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Patients suffer as doctors strike work over WB horror



Kolkata's R G Kar Medical College and Hospital, in New Delhi, on Saturday

SAUMYA SHUKLA n NEW DELHI

Healthcare services across the nation were paralysed as doctors and other medical workers from the Government, private, and even corporate hospitals went on a 24-hour strike starting at 6 am on Saturday, leading to the shutdown of OPDs, elective surgeries, and IPD

The strike — called to protest rape and murder of a trainee doctor at a State-run hospital in Kolkata last week - with hospitals across the national Capital turning away patients, particularly those economically

disadvantaged backgrounds. While many sympathised with the cause, they struggled to receive necessary medical Medical Indian

Association (IMA), which represents over 4 lakh professionals nationwide, called for the strike after resident and junior doctors, along with medical students, ceased caused significant disruption, work for six consecutive days

and took to the street to protest the August 9 incident. As senior doctors also joined the strike, medical services were hit hard in many States, severely impacting primarily poor patients who had traveled long distances from across the country to access care at centrally run facilities like AIIMS, Safdarjung Hospital, and Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital.

A 60-year-old heart patient who had come to AIIMS for an OPD visit expressed his frustration and said, "I had an appointment for a routine

cancelled due to the strike. understand the doctors' concerns, but we haven't done anything wrong. I hope the strike ends soon. Relatives of another patient

echoed similar sentiment,

acknowledging the tragedy in Kolkata but emphasising that the strike had severely affected them. They had travelled from Rajasthan to Delhi seeking treatment for their uncle, as they believed the best healthcare services were available in the Capital. In display of solidarity and demanding a Central Protection Act, doctors across the Capital also marched towards Jantar Mantar, despite resistance from Delhi Police, who tried to prevent the demonstration from disrupting public life. Nurses too joined the protest, holding a sit-in to show their solidarity and outrage over the West Bengal tragedy. Dr Arpit, a protesting doctor who participated in the march to Jantar Mantar, said, "Our demands are clear. We don't want another incident like the one in West Bengal. The Government must Central finalise the Protection Act. This is not politics; it's about about justice and safety."



CBI focusing on victim's diary to crack case

SAUGAR SENGUPTA n KOLKATA

Was the murdered doctor from RG Kar Medical College and Hospital aware of any threats to her life? And if so, who were her tormentors? As they work to answer these questions, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officials are focusing on the victim's personal diary and statements from her family, including her father, regarding the events leading up to the alleged rape and murder inside the hospital premises on the night of August 8 and 9.

Sources indicated that CBI officials have identified around thirty individuals of interest in their investigation, including some doctors, interns, senior nurses, and other hospital staff. According to these sources, the victim's father informed investigators that his daughter had recently expressed reluctance to perform night shifts. She had also voiced suspicions about certain colleagues, fearing that they might cause her harm. Continued on Page 2 | The CBI is now meticulously

examining her personal diary to gather as much information as possible about her concerns and the potential threats she faced. The victim's father reportedly

informed investigators, citing some

of her colleagues, that she may

have been murdered elsewhere and

then her body was moved to the seminar hall of the Department of Chest Medicine, where she was a final-year postgraduate trainee. CBI officials, who interrogated Sandip Ghosh — the influential former principal of the college, known for his close ties with the topmost family in the State - for approximately 13 and a half hours on Friday night, resumed questioning him on Saturday.

Sources suggested that Ghosh has started to crack under CBI pressure, and the interrogation was ongoing at the time of the last reports. On Saturday, a team of CBI officials visited the crime scene inside the hospital for the second time, equipped with three-dimensional cameras and other instruments to gather additional evidence.

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Guv OK's K'taka **CM prosecution** in MUDA scam

Karnataka Chief Minister College Saturday ruled out his resignation, following Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot granting sanction to prosecute him, in connection with the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment 'scam', and said he had done no wrong to step down. He termed the Governor's decision "anti-Constitution and against law". The Chief Minister also said Governor's decision

rarnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on

will be questioned in court and that he will battle it out legally.

'It is a big conspiracy to dislodge the elected Government. They (BJP) have done this in

several States including Delhi, Jharkhand. A conspiracy has been designed to destabilise the elected Government in Karnataka also. The Central Government, BJP, JD(S) and others are involved

conspiracy," Siddaramaiah told reporters here. "High command (of Congress) is with me, the entire Cabinet and the Government is with me. All Congress MLAs, MLCs, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members are with me....I have done no wrong to resign," he asserted. Accusing the Opposition of wrong doings and behaving illegally and anti-Constitutionally, he further said, 'They are using Raj Bhavan as a political pawn. The Governor is functioning like a puppet in the hands of the Central Government.

The Governor has accorded sanction against the Chief Minister under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for the commission of the alleged offences as mentioned in the petitions of Pradeep Kumar S P, T J Abraham and Snehamayi Krishna.

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Police personnel during a rescue operation after coaches of the Sabarmati Express passenger train derailed between Kanpur and Bhimsen stations in Uttar Pradesh.

Sabotage suspected in Kanpur train derailment

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n KANPUR/NEW DELHI

wenty coaches of the Twenty Sabarmati Express passenger train derailed near Govindpuri station in Kanpur early Saturday after the engine hit an "object placed on the track", rail officials said. There is no report of any loss of life

Varanasi-Ahmedabad train derailed between Kanpur and Bhimsen railway stations around 2.35 am. Rescue and relief operations are underway, officials said.

or injury in the accident.

In a post on X, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "The engine of Sabarmati (Varanasi Amdavad) hit an object on the track and derailed near Kanpur at 02:35 am today." "Sharp hit marks are observed.

Evidence is protected. IB and UP police are also working on it. No injuries to passengers or staff. Train arranged for passengers for onward journey Amdavad," Vaishnaw

Railway Board officials said involvement of miscreants or anti-social elements is being looked into as prima facie it appears that the engine hit an object placed on track.

"We found a foreign material near the 16th coach of the train. Looking at the size of the damaged portion of cattle guard of the engine, it seems that the engine hit this foreign object and derailed," an official said. "The loco pilot said some boulder hit the cattle guard (front portion) of the engine which got badly damaged and bent," another official said. Continued on Page 2

Mumbai terror attack plotter faces extradition to India

PTI n WASHINGTON

a huge setback to **L**Tahawwur Hussain Rana, a US court has ruled that the Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman could be extradited to India where is vanted for his involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack carried out by Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists.

'The (India US Extradition) Treaty permits Rana's extradition," the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said in its ruling on Thursday. Ruling on an appeal filed by 63-year-old Rana, a panel of judges of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the District Court in the Central District of California's denial of his habeas corpus petition challenging a magistrate judge's certification of his as extraditable to India for his

alleged participation in terrorist attacks in Mumbai. Rana, currently lodged in a jail in Los Ángeles, faces charges for his role in the 26/11 Mumbai attack and is known to be associated with Pakistani-American Lashkare-Taiba (LeT) terrorist David Coleman Headley, one of the main conspirators of the terror incident that hit India's financial hub in 2008.



Rana has the option appealing against the ruling. He still has not run out of all the legal options to prevent his extradition to India.

Under the limited scope of

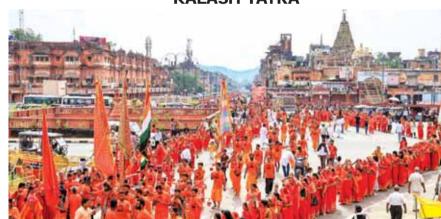
habeas review of an extradition order, the panel held that Rana's alleged offence fell within the terms of the extradition treaty between the United States and India, which included a Non Bis in Idem (double jeopardy) exception to extraditability when the person sought has been convicted or acquitted in the Requested State for the offence for which extradition is requested".

Relying on the plain text of the treaty, the US State Department's technical analysis, and persuasive case law of other circuits, the panel held that the word "offence" refers to a charged crime,

rather than underlying acts, and requires an analysis of the elements of each crime. The panel of three judges

concluded that a coconspirator's plea agreement did not compel a different result. The panel held that the on his in idem exception did not apply because the Indian charges contained distinct elements from the crimes for which Rana was acquitted in the United States. In its ruling, the panel also held that India provided sufficient competent evidence to support the magistrate judge's finding of probable cause that Rana committed the charged crimes. The three panel of judges were Milan D Smith, Bridget S Bade, and Sidney A Fitzwater.

Rana, a Pakistani national, was tried in a US district court on charges related to his support for a terrorist organisation that carried out large-scale terrorist attacks in Mumbai. A jury convicted Rana of providing material support to a foreign terrorist organisation and conspiring to provide material support to a foiled plot to carry out terrorist attacks in Denmark. However, the jury acquitted Rana of conspiring to provide material support to terrorismrelated to the attacks in India. Continued on Page 2 **KALASH YATRA**



Women devotees carry holy water as they take part in the 'Kalash Yatra' during 'Shravan' month, in Jaipur, on Saturday PTI

Hoax bomb threats send cops into tizzy in NCR-Delhi, Maha

PARVESH SHARMA/STAFF REPORTER n GURUGRAM/NOIDA

Two malls in Gurugram and Noida were evacuated on Saturday after they received bomb threat through emails with police later saying nothing suspicious was found following anti-sabotage

The bomb threats to DLF Mall of India in Sector 18 of Noida and Ambience Mall in Gurugram came over three months after similar threats were emailed to multiple schools in the National Capital Region (NCR). The



Saturday threat, which had thrown police and security personnel into a tizzy, turned out to be a hoax in the wake of upcoming Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana, which announced by the Election Commission

Besides Delhi and NCR, the Inorbit Mall in Vashi in Navi Mumbai was also evacuated by the police after the mall's management received a bomb threat email on Saturday afternoon.

According to Gurugram police, the Ambience Mall management received a bomb threat email at 9.27 am. The email, which was sent from hiddenbones101@gmail.com, read, "I planted bombs in the building. Every person inside the building will be killed, none of you will escape. You deserve death.

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This nation also knows how to respect

elebrated wrestler Vinesh **└**Phogat on Saturday received a grand welcome on her return to the country with hundreds of supporters gathering outside the IGI airport, showing immense solidarity with her. Stars such as Bajrang Punia,

Sakshi Malik and panchayat leaders received Vinesh, who endured a heartbreaking exit at the Paris Olympics where she was disqualified for being overweight on the day of her 50kg final.

Heavily garlanded, Vinesh stood in an open Jeep and thanked all the supporters. Congress leader Deepender Hooda accompanied Vinesh and offered her sweets.

found 100 grams overweight at national Capital.

her husband Somvir.

Hooda praised the 29-year-old Vinesh for her fighting spirit. "In our eyes, you have been a winner in the past and will remain so in the future too. Your courage, struggle and

"I thank the entire country for support," she said, her hands folded in humility There was a thick security

cover as Vinesh, who was the Olympics, landed in the Vinesh's caravan left for her

native village Balali in Haryana and on the way she met her supporters, positioned at different spots. Hooda presented a mace, a 'symbol of victory' to Vinesh, who got emotional and was consoled by

In a series of twitter posts,



Wrestler Vinesh Phogat gets emotional as she arrives after Paris Olympics heartbreak, at IGI airport, in New Delhi, on Saturday

determination have not only won the hearts of crores of countrymen but you are an inspiration to crores of youth of the country," read one of his tweets. A group of 50 supporters followed her jeep. They offered prayers at a temple in Delhi's Dwarka before continuing their journey towards Balali.

Vinesh had stayed back in Paris after challenging her disqualification in the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and demanding a joint silver. The application was dismissed on Wednesday. "She has come back to her country after such a long time. She is very emotional also. She will spend time with family and calm herself. What Vinesh has done

for women is praiseworthy. She

medal, but she is a champion for us," said Sakshi Malik. London Olympics bronze medal-winning shooter Gagan

might not have received a

Narang, who was the Chef de Mission of the Indian contingent in Paris, called her a champion, posting a photo with Vinesh at the Paris airport. Both of them were on the same flight to Delhi. "She came as a champion on

day 1 into the games village and she will always remain our champion. Sometimes one doesn't need an Olympic medal to inspire a billion dreams.. @vineshphogat you have inspired generations. Salute to your grit," Narang posted on X. "People are waiting to welcome her to our village. People are

excited to meet Vinesh and

Harvinder Phogat said. The feisty wrestler, in her first reaction after disqualification, on Saturday

encourage her," her brother

said that under "different circumstances" she could see herself competing till 2032 because she still has a lot of wrestling left in her, but is now unsure about her future as things "might never be same again". Vinesh had announced her retirement from the sport after her disqualification. In an emotional post on social media, Vinesh shared her

childhood dream, the hardships she faced after losing her father and also put on record the contribution made by people in her extraordinary journey that ended in heartbreak in Paris.

Modi urges Global South to unitedly tackle world crises

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n **NEW DELHI**

Drime Minister Narendra P Modi on Saturday called on the countries of the Global South to work unitedly in dealing with food and energy security crises and scourge of terrorism as he flagged concerns over consequences of "uncertainties" around the world.

Making this call in his opening address at the third edition of the Voice of Global South Summit hosted by India virtually, Modi also said India would make an initial contribution of USD 25 million to the 'Social Impact Fund' that aims to develop digital public infrastructure (DPI) in the Global South.

The Prime Minister reaffirmed India's commitment to sharing its capabilities with the Global South or the developing countries to promote mutual trade and inclusive development, and to achieve sustainable development goals.

"There has been an atmosphere of uncertainty around the world, and it has not yet fully recovered from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic," Modi said, adding that new challenges to development are

emerging due to wars.
"We are already facing the challenges of climate change, and now there are also concerns about health security, food security, and energy security," he said.

Terrorism, extremism and separatism remain serious threats to our societies. Technology divide and new economic and social challenges related to technology are also emerging," the Prime Minister

He said the global governance and financial institutions formed in the last century have been unable to fight the challenges of this century.

"It is the need of the hour that the countries of the Global South unite, stand together, speak in one voice and become each other's strength. Let us learn from each other's expe-

"Let us share our capabilities. Let us together take our resolutions to fruition. Let us together get recognition for two-thirds of humanity," Modi

In the last few years, India has been positioning itself as a leading voice, flagging concerns, challenges and aspirations of the Global South or the developing nations, especially the African continent. As G20 president last year,

India focused on issues like inclusive growth, digital innovation, climate resilience, and equitable global health access with an aim to benefit the Global South. Modi also elaborated on the

importance of cooperation in the area of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI). "The conhave been signed to share the 'India Stack' with 12 partners tribution of Digital Public Infrastructure that is DPI in inclusive development is no less from the Global South. To accelerate DPI in the Global than a revolution. The Global

DPI Repository, created under South, we have created a Social

our G-20 presidency, was the Impact Fund. India will make first ever multilateral consenan initial contribution of USD 25 million to it," the prime minsus on DPI," he said. We are happy that agreements ister said.

Modi also listed various frameworks for cooperation with the Global South. "In the last few years, our cooperation has been boosted in areas of infrastructure, digital and energy connectivity," he said.

"Under mission LiFE, we are prioritising roof-top solar and renewable power generation not only in India but also in partner countries. We have shared our experience on financial inclusion and lastmile delivery," Modi said. India has taken the initiative of connecting various countries of the Global South with the Unified Payments Interface

"Our partnership has made significant progress in the areas of education, capacity building and skilling," the prime minister said.

The Mission LiFE or Life-style For Environment is an Indialed initiative aimed at promoting action to protect and preserve the environment.

Modi also highlighted the priority India has attached towards the Global South during its G-20 presidency. "In 2022, when India assumed the G-20 presidency, we had resolved to give a new shape to the G-20. The Voice of Global South Summit became a platform where we openly dis-cussed the problems and priorities related to development," he said.

The prime minister said India prepared the G-20 agenda based on the hopes, aspirations and priorities of the Global South and took forward the grouping with an inclusive and development-focused

The biggest example of this was the historic moment when the African Union assumed permanent membership in the G-20," he said.

In a significant milestone under India's G20 presidency, the African Union became the new permanent member of the grouping in the first expansion of the influential bloc since its inception in

"The Voice of Global South Summit is a platform where we are giving voice to the needs and aspirations of those who have been unheard till now. I believe that our strength lies in our unity, and with the power of this unity we are moving towards a new direction," Modi

Prime Minister Modi proposed a comprehensive and human-centric "Global Development Compact" for the Global South and said it will focus on trade, sustainable growth, technology sharing and concessional financing of projects under an overall framework of the India growth

The needy countries will not be burdened with debt in the name of development finance, Modi said, announcing the new initiative at the Indiahosted third virtual Voice of the Global South Summit. Modi said the "Global

Development Compact" will be inspired by the development priorities set by the countries of the Global South.

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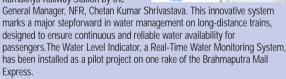
EXHIBITION FOR BIRD, NATURE LOVERS

Prayagraj: The bird and nature lovers can watch some incredible images of birds clicked by Prayagraj's laparoscopy photographer Dr Arpit Bansal who has received national acclaim for his capturing the vibrant beauty of birds in its natural habitat at the ongoing threeday photography exhibition to mark the

World Photography Day at North Central Zone Cultural Centre (Mahatama Gandhi Kala Vithika) from August 16 to 18 The bird and wildlife enthusiasts can also interact with Dr Arpit at the exhibition venue on August 18 from 2pm to 6pm to learn about his photography journey, and how he skillfully manages his profession and passion. Dr Arpit has showcased stunning images of some rare species of

WATER LEVEL MONITORING SYSTEM INTRODUCED ON TRAINS Maligaon: The NF Railway is constantly

making efforts to integrate modern technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and IOT-based devices into its operations, to improve both safety and passenger convenience. In one such significant move, an advanced Water Level Monitoring System on trains was inaugurated on August 16, 2024 in the Brahmaputra Mail Express train at Kamakhya Railway Station by the



Bengal transfers 43 doctors after tragedy



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n

The Bengal Health Department has ordered transfer of as many as 43 doctors in one go government sources said. The transfer comes in the wake of pan Bengal cease work by junior doctors and strong criticism by their senior colleagues following the murder of lady doctor inside the RG Kar Medical

Even as the United Doctors Front Association (UDFA) strongly condemned the transfer and claimed that it was an unjust transfer of doctors who supported the protest by medical students and junior doctors, the Health Department said

taken by the Government.

Terming it "punitive measures" the UDFA said it "will not silence our demands for justice and security. We stand united and resolute in our fight." Meanwhile the Bengal Government on Saturday announced the formation of an AAP called Raater Saathi (Friend of night) to help the lady doctors and other women in distress. It was announced by Alapan Bandopadhyay one of the advisors of Chief Minister Mamata Babnerjee. He also said that the Government was installing hundreds of CCTV cameras in sensitive areas and

Medic rape-murder case: IMA seeks Modi's intervention to curb violence against doctors

PTI n NEW DELHI

The IMA on Saturday sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "benign intervention" to bring a central law to check violence against healthcare personnel and declare hospitals as safe zones with mandatory security enti-

These are among the demands made by the apex doctors' body in the backdrop of the alleged rape and murder of a medic at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata and the subsequent vandalism at the



The Indian Medical Association (IMA), which is observing a 24-hour nationwide withdrawal of non-emergency services from 6 am on Saturday, wrote to the prime minister, putting forward its five demands. All essential services are being

maintained and casualty wards manned, the IMA said in a The 36-hour shift that the

victim was in and the lack of safe spaces to rest and adequate restrooms warrant thorough overhaul of the working and living conditions of resident doctors," it added.

It has also demanded that hospitals be declared as safe zones, with the first step being mandatory security entitle-

"Security protocols at hospitals

should be no less than at airports. Declaring hospitals as safe zones with mandatory security entitlements is the first step. CCTV cameras, deployment of security personnel and the protocols can follow," the IMA said.

It has demanded a central act incorporating the 2020 amendments in the Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897 into the draft Healthcare Services Personnel and Clinical Establishments (Prohibition of Violence and Damage to Property) Bill, 2019, saying it would strengthen the existing 25 state legislations.

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Stating that such a decision by the Governor was expected, Siddaramaiah said, "We had expected this, I too had expected this. When the Governor on July 26, the very day he received the petition, issued me a show cause notice. What does it mean? He said, "There has been a petition seeking sanction for prosecution against JD(S) leader (now Union Minister) H D Kumaraswamy

since November, also there are petitions against former BJP Ministers Shahshikala Jolle, Murugesh Nirani, and Janardhana Reddy. Leaving all of them, if the notice was issued to me, what does it mean?" "In November, sanction was sought against Kumaraswamy (also former CM) by Lokayukta in an alleged case regarding issue of mining licences, after an inquiry. He was not issued a notice. What does it mean -- that the notice is issued to me (by the Governor)?

Based on a petition filed by advocate-activist T J Abraham, Governor 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

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Echoing his concerns, Dr Aakansha added, "We won't be able to work without the assurance of our safety. The government needs to wake How many more incidents will it take before they act?"

As the protest continued, the doctors' chants for justice reverberated through the capital. Dr. S.K. Poddar, another doctor participating in the strike, remarked, "The tragedy in West Bengal is deeply troubling. The main suspect has yet to be apprehended, and there is no clear update on the investigation's progress. This is unacceptable.

Dr. Jyoti Sharma highlighted the frustration within the medical community. "The IMA's call for a 24-hour strike reflects our frustration with the lack of progress on our demands. The Central Protection Act, which was introduced in Parliament eight years ago, has been stalled. We are demanding justice for the victim and protection for all healthcare workers," she said.

The nationwide demand by united modern medicine including doctors, associations of surgeons, diagnostics, dental. radiologists, and psychologists, for a central protection act to safeguard healthcare workers from violence forced the centre to announce that they would constitute a committee to suggest all such possible measures for ensuring the healthcare rofessions profession:
"Representatives of all stakeholders, including the state government, will be invited to share their suggestions committee," with the Union Health Ministry said in a

statement. Further, hospitals in Delhi joined the protest alongside government hospitals making things

worse for patients who had | From Page 1 relied on such hospitals for elective services government shut their operation except emergency services with hospitals like Sir Ganga Ram, Fortis and Apollo have halted their OPD, elective surgeries and IPD services. Dr Ajay Swaroop, chairman of the Board of Management at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said, 'We have declared a complete shutdown of OPD, elective OTs and IPD work. Unfortunately, I believe that protests and discontinuation of duties have now become necessary to pressure the authorities and expedite the investigation process, so that justice is not delayed. We will continue to fully support the agitation until concrete changes are made to address the safety and security concerns of all cadres of workers in the health service." Fortis Hospitals, in a statement, said, "We are deeply saddened and shocked the horrific incident in Kolkata. Such acts of violence, particularly against those who dedicate their lives to healing others, are deplorable and call for swift

justice. At Fortis Hospitals, we stand in solidarity with the Indian Medical Association and the wider medical community in condemning this act. We respect the sentiments of our doctors and will support those who wish to participate in the nationwide shutdown. Essential services will continue to be provided to ensure that patient care is not compromised."

Resident doctors from all major hospitals in Delhi have been protesting, taking out marches and holding candlelight vigils demanding justice for the Kolkata victim and over safety concerns. Earlier, doctors from private hospitals also protested by wearing black bands on their

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Simultaneously, another group of officials visited the Bhawanipore residence of Sanjoy Das, a civic volunteer with the Kolkata Police and the prime accused, who was arrested several days ago. A third team went to the Belgachia Police Barracks, where Das had recently been living, reportedly using his influence to secure

accommodation. You put your ear to the walls of the Hospital and you will get to know who killed her ... even the CBI officials might have known about them by now ... the only thing is that they need evidence ... if at all that have not been destroyed by the college authorities and the police in the," an agitating nurse of the hospital said adding "she had perhaps come to know about some closely guarded secret of the highly connected who have been running a multi-crore racket in the hospital ... she was paid with her life for not taking their offer and acting according to their desire."

Others in the hospital said that those who raped and killed the lady doctor even sat around her corpse for some time discussing the next course of From Page 1 action and accordingly family was informed about the suicide.

would also arrange for lady security personnel particular women in the night time.

'Though they informed was initially informed about her suicide they perhaps failed to make the situation look like one because by that time juniors and other staff had started assembling around the area," a junior doctor said requesting anonymity.

Meanwhile the members of third sex too joined doctors in their agitation demanding justice for the murdered lady doctor and safety for women in work place.A huge humanity including women, members of transgender community, students and doctors on Saturday took out a procession from College Square to RGKMCH and jostled with the police who tried to stop them. Members of Indian Medical Association that had called a nationwide strike on Saturday hit the streets at various places in Kolkata and districts. The doctors took part in processions at Cooch Behar, Durgapur, Malda, Kolkata, Diamond Harbour many other places demanding justice and security in work places sources

After Rana served seven years prison for those convictions and upon his compassionate release, India issued a request for his extradition to try him for his alleged participation in the Mumbai attacks.

Before the magistrate judge who initially decided Rana's extraditability (the extradition court), Rana argued that the US extradition treaty with India protected him from extradition because of its Non Bis in Idem (double jeopardy) provision. He also argued that Îndia did not provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate probable cause that he committed the charged crimes.

The extradition court rejected Rana's arguments and certified that he was extraditable. After Rana raised the same arguments in a habeas petition in district court (the habeas court), the habeas court affirmed the extradition court's findings of facts and conclusions of law.

In his appeal, Rana argued that he cannot be extradited based on conduct for which he was acquitted in the United States because the word

"offence" refers to underlying | From Page 1 acts. The US government argued that "offence" refers to a charged crime and requires an analysis of the elements of each charged crime.

Thus, according to the government, the Treaty permits Rana's extradition because the Indian charges contain distinct elements from the crimes for which he was acquitted in the United

Judge Smith said that the Treaty's plain terms, the postratification understanding of the signatories, and persuasive precedent all support the government's interpretation. Rana argued, however, that,

based on the government's interpretation of the Treaty in Headley's plea agreement, we should judicially estop the government from advocating for its current interpretation of the Treaty. "We decline to do so," Judge Smith said.

Because the parties do not dispute that the crimes charged in India have elements independent from those under which Rana was prosecuted in the United States, the Treaty permits Rana's extradition," Judge Smith said.

On same track at 1.20 am, a Patna-Indore train crossed uninterrupted, Railway Board officials said.

The passengers of the Sabarmati Express (19168) were sleeping when the train stopped after a loud noise.

"Shortly after the drain departed from the Kanpur railway station, we heard a loud noise and the coach started shaking. I got very scared but the train stopped," one of the passengers Vikas told PTI video.

Vikas, who boarded the train from Varanasi and was headed for Ahmedabad, said that the train was moving at a very slow speed when it got derailed.

As the train halted, the passengers started pouring out of their coaches.

Majority of them sat near the railway track waiting for help and called their family members to inform them about the incident.

"The police came almost an hour after the incident. We are waiting with our luggage on the side of the adjacent railway track," said another passenger. Uttar Pradesh Relief

Kumar said, "Buses have been arranged for the passengers along with alternative arrangements transportation and all passengers have been

evacuated from the spot." According to the Railways, seven trains have been cancelled and three diverted due to the derailment.

North Central Railway (NCR) senior public relations officer Shashikant Tripathi said that buses were arranged to carry passengers from the accident site to the Kanpur

Railway Station. Besides, an eight coaches MEMU train departed from Kanpur to the accident site to carry passengers back to Kanpur so that further arrangements can be made to

send them to their respective destinations, Tripathi said. The Railways has issued the following helpline numbers:-Prayagrāj: 0532-2408128 0532-2407353, Kanpur: 0512-2323018, 0512-2323015, 054422200097, Mirzapur:

Etawaĥ: 7525001249, Tundla: 7392959702, Ahmedabad: 07922113977, Banaras City: 8303994411, Gorakhpur: 0551-2208088

Hoax bomb threats send cops into tizzy in NCR-Delhi accused who sent the threat that the Leela hotel received a around 1.35 pm, said the scene, the officer said, adding

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"I planted the bombs in the building because I hate my life. The people behind this attack are Paige and Nora".

Bomb and dog squad teams were rushed to the spot. According to the police, hundreds of people were present inside the mall, but all were evacuated safely. However, after five hours of search operation, it was found a hoax call. In the afternoon, Assistant Commissioner of Police, DLF (Gurugram), Vikas Kaushik

said, "The search operation at

the Ambience Mall is over

and nothing has been found.

We are now searching for the

email." Police said efforts are being made to track the source of the email. In an official statement issued

earlier in the day, Gurugram Police appealed to the general public to not panic. So far, such emails have been found to be hoaxes meant to scare people, it said. The mall management also

increased the number of security staff after receiving an email.In connection with the matter, the police have registered a case under relevant sections of the BNSS at the cyber crime police station (East), police said. This was not the first time treat email. Noida, Commissioner of Police (law

and order) Shivhari Meena said searches were conducted at the DLF Mall of India following information of a bomb threat but nothing objectionable was found and the email appears to be a hoax. People were evacuated from DLF Mall of India in Sector 18 here on Saturday following a bomb threat email with police later saying that nothing was found following anti-sabotage checks.

However, the mall authorities, in a statement

"activity" was a security drill conducted in collaboration with Noida authorities. Several people at the mall were evacuated and movie screenings were halted midway as security checks began.

A man said in a post on X that he was watching a movie at the mall when the audiences were asked to leave. "Whole Noida DLF mall is being evacuated, called as a mock drill," he posted on the social media platform.

În another post on the social media platform, he shared the image of a vehicle of the

bomb disposal squad at the mall wondering if it was "still a mock drill". Later, ACP Meena said, "Because of the upcoming festivals, malls and crowded

places at various locations in the Gautam Buddh Nagar Commissionerate are being continuously." after receiving "Today, information via email, thorough security checks were carried out in the mall. No objectionable items were found, and the situation is normal. At first glance, the email appears to be a hoax," he said.

All senior officials and other teams are present at the

normally. In its statement, the DLF Mall of India said, "We are pleased to confirm that the mall is now open and fully operational.""The safety of our patrons is our utmost priority, and DLF is consistently dedicated to maintaining the highest security standards to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all," it added. On May 1 this year, panic gripped multiple schools in

the mall is operating

Delhi NCR, including Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurugram, and Faridabad, after they received emails about bombs being planted on their campuses.

Devendra Yadav held on arson charges

STAFF REPORTER n DURG

ongress Devendra Yadav was taken into custody on Saturday from Durg district in Chhattisgarh over the June 10 violence in Balodabazar city.

Several supporters of Yadav gathered outside his residence in Bhilai Nagar area and raised slogans after word spread about the police action.

Yadav is being brought to Balodabazar for further action, Balodabazar Superintendent of Police Vijay Agrawal said.

Police had summoned Yadav at least three times to record his statement in the Balodabazar arson case but he didn't turn up, leading to his arrest.



Police personnel from As the news spread, Balodabazar with their counterparts reached Yadav's house at

Yadav's supporters tried to protect the MLA and raised slogans.

Yadav with them at around 5 pm. Unidentified persons had vandalised 'jaitkham'

managed to whisk away

symbol worshipped by the Satnami community, near the Amar Gufa at Giroudpuri Dham in the Balodabazar-Bhatapara district on the night of May 15 and 16 this year. On June 10, a mob set

fire to a government office building and more than 150 vehicles in Balodabazar city during a protest called by Satnamis.

Congress leaders, including Yadav, had allegedly attended a public meeting during the demonstration held by Satnamis at Dussehra Maidan. The influential Satnami community, founded by social reformer Baba Guru Ghasidas, represents the largest Scheduled Caste group in Chhattisgarh.

Park for differently abled to open in Raipur

STAFF REPORTER n

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra Saturday Kumar on announced that a park for the differently abled will come up in Raipur.

made announcement in Raipur while participating in the Divyang Kala Mela, a fair exclusively organized to showcase the skills of differently abled.

The event is taking place at the BTI ground in order to empower the differently abled to show their skill and products.

The Minister demanded land from the state government for establishing the park, to which the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister immediately announced allotment of 5 acres.

At the Mela, differently abled persons displayed their



skills and entrepreneurship. The Minister said there was no dearth of talent among the differently abled and there was a need to encourage them

through such events. Soon fairs like Divyang

Kala Mela would be organised at other places of Chhattisgarh, he added.

The fair for differently abled, inaugurated on Saturday, will continue till

prevent workplace violence against healthcare personnel.

The administration must

Two arrested for cheating retired teacher of Rs 79 lakhs



STAFF REPORTER n BILASPUR

hhattisgarh Police Saturday arrested two persons from Bihar and brought them here for cheating a retired school teacher of Rs 79.85 lakhs in 2023-24 on the pretext of providing him dividends on his

Ganesh Kumar Mandal alias Mocha (27) and Chintu Yadav (26) have been taken into custody, Bilaspur

Virendra Dewangan (63) of Bilaspur city lodged a cheating case last month against them. The two were nabbed from Jamui in Bihar. The two confessed to cheating Dewangan. A court sent them to prison.

Additional Superintendent of Police Umesh Kashyap said. Bhimrao Drive in Raipur on Friday.

C'garh's rail expansion

gaining momentum

Medical services closed again in protest against rape, murder

STAFF REPORTER n RAIPUR

 $D_{\text{closed all elective services}}^{\text{octors in Chhattisgarh}}$ for a second time on Saturday as part of a nationwide protest against the rape and murder of a junior doctor in Kolkata on August 9.

Emergency services were unaffected but other services such as OPDs, OTs and wards were shut, inconveniencing patients.

The services were shut down the first time on August

Students of the RSDKS Government Medical College in Ambikapur organised a rally on Saturday.

Doctors also organised a candle march from the Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Hospital to Marine

government has also approved

Rs 4.5 crore for an 180-km rail

line project from Korba to



Their demands are strict punishment for the guilty.

They also want a "Central Health Workers and Health Act" across the country to

Establishments Protection

ensure that the guards are in their place during duty hours, and their work must be strictly monitored.

Dark areas within the medical college campuses must be identified within the state, and proper lights must be installed to ensure the

safety of students.

Proper CCTV cameras
must be installed all around
the medical college campuses, and it must be ensured that these cameras are in working

State Bank of India

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DEMAND NOTICE

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/s (Borrower) and (Co-borrower) have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial assets and nent of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known address, but they have been returned unserved and as such they

are hereby informed by way of this public notice.							
	lame of the Borrower Guarantor & Address	Details of Properties / Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Date of Notice Date of NPA	Amount Outstanding (As on the data			
			Date of NFA	of notice)			
1. E	BORROWER- SHRI RAJESH	PLOT NO, ALAYA E-57, ANANDAM WORLD CITY GAD	09.08.2024	Rs. 13843033.32			
(GOPE S/O SANKAR PRASAD	COLONY, KACHNA, RAIPUR(C.G.), BOUNDRIES:	09.08.2024	t latt t atlant			
(GOPE, CO-BORROWERS-	I NORTH-Plot No. Alava F-58 FAST-Plot No. Alava F-56 I	03.00.2024	charges			
1	I) MISS CHINKY GOPE D/O	SOUTH-Road, WEST-Road					
5	SANKAR PRASAD GOPE,						

W/o Harish Sachdev, Add-House no.-394,395,396,397, Total Area-3000 Sq.Ft.,Tehsil & Dist-No-20, Avanti Garden, Daldal Raipur(C.G.) BOUNDRIES: NORTH- Road, EAST-Road.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002
The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem

2) SHRI SANKAR GOPE S/O LAGAN PRASAD GOPE, 3) SHRIMATI GITA GOPE W/O SANKAR PRASAD GOPE, ADD-ALAYA E-57. ANANDAM WORLD CITY, KACHNAROAD, KACHNA, TÉH+DIST-RAIPUR (C.G.) Borrower- Smt Sarlata Sachdev | Mouja-Siltara, G.K. Township, Raipur-Bilaspur Road, Plot | 09.07.2024 | Rs. 2814196.14 SOUTH-Plot no.-398, WEST-Plot no. 429 to 432 BORROWER- MRS MAYA House No. 71/3, under RDA Devendra Nagar, Sector 03, 18.07.2024 Rs. 2268164.00 S U M A N A N I W / O M R Scheme No. 032, Fafadih, P.H. No. 108/48, Kh. No. 210/2, MURLIDHAR SUMNANI, Part of 218, R.I.C- Raipur-1, Tahsil & Distt- Raipur(C.G.) CO-BORROWER- MR MUKESH | BOUNDRIES: NORTH- Janta House No. 70/3 EAST SUMANANI S/O MR Road, SOUTH- Janta House No. 72/3, WEST-Row of MURLIDHAR SUMNANI, ADD- Public Houses JANTA-6, SAI KRIPA, OPP-BALUDYAN SECTOR-I, SHANKAR NAGAR, RAIPUR (C.G.)

Date: 19.08.2024, Place: Raip

Ambikapur, he said. The Union Three killed,7 injured in lightning strikes

sanctioned Rs 12.25 crore for

the 490 km new rail line from

Gadchiroli to Bijapur via

STAFF REPORTER n **JASHPUR**

STAFF REPORTER n

The Railway Ministry has sanctioned Rs 16.75 crore

for the final survey and

Detailed Project Reports of

two new rail line projects with

a total length of 670 km under

the South East Central

said on Saturday that Chief

Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has

thanked Prime Minister

Narendra Modi for the

approval. This will boost

development in the Bastar

Sai said the Centre has

An official communiqué

Railway in Chhattisga

and Surguja regions.

 $T^{\text{hree women were killed}}_{\text{and seven others injured}}$ in lightning strikes in Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh, police said on Saturday.

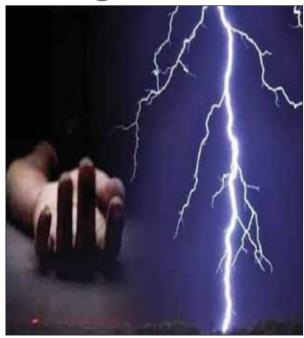
Two women died and seven others were injured after being hit by lightning in Chandamuda village in Pathalgaon area. Another woman died in a village in Bagbahar area on Friday, Jashpur Superintendent of Police Shashi Mohan Singh said.

victims were The working in paddy fields when they were hit by a sudden and powerful discharge of electricity from

the sky.

The deceased were identified as Shraddha Yadav (35), Rakhi Painkara (20) and Akhiyaro Minj (40).

Of the seven injured, three were shifted to a hospital in Ambikapur in neighbouring Surguja district. Four are undergoing



treatment at a hospital in

Pathalgaon.
The kin of each of the deceased will be provided with a compensation of Rs 4 lakh, the official said.

Deaths by lightning strikes are frequently reported during monsoon from the Surguja division comprising six districts, including Jashpur.

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SL No		PROPERTY ADDRESS ON WHICH LOAN AVAILED	A) Date of Notice B) Date of NPA (with effect from) BALANCE O/S (CLAIMED) in Rs.	LOAN DISBURSED
1.	1.Mr. Santosh Kumar Shah S/o Bhagwan Prasad Shah 2.Mrs. Anita Devi W/o Mr. Santosh Kumar Shah Both are residing at-H.No A-41 Ashok Vihar Gondwara, Ring Road No-02, Raipur,CG 492001	Plot No- A/51, KH NO. 83- 84,87/2,90/9 AND 86/1, ASHOK VIHAR, Situated at Gondwara, P.C No-108 Raipur Tahsil & District- Raipur (CG)	A.18.07.2024 Rs 2,06.531/- (Rupees B.10-04-2023 Two Lakh Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty One only) under Loan A/c. No. PHR013900338156 due as on 18.07.2024,	Rs. 568477/ (Rupees Five Lakl Sixty Eigh Thousand Fou Hundred Sevent Seven)only
2.	1.Mr. Kamal Nagdev (Applicant/Borrower) Sio Mr. Kalyan Das Nagdev 2.Mrs. Rekha Nagdev (Co-Applicant) Wio Mr. Kalyan Das Nagdev Mr. Kalyan Das Nagdev Mr. Kalyan Das Nagdev Mr. Kalyan Das Nagdev Mr. Alyan Das Nagdev Mr.	All That Part Of Piece And Parcel Of K h no1494/1, 1616,1617, Ph. No-117, Block No. 33, Flat No. LIG-527, 3rd Floor, Deen Dayalawas Yojna, By Measurement 45,26 Som, Or 487.00 Sqft, Boriyakala, Rajpur, Chhattisgarh-492012. Boundaries: East House No. 541;West House No. 525; North: 10 M Wide Road;South: House No. 528	A) 21-03-2023 Rs. 2,85,875/- (two lakh B) 08-02-2023 Eighty Five Thousands Eight Hundreds Seventy Five Rupees as on 15.03.2023, being the amount due on termination of the agreement (this amount includes interest till 15.03.2023)	Rs. 800000 (Eight Lakh R u p e e s) respectively
3.	1.Mr. Anil Kumar (Applicant/ Borrower) 5/o Shri Panna Lal 2.Mr. Panna Lal (Co-Applicant) Both are Residing At Plot No.1384/10 & 1386/20 Kailash, Nagar Kurud Near Ravi Gas Godown Dhancha Bhawan Supela Bhilai Durg,Pin Code-	All that piece and parcel of the equitable mortgage property situated at KH NO. 1384/20, PH.NO.14/19, Kailash Nagar Mouja Gram Kurud RNM Durg-1, Ward No-14, Bhilai, Durg, Boundries:North: P/D Railway Employee; South Road;East House Of Gupta Jee; West House Of Hari.	A) 02-07-2024 Rs. 1,302,548/- (Rupees B) 09-04-2024 Tritreen Lakhs Two Thousand Five Hundred & Fourty Eight Only) Under Loan A/c. No. PHR013901903979 Due As On 27.06.2024 & An Amount Of Rs. 111,534.00/- (Rupees One Lakhs Eleven Thousand Five Hundred & Thirty Four Only) Under Loan A/c. No. HTR013901958704 Due As On 27.06.2024 Being The Amount Due On Termination Of The Agreement (this Amount Includes Interest Till 27.06.2024)	Rs.1689764/-(sixtee Lakhs Eighty Nin Thousand Seve Hundred & Sixty Fou Rupees) in the loa account numbe PHR013901903979 & 1 50000/- (Rupees On Lakhs Fifty Thousan Rupees Only) in the loa account numbe HTR013901958704
	1.Mr. Ashish Sahu (Applicant/ Borrower) S/o Mr. Birendra Sahu (Co- Applicant) W/o Birendra Sahu Both are residing at-Sahu Sector 2 Street No 05 Proffesor Colony Raipur Dist-raipur (C.G.) Pin No. 492001 Mo. 7000875407	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Mauja Raipur Khas, Part Of Kh.no1597/10, "Professor Colony Mahamaya Mandir Ward No- 62, Ph.no. 106"A" R.N.M- Raipur-1, Tehsil And District- Raipur (C.G.). Boundries: North: Sellers Left Land; South: Road; East: Road; West:Road	A) 08-07-2024 Rs. 705715/- (Rupees B) 08-06-2024 Seven Lac Five Thousand Seven Hundred FifteenOnly) under Loan A/c. No. PHR013906731518 due as on 06.07.2024, being the amount due on termination of the agreement (this amount includes interest till 06.07.2024) & Rs. 7155123/ (Rupees Seventeen Lac Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three Only) under Loan A/c. No. LTR013906731639 due as on 06.07.2024, being the amount due on termination of the agreement (this amount includes interest till 06.07.2024)	Rs.719157/- (rupee Seven Lac Ninetee Thousand On- Hundred Fifty Seve Only), & Rs 1778052/- (rupee Seventeen La Seventy Eigh Thousand Fifty Two Only),
the	payments of outstanding dues as mention	ed above along with future interes	rs and/ or the guarantors (where ever applicabl t and applicable charges within 60 days from the of the date of this notice as per the provision of	date of the publication

orrower's kind attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available of the borrowers, to redeem the secured assets.

Section 13 sub-section (8) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 -

Date:18.08.2024

Emergency services were unaffected but other services such as OPDs, OTs and wards were shut.

Registered Office: 6th Floor, Tower A,

DCB BANK

Peninsula Business Park, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013 **POSSESSION NOTICE**

he undersigned being the authorized officer of the DCB Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and econstruction 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 borrowers (Borrower's and Co-Borrower's) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice as detailed below in tabular form with further interest thereon from within 60 days from the date of eceipt 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 the 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 on 14th August, 2024.

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 respective amount as mentioned

he Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the act,

respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.					
Demand Notice Dated :	10th June, 2024				
Name of Borrower(s) and Co-borrower(s) :	MRS. SANDHYA RAJPUT and MR. TORAN SINGH RAJPUT				
Loan Account Number	DBLARAI00448365				
Total Outstanding Amount :	Rs. 25,37,772/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Two Only) as on 10th June 2024				

Description of the Immovable Property: ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING KH NO. 1275/49, ADMEASURING AREA 840 SQ. FT. PH NO. 63 SITUATED AT WARD NO.10. R.I.C DURG 1 TEHSIL & DISTRICT DURG (CG), BOUNDED BY EAST - HOUSE OF TIROTHRAJ MESHRAM, WEST - HOUSE OF PRAHLAD MAHAR, NORTH - GALI, SOUTH - ROAD, (The

Demand Notice Dated :	10th June, 2024			
Name of Borrower(s) and Co-borrower(s) :	MR. MIRZA SHADAB BAIG, MR. MIRJA SHAUKAT BAIG, MRS. SABARA MIRZA and MR. MIRZA ADAB BAIG			
Loan Account Number	DBLAPAR00416938			
Total Outstanding Amount :	Rs. 20,77,672.35 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Two and Thirty Five Paisa Only) as on 10th June 2024			

Description of the Immovable Property: ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING SURVEY NO. 156/6. AFTER MUTATION SURVEY NO. 156/47, AREA 1020 SQ. FT SITUATED AT WARD NO 12 KRANTI KUMAR RHARATI NAGAR WARD MOUZA - JUNA RILASPUR (TALAPAR) P. H. NO. 22/34, BLOCK - BILHA, R. I. CIRCLE & TAHSIL. DISTRICT - BILASPUR (CG). BOUNDED BY ON THE TOWARDS EAST - ROAD, ON THE TOWARDS WEST - LAND OF MOTILAL, ON THE TOWARDS NORTH - ROAD, ON THE TOWARDS SOUTH - OTHERS LAND The Secured Assets).

Demand Notice Dated :	10th June, 2024			
Name of Borrower(s) and Co-borrower(s) :	MR. BRAJESH SINGH and MRS. URMILA DEVI			
Loan Account Number	2045900000019			
Total Outstanding Amount :	Rs. 19,77,278.46 (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight and Forty Six Paisa Only) as on 10th June 2024			
	movable Property : ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY			

CONSTRUCTED ON PLOT NO. L. I. G 22, PLOT SIZE 101.70 SQ. MTS., P. H. NO.18/24 SITUATED AT VILLAGE - SHYAMTARI, DHAMTARI TAH & DISTRICT - DHAMTARI. BOUNDED BY : EAST LIG 21, WEST - PRAPOSED LIG PLOT, NORTH - L.I.G 24, SOUTH - ROAD (The Secured Assets)

Demand Notice Dated :	10th June, 2024
Name of Borrower(s) and Co-borrower(s) :	MR. BHOLA RAM SHARMA and MRS. MANJU SHARMA
Loan Account Number	DBLAKUM00417001
Total Outstanding Amount :	Rs. 13,36,649.28 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty Nine and Twenty Eight Paisa Only) as on 10th June 2024
Description of the Imme	ovable Property : ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING

PLOT NO. 05, BLOCK NO. 11, AREA 440 SQ. FT, SITUATED AT RIC DURG 1, TAHSIL & DISTRICT DURG (CG), BOUNDED BY: EAST - PLOT OF FULTARA, WEST - PLOT OF MURARILAL. NORTH

RUAD, SUUTH - RUAD. (The Secured Assets)
Demand Notice Dated :	10th June, 2024
Name of Borrower(s) and Co-borrower(s) :	MR. ROOPRAM SAHU, MRS. PHULESHWARI SAHU and Mr. Tulsi ram sahu
Loan Account Number	DBLAKUL00417777
Total Outstanding Amount :	Rs. 12,52,447.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Seven Only) as on 10th June 2024

Description of the Immovable Property: ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING KH. NO. 795/39 (OLD NO. A PART OF 795/5) ADMEASURING AREA 2016 SQ. FT., SITUATED AT URLA, P. H. NO. 131/23, R. I. C ABHANPUR, TAH ABHANPUR, DIST. - RAIPUR (CG), BOUNDED BY : EAST BY - ROAD, WEST BY - OTHERS LAND, NORTH BY - REST LAND OF SELLER, SOUTH BY - LAND OF DR. KUKREJA (The Secured Assets)

Date: 18.08.2024 For DCB Bank Limited Place: Bilaspur, Durg, Raipur, Dhamtar

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K'taka CM must quit for fair MUDA scam probe: BJP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday asked Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to step down from his post to ensure an impartial probe into his alleged role in the MUDA site allotment "scam" as it welcomed the Governor's decision to sanction his prosecution in the

BJP MPs Sambit Patra and Tejasvi Surya, at a press conference, rejected Congress' allegation that Karnataka Thaawarchand Gehlot's decision was motivated by politics and claimed that it was a serious case of involving Siddaramaiah and his family. Taking a swipe at Mallikarjun Kharge, Patra said the Congress President went to Bengaluru to "protect" the Karnataka Chief Minister and wondered when will he go to Kolkata which is witnessing massive protests against the alleged rape and murder of a trainee woman doctor at a West Bengal Governmentrun medical college and

Surya said the Karnataka Government has constituted commissions, headed by an ex-IAS officer and another by a former High Court Judge, to look into the



allegations of corruption. It was an acknowledgement of irregularity, said the BJP MP from Bangalore South Lok Sabha constituency. In the Mysuru Urban

Development Authority (MUDA) 'scam', it is alleged that compensatory sites were allotted to Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi in an upmarket area in Mysuru that had higher property value as compared to the location of her land which had been "acquired" by MUDA.

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

Giving details of the alleged Surya claimed the Karnataka Chief Minister's wife was allocated 14 prime upmarket sites in Mysuru in

Ministry of Agriculture &

Farmers Welfare, Civil

Aviation and Information &

The latest induction is being

done through the lateral

entry mode referred to as the

appointment of private sector

specialists in Government Departments -- aimed at

bringing fresh talent and

The lateral recruitment, at the

levels of joint secretary,

director and deputy secretary

in the Central Government,

has been undertaken since

2018 to appoint persons for

specific assignments, keeping

knowledge and expertise in

the domain area. The officers

important role in policy-

So far, 63 appointments have

been made through lateral

entry out of which 35

appointments were from the

At present, 57 officers are in

Ministries/Departments,

The posts of Joint Secretary

(Policy & Plan), NDMA,

Ministry of Home Affairs,

Joint Secretary (Emerging Technologies) and Joint

Secretary (Semiconductors

and Electronics) under

Ministry of Electronics &

Information Technology,

Joint Secretary (Digital Economy, Fin Tech and

Cyber Security), Department of Financial Services and

Joint Secretary (Investment),

Department of Economic

Affairs, Ministry of Finance,

(Shipping), Ministry of Ports,

Shipping & Waterways,

among others are to be filled

Of the total of 35 posts of

Directors/Deputy Secretaries,

a highest of eight are to be

filled in the Department of

Agriculture & Farmers

Welfare under the Ministry of

Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, followed by three

Secretary

Joint

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compensation for a parcel of

rural land which was first

bought by their son-in-law

from its original owner and

then gifted to her. Siddaramaiah was first a Deputy Chief Minister and then Chief Minister when decisions were taken related to the land, while his son was a member of the Mysuru body which made

allotment, he claimed. Surya said any State probe agency reporting to the Chief Minister is unlikely to carry out a fair probe into the he demanded Siddaramaiah's resignation.

It is a scam like the National Heard case and the suspected hanky-panky in the allotment of land to Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra, he

Patra claimed that the entire "scam" runs into Rs 4,000

crore, adding mockingly that Congress Leaders do not commit any scam less thousands of crore.

The alleged National Herald scam in which Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are the main accused is worth Rs 5,000 crore, he said.

Governors used to sit over such files due to political compulsions but the corrupt will not be spared under the Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Patra said.

Karnataka Governor Gehlot on Saturday granted sanction for the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in connection with the MUDA site allotment "scam".

Siddaramaiah has repeatedly said that the Congress Government led by him is ready to fight legally and politically, in case the Governor rejects Cabinet's advice to withdraw the "show cause notice" to him, and grants permission for prosecution. Based on a petition filed by

advocate-activist Abraham, 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

WB Govt accused of silencing doctors, media in cover-up bid

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday accused the West Bengal Government of cracking down on doctors and a section of the media for demanding justice in the rape and murder case of a trainee doctor, terming it the "most sinister and institutional cover up" to save the culprits. BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla claimed that the sole agenda of the Chief Minister Mamata Banerjeeled government is "silencing the truth, saving rapists and destroying evidence at any

He told reporters that 43 doctors were transferred in the state, including a few to remote areas, for allegedly raising their voice for justice while police have been warning citizens and journalists of legal action for their crusade for justice.

In a swipe at Banerjee for leading a march seeking justice in the case, Poonawalla asked as to what she was protesting when she was incharge of home and health ministries.

The priority of police is not to act against thousands of vandals who stormed RG Kar Medical Hospital but to act against those raising their voice for justice, he claimed, adding that some journalists have had to deactivate their social media accounts.

"The TMC has come to represent an authoritarian



spokesperson alleged, adding that the biggest of dictators will admire Banerjee for her action in this case. Poonawalla said spokesperson Santanu Sen was removed from his position for saying that there were many complaints against the college Principal, who was immediately rehabilitated by the Government after his decision to quit. There is outrage across the country and everybody is demanding justice but the Government's priority is to save criminals, ĥe said.

Poonawalla also targeted Opposition INDIA bloc parties for their "conspiracy of silence". The postgraduate trainee doctor was allegedly raped and murdered while on duty at the RG Kar MCH last week. A mob entered the hospital in the early hours of Thursday and ransacked the stage where junior doctors been demonstrating against the alleged rape and murder of the doctor and demanding security in their workplace. The mob also vandalised the emergency department, nursing unit and

Multilateral bodies failed to deliver during global crises: Jaishankar

ndia on Saturday once again strongly pitched for reforms of key multilateral institutions, saying it is an "undeniable" fact that when the global order faced "critical challenges", solutions did not emerge from them.

In his address at the third India-hosted virtual Voice of the Global South Summit, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also called for facilitating financing and critical technologies to developing countries. "It is an undeniable fact that

even as the global order faced critical challenges, solutions did not emerge from the multilateral domain," he said, calling for revitalising multilateralism. The reason is both the obsolescence and polarisation of multilateral organisations," he said, speaking at the foreign

ministers' session of the "Here too, India has argued for reformed multilateralism and sought reforms of Multilateral Development

Banks through the G20. As a group, we need to press home our case," Jaishankar India has been consistently

pressing for reforms of institutions, multilateral



Nations, the World Bank Monetary Fund, arguing that they must reflect the realities of the current world. The external affairs minister

put across his views in four strengthening economic resilience, climate change and energy transitions, revitalising multilateralism

and democratising digital

transformations. On economic resilience, he said the experience of the COVID-19 conflicts and climate events have driven home the necessity for reliable and resilient supply chains.

"Not just that, there is also an acute need to diversify production itself in various domains to de-risk the international economy," he

What we earlier argued for in terms of socio-economic justice is today an equally compelling logic for the entire world in terms of predictability," he noted.



In fresh push to lateral entry UPSC advertises 45 posts

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n

Corty-five specialists will **L** soon be joining on key posts of joint secretaries, directors and deputy secretaries in different central Ministries as part of the Modi government's ambitious plan to infuse fresh talent to further improve ease of governance.

Usually, such posts are manned by the officers of all-India services -- the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFoS) -- and other Group A services, among others.

Commission (UPSC) on Saturday advertised 45 posts -- 10 of joint secretaries and 35 directors/deputy secretaries to be filled through the lateral entry mode on contract basis.

The Union Public Service

'The Government of India submitted requisitions for recruitment of joint secretary and director/deputy secretary level officers. Accordingly, on line applications are invited from talented and motivated Indian nationals willing to contribute towards nation building to join the Government at the level of

secretary director/deputy secretary...," reads the advertisement. The vacancies in different Ministries/Departments with

headquarters at New Delhi, are to be filled on contract basis (on deputation for officers of States/UT cadres, public sector undertakings (PSUs), autonomous bodies, statutory organisation, universities, recognised research institutes) for a period of three years (extendable to five years depending through performance) s i t

https://www.upsconline.nic.I n by September 17, it said. The 10 posts of joint secretaries are in Home, Finance and Steel ministries

among others. each in the Ministry of Jal director/deputy secretary-level will be filled in the and Justice, among others. Shakti and Ministry of Law

Venugopal to head PAC to keep close eye on Govt expenditure PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n

NEW DELHI

Senior Congress Leader KC Venugopal will head the Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC), which keeps a close eye on Government expenditure, according to the Lok Sabha

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla also constituted four other Parliamentary panels, including Estimates and Undertakings committees which will be chaired by BJP Leaders. Public Accounts, Public

Undertakings and Estimates committees are the key financial committees of Parliament tasked with keeping a watch on the Government's accounts and the functioning of public sector firms. The Lok Sabha Secretariat issued a bulletin on Friday announcing the

parliamentary committees. The Committee on Welfare of OBCs will be headed by Ganesh Singh of the BJP. His party colleague Faggan Singh Kulaste will head the Committee on Welfare of SCs and STs.

BJP Leader Sanjay Jaiswal will head the Committee on Estimates while his party colleague Baijayant Panda will chair the Committee on Public Undertakings.



tenure of one year and have members from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. They are elected by the two

The PAC is usually headed by a senior Lok Sabha member of the principal Opposition party. Congress Leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury headed the PAC for five years. Unlike the previous committees in the 18th Lok Sabha have taken shape mostly through consensus instead of elections.

Besides the PAC, Committee on Public Undertakings, Committee on Estimates, Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Tribes, Scheduled Committee on Office of Profit and Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes have constituted without an

Rajnath to inaugurate Indian Coast Guard's MRCC building at Chennai

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n **NEW DELHI**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate on Sunday the newly constructed state-of-the-art Indian Coast Guard's Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) building in Chennai, the Ministry said on Saturday.

The Defence Ministry in a statement said the MRCC underscores the ICG's commitment to safeguarding lives at sea and ensuring swift response in critical situations. On Sunday, Rajnath will also inaugurate two additional key facilities, at the Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre (RMPRC) in Chennai and the Coast Guard Air



Puducherry. This landmark occasion major advancement in maritime and regional coordination, marking a enhancing maritime security and emergency response along the Indian coastline," the statement said. The new MRCC is set to become an iconic structure, significantly enhancing the coordination and effectiveness of maritime

operations mariners and fishermen in distress at sea, officials said. The RMPRC, located on Chennai Port premises, represents a pioneering step marine management. As the first of its kind in the region, the RMPRC will play a crucial role in coordinating responses to marine pollution incidents, particularly oil and chemical spills, in the waters adjoining coastal states. The Coast Guard Air Enclave

at Puducherry marks a significant milestone for the IČG and will be instrumental in bolstering maritime security along Puducherry and south Tamil Nadu coast,



PNS n NEW DELHI

contained

In a social media post in Hindi, Kharge said, "BJP, which has ripped apart the Constitution, has made a

the Government has issued an advertisement to fill at least 45 posts of Joint Secretary, Directors and through lateral entry. Is there

alleged. Under a well-planned conspiracy, the BJP is deliberately making such recruitments in jobs so that SC, ST, OBC classes can be kept away from reservation," Congress President

assistant teachers in Uttar Pradesh has now been exposed by a decision of the

Congress Leader Rahul Gandhi had raised the voice of the deprived candidates by writing a letter to the Prime Minister in the "reservation scam" in Dalit and backward classes in March 2024, he

The Yogi Government had filled these posts by doing injustice to the candidates in which the constitutional right of reservation of Dalit and backward classes was

Union Minister, who is a BJP ally, drew the attention of the Government irregularities

IAF, Army hold para-drop operation at 15,000 feet

The IAF and the Army have jointly carried out L a "first-of-its-kind precise para-drop operation of the Aarogya Maitri Ĥealth Cube at a high-altitude of about 15,000 feet, the Defence Ministry said on Saturday. These critical trauma care cubes have been indigenously developed under Project BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri).

The operation was conducted in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of providing critical supplies to affected areas as part of humanitarian aid and disaster relief (HADR), it said. The IAF utilised its advanced tactical transport aircraft C-130J Super Hercules to airlift and precisely para-drop the cube. The Indian Army's Para Brigade, known for its operational acumen and agility, played instrumental role in the successful



deployment of the trauma care cube, utilising their advanced precision drop equipment, the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

This demonstration underscored the capability of such specialised military assets to effectively support HADR operations, even in the most remote and mountainous regions, it said.

The successful para-drop and deployment of the BHISHM trauma care cube exemplified the synergy and jointness of the armed forces and underscored the commitment to providing timely and effective assistance as first

Poachers target lesser-known species: WCCB PIONEER NEWS SERVICE n

With heightened security measures making it increasingly difficult for the traffickers to smuggle high-profile species such as tigers and elephants, their focus seems to be now on lesser-known species like musk deer, avian species, otters, and monitor lizards, according to the data available from the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB).

These species are often disguised as plant roots or synthetic materials, making them easier to smuggle due to their relative obscurity and lack of widespread awareness, say wildlife experts. 'The illegal trade in these

lesser-known species is accelerating due to heightened security for due charismatic species and a general lack of awareness. The presence of fake wildlife articles further complicates

detection, making it nearly

enforcement to register cases

law

impossible for

said an official from the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), an organization engaged in wildlife conservation in the During various operations

since 2024 till date, the WTI

official said that a staggering 128 kgs of pangolin scales were seized. On average, 1 kg of scales can be extracted from one Indian pangolin, and 500-600 grams from one Chinese pangolin, indicating significant poaching activity. Another commonly trafficked item is hatha jodi, the hemipenis of the monitor lizard. In the last eight months, 590 hatha jodi were confiscated, revealing the rampant illegal trade of monitor lizards across India. The recent seizure of hathjodi was in early July during a joint operation by WCCB, the department, and

Amritsar police along with

the WTI. The raid resulted in

the confiscation of 137 hatha

jodi, 38 bear bile vials, 69 sea

fans, 1.4 kg of organ pipe

corals, and 4.814 kg of gorgonian corals. These items, derived from Schedule species under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, were intercepted as they were being transported through Delhi from Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu and

Kashmir. In fact throughout the first quarter of the 2024 as per the WCCB data, enforcement officials were on their toe, curbing illegal wildlife trade. For instance, in Gujarat early this month, the wildlife security agency confiscated a Red Sand Boa snake and a Barn Owl, while Bihar saw the seizure of hundreds of

mongoose brushes. Uttar Pradesh's efforts led to the capture of 36 kg of calipee and 745 turtles. Other significant recoveries

included 250 kg of processed sea cucumbers in Tamil Nadu, kg of pangolin scales in Assam, and various wildlife parts in Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal. In Madhya Pradesh, Carcass of sloth bear, body parts and meat of Barking deer, wild boar, peafowl and bear reproductive organ were seized in joint operation conducted by WCCB, STSF and MP Forest department at South Seoni forest division in February 25 while in West snake venom weighting 2.029 kg and 1.769 kg were seized on February 27. Also five Channa Barca, a rare

species of snakehead which is endemic to the upper Brahmaputra River basin in northeastern India and Bangladesh were seized in joint operation conducted by WCCB, West Bengal Forest Department at Baruipur. Additionally, other lesserknown items seized were ea fans, mongoose hair brushes, turtle carapaces, and live birds along with their eggs-all protected under Schedule I and Schedule II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act,

However, there were a few cases involving large animals like big cats too. In Gujarat's Valsad, authorities seized a leopard skin and four leopard paws earlier this year. In Madhya Pradesh, a tiger skin was confiscated in Bichiya Mandla, underscoring ongoing challenges in wildlife



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alleged. The "reservation scam" in the appointment of 69,000

High Court, he claimed.

snatched from them," Kharge alleged. Now we know why the

reservation," he said,

Interim govt committed to free & fair polls: Yunus 100 killed in Israeli strike

⊣he caretaker government in Bangladesh is committed to ensuring a transition to inclusive and pluralistic democracy and creating an environment in which "free, fair and participatory elections" can be held, its head Mohammad Yunus assured the international community on

Yunus, the Chief Advisor of the interim government, said while addressing the third Voice of Global South Summit which was hosted by India in a virtu-

"You all are aware that Bangladesh witnessed a 'Second Revolution' on 5th August 2024, through a mass uprising spearheaded by our valiant students and joined by the masses," the 84-year-old Nobel laureate said, referring to the political turmoil in his country and the resignation of prime minister Sheikh Hasina on August 5.

Noting that the current interim government led by him was

said, "Our government is committed to ensuring a transition to inclusive and pluralistic democracy and creating an environment in which free, fair and participatory elections can be held." Yunus assumed charge of the interim government amid ongoing violence and vandalism, including against the minorities.

Our task is now to carry out vital reforms in our electoral system, judiciary, local government, media, economy and education," Yunus said at the summit being attended by Prime Minister Narendra

"I invite you to visit Dhaka soon. Otherwise, you may miss something important. Much of Dhaka has turned into the graffiti capital of the world. Young students and children aged as young as 12-13 have been painting the walls of this 400-year-old city with images of a New Democratic environment- friendly Bangladesh,"

get support from anybody. It is just an outpouring of their emotions and commitment to the goals of the Second Revolution," the noted economist said.

Former Prime Minister Hasina, 76, fled to India on August 5 after being forced to resign from her post amidst unprecedented anti-government student-led protests. The student-led protests

demanding reforms in government job quotas evolved into a government-toppling movement in early August. Yunus further said, "We must

place the youth and students, who constitute a significant portion of the Global South's population at the heart of our strategies. Two-thirds of our population are youth. They are the most powerful segment of the society. They are different. They are committed to creating a new world. They are capable. They are technologically far ahead of the previous he said. generation..."

"There is no central planning He also emphasised redesign-



ing the financial system to make sure that wealth is shared

"It should not be a one-way path for wealth. We must ensure financial services for all people, particularly women and youth. We can learn from each other how this can be done successfully."

He also mentioned 'The Bengali language movement' in "In 1952 the Bangladeshi stu-

dents sacrificed their lives for their mother tongue. It inspired struggles for the right to speak in the mother language all over the world. Some seven

Second Revolution is inspiring youth throughout the global south to raise their voice for democracy, human rights, dignity, equality and shared pros-"I am honoured to be the oldest 'young person' to take part in this revolution and help them make their dreams come true. They need support from all of you," Yunus said. "Being old should not mean

that you have to retire, withdraw yourself from economic activities. Human creativity never stops on a date fixed b the state. It doesn't stop until the last breath. We may work together to see how to make societies supportive of the creativity of all people as long they live," the octogenarian economist said. During the anti-government

protest in Bangladesh, over 230 people died during violence that erupted across the country following the fall of the Hasina government on August 5, taking the death toll to 560 during the three weeks of vio-

in southern Lebanon

AP n NABATIEH (LEBANON)

An Israeli strike in southern Lebanon early Saturday killed at least 10 Syrian nationals, according to Lebanon's Health Ministry.

The strike on Wadi al-Kfour in Nabatieh province is among the deadliest in Lebanon since the Hezbollah militant group and Israeli military started trading strikes on Oct. 8, a day after Hamas attacked southern Israel and sparked the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. Hezbollah maintains that it will stop its attacks once a cease-fire is reached in the Gaza Strip.

Among the dead were a woman and her two children, the ministry said. Five others were wounded, two of whom in critical condition.

An Arabic-language spokesperson for the Israeli military, Avichay Adraee, said the strike in the southern province targeted a weapons depot belonging to

Mohammad Shoaib, who runs a slaughterhouse in Wadi al-Kfour, said the area struck was an "industrial and civilian area" that contained factories producing bricks, metal, and aluminum, as well as a dairy farm.

The uncle of three of the people killed in the strike said they were factory workers who were in their housing accomodation when they were hit. He denied that there were weapons at the facility. "There was nothing at all like that," Hussein Shahoud said. "There was metal for construction, for building, for all kinds of

Hezbollah has not immediately commented on the strikes.

The Lebanese government and international governments have scrambled for weeks to put an end to the monthslong clashes, with the region on a knife edge since July.

An Israeli strike last month in southern Beirut killed Hezbollah's

top commander, whom Israel accused of leading a rocket attack on the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights that killed 12 youths. Hours later, an explosion widely blamed on Israel killed Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in

the Iranian capital. Both Tehran and Hezbollah vowed to retaliate, but have not yet launched strikes as diplomatic endeavors and Gaza cease-fire

talks continbue in Qatar. Hezbollah and Israel fought a sixweek war in the summer of 2006 that ended in a draw. Hezbollah's military capabilities have developed significantly since then. More than 500 people have been killed in exchanges since Oct. 8,

most of them fighters with Hezbollah and other armed groups but also including around 100 civilians and noncombatants. In Israel, 22 soldiers and 24 civilians have been killed. Tens of thousands of people have been displaced on both sides of tense

Nearly 650 people killed in recent violence in Bangladesh: UN report

PTI n DHAKA/GENEVA

Nearly 650 people have been killed in the recent unrest in Bangladesh between July 16 and August 11, the UN Human Rights Office has said in a preliminary report, suggesting a thorough, impartial and transparent investigation into reports of extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests and detentions.

According to the 10-page report titled "Preliminary Analysis of Recent Protests and Unrest in Bangladesh", nearly 400 deaths were reported between July 16 and August 4 while around 250 people were reportedly killed following the new wave of protests between August 5 and 6, leading to the ouster of former prime minister Sheikh

The available public reports by media and the protest movement itself claimed that between July 16 and August 11, more than 600 people were killed due to the wave of violence following the Anti-Discriminatory Student demonstrations.

The number of reported killings in revenge attacks since that time remains to be determined, the report, released on Friday in

Several deaths were reported between August 7 and 11, including those who died while undergoing medical treatment for injuries sustained in the violence, the UNHCR report sug-Those killed include protesters,

bystanders, journalists and several security forces personnel, it said, adding that thousands of protesters and bystanders were injured, with hospitals overwhelmed by the influx of The report said the reported

death toll was likely an underestimate as information collection faced a hindrance by restrictions on movement due to the curfew and the internet

Furthermore, hospitals were reportedly prevented by state authorities from providing

details of those killed and injured, the report suggested. Triggered by the reinstatement

of a quota system for the allocation of jobs in civil services, the student protests in Bangladesh in mid-June turned violent, with reports of severe human rights violations by security forces.

There are strong indications, warranting further independent investigation, that the security forces used unnecessary and disproportionate force in their response to the situation," the report said.

"Additional, alleged violations, that also warrant thorough, impartial and transparent invesigations included extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests and detention, enforced disappearances, torture and ill-treatment, as well as severe restrictions on the exercise of freedoms of expression and peaceful assemoly," the report said.

There were also reports of looting, arson and attacks on members of religious minorities, as well as reprisals against and revenge killings of members of the former ruling party and police following the resignation of Hasina on August 5, the report said.

On August 15, mobs armed with bamboo sticks, iron rods and pipes reportedly assaulted the former prime minister's Awami League Party supporters who had gathered to pay their tributes to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his death anniversary.

The UN report emphasised the importance of rapidly restoring law and order, as well as the need for effective measures to prevent further loss of life, vioence and acts of reprisals.

Law enforcement agencies need to receive clear instructions and training on the use of force, in line with international human rights standards. They must protect populations at risk against any retaliatory or revenge violence, including minority communities," the

Missile hits Ukraine as Kyiv's troops push into Kursk region

AP n MOSCOW

Russian missile strike Asparked a blaze in the Ukrainian city of Sumy on Saturday, while Ukrainian forces continued to push into Russia's Kursk border region. Two people were injured in the Sumy strike, which also damaged cars and nearby buildings, said Ukraine's State Emergency Service. It said that the hit had involved an Iskander-K cruise missile and an aerial bomb. Ukraine's air force also said it

had shot down 14 Russian drones overnight, including over the Kyiv region. Meanwhile, fighting continued in Russia's Kursk region,

where Ukrainian troops have been deployed since August 6 in a bid to divert the Kremlin's military focus away from the front line in Ukraine. Alexander Kots, military cor-

respondent with the pronewspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda, said that Ukrainian pressure in

"In the main sections of the ragged front, the situation has stabilized. But there are areas where the enemy continues to try to expand its bridgehead," he wrote on his Telegram chan-

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Friday that Ukraine had destroyed a bridge across the Seim River in the Glushkovsky district with USmade HIMÁRS rockets, marking their first use in the Kursk Zakharova's statement couldn't

be independently confirmed, although the Washingtonbased think tank the Institute for the Study of War said that geolocated footage published on August 16 showed that the bridge had collapsed following Russian military bloggers said

that the destruction of bridges would impede deliveries of supplies to Russian forces, but not cut them off completely. "No one has cancelled the pon-



A damaged monument to Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin stands in a central square in Sudzha, Kursk region.

Ukrainian waterways such as the Dnieper River. "And there are still smaller bridges. Russia has seen previous raids

the Kursk incursion is notable for its size, speed, the reported involvement of battle-hardened Ukrainian brigades and the length of time they have stayed inside Russia. As many as 10,000 Ukrainian troops are involved, according to Western military analysts.

The incursion, which Russian authorities say has led to the evacuation of more than 120,000 civilians, came as a shock to many, Yan Furtsev, an activist and member of local opposition party Yabloko, told

Ukrainian forces have also captured a number of Russian troops as they have moved across the region.

On Friday, the AP visited a detention centre in Ukraine, the location of which cannot be disclosed due to security restrictions. Dozens of POWs were seen, some of them walking with their hands tied behind their backs while a guard led them down a corridor. Some had rations of a thin

Teenager shoots Indian-origin man dead in US

PTI n WASHINGTON

A³⁶-year-old Indian-origin man has been shot and killed after a teenage boy robbed a convenience store in the US state of North Carolina, authorities said.

Mainank Patel, the owner of the Tobacco House store at 2580 Airport Road, died after the shooting on Tuesday morning, the Salisbury Post report-A juvenile male is in custody

Rowan County Sheriff's Office. Because the young man is a juvenile, deputies are not able to release his name. The juvenile was arrested

for the crime, according to

Tuesday evening but no additional details have been released. Deputies initially responded to the Tobacco House conve-

nience store in response to a

911 hang-up call, said Captain Mark McDaniel, public information officer for the Rowan County Sheriff's Office. While they were en route to the location, communications were received that there had been a shooting. When the deputies

arrived on scene they found Patel suffering from multiple wounds, said McDaniel. The victim was taken to Novant Health Rowan Medical Center and then transported to

Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, where he died as a result of his injuries, the report A security video showed a tall,

slender white male running across the store parking lot away from the building. He was wearing black shorts, a black hoodie, a black ski mask and white Nike tennis shoes with burgundy logos, and appeared to have a black handgun in his

hand, said McDaniel McDaniel said that the sheriff's office is not certain of the motive in the shooting, but that it currently appears to have been a robbery. No one else was



American businessman and Microsoft founder Bill Gates during flagging off the First India Day celebrations, in Greater Seattle area, USA

Rana can be extradited to India, rules US court

In a huge service.

Tahawwur Hussain Rana, a US court has ruled that the Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman could be extradited to India where is wanted for his involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack carried out by Pakistan-based Lashkare-Taiba terrorists.

"The (India US Extradition) Treaty permits Rana's extradition," the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said in its ruling on Thursday. Ruling on an appeal filed by

63-year-old Rana, a panel of judges of the US Court of

affirmed the District Court in the Central District of California's denial of his habeas corpus petition challenging a magistrate judge's certification of his as extraditable to India for his alleged participation in terrorist attacks in Mumbai. Rana, currently lodged in a jail

in Los Angeles, faces charges for his role in the 26/11 Mumbai attack and is known to be associated with Pakistani-American Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist David Coleman Headley, one of the main conspirators of the terror incident that hit India's financial hub in

Rana has the option of appealing against the ruling. He still has not run out of all the legal options to prevent his extradi-

tion to India. Under the limited scope of habeas review of an extradition order, the panel held that Rana's alleged offence fell within the terms of the extradition treaty between the United States and India, which included a Non Bis in Idem (double jeopardy) exception to extraditability when the person sought has

been convicted or acquitted in the Requested State for the

Pak Intel agencies continue to abduct critics, reveal families

Tntelligence agencies in Pakistan continue to abduct social media activists and vloggers for criticising the government and the powerful military establishment in the country, their families have alleged and approached courts in Punjab province.

Two social media activists of former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, Naeem Ahmad Yasin and Arsalan Akbar, and Vlogger-comedian Aun Khosa, have allegedly been arrested by intelligence agencies in the Punjab province

They have been reported "missing" by their families.

The Shehbaz Sharif government and the establishment have been facing scathing criticism on social media for "abducting" Khosa for singing a parody song on soaring elec-

Days before his abduction, Khosa had sung a song "Bill Bill Pakistan", a parody of the

famous Pakistani song "Dil Dil Pakistan" and released a video on social media criticising the high prices of electricity and extra taxes added to it. Khosa also took on the worthlessness of the Pakistani passport and the cash-strapped country's loans. The comedian has a following of 137,000 on

The families of three "missing persons" filed petitions in the Lahore High Court which on Friday directed the Punjab police chief to recover Khosa by August 20. Binish Iqbal, the wife of Khosa,

told LHĈ Justice Syed Shahbaz Ali Rizvi that unidentified persons barged into her house a few days ago and manhandled her husband before bundling him into a van and speeding

Separately, LHC Justice Shakil Ahmad directed the Punjab police to recover missing PTI activist Arsalan Akbar before

The PTI has expressed concern over recent "forced disappear-

ances" of its political workers. Professor Mazhar-ul-Hassan and Zahoor-ul-Hassan, the brothers of PTI former social media head Azhar Mashwani, and Khan's close aide Shahbaz Gill's brother Ghulam Shabbir have also been missing since June last year. "Whereabouts of all five indi-

viduals remain unknown despite their families' efforts to locate them by approaching the police and the court. A pattern of enforced disappearance is emerging, seemingly to intimidate those living abroad, who are critical of the Pakistani government," a PTI official said on

He urged the judiciary to ensure the safe recovery of all the missing people associated with the PTI. Amnesty International has

also demanded that the Pakistan government immediately disclose their whereabouts and "ensure an effective, independent, and impartial investigation into these disappearances".

Glacial lake outburst devastated Everest village A team of experts and authori-

PTI n KATHMANDU

Army officials, civic authorities and scientists on Saturday confirmed that the massive flash floods in a highaltitude village in the Everest region of Nepal were caused by two glacial lake outbursts leading to widespread devastation. Hurtling down the steep slopes, carrying boulders, debris and muck with it, the floods devastated more than half of the homes in Thame village in the scenic Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality-5. The incident occurred at around 1.30 pm local time on Friday.

Although no death's have been reported so far, one person is reportedly missing, news portal MyRepublica said about the damage caused due to the flooded Thame rivulet, one of the tributaries of Dudhkoshi River.

"Authorities reported that around 93 villagers who fled to higher altitudes or were rescued are now being sheltered in an army camp, while 42 others have been temporarily placed in a nearby community building," The Himalayan Times newspaper

ties were dispatched in a helicopter to inspect and monitor the disaster site and investigate the cause of the sudden flood and mudslide that struck the village. The helicopter went right upstream up to the glacial lakes in higher reaches.

Following the aerial inspection, the Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality confirms that the flood was triggered by the outburst of a glacial lake, one of the many lakes situated above the valley," The Himalayan Times said.

The Kathmandu Post quoted officials to report that two of the five lakes formed above the Thame village had burst and flooded downstream areas. Glacial lake outburst floods, or GLOF, are a sudden release of water from a lake fed by glacier melt that has formed at the side, in front, within, beneath, or

on the surface of a glacier. Experts have warned that global warming poses major threats to glacial lakes and subsequent GLOFs in the Hindu Kush Himalayan Region. Corroborating that it was indeed a GLOF, the Cryosphere Society

of Nepal (CSN), a group of meters in size and located Nepal-based glaciologists work- upstream of Thame Village in ing in the Himalayas, said in a Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality, post on X: "The lake, which is caused the devastation in Thame approximately 39,081.87 square Village on August 16th.

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Majority blue-collar jobs pay less than 20,000 per month: Report

Majority of blue-collar jobs in India pay within the salary range of Rs 20,000 or less per month, suggesting that a substantial portion of the workforce is grappling financial struggling to meet essential needs such as housing, healthcare, and education, a report has said.

Over 57.63 per cent of bluecollar jobs fall within the salary range of Rs 20,000 or less per month, indicating that many workers earn close to the minimum wage, techblue recruitment platform WorkIndia said in a report.

In addition, the report revealed that about 29.34 per cent of blue-collar jobs are in moderate bracket, with salaries ranging from Rs 20,000-40,000 per month. Workers falling under improved financial security but are far from achieving a comfortable



cover necessities but it leaves little room for savings or highlights the economic vulnerability of a large segment of the blue-collar workforce, it added.

data reveals significant concentration of low-wage jobs and limited opportunities for higher earnings within the bluecollar sector. This disparity not only reflects economic challenges faced by large portion of the workforce but also has broader implications

social stability and economic growth," WorkIndia CEO and Dungarwal told PTI.

Addressing these issues may targeted interventions such as skill development, wage reforms, and the creation of more high-paying

opportunities, he added. The report further revealed that a very small segment of the workforce, constituting only 10.71 per cent, get salaries over Rs 40,000-60,000 per month.

Identify high-value cash transactions at hotels, hospitals: CBDT to I-T Dept

reporting/verification

about

expenditure

mechanism for determining

the compliance with this

In any case, it said, "high value"

needs to be verified with

taxpayer and therefore, it is

imperative to identify the

sources which could be

The department identified

some of the businesses, such as

hotels, banquet halls, luxury

brand retailers, IVF clinics,

hospitals, designer clothing

stores, and NRI quota medical

college seats, where the non-

adherence to these rules and

large cash transactions was

"Such sources will have to be

identified and a verification

exercise could be conducted by

calling for information in a

non-intrusive manner," the

obligation," it said.

consumption

information

circumvention.

being found.

involved

the presence of specialised

skills or experience among

these workers, yet the restricted availability of such

positions suggests that

upward mobility within the

segment remains challenging,

it said. Only 2.31 per cent of blue-collar jobs offer salaries

exceeding Rs 60,000, which is

percentage that signifies the

scarcity of well-paying

opportunities in this sector, it

Positions in this top bracket

significant responsibility,

making them accessible only

to a select few, the report

added. The report is based on

an analysis of job data

collected from the WorkIndia

platform over the past two

years, which includes over 24

lakh job postings across various industries. The report

said, field sales positions lead

the list of the highest-paying

blue-collar roles, with 33.84

per cent of roles offering

salaries above Rs 40,000 per

involve

extremely

Rampant cash transactions in business sectors like hotels, luxury brand sales, hospitals and IVF clinics need to be checked in a "nonintrusive" manner, the CBDT asked the department. The apex body for direct taxes

administration in the country — the Central Board of Direct Taxes — has also asked the tax department to undertake "concerted efforts" to recover arrear demands which have been witnessing a "steep rise" since the last financial year.

The CBDT recently issued an annual action plan dossier called the central action plan (CAP) 2024-25.

Senior officials told PTI that transactions over Rs 2 lakh in cash were required to be reported through a statement of financial transaction (SFT) by financial institutions but that was not happening.

"While examining such reports, it is noticed that the circumvention of these provisions is widely prevalent," the Board told the I-T department.

"Further, although section requires (permanent account number) to be provided or obtained in specified transactions, there is

A senior officer said the extent of cash in the economy can be gauged from the fact that during the 2023-24 fiscal, the tax department mounted 1,100 searches or raids across the country to check tax evasion, resulting in seizure of assets amounting to about Rs 2,500 crore out of which Rs 1,700 crore was in cash.

The CBDT also informed the I-T authorities that "new opportunities for identification potential taxpayers have opened up due to data mining and data analytics" and effective use of such data may result in "identification of a large number of potential

"The case of non-filers and those whose ITRs (income tax returns) do not match with financial transactions done by them are selected based on rules through management information system and taken up for e-Verification. The outcome of e- Verification results in widening and deepening of taxpayer base," it

The Board said the tax department has been given a target to add in the current fiscal 10 per cent more tax return filers to what the filer base was at the end of 2023-24.

Windfall tax on crude petroleum reduced to `2,100/tonne



PTI n NEW DELHI

The government has slashed windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil to Rs 2,100 per tonne, from Rs 4,600 per tonne with effect from Saturday.

The tax is levied in the form of Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED).

The SAED on the export of diesel, petrol and jet fuel or ATF, has been retained at 'nil'. The new rates are effective from August 17, an official notification said.

India first imposed windfall profit taxes on July 1, 2022, oining a host of nations that tax supernormal profits of energy companies. The tax rates are reviewed

every fortnight based on average oil prices in the

Sebi proposes expansion of sustainable finance framework in securities market

PTI n NEW DELHI

Markets regulator Sebi has proposed expansion of the sustainable finance framework in the securities market by introducing a new

This category will include Social Bonds, Sustainable Bonds, and Sustainabilitylinked Bonds in addition to the current green debt issuers with flexibility in raising funds for projects that align with environmental, social, and governance (ESG) objectives.

In a consultation paper released on Friday, Sebi proposed that issuers, in addition to existing green debt securities, be allowed to raise funds through issuance of social bonds, sustainable bonds, and sustainabilitylinked bonds. These bonds will collectively be known as ESG Debt Securities.

Inis will enable issuers to sustainable projects, assisting in closing the funding gap for the Sustainable Development



representations from market participants including the Confederation of Indian Industry to expand the scope of the regulatory framework pertaining to sustainable finance to include Social Bonds, in addition to existing Green Debt Securities as a mode of raising sustainable finance, in line with global

As per the consultation paper, Sebi said, it "proposed to introduce the concept of Sustainable Securitised Debt Instruments for the purpose of providing originators of the money for more underlying credit facilities which are within such international or domestic frameworks for sustainable finance, and thereby provide

opportunity to participate in the sustainable securitised debt instruments".

The consultation paper also addressed the initial and continuous disclosures for sustainable securitised debt instruments that would be international frameworks. Initial disclosures could be

made in the offer document for the securities, while continuous disclosures might be included in annual reports or other mandated formats. The markets watchdog also

suggested that issuers of ESG securities sustainable securitised debt instruments appoint an reviewer or certifier, to facilitate transparency and

The review could take various forms including, secondparty opinions, verification, certification, or scoring/ rating.

Board of India (Sebi) has comments and suggestions from the public on the consultation paper by

Open to exploring more ways to increase India's collaboration with IMF: FM



PTI n NEW DELHI

India is open to exploring Imore ways to increase its collaboration International Monetary Fund (IMF), Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said during a meeting with IMF's First Deputy Managing Director Gita Gopinath on During

Gopinath congratulated the Finance Minister on policy continuity in the fiscal consolidation path being followed by the Government

@nsitharaman stated that India deeply values continuous engagement with IMF; and looking ahead, the Government of India is open to exploring more ways to increase India's collaboration with the IMF," the finance ministry said in a post on X. Besides acknowledging the vibrancy of the Gopinath economy, appreciated the strength of India's relationship with IMF - valuable to both India, IMF, and to the world at large.

CBIC asks GST officers to consult board on law interpretation while conducting audit

PTI n NEW DELHI

The CBIC has asked GST I officers conducting audit to refer to the board those cases where they face issues of conflicting interpretation of provisions of the tax law. In an instruction to field

offices, the Central Board of

Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said during the process of audit, a CGST Principal Commissioner may come across a scenario where a prevalent trade practice based on particular interpretation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) law and more than one

could result in litigation. "In such cases, it is desirable that the zonal (Pr.) Chief Commissioner make a selfcontained reference to the relevant policy wing of the Board i.E. The GST Policy or TRU (Tax research Unit)," the CBIC said, adding that the Commissioner would make officers conclusion of the audit and



and avoid litigation. Moore

Moore Singhi Executive Director Rajat Mohan said industry has been facing significant challenges during GST audits and one of the recurring issues has been the inconsistency interpretations of GST laws

by various audit authorities. These inconsistencies have often resulted in conflicting leading increased litigation uncertainty for businesses. Industries have frequently reported that during audits,

differing views among audit applicability of provisions have led to undue before issuing show cause pressure and prolonged unnecessary litigation notice to promote uniformity disputes. This not only causes maintaining uniformity."

operational disruptions but also increases compliance costs for businesses as they are compelled to engage in prolonged legal Mohan said.

"In response CBIC's concerns, the instruction standardize the audit process by requiring Zonal Principal Chief Commissioners to consult with the relevant policy wing of the Board (GST Policy or TRU) before concluding any investigation interpretations of the law

ensuring that a uniform interpretation of the GST laws is maintained across different jurisdictions, reducing the likelihood of unnecessary litigation,"

Mohan added. Deloitte India Partner and Leader Indirect Tax, Mahesh Jaising said "this proactive regarding the audits as well, ensures policy ty of certain alignment, focuses on ease of doing business and reduces unnecessary litigation by

India exports first consignment of fig juice to Poland

PTI n NEW DELHI

India has exported the first **⊥**consignment of fig juice to Poland as part of its initiative to increase shipments of unique agro products from the country, the commerce ministry said on Saturday. Agricultural

Processed Food Products Development Export facilitated the export of India's first ready-to-drink fig juice, made from GI-tagged Purandar Figs, to Poland, it said.The GI (geographical indication) tag provides legal protection to that item,



preventing unauthorized use by others, and helps in promoting exports of the

The shipments reflect the potential of Indian agroproducts in global markets, it Govt invites bids to empanel AI infra providers under `10,372-cr India AI mission PTI n NEW DELHI

The government has invited **I** bids for the empanelment entities for providing artificial intelligence services on cloud under the Rs 10,372crore India AI mission, which was approved by the cabinet in

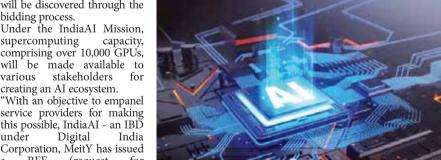
The empaneled agencies, like data centers and cloud service providers, will have to provide high-speed computing AI infrastructure like graphics processing unit (GPUs), accelerators, Tensor Processing Units (TPUs), storage etc to academia, researchers, government bodies among others at the lowest rate that

will be discovered through the bidding process.

Under the IndiaAI Mission, supercomputing comprising over 10,000 GPUs, will be made available to stakeholders for creating an AI ecosystem.

this possible, IndiaAI - an IBD Digital Corporation, MeitY has issued a RFE (request for empanelment)," Additional Secretary Abhishek Singh said in a social media

The rapid development of AI across the globe has led to an increase in demand for GPUbased servers, as they can



process data at a higher speed compared to CPU-based servers.

The rate of accessing GPUbased cloud services in India is estimated to be at double the price compared to the price of countries that have installed a

large number of GPUs.

According to the document floated by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (Meity) empaneled agencies will be responsible offering performance

network, and storage services that are essential for implementing the activities planned under the IndiaAI Mission, such as the development of indigenous LLMs (large language models like ChatGPT) and AI applications.

IndiaAI will approve the end users who can access these cloud-based AI services, ensuring that the services are provided at prices determined through a transparent and competitive process. The empaneled AI service providers will be engaged for a period of 36 months, with the possibility of extension based on mutually agreed terms," the

The document categorically mentions that the 'Invitation for Application' is not an offer to enter into a procurement agreement but rather an invitation to receive proposals from eligible and interested

"IndiaAI would make the payments for the utilised AI services of the approved projects from the end users to the extent of the approved subsidy," the document said.

The agencies eligible for bids will have to make available 1,000 AI compute units through their cloud service platform, as AI services on cloud within 6 months from the date of signing the agreement with IndiaAI.

India will need more reforms to stay on growth path, create jobs: Gita Gopinath

PTI n NEW DELHI

 $I^{
m ndia}$ will need to undertake more reforms to be able to continue on the path of raising economic growth and to make sure that enough job creation happens in the country, IMF deputy deputy managing director Gopinath said on Saturday.

Addressing an event here, Gopinath further said that India will be required to reduce import tariffs if it wants to be an important player in the global supply

improvements have been made by the government over While noting that the world is

in an environment where trade integration has been questioned, Gopinath said it is important for India to remain open for global trade. "Tariff rates in India are higher than in its other peer economies. If it wants to be an important player on the world stage and an important part of global supply chains, it is going to require reducing those tariffs," the eminent

economist said. Gopinath said it is a tremendous aspiration to get to a developed country status but it does not happen most of the tax revenue that is

the years in terms structural automatically, and requires ongoing, consistent efforts, pretty broad scale, across many areas to deliver on that. "India has grown well in terms of its overall growth rate, and at 7 per cent, it is the fastest growing major economy in the world.

The question is, how does one keep up the momentum and raise it further so that you can increase per capita incomes in India to get to being an advanced economy," she said. Responding to a question on

taxation, she said India has

developing countries, where

other

not direct taxes, not in form of income taxes. 'We have been advising other

developing countries too, that it is helpful to broaden the personal income tax base and so that you can have more income coming from there," she said. Referring to the cut in

corporate tax rate by the Modi government, Gopinath said although it was helpful it is less the tax rate that matters, but what matters is just making sure that there are no loopholes and there are not too many leakages that happen in terms of tax

Demand for warehousing spaces in Delhi-NCR dips 77% in Jan-June; Chennai sees 3-fold jump: Vestian

PTI n NEW DELHI

Delhi-NCR witnessed a 77 per cent decline in leasing of warehousing and logistics spaces during January-June this year, while Chennai saw a 3-fold jump in demand, according to real estate

in the year-ago period.

consultant Vestian. per Vestian's latest Warehousing and Logistics Sector review for January-June 2024, the absorption of warehousing and logistics spaces in January-June across seven major cities rose 8 per cent to 16.6 million square feet during the first half of this year, from 15.4 million square feet

Among seven cities, Delhi-NCR reported the highest annual decline of 77 per cent at 1.1 million square feet during January-June, from 4.7 million feet in corresponding period of the previous year.

Similarly, the demand in Kolkata fell 65 per cent to 0.3 million sq ft from 0.8 million square feet. In Bengaluru, the leasing of warehousing spaces declined 19 per cent to 1.4 million square feet, from 1.7 million square feet.

However, the leasing of spaces in Chennai jumped to 1.5 million square feet, from 0.5 million square feet and in Hyderabad, the absorption of warehousing spaces rose 48 per cent to 1.9 million square feet, from 1.3 million square feet. Mumbai and Pune together accounted for 63 per cent of the total absorption in H1 (January-June) 2024.

Leasing of warehousing and logistics spaces in Mumbai rose 80 per cent to 6.8 million square feet, from 3.8 million square feet. In Pune, the absorption of spaces grew 40 per cent to 3.6 million square feet in January-June 2024, from 2.6 million square feet in the corresponding period of the previous year.

According to Vestian, the warehousing and logistics properties

for 42 per cent of the total institutional received in the real estate sector. Shrinivas Rao, CEO, Vestian

said, "As participation of foreign investors increased, availability of funds eased in the sector. "Moreover, recent government

announcements to boost infrastructure developments is likely to reduce logistics costs from 8-9 per cent to 5-6 per cent of the GDP, which in turn will lead to an increase in real estate activities in the warehousing sector," Rao

LET'S JUST LEAVE IT TO THE GODS: CHOPRA ON 90M AND BEYOND

aving missed out on breaching the elusive 90m mark at the Paris Games, two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra has left that widely debated matter

After all, Chopra has been chasing that milestone for years and the wait got longer when his only legal throw of 89.45m got him a silver at the Paris Olympics earlier this month. A back-to-back medal at the Summer Games was a monumental feat for an Indian athlete but it was way short of Arshad Nadeem's sensational 92.97m that comfortably secured a historic gold for the Pakistani.

Nursing a long-standing groin injury, Chopra managed to be on the podium and now he will be seen in the Lausanne Diamond League starting August 22.

After a busy couple of days post the Olympic final on August 8, Chopra started training in Switzerland and is determined to finish the season on a high despite being restricted by the injury.

"I need to leave it to gods now," he said when asked about his target throw in the foreseeable see where the javelin goes. There has already been talk about 90m, now I feel just let it be. In Paris, I thought it would happen and it could have happened.

"Now I will give my 100 percent in the next two or three events and see what happens," he said in a virtual interaction arranged by JSW. Following the season-ending

Diamond League in Brussels from September 13-14, Chopra will consult the doctors on his groin injury with surgery being the most likely option. The 26-year-old has been managing the injury since winning the gold in the World Championships last year. With Arshad producing an Olympic record throw in the final, Chopra needed to up his game but he said he could not do that because of his physical state.

felt I could increase the distance. My two no throws in qualification and final, they were second and third best throws and my season best as well. To increase distance I need to be injury free.

"In my mind I know need to give 100 percent but because of the injury I am not able to give 100 percent. My body and mind stops me from making



"What is most important in training session is throwing sessions which I have not been able to do as much as I would like (due to injury). If you can't throw regularly then you are not able to work on your technique. I need to throw as much as I can. The rest is all fine," said Chopra.

He needs to make a few technical tweaks in his game. "When we run with the javelin there is also lot of strain on groin, when we take cross step. But right now I am not able to tweak my technique. Also my line of the javelin was also not

"Arc speed was good in Paris but the line was disturbed. If it would be straighter, I could have got two three metres out of it. However, not for once I thought that Arshad's throw could not be bettered. My mind was ready to push the limits but body was not," said the champion athlete.

Chopra needs to finish in the top-six of Diamond League Meetings series to qualify for the season finale in Brussels.

"I came to Switzerland for training ahead of Diamond League. Luckily I did not aggravate my injury as I took extra care of that. I thought of continuing my season like

end. I will go to the doctors in free time," he said.

WE NEED TO SPOT
TALENT BETTER TO
BECOME SPORTING BECOME SI POWERHOUSE: finished an abysmal 71st in the

Paris medals tally with five

bronze and Chopra's silver. Asked what India needs to do to become a sporting power, Chopra said: "Overseas, there are more talent spotters. For example I took up javelin I don't know how, I liked it so I pursued it. But if we try multiple sports and pick the best one on recommendations of an expert that way Indian

need to spot talent better. "Also, we can't just focus on one sport. We need to be good in all sports. I feel the leaders in the medals tally (China, USA, Japan). They all are powerful nations in various fields, sports play a big part as well in lifting the profile of the nation.

sport can move forward. We

"Hope we do well in the next Olympics, and qualify for FIFA World Cup as well. Cricket we already are doing well. There is no dearth of talent, mental, we also need to have more coaches," added Chopra, who plans to open javelin academies going forward.



Driver line-up announced for Indian Racing League

PTI n CHENNAI

Akhil Rabindra and Nikhil Bohra will be among the Indian racers who will be seen in action in the Indian Racing League that gets underway on

Six teams comprising four drivers each will feature in the

teams will feature two Indians and two overseas racers, including female driver. Akhil Rabindra made the headlines in 2019 after being selected by Aston Martin for their racing academy as the only Asian and later clinched the inaugural IRL title in 2022. Noted Swiss driver Neel Jani, who has an impressive resume, having won the World Endurance Championship and the prestigious 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2016, will be seen in action in the league, said a press release here.

Returning to the competition again will be South Africa's Raoul Hyman, along with his partner Sohil Shah, who won the 2023 Car Championship by earning the most points.

"The Indian Racing League is a testament to the excitement and passion for motorsports in

A43-member Indian contingent including 23 in the men's category will vie for top

honours across multiple events

in the Under-20 World Athletics

Championships scheduled in

As per the entry list, more than

1700 athletes from 134 teams will

compete in the event at Estadio

India had won two silver and a

bronze to be ranked joint 25th

Lima from August 27-31.

Atletico de la Videna.

43-member Indian contingent for

U-20 Athletics World Championships

our country. The grid here is competitive, pushing each of us to our limits and showcasing the immense talent we have," said Shah.

The racers would be whizzing around in their rapid World Thunder GB08s, single-seater cars that can achieve a top speed of 240 kmph.

Ruhaan Alva, who was the ngest race winner iast yea will be joined by Shahan Ali Mohsin and Rishon Rajeev, fresh from their success in the Formula 4 Indian Championship, along with debutant Julius Dinesen, a 17year-old Danish prodigy with a F4 title to his name.

The IRL, comprising five rounds, will begin at the Madras International Circuit at nearby Sriperumbudur on August 24-25, followed by India's first-ever night race at the Chennai Formula Racing Circuit on August 31-September 1.

The six participating teams in the IRL are: Kolkata Roval Tigers, Speed Demons Delhi, Aces JA Racing, Hyderabad Blackbirds, Chennai Turbo Riders and former champions Bangalore

Khan, Ranvir Ajay Singh (3000m steeplechase); Dev Kumar

Aspas caps eventful game with late winner as Celta Vigo beats Deportivo Alaves 2-1 in Spain said. "He gets one chance and he puts it SEVILLA DRAWS AT LAS PALMAS: In ago Aspas avoided an early red card

I thanks to a video review, had a goal chalked off just before halftime and then

capped an eventful game by scoring Celta Vigo's winner against Deportivo Alaves in the Spanish league on Friday. The 37-year-old Aspas was the focal point for Celta for much of last season and picked up where he left off in its opening

game, netting in the 84th minute to seal a 2-1 victory for the hosts. He had been shown a red card after seven

minutes when his arm made contact with Antonio Blanco, but it was downgraded to a yellow after a VAR review. Blanco's cross to Kike Garcia then set up

the opening goal for Alaves 10 minutes Aspas had a goal disallowed for offside

before halftime but Celta equalized midway through the second half thanks to Williot Swedberg's superb strike with the outside of his boot. Aspas then received Swedberg's defense-

splitting pass to score the winner with six

"Iago is eternal," Alaves coach Luis Garcia



the night's other game, Las Palmas came from a goal down twice to hold Sevilla to a 2-2 draw at home.

Alex Suarez's deflected a cross from the left past his own keeper to give Sevilla the lead after 24 minutes but an own goal at the other end by Tanguy Nianzo leveled the scores just before halftime.

Juanlu Sanchez then converted a neat cross by Isaac Romero to put Sevilla 2-1 up on the hour mark only for Sandro Ramírez to equalize 10 minutes later, just

moments after coming on as a sub. Las Palmas' two Scotland internationals, recent signings Oliver McBurnie and Scott McKenna, both appeared for the home side and it was McBurnie's pressure on Nianzo that led to Las Palmas' first

goal.
With three of the first four league matches ending in draws, Celta's win means it can enjoy at least one night atop the La Liga standings.

Barcelona is away at Valencia on Saturday, while defending champion Real Madrid visits Mallorca on Sunday.



Frustrated Carlos smashes his racket in 3-set loss to Gael Monfils at Cincinnati Open

AP n CINCINNATI

arlos Alcaraz repeatedly Csmashed his racket on the court in a rare show of frustration, and the four-time Grand Slam winner fell to Gael Monfils 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 at the Cincinnati Open.

In a match that was suspended by rain on Thursday night with the players in a second-set tiebreaker, the 37-year-old Monfils advanced by taking the last two sets from the second-seeded Alcaraz, who called the loss his "worst match."

"I felt like it was the worst match that I've ever played on my career," Alcaraz said. "I've been practicing really well. I was feeling great. But I couldn't play. I want to forget it and try to move on to New York." The U.S. Open begins there on

Aug. 26. Trailing 3-1 in the tiebreaker when the match was halted, Alcaraz was hoping for a reset when play resumed Friday. But, the No. 3 player in the ATP rankings wasn't able to control

his emotions. 'It never happened before, because I could control those feelings," Alcaraz said. "Today I couldn't. I was feeling that I was

not playing any kind of tennis. It was really frustrating for me. At some point, I didn't want to be on the court anymore." Alcaraz was playing his first

match since earning a silver medal at the Paris Olympics after losing to Novak Djokovic, who also beat him last year in the Cincinnati final. Monfils returned to the court

later Friday and lost to No. 15 seed Holger Rune 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. 'It was a big win for me against Carlos, unexpected to be honest," Monfils said. "To play again in a couple hours against (another) good and younger player, I knew it would be

In women's action, top-ranked Iga Swiatek advanced to the quarterfinals with a convincing 6-2, 6-2 win over Marta

Swiatek bounced back with a more complete performance after losing a second-set tiebreak on Wednesday before outlasting France's Varvara Gracheva.

"Today, I just kept my intensi-ty at a high level all the time," Swiatek said. "It didn't really matter to me what the score was, I just wanted to continue playing my game. I focused on myself."

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APPENDIX-IV-A- [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties -auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s)/Co-Borrower (s)/Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below describe nmovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank), the same shall be referred herein after as AUSFB. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is". "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction for recovery of amount mentioned in the table below along with further interest, cost, charges and xpenses being due to AUSFB viz. Secured Creditor.

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13-Apr-22 Rs. 47,51,677/- Rs. Forty-Seven Lac Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven Only & Rs. 9,69,682/-Rs. Nine Lac Sixty- Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Two Only As On 10-Apr-22	27-Feb-23	Property Situated At P.H.No. 12, Kh No. 2223/2, Ward .No. 14 , Near Chakradharl Mandier, Gram Dabhra , Tehsil-Dabhra ,Dist-Janjgir - Champa . Chattisgarh Admeasuring 5232 Sq .Ft (0.049) Hectare	Rs. 28,00,000/- Rs. Twenty- Eight Lakh Only.	Rs. 2,80,000/- Rs. Two Lakh Eighty Thousand Only.	11-Sep-24 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 09-Sep- 24	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., Branch Address: - Janjgir Ground Floor, Tiwari Complex Kera Road Naila, Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh - 495668	Gopal Das Bairagi & Deepak Jain, 7610210556 9773358234 auctions@ aubank.in 06-Sep-24
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in the last edition. **INDIAN SQUAD** MEN: Himanshu, Sachin (10,000m Race Walk); Karthik Raja Arumugam, Murad Kalubhai Sirman (400m hurdles); Ankul, Rihan Chaudhary, Bapi Hansda, Abiram Pramod, Jay Kumar (4x400m relay); Bapi Hansda, Jay Kumar (400m); Siddharth Choudhary, Anurag Singh Kaler (Shot Put); Mrutyam Jayaram Dondapati (100m); Hariharan Kathiravan, Nayan Pradip Sarde (110m hurdles); Sahil Khan (800m); Saruk Meena (Pole Vault); Prateek (Hammer Throw); Ritik (Discus Throw); Mohammed Atta Sazid (Long jump); Dipanshu Sharma, Rohan Yadav (Javelin throw). WOMEN: Aarti (10,000m Race Walk); Rujula Amol Bhonsle, Neole Anna Cornelio, Sudeekhsa Valduri, Abinaya Rajarajan, Siya Abhijit Sawant (4x100m relay); Neeru Pahtak, Unnathi Aiyappa Bolland (200m); Neeru Pahtak, Anushka Kumbhar (400m); Tamanna (Shot Put); Abinaya Rajarajan (100m); Unnathi Aiyappa Bolland (100m hurdles); Shreeyas Rajesh (400m hurdles); Ekta Dey (3000m steeplechase); Amanat Kamboj, Nikita Kumari (Discus Throw); Pavana Nagaraj (Long jump); Pooja (High jump); Laxita Vinod Sandilea (800m), Laxita Vinod Sandilea (1500m); Neeru Pahtak, Kanista Tenna Maria Deva Shekar, Sandramol Sabu, Shravani Sachin Sangle, Anushka Kumbhar (4X400m

DOUBLE TRAP GREAT PETER WILSON APPLIES FOR POST OF INDIAN SHOOTING COACH



PTI n NEW DELHI

egendary double trap marksman Peter Wilson ⊿of Great Britain, who guided country-mate Nathan Hales to trap gold at the recently-concluded Paris Paris Olympics, has shown interest in the Indian team coaching job and wants to train the shooters for the 2028 Los

Angeles Games. Wilson, 37, was the youngest competitor in double trap at the 2012 London Olympics to win a gold medal. He holds the world record in double trap

and took up shooting after a snow-boarding accident left him unable to play cricket.

After double trap was removed from the Olympic curriculum, Wilson started coaching the Great Britain team in trap, with the crowning glory coming in Paris where his ward Nathan won gold with an Olympic record to break a 12-year-long wait for the country in the event. "I have e-mailed my CV the National Rifle Association of India and am waiting to hear from them,"

team to prepare them for the LA Games and the juniors to prepare them for the next 8-12 years," said Wilson, adding that he only aims for "success" and

Asked if it would be a challenge coming to terms with the setup in India, he categorically said "there shouldn't be any problem".

He added that for him the continental championships such as the "Asian Games, the Cups, World Championships among others are a stepping stone towards strive for that.

Wilson, who has been

India's Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore had finished second behind Al Maktoum in Athens.

coach for quite some time with

at the Paris Olympics, taking the help of personal coaches. Italy's Marcello Dradi was the last trap coach the Sports Authority of India and NRAI had hired.

NRAI secretary-general Sultan Singh said, "He must have mailed the CV on the official email ID. We have not yet taken a call on the date (when the new coaching setup for all shooting events will be in place). But, yes, it has to be done at the earliest."

Asked if the coaches will be short-listed before the election NRAI president on September 14, Singh said, "Normally it should be once the president takes charge and he does it but if the situation demands that we have to hold the selection committee (meeting) then may be (earlier). Basically, it's the

On whether the likes of Italy's double trap stalwart Daniele Di Spigno and David Kostelecky, the personal coach of woman trap shooter Rajeshwari Kumari, were also in contention for the job, Singh said, "We would like to have the best of the lot so that the drawing board is enough for us to calculate the requirement... When asked whether former

foreign trap coach Dradi would be considered for the role, Singh said, "Till the time the selection committee does not say yes or now, I can's say anything. All of these coaches are going to apply, I can't take a call on my own. The coaches

will be assessed from all

Durand Cup derby cancelled amid protests over doctor's rape and murder; fans to unite for a cause

The Durand Cup derby between Mohun Bagan and East Bengal, scheduled at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Sunday, has been called off because of the prevailing unrest in the city.

The decision was taken following a meeting between the Kolkata Police officials and organisers of the tournament. The city has witnessed widespread protests following the alleged rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9.

On Saturday, the Indian Medical Association called for a 24hour nationwide strike to protest the heinous crime.

Around one lakh people are expected to gather near the 66,000-capacity stadium, especially after both Mohun Bagan and East Bengal fan clubs called for protests.

"On behalf of the Durand Cup Organising Committee, this is to regretfully inform you that the final Group A fixture between Mohun Bagan Super Giant and Emami East Bengal FC, scheduled to be played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on August 18, 2024 at 7.00pm, stands abandoned," said a statement from Durand Cup Media.

'The Pre-derby press conference scheduled for 5.30pm today (August 17, 2024) also stands cancelled," it added.

All online and offline tickets will be refunded following the cancellation of the match, according to their ticketing partner, Bookmyshow.

"The dates and the refund process will be notified within the next two days," it added.



It is learnt that both the teams will be awarded a point each, but it has to be decided by the All India Football Federation (AIFF), the sport's apex body in the country.

It is also not known whether the knockout stage matches and the summit clash, which is slated at the Salt Lake Stadium on August 31, will be shifted.

The marquee clash between arch-rivals Mohun Bagan and East Bengal, which was the season's first derby, was also the concluding league match of the tournament.

As per the current standings, Mohun Bagan are ahead on goal difference against East Bengal and both have six points each. The six group toppers and two best second-placed teams will make the cut for the last-eight. FANS TO 'UNITE FOR A CAUSE': Despite the cancellation of the derby match, Mohun Bagan and East Bengals fans clubs have vowed to come together and make "their voices heard".

"Sarkar maath atakale amra raasta atkabo (If the government stops us to enter the stadium, we will block the roads," reads a poster jointly issued by Mohun

Bagan and East Bengal fan clubs. Terming this a 'Black Day' for Kolkata Maidan, Prasenjit Sarkar, president of the Mariners' Base Camp — Ultras Mohun Bagan said fans from both the clubs will join together for "one common cause: justice for RG Kar victim".

"The government has dealt a severe blow to football by calling off the derby. The government's action has shown a desire to impose an autocratic rule, and we cannot stand by it silently," Sarkar told PTI. Tomorrow, Mohun Bagan and

East Bengal fans will join for a cause, and no one can stop us from our voices being heard. There will be thousands on the street opposite the stadium. "Politics should never be allowed in the stadium. This time we will

stand up together for a bigger Together, with tifos and banners, we will demand justice. They may try to silence us, but

we will not let our voices go unheard," he added. Rabi Shankar Sen of 'East Bengal the Real Power' also said they will come in huge numbers and

gather in front of the stadium's VIP gate.

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AP n LONDON

Toshua Zirkzee marked his debut for Manchester United by coming off the bench and scoring an 87th-minute goal to give his team a 1-0 victory over Fulham on the opening night of the Premier League season on Friday.

The Netherlands striker poked out his left foot to guide home a cross by fellow substitute Alejandro Garnacho at Old

Zirkzee, who joined from Bologna for a reported \$47 million last month, was one of three offseason signings to make their first appearances for United, along with defenders Noussair Mazraoui and Matthijs de Ligt.

"To win here in my first home game, and to grab a goal, it couldn't be better," Zirkzee said. Zirkzee, Mazraoui and De Ligt With Zirkzee not fully match

nothing less.

Wilson told PTI from UK. "I want to work with the senior the ultimate aim of winning an

have arrived as part of a \$180

million spending spree by the

record 20-time champions, a club

under new leadership and looking to return to its former glories. Erik

ten Hag was retained as manager

despite guiding United to an eighth-place finish last season and

this was a solid, if unspectacular,

start to the campaign by his team.

"It's just the first game, but it's

good to strengthen the belief and

confidence in the team," Ten Hag

said. "I have seen the places where

we need to improve. But that's

normal in the first game of the

Olympic medal" and he would

honoured with the Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) has been coached by the great Ahmad Al Maktoum, who is a member of the ruling family of Dubai and the 2004 Athens Olympics medallist in double trap.

India is without a foreign trap

Zirkzee scores on debut for Man United in 1-0 win over Fulham on opening night of Premier League

Kill in the box." sharp and Rasmus Hojlund injured, United started the season without an out-and-out striker on the field and it showed, with midfielders Bruno Fernandes and Mason Mount wasting the best opportunities in a game that was petering out before Zirkzee's late

Fulham goalkeeper Bernd Leno came to his team's rescue, saving twice at the feet of Fernandes in one-on-one chances then getting down sharply to deny Mount from close range in the second half. Leno had no chance with Zirkzee's

shot in front of the Stretford End, Garnacho and

make it 2-0 in stoppage time when he dragged a shot wide in front of an empty goal.
"That's the only criticism I have of the team," Ten Hag said. "To kill.

Mazraoui played 81 minutes at right back - and was one of United's better players, along with Casemiro - before being replaced by De Ligt, three days after they both joined from Bayern Munich.

Zirkzee entered in the 61st. On Saturday, there are six more games in the league's first round, including Liverpool - under a new manager in Arne Slot - at promoted Ipswich and Arsenal the runner-up in the last two

Wolverhampton. Reigning champion Manchester City begins its title defense at Chelsea on Sunday.

Matsuyama, McCarthy tied for lead in opening PGA Tour playoff event



AP n MEMPHIS

 $H^{ideki\ Matsuyama\ and}_{Denny\ McCarthy}$ combined to make nearly 300 feet of putts, so it was no surprise to see them sharing the lead going into the steamy weekend of the FedEx St. Jude Championship.

Matsuyama recovered from a shaky start - he missed a 4foot birdie putt on No. 2 and put his tee shot into the water on the par-3 fourth - with two long birdie putts and a 3-wood to about 12 feet on the par-5 16th for one of his easier birdies. He had a 6-under 64. McCarthy, with a reputation for a smooth putting stroke, put that to good use on the smooth greens of TPC Southwind. He holed three birdie putts from about 25 feet or longer to offset a pair of bogeys in his round of 63.

They were at 11-under 129, one shot ahead of another great putter, Sam Burns, shot 29 on the front nine before cooling slightly. He had a 63. Scottie Scheffler got on track late with three straight birdies for a 65 and was two back. The first PGA Tour postseason event is the most

consequential. The points are quadrupled, and the top 50 players in the FedEx Cup advance to the BMW Championship next week and are assured of playing in all the \$20 million signature events next year. Jordan Spieth moved closer to

the end of his year. He had a pair of double bogeys on the par 3s, one from the water on No. 4, another by taking two shots to get out of bunker on No. 14, and posted a 75 that left him in a tie for 65th.

Spieth has talked about the possibility of wrist surgery in the offseason, and he could have the next three months clear barring two of his best rounds of the year.
Others who had better

seasons could afford a spotty performance. Rory McIlroy is the No. 3 seed going into the postseason and turned in a lackluster performance on another day when the heat index was in the range of 110 degrees (40 degrees Celsius). He played the two par 5s in 3 over and shot 73, leaving him in a tie for 58th.

This is a big week for McCarthy, who has never won on the PĠA Tour and is at No.

into the top five in the standings and secure a spot in the Tour Championship for

Ditto for Justin Rose, who is outside the magic number at No. 55. He had another 66 and was tied for fifth with Nick

Amazingly, McCarthy is doing this with what he described as a torn labrum without getting into too many details.

"I don't want to divulge too much. It's bothering me, and I've been able to do enough the last few days to push through it," he said. "The heat helps it. Yeah, looking forward to a challenge on the weekend."

Matsuyama doesn't divulge too much on any topic, and he summed up his round thusly: I missed a short putt there at 2, knocked it in the water at 4, but from that point on, I really played well and putted well." As for the hot weather?

"Today was nice and cool," the Japanese star said, smiling as it was translated to English.

Matsuyama was in good spirits about his game. He is coping with having a bag stolen last week in London while at a restaurant that included his wallet and the passports of his caddie and coach. They are in Japan trying to get new passports. He's tied for the lead in Memphis.

Players will go off both sides in groups of three Saturday to with thunderstorms cope

expected in the morning.
Scheffler and Xander Scheffler and Xander Schauffele generated the most interest from a gallery that was subdued by the scorching heat, a pairing that combines three of the four majors and \$44 million in earnings on the PGA Tour this year.

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m liohlang}$ Dhar became the second Indian woman assistant referee to be selected for the upcoming FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, which will be held in the Dominican

a 34-year-old lady from Riiohlang, Meghalaya, has been on Friday named by FIFA among the elite list of 38 match officials, who will be on call for the October 10-November 3 event.

Uvena Fernandes is the first Indian woman assistant referee to have the honour of supervising in the World Cup. She did duty in the 2016 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in

'My appointment for the World Cup has come as a great honour for me," said Riiohlang, who works for the Meghalaya police department.
"I have to work harder to live

up to FIFA's expectations. I will also keep in mind that I will be there as a representative of India. I will do everything to keep India's flag high," said the India's Riiohlang to supervise in FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

Riiohlang said refereeing has been a part of her life since

"After I stopped playing football, I joined a referee course in my local town and found it interesting since it will game I love dearly.

So, I decided to take up the whistle and the flag. I have come a long way since then. I have supervised many international tournaments, but the World Cup is going to be a different experience," she said. The Chairperson of the AIFF Referees' Committee, K Sankar, said Riiohlang's fine performance in AFC and FIFA matches remained one of the main behind appointment.

appointment.
"In this year's AFC U17
Women's Asian Cup in
Indonesia, Riiohlang officiated
in one of the semi-finals and
also the third-place play-off. performance excellent. Her appointment is a great honour for the AIFF too. On behalf of the Referees' Committee, I wish her a great World Cup ahead," Sankar

AIFF's secretary general, M Satyanarayan, said: "FIFA's announcement that Riiohlang is among the match officials for the U17 Women's World Cup

Recently, we have started to focus on referees' development. To build the base, we have appointed five zonal referees' development officers. Our Elite Referees' Development Programme is also doing very well for the match officials at the top of the pyramid.

The nomination of Riiohlang Dhar will be a boost for the growing number of women officials in India."

Riiohlang knows that it is the teamwork that has taken her thus far. "Without the help of my state association, the AIFF and my employers, I wouldn't have reached the World Cup. development referees. We have all been greatly benefitted," she said.

Aditi exits early, Lee, Khang share lead as Olympic champion Ko lies 6th

Indian golfer Aditi Ashok carded a 3-over 75 in the second round to make an early exit from the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open. Aditi, a five-time winner on the Ladies European Tour, had a 81 in the

Aditi had a bogey on the front nine and a double on the back nine and no birdies. It was one of those rare weeks, when she had no birdies in either

The Scottish Open has never been kind to Aditi, who has now missed the cut at the event six times in eight starts since 2017 with a best of T-55 in She will be back in action at the AIG

Women's Open next week a St. At the top, Minjee Lee and Megan



par at the midway mark of the event that precedes the AIG Women's Open. Australian star Lee led overnight thanks to an opening round of 67 (-5) at Dundonald Links and she followed that up with a 69 (-3) on day two.

Three players sit in a tie for third place on the leader board with American Lauren Coughlin (69-69), England's Charley Hull (70-68) and New Zealand's Olympic gold medallist Lydia Ko (69-69) all on six-under-par. Three-time LET winner Hull had a colourful scorecard on day two with an eagle, six birdies and four bogeys for her round of 68 (-4).

Olympic gold medallist Ko produced a second consecutive round of 69 (-3) which included four birdies and one bogey to also be two shots off the lead. The cut fell at +4 with 69 players making it through to the weekend.

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"Love does not begin and end the way we seem to think it does. Love is a battle, love is a war; love is a growing up"





CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY OF PURE BONDS

In the heart of Delhi, with monsoon clouds overhead, the streets burst into life for Raksha Bandhan. Amidst the lively chaos and bright colours, the festival unfolds as a touching celebration of sibling love. Each stall, filled with colourful rakhis, tells a story of pure bonds and heartfelt traditions, turning everyday moments into cherished memories, says SAKSHI PRIYA

s the festive season arrives, bringing with it a time of warmth, togetherness and **L**cherished traditions, one celebration stands out for its profound significance — the bond between brothers and sisters. Raksha Bandhan, a festival that embodies untold love and silent care, is not just a ritual but a celebration of a "PURE BOND." Amidst this atmosphere, the vibrant marketplaces come alive with the spirit of Raksha Bandhan and nowhere is this evident than in Delhi's iconic Sadar Bazar. The festival's essence is captured not just through rituals but through the bustling, colourful preparations that fill the market, making it a focal point of the celebration.

THE ENCHANTING FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE

Sadar Bazar, one of Delhi's oldest and busiest markets, undergoes a remarkable transformation as Raksha Bandhan approaches. The market, typically known for its wide range of goods, turns into a hub of colour and excitement, with rakhis and festive decorations taking center stage. Every shop and vendor gears up for the big day, filling the air with a lively sense of excitement.

The narrow lanes of Sadar Bazar, usually crowded with shoppers, become even more packed as people move from stall to stall, searching for the perfect rakhi. The market itself seems to join in the celebration, with every corner reflecting the spirit of Raksha Bandhan.

Despite the unpredictable weather during the monsoon season, with sudden bursts of rain and heat, enthusiastic shoppers continue to pour into Sadar Bazar. The market remains crowded, even in the rain, as people carry umbrellas or brave the elements to get what they need. There is a shared determination among the shoppers, a sense that no amount of rain or heat can dampen the joy of preparing for Raksha Bandhan.

A MARKET FULL OF CHOICES

One of the most striking features of Sadar Bazar during Raksha Bandhan is the sheer variety of rakhis on display. The market caters to all tastes and budgets, ensuring



ONE OF THE MOST **HEARTWARMING SIGHTS** IN THE MARKET IS THE SELECTION OF CHILDREN'S RAKHIS, OFTEN FEATURING POPULAR CHARACTERS. A YOUNG GIRL, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS OVERHEARD ASKING A VENDOR, "BHAIYA, DO YOU HAVE A SPIDER-MAN RAKHI?" THIS SMALL MOMENT BEAUTIFULLY **ENCAPSULATES THE** SIBLING BOND, A SISTER KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT WILL MAKE HER YOUNGER **BROTHER SMILE**



that everyone can find something special. From simple, traditional rakhis costing as little as ₹ 10 for a dozen to more elaborate designs priced at ₹ 70 or ₹ 100 per dozen, the market offers something for everyone. Rakhis come in every imaginable style, from classic designs featuring beads and threads to more modern versions adorned with glitter and stones.

Children's rakhis, often featuring popular cartoon characters and superheroes, are among the most popular items. Little girls excitedly pick out rakhis for their brothers, carefully choosing ones that they know will bring a smile to their siblings' faces. A young girl, for example, was overheard asking a vendor, "Bhaiya, do you have a Spider-Man rakhi?" This small moment beautifully encapsulates the sibling bond, a sister knowing exactly what will make her younger brother smile. a small moment that perfectly captures the thoughtfulness and love that define Raksha Bandhan. The girl knew exactly what her brother would love and she was determined to find

THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE FESTIVAL

it for him.

The vendors and artisans are integral to the Raksha Bandhan experience. Their work begins long before the festival, with many starting preparations at least a month in advance. Crafting each rakhi requires skill, patience and a deep understanding of what the festival means to people. For these artisans, Raksha Bandhan is more than just another business opportunity; it's a chance to contribute to a tradition that has been passed down through generations.

A shopkeeper in Sadar Bazar explained how much effort goes into preparing for Raksha Bandhan. "We start getting ready about a month before," he said. There's a lot of hard work, but it's worth it when you see the market come alive like this. Even in the rain, people come. It's something we love." His words highlighted the dedication that goes into making the festival special for everyone. Despite the long hours and sometimes challenging conditions, the vendors take pride in being part of something bigger than just selling rakhis. They are part of a tradition that brings people together, year

The artisans also take great care in crafting each rakhi. They understand that these simple threads carry significant emotional weight. For them, it's important that every rakhi reflects the love and care that

siblings have for each other. They often work late into the night, ensuring that their creations are perfect. It's not iust about making something that looks good, it's about creating something that will be cherished.

A FESTIVAL OF EMOTIONS

Raksha Bandhan is a time of joy and celebration, but it can also bring about feelings of longing, especially for those who are separated from their loved ones. Not everyone is fortunate enough to be with their siblings on this special day,

and for them, the festival carries a bittersweet note. A woman in Sadar Bazar, carefully choosing rakhis to send to her brother who lives far away, shared her plans to send them by post. Despite modern courier services offering faster delivery, she preferred

the traditional method, finding something special in the anticipation that comes with receiving a package by postman. Her story is just one of many that highlight the emotional depth of Raksha Bandhan. The festival is not just about the physical act of tying a rakhi, it's about the connection that siblings share, a connection that goes beyond time and distance. Even when miles apart, the bond remains strong and the act of sending a rakhi is a way of maintaining that bond. It serves as a reminder that, no matter where life takes people, the relationships that matter most are always worth celebrating.

THE ESSENCE OF TRADITION

As Raksha Bandhan draws near, the market becomes a living embodiment of tradition. With its rich history and vibrant atmosphere, it reflects the enduring values of family and togetherness. In a world that often moves too fast, these moments offer a chance to slow down and appreciate what truly matters. The festival is a time to reconnect with loved ones and honour the bonds that have shaped lives. During this time, the market becomes more than just a place to buy rakhis, it transforms into a space where memories are made. Every purchase, conversation and shared smile contributes to the festive atmosphere. The streets serve as a symbol of the festival,

where tradition is not just remembered but actively experienced, blending the past and present in a heartfelt celebration of love and family

THE MEANING BEHIND At the heart of Raksha

Bandhan is the rakhi itself a simple thread that carries profound meaning. It's more than just a decorative nece, it's a symbol of a sister's love, gratitude and appreciation for her brother. Tying a rakhi is an act of trust, a way of saying, "Thank you for always being there." This small thread binds not just wrists but hearts, reinforcing a bond that is as old as time.

For many, the rakhi is also a reminder of the shared history that siblings have, the moments of joy and support and the times when they've stood by each other. It's a token of the relationship that has shaped who they are. Though it may be simple in appearance, the rakhi holds a depth of

meaning that goes beyond words. It's a symbol of a bond that is pure, unbreakable, and everlasting.

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE

Raksha Bandhan is more than just a date on the calendar, it's a celebration of the relationships that connect people, the memories that hold them together, and the love that sustains them through life's challenges. In today's fast-paced world, festivals like Raksha Bandhan remind everyone of the importance of family and the connections that define them. In Sadar Bazar, the spirit of Raksha Bandhan is alive and well. The market, with its history and vibrancy, captures the essence of the festival. It's a place where love is expressed through simple gestures and where the bonds between siblings are honored in all their beauty. As brothers and sisters across the country prepare to tie the rakhi this year, they are

reminded of what the festival truly stands for. It's not just about the rituals, it's about the love, care and unbreakable bond that siblings share. In the end, that's what makes Raksha Bandhan so special - a celebration of love that goes beyond time, distance and

the challenges of life.

NOE - WHERE GLOBAL FLAVOURS MEET RARE INGREDIENTS!

Nestled in the heart of Lutyens Delhi in the iconic Diplomat Hotel, the recently launched 'NOE' is set to redefine the dining culture in the city, bringing a vibrant social atmosphere and an innovative culinary experience

By **SHARMILA** CHAND

wanted an elevated comfort food zone to take guests through a culinary journey blending global flavors with local influences to craft a unique experience," says Sandeep Bishnoi, the Founder who has been associated with creative brands such as Perch Wine & Coffee Bar and Hoots.

innovative experience is the key with Chef Dhruv Nijhawan, at the helm of affairs. An alumnus of Le Cordon Bleu, India, Chef Dhruv's passion for ingenious cooking techniques and for reviving authentic ingredients, is well known. At NOE, he brings forth his passion as is evident in the distinctive menu that celebrates the art of 'elevating comfort food'. Evoking nostalgia and inspiring innovation, the kitchen at NOE re-invents handpicked traditional comfort dishes from world cuisines using lesser-known

ingredient pairings and creative cooking techniques. From highquality produce to regional and international cuisines, each dish encapsulates a rich tapestry of flavours and the ingredients' culinary heritage.

Speaking about the cooking methods, chef Dhruv tells me, "Every dish tells a story of a unique ingredient and a different cooking method. Reinventing modern classic dishes in a flavour forward method lies at the heart of our cooking. NOE incorporates culinary techniques from around the world using star ingredients to create an innovative dining experience." Hence, Potato & Chilli Orange

sits nicely looking pretty in front of me. Swedish Hasselback potatoes in smoked brown butter with savoury cheena, bajji chili, orange zest, Korean chilli oil and pea

shoot cress, is perfect

example of

Dhruv's

philosophy. And so is 'Tofu & Garum' - an umami flavoured silken tofu with vegan mushroom garum, soy, leek circles, porcini mushrooms & nori powder. For mutton lovers, what better than 'Kanda & Picante'? "Kaffir lime and coriander mutton kanda with broccoli picante puree finished with chermoula crumble," explains chef. He also recommends 'John Dory & Mazavaroo' - pan-seared John Dory with cauliflower crème, smoked Mazavaroo tourne, smoked Mazavaroo, tossed almond flakes served with cashew duqqa. The menu is extensive

with a lot more stars like 'Lamb &

- medium-rare cooked

lamb chop with curry leaf,

thyme, black molé sauce, togarashi tossed snap peas, sumac onions with seasonal cress. For crab lovers, 'Crab & Wasabi' strongly recommended. Crab meat with avocado, wasabi, lime puree, water chestnuts, asparagus, compressed cucumbers and seasonal cress

From large plate section, Pumpkin & Pomegranate turned out to be my favourite. Braised pumpkin with pomegranate sauce reduced with all spice and tahini, served with a sumac cress salad. 'Potato & Capers' is another one I lapped up. You will love layered potato slices with lemon zest cream, asparagus and olive. The relish of smoked onion added to the flavor

If not in a mood to rustle up

breakfast at home, then just hop in here. They have introduced a

new breakfast menu, serving a

delightful array of morning

treats that promise to start your

day on a flavorful note. Imagine

the perfect morning with a

spread of traditional and

contemporary breakfast dishes,

curated to suit every palate.

Poha, garnished with fresh

brilliantly accompanied by a side salad in orange dressing. Onigiri

& Rasam' is a brilliant take on

Jasmine rice onigiri with a light rasam sauce finished with celery

experimentation.

innovative

dust, furikake peashoot, you would have never relished rasam in this medium. The dessert section looks pretty impressive, each dish comes with a lavish dose of drama to oomph things up. For me, Biscoff & Chai was the perfect way to wind up the meal. A vanilla cardamom sponge cake with Biscoff mousse and masala chai whipped cream cheese, with a spiced ginger sable

& Biscoff gelato, simply bowled

me over. Complementing culinary experience is the creative highball cocktail program served at NOE's bar. Managed by Hoots - recently awarded as one of Asia's Top 50 Bars, the highball bar concept emphasises refreshing, perfectly balanced cocktails created with premium spirits and house-made mixers, showcasing creativity and craftsmanship.

Inspired by its prestigious address



and surroundings, NOE's design and decor combine the timeless elegance of Lutyen's Delhi with the modern. Colonial aesthetics such as rich oak panelling, vintage flooring and lime-washed walls are interspersed with contemporary elements of long grid mirrors, neutral hues and the play of natural light.

The décor further incorporates plenty of greens and mood lighting that extend to diverse spaces - the chic indoor seating flows effortlessly into a trendy bar and a plush rustic outdoor deck as well as an intimate courtyard," tells Amit Chhabra, of studio LDC, the team behind the design architects of NOE.

With diverse settings, NOE offers layers of sensory experiences for all moods and occasions where guests can enjoy different spaces in a single visit or each separately over multiple ones. Whether it's a casual gathering over food and drinks, a rendezvous with a friend, a special celebration, solo culinary adventures, a romantic date, or even small events, NOE promises for a memorable time. Featuring an extensive breakfast spread, an all-day dining menu, delectable Sunday brunches, and a creative drinks menu along with rotating seasonal menus and popup surprises, NOE welcomes you to a world of elevated comfort food, exquisite cocktails, and unforgettable dining experiences. Overall, the vibe at NOE is elegant and chic.

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A NOSTALGIC CULINARY FARE AT INDIAN REPUBLIC CANTEEN

By SHARMILA CHAND

Pwer heard of Waffle Imarti,
Mac n Cheese Pakora,
Waffle Bread Pakora, Samosa Cannelloni? If no, head get to taste innovative dishes

with a flair for fun. Why the name Indian Republic, I asked the team. 'The concept is inspired by the diversity of the Indian Republic, aiming to create a welcoming and accessible environment to a familiar canteen setting, where all patrons can feel comfortable and engaged, is the answer.

Alok Aggarwal Co-Founder- Indian Republic Canteen further explains,

"Our establishment is founded on the concept of nostalgia, aiming to evoke cherished memories of simple, beloved foods such as noodles, samosas, and bread pakoras from one's college days. We are devoted to celebrating these dishes and encouraging patrons to savor and traditional

them without reservation. The BREAKFAST SOIREES interior design of our space is a contemporary fusion of modernity and nostalgia. It reflects both cutting-edge trends to Indian Republic Canteen in the heart of capital's popular Connaught Place and you will influences, presenting a vision of India that is globally stylish yet deeply rooted in Indian

> From 8 AM to 11 AM, you can indulge in a hearty and wholesome breakfast experience that blends the best of regional flavors with popular morning staples.
> The highlight of my breakfast was the comforting taste of Nagori Halwa, a classic dish that combines the rich flavors of semolina and sugar, bringing a touch of nostalgia to your breakfast. How could I miss the delicious Bedmi Sabzi, just perfect for my taste. For a flavour of traditional regional classic, Indori





muesli, fresh bananas, and yogurt, offering a perfect balance of taste and nutrition. For the ubiquitous South Indian flavors, the menu includes crispy and golden Dosa, served with traditional sambar and chutneys, transporting you to the streets of Southern India. Compliment your meal with a selection of fresh juices, made from seasonal fruits, to add a refreshing touch to your breakfast. Or go for signature drinks like The IRC Shichanji, a longstanding favorite, alongside the Imli Fritz. Each drink is crafted to be unique and memorable, aligning with the overall concept of the place.

TO CONCLUDE

Whether you are looking for a quick bite or a leisurely breakfast, Indian Republic Canteen's thoughtful and exciting menu is well curated to cater to all your hunger cravings.

CHECK IT OUT

Place, New Delhi

Time: 08:00am to 11:00am **Location** — H-26, Connaught Circle, Block H, Connaught

coriander, sev, and a squeeze of lemon, captures the essence of Indore's street food culture so beautifully. If you prefer something nutritious and savory, the Besan Chilla with Chutney

provides a protein-packed option, featuring a gram flour pancake served with a side of tangy chutney. The Bombay Sandwich offers a taste of Mumbai with layers of fresh vegetables and

tangy chutneys sandwiched between slices of soft bread. Health-conscious diners need not worry as they have option of Masala Oats, Banana Muesli Bowl, a refreshing mix of

FOREST RIGHTS ACT: A BEACON OF HOPE OR A VICTIM OF EXPLOITATION?



The Forest Rights Act (FRA) of 2006 was heralded as a transformative piece of legislation designed to recognise and empower forest dwelling communities while promoting sustainable forest management. However, the implementation of FRA has faced significant hurdles, including mismanagement, exploitation, and inadequate scrutiny write BKP SINHA and ARVIND KUMAR JHA

(FRA) of 2006, a landmark legislation in India, was introduced to recognise forest rights (FRs) of the Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes (FDST) and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFD) and empower them aiming at strengthening the conservation regime of forests. It was seen as a beacon of hope ushering in an era of community-led sustainable use of forest resources, conservation of biodiversity, and maintenance of ecological balance, which are essential for the sustenance of FRs. The Act however has faced serious implementation challenges and is overly involved in debates about the fulfilment of this vision indicated in the preamble. The FRA outlines fourteen distinct FRs for its target group but its initial implementation focused primarily on just two viz. habitation and self-cultivation.

This emphasis led to large-scale encroachments by claiming that they occupied the forest land before the mandated cutoff date of December 13, 2005. Not very surprisingly, the high volume of cases and the pressure to decide them quickly resulted in many ineligible claims getting recognized as valid. This, in turn, encouraged even more people to make similar claims, hoping that theirs would also be approved. During this time, the claims related to Community Forest Rights (CFRs) were given low priority, except for those involving traditionally collected minor forest produce.

In 2012, significant amendments to the FRA Rules were made and new guidelines issued thereafter. Although these amendments purportedly aimed to streamline implementation, they resulted in unintended consequences. Some of these amendments, allegedly extending beyond the Act's eligibility criteria for claimants, non-deserving individuals and communities to exploit the system. The amended Rule introduces a new right, known as the 'Title' to

Community Forest Resources. It enabled communities with only a few members from the FDST and OTFD to make such claims thus allowing the rural elite and powerful individuals to take advantage of the system marginalizing the genuine target group of FRA. Additionally, the evidentiary value of satellite imagery was lowered, making it more challenging to distinguish between legitimate and fabricated claims. No system was established to scrutinize the approved claims while the Tribal Ministry, GOI repeatedly issued directives to review just the rejected ones. In the existing atmosphere, it was 'practical' to approve claims rather than reject them even when the evidence was weak and essential criteria were not met. At times hundreds of cases were cleared in just one meeting which lacked adequate representation of non-officials and women members, and objections by foresters, even when based on ground reality, were generally labelled as anti-tribal and anti-FRA. The protection-related duties of

forest right holders, gram sabhas, and village-level institutions mentioned under Section 5 of the FRA still await alignment with existing Acts and Rules given the purport of Section 13. Some state tribal departments, as nodal agencies for implementation, have excluded the forest department from village-level management plan committees constituted for community forest Such exclusion resources. precludes inputs from trained foresters and consideration of a landscape-based forest management approach, which is

essential for ensuring the long-term sustainability of biodiversity, survival of wide-ranging wildlife, and the provision of eco-services that extend beyond village Village-centric

management systems, influenced electoral politics, may undermine long-term conservation efforts and harm ecological balance. Instances of clear felling and over-exploitation in bamboo coupes, in violation of sustainability principles, have already been observed in some

villages. Encroachments and land-use alteration near watercourses and on slopes pose significant risks. In 1992, the Forest Department attempted to remove encroachments in Mundakai, remove Wayanad but faced violent resistance resulting in assaults, injuries, and the torching of six vehicles by locals. Over time, emboldened encroachers and developers constructed large resorts on slopes increasing landslide susceptibility. This risk was tragically realized with the recent landslide in Mundakai in

July 2024. Under FRA also, recognition of claims by ignoring the terrain is an extremely serious issue. In Maharashtra, a 2014 satellitestudy on based implementation revealed that out of randomly selected 56,029 claims for cultivation and habitation in Gadchiroli, Gondia, Nandurbar, and Dhule districts; 8,472 and 11,988 sites respectively were within 50 and 100 meters of water bodies or watercourses. Similar claims were found in different districts on slopes exceeding 20

pockmarked with a total area of

485 acres, many of which could potentially become the epicentre of additional encroachments and imminent disasters.

To date, 5.18 million acres of forest land scattered over 2.37 million sites have been recognized in the country as individual FRs of cultivation and habitation and the process is still on. The absence of a cut-off date for claim submission, however, makes misuse of the Act easier with time since the verifiability of evidence about 2005 becomes increasingly difficult. It may allow the exploitation of the Act for

political purposes too. An analysis of cases cleared just before elections, for instance, 1,33,920 titles granted to podu cultivators reportedly based on village elders' statements; ramping up of claim clearances in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh; and current invitations for new claims in Jharkhand should be revealing. A worrying trend, however, has emerged in Madhya Pradesh, with encroachers from other villages and districts targeting forest land in Burhanpur district and nearby areas, often with local politician's support. These actions have sparked violent clashes between the encroachers, local villagers, and forest officials, who are struggling to protect the forests. An examination of randomly selected CFR cases in Maharashtra reveals that the 'nature' and 'extent' of FRs are often missing from title

documents. The issue reportedly



THE PROTECTION-

RELATED DUTIES OF FOREST RIGHT HOLDERS, GRAM SABHAS, AND VILLAGE-LEVEL INSTITUTIONS MENTIONED UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE FRA STILL AWAIT ALIGNMENT WITH EXISTING ACTS AND RULES GIVEN THE PURPORT OF SECTION 13. SOME STATE TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS, AS NODAL AGENCIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION, HAVE **EXCLUDED THE FOREST** DEPARTMENT FROM VILLAGE-LEVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEES **CONSTITUTED FOR** COMMUNITY FOREST **RESOURCES**

exists in other states as well. Understanding the quantity of forest produce (as a forest right) is crucial for the sustainable management of community forest resources and the long-term continuance of the exercise of rights. Accurate quantification can prevent issues such as the dwindling supply of medicinal plants for the Ayurvedic industry, which has led to the use of substandard materials and tarnished the reputation of Ayurveda. Unregulated removals could lead to future disputes over forest produce among neighbouring villages which would simply be disastrous.

The process adopted for recognizing Rights over Community Forest Resources (RCFR) raises significant concerns. According to Section 3(1)(i), RCFR of management is admissible only for communities of FDSTs and OTFDs who have traditionally protected and conserved these resources for sustainable use. Further, section 4(3) of the Act mandates that these communities must have occupied the forest land before the cutoff date of December 13, 2005. However, in practice, management rights under Section 3(1)(i) have been liberally granted, ignoring the mandated criteria, on more than 13.5 million acres out of the country's total recorded forest area of 191.5 million acres. The

trend continues unabated also

due to the absence of a deadline submissions, revisit the rules for claim submission. under the FRA, and swiftly submission. **RCFRs** Surprisingly, management have been granted on thousands of acres in the core areas of Tiger Reserves and Protected Areas in Achanakmar, Udanti Sitanadi, Dhamtari, Navegaon Nagzira, and Tansa without fulfilling the required criteria. Apart from the illegalities involved in RCFR cases, the overall situation indicates that the concerned District Level Committees have unauthorizedly transferred the State's responsibility mentioned in Article 51A of the

Constitution. In the past, forests were vast and tribal populations were small and cohesive with minimal influence from market forces. They existed harmoniously. Today, we face a crisis of fractured village populations and fragmented forests. The traditional arrangements that once worked may no longer be effective. Any harm to forest conservation and management has far-reaching consequences and Nature responds to it in compounded ways, leading to unpredictable weather patterns, desertification, global warming, and ecological crises.

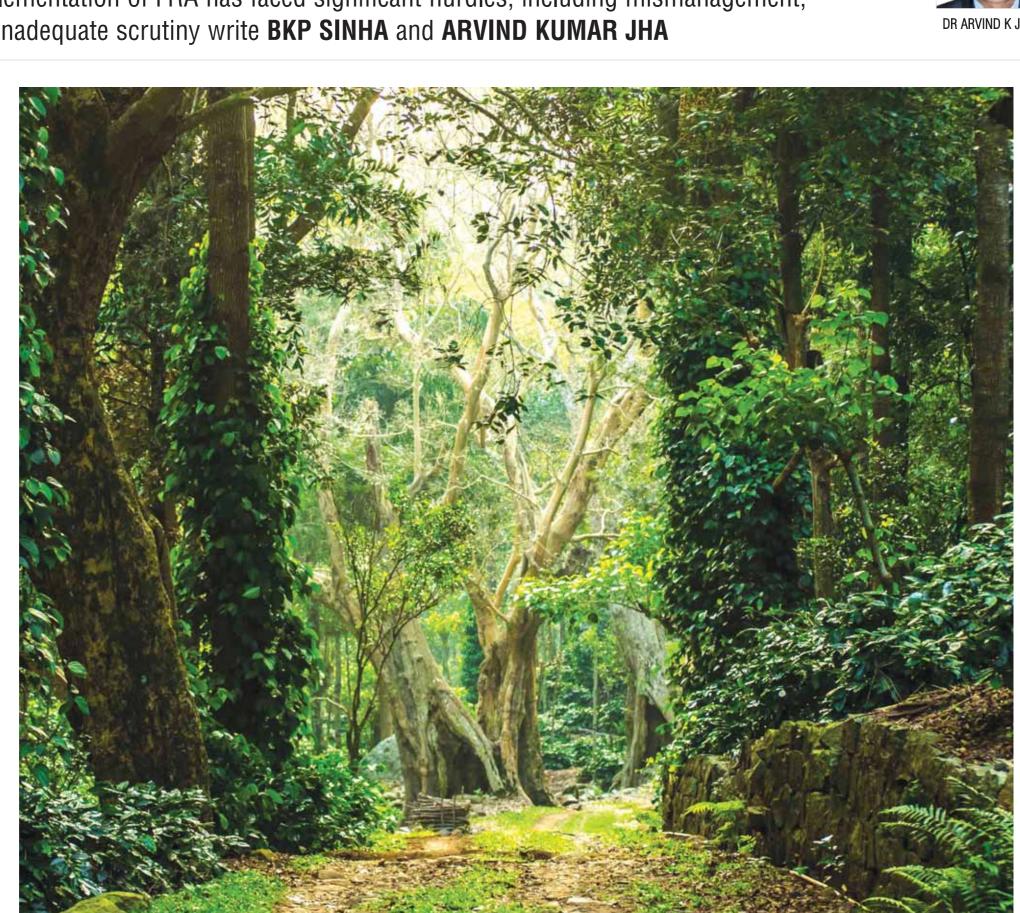
These environmental changes exacerbate climate change, creating a vicious cycle that further threatens sustainability and health of our forests and communities. It is crucial to set a deadline for claim

correct its implementation to benefit genuine beneficiaries. Cancelling irregularly granted rights, removing encroachments, and relocating FR holders from high-risk areas will establish confidence in the administration among the voiceless target group of the FRA.

The Supreme Court must prioritize the hearing of writ petition 109/2008, duly because their earlier order to evict encroachers was stayed on February 28, 2019, due to the Tribal Affairs Ministry's submission that due processes were not followed in implementing the FRA. The ministry had also highlighted that the process of settling the claims and rights of the applicants left much to be desired. At this critical juncture, the

choices we make will shape the destiny of India's forests, its people including forest-dependent communities, and its ecology and economy. The question remains: Will the FRA fulfil its promise of empowering legitimate forest right holders while safeguarding India's ecological wealth, or will it succumb to exploitation and misuse? Only time, and our commitment to a sustainabilityoriented implementation of the Act, will tell.

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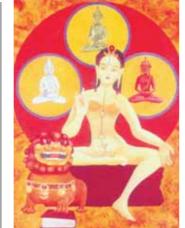






You're currently experiencing a period marked by keen observation and active communication. This phase is ideal for engaging with new concepts and exploring different perspectives with an open and eager mind. You'll feel a surge of mental vitality, perfect for diving into research or expanding your knowledge. This heightened energy will enhance your confidence in sharing your thoughts and ideas. However, it's important to temper this enthusiasm with caution to avoid appearing too critical or making hasty decisions. Stay vigilant about the accuracy of the information you encounter, as appearances can sometimes be deceiving. Trust your intuition, but make sure to confirm your findings. Strive for a harmonious balance between exploring bold ideas and thoughtful analysis. Engage in open conversations, allowing your sharp intellect to uncover more profound insights.

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Sunday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week invites you to introspect and embrace transformation. A period of deep reflection is at hand, where you may find yourself revisiting previous decisions and their impacts on your life. This process offers a chance for significant personal renewal. You might find an increased clarity and conviction in facing these realities, helping you to let go of what no longer benefits you. This is an ideal time to foster personal growth and initiate a new beginning. Use this opportunity to re-evaluate your life's path and implement changes that genuinely represent your true self. Welcoming this phase of change can lead to a more genuine and rewarding future. Allow the insights from your experiences to guide you forward.

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Saturday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week heralds a period ripe for embracing new opportunities and embarking on bold ventures. The essence of adventure and spontaneity is in the air, inviting you to take steps forward in directions you've perhaps not considered before. There's an underlying force encouraging you to break free from routine and explore fresh horizons. It's an ideal time to initiate projects, explore new places, or set transformative personal objectives. Let go of any hesitations or perceived barriers that might be holding you back. This period calls for trusting the journey of exploration and being open to where it might lead. Embrace this phase with enthusiasm and a readiness to venture into the unknown, as the possibilities for growth and exhilarating experiences are particularly strong now.

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Olive Lucky day Sunday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week, you may experience a sense of entrapment, driven by personal beliefs or external demands. You could perceive your options as being quite limited, feeling a heavy weight from ongoing challenges. It's crucial to recognize that these barriers are often more psychological than tangible. The key to overcoming them lies in challenging old habits or assumptions that constrain you. Take time to deeply consider what is truly restricting your progress and explore ways to adjust your outlook to uncover fresh opportunities. This period demands robust inner fortitude and adaptability. Don't hesitate to seek support when necessary, and keep in mind that true freedom begins with a shift in how you view your circumstances. Embrace the potential for change by actively addressing these mental obstacles

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Saffron Lucky day Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week invites a time of deep reflection and emotional exploration. You may find yourself facing moments of uncertainty or confusion as certain aspects of your life that were previously obscured begin to surface. This period calls for a reliance on your inner guidance, urging you to look inward and trust your instincts, even when clarity seems distant. As you navigate through intricate emotions and perhaps discover underlying truths, patience becomes vital. It's important not to rush decisions based on transient emotions. Instead, focus intently on the gentle murmurs of your dreams and the nuanced signals from your subconscious, which abound with valuable insights. Embrace this journey of self-exploration, keeping an open mind and heart, and let your innate wisdom guide you through these introspective days.

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, you may encounter a phase of contemplation and reconsideration. It's a period where progress could appear slow, encouraging you to see things from a fresh viewpoint. Embrace this pause as a chance for introspection and reassessment of your goals and priorities. During this time, you might feel the pressures of duties or encounter hurdles that challenge your usual pace. By setting aside strict expectations and opening yourself to new perceptions, you can uncover meaningful insights. Recognize that this temporary standstill is a preparatory stage, setting the groundwork for forthcoming advancements. Seize this moment to refine your understanding and patience, as you prepare for a transformative journey ahead. Remember, every pause is an opportunity for growth and personal evolution.

Lucky number 18 | Lucky colour White Lucky day Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week, your focus will intensify around personal connections and pivotal decisions. There's a heightened emphasis on unity, partnerships, and aligning with your fundamental values. You might notice your close relationships flourishing or becoming more profound, particularly those that align well with your deepest beliefs and desires. This period calls for choices to be made with affection and collective respect, covering both romantic ties and joint ventures. It's an opportune moment to fortify relationships or resolve any prevailing conflicts. Aim to align your actions with your loftiest ideals and be receptive to nurturing bonds that propel your personal development. Embrace chances for harmony and equilibrium, trusting that the guidance from your emotions will steer you rightly.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Teal



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week marks a period of emotional rejuvenation and beginnings in personal connections. You're entering a phase where your feelings and potential for meaningful interactions intensify, promising a bounty of affection, empathy, and contentment. It's the perfect moment to deepen bonds, explore new relational or creative avenues, and embrace projects that satisfy your soul. This phase invites you to cultivate your emotional landscape and act on your heart's desires. Whether you're starting a new romantic chapter, enriching existing relationships, or pursuing artistic expressions, the time is ripe to open your heart. Allow yourself to both give and receive love in its myriad expressions, and tap into your natural reservoir of compassion and artistic spirit. Embrace this cycle of growth and connection

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Burgundy Lucky day Friday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week invites you to reevaluate your foundations in both material and emotional aspects. You may find yourself reflecting on how well you secure what you deeply care about, as stability becomes a theme. This period is about reassessing how you manage what you possess and confronting any underlying anxieties about potential losses or shortages. While you generally lean towards embracing change, you might notice a tendency to hold tightly to certain elements of your life or resist shifts in your usual approach. It's a good time to find equilibrium between your innovative impulses and a grounded perspective. This will help you solidify your base, ensuring that you are well-prepared and confident as you plan for future endeavors.

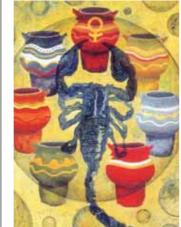
Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Fuchsia Lucky day Wednesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week emphasizes stability, family, and long-term security, reflecting a period of completion and fulfillment in your life's tangible and emotional areas. You might find yourself contemplating your accomplishments and the legacy you're shaping. It's an opportune time to invest in your future or partake in activities that strengthen your home and familial connections. Expect highlights around financial or material advancements, signaling rewards for previous endeavors. Seize the chance to honor your achievements and those of your loved ones. This period encourages you to prioritize enduring security and happiness, underlining the significance of robust foundations and valued relationships. This supportive setting promotes development and strengthens relationships essential for your personal growth.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Monday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week heralds a period of dynamic energy and passionate pursuits. You will embody confidence and charisma, reflecting a time when you can harness your inner strength and creativity. This is an ideal moment to take leadership qualities and let your passion propel you toward your goals. This is a powerful time for initiating projects, asserting your vision, and inspiring those around you. Your magnetic presence will attract positive attention and support. Channel your energy effectively, and don't hesitate to step into the spotlight. Use your innate creativity and confidence to make significant strides in both personal and professional areas of your life. This week is about actively shaping your future with vigor and vision.

Lucky number 16 | Lucky colour Lavender Lucky day Tuesday

Shakti trinity deified as Brahma,



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week may bring potential for discord or tension in your interactions. You could find yourself in situations that are emotionally taxing or lead to disagreements. These conflicts, while challenging, offer a chance to practice discernment in choosing which issues to engage with. Aim to resolve disagreements peacefully and steer clear of power struggles. It's a time to reflect on what is truly causing friction and explore constructive solutions to these problems. Emotional resilience and clear thinking are crucial during this period. By staying composed and opting to distance yourself from minor disputes, you will be able to maintain your inner peace and handle challenges gracefully. Cultivate patience and understanding to navigate hrough this period with ease.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Baby Pink Lucky day Tuesday

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Persons with the Sata element prominently displayed, become aware of the fundamentals of life. Sata finds reflection as positive virtues - purity, righteousness, a positive attitude, and meaningful karma, free from any malice, obsession, and prejudices. They also understand the unity underlying all diverse existences, whereby all and sundry are essentially set into an inter-dependant relationship. Therefore, they value all on equal terms overriding all apparent difference. They, therefore, get along well with those around with ease. They, thus, remain at peace by the self and with the rest. They carry sense of love, are humane and compassionate. They remain live to their collective obligations even while pursuing their individualistic aspirations. Sata driven use other two dimensions of shakti trinity to their advantage. Using Tamasa, they take a pause to reflect, reason out, articulate well, before getting into action. So, invariably they make better choices in life. The Rajasa element being live, they too carry desires, but are invariably

directed to serve meaningful purposes.

They don't employ it purely with an utterly selfish motive. Their thought process being easy, simple, and free from clutters, could use their mind power optimally. Consequently, they see things in wider perspective to pick up the most appropriate lead. They are better focused also, and therefore have relatively higher success rating. Well, since human beings are born with a sense of 'want', a being's conduct is motivated and driven by desire. That, in turn brings in a sense of craving, possessiveness and attachment, which remains the prerogative of Rajasa. The indwelling sense of desire makes one dream, and which motivates a being blindly chase their desired destination. They ordinarily shun Tamasa, and so when faced with challenges, get unnerved. And that they are susceptible to get drawn towards varied tempting influences of the seeming world, they have a scattered brain. That makes it difficult for them to remain contended, and would therefore, never be at peace.

Because of its veiling nature, the essentials of life remain clouded in Tamasa driven people. They can't

Vishnu, and Mahesh

visualise things in larger perspective, as they have self-centric narrowed vision. Out of ignorance, such people are often not sure what they should look for in life and therefore, are usually found to be directionless. They are restful by nature, which induces a sense of inertia,

indolence, ignorance, and more often a negative mind-set. To such people, the indwelling Rajasa element keeps the desire element alive. But at the same time, they are not keen to take pains to pursue their desires in right earnest. So, invariably they are left behind in the run of life. Their sense of want, however, makes it difficult for them to digest the riches available with others either. That in turn, breeds in a sense of jealousy and hatred towards the achievers.

This way, particular mix of the three in a being, with one or the other prominently displayed, defines the unique character of each being. To sum up, Sata, Rajasa, and Tamasa, begin their course as three dimensions of creative intelligences, whose imprints stretch on to even the last point in the evolutionary chain. For, their psychological imperatives very much find reflection in the personality frame up of manifest beings, especially in terms of one's thought trends on ground. That makes continuum between the primal source and manifest being, evident.

The spoken primal word 'Om' has in its store sound trinity designated by the three letters 'A', 'U', and 'M'. All sound syllables in active use are believed to have evolved out of these three root sounds. 'Om', thus, has in its womb the seeds of all letters with their related sounds. The three letters are

respectively marked with Rajasa, Sata, and Tamasa. The first two letters - 'A' and 'U' - apparently coalesce into 'O' in dicta-lingua. The three are also respectively identified with waking, dreaming, and dreamless sleep state of a being in day-to-day life. Waking state is evidently identified with Rajasa, as it involves action. Dream state is marked with Sata, for it involves simply working on an idea either real or assumed, in the inner realm of mind, which evidently can't be seen in real terms. Tamasa is that restful state of mind devoid of any creative thoughts. Ancient India's seers, realising the relevance of the three creative intelligences - Rajasa, Sata, and Tamasa deified them respectively through the symbolism of Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahesh. The concept of God-trinity, thus, is nothing but Energy concept of creation deified. Concluding the discussion on Om,

goodbye pioneer readers.

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