magnitude of Rs 4,000 crore to Rs 5,000 crore. The Congress government on July 14 constituted a single commission under former High Court Judge Justice P

Desai to probe the MUDA 'scam'. Based on a petition filed by advocate-Abraham, Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot had issued a "show-cause notice" on July 26 directing the Chief Minister to submit his reply to the allegations against him within seven days as to why permission for prosecution should not be granted against him. Subsequently, the Karnataka government had "strongly advised" the Governor to withdraw his "show-cause notice" to the CM, and alleged "gross misuse of the Constitutional Office ' of the

Governor. The council of Ministers after their meeting had said a concerted effort is being made to destabilise a lawfully elected majority government in Karnataka for political

## Himachal Govt doing nothing to help victims: Kangana

Actor-MP Kangana Ranaut on Tuesday visited disaster-hit Samej in this district and accused the state government of doing "nothing" to help the victims.

'Yeĥ dil dehla deni wali trasadi hai' (it is a heartwrenching tragedy). People have lost all their family members, including children. They are terrified and in trauma. I would request the state government to provide immediate relief (financial assistance) to the affected Ranaut, who interacted with the flashflood victims in Samej in Rampur subdivision, said.

The BJP MP from Mandi also demanded a special inquiry into allocation of funds by the Congress-led Himachal Pradesh government to the flood-affected families last

Himachal Pradesh has been pummelled by heavy rains for almost a week. Fourteen bodies have been recovered so far and 40 people are still missing after flash floods triggered by cloudbursts hit Kullu's Nirmand, Sainj and Malana, Mandi's Padhar and Shimla's Rampur subdivision on the night of July 31, officials said. "Malana in Kullu district has been disconnected and the

making the bridge," Ranaut

accused the state government of doing "nothing" to help the affected people in Samej village, where over 30 people are missing.
"I cannot see anything being

done by the state government. Not a single thing has been done here by ministers which is inhuman," the BJP leader

Samej village, about 148 km from here, has been worst hit in the flash floods. Rampur, Kullu and Mandi are under the Mandi parliamentary constituency from where Ranaut was elected in the recently held Lok Sabha

polls.
"I have come as a representative of the Union government. The central government will provide funds to help the flood-affected people but we all know that financial assistance was also given last year after the monsoon disaster. These funds go to the state government and are distributed by them," she

"No one knows what happened to those funds. The Union finance minister, during her recent budget speech, also assured assistance to Himachal Pradesh but the funds would come through the 'ditch' (khada) created by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. Only God knows if the money will be distributed or not among the affected families," the BJP MP

"Himachal has been facing disasters ever since the Congress came to power in the state," she said, claiming the people affected by last year's disaster are still waiting for the promised Rs 7 lakh by ČM Sukhu.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had provided an Rs 1,800 crore package to the state after the disaster last year, Ranaut added. According to the officials, 410 rescuers from the Army, NDRF, SDRF, ITBP, CISF, Himachal Pradesh Police and home guards are involved in the search operation, which has been intensified with additional machinery, sniffer dog squads, drones and other equipment.

The hill state has suffered a loss of Rs 684 crore since the onset of the monsoon on June 27 until August 5. Eighty-seven people have lost their lives in rain-related incidents, according to the state emergency operation

HC waives cooling off period for estranged couple

PTI n MUMBAI

Thange in social conditions **∪**and a rapidly evolving society require a realistic approach to be adopted, the Bombay High Court has said while granting divorce to a couple and waiving the mandatory six months cooling off period.

A single bench of Justice Gauri Godse, in the judgment on July 25, said the waiting period is a precautionary provision to avoid any injustice to any party and rule out the possibility of reconciliation".

Once the court is satisfied that the parties have taken a conscious decision to separate and move ahead and there is no possibility of reconciliation, the court should adopt a realistic approach and exercise the discretion to waive the waiting period, Justice Godse said.

A copy of the order was made

available on Tuesday. The court granted a decree of dissolution of the marriage of the Pune-based couple who had sought divorce on grounds of mutual consent and also for the six-month waiting period

to be waived.

The purpose of the waiting period needs to be correctly understood while deciding the application for a waiver, Justice

## Woman killed, several injured after two houses collapse in Varanasi

PTI n VARANASI

43-year-old woman was Akilled and several people were injured after two old houses in the Khoya Gali Chowk near the Kashi Vishwanath temple Varanasi collapsed early on Tuesday, officials said.

Kaushal Raj Sharma said Prime Minister Narendra represents Varanasi in the Lok Sabha, was informed of the situation. "Two houses collapsed. One

belonged to a Mr Gupta in which there were nine people. The other house belonged to one Mr Yadav. Occupants of the second house came out easily while seven people from the first house had to be brought out of the debris,"

Of the seven people brought woman died. The rest are A woman police constable suffered injuries on her jaw, he

Officials said Premlata Gupta was brought out from the rubble and taken to a hospital where doctors declared her

The rescue operation is



underway to remove the debris, Sharma said.

Efforts are underway to supply to the area. The official said the second

and the third floors of the houses, which seemed to be more than 70 years old, The gate of the house

belonging to Yadav would be

debris, he said. "These houses are in old localities and there was a trend of building multiple houses on one wall. The lower floors are

still intact," he said. In a statement, Sharma said, "The prime minister sought information on the tragic incident over the phone. He

operation conducted by the NDRF (National Disaster administration and the treatment of the injured."

Modi also sought information about the people living in the houses and expressed his condolences to the family of the woman who died. He issued instructions to provide dest possible treatment to all the injured people free of

Police commissioner Mohit Agarwal said the injured were taken to the district hospital

"A woman constable was injured and she was sent to the Banaras Hindu University trauma centre. Doctors said she was out of danger," he said.

#### Over 50 students of ashram schools hospitalised due to suspected food poisoning

PTI n PALGHAR

At least 50 students from around 10 ashram schools in Dahanu taluka of Maharashtra's Palghar district fell ill due to suspected food poisoning on morning and were admitted to hospitals, officials said.

residential schools for tribal "More students. ashram schools under the Dahanu Project Integrated Development Project (ITDP) complained of vomiting and following which they have admitted to different health facilities in the district," Palghar Resident Deputy Collector Subhash Bhagade said. "The cause of the food is being probed. The students admitted to hospitals are undergoing treatment," he said. The affected schools are located in Dahanu, Palghar, Talasari and Vasai talukas of the district, officials said. As per an official report, students of an ashram scĥool at Rankol in Dahanu complained of vomiting, nausea, stomach pain and



fever hours after consuming dinner on Monday night. Around 3 am on Tuesday, nearly 28 girl students took ill and were rushed to a nearby health centre, where they are undergoing treatment, it said. Project Officer at the ITDP in Dahanu, Dr Satyam Gandhi, told PTI that none of the students admitted were serious. "Information about exactly how many students affected is compiled," he said. Another official said that food is supplied to these ashram schools from the central following the incident, the food samples have been collected for analysis. District Collector Govind Bodke along with health department and other officials are visiting the hospitals in Dahanu and Talasari talukas, where the students have been admitted, to take stock of the situation,

### Smuggling racket busted; 3 people with 6,626 dried seahorses arrested at Bengaluru airport

PTI n BENGALURU

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has busted a racket in smuggling of dried seahorses by arresting three people from Tamil Nadu with 6,626 seahorses at the Kempegowda International Airport here, a DRI official said on Tuesday. With this, the DRI Bengaluru

official claimed, a major smuggling network involved in the illegal trade of dried seahorses

Acting intelligence, DRI Bengaluru officers apprehended three individuals linked to this syndicate on August 3 at Terminal-1, Kempegowda Airport," he said. suspects were en route to Singapore via Mumbai, in a flight of a private airline, when their checked baggage was examinea, leading discovery of 6,626 (dried)

It's the biggest seizure of (dried) seahorses in recent times. The three passengers have been arrested and are under investigation. All of them are from Tamil Nadu and are in their mid 30s, the official

According to him, all species

classified under Schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, making their sale, purchase, and any form of illegal punishable. Furthermore, under Export

of seahorses in India are

Policy, the export of wild animals and marine species, including their parts and products, is strictly prohibited. Consequently, the seahorses 1962, in conjunction with the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, it was noted. DRI sources said that on

August 4, 2024, following a meticulously operation, the key figure orchestrating the smuggling operation was apprehended individual

the procurement and shipment of the seahorses to Singapore. The investigation is ongoing as authorities work to unravel the broader smuggling network operating between India and Southeast Asian countries," he

instrumental in coordinating

The DRI official said the demand for dried seahorses in Southeast Asian markets is primarily driven by their use in traditional medicine, gourmet

medicine, seahorses are prized for their supposed health benefits, while they are also considered a delicacy in some Additionally, their unique appearance makes them popular among enthusiasts, he added.

#### SC rejects challenge to prosecution under UAPA in Malegaon blast

PTI n NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected the plea filed by Sameer Kulkarni, arrested for his alleged involvement in the 2008 Malegaon blast challenging the sanction for prosecution granted by the Maharashtra Government Activities Prevention Act. A Bench of Justices MM Sundresh and Aravind Kumar said it was not inclined to interfere with the Bombay High Court order which dismissed Kulkarni's

interfere with the impugned judgement," the Bench said. Senior advocate Shyam appearing Kulkarni, submitted that the prosecution has not obtained sanction under Section 45 (2) of UAPA and therefore the charges under the UAPA cannot be sustained.

Divan said once the matter shifts to the National ought to be a sanction by the central Government.



plea.
"We find no reason to (Prevention) Act.

Investigation Agency, there The apex court on April 30 had stayed proceedings

against Kulkarni before the

special court.



order dated June 28, 2023 challenging the trial in the special NIA court, Mumbai, contending that it lacks the valid sanction granted by the competent authority in accordance with Section 45 of the Unlawful Activities

Six persons were killed and nearly 100 injured when a strapped motorcycle exploded in Malegaon town in Nashik district of Maharashtra on September 29, 2008. Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur and Lt Col Prasad Shrikant Purohit were arrested in the same year with nine others for the blast conspiracy. The NIA, which took over the probe from the Maharashtra ATS, gave a clean chit to Sadhvi Pragya.

#### 2018 arms haul case: HC grants bail to five accused citing prima facie insufficient evidence (IPC), Explosives Act and

PTI n MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court has granted bail to five persons arrested by the Maharashtra Anti Terrorism Squad (ATS) in connection with a 2018 arms haul case and for allegedly conspiring to attack the Sunburn festival in Pune, citing prima facie insufficient evidence to the conspiracy prove charge.

A division bench of Justices Bharati Dangre and Manjusha Deshpande, in the order of July 30, also took note of the long incarceration of accused persons with bleak chances of the trial ending soon.

The ATS arrested five persons in 2018 after it seized arms, ammunition and explosives from the residence of two other accused in the Nallasopara area of Thane district. The ATS had claimed the arms and explosives were to be used to target the Sunburn festival in Pune in December 2017.

The bench perused the witness statements and other evidence submitted by the prosecution in its chargesheet and said they were "insufficient". "We have prima facie

formed an opinion that statements charge before us," the court said. carried out.

was, in fact, successfully completed without any disturbance, but the arrest in the present case was made in the first week of August 2018, eight months after the programme was over," the court said. It further noted that the

insufficient to establish the conspiracy the appellants The court noted that none of the alleged attacks were The Sunburn programme

accused were arrested in

2018, and only two

summoned in the trial till

intends to examine 417

witnesses

date.

have

The prosecution

"The chances of timely

completion of trial appear to be bleak. Speedy trial has received recognition of the fundamental right of a person facing accusations," the bench said. The bench granted all five

accused bail on a personal bond of Rs 50,000 each and directed them to appear before the ATS's Mumbai office once a month and before the trial court for each hearing. The court was hearing five

appeals filed by the accused challenging a special court order denying them bail. The accused have been booked under various provisions of the Unlawful

Activities (Prevention) Act

(UAPA), Indian Penal Code

Explosive Substances Act. The five accused, Sujith Rangaswamy, Amit Baddi, Ganesh Miskin, Shrikant Pangarkar and Bharat Kurane, were arrested in

The ATS had, during the interrogation of two interrogation of two accused, Sharad Kalaskar and Vaibhav Raut, raided their residential premises seized ammunition and explosives from Nallasopara.

Based on the duo's statements, 10 others were

The ATS's case was that the accused persons were active members of right-wing groups, Sanatan Sanstha Hindu Janjagruti Samiti, and were influenced by the philosophy of creation of a 'Hindu Rashtra'

According prosecution, the accused had formed a gang to oppose anti-Hindu elements in the society. They conspired to target music festivals and shows, including the Sunburn festival in Pune in 2017. It alleged that the accused had planned to disrupt the

festival by throwing stones

and petrol bombs, creating

a ruckus using firearms and

#### 20 years' pursuit: CBI arrests offender, proclaimed dead by court in SBI fraud case

PTI n HYDERABAD

The CBI has arrested V Chalapathi Rao, a offender absconding for 20 years in a bank fraud case who was declared dead a few years ago by a court here. A press release from the premier investigating agency on Monday said V Chalapathi Rao avoided arrest by frequently changing his identity and locations. In May 2002, the CBI had registered a case against the accused, working then as a computer operator at SBI Chandulal Biradari Branch, Hyderabad following allegations that he cheated the bank to the tune of Rs. 50 lakh on the basis of fabricated quotations of electronic shops and fake salary certificates created in the names of his family members and close associates. The CBI filed two chargesheets on December 31, 2004. The accused has been missing since 2004. His wife, who is also an accused in the fraud case lodged a complaint with the city police. She had also moved the Civil Court to declare the absconding accused as dead, seven years after he allegedly went missing. Subsequently, an order was passed by a civil court of Hyderabad. The accused constantly changed



identity. However, the CBI relentlessly pursued leads and finally nabbed him in a village in Tamil Nadu. As per information gathered by CBI, the accused had fled to Salem and married a lady in 2007 by changing his name as M. Vineet Kumar and obtained an Aadhaar number as well. Through his second wife, the CBI got information that the PO was in touch with his son out of his first marriage. However, in 2014 he left Salem without any information and reached Bhopal where he agent and then shifted to Rudrapur in Uttarakhand, where he worked in a School. When the team reached Rudrapur, it was found that he had fled in 2016 and shifted to an Ashram, in Verul village, Aurangabad. It was further discovered that the accused changed his name as Swamy Vidhitatmanand Teertha and also obtained an Aadhaar Card

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PAPER WITH PASSION—

#### Ignominious exit

Sheikh Hasina resigns as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and flies to India leaving New Delhi in a quandary

t was writing on the wall which Sheikh Hasina the former Prime Minister of Bangladesh could not read. The people had turned against her. No wonder she had no choice but to resign and leave for the friendly country, India. The protests over the past few months paralysed Bangladesh. The initial spark was the students' demand for doing away with the reservation for the relatives of freedom fighters which evolved into a broader demand for political reforms and the resignation of Hasina Government. The unrest reached a crescendo, with more than 100 deaths in violent clashes between protesters and security forces. Protesters eventually stormed her official residence. Sheikh Hasina's political career has been a roller coaster ride. She is the daughter of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding leader and first President of Bangladesh. Hasina's political journey began in earnest after the assassination of her father and most of her family members in 1975. Exiled in India during the subsequent military regimes in Bangladesh, Hasina was elect-

> ed as the President of the Awami League in 1981. She returned to Bangladesh in 1981. She was instrumental in reviving the Awami League and making it a formidable political force.

Sheikh Hasina first became Prime Minister in 1996 after the Awami League won the general elections. Allegations of corruption and political instability led to her party's defeat in the 2001 elections. But she returned to power in 2009 after the Awami League's landslide victory in the 2008 elections. Her subsequent terms as Prime Minister (2009-2024) have been marked by significant economic growth but also highhandedness which ultimately led to her downfall. Her tenure has

been marked by efforts to consolidate power, leading to accusations of authoritarianism and suppression of dissent. But the fact remains that under her leadership, Bangladesh has made significant strides in poverty reduction, women's empowerment, and achieving key development milestones. After a long rule of 15-years she was out of sync with the ground realities; calling people traitors and clamping curfew and issuing shooting orders were grave mistakes which she had to pay for. Her ouster has put New Delhi in fix. India will now have to navigate the uncharted choppy waters of diplomacy in the Bay of Bengal. The alternatives to Hasina's government include the right-wing Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), the Jatiya Party, and the army, all of which perceive India as a dominant influence and would like to keep her at bay. The volatility in Bangladesh raises security concerns for India, particularly in the border regions. Sheikh Hasina's departure has significantly altered the political dynamics. No matter who replaces Hasina it would adversely affect Indo-Bangladesh relations. Bangladesh may now move closer to China. New Delhi will have to deal with the interim government and make friends with the BNP and Jatiya party not to mention the army Generals who would be calling the shots for a while till new elections take place.





People walk to their work as torrential rains lash Shimla

# Why a national security strategy is vital for India



The military has always codified its practices and procedures for institutional memory. So why is the Government shy of it and using the CDS to justify it?

t is official now. After a decade of speculation over not whether and when a National Security Strategy (NSS) will be prepared and released, we were told that a written NSS is not needed. India's second CDS, Gen Anil Chauhan, recently said at India International Centre New Delhi while releasing the book Indian Craft of War, that a National Security Policy, using the term as an alternative to NSS, was not needed in writing. He added: "we have practices and processes in place....otherwise how did we do Article 370; handle COVID; Balakot air strikes..." A cerebral retired General noted, "it is in the head". <

That we have gone on for 75 years without NSS does not mean we don't need one. The strategic ambiguity over not naming adversaries, missions, risks and opportunities is not worth a naya paisa in the contemporary geopolitical context. The contradiction is this: in the cradle of strategic thinking, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, its Commandant, Lt Gen Verinder Vats, regularly underlines the virtues of NSS to his triservice students. There is no merit in explaining why a written document is necessary, indeed All democracies, even authoritar-

ian regimes have an NSS or White Paper on defence and security. For starters you can open former COAS Gen MM Ñaravane's latest unreleased book, Four Stars of Destiny, to learn of his unenviable predicament in waiting for orders during a grave and critical operational situation on LAC post-Galwan. Tragically, the Indian military has shied away from demanding a White Paper, Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) or any political guidance from the ruling political class. At a recent seminar on national security at New Delhi's IIC, former NSA Shiv Shankar Menon disclosed categorically that during the UPA regime, a draft NSS was prepared thrice but it never saw the light of day. For Menon's presentation, the discussant was former defence security NN Vohra, former Governor J&K, and Principal Secretary to



mer Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran who was chairing the event. All three stated that the absence of political will let the NSS drafts collect dust. This raises the issue of the role and responsibility of not only civil servants but also more importantly of Service Chiefs who fail to persuade or even gently coerce the PM/RM on the issuance of written directives. In their single-service operational mission papers, they guesstimate their likely missions from the speeches of the Prime Minister during the Combined Commanders' Conferences or elsewhere. The BJP/NDA government has fared no better than the UPA in providing political guidance to the armed forces. Its stellar achievement though was the creation of CDS, which for lack of consensus both among the armed forces and the political class, remained missing for decades.

Then, in a burst of zeal, the BJP announced the appointment of CDS in December 2019 without consulting anyone. It is now stuck in the old groove of securing consensus among the military over theorisation. It has taken a full five and a half years for RM Rajnath Singh to state, that too, in response to

**BURDEN OF OVER TOURISM** 

Madam — Apropos the article, "The global crisis of over-tourism", published

on August 5, this is my response. With tourism expanding globally all the time,

the term 'overtourism' is becoming a

concern, which highlights the spiralling number of visitors taking a toll on cities,

landmarks and landscapes. As tourist

numbers worldwide returned towards

pre-pandemic levels, the debate around

what constitutes 'too many' visitors continues. Dealing with overtourism,

therefore, has become a priority. But

despite the mounting howls of protest,

tourism promotion endures and unsus-

tainable hordes of tourists continue to

descend on cities, beaches and other nat-

ural wonders. In an effort to manage the

flow of tourists, some cities have taken



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a question during an interview with PTI in May that consensus is growing among the services. Also in May, Gen Chauhan stated during a lecture at USI New Delhi that theorisation was "imminent" though "there were differences over reforms". As CDS has become synonymous with theatrisation the government needs to be as decisive in setting a deadline for its blueprint and implementation as it was in appointing the CDS.

But the IAF, especially has been saying that an NSS is a prerequisite to theatrisation. În 2018 when the Defence Planning Committee was created under NSA Ajit Doval, it was widely expected that an NSS would be prepared by it. It is no secret that two drafts of NSS are lying with Doval – one prepared by Integrated Defence Staff and another by NSC Secretariate in 2021-22. But Gen Chauhan has closed the door to a scripted NSS though he did release last month a written tri-service cyber-space doctrine. Earlier, a tri-service Training Doctrine was also released which attracted severe criticism for its loopholes. One can ask how these documents can be written when there is no NSS and National Detence Strategy India is the only emerging power with the fifth largest economy and fourth largest armed forces that does not

have an NSS/NSP though it has fought four short wars, lost one, won one with the remaining two ending in stalemate - and one casualty-ridden successful border skir-

There is hardly any mention or recognition of India's first outof-area 32-month IPKF CIS mission in Sri Lanka where coercive diplomacy failed even as 1171 Bravehearts sacrificed their lives. The CDS recently called IPKF a minor operation. High time an NSS was written after a strategic defence review. I can vouch for it as a member of the Defence Planning Staff, the forerunner of IDS, which produced the country's first Defence Plan 2000 in 1988 after conducting a Security and Technology Environment Review that was lauded in Parliament. It was possible due to the political guidance from RRM Arun Singh and three dynamic service chiefs. The military has always codified its practices, processes, and procedures to be good for institutional memory. So why is the government shy of doing it and using CDS to justify it

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## Suppressing scientific studies is injurious to nation's health



Limiting scientific inquiry not only jeopardises public safety but also undermines trust in the authorities responsible for managing such crises

The recent instance of the Kerala government's contentious gag order banning scientific institutions from studying the land slide-affected areas of Wayand has been met with resistance from the scientific community and civil society. Hours later, the order was withdrawn at the behest of the state's Chief Minister. But what is still worrying is how a government or a bureaucrat drafts such an insane order restricting the scientific community from undertaking any studies at Meppadi Panchayat, Wayanad, where the multiple landslides occurred on the morning of July 30 and airing their views to the media. Whatever has happened in Wayanad in the Western Ghats region or the Uttarakhand or Himachal Pradesh in the Himalayan belt is due to the hiding of scientific information from the

If scientists communicate with the public rather than politicians or policymakers, it brings more validity and acceptance to society. Once we take the public into confidence, it can bring positive changes to society.



These occurrences have emphasised the urgent requirement for thorough catastrophe planning and response methods, encompassing catastrophic earthquakes and tsunamis, industrial mishaps, and pandemics. An essential component in formulating these strategies is the implementation of scientific research carried out at disaster sites. Research conducted at catastrophe sites can improve preparedness and response techniques, ultimately preserving lives and mitigating economic losses in future occurrences. Imposing restrictions on scientific study threatens the general population's safety and erodes people's confidence in the authorities and organisations responsible for managing dis-

asters. Freedom of scientific

expression is crucial for all

types of scientific research. To

foster the continuous acquisition of knowledge, it is essential to create an atmosphere where scientists can openly communicate their ideas, exchange discoveries, and provide constructive criticism to one another without any concerns about being censored or facing negative consequences.

Impeding scientific studies and suppressing the freedom of expression within the scientific community presents a severe danger to the advancement and credibility of Science. Science and scientific facts reveal the truth because researchers conduct systematic studies. In that case, why should one hide it from the media or the public? Unfortunately, every scientist in the country needs approval from their higher-ups to publish a paper or even a popular science article.

A committee of few who don't have any work except criticising others oversees the author's creativity. It's a pathetic situation. It's like making things more complicated so that no one dares to venture into new things. Over the past few years, there has been a concerning increase in the occurrence and severity of catastrophes, including those caused by nature and human activities. These occurrences have emphasised the crucial requirement for thorough catastrophe planning and response methods. During the Joshimath sinking incident, there were reports of ISRO satellite images that showed that many parts of the Himalayas, including the famous Shimla ridge, were sinking. Unfortunately, that report soon vanished from the public domain. Had the information been available, people would be prepared to move from these regions instead of clinging to it.Restricting scientific investigation and hiding the information can lead to misinterpretation by unscrupulous historians, who may distort the true scientific explanations of natural disasters for their interest. This could harm future generations comprehension of the scientific causes underlying these calamities. (The writer is an adjunct fac-

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drastic measures to limit the effects of overtourism, including the introduction of new revised taxation arrangements and fines linked to new local laws. But it's a fine line to tread. If tourist arrivals see a dramatic decline, it would likely have considerable economic repercussions for those who rely on them. Tourism should be part of the wider destination management system, which must also consider transport and mobility, the preservation of public spaces, the local economy and housing, among other aspects of daily life. Therefore, research, planning and a close dialogue among city administrators, the tourism industry, civil society groups and local residents are essential. Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

#### **DEATH OF SENITATION WORKERS**

Madam — In the span of last six months, 43 sanitation workers lost their lives while cleaning sewers and septic tanks. These deaths took place despite manual scavenging has been banned and several policy measures have subsequently been put in place to prevent it. The fact is that despite recognising the dehumanising nature of their occupation and under-

standing how their caste status further

#### Djokovic wins gold medal



point in the second game of the opener and three more in the

coerces them into such jobs, manual scavengers continue to undertake such hazardous work due to the absence of other means of livelihood or supplementary income. The elephant in the room is, of course, entrenched caste identities that ensure that marginalised communities cannot break free of generational cycles of dehumanising, inherited labour.

The allocation of mere Rs 117 cr in budget to enable Mechanised Sanitation is nowhere near enough to curb this menace. While investment in mechanisation is important, it will be useless without the provision of alternative livelihood options for safai karamcharis.

Interventions, thus, need to be holistic and operate on multiple fronts. For instance, incentives for educating the families of manual scavengers must be accompanied by endeavours to plug legal loopholes and open up avenues of sustenance. State and society must actively work together to address questions about the safety, dignity and rehabilita-

tion of manual scavengers. N Sadhasiva Reddy Bengaluru

fourth, all saved by the Spaniard but the vintaged tennis won the first gold medal for the veteran tennis player.

Then it was Serb's turn to demonstrate his famed powers of resilience off three break points in the fifth game and another five in a marathon ninth In a roller-coaster duel, Alcaraz served a set point in the 12th game but his senior opponent dominated the tie break to claim the opener after 93 minutes on court Phillippe Chartier. There

was no let up in the second set and the serve volley game saw veteran Djokovic having greater control in the tie-break to win the game, set, match and the gold medal in a scintillating display of tennis.

Jayanthy CK Maniam | Mumbai

#### **SHEIKH HASINA RESIGNS**

Madam — Now that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh has resigned, a new chapter begins in the country's history. This could be a positive sign for a brighter future. On Sunday, fierce clashes in Bangladesh resulted in the deaths of 91 people, and last month, around 150 demonstrated against the government's failure to address conflicts. This illustrates that the government has been too arrogant and stubborn to describe.

The Bangladeshi Government lost the touch with ground reality and ignored the concerns of its people. It is not rocket science to implement a few amendments in the quota system, but the government's behavior had been arrogant to say the least. It only confined itself to the welfare of its supporters. There is hope for a prompt restoration of stability in the neighboring country.

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### **FIRST COLUMN**

#### **ACCEPTANCE - THE KEY TO REDUCING SUFFERING**

When we accept reality, our anger tends to decrease and the pain subsides considerably



BY RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR NIKUNJ JI

■ f you ask anyone what is suffering? they would simply say that it is something that's caused by or is a result of negative events I that happen in our life. However, this is not so, because in an actual sense, suffering is never what happens, it is how you feel about what happens in your life. We must understand that suffering is a feeling and our strongest feelings are nothing but our emotions, and when emotions get negative, they give pain. So, in simple words, suffering is our resistance to our negative emotions and our pain. It's a pain about our pain. Hence, we must understand the fact that suffering is the result of OUR emotions and not the events of our Lives.

We all experience pain in our day-to-day lives because it's inevitable and it is a part of being human. However, how many of us have pondered over this philosophical question of life – "What Causes Us PAIN?" or "What is the Cause of Our Negative Emotions?". Our pain might stem from losing a dear one, losing our job, a bad breakup, a fatal accident or undergoing any other kind of trauma or situation. However, when we hide from facing or accepting reality, we create suffering. Therefore, it should be clearly understood that we are the sole creator of good and bad in our lives and hence it's futile to blame others by saying things like — It's not fair, why Me? this shouldn't have happened with me at least or I can't bear this anymore! etc...



There is a deep instinct in most of us to fight the pain we experience deep within, however, in most cases it backfires and we end up experiencing double the pain. The reason behind this is our tendency to avoid and, in some cases, hide our pain or pretend that it isn't present. Deep within we might ruminate about our suffering, without doing anything about it because of our stubbornness

A wise person would instead accept the reality and become light instead of getting heavy on the mind because accepting simply means that you stop trying to deny your reality and you acknowledge it because sometimes accepting the painful emotions can reduce our suffering because we are no longer running from them or pushing them away. It however does not mean that you approve of a situation or that you don't want it to change, it's all about reducing our suffering, so if you have been hurt by someone, it's best to accept that YES you were hurt and then move on with your life rather than pondering over why, how, what.... Remember! To forgive or not is each one's prerogative, but acceptance is necessary for moving forward in life or else we would get stuck in a quag-

mire of wasted thoughts. Once we accept reality, our anger tends to decrease and the painful situation loses the power it has over us. There is no denying the fact that emotional pain is an intrinsic part of all our lives, however, we create needless suffering when we don't accept reality. When we practice acceptance, we let ourselves move on, we open the door to freedom and we take steps to improve our lives. Most of us may find it hard to accept reality and still prefer to wait for time and situations to change, however in doing so, we forget that time does not heal everything, but acceptance will heal everything.

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# Need for rationalising taxes on fertilisers



The GST Council, responsible for tax rate decisions has yet to resolve the tax discrepancies despite multiple discussions and recommendations

or over five years now, the fer-tilizer industry has been facing an 'inverted duty structure'. Inverted duty structure refers to a situation in which raw materials (RMs) are taxed at a higher rate than finished products in whose manufacture these are used. But, there was little that the Budget presented by the Union Finance Minister (UFM) Nirmala Sitharaman on July 23, 2024, could do to

Fertilizers and RMs used in their making are mostly taxed under the GST (Goods and Services Tax) regime. The GST Council - headed by the UFM that includes finance ministers from all States and UTs - has the mandate to fix tax rates besides deciding the procedures for registration, payment of taxes, GST return filing, and other related matters. So, the responsibility for fixing any anomalies in their taxation also lies with the GST Council.

The issue was discussed in the 45th (September 2021) and 47th(June 2022) meetings of the GST Council; but no decision could be taken.

Meanwhile, on August 9, 2023, the Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilisers recommended that the Union Government propose to the GST Council to reduce tax rates on fertilizers as well as RMs used in their making. In its 53rd meeting held on June 22, 2024, the Council referred the matter to the Group of Ministers (GoM) on rate rationalization to a take holistic view.

At the outset, let us look at the present structure of taxing fertilizers.

To make fertilizers affordable to farmers, the government controls their maximum retail price (MRP) at a low level, unrelated to the cost of production and distribution, and reimburses the excess of the cost over MRP as a subsidy to the manufacturers. In the case of urea, the MRP is about one-tenth of the cost, whereas for all other fertilizers, the price is nearly one-third.

When the government spends heavily from its budget to make fertilizers available to farmers at a fraction of their cost, it makes no sense to impose a tax on them. This increases the cost, only to be reimbursed as an additional subsidy, to the manufacturers. It is a typical case of taking from one hand and giving back

Two major components of the fertilizer supply chain are taxed under two different regimes: one under GST and the other under the pre-GST regime. All finished fertilizers such as Urea, di-ammonium phosphate (DAP), ammonium sulphate etc are taxed under GST at 5 per cent. Most RMs such as sulfuric acid, ammonia, phosphoric acid etc (these are used for making DAP and other complex fertilizers) are also covered under GST. COST, ONLY TO BE While sulfuric acid and ammonia are levied 18 per cent GST, phosphoric acid attracts 12 per cent tax.

However, natural gas (NG), used for the manufacture of all domestic urea, is taxed under the pre-GST regime. Electricity, a utility intrinsic to the fertilizer-making process, is also kept outside GST.

GST is a single nationwide tax with a provision for set-off tax paid on inputs. It subsumes within it more than a dozen taxes from the pre-GST era, namely cen-



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ON THEM. THIS **INCREASES THE** REIMBURSED AS AN ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY, TO THE **MANUFACTURERS**  tral excise duty (CED), service when it is consumed by the existing 12-18 per cent to 5 per tax, and sales tax/value-added tax Union Government or the cent in line with the recommen-(VAT). The Constitutional Amendment Act of 2016 on GST, while providing for the inclusion of NG (besides other petroleum products such as petrol, diesel, ATF etc) under its ambit, kept it 'zero-rated' meaning it continues to be under the pre-GST regime. The GST Council has put fixing the rate for NG (besides ATF) on its agenda umpteen times only to

Taxing under pre-GST results in a cascading effect on the cost of NG and electricity. Gas companies like Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) are outside the GST ambit and can't claim credit for the taxes paid on their purchases of inputs, consumables, and equipment, leading to a higher price. Even as NG attracts nil CED on supplies to fertilizer plants, its delivered cost is boosted by VAT, which can be as high as 24.5 per cent in Andhra

Other local taxes, for instance, Gujarat's "purchase tax" on that portion of inputs consumed for making urea that is sold outside the state, also add to the cost. In the case of electricity, power companies don't get any credit for taxes paid on inputs viz., equipment, stores, and so on, used in its generation and distribution, leading to higher costs.

Further, under the Constitution, entry 53 in the State List of the Seventh Schedule empowers states to impose tax (or electricity duty) on the sale and consumption of electricity, except

Union Government or the Railways. For electricity duty, too, electricity companies don't get any offset. This further exacerbates the cost of power supplied to fertilizer plants. Even in areas where the materi-

als are covered under GST hence, no cost cascading effect, the inverted tax structure plays a spoiler. The higher GST levied on ammonia/sulfuric acid/phosphoric acid as against much lower GST on finished fertilizers results in an 'unabsorbed' input tax credit (ITC), as the output tax falls far short of the input tax. The situation gets exacerbated because of the government's control over the MRP of fertilizers at a low level.

Considering that the cost of making fertilizer available to farmers (sans taxes) by itself is substantially higher than the price the Union Government wants them to pay, ideally, it shouldn't levy any tax as the proceeds from such levy will have to be paid back as an additional subsidy. Even if it wants to levy, ideally, all components in the supply chain have to be brought under GST and fertilizers, and all inputs and RMs should be in the lowest tax slab of 5 per cent.

While the tax rate on fertilizers is already 5 per cent, this will require lowering the tax rate on all RMs viz. ammonia/sulfuric acid/phosphoric acid from the current 18/12 per cent to 5 per cent. The tax on micronutrients such as zinc (Zn), boron (B), manganese (Mn), iron (Fe) etc should also be lowered from the

dation of the Standing Committee as their importance for plant growth and ensuring balanced nutrient use. NG and power should be brought under GST and taxed at @5 per cent. Lowering tax on RMs by itself won't address the problem of unabsorbed ITC. This is because the MRP of finished fertilizers is substantially lower than the cost, even with the same GST, tax paid on RMs/inputs would still be higher than output tax liability. This can be resolved only when the government gives subsidies to farmers under direct benefit transfer (DBT) and lets manufac-

farmers. Lowering tax on ammonia/sulfuric acid/phosphoric acid on supplies to fertilizer manufacturers to accommodate their special needs but leaving GST on supplies to other industries such as detergents, paints, dyes, plastics, etc unchanged can lead to largescale diversion and misuse as it is impossible to track every grain of supply and ensure that it is used for the intended purpose. We have seen this happening in the case of urea where setting its MRP at a low level prompts

turers charge full price from the

diversion. Diversion/misuse is inevitable in any regime of differential taxation/pricing based on the end use of the product. The only way to prevent it and yet meet the intended objective is DBT. Well, this is shaping up!

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

### India's abolition of Angel tax: A major boost for startups and investment

The removal of this tax, combined with procedural simplifications, promises to create a more dynamic and supportive environment for startups

Minister Nirmala seventh Budget, has proposed to abolish the Angel Tax, a significant move aimed at bolstering the Indian startup ecosystem. This tax had long been a contentious issue between startups and the Income Tax Department, acting as a major hindrance to growth and investment.

The abolition of this tax, if coupled with procedural simplifications, could indeed be a game-changer, fostering a more vibrant and dynamic startup ecosystem that encourages innovation and entrepreneurship. The Angel Tax, essentially a tax on capital raised by unlisted companies through the issue of



shares, was introduced under Section 56(2)(viii) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. It taxed investments above the fair market value of a company as 'Income from other sources', primarily affecting angel investors. The excess realization was considered income and taxed accordingly. This provision, while well-intentioned to curb money laun-

genuine investments and This, in turn, will stimulate became a nightmare for startups. The abolition of this tax removes a significant barrier that has long hindered the growth of startups and discouraged investment. Startups can now raise capital without the looming fear of being taxed on perceived excess valuations, which often did not account for the future growth prospects and potential of This move aligns with the government's broader agenda of promoting innova-

these young companies. tion, employment, education, skilling, and research. The abolition of the Angel Tax is expected to boost the entire startup ecosystem by making it easier for startups dering, ended up stifling to attract investments.

economic growth and job comprehensive digitalization of taxpayer services and the simplification of the GST tax structure are indicative of the government's commitment to digitalization, which will benefit tech startups across various fields such as education, healthcare, and taxation.India has been a global leader in creating successful entrepreneurship opportunities in recent years. The investor community,

including high-net-worth individuals (HNIs), foreign funds, venture capitalists, and angel investors, has remained bullish on the growth potential of the Indian startup ecosystem.



However, the Angel Tax had cast a shadow over this optimism, causing significant distress among startups and investors alike. While the government's initiatives such as Startup India, Stand-up India, and Digital India have provided a favourable environment for startups, the Angel Tax was a significant pain point.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) had even

shaken the startup ecosystem by directly deducting respond to such applicaincome tax under Section 68 from the bank accounts of certain startups on unex-plained cash credits. The abolition of the Angel Tax, coupled with the recent notification simplifying compliance procedures, reflects the government's responsiveness to the concerns of the startup community.

Startups no longer need to procure a fair market value certificate issued by a merchant banker or seek approval from an inter-ministerial board. Instead, they can request angel tax exemption from the Department of Industrial Policy Promotion (DIPP) with the necessary supporting docu-

es to remove a significant barrier to startup growth tions within 45 days, providand investment. However, ing much-needed clarity and for this initiative to truly be certainty to startups. While the abolition of the Angel a game-changer, it must be accompanied by procedural Tax is a significant step forward, its impact will depend simplifications and a supportive regulatory environon the implementation and further simplifications of The government's continprocedures. The focus should be on creating a startup-friendly regulatory environment that encourages investment and innovation. The government's emphasis on digital public infrastructure and the digitalization of the economy

will also play a crucial role

in supporting tech startups

and fostering a culture of

innovation. Overall, the abo-

lition of the Angel Tax is a

welcome move that promis-

ued focus on innovation, digitalization, and economic growth will be crucial in realizing the full potential of this policy change. This could very well mark the beginning of a new era for the Indian startup ecosystem, driving innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic growth in the years to

(The author is a senior journalist and the views expressed are personal)

## Judge in Trump's hush money case delays date for ruling on presidential immunity

The judge in Donald Trump's hush money trial is pushing back a date for a key ruling on presidential immunity until two days before Trump's scheduled

The immunity decision had been due September 6, with the sentencing set for September 18. But then Trump's lawyers asked Judge Juan M. Merchan last week to rule first on their renewed bid to get the judge to step aside from the case.

In a letter made public on Tuesday, Judge Juan M. Merchan postponed the immunity ruling to September 16 — if it's still needed after he decides next week whether to recuse him-

presidential nominee is still due in court September 18 for "the imposition of sentence or other proceedings as Trump lawyer Todd Blanche

Merchan said the Republican

and the Manhattan district attorney's office, which is prosecuting the case, declined to comment.

A jury found Trump guilty in



records to conceal a deal to pay off porn actor Stormy Daniels shortly before the 2016 election. At the time, she was considering going public with a story of a sexual encounter with Trump a decade earlier.

Trump's former lawyer Michael Cohen paid Daniels and was later reimbursed by Trump, whose company logged the repayment as legal expenses. Prosecutors said that was an effort to disguise the true nature of the transactions and the underlying hush money deal.

maintains he did nothing

politically motivated. Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg

is a Democrat.

Trump's lawyers say the Supreme Court's July ruling on presidential immunity warrants overturning the May guilty verdict and entirely dismissing the hush money case against Trump. The defence also contends that the trial was "tainted" by evidence that should not have been allowed under the high court's ruling, such as testimony from some Trump White House staffers and Trump denies Daniels' claim, tweets he sent while presi-

prosecutions of ex-presidents for official acts and restricts prosecutors in pointing to official acts as evidence that a commander in chief's unofficial actions were illegal.

The Manhattan district attorney's office maintains that the high court's opinion "has no bearing" on the hush money case because it involves unofficial acts for which the former president is

Meanwhile, Trump's lawyers asked Merchan last week, for a third time, to exit the case, saying his daughter's work for Vice President Kamala Harris' 2020 presidential campaign underscores questions about his ability to be impartial. Harris is now the Democratic nominee for president.

Merchan rejected two prior recusal requests last year, saying the defense's concerns were "hypothetical" and based on "innuendos" and "unsupported speculation". But Trump lawyer Todd Blanche argued that Harris entry into the presidential race makes those issues "even more concrete" and said the judge hadn't addressed them

## **Indian mission in UK issues safety** advisory amid violent clashes

The High Common on London on The High Commission of Tuesday issued a safety advisory for Indian nationals to "stay vigilant and exercise due caution" amid ongoing violent clashes which have targeted immigrants and asylum-seekers in parts of the UK since last week. The advisory posted on the social media channels of the Indian mission also provides emergency contact information for anyone in need of urgent assistance. It comes a week after the fatal stabbing of three young girls in Southport, north-west England, and incorrect social media claims over

seeker status. "Indian travellers would be aware of recent disturbances in some parts of the United Kingdom. The High Commission of India in London is closely monitoring the situation," reads the mes-sage entitled 'Advisory for deal with prison capacity

the UK-born suspect's asylum-

"Visitors from India are advised to stay vigilant and exercise due caution while travelling in the UK. It is advisable to follow local news and advisories issued by local security agencies, and to avoid areas where protests are underway," it added. The contact provided for India House at Aldwych, London, in case of an emergency is: +44-2078369147 and inf.london@mea.gov.in.

Birmingham in the north and Plymouth in southern England witnessed the latest scenes of clashes between two sets of protesters overnight on

A man is in a serious condition in hospital after being attacked in a suspected hate crime in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and police officers were attacked with bricks in Darlington, northern England.

The British government said

an expected rise in prisoners due to rioting after hundreds of arrests have been

"I think we have seen serious acts of violence designed to cause terror to a section of our community," Neil Basu, the former head of counter-terrorism policing, told the BBC. Basu also blamed social media

companies for not taking tough enough action to clampdown on misinformation and said "we should be appealing" to advertisers to cut the funding of social media giants if responsibility was not exercised.

Meanwhile, the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) and Department for Science, Innovation and Technology are investigating the role of foreign state actors amplifying misinformation and disinformation about the UK riots, including cracking down on automated online bots.

"Clearly we have seen bot activity online, much of which may

well be amplified with the involvement of state actors amplifying some of the disinformation and misinformation that we've seen," said Prime Minister Keir Starmer's official spokesperson, but declined to say which states may be

On Monday after a high-level COBRA security meeting, Starmer pledged a "standing army" of specialist officers to stamp out the riots across several cities in the country, which he has termed as "far-right

"I've asked for the early consideration of the earliest naming and identification of those involved in the process, who will feel the full force of the law," he said.

Many of his own Labour Party MPs and Opposition members are calling for Parliament to be recalled from its summer recess to debate the issue, but Starmer has so far insisted the government needs to focus on restoring calm on the streets.

## At least 24 killed in hotel owned by Awami League leader in B'desh

t least 24 people, includ-Aing an Indonesian national, were burnt alive by a mob in Bangladesh at a starred hotel owned by a leader of Awami League party after its leader Sheikh Hasina resigned as prime minister and fled the country, local journalists and hospital sources said on

The victims, mostly boarders, were burnt alive late on Monday night as the mob set afire Zabir International Hotel owned by district Awami League general secretary Shahin Chakkladar in Joshor district."The dead included an Indonesian national," a local journalist told PTI in Dhaka

He added the doctors at Joshor General Hospital confirmed they counted 24 bodies while surviving hotel staff feared more bodies could be found siae the aebris.

Media reports suggested unidentified mob, opposed to the Awami League (AL) regime, set the ground floor of the hotel on fire which quick-

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regional war.

war in Gaza.

An Israeli airstrike on a village

in southern Lebanon killed

four people, the country's

Health Ministry said. Later

Tuesday, Lebanon's Hezbollah

launched a drone attack on

northern Israel, wounding five people, in response to the

killing of one of its fighters.

Israel and Hezbollah have

exchanged near-daily strikes for

the past 10 months during the

Leaders in Egypt and Turkiye

say they are exhausting all

avenues possible to prevent

the Israel-Hamas war from

becoming a wider regional

conflict after the killings of a

senior Hezbollah commander

in Lebanon and Hamas' top

political leader in Iran. But

İsraeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu told his

Cabinet over the weekend that

Israel is already in a "multifront war" with Iran and its



There were almost identical wnere the angry mob simultaneously vandalised residences and business establishments of many Awami in to fill the power vacuum. including its central office in ture spread, Dhaka and other riors.

capital. Bangladesh descended into chaos on Monday after battered South Asian nation Hasina resigned, surreptitious ly fled the country and landed in India while the army stepped League leaders and activists, As the news of Hasina's depar-

Hezbollah launches drone attack in northern Israel

launched a drone attack target-

ing army bases in northern

Israel in retaliation for the

Hezbollah since the start of the Gaza war

round of violence in the already with mobs resorting to street violence, vandalising government property and even breaking into Hasina's government residence and looting the inte-

said it was treating one severe-

number" of drones entered

from Lebanon, one of which

was intercepted. It said sever-

al civilians were wounded

near the coastal town of

Nahariya, some 6 kilometres

south of the border, without

giving a precise

#### US urges its citizens not to travel to Bangladesh

PTI n WASHINGTON

The United States on Tuesday recommended its citizens not to travel to Bangladesh, witnessing civil unrest, crime, and terrorism following the resignation and fleeing of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

Elevating its travel advisory to the highest 'Level 4: Do Not Travel' category, the US State Department has also recommended the departure of nonemergency US government employees and family members. Over 100 people have been killed in the violence across Bangladesh as chaos reigned supreme hours after Hasina resigned as prime minister and fled the country on Monday, amid signs of a return

On August 5, 2024, the Department ordered the departure of non-emergency US gov ernment employees and family members. Travellers should not travel to Bangladesh due to ongoing civil unrest in Dhaka," the State Department said in its

Travellers should be aware of petty crimes such as pickpocketing in crowded areas, the advisory said, adding that crimes such as muggings, burglaries, assaults, and illegal drug trafficking constitute the majority of criminal activity in Bangladesh's major cities, but there are no indications foreigners are being targeted because of their nationality. These crimes tend to be situational, based on time and location, it

According to the travel advisory, terrorist attacks can happen with little or no warning, with terrorists targeting public areas such as tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, restaurants, places of worship, school campuses, and government facilities.

Because of security concerns, US Embassy personnel in Bangladesh are subject to some movement and travel restrictions. The US government may have limited ability to provide emergency services to US citizens in Bangladesh due to these travel restrictions, a lack of infrastructure, and limited host government emergency response resources," it added.



Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer welcomes Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al Said, the Sultan of Oman to 10 Downing Street in

## Kamala Harris picks Minnesota **Gov Tim Walz as running mate**

US Vice President Kamala Harris, who is of Indian and African heritage, has formally secured the Democratic presidential nomination becoming the first Indian-American to win the nomination from a major political party and chose Minnesota Gov Tim Walz as her running

mate on Tuesday. Harris, 59, would face Republican presidential candidate and former president Donald Trump, 78, in the general elections scheduled to be held on November 5.

Harris picked Minnesota Govenor Tim Walz, 60, to be her running mate on Tuesday morning ahead of the Philadelphia rally, Washington Post said quoting sources. Walz has served 12 years in Congress before he became

Minnesota governor in 2018. Earlier last month, Harris abruptly thrust into the role of presidential candidate after President Joe Biden withdrew from the race for the White



Harris' nomination became official on Monday night after she received 99 per cent of the votes of the pledged and automatic delegates at the conclusion of the roll call vote after a five-day round of online balloting by Democratic National Convention delegates.

As many as 4,567 delegates from across the country cast their vote for Harris.

The next steps in the nominating process include the certification of the roll call by the

joint statement. Last Friday, Harris was declared the 2024 presidential nominee of the ruling Democratic Party after she won enough votes from Democratic delegates in a virtual roll call.

Jason Rae, and the acceptance

of the nomination by Harris

and her running mate, certified

by DNC Chair (DNCC)

The Convention is to be held in

Chicago from August 19 to 22.

'With the support of 99 per

cent of all participating dele-

gates in the virtual roll call, Vice

President Harris has historic

momentum at her back as we

embark on the final steps in

officially certifying her as our

party's nominee, DNC chair

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Minyon Moore.

A step away from breaking the last glass ceiling of the United States, Harris became the first ever woman of colour to be on the top of a presidential ticket of a major American political

## UN fires additional staffers after probe finds potential involvement in attack on Israel

AP n JERUSALEM

The United Nations said Monday it has fired additional staff members from its agency for Palestinian refugees after an internal investigation found they may have been involved in the Hamas-led October 7 attack against Israel. The UN secretary-general's office announced the move in a brief statement to journalists. Farhan Haq, Deputy Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, did not elaborate on the UNRWA staffers' likely role in the attack or on the evidence that prompted its deci-

UNRWA previously fired 12 Israel's allegations initially led

staffers and put seven staffers on administrative leave without pay over the claims. The group of nine staffers the UN announced it had fired Monday includes some from each group, said Juliette Touma, communications director for UNRWA.

The UN did not clarify how many have now been fired from the agency in total.

The UN's internal watchdog has been investigating the agency since Israel in January accused 12 UNRWA staffers of being involved in the October 7 attack on Israel, in which militants killed 1,200 people and abducted some 250 others.

top donor countries to suspend their funding for UNRWA. That caused a cash crunch of about USD 450 million dollars. Since then, all donor countries except for the US have decided to resume funding.

Oren Marmorstein, the spokesperson for Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, wrote on X following the announcement of the firings that Israel was again calling for donor countries to suspend funding "as the funds may go to terrorist elements."

"UNRWA is part of the problem and not part of the solution, and anyone who seeks the best interests of Israel, the Gaza Strip and the region should act to replace UNWRA's activities with other agencies," he wrote.

The UN watchdog charged with investigating UNRWA, called the Office of Internal Oversight Services, said it drew on evidence provided by Israel in discussions with Israeli authorities. It said it could not independently corroborate that evidence since it did not have direct access to it. The investigators also reviewed internal UNRWA information, including staff records, email and other communications data. It said it found sufficient evidence pointing to nine employees' potential involvement in the October 7 attack.

#### I sraeli fire during military raids in the occupied West ⊿launched a drone attack in what it says is an act of solly wounded person and four Tuesday on northern Israel, Bank killed eight Palestinians, idarity with the Palestinians. others with mild injuries. including four teenagers, and wounding at least seven peo-Israel has responded with Israel's Magen David Adom wounded another seven, airstrikes, one of which killed ple, in response to the killing rescue service said it was treat-Palestinian officials said four people in southern of one of its fighters in an ing seven wounded in three Tuesday, as world leaders try to Israeli airstrike. Lebanon earlier Tuesday, locations in Western Galilee. stop tensions in the Middle according to Lebanese author-The Israeli military said "a East from boiling over into a ities. Hezbollah said it

8 Palestinians killed in West Bank as

world leaders try to avoid regional war

The attack did not appear to be linked to Hezbollah's vow to avenge the killing of one of its top commanders in an Israeli airstrike in Beirut the previous week, which has raised fears of an all-out war.

daily drone and rocket attacks

October 7 attack into Israel. HUMANITARIAN AID CORRIDOR SHUT DOWN: The only corridor for humanitarian aid to enter southern Gaza has been shut down,

The Israeli military said that the Kerem Shalom crossing was open, but the humanitarian route leading from the crossing into the city of Rafah was closed Tuesday until further notice. Hamas' armed wing said it attacked an Israeli tank in the area. It is not possible to confirm battlefield reports in Gaza. International experts said in June that Gaza was at "high

The only corridor for humanitarian aid to enter southern Gaza has been shut down, apparently because of fighting in the area. The Palestinian terongoing fighting and the break-down of law and order. ritory has been plunged into a severe humanitarian crisis in

killing of a lower-level commander in a strike late Hezbollah has launched near-Monday. Gal Zaid, spokesperson for Galilee Medical Center, the war ignited by Hamas'

apparently because of fighting in the area.

risk" of famine.

Aid groups say efforts to bring in desperately needed food and supplies have been hindered by Israeli restrictions,

#### Attack on Iraqi military base injures US personnel

**AP n** WASHINGTON

everal US personnel were injured in a suspected rocket attack Oat a military base in Iraq, ÚS defense officials said Monday, in what has been a recent uptick in strikes on American forces by Iranian-backed militias.

The attack comes as tensions across the Middle East are spiking following the killings last week of a senior Hezbollah commander in Lebanon and Hamas' top political leader in Iran, in suspected Israeli strikes. Both groups are backed by Iran. The US defense officials said troops at al-Asad air base were still

assessing the injuries and damage, and it appeared that as many as seven military troops and civilians were injured. Earlier Monday, Iraqi security officials confirmed the attack, but no group has claimed responsibility. The American officials said the US looked into reports of a possible second attack at the base but determined there had not been

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss military operations. The White House said the president and vice president were briefed on the attack.

## N-disarmament must be tackled as a pressing issue: Hiroshima Guv

iroshima officials urged world leaders Tuesday to stop relying on nuclear weapons as deterrence and take immediate action toward abolishment — not as an ideal, but to remove the risk of atomic war amid conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East and rising tensions in East Asia. They commented as Hiroshima remembered its atomic bombing 79 years ago at the end of World War II. The

Japan and the US reaffirmed Washington's commitment to "extended deterrence," which includes atomic weapons, to protect its Asian ally. That is a shift from Japan's past reluctance to openly discuss the sensitive issue as the world's only country to have suffered atom-

Hiroshima Gov. Hidehiko Yuzaki said nuclear-armed nations and supporters of atomic deterrence "deliberately ignore ... the fact that once they used it without exception." "As long as nuclear weapons exist, they will surely be used again someday," Yuzaki said in his address at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park.

"Nuclear weapons abolition is not an ideal to achieve far in the future. Instead, it is a pressing and real issue that we should desperately engage in at this moment since nuclear problems involve an imminent risk to human survival," he said. Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi

Ukraine and the worsening conflict between Israel and Palestinians are "deepening distrust and fear among nations" and reinforcing a view that use of force in settling conflict is unavoidable.

The atomic bomb dropped by the United States on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, destroyed the city, killing 140,000 people. A second bomb dropped three days later on Nagasaki killed 70,000 more. Japan surrendered on August 15, ending World War II and Japan's nearly half-century aggression in

About 50,000 people at the ceremony observed a minute of silence with the sound of a peace bell at 8:15 am, the time when a US B-29 dropped the bomb on the city. Hundreds of white doves, considered symbols of peace, were released. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who attended the ceremony, said global conflicts and divid-

ed views over approaches to

nuclear disarmament make

achieving that goal "all the more challenging," but pledged to do his utmost in pursuing "realistic and practical measures" to build momentum within the international community. His critics say it is a hollow promise because Japan relies on the US nuclear umbrella for protection and has been rapidly expanding its military. Japan, the United States and other regional allies have been stepping up security cooperation in response to a more assertive China and the

growing nuclear and missile threats from North Korea. Japan has sought stronger US protection by its nuclear capability. Many survivors of the bombings have lasting injuries and illnesses resulting from the explosions and radiation exposure and have faced discrimination in Japan.

As of March, 106,823 survivors - 6,824 fewer than a year ago, and now with an average age of 85.58 — are certified as eligible for government medical sup-

tive "black rain" that fell outside the initially designated areas of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, are still without support. Hiroshima officials called on Kishida's government to do more to provide support and address their wishes. The aging survivors, known as "hibakusha," continue to push for a nuclear arms ban as they desperately campaign to have their effort kept alive by younger

others, including those who say

they were victims of the radioac-

## Strategically important Myanmar military HQ appears to fall to the resistance

AP n BANGKOK

Macknowledged Monday it had lost communications with the commanders of a strategically important army headquarters in the northeast, adding credence to a militia group's claims it had captured

The fall of the army's Northeast Command in Lashio city would be the biggest in a series of setbacks for Myanmar's military government this year, as an offensive by an alliance of powerful militias of ethnic minority groups makes broad gains in

'The regime's loss of the Northeast Command is the most humiliating defeat of the war," said Morgan Michaels, a Singapore-based analyst with the International Institute of Strategic Studies who runs its Myanmar Conflict Map project. "Without Lashio, it will be extremely difficult for the regime to hold onto its final outposts in the theatre."

Those include the key Muse border crossing with China, as well as the strategic crossroads at Kyaukme, and it opens the way for attacks on Pyin Oo Lwin and Myanmar's secondlargest city, Mandalay, Michaels

night on state television, the head of the ruling military council. Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, gave a vague account of the base's fall, saying some security forces in northern Shan State left their outposts because keeping people safe was their priority.

In his 25-minute address, he accused the ethnic resistance forces and "traitor maggots" inside and outside Myanmar of working together and circulating propaganda to demoralize

He alleged that warlordism is growing among leaders of the insurgent groups, and that people are likely to face illegal and unjust killings and an economy involving drug trafficking and gambling. The army will continue to carry out security measures to restore stability, he

The loss of Lashio raises questions about whether Myanmar's ruling military council could be forced to give up attempts to hold contested territory in order to consolidate a defense of the central heartland.

It could also contribute to growing discontent with Min Aung Hlaing, who seized power after leading the overthrow of the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in

"It seems increasingly unlikely that the army could survive with Min Aung Hlaing at the helm," Michaels said.

Lashio, about 110 kilometers (70 miles) south of the Chinese border, has been the target of an offensive by the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army since early July.

The MNDAA is a military force of the Kokang minority, who are ethnic Chinese. It is part of the Three Brotherhood Alliance, which in October launched a surprise offensive that succeeded in seizing large tracts of territory along the northern border with China. The Chinese Embassy in

Myanmar on Tuesday urged its citizens in Lashio and other parts of Shan state to strengthen their security precautions, and stay away from conflict zones or return to China. Beijing helped broker a cease-

fire in January, but that fell apart in June when the Ta'ang National Liberation Army, another member of the Three Brotherhood Alliance made up of Ta'ang ethnic minority members, launched new attacks, followed by the MNDAA.

The alliance's third member, the Arakan Army, has never stopped fighting in its home

Rakhine State in western Myanmar.

The groups in the alliance have been fighting for decades for greater autonomy from Myanmar's central govern-ment. They are loosely allied with People's Defense Forces, pro-democracy resistance groups that have emerged to fight military rule.

The MNDAA initially claimed the capture of the Northeast Command and Lashio on July 25, but it turned out the announcement was premature as the army continued to fight. The MNDAA in a statement on Facebook on Saturday said the group had finally completely captured the Northeast Command headquarters and defeated the remaining army units in Lashio.

The claims could not be verified independently, with access to the internet and mobile phone services in the area

mostly cut off. A member of Lashio's Freedom Youth Volunteers-FYV, reached while outside the city, told The Associated Press on Monday that other members of his aid group had reported army personnel remained in control of some areas of the Northeast Command headquarters, though most had been taken by

## Gunmen kill New Zealand chopper pilot in Papua region

AP n JAYAPURA (INDONESIA)

Gunmen stormed a helicopter and killed its New Zealand pilot shortly after it landed in Indonesia's restive Papua region on Monday, and they released two health workers and two children it was carrying, police said.

Glen Malcolm Conning, a pilot for Indonesian aviation company PT Intan Angkasa Air Service, was shot to death by gunmen allegedly with the West Papua Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Free Papua Movement, after landing in Alama, a remote village in the Mimika district of Central Papua province, said Faizal Ramadhani, a National Police member who heads the joint security peace force in Papua. The gunmen released the Indigenous Papuan passengers and set fire to the plane, he said. "All passengers were safe because they were local residents of Alama village," said

village is in a mountainous district that can be reached only by helicopter. A joint security force was deployed to search for the attackers, who ran into the dense jungle. New Zealand's Foreign

Ministry confirmed late Tuesday that Conning had been killed. Consular officials in Jakarta were working with authorities to "understand more about the circumstances" surrounding the helicopter pilot's death, the ministry said in a statement. West Papua Liberation Army

spokesperson Sebby Sambom told The Associated Press he had not received any reports from fighters on the ground about the killing.

"But, if that happens, it was his own fault for entering our forbidden territory," Sambom said. "We have released warnings several times that the area is under our restricted zone, an armed conflict area that is proSambom called on Indonesian

authorities to stop all development in Papua until the government is willing to negotiate with the rebels, and "if anyone disobeys, they must bear the risk themselves."

Conflicts between Indigenous Papuans and Indonesian security forces are common in the impoverished Papua region, a former Dutch colony in the western part of New Guinea that is ethnically and culturally distinct from much of Indonesia. Conflict has spiked in the past year, with dozens of rebels, security forces and civilians killed. Monday's killing was the latest violence against New Zealand nationals in the Papua

In February 2023, Egianus Kogoya, a regional commander in the Free Papua Movement, abducted Philip Mark Mehrtens, a pilot from Christchurch who was working for Indonesian

Kogoya and his troops stormed a single-engine plane shortly

after it landed on a small runway in a mountainous village. Planning to use the pilot to negotiate, Kogoya has said they won't release Mehrtens unless Indonesia frees Papua as a sovereign country.

In 2020, seven employees of PT Freeport Indonesia, including a New Zealand miner, Graeme Wall Ngaruawahia, were attacked by gunmen in a parking area in Tembagapura, a mining town. Wall was shot in his chest and died. Papua was incorporated into Indonesia in 1969 after a UN-sponsored ballot that was widely seen as a sham. Since then, a low-level insurgency has simmered in the mineral-rich region, which is divided into six provinces. Flying is the only practical way to access many areas in the mountainous east-

## Musk sues OpenAI, renewing claims ChatGPT-maker put profits before 'the benefit of humanity'

AP n LOS ANGELES

 $E^{lon\;Musk\;filed\;a\;lawsuit\;on}_{Monday\;\;against\;\;OpenAI}$ and two of its founders, Sam Altman and Greg Brockman, renewing claims that the ChatGPT-maker betrayed its founding aims of benefiting the public good rather than pursu-

The lawsuit, filed in a Northern California federal court, called Musk's case a "textbook tale of altruism versus greed." Altman and others named in the suit "intentionally courted and

Musk's humanitarian concern about the existential dangers posed by artificial intelligence," according to the complaint. Musk was an early investor in OpenAI when it was founded in 2015 and co-chaired its

"tens of millions" of dollars and recruited top AI research scientists for OpenAI. Musk resigned from the board in early 2018 in a move that OpenAI said — at the time would prevent conflicts of

talent to build self-driving technology at the electric car The Tesla CEO dropped his previous lawsuit against

OpenAI without explanation in June. That lawsuit alleged that board alongside Altman. In the when Musk bankrolled lawsuit, he said he invested OpenAI's creation, he secured an agreement with Altman and Brockman to keep the AI company as a nonprofit that would develop technology for the benefit of the public and keep its code open.

"As we said about Elon's initial

legal filing, which was subsequently withdrawn, Elon's prior emails continue to speak for themselves," a spokesperson for OpenAI said in an emailed statement. In March, OpenAI released emails from Musk showing his earlier support for making it a for-profit com-

that he and OpenAI's namesake objective were "betrayed by Altman and his accomplices." "The perfidy and deceit are of Shakespearean proportions,"

Musk claims in the new suit

## Pak's NA passes bill restricting independent lawmakers from joining other parties

 $P_{\text{on Tuesday passed a bill}}^{\text{akistan's National Assembly}}$ seeking to bar independent iawmakers from joining a part after a stipulated period, with the jailed former prime minister Ímran Khan's party voicing a strong protest against it.

The Election Act Amendment Bill 2024 was moved by ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) members Bilal Kayani and Zeb Jafar and passed by the National Assembly with a majority vote despite protest by opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). The amendment changed Sections 66 and 104 of the Elections Act 2017, restricting independent candidates from joining political parties after a constitutionally and legally defined period.

It states that parties failing to submit a list of reserved seats within the specified period will not be eligible for those

It further stipulates that candidates who do not submit an affidavit of party affiliation to the returning officer will be considered independent, and their declaration of party affiliation after elections will not be recognised.

voting, the opposition members stood on their seats and started protesting and sloganeering. They came in front of akers dais, tore copies of the bill, and raised slogans "Bill Rejected" and "Attack on Judiciary and Democracy Rejected" and decried the government. PTI's Ali Muhammad Khan proposed an amendment to the Election Act, which was rejected by the house when Law Minister Azam Nazeer

Later, addressing the House, Ali Muhammad termed the amendment to the Election Act unconstitutional and questioned how the party could be deprived of its rights given by the Supreme Court.

Tarar opposed it.

'The Election Act Amendment Bill is a politically motivated attempt to deprive the PTI of reserved seats," he added.

Ali Muhammad said the PTI would move the Supreme Court against the legislation, which, he said, would reject it because this bill is not legislation but a manifestation of the fascist approach of a political

He added that the Parliament was used to attack the Supreme Court through this law.

bers of the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) and now are saying they are members of another party.

i ne minister said the p of the amendment is to bring clarity to the election law.

The amendment to the Elections Act 2017 will be enforced retroactively, clearly showing that the aim was to target the 41 independent lawmakers who could join the PTI after the Supreme Court verdict of July 12, which recognised that the PTI was a party and

independents could join it. The court also declared that 39 members who had shown affiliation with the PTI while filing nomination for elections were its members, while another 41 lawmakers who were elected with the party's support may join it after filing an affidavit. The Election Commission of Pakistan already issued a notification recognising the 39 lawmakers as members of the PTI, while the fate of 41 others

is still pending. After the Supreme Court verdict, the PTI was expected to become the largest party in the Parliament, while the ruling coalition was deprived of its two-thirds majority as Khan's

strength in the capital

Islamabad "by the end of this

month or in September" and

declared that no authority

The new law would stop the 41 independent candidates from joining the PTI as they already oined the SIC after the elec-

After the elections, the PTI asked its supported independents to join the SIC to get a share in the reserved seats allotted to the party based on strength in the Parliament. However, the SIC bid to get reserved seats failed, and its petition in the top court led to the decision that independents

could join the PTI. The proposed amendment also forbade allotting reserved seats to a party which had not submitted the list of candidates for these seats before elections. The apex court's judgment opened doors for the PTI to

without submitting the list before the poll. Khan's PTI party could not contest the February 8 elections ing the elections as a party.

apply for reserved seats even

as the ECP rejected its intraparty elections and deprived it of the bat symbol for contest-So its candidates, who had won independently but with the support of PTI, were asked by the PTI leadership to join a SIC to form a parliamentary

## Maldives and China to start FTA in September

PTI n MALE

Maldives on Tuesday said it has begun efforts to establish a Chinese bank in the country and announced that the implementation of the FTA between the archipelago nation and China is set to commence in September. Maldives' Minister of Economic Development and Trade Mohamed Saeed was speaking here at the inauguration of the 'Maldives-Sichuan Trade and Investment Cooperation Conference' when he highlighted the potential business opportunities in the Maldives. Relevant laws have already been passed for the imple-

mentation of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), under which a 'local currency settlement' between the Maldivian Rufiyaa and the Chinese Yuan would enable Maldivian businesses to import goods from China using local currency instead of USD, news portal Edition.mv said quoting Saeed. Work has begun to establish a Chinese bank in the Maldives. In addition to it, the free trade agreement between the Maldives and China would offer numerous benefits, with the agreement's implementation set to commence in September," Saeed said. "The most urgent task is to

enable businesses from both

countries to conduct transactions using their respective currencies. An agreement between the People's Bank of China and the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) is also underway," he added.

The minister also explained how converting the dollar demand into Maldivian Rufiyaa and Chinese Yuan would facilitate the import of vegetables, fruits, construction materials, and technology.

The Maldives currently imports goods worth USD 700 million from China each year, including USD 19 million from Sichuan province alone, Edition.mv said. The conference, attended by

over 100 participants from Sichuan Province and the Maldives, aims to enhance business relations and provide Chinese companies with information on investment opportunities in the Maldives.

Maldives is also working out a similar Rupee-Rufiyaa arrangement with India.

In July, Maldives' Foreign Minister Moosa Zameer undertook an official visit to China from July 20 to 24 at the invitation of Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs and China's Minister for Foreign Affairs.

#### party also got a share in the party to claim reserved seats. Seven people killed Imran's party marks one year of in Nepal landslide, arrest with rally in KP province four rescued

PTI n PESHAWAR

Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party held a massive rally in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on the completion of the party founder's one year in jail and pledged to make concerted efforts for his release with a similar rally in capital

Islamabad by month end. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rally was held in Swabi district of the party-ruled province bordering Punjab on Monday and addressed by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur Ali Khan and Secretary General Omar Ayub.

Khan, 71, was arrested on August 5 last year and lodged at Attock jail. However, in September he was shifted to Adiala Jail at Rawalpindi. Khan, who served as prime minister of Pakistan from August 2018 to April 2022, faces over 200 cases, with convictions in a few

The PTI leaders said the former cricketer-turned-politician cannot be kept in jail any longer as he is the leader of the biggest party of the country. They also announced to hold

could stop them from holding Announcing that the rally would be held in Islamabad's D Chowk, Gandapur said that Khan stood firm on what he believed in. He said that the former prime minister was taking steps to "secure the future of the country and its

children." "The founding chairman has said that he will not let the nation bow down in front of

anyone. Freedom is being taken away from us, and we cannot allow that," Gandapur said. He added that Khan believed in achieving freedom in the truest sense of the word. If we do not achieve this

objective, history and the

nation will not forgive us. We raise our voices and promise to support Khan till the last drop of our blood," the KP chief minister said. Gandapur assured that if his party returned to power, it would put an end to terrorism. He asked the gathering which government functionaries had created lawlessness in the country.

**PTI n** KATHMANDU

S even people were killed in a landslide that hit a remote area in western Nepal on Tuesday morning, according to

A team of Nepal Police and local representatives were involved in the rescue and rehabilitation operations, carried out soon after the landslide triggered by incessant rain in Badigad Rural Municipality of Baglung district.

Seven people were killed when the landslide swept away two houses in the Badigad area on Tuesday, according to the

The four people who sustained injuries in the incident, have been admitted to the local

hospital for treatment. Necessary relief material has been dispatched to the affected area.

In a similar rain-triggered landslide incident on July 12, two buses were swept away into the Trishuli river at Simaltal on the Narayanghat-Mugling road. As many as 62 passengers, including seven Indians, went missing and only three of them swam to safety in the tragic incident involving buses heading to Kathmandu from Gaur.

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## Stock markets pare gains to close lower, Nifty falls below 24,000

Stock markets surrendered early gains and settled lower in volatile trade on Tuesday with Sensex losing 166 points and Nifty ending below the 24,000 level due to fag-end selling in banking and telecom

Falling for the third straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled at 78,593.07, down 166.33 points or 0.21 per cent, as 17 of its constituents declined and 13 gained.

The index opened sharply higher and rallied further 1,092.68 points or 1.38 per cent to a high of 79,852.08 on value-buying by investors. However, the barometer faltered later and hit a low of 78,496.57 as banking shares came under selling pressure. Similarly, the NSE Nifty declined 63.05 points or 0.26

per cent to settle below the 24,000 level at 23,992.55. The index surged 327 points or 1.35 per cent to 24,382.60 in intra-day trade but failed to hold onto gains.

"The domestic market tried to rebound mirroring the Asian



momentum was short-lived and closed below the threshold level of 24,000. Investors are watching the appreciating Yen, weak US economic data, and rising geopolitical tensions," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said. From the 30 Sensex pack, State Bank of India, Mahindra & Mahindra, Bharti Airtel, Titan, HDFC Bank, IndusInd Bank, Axis Bank and Bajaj Finance were the biggest laggards.

JSW Steel, Tech Mahindra, Larsen & Toubro, Hindustan Unilever, HCL Technologies and Reliance Industries were among the gainers from the

The RBI Monetary Policy Committee started three-day deliberations on Tuesday. The RBI governor will announce

the bi-monthly policy on

Thursday. Bannerjee, CIO, a, said, "Amid Hedonova, inflationary pressures, particularly due to rising food prices, the RBI is expected to maintain the current benchmark rate. This cautious approach is designed to balance economic growth with price stability."

Asian markets also rebounded sharply, where Seoul, Tokyo, settled Shanghai significantly higher. Hong

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 share index soared as much as 10.7 per cent early Tuesday, a day after it plunged the most in 37 years. European markets were trading in the negative territory. The US markets ended with deep cuts on

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 10,073.75 crore on Monday, according to exchange data. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.30 per cent to USD 76.52 a barrel.

The BSE benchmark plummeted 2,222.55 points or 2.74 per cent to settle at over a month's low of 78,759.40 on Monday, marking its worst single-day retreat since June 4, 2024. During the day, it tanked 2,686.09 points or 3.31 per cent to 78,295.86.

The NSE Nifty slumped 662.10 points or 2.68 per cent to settle at 24,055.60. During the day, it tumbled 824 points or 3.33 per cent to 23,893.70. Nifty also saw its worst singleday fall since June 4, 2024, when markets crashed more than 5 per cent after the general election results.

### Rupee recovers from all-time low level, closes 16 paise higher at 83.93/USD

The rupee recovered from its all-time low level and settled for the day 16 paise higher at 83.93 (provisional) against the US dollar on intervention by the Reserve

Forex traders said mixed to weak global equities on rising concerns over recession fears in the US and the geopolitical tensions in the Middle East dented investor sentiments.

Moreover, the sentimental impact of unwinding of the Yen carry-trade weighed on the riskier currencies such as the rupee. However, suspected intervention by the Reserve Bank supported the local unit.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.92 and touched an intra-day high of 83.84 and a low of 83.97 against the dollar during the

It finally settled at 83.93 (provisional) against the American currency, up 16 paise from its previous close. On Monday, the rupee slumped 37 paise to settle at an all-time low of 84.09 against the US dollar.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on risk

global markets, amid geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and rising risk of recession in the US which may lead to outflows by foreign investors. However, overall weakness in the US dollar and declining crude oil prices may support

the rupee at lower levels. "Any further intervention by the RBI may also support the rupee. Traders may take cues from trade balance data from the US. Investors may watch out for RBI's monetary policy decision this week. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 83.75 to Rs 84.20," said Anuj Choudhary

Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of

per cent to 103.07 points. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 0.17 per cent lower at USD 76.17 per barrel in futures trade, on fears of spreading Middle East conflict that could hit supplies, outweighing fears of a possible US recession that could hurt demand in the world's biggest oil consumer. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 166.33 points, or 0.21 per cent, to cost at 78,593.07 points, while the Nifty declined by 63.05 points, or 0.26 per cent, to 23,992.55 points.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital markets on Monday, as they offloaded shares worth Rs 10,073.75 crore, according to exchange

**BCCI** paid 2,038 crore GST in FY23, FY24



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collection from BCCI during 2022-23 and 2023-24 fiscal years was Rs 2,038.55 crore, Parliament was informed on Tuesday. Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said BCCI, which is the apex body for the promotion of cricket in Índia, is an autonomous body registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975. Services by way of admission to sporting

events like Indian Premier League attract GST @ 28 During Financial Years 2022-23 and 2023-24,

Gross GST collection from BCCI was Rs 2,038.55 crore," Chaudhary said in a written reply in the Rajya

He said the Income Tax department has denied tax exemption to BCCI under Section 11 of the I-T Act, and the matter is now sub udice. Section 11 of the I-T Act deals with charitable institutions.

BCCI exemption under section 11 of the Income Tax Act, 1961. However, during assessment proceedings, the exemption is being disallowed by the Income Tax department.

'The issue of the BCCI's tax exemption is currently sub judice. Further, there is no direct tax proposal pending in this regard, at present," Chaudhary said. BCCI does not receive any grants from any scheme of the Ministry of Sports, he

In reply to a separate question, Chaudhary said from July 2017 to June 2024, the number of GST was about Rs 52,394 crore, involving the arrest of 214

### Softbank-backed Unicommerce eSolutions IPO fully subscribed within hours of opening for bidding

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The initial public offering of SoftBank-backed SoftBank-backed Unicommerce eSolutions Ltd got fully-subscribed within hours of opening for subscription on Tuesday. The initial share sale bids 2,09,25,906 shares, against 1,40,84,681 shares on offer, translating into 1.49 times subscription, as per NSE data till 13:42

The portion for Retail Individual Investors (RIIs) attracted 6.66 subscription, while the for category fetched 1.01 subscription.

Unicommerce eSolutions Ltd on Monday said it has garnered over Rs 124 crore from anchor investors. The issue, with a price band

of Rs 102 to Rs 108 a share, subscription from August

offer-for-sale



276.6 crore at the upper end of the price band.

Since the IPO is completely an OFS, the entire proceeds will go to the selling

OFS, Investment Holdings (UK) Ltd, an affiliate of Japan's SoftBank, will offload 1.61 crore shares, and promoter (formerly known as Snapdeal Limited) will sell to 94.38 lakh shares.

Unicommerce eSolutions is The issue is entirely an India's leading e-commerce (OFS) enablement software-as-aaggregating up to 2.56 crore service (SaaS) platform. The equity shares valued at Rs company's suite of SaaS

solutions enables end-toend management of ecommerce operations for marketplaces, and logistics service providers.

It serves a large and growing base of clients in India, including Lenskart, Fabindia, Zivame, TCNS, Mamaearth, Emami, Sugar, Portronics, Pharmeasy, Cello, Urban Company, ocket and Xpressbees. IIFL Securities and CLSA India are the book-running lead managers to the issue. Shares of the company will

be listed on BSE and the

National Stock Exchange.

## Bangladesh crisis poses significant concerns for India's textile, apparel industry: CITI

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Bangladesh, which is facing its worst political crisis since Independence in 1971, poses "significant concerns" for India's textile and apparel sector, particularly for companies operating factories in the neighbouring country, the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry said

The domestic textile industry body believes that any supply disruption in Bangladesh will have an immediate impact on the supply chain, potentially affecting production and delivery schedules timelines of Indian firms. The situation in Bangladesh

is indeed concerning, and we are closely monitoring the developments. Bangladesh's growth in the textile sector has been inspiring and has lent strength to the trade flows in the entire subcontinent.

about the impact on the might force companies to chain and the disruptions it might cause, we are hopeful that the situation



General, Confederation Textile Industry (CITI) said. According to CITI, Indian manufacturing operations in the country are likely to face challenges in maintaining their production flow, leading to delays and potential shortages in the market. This

disruption could affect the availability of products and manufacturing solutions to mitigate the impact.

"Amid the uncertainties in massive Bangladesh, there is already a

alternative manufacturing hubs such as a strategic move by companies to diversify their production bases and reduce dependency on a single market," CITI stated. It observed that Indian textile hub Tirupur, known for its robust textile and apparel manufacturing capabilities, may emerge as beneficiary of this shift.

independence in 1971, with resigning amid anti-government be taking responsibilities. 'Several major global brands

Bangladesh Army Chief General Waqar-uz-Zaman on

Monday announced that an

interim government would

that rely on Bangladesh for their sourcing needs will also be affected by these disruptions. Brands with significant portions of their supply chain rooted in Bangladesh may experience delays and a decrease in the availability of their products. This, in turn, could lead to a ripple effect across the global retail market, affecting inventory levels and sales, CITI said.

Bangladesh is a crucial market for Indian textiles, serving manufacturing hub and a destination. "The Indian industry

deeply concerned about the current events and hopes for maintaining the smooth operation of cross-border trade and production," CITI

### Sebi issues cautionary statement, passes directions to protect investors from unregistered entities

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safeguard L investors, Sebi has taken several measures, including cautioning them against trading on stock tips given by unregistered conducting probes and issuing directions against non-compliant Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

Under the Sebi's rule, no person can render investment advice unless he is registered with the capital markets

Sebi (Investment Advisers) norms specify the eligibility conditions for registration, obligations responsibilities and procedure

for action in case of default, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary in a written reply to Rajya Sabha. Responding to a query on steps taken by the government to protect retail investors against the frauds happening the social media in the name of giving advice as stock market experts, Chaudhary said that Sebi has issued several press releases advising investors to deal with only registered investment advisers

advisory services. Investors can check the registration status of the entity providing investment advisory services on regulator's website.

for availing investment

Additionally, the regulator has cautioned investors against



trading in the securities based tips/recommendations provided by unregistered entities/persons and entities impersonating Sebi-registered intermediaries, the minister

"On receipt of any complaints/references against unregistered entities carrying out such activities, and also after suo moto cognizance, Sebi conducts examination of these entities. In case of noncompliance, appropriate sections of the Sebi Act, 1992 and various Sebi Regulations are invoked, and requisite directions are issued to noncompliant entities," he added. Further, the issue of the association of Sebi-regulated intermediaries with such unregistered persons or entities was discussed in the Sebi's Intermediary Advisory Committee.

Considering recommendations, a proposal for carrying out necessary regulatory amendments to restrict the association of all Sebi-regulated intermediaries with any unregistered entity been approved, Chaudhary said.



PTI n MUMBAI

The decision of the RBI Governor Shaktikanta Dassix-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will be announced on Thursday. The MPC may also refrain

from rate cut as economic growth is picking up, notwithstanding the elevated interest rate of 6.5 per cent (repo rate), said experts.

Retail inflation based on consumer price index (CPI) increased to a four-month high of 5.08 per cent in June as food items, including vegetables became dearer. The government will release the data for July later this

"RBI is likely to pause as food price movements currently is imparting a positive bias to RBI 4.5 per cent projection...Likely prospects of an excess rainfall in August and September could also have a debilitating impact on food prices," said a SBI research report

It also expects the Reserve Bank to continue with its monetary withdrawal accommodation.



amid expectations of status quo on interest rate

RBI starts deliberations on monetary policy

Goldman Sachs, the MPC is likely to keep the policy rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent on

We expect the RBI MPC to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at the Aug 8 meeting at 6.50 per cent, with a 4:2 vote in favour, retain the monetary policy stance of ʻwithdrawa

accommodation', relatively optimistic on growth, and continue to reiterate the commitment to the 4 per cent headline inflation target," it said.

The central bank last hiked the repo rate to 6.5 per cent in February 2023 and since then it has held the rate at same level in its last seven bimonthly monetary policy Commenting on the RBI's monetary policy, Radhika

Rao, Executive Director and

Senior Economist, DBS Bank,

domestic growth-inflation mix, the RBI MPC is likely to reiterate its cautious view and retain its 'withdrawal of accommodation' stance.

"Policymakers will monitor developments in the US Fed policy as markets price in a near-certain rate cut in September and US yields having corrected sharply amidst signs of cooling economic activity," Rao

Shreya Sodhani, Regional Economist, Barclays, said the MPC commentary on the global economic outlook and domestic inflation trajectory will be in focus later this week.

"We expect the MPC to remain on hold in the upcoming meeting later this week (August 6-8), as it considers the progress of the international monsoon, commodity prices, the uptick in domestic input prices, and the repricing in US Fed said that in light of the firm

week. We maintain our forecast of an RBI rate cut in December, but note the risk of a delay if inflation does not progress in line with the RBI's expectations," Sodhani said. Sanjoo Bhadana, Founder and MD, 4S Developers, too said the MPC is likely to keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent as risks from higher food inflation pose a challenge for the apex bank. "We hope the central bank withdraws its accommodative stance and help provide an impetus to the housing momentum by enabling aspiring homebuyers to enter the market," Bhadana said. H S Bhatia, managing director, Daweebo India, said

lower interest rates can boost consumer confidence and spending power, driving demand for durables. "However, the RBI's primary focus on managing inflation

might restrict its room for monetary easing. The policy's impact on disposable income will be crucial as it determines consumer spending capacity," Additionally, any measures to

improve credit availability could benefit the sector. A supportive policy stance can propel growth in the consumer durable market, Bhatia added.

The MPC is entrusted with the responsibility of deciding the policy repo rate to achieve the inflation target of 4 per cent, keeping in mind the objective of growth.

#### Electric vehicle sales rose 55.2% to 1.79 lakh units in July, says FADA

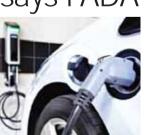
 $E^{\rm lectric}_{\rm registered} \stackrel{\rm vehicle}{{\rm a}} \stackrel{\rm sales}{\rm 55.2~per~cent}$ on-year growth at 1,79,038 units in July driven by a massive 96 per cent jump in etwo-wheeler sales, automobile dealers' body FADA said on

Tuesday. The total electric vehicles sales for July 2023 were at 1,16,221 units, according to the monthly sales data from Federation of Automobile Dealers' Association (FADA). The electric two-wheelers sales during the previous month stood at 1,07,016 units, up 95.94 per cent, from 54,616 units sold in July last year, while the electric threewheeler sales grew 18.18 per cent at 63,667 units, from 58,873 units year earlier, as

per FADA. The commercial vehicle sales during the reporting month was also on an upward trajectory, growing two-fold on a year-on-year basis to 816 units, from 364 commercial vehicles sold in July 2023, it

Passenger vehicles, however, declined 2.92 per cent at 7,541 units in July, as against 7,768 units in the same month of last year, as per data.

'The rising market share in the 2W and 3W EV segments for July 2024, with YoY growth rates of 95.94 per cent and 18.18 per cent respectively, and a market share of 7.4 per cent and 57.6



month, is a clear indication of the growing acceptance and demand for electric vehicles in FADA President Manish Raj Singhania said. The PV segment, while showing a marginal year-onyear decline of 2.92 per cent, maintains a market share of 2.4 per cent, Singhania said, adding that the CV segment

has shown remarkable growth with a year-on-year increase of 124.2 per cent and a current (July) market share of 1.02 per The combination of attractive discounts and the anticipation of the discontinuation of the EMPS (Electric Mobility

Promotion Scheme), despite

its extension, has significantly

boosted sales, he said. Announced by the Ministry of Heavy Industries in March, for a four months period-April 1,2024 to July 31,2024? to boost the adoption of EVs across the country with a total outlay of Rs 500 crore, the EMP scheme has now been extended by September 30, while the scheme's outlay has also been increased to Rs 778

## RESILIENT CHANU SETS SIGHTS ON Lauren, Diana bring experience HISTORIC PODIUM FINISH IN PARIS

way from the spotlight owing to an injury-plagued buildup, Mirabai Chanu will be in focus on Wednesday when she attempts to become India's first weightlifter to win two Olympic medals but a challenging field and lingering fitness concerns stand in the way.

The lifter, who opened India's tally on the first day of the competition at the Tokyo Olympics with a sparkling silver, has kept a low profile since suffering hip tendonitis during the Asian Games last October.

Chanu has endured a rather underwhelming Olympic cycle thanks to injury and workload management.

Her best effort since Tokyo came at the 2022 Commonwealth Games where she lifted 201kg (88kg+113kg). She had won the silver in Tokyo by heaving 202kg (87kg+115kg).

Competing in her pet 49kg weight category, Chanu is likely to be in the scramble for a silver or bronze if she matches or betters her personal best in both sections. Reigning Olympic champion China's Hou Zhihui is the favourite to defend her title.

While there are still murmurs surrounding her fitness after she returned from a five month hiatus following the hip injury, both Chanu and chief national coach Vijay Sharma have asserted that the Manipuri has completely recovered.

"We know that Mira has to go well beyond the 200kg mark. 202kg will not cut it this time but somewhere around 205-206kg should do it. But we are prepared for the challenge," coach



However, this is easier said than done, as the 29-year-old has struggled to surpass her personal best of 88kg in the snatch, set at the 2020 National Championships, and 119kg in clean and jerk, achieved at the 2021 Asian Championships, for quite a while.

While Chanu, who turns 30 on Thursday, will have one eye on her competitors' barbells, the Manipuri's main battle will be with herself at the South Paris Arena.

Her performance in the snatch section continues to be her achilles heal and her mediocre clean and jerk performance recently also doesn't inspire confidence. While a 90kg snatch lift continues to elude Chanu, four of her competitors have breached the coveted mark.

Having said that, Chanu has been known to be a fighter and one of the most tenacious athletes in the country. Be it battling intense menstrual camps to win a medal in Tokyo or attempting a 117kg clean and jerk lift despite injuring herself during the Asian Games, she has shown her resolute side. Despite the absence of North Korea's Asian Games champion and world record holder Ri Song Gum, the 49kg event is a highly competitive contest. Chanu has set an entry weight of 200kg

alongside two others time Pan American champion and a world bronze medallist Jourdan Delacruz and 2021 world champion Surodchana Khambao of Thailand. Zhihui and two-time European

have set entry weights of 210kg and 205kg respectively. Chanu has been training in Paris for a

champion Romanian Mihaela Cambei

She also got help from American Dr Aaron Horschig, a former weightlifter-turned-physical therapist and strength and conditioning coach, who has been working with Chanu since 2020.

# to women's basketball teams

Diana Taurasi wishes people would stop talking about her age. Lauren Jackson just admits it — she's

The two 40-plus WNBA greats are in the quarterfinals of the Olympics and have a potential matchup in the offing Friday if they can help countries advance Wednesday.

42-year-old While the Taurasi is playing in her sixth straight Olympics, Jackson is back after a 12-year gap from her last one.

"It's crazy. You know, I never, ever anticipated that I'd be back here again," the 43-year-old Aussie said. "I couldn't have imagined it, three years ago. Two years ago, a year ago. Six months ago. Like, I just wasn't going to be doing it. So to be here, it's like it really does feel so different to what it used to feel like."

Jackson retired in 2016 after knee injuries derailed her career. She had hoped to compete in the Olympics that year, but an ACL injury ended that dream. She made a return playing domestically in Australia and then helped the Opals to a magical run to a bronze medal at the 2022 World Cup, which the country hosted.

She scored 30 points in that bronze medal game. The Australians would love to see they play Serbia in the Olympic quarterfinals Wednesday.

Australia and the U.S. Didn't meet two years ago in the Worlds, but they could play Friday. That would be the latest contest between Jackson and Taurasi. The two friends have squared off many times over the years in the Olympics, WNBA and other international contests. "It's a bit of a time warp. You know, I think being in this environment again, it is crazy. And like I said, I've just taken every day as it comes and it's got me back here," Jackson said. "So long as I'm able to contribute, play defense, get some rebounds, you know, not let my town down in not let my team down in those minutes. I'm happy ... And I feel like I'm doing my

Unlike Jackson, Taurasi has been a bit annoyed with the narrative that she's old for an Olympic basketball player. There were people outside USA Basketball that said she should have been passed over for a younger player, like WNBA rookie Caitlin Clark. "If there's one thing you can't escape in this country, it is ageism. I've gone back and forth with this answer. When you dedicate your whole life, your whole career to something, and you get the question of, Why don't you just retire?'" Taurasi said

"It's something I've been doing since I was 5. It's something I've dedicated my whole life to. And it's just so easy ... For a question to be brought up in a manner where it's not meant to be disrespectful. But if you're the person being asked, it is a bit

disrespectful.' No women's basketball player has ever played in six Olympics and none have been as successful as Taurasi. She feels that there's a gender bias with age more commonly brought up

against women. T tell people that all the time, especially in women's sports, in women's professions. Only a woman would have 20 years of experience and it'd be an Achilles' heel, instead of something that is treasured and used as a way forward, for sport and for women."

While both Jackson and Taurasi haven't put up huge numbers on the court yet during the Paris Games, their experience invaluable teammates.

'She's like another coach. She's had so many years of experience and the way she sees the game is really special," U.S. Forward Napheesa Collier said. "She's really smart in the way that she can break things down and sees what's open and how to dissect the game.



## Jena on verge of crashing out early from javelin throw even

 $I^{
m ndia's}$  Kishore Jena on Tuesday finished ninth in the men's javelin throw Group A qualification round with an underwhelming throw of 80.73m, which left him on the verge of making an early exit from the Olympics.

Jena will await the result of Group B qualification round where superstar Neeraj Chopra will begin his campaign later in the day. All those who throw 84m or

above, or at least 12 best performers from Group A and B combined will advance to the final to be held on Thursday.

Jena's opening throw was 80.73m, and he fouled his

up with 80.21m in his last effort.

Julian Weber of Germany topped Group A with a first round throw of 87.76m while former world champion Julius Yego (85.97m) of Kenya and Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch (85.63m) of Czech Republic were second and third respectively.

Toni Keranen (85.27m) of Finland was the fourth athlete go past the automatic qualification mark of 84m. Jena had booked an automatic

Olympics berth with his 87.54m throw for a silver medal in the Asian Games in October last year.

After that, he crossed the 80m mark in just one out of six second attempt before coming competitions before Tuesday.

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uban Greco-Roman wrestler Cuban Greco-Roman ....

Mijain Lopez has earned a shot at a record fifth Olympic gold medal in

Just two weeks shy of his 42nd birthday, Lopez beat Azerbaijan's Sabah Saleh Shariati 4-1 on Monday and advanced to the final in the 130-Lopez knew there were doubters, but

he gladly has proven them wrong. By clinching at least silver, Lopez has tied West Germany's Wilfried Dietrich for the most Olympic wrestling medals

"I know some people were skeptical, but I knew I was ready for this," Lopez said in comments translated from Spanish. "Whenever I compete in the Olympics and world championships, I do it trying to bring joy to my country. We want to listen to our

Lopez, 41, wins semis to earn shot at record 5th gold in wrestling

"I'll be retiring, it's over," he said. "We need to make some space for those who are coming (into the sport). Wrestling for me has been the love of my life, for all of my life."

Lopez will face Chile's Yasmani Acosta Fernandez in the final on Tuesday at Champ-de-Mars Arena. Acosta defeated China's Meng Lingzhe in the semifinals. The score was 1-1, but Acosta Fernandez got the win on criteria because he scored last. Acosta Fernandez was born in Cuba but moved after he couldn't get opportunities in the big events because Lopez was in the way. Lopez was excited about the matchup.



"We share a brotherhood, we have the same blood," Lopez said.

Last Olympics, Lopez became the first male wrestler to win four gold medals when he dominated in Tokyo, blowing through the field unscored upon in four matches.

On the opening day of competition in Paris, he continued his dominance. In his first match, he defeated South Korea's Lee Seung-chan 7-0. In the second round, he surprisingly was scored upon, but still defeated Iran's Amin Mirzazadeh, the top seed and 2023 world champion, 3-1 to advance. In the semifinal, Lopez led 3-0 at the break. Shariati scored a point for passivity, then nearly scored again before Lopez scored on a reversal to go up 4-1. After time ran out, Lopez held up his right hand with all five fingers outstretched.

"I'm so happy," he said. "It has been a very special day, not only for Latin America, but the whole world.

Yauheni Zalaty won a silver

Saturday. Mahuchikh and

other Ukrainian athletes have

spoken out against the

presence of Russian competitors at the Paris

The three Ukrainian athletes

who have won medals came to

the Ukrainian house dubbed

Games.

#### Mahuchikh and other medal winning Ukrainians put attention on war **AP** n PARIS Friday, and Belarusian rower

Yaroslava Mahuchikh, the Ukrainian world-record high jumper, may have just won Ólympic gold, but she and other winning athletes from Ukraine are not resting in Paris - they're trying to shine the spotlight on the war tearing

apart their country.

"The Olympic Games are about peace," she said. "But Russia didn't stop, and during these Games, there were massive attacks on Ukrainian

These missile strikes forced Mahuchikh to spend the last two and a half years mostly abroad as she focused on her main goal - the Olympic gold, which she won Sunday.

She trained far from her family, including in Portugal, Estonia, Belgium and Germany. She occasionally comes to her hometown of Dnipro in eastern Ukraine, but every time she left the country, she didn't know when she would

'To achieve such high results on the international stage, you to train abroad," Mahuchikh said. "And it is very sad, and I really want us to be able to train fully at home for the next Olympic cycle."

Despite the hardships, she succeeded, saying that the war gave her motivation and a greater purpose to represent her country. But the success was bittersweet.

When she broke a 37-year-old world record last month, jumping 2.10 meters (6.88 feet), her joy was brief.

"We were happy on the first evening, but the next day ... Unfortunately, we have a very aggressive enemy," she said. "Russia struck Ohmatdyt. And



honestly, there was no joy anymore," referring to the missile attack in Kyiv last month that hit the largest children's hospital in Ukraine. Sunday was a successful day for Ukraine at the Olympics, with three athletes from the country scoring medals in at the Paris Games. The first

athletics. Fellow high jumper Iryna Gerashchenko won bronze, and Mykhaylo Kokhan scored the bronze in the hammer throw.

Russian athletes, competing as neutrals because of the war on Ukraine, also have won medals

was silver for tennis players Mirra Andreeva and Diana Shnaider in women's doubles

a key Russian ally, also won

gold and silver medals in the

men's and women's trampoline

competitions, respectively, on

Neutral athletes from Belarus,

Volia Space on Monday. They said that they were short on sleep because while the attention lasts, they are trying to give as many interviews as possible, raising awareness about the war. "It is very important to win and keep winning," Mahuchikh said. "It is difficult for

Ukrainian athletes to focus solely on sports, our thoughts are at home with our families." The 22-year-old athlete said there are still many things that

## Biles closes out with her 11th career medal — a silver in floor exercise

imone Biles wrapped up her Sfinal day of the Paris Olympic s with more hardware for the greatest gymnast of her generation.

The woman who didn't think she'd even be here a couple years ago will leave Paris - and perhaps her final Olympics with three golds and a silver, earned Monday when she placed second in the floor

exercise. It marked the first time in her career that Biles did not win the floor exercise at a major competition. She finished second to Rebeca Andrade of Brazil. Third went to American gymnast Jordan Chiles, who was bumped to bronze when the U.S. Coaches asked for a review of her degree of

difficulty on the routine. The review changed her score just enough to push her onto the podium, where the three Black women posed together

four days after Biles, Andrade and Sunisa Lee, who is Hmong-American, stood in the same spot following the all-around. Their collective success is symbolic of a sport that is becoming more diverse and more inclusive at the highest level.

Prior to the floor exercise, Biles and Lee failed to medal on the balance beam. Both gymnasts made mistakes and wondered if Paris organizers' decision not to play music during the events created a distracting eerie silence.

Biles is now an 11-time Olympic medalist and hasn't ruled out trying to compete in Los Angeles in 2028.

A look at some of the highlights of Day 10 of the Paris Olympics:

U.S. Has mixed results in beach volleyball Two U.S. Teams fell on the sand at Eiffel Tower Stadium, with Taryn Kloth and Kristen Nuss losing to Canada in the women's quarterfinals a

hours Budinger and Miles Evans lost to Norway in the men's. Only Miles Evans and Andy Benesh advanced on the day, joining Kelly Cheng and Sara

Hughes in the elite eight. Kloth and Nuss are ranked No. 2 in the world, and Nuss said she was "definitely a little heartbroken." Brandie Wilkerson

Melissa Humana-Paredes beat Nuss and Kloth 21-19, 21-18, leaving the country that has won four of the last five women's gold medals with just one team in the bracket.

Budinger, a former NBA player, and Evans lost in straight sets to Norway, the defending Olympic champions. Already at Paris, Olympic five-time Olympian and Rio de Janeiro gold medalist Laura

Ludwig of Germany has been eliminated, and the 42-yearold Herrera has said he will Swimming in the SeineThe levels

Seine River was determined safe enough to swim in and Olympic triathletes plunged into the murky water for the mixed relay event after organizers said bacteria levels in the long-polluted Paris waterway were at acceptable

plan to hold the swimming portion of the triathlons and the marathon swimming events in the Seine was an ambitious one as swimming in the river has, with some exceptions, been off-limits since 1923 because it has been too toxic.

quality tests were reviewed Sunday night and the results indicated the water quality at the triathlon site had improved over the preceding hours and was within the limits mandated by World Triathlon by Monday morning. In a very close sprint finish, the

team from Germany won the gold medal in the team relay. The United States took silver and Britain clinched bronze. The decision to allow the event to go forward with swims in the Seine came after Belgium's Olympic committee announced Sunday that it

would withdraw its team from the mixed relay triathlon after one of its competitors who swam in the river last week fell ill. Another three triathletes of the more than 100 who competed in the men's and women's races last Wednesday became sick in the following days, though it's unclear whether the water was to

Spain reaches second straight Olympic soccer final Juanlu Sanchez came off the bench to lift Spain into a recordequaling fifth Olympic men's soccer final. Sanchez scored in the 85th minute at Stade de Marseille to seal a 2-1 win over Morocco and set up a final against either France or Egypt. Morocco led 1-0 at halftime after the tournament's leading Soufiane Rahimi scorer converted a penalty in the

Spain evened the score in the 65th after Fermin Lopez showed quick feet in the box and fired a left-footed shot low in the bottom corner. It was the Barcelona midfielder's fourth goal of the tournament and over-exuberant celebrations earned him a yellow card after kicking the corner flag and breaking it in two.

It was Lopez's assist that set up Sanchez to sweep his winning goal low into the far corner. Špain, which won gold at the

1992 Barcelona Olympics, lost in the final at the Tokyo Games three years ago to Brazil. British cyclists set world record

in women's team sprint The British trio of Katy Marchant, Sophie Capewell and Emma Finucane shattered the world record in the women's team sprint while beating New Żealand in a head-to-head showdown for the gold medal to open the track cycling program.

In the three-lap race, the British trio trailed Rebecca Petch, Shaane Fulton and Ellesse Andrews after the first 250 meters. But they quickly pulled ahead after the second lap, then blitzed the last to finish in 45.196 seconds, earning their nation's first medal inside the Vélodrome National de Saint-Quentin-en-

Despite its proud sprinting tradition, the British had repeatedly missed the podium since the event's debut in 2008.

# INDIA BATTERS IN FOCUS AGAINST LANKA

To avoid 1st series loss to SL in 27 years

**AP** ■ COLOMBO

⊣he onus will be on Indian particularly batters, talismanic Virat Kohli, to follow the path laid down by skipper Rohit Sharma and tactfully counter the spin challenge in the third and final ODI here on Wednesday to avoid their first series defeat to Sri Lanka in 27

Ít's certainly not the start Gautam Gambhir, a stickler for victories, would want in his first ODI assignment as the team's head coach.

India's previous bilateral ODI series defeat against the Islanders came in 1997. The Ranatunga-led Lankans then inflicted a 0-3 hammering on S Tendulkar and his men. Sachin

Since then, India and Sri Lanka have played 11 bilateral ODI rubbers home and away, with the 'Men in Blue' emerging on the right side of the result in all of them.

India will not be able to win the current three-match series



by 32 runs in the second ODI, and conceding a tie in the first

This position of discomfort is brought upon the team by the after succumbing to the hosts batsmen, who seemed to have

been plagued by indecisiveness on a RPSC pitch that offered plenty of turn to the spinners. Curiously, none reflected that

brittleness more than star

batter Kohli. He has made 38 runs in two matches, but more than the volume of runs, the manner of his dismissals evoked greater Kohli looked subdued in the middle, particularly after the fiery starts given by Rohit. Kohli just needed to build on it. But the master batter in him remained dormant as he Lankan slow bowlers.

pottered around the leg-spin of Wanindu Hasaranga in the first match and of six-wicket man Jeffrey Vandersay in the next, before eventually getting consumed by them. He looked a far cry from the

dominant batsman who once cracked four hundreds at this very same venue. Perhaps, Kohli should direct his mind to happier times than allowing it to be fettered by the demons of the present. A flowing Kohli is imperative for India's healthy run in the

middle overs, be it while chasing or setting a target. But then his turmoil is a true reflection of the struggle that has gripped the Indian batting

In Shivam Dube, India have a designated spin-basher, but the left-hander could not even pick a regulation legbreak by Vandersay in the second one-dayer, getting trapped in front of the wicket. Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul too have lorded over spinners in the past, but here their feet and wrists have been unresponsive against the

They seemed to be going through a temporary memory loss as to how to rotate strike, the most effective weapon to keep spinners in check on tracks such as the ones at the Premadasa. They just need to watch the batting of Rohit to find a remedy - not so much in his approach but more in the confidence and planning

behind his knocks. There is no need to gild the lily while describing Rohit's batting, still his taming of the Lankan bowlers - pace and spin alike - has been exceptional.

Often a 44-ball 64 would contain a few chancy shots, but Rohit's strokes were so well-calculated that they hardly appeared risky. Can his colleagues take a cue?

#### Parag to get the call?

From a combination perspective, the team management might look at the position of Dube, despite a 24-ball 25 in the first match. existing Under conditions, Riyan Parag's spin, either off-spin or legspin, might come handier than the honest medium pace of Dube, and the former is an equally good hard-hitter. From their part, the Indian bowlers too should improve their effort in the business end as they failed to apply finishing touches to Lanka after reducing them to 142 for six and 136 for six.

TEAMS (FROM)
INDIA: Rohit Sharma (C),
Shubman Gill (VC), Virat Kohli, KL Rahul (WK), Rishabh Pant (WK), Shreyas Iyer, Shivam Dube, Kuldeep Mohd. Sundar, Washington Arshdeep Singh, Riyan Parag, Axar Patel, Khaleel Ahmed, Harshit Rana.

SRI LANKA: Asalanka (c), Pathum Nissanka, Avishka Fernando, Pathum Kusal Mendis, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Kamindu Mendis, Janith Liyanage, Nishan Madushka, Dunith Wellalage, Chamika Karunaratne, Dananjaya, Mohamed Shiraz, Maheesh Theekshana, Asitha Fernando, Eshan Malinga,

Jeffrey Vandersay.

#### Allman wins second straight Olympic title in discus throw



**AP** SAINT-DENIS (FRANCE)

Sam Kendricks appreciates the Olympics again. Valarie Allman never stopped.

It's just the healing power that medals have to mend and reinforce feelings.

In a short span Monday night, Allman won her second straight Olympic title in the discus throw, while Kendricks captured silver in a pole vault competition that featured Sweden's Armand "Mondo" Duplantis breaking his own world record.

The medals from Allman and Kendricks, 31, gave the U.S. 11 so far in the meet, including three golds.

Three years ago in Tokyo, Kendricks didn't get the chance to compete. He was placed in isolation because of a positive COVID-19 test and didn't feel supported

feelings - feelings that had the

Mississippi native wondering if he even wanted to compete in

His love-loathe relationship is back on path to love after he earned a silver medal. It pairs with the bronze he captured at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games. was definitely bitter," Kendricks said. "I wasn't going to come to Paris until it was proven to me that it was going

"It's tough, being turned away from. All of a sudden you're sick, and every doctor throws you to the wolves, and all of a sudden you're stuck in isolation when Team USA is supposed to love you."

to be great and shining into the

It took some soul-searching for him to arrive in Paris for another Olympics. "Rather than run away from it like I really wanted to, you've got to come back," Kendricks said. "You've got to face that lion." Kendricks went up against a

pole-vaulting beast in Duplantis, the 24-year-old from Louisiana who competes for his mother's native Sweden. Kendricks watched the journey close of Duplantis into the world's by Olympic best. It culminated Monday with Duplantis clearing 6.25 It led to some pretty hard meters (20 feet, 6 inches) to defend his gold medal.

## American entries cut in half in Paris Olympic beach volleyball tournament

On the Champ de Mars, where the first mayor of Paris was sent to the guillotine during the Reign of Terror, the American beach volleyball squad got cut in half.

Two U.S. Teams fell on the sand at Eiffel Tower Stadium on Monday, with Taryn Kloth and Kristen Nuss losing to Canada in the women's round of 16 a few hours after Chase Budinger and Miles Evans lost to Norway in the men's.

Only Miles Partain and Andy Benesh advanced on the day, joining Kelly Cheng and Sara Hughes in the elite eight.

"Definitely a little heartbroken," said Nuss, who along with her

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former LSU teammate formed the No. 2 team in the world rankings. "We came in wanting to bring home gold back to the United States. That's been our goal for the past four years. So to go out in the round of 16 is obviously an earlier exit than we would have liked."

Brandie Wilkerson and Melissa new atmosphere. We're all Humana-Paredes beat Nuss different skill levels from what I and Kloth 21-19, 21-18, leaving the country that has won four of the last five women's gold medals with just one team in the bracket.

Wilkerson isn't just a giant killer in Olympic beach volleyball: She's an American giant killer. She also eliminated the U.S. Pair of Cheng and Sarah Sponcil in the first round of the pandemic-delayed Tokyo

That's what she's good at doing," Humana-Paredes said with a laugh.

"But honestly," Wilkerson said, "they're an amazing team. And it's a whole new tournament. It's a whole new Games, whole 20 years ago.

was even, four years ago.

we were ready to respond."

"We knew we were going to play this team at some point.

They're one of the best teams in the world. We thought it would be later in the tournament, because we both deserve to have a shot at those medals. But when we're put in this situation, In other men's matches on Monday, Qatar beat Chile in straight sets, setting up a quarterfinal matchup with

Partain and Benesh. Spain beat Poland, keeping six-time Olympian Pablo Herrera alive in his quest for his first medal since he won silver in Athens,

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Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the PNB Housing Finance Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction o Financial Assets & in compliance of Rule 8(1) of Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred unde section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice/s on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s), date of receipt of the said notice/s.

The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor, will be put to sale by auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 12-09-2024, for recovery of Rs. Seventy Six and Two Palse Only) as on 12-03-2024 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization, due to Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor from the Borrowers namely Ayyub Raza Mohammad , Nasreen Bano,

The reserve price I will be INR 6,21,00,000/- (Rupees Six Crore Twenty One Lacs only) and reserve Price II will be INR 3,08,12,500/- (Rupees Three Crore Eight Lacs Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) I will be INR 62,10,000/- (Rupees Sixty Two lacs Ten Thousand only) and EMD II will be INR 30,81,250/- (Rupees Thirty Lacs Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Only. The last date of EMD deposit is 11-09-2024. The date for inspection of the said property is fixed on 10-09-2024 between 11:00 am to 04:00 pm.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY PROPERTY 1: ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF 1 KITA LAND BEARING HOUSE NO. OLD 3/774(PART), NEW 19/774(PART), AREA 3650 SQ. FT., SHANKAR NAGAR, WARD NO. 31, P.C NO. 109, SITUATED AT MOHALLANEW SHANTI NAGAR, MOUZA RAJA TALAB, R.I.C. RAIPUR TAH, & DIST, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001.

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Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited



Royals PTI n NEW DELHI

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m Dinesh\ Karthik\ was\ on}$ Tuesday signed by Paarl Royals for the third season of the SA20, making him the first Indian cricketer to participate in the South African league, starting on January 9.

Karthik, 39, retired from all

forms of cricket in June this

year and since then he has

been roped in as a mentorcum-batting coach by IPL side Royal Challengers Bengaluru. "I have so many fond memories of playing in and visiting South Africa, and when this opportunity came about, I couldn't say no because of how special it would be to come back to playing competitive cricket and win this incredible competition with the Royals," said Karthik, who has played 180 matches for India across all three

His last competitive T20 outing was for RCB in the IPL 2024, for whom he made 326 runs in 14 matches at a strikerate of 187.36.

formats.

Karthik's last match in India colours was against Bangladesh during the T20 World Cup in Australia in

"I am delighted to be joining the Paarl Royals team which oozes a lot of experience, quality and potential. I am certainly looking forward to joining the group and contributing to what should be an exciting season," Karthik, who was roped in as the league ambassador a day earlier, said.



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The reserve price will be INR 18.41.673/- (Rupees Eighteen Lacs Forty One Thousand Si. Hundred and Seventy Three only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be INR 1,84,167 (Rupees One Lac Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Seven only). The last date of EMD deposit is 28-08-2024. The date for inspection of the said property is fixed on 27-08-2024 DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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Co-Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s)				Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	
Loan Account No. (CT/CTG/RAPR/A000000130)	Rs. 38,45,657/- (Thirty-Eight Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven)	All R/o Plot/house situated at mauza Pityajhar, ward No.08, P.H.N 81, RIC- Mahasamund, Tahsil- Mahasamund, Dist- Mahasamund, Khasra No- 92/4/1 ka,1375 sqft, Chhattisgarh, India - 493449  Bounded by - North- Remaining Plot of Seller, East - Remaining Plot of Seller, West - 13 Feet Gali, South- Remaining Plot of Seller	1011=100	(Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)  Rs. 2,25,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty Five thousand Only)	15.08.2024 to 20.08.2024 between 11 AM to 5 PM
1. Mrs. Ranjana Gupta (Borrower)					21.08.2024 between 10 AM to 4PM.
2. Mr. Manaharanial Gupta (Co Borrower)					23.08.2024 between 11 AM to 1PM.

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E- AUCTION SALE: - 1. The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2. Particulars of the property / assts (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error misstatement or omission. Actual extant & dimensions may differ. 3. E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be d to constitute any commitment or nay representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries /due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bid/s.

4. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://www.bankeauctions.com Or Auction provided by the service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform. 5. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor/service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash own, power failure etc. 6. For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd., Plot No- 68, 3rd floor Sector 44 Gurgaon Haryana -122003 (Contact no. 7291981124,25,26) Support Email — Support@bankeauctions.com 7. For participating in the e-auction for bidding on the e-auction for bidding on the e-auction prospective bidders shall be payable by interested bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider 8. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD." on or before 21-Aug-2024. 9. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://www.bankeauctions.com ) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer Manoj Rathore Regional Office HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD, 3rd Floor, Pujarl Complex, Near Axis Bank, Pachpedi Naka, Raipur, C.G., India, 492001 Mob No. 8819945373 latest by 03:00 PM on 21-Aug-2024. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale (as mentioned above) for property of "Borrower". 10. After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorized Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/S eProcurement Technologies Limited to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding /auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice. 11. Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e. the end time of e- auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 12. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to end time of e- auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 12. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone. 13. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorised Officer, Mano Rathore Regional Office HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD3rd Floor, Pujari Complex, Near Axis Bank, Pachpedi Naka, Raipur, C.G., India, 492001, Mob No. 8819945373 and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings. 14. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favouring HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD. 15. In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forreited and the property will be again put to sale. 16. At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorised Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount. 17. The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorised Officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorised Officer, falling which the earnest deposit will be forreited. 18. Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder only upon depo Rathore, Mo. No. 8819945373, Mr. Shivendra Kumar Mishra, Mo. No. 8839287191. 25. This publication is also 15 (Fifteen) days' notice to the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above-mentioned date/place. Special Instructions / Caution: Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD. nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure

(Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully. Place- Raipur Date- 07.08.2024