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Heavy monsoon showers reduce rain deficit to 38 per cent



n active monsoon has resulted in widespread and heavy rainfall in several areas over the past 48 hours, bringing the state's rain deficit down to 38 percent. Just two days ago, July, the second monsoon month, concluded with a 43 percent deficit in rainfall. Despite the recent rains, statistics reveal that none of the 24 districts have managed to overcome their deficit figures.

In contrast, during the same period last year, as

recorded surplus rainfall, according to data from the Met office. While the rain has been beneficial in reducing the deficit, it has also led to severe waterlogging issues in many parts of the state.

Yesterday, the monsoon trough at mean sea level was observed passing through Sri Ganganagar, Rohtak, Hardoi, Varanasi, Dehri, Bankura, Canning, and then southeastwards to the northeast Bay of Bengal. Additionally, a cyclonic circulation over Gangetic West Bengal and its

tioned over adjoining south Bangladesh, extending up to 7.6 km above mean sea level and tilting southwards with

"A trough was extending from the cyclonic circulation over Gangetic West Bengal adjoining Bangladesh to northeast Bihar at 0.9 km above mean sea level. Another trough was extending from western Uttar Pradesh to the cyclonic circulation over Gangetic West Bengal between 1.5 and 3.1 km above mean sea level.

Despite the rains, the state has so far received only 321 mm of rain against a normal of 517 mm, resulting in a 38 percent deficit. However, the heavy downpours have led to significant waterlogging in urban areas, causing disruptions to daily life. Several lowneighborhoods in Jamshedpur and surrounding districts have reported flooded streets, making commuting difficult for residents.

The city's drainage system has been overwhelmed by the volume of rainwater, with merged under several inches of water. In addition, local authorities have reported that waterlogging has led to traffic congestion and delays with many vehicles stranded in the floodwaters. The civic bodies have been working round the clock to clear the water, but the continuous rain has hampered their Residents have efforts. expressed frustration over the situation, highlighting the need for better urban planning and drainage infrastruc-

ture to handle such heavy

DPS Bokaro holds

Song competition

Group tabla and solo

face the same issue of waterlogging. It disrupts our daily lives and poses health risks, said a resident of a floodaffected area.

The local administration has issued advisories urging people to stay indoors and avoid waterlogged areas. Emergency services are on high alert to provide assistance and ensure the safety of residents. Health officials have also warned about the potential outbreak of waterborne diseases due to the stagnant water.

Trial run of Trishul, **Brahmastra** freight trains conducted

PNS: DALTONGANJ

Indian railway has launched two new freight trains titled Trishul and Brahmastra.

These two trains had a successful run between Moghulsaarai and Tori railway stations via Daltonganj railway station said very recently.

Trishul is a 58+58+58 wagon freight train, while Brahmastra freight train is 58+58+58+58 wagon freight

intendent Umesh Kumar said the Trishul freight train was pulled by 3 engines, while the Brahmastra goods train was pulled by four engines. These two huge trains

Daltonganj station super-

passed through very smoothlv. he said. These biggest hauls were

empty from Moghulsarai to Tori railway junction. There at the Tori railway

iunction these two trains got loaded with coal. Here the trains were split too.

Umesh Kumar said it takes 3 to 5 minutes to Trishul and Brahmastra freight trains respectively to pass through the railway station like Daltonganj outer to outer signal.

It's a sight to watch rishul and Brahmastra Trishul trains passing through

A common man not knowing anything about Trishul and Brahmastra just dishelieves that a goods train can be so long while a passenger train is sometimes of 10 coach or 13 coach or 16 coach.

Long distance passenger trains now have 20 to 22 coaches only.

Daltonganj railway station is now in a very good position to receive 20 coach trains without any problem.

Umesh Kumar said our platforms have become longer and now boarding or getting down from the bogie or coach is not problematic. It is convenient for all, added the Daltonganj station superintendent.

Loyola reaches communities through outreach programme

PNS: JAMSHEDPUR

Loyola School, celebrated for

its dedication to holistic edu-

cation and personal growth, extended its ethos beyond the classroom today with an impactful outreach programme involving around 400 plus-two students. This initiative aimed to instill a deeper sense of community and altruism among the students. In a gesture reflecting the school's commitment to empathy and social responsibility, Standard 11 students visited various institutions including Old Age Homes, the School of Hope for mentally challenged children, Vivekanand Students' Home, Nirmal Hriday Missionaries of Charity, and Bal Vihar. These visits were crafted to connect with and uplift the less fortunate, providing moments of joy and companionship to those in need. Simultaneously, Class 12 students journeyed to remote village schools in Lupengutu, Basahatu, Gandedungri, Bhilapahari, and Chaira Their mission was to enhance the educational and social experiences of children in these underserved communities. The outreach activities were varied and engaging. Students connected with mentally challenged.

Every day is Earth Overshoot Day – Time for Bharat to Play on Front Foot



BY SRIJAN KISHORE

A ugust 1st was Earth Overshoot Day, a reminder that human activiresources 1.7 times faster than the rate at which ecosystems can recover. According to the Global Footprint Network (2024), cutting CO2 emissions from fossil fuels by 50% would move the date by three months.

As the world confronts the escalating climate crisis, India, a pivotal global player, faces a critical juncture in its Environmental governance. The alarming reality is that Earth Overshoot Day, the date when humanity's demand for

ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what the planet can regenerate in that year, has been consistently moving earlier in the calendar. India's resource consumption is outpacing its ability to replenish them back. Considering this scenario, "India needs 3.1 India" to meet its citizen's demand for environment. India's climate change pol-

icy has been a delicate balancing act as the nation seeks to drive economic development and lift its vast population out of poverty while addressing its pressing environmental challenges. The country's policies are on track to help limit global average temperature rise to 2°C, but the stark reality is that most nations are struggling even to meet this target. The withdrawal of the United States, the second-largest contributor to global emissions, from the Paris Agreement, has further complicated the landscape, underscoring the need for India to take a more proactive and assertive stance in tackling the climate crisis.

India's presidency of the G20 presents a unique opportunity to amplify the principle "polluters pay"

demand greater accountability from developed countries with higher historical carbon footprints due to their industrialization. Phasing out coal, which contributes 40% of India's fossil fuel emissions and 13% of the ambient PM 2.5, is a critical priority in achieving climate action tar-

However, India's environmental challenges are "comseemingly pounded unmanageable proportions by poverty, squalor and ignorance," making the task of environmental protection a fundamental one for the Modi 3.0 government's aspirations to industrialize faster, achieve food self-sufficiency, and fulfil the basic needs of its growing population.

Potential India's Aggressive Climate Action: India stands at a pivotal point in the global fight against climate change. While we have made commitments on global platforms, there is a growing need for more aggressive efforts. Substantial Renewable

Energy Potential: India boasts abundant renewable energy resources, particularly solar and wind. Harnessing this potential could significantly reduce reliance on fossil fuels like coal, a major source of the country's emissions.

Voice for the Voiceless: India's actions carry significant weight as a leading voice among developing nations. By demonstrating strong climate leadership, India can inspire other developing countries to ambitious climate

Economic Advantages of Green Growth: Transitioning to a green economy presents substantial economic opportunities for India. Investing in renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure, and green technologies can create jobs, attract foreign investment, and enhance energy security.

The Need for More Aggressive Action: The impacts of climate change are accelerating globally, with severe consequences for India, including extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and water scarcity.

Allow me to pen down my experience. I currently work in New Delhi, and the past summer was a struggle for many like me. Air Conditions were to be switched on 24X7, there was very little water supply, and health issues demanded urgent and ambitious action along with strategic climate financing. Conclusion:

India must seize the moment and take charge of aggressive climate action. By harnessing its renewable energy potential, championing the "polluters pay" principle, and driving green economic growth, India can set an example for the developing world and contribute to the global fight against climate change. India has the potential to become a global leader in climate action. By embracing more aggressive targets, investing in renewable energy, and advocating for greater global responsibility, India can secure a sustainable future for its people and contribute significantly to the fight against climate change.

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Taal while singers showcased

On the third day of the cultural week fiesta 'Tarang' at DPS Bokaro, students mesmerized the crowd with a fusion of rhythm and harmony. Young musicians performed Teen

India's rich musical legacy, emphasizing devotion and spirituality. The singers impressed the

PNS: BOKARO

enthusiastic audience with a vibrant display of rhythm and melody, captivating listeners with diverse singing styles that touched the soul, heart, and emotions. The Tabla players delivered dynamic and intricate rhythms with their spellbinding performances. In the Inter-House Group Tabla Competition, Jamuna House clinched first place, Chenab came second,

and Ganga secured third. In

the Solo Song Competition,

Gursobh Singh Bindra of

of Sutlej House jointly won first place, while Angel Bajaj of Jhelum and Shree Nidhi Pushkar of Raavi shared second place. Utkarsh Aditya of Jamuna and Achint Kaur of Chenab House jointly secured third place. Principal Dr. A.

Ganga House and Gun Pathak

Gangwar congratulated the participants, praising their hard work and noting that the competition was more than just a display of musical talent-it was a celebration of India's cultural heritage. The school emphasizes the importance of preserving and promoting traditional art forms.

The event featured a welcome address by Head Boy Kanhaiya Bharadwaj and a vote of thanks by Literary Secretary Prasoon Pankaj. The show was compered by Nayasha Singh Nagi, Mridul Aman, and Awani Ananya

Delegation meets DC on Assam CM calls for unified action **RBML's Development Plan** against infiltration, expresses concern years. So far, 50 outlets have PNS: JAMSHEDPUR PNS: JAMSHEDPUR become operational, while the

A crucial meeting was held at the office of Ananya Mittal, Deputy Commissioner of East Singhbhum, with the Jharkhand State team of Reliance BP Mobility Ltd (RBML) to discuss the proposed development plan in the state and specifically in East Singhbhum.

RBML, a joint venture between Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and British Petroleum (BP), is set to create a state-of-the-art fuel retail infrastructure aimed at meeting the rising demands for energy and mobility in emerging India. This initiative is part of Reliance Industries' broader strategy to expand its network of retail outlets across the country, which includes the introduction of advanced mobility solutions and next-generation alternate fuels like Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), and Electric

Vehicle Charging Points. Currently, RBML operates close to 1,500 retail outlets nationwide. In Jharkhand alone, there are plans to establish 110 petrol outlets within the next three to five

remaining 60 are at various stages of submission and

RBML is actively exploring opportunities for strategic tieups with government bodies and other agencies to set up retail outlets on available parcels in East Singhbhum. The meeting underscored the potential for such collaborations to accelthe development process

The RBML team, including Rajiv Joshi, Jharkhand State Head; Jessu Matthew, State Business Development Manager; Anirban Dubey, Development Network Manager, Kolhan; Lokesh Parmar, Area Manager; and Santosh Singh, Project Head, with Deputy Commissioner Mittal. They received assurances of full support from the district administration, recognizing the significant employment opportunities these developments would generate.

The meeting was coordinated by Rajnish Kumar, State Coordinating Officer for Jharkhand and Bihar at Reliance Industries Limited.



impact on the state. In his remarks, Sarma pointed out that the Santhal Pargana region has experienced a dramatic 50-60 percent rise in the population of infiltrators over the past two decades. He warned that this trend could lead to a situation similar to that of Assam, where infiltration has significantly altered demographic patterns. Sarma claimed that the Muslim population in Assam, which was 12 percent in 1952, has surged to 40-42 percent in recent years. attributing this increase largely to infiltration.

"If infiltration continues unchecked, the day might come when the Chief Minister will have to surrender to the infiltrators," Sarma warned. He emphasized that tackling the issue of infiltration is not merely a political concern but a critical responsibility that must be shared by all stakeholders to safeguard the integrity of the state. Sarma urged for a consensus among



state officials and called for measures address the infiltration crisis.

Sarma's comments come in response to Jharkhand Minister Hemant Soren's repeated criticisms of the central government for not effectively addressing the issue of infiltration. Soren has argued that the responsibility to curb infiltration lies with the Union government. In contrast, Sarma has underscored that the challenge of infiltration transcends political lines and requires a collective effort from all levels of government and society.

During the press interac tion, Sarma also targeted leader Kahul Congress Gandhi over his stance on the caste survey. Sarma questioned Gandhi's position on conducting a nationwide caste survey without disclosing one's own caste. "Rahul Gandhi wants a caste survey but does not want to reveal his own caste," Sarma remarked. He highlighted that while caste surveys have

been conducted in states like Bihar, the feasibility of a nationwide survey without full transparency on caste identities remains in ques-

Sarma's critique Gandhi's position on the caste reflects ongoing debates about the need for such surveys and the issues of transparency and accountability involved. The Chief Minister's comments underscore the complexity of the caste survey issue and its implications for broader social and political discourse

In his concluding remarks, Sarma reiterated the importance of collective responsibility in addressing the infiltration issue. "Politics will continue, and governments will come and go, but saving the state from the threat of infiltration is a duty that falls upon everyone," he said. Sarma's statements reflect a broader call for unity and collaborative action in addressing critical challenges facing the state and the nation.

Rotary Club of Bokaro Steel City organizes Health checkup camp

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The Rotary Club of Bokaro Steel City, in collaboration with Paras Hospital, HEC, held a health camp under the PPH (Project Positive Health) initiative at Better Vision, Sector 4, on 2nd August 2024. Themed "One Spoon Less, Four Steps Ahead, Know Your Number," the camp included health screenings for 109 individuals, measuring height, weight, blood sugar, and blood pressure. Participants received advice on healthy lifestyles from expert doctors

Rotary Club President Mahesh Kumar Gupta emphasized the importance of regular health check-ups, highlighting how early detection and prevention can be achieved through routine monitoring, hygiene, and a balanced diet.

Dr. Manish Kumar, Neurosurgeon, and Dr. Dheeraj Kumar, General Physician from Paras Hospital HEC, Ranchi, conducted detailed examinations and provided guidance to attendees. Notably despite heavy rain, the camp successfully screened 109 individuals. Club Secretary Hardeep Singh thanked the doctors, paramedical staff, and Rotary Club members for their contributions. Notable participants included senior doctors from Paras Hospital, such as Manager Shashi Anand, Deepak Chauhan, and Nurse Anu Kumari, along with several Rotary Club members.



Bokaro Airport set to commence operations soon

During the monsoon session of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly, MLA Biranchi Narayan pushed for the swift operationalization of the newly constructed Bokaro Airport. He highlighted the near-completion of the airport's infrastructure, with key installations like ATC systems and firefighting equipment already in place. Legislature Narayan stressed the need to expedite remaining

tasks, such as obtaining environmental and pollution clearances and installing high-intensity flashlights on the Satnpur

Notably in response, the government confirmed that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is overseeing the project under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), with support from SAIL Bokaro. An application for an aerodrome license has been submitted and is pending

assured that the necessary clearances and additional equipment deployments are imminent.

These measures are poised to enable Bokaro Airport to begin commercial operations soon, significantly enhancing regional connectivity and economic development.

The industrial city of Bokaro has long awaited the start of flight operations, which have faced repeated delays.



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CBI to probe UPSC aspirants' deaths

The Delhi High Court on Friday transferred the probe into the death of three UPSC aspirants at Rau's IAS Study Circle in Old Rajender Nagar last weekend to the Central Bureau Investigation (CBI). The Court asked the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to appoint a senior officer to oversee the probe by the CBI in the criminal case. Meanwhile, civil services aspirants protesting the Rajinder Nagar coaching centre deaths continued their agitation for the sixth day on Friday, with many seen studying at the protest site. "In view of the nature of the

incident and to ensure that the public has no doubt with regard to the investigation, this court transfers the probe to the CBI," a division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela passed the order given the 'seriousness of incident and it may involve corruption public servants." The court pulled up the civic body and called the deaths shameful.

The Delhi High Court was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) petition filed



by an organisation named Kutumb seeking a "high-level" probe into the three deaths. The deaths happened when the basement of the coaching centre got flooded following heavy rainfall in the area. Poor drainage system and "illegal" use of the basement were said to be the core reasons behind the

incident. On Friday, at least four UPSC coaching institutes offered ₹10 lakh each to the families of the victims Shreva Yadav, Tanya Soni and Nevin Dalvin. The court also constituted a committee to revamp and reform the physical, financial and administrative infrastructure of the national Capital.

No systemic breach in NEET-UG papers: SC

Giving its detailed reasons for not cancelling the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test undergraduate exam for the year 2024 (NEET UG 2024) over paper leak allegations and other irregularities in the exam, the Supreme Court on Friday said there was no systemic breach, confirming that the leak was confined only to Patna and Hazaribagh. "Therefore no retest would be needed with respect to this year's exam, the top court ruled.

In their 63-page judgment, a Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud, Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said the NTA should avoid "flip flops" which was noticed this year as it does not serve the interest of students. It also expanded the remit of the Centre-appointed panel headed by former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief K Radhakrishnan constituted to review the functioning of the National Testing Agency (NTA), which holds the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance (Undergraduate) (NEETand recommend examination reforms. The top

court said since the remit of the panel has been expanded, the committee would submit its report by September 30 on various measures to rectify deficiencies examination system.

bench said the Radhakrishnan panel should



Medical education was open business before NEET, says Nadda

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

A midst the recent NEET paper leak controversy, which has cast a shadow on quality management of medical education in India, Union Health Minister JP Nadda defended the examination system, saying medical education had become an open business before the NEET was introduced and PG seats were sold for ₹8 crore-₹13 crore each. Addressing concerns

during a discussion on a private member resolution by DMK Rajya Sabha member Mohmed Abdulla, Nadda



emphasised that introduction of NEET was a necessary reform to combat rampant corruption in medical education. The Minister said corruption was rife in medical education before the NEET was brought in during his first stint as Health Minister.

operating procedures for adoption of technological advancements to strengthen the examination system. The bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, Justices JB

Pardiwala and Manoj Misra gave detailed reasons for its July 23 order refusing to cancel the controversy-ridden NEET-UG 2024 examination.Sufficient material is not

on record at present which indicates there were no systemic leak or systemic malpractice. The material on record does not, at present, substantiate allegation of widespread malpractices which compromised the integrity of the exam. On the contrary, an assessment of the data indicates that there are no deviations which indicate that systemic cheating has taken place," the court said in a detailed order.

CJI Chandrachud said the information before the court at this stage does not show that the question paper was disseminated widely using social media or the internet, or that the answers were being communicated to students using sophisticated electronic means which may prove difficult to trace. "The students who were beneficiaries of the leak at Hazaribagh and Patna are easy to be identified. The CBI probe reveals the number of students who beneficiaries malpractice at Hazaribagh and Patna at this stage

Al cancels flights to Tel Aviv amid Israel-Iran tension

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Air India on Friday announced suspending flights to Tel Aviv till August 8, amid escalating tensions in the Middle East. The Tata Group-owned airline operates four weekly flights to Israeli city from the national Capital. "In view of the ongoing situation in parts of the Middle East, we have suspended the scheduled operation of our flights to and from Tel Aviv with immediate effect up to August 8, 2024," the carrier said in a social media post. The airline also said it was

extending support to passengers with confirmed bookings for travel to and from Tel Aviv during this period, with a one-time waiver rescheduling cancellation charges. On Thursday, Air India cancelled its flight to Tel Aviv.

Tensions continue to remain high in the Middle East amid conflict between Israel and various groups, including Hamas. Earlier this year also AI had briefly suspended flights to Tel Aviv at different points of time due to the Middle East tensions.

After nearly five months, the carrier had recommenced the services to the Israeli city on March 3. Air India had suspended flights to and from Tel Aviv starting on October 7, 2023, after the Hamas group's attack on the Israeli city



Prohe ordered into deaths at Asha Kiran

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

mid deaths of mentally Achallenged inmates reported at Asha Kiran shelter home with more than a dozen dead in July alone, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Friday directed the Chief Secretary to furnish a white paper on the running of all shelters homes by the Delhi Government in three weeks and initiate action against the administrator immediately. On her part, Minister Atishi Revenue ordered the Department to initiate a magisterial enquiry and submit a report within 48 hours.

Asha Kiran is a Delhi Government-run facility for the "mentally challenged" and comes under its Social Welfare Department. The department is currently without a head following the resignation of Raaj Kumar Anand. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is currently lodged in Tihar jail, has not assigned the charge of the department to any

According to reports, 28 mentally ill inmates have died this year so far. Out of the total 14 deaths reported in July, 10 happened in the last half of the month including the death of a 14-year-old boy. According to the Medical Care Unit of the shelter home, most of the deceased had complaints of difficulty in breathing and loose motions. L-G ordered a

comprehensive enquiry into the state of affairs of all shelter homes being run by the Delhi Government and a report fixing responsibility is presented within one week.

Atishi wrote a letter to the Additional Chief Secretary of Revenue Department and stated that these deaths reportedly occurred due to health issues and malnutrition and indicate the lack of availability of requisite facilities to the inmates.

National Commission for Women (NCW) chairperson Rekha Sharma blamed the AAP Government for the

Building caves in, three killed in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■

At least three people were reportedly killed on Friday after a portion of a two-storey northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri area. According to police officials, a call was received from the Jahangirpuri area at around 12:50 pm about a house collpase and five fire tenders were rushed to the site. A police official said, "A few more people might still be trapped underneath the rubble and a rescue operation is underway."

A police officer said a 45vear-old Mukesh Kumar was injured in the incident. "He was taken to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries," the senior police official said.

Two more persons, including a woman, were pulled out of the rubble and were declared dead, the officer said. Another officer said the twostorey building housed a garment factory. "There was some repair work going on inside the building when it was collapsed," he added. The Delhi Fire Service (DFS)

officials said they received an emergency call at 12.51 pm. The local police and other rescue teams were mobilised to assist the rescue efforts, officials said, adding the rescue operation underway.

Govt issues draft notification to declare Western Ghats eco-sensitive

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Centre has issued a draft notification to designate over 56,800 square kilometres of the Western Ghats as Eco Sensitive Areas Ecologically including 9,993.7 sq km in Kerala which end 13 villages in landslide-hit Wayanad. The Government has invited suggestions and objections within 60 days.

The notification which proposes banning mining, quarrying, new thermal power projects, and largescale construction in these areas, while allowing repairs and renovations of existing structures was issued on July 31, a day after a series of landslides claimed over 300 lives in Wavanad district.

Existing healthcare facilities and property ownership changes will be unaffected.



The move follows the 2011 recommendations of the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel led by Madhav Gadgil.

the notification Overall. includes 449 sq km in Gujarat, 17,340 sq km in Maharashtra, 1,461 sq km in Goa, 20,668 sq km in Karnataka, 6,914 sq km in Tamil Nadu, and 9,993.7 sq km in Kerala in the proposed

Kanwariyas get rousing welcome



A helicopter showers flower petals on 'Kanwariyas', at Pura Mahadev Temple in Baghpat

Rise in misleading ads during Covid reported

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $D_{\text{pandemic}}^{\text{uring the Covid-19}}$ entire world was hankering after life saving solutions, a disturbing rise in misleading advertisements in the Ayush sector was noticed with the quacks taking advantage of the public's vulnerability amid the health crisis in India. As per the Government data,

in 2020 alone, the first year of

the Covid-19, 5,861 cases of misleading advertisements were identified, including 171 related to Covid. This alarming trend escalated in 2021 with 8,144 cases reported, of which 43 were Covid-related. In following year i.e. 2022, approximately 7,367 cases were documented, including four related to the Sars-Cov-19 induced infections.

In contrast, there were 4,395 misleading

in 2018, highlighting the disturbing deceptive practices during a critical period when the entire world was looking for Covid To combat this issue,

Pharmacovigilance Centres have been established across the country to monitor and report suspicious ads and ensure the safety of Ayush drugs. "Under the

pharmacovigilance programme, a total of 38,539 misleading advertisements related to Ayush drugs were identified and reported to the State Licensing Authorities (SLAs) for Licensing potential action against the offenders in the past five years," said Union Minister of Ayush, Pratap Rao Jadhav However, these reports are generally mild in nature, said the Minister replying to a query in Rajya Sabha.

Stray dogs bring man beaten and buried by foes back to life

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE AGRA/NEW DELHI

In a shocking and almost **I** surreal incident in Agra, a man in his mid-thirties has narrated a harrowing tale of survival. He said he was attacked, strangled, and buried alive by four men over a land dispute. Defying the odds, his miraculous escape came through an unexpected quarters: A pack of stray dogs, who unearthed him and saved his life.

Roop Kishore, in a spine-chilling endured on July 18 in Agra's Artoni area. He said he was sheer

allegedly assaulted by four men Ankit, Gaurav, Karan, and Akash.

The attack culminated in the assailants strangling Kishore and burying him alive on their farm, under the assumption that he was dead.

In a turn of good luck, Kishore's survival can be attributed to a pack of stray dogs. The dogs, foraging for food, dug up the area where Kishore was buried and began biting his exposed flesh.

The sharp pain caused Kishore to account, recounted the ordeal he regain consciousness. Drawing on a surge of adrenaline and willpower, Kishore



managed to free himself and walked to a nearby village.

There, local residents recognised him and promptly rushed him to the hospital, where he is currently receiving medical treatment. Kishore's mother, Roop Ramvati,

provided additional details, revealing that the accused had forcibly taken her son from their home before subjecting him to

the assault. Their intention to dispose of him in a ditch on their farm seemed foolproof until fate intervened. Neeraj Sharma, the Station House Officer (SHO) of the

Police

Station,

confirmed that an FIR has been lodged against the four accused men. The police are actively searching

for them to bring them to justice. In her distress, Ramvati, who filed the case, expressed her anguish and the family's trauma. As the investigation progresses, the community remains gripped by the sheer brutality of the crime and the miraculous

survival of Kishore. Deepak Kumar said his brother Kishore, who has a six-monthold daughter, worked in a shoe

factory. Kishore's mother said on July 18,

there was a dispute between two

groups in the locality and Roop had objected to a man using 'abusive language". "Initially, the local police at

Sikandra neither sent my son for a medical exam nor registered a case. I had to hire a lawyer and approach police commissioner. The FIR was registered on Thursday, about 13 days after the incident," Ramvati pointed out. Agra Police said an FIR has been

registered against four men under sections 109 (attempt to murder), 115 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 351 (criminal intimidation) of BNS on the basis of a complaint.

CM Soren targets Centre's wrong policies for destroying Indian Economy

Announces compensation, jobs for kin of martyred Agniveers

PNS: RANCHI

tate Chief Minister Hemant Soren on the last day of monsoon session (Friday) slammed the BJP after its leaders created a ruckus in the State JMM/Congress government failure to address the issue of youths, farmers and others saying that the BJP has destroyed the economy. Soren comparing the Indian economy with neighbouring Pakistan said that due to wrong policies of the BJP led NDA government in the Centre the Indian Economy is

The CM on the occasion also announced that his govpensation and jobs to the kin of Agniveers, who give supreme sacrifice serving the

He said, "The saffron party was hell-bent on making the country's condition "worse than neighbouring



Chief Minister Hemant Soren speaks during the ongoing Budget session of the State Assembly in Ranchi on Friday. PNS

Pakistan. The country is passing through a difficult phase; the economy is in peril, due to the wrong policies of the BJP-led central government.

Chief Minister Hemant Soren remark on Indian Economy has come at the time when Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting the Economic Survey 2023- 2024 claimed that India's GDP grew by 8.2% in FY24 exceeding the 8% mark in three out of four quarters. The finance minister claimed that growth of economy can be attributed to the digital revolution, massive government infrastructure investments, an expanding middle class, and political stability

Addressing the assembly on the concluding day of the

the BJP of playing "vote-bank politics" by dividing people in the name of religion

also said the people of Ayodhya gave a befitting reply to the BJP in the Lok Sabha polls for "dividing the country" on religious lines.

protest by BJP members in the House against his comments, Soren said the country's assets were being rampantly sold while farmers' ives were at stake.

Hemant said that these

are the people who waive off crores of rupees of big businessmen's loans, but they do not waive off the loans of farmers. But our government decided to waive off the loans of 50000 thousand of farmers. "Along with this, many schemes have been implemented for the farmers. Our government is brainstorming on how else farmers can be given relief, "Soren said. He said that the Jharkhand government will try to increase the scope of loan waiver further. He said that the



Opposition party leaders protest outside assembly during the ongoing Budget session in Ranchi on Friday. Pix by Ratan Lal

Jharkhand government will give compensation and jobs to the families of martyred

Agniveer soldiers. BJP MLAs have raised the

question that the youth of

Jharkhand are not getting unemployment. On this, the CM said that they do not know. These people should go to the villages and blocks and see whether unemploy-

Chief Minister Shri Hemant

ment allowance is being given or not. On the issue of giving jobs, he said that we have given about one and a half lakh jobs including government and non-governing anyone, but the BJP MLAs do not want to let the House function for their own selfish interests. They are obstructing the government. On the issue of assistant policemen, he said that the previous BJP government reinstated them in an improper manner. But our government gave them the maximum extension. In the coming time, we are considering accommodating assistant policemen on various posts. He said that the uniform that we made them wear to break the strike, the same uniform is being used by BJP MLAs today to get the

ment. When this work was

being taken forward, I was

put in jail. The CM said, if I

had not been in jail for 5

months, I can claim with con-

fidence that I would have

given 5 lakh jobs to the

people of the BJP organiza-

tion itself trust his govern-

ment. He said without nam-

Hemant claimed that the

CEO holds meeting with enforcement agencies

Chief Electoral Officer K. Ravi Kumar held a meeting with 21 enforcement agencies of the state regarding preparations for the upcoming assembly elections. During this, the Chief Electoral Officer gave special instructions to all the officials regarding the preparations for the upcoming assembly elections. Kumar said that the Election Commission of India is also likely to visit Jharkhand to review the preparations for the upcoming assembly elections. For this, the state level officers of all enforcement agencies should prepare a report by making systematic preparations of all election related issues of their department. He said that by analysing the data of the last Lok Sabha elections, prepare a timely blueprint of prepara-



Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar during a meeting with officials in Ranchi on Friday. PNS

tions in accordance with the

The Chief Electoral Officer also directed to prepare a phone book of nodal officers

of state and district level enforcement agencies. He said that all enforcement agencies should work by establishing mutual coordination. Good work was done in the Lok Sabha elections to stop illegal liquor and banned drugs. In the upcoming assembly elections, keep an eye on the movement of illegal liquor, weapons or money and prepare an action plan to completely stop them. He said that cooperation is also expected from the transport, airport, forest department and banks during the elec-tions. The goal of fear-free and clean elections can be achieved only with the combined efforts of all. He said that a necessary action plan should be prepared by activating all the check posts and establishing coordination with officials bordering states.



chamber in Jharkhand Legislative Assembly during a courtesy meet in ranchi on Friday. PNS

City buses now have Online Ticket **Monitoring System & Female** conductors to ensure women's safety

DIVYA MODI: RANCHI

In an attempt to promote digitisation Ranchi Municipal Corporation has introduced a mobile based online ticket monitoring system for issuing tickets on five of its city buses in Ranchi.

The system has been launched as a part of a trial run on July 25 on buses plying between Kishori Yadav Chowk to Kutchery Chowk and between Kutchery Chowk to Tupudana. The civic body has 41 buses ferrying passengers across the City and the online ticket monitoring system will soon be implemented in all the vehicles

"The fare for the City buses has been pre-decided and this initiative has been taken to ensure transparency. This will also put an end to forgery as passengers will only be paying for the distance they are to travel. In the coming months it will be implemented in all the buses. As a part of an environment friendly transportation system, RMČ will soon have 26 ČNG buses plying on the City roads," said Ravindra Kumar,



Deputy Administrator Ranchi Municipal Corporation.

The conductors on these buses have been assigned a software enabled device through which the tickets are being issued to passengers. This move by the corporation is also sustainable and environment friendly as it will also reduce the wastage of paper added an official.

For solo female passengers commuting via the public transport system, the civic body has introduced 4 pink buses with female conductors. Replacing male conductors, this step has been taken to enhance the safety of women passengers who are either travelling alone or are with

"Just like the pink autos, the pink buses are solely dedicated for female travellers. This step has been undertaken to ensure safety of women and for ease of comfort for solo female passengers," added

The staff on the female oriented pink buses including the conductor and assistant will be in pink uniform.

Police recover 45 kg illegal drugs worth **Rs 22.5 lakh**

PNS: RANCHI

Police in Latehar district got a major breakthrough against illegal drug smuggling. The police on Friday seized a huge quantity of illegal drugs which is 45 kilograms (KG) worth Rs 22, 55,000 and arrested one person.

Addressing a press meet

Latehar Superintendent of Police (SP) Anjani Anjan said that he has received secret information that a white Swift Dzire car with UK number plate is going from Ranchi Chandwa towards Daltonganj Palamu in which illegal drugs are being transported. To verify the information, a team was formed under the leadership of Sub-Divisional Police Officer Latehar and vehicle checking was started in front of Latehar Police Station, he added. Anjan further said that at 11.15 am, a white Swift Dzire car was seen coming, which stopped on seeing the police barricading and the people in it started running, out of which one person number - UK07BK-0347 was duly searched in front of independent witnesses, a big black bag was found on the rear seat of the Swift Dzire car and two big black bags were found in the trunk of the car," he added.

The SP said that on open-

ing in front of witnesses, all three bags were found to contain drugs wrapped in brown coloured plastic wrappers. "On opening and smelling one of the packets, it was found that the wrapper contained ganja. A total of 45 packets wrapped in wrappers were found in all three bags. On weighing them on an electronic machine, they were found to weigh a total of 45.100 Kg., whose estimated value is Rs. 22,55000. The recovered ganja was seized after preparing a proper

seizure list," he added.

Anjan said that in this case, accused Sunil Kumar, age around 38 years, father-Raj Kumar, resident of Keda Colony, Ward No. 5, Police Station-Rudrapur, District-Udyam Singh Nagar, State Uttarakhand has been arrested. "In this regard, a case has been registered under Latehar Police Station under NDPS Act and further action is being taken as per rules, he added.

CM flags off JMMSY publicity vehicle for people of State

PNS: RANCHI

Soren today flagged off 10 vehicles from Jharkhand Legislative Assembly premises for the wide publicity of "Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Samman Yojana (JMMSY)" Through all these LED vehi-Jharkhand Minister Mainiya Samman Yojana will be promoted in various areas of Ranchi, Ramgarh and Khunti districts. It is known that after the publicity vehicle was flagged off by Chief Minister Hemant Soren in the programme organized in the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly premises, apart from Ranchi, Ramgarh and Khunti districts, the Deputy Commissioners of all the districts of the state flagged off LED vehicles today for the wide publicity of "Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Mainiya



Chief Minister Hemant Soren flags off the "Jharkhand Chief Minister Mainiya Samman Yojana" publicity vehicle, in Ranchi on Friday. PNS

respective districts. Thus, from today, the widespread publici-"Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Mainiya Samman Yojana" has started in the entire state. On this occasion, Jharkhand Legislative Assembly Speaker Rabindranath Minister, Women,

Development and Social Security Department Smt. Devi, MLA Savita Mahato, MLA Kalpana Soren, MLA Amba Prasad, MLA Shilpi Neha Tirkey, Secretary Manoj Kumar along with senior officials and dignitaries

Heavy rains lash State, MET Dept issues alert for today

Ranchi witnesses maximum 89.8 mm rainfall on Friday Sahibganj and Deoghar have



NDRF team during a rescue work at Dipatoli amid heavy rainfall in Ranchi on Friday. Pix by Ratan Lal

The whole of Jharkhand including Capital Ranchi wit-nessed heavy rainfall on Friday so much so that the NDRF teams had to be pressed in to rescue people from low lying areas of Ranchi. The Capital city recorded a maximum 89.8 mm rainfall on Friday.

The weather department has issued a special bulletin regarding rainfall in the State. A yellow alert for August 3 stating a possibility of very heavy rainfall at some places including Garwah, Palamu, Chatra and Latehar districts has been issued.

In view of the warning issued by the MET Centre, the State government has also issued an alert and asked all the deputy commissioners to take necessary precautions. "The low pressure area over Gangetic West Bengal

and adjoining Jharkhand persists. It is likely to move westnorthwestwards and intensify into a depression over Jharkhand and neighbouring areas in the next 24 hours. Due to this heavy showers have been experienced in the State. Durgapur, Asansol and adjoining areas of Jharkhand like Pakur, Jamtara, received good amount of rainfall," said Director MET Centre, Ranchi Abhishek With the possibility of heavy showers, the MET Centre Ranchi has appealed

to the residents of these districts to stay cautious. People have been urged people stay indoors and to only step out if necessary. It is also advised to stay away from low lying areas, water bodies and trees. In case of thunderstorm and lighting, farmers are requested to stay away from tress and take shelter if ossible.

The Disaster Management Department has issued a helpline number 0612-2294204, 205 and also a toll free number 1070 and asked the residents to contact for any assistance required.

As the State capital and its surrounding areas are witnessing continuous rainfall there has been a surge in the water level of Harmu and Swarnrekha rivers In areas Niwaranpur and Hindpiri, the water of Harmu river is flowing above the

Ranchi Civil Court Advocate stabbed

PNS: RANCHI

An advocate of Ranchi Civil Court was stabbed to death on Friday morning in Madhukam of Sukhdev Nagar police station area. Advocate Gopal Krishna was standing near his Madhukam residence in Sukhdev Nagar police station area. Then a person attacked him with a knife. Krishna, who was badly injured in the attack, was taken to the hospital for treatment, where doctors declared him dead.

After the murder work in the Civil Court came to a

standstill. The lawyers of the district were angry with the murder of the lawyer. Expressing their anger, hundreds of Advocates of Ranchi Civil Court took out a silent procession in the Civil Court premises from Ranchi District Bar Association and requested the Chief Justice of the Civil Court to intervene in this mat-

Earlier, the Advocates of the Civil Court held a meeting in the Bar Bhawan and expressed concern over the criminal incidents happening with the Advocates. The asso-

ciation will also talk to Ranchi SSP for the immediate arrest of the killers of Advocate Gopal Krishna. At present, the association has decided that till Saturday all the advocates of Ranchi Civil Court will boycott judicial work and stay away from judicial work.

Meanwhile, Advocate Rajiv General Ranjan expressed condolences on the murder of Ranchi Civil Court advocate Gopal Krishna alias Gopi Babu. After getting information about the incident, the Advocate General has asked the state DGP to arrest the

killers of advocate Gopal Krishna soon and take strict action against those who committed violence against

The Advocate General personally told DGP Anurag Gupta that the killers of advocate Gopal Krishna should be caught as soon as possible and the culprits should be put behind bars after a quick investigation of this incident. Ranchi Civil Court advocate Gopal Krishna has been stabbed to death today. There has been a lot of anger among the lawyers since then.

Govt moves to rejuvenate water bodies in coal, lignite mining regions

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

In line with its goal to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030, the Government has launched an initiative to rejuvenate and create at least 500 water bodies in coal and lignite mining regions over the next five years till 2029 that also aims to ensure ecological balance.

Deforestation, mining and industrial activities are some of the leading causes of desertification across the world. India's total degraded land is equivalent to the size of 43 million football pitches, according to UN Convention

Centering around the fact that water bodies created the mining areas, not only help in rain water harvesting but also enhance flora and fauna in the region, the Ministry of Coal, collaboration with Coal / Lignite Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs), district administrations, and gram panchayats, recently the launched "Rejuvenation of Traditional Water Bodies in Coal / Lignite

Mining Regions." Union Minister of Coal and

to Combat Desertification Mines, G Kishan Reddy after releasing comprehensive guidelines for the programme said that effectively utilizing within the reclaimed dump in mine water addresses the ecological impacts of mining by transforming a potential challenge into an opportunity for positive change.

"This innovative approach includes various strategies, such as empowering self-help groups (SHGs) to operate floating restaurants on waterfilled mine-pits. These floating restaurants provide new economic opportunities for local communities while enhancing local tourism," he



This ambitious project also offer for local communities and wildlife as

CPSUs will manage water bodies within leasehold areas, while District Collectors will handle the water bodies

outside the leasehold area. Each new water body will have a pondage area of at least 0.4 hectares and a capacity of around 10,000 cubic meters. The UN General Assembly has declared 2021-2030 as the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, pledging to restore 1 billion hectares of land, an area larger than China, by 2030 to combat the ecosystem degradation crisis. India being a signatory to the UNCCD, has developed the National Action Plan to Combat Desertification, 2023 with the aim to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land and create an additional

tonnes of CO2 equivalent by 2030 through increased forest and tree cover. Many big mining companies like Tata Steel are already

taking such initiatives that include afforestation through Mivawaki plantations. greenbelt development, plantation through seedballs in hard-to-reach areas, mine reclamation plantation activities and water body creation with the help of the communities and local stakeholders.

Amrit Lal Meena, Coal Secretary added that the project "Rejuvenation of

Coal/Lignite Regions," will now serve as a CSR initiative by Coal/Lignite CPSUs, including Coal India Limited (CIL) and NLC India Limited (NLCIL). Also, "in fiscal 2023-2024,

approximately 4,892 LKL of treated mine water was offered to 981 villages in coal/lignite-bearing states. Over the past five years, 18,513 LKL of mine water has been made available for community use, including irrigation and drinking purposes, said Minister of State for Coal and Mines, Satish Chandra Dubey.

Opp, BJP spar over Rahul's ED raid claim

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday claimed that an Enforcement Directorate raid is being planned against him after his 'chakravyuh' speech in Parliament which was however dismissed by BJP which said the senior Congress Leader is creating a new narrative to distract people from asking about his accountability as the MP from Wayanad following the devastating landslide tragedy there.

In a social media post Rahul Gandhi said, "Apparently, 2 in 1 didn't like my Chakravyuh speech. ED insiders' tell me a raid is being planned. Waiting with open arms for ED's tea and biscuits to be served on me". In another development, Congress MP Manickam Tagore submitted a notice to move an adjournment motion on "the BJP Government's misuse of agencies like the ED, CBI, and Income Tax for political harassment".

Reacting to Rahul Gandhi's claim, BJP Leader and former Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar said the former Congress chief might have been told that people are



asking questions about his accountability so he has sought to create a new narrative.

However, several Congress and Opposition leaders rallied behind Rahul and accused the Government of "misusing" probe agencies. Rashtriya Loktantrik Party and Nagaur MP Hanuman Ramdev Beniwal said Rahul was right and probe agencies are being misused by the Centre. While Independent MP Pappu Yadav said the tendency of the government and ED is to scare people but Gandhi does not have an iota of fear in him, AAP MP Sanjay Singh said the government's intention of putting ED and CBI against Gandhi could be because of him exposing the government inside Parliament.

Several Congress leaders accused the BJP of misusing government agencies and asserted that Gandhi is not

tactics. Using the 'chakravyuh' metaphor as a leitmotif, Rahul Gandhi on Monday had claimed that an atmosphere of fear prevails all around with a group of six trapping the entire country in a 'chakravyuh' he promised would be broken by the INDIA bloc.

Participating in the debate in the Lok Sabha on Budget 2024-25, Rahul had said the National

Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) will ensure that a legal guarantee for MSP as well as a caste census is passed by the House.

Thousands of years ago in

Haryana's Kurukshetra, six people killed a youth, Abhimanyu, 'chakravyuh', he had said, adding that a 'chakravyuh' has violence and fear. Rahul Gandhi's reference was to the Mahabharata legend according to which Abhimanyu was killed in a 'chakravyuh'. 'Chakravyuh' refers to a multi-layered military formation aimed at trapping a warrior by opponents placed strategically in an alignment resembling a

Chouhan accuses Cong of having 'anti-farmer' DNA

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday accused the Congress of having "anti-farmer" DNA, saying the party never gave priority to the farm sector throughout its rule post Independence. Replying to a discussion on the working of his ministry in the Rajya Sabha, Chouhan highlighted the work done by the Modi Government in the last 10 years and said the Centre is committed to providing remunerative prices of crops to farmers as well as urea and DAP fertilisers at highly subsidised rates.

He said the Government has six priorities for the growth of the agriculture sector -increasing farm production, reducing input cost for farming, providing farmers, adequate relief to farmers in case of natural calamities, diversification and value addition in agriculture, and promoting natural farming The Minister, also a former

Chief Minister of Madhya assured Pradesh, the opposition parties that the Central Government was open to considering their



concrete suggestions and would also try to implement the workable ones for farmers' welfare. In his one-hour unfinished long speech that will continue on Monday, Chouhan took on opposition parties for accusing the Modi Government of working against the interest of the farm sector and rejected the charges of reduction in allocation of funds to agriculture and allied sector in the Budget. also dismissed the

allegation that Government was not buying quantity of quantity foodgrains from farmers at the minimum support price (MSP). "Congress ke DNA mein hi kisan-virodh hai. Aaj se nahi, prarambh se hi Congress ki prathmiktayein galat rahi hai (Congress DNA is anti-farmer. Not from beginning, it has misplaced priorities)," he said. Taking a dig at the Congress and its Leader Rahul Gandhi, Chouhan said that in Mahabharat, they remember only "Shakuni, Chausar and Chakravvuh", which "adharm" represent (unrighteousness), but "we remember only Krishna". The Minister also said the agriculture sector was ignored, and priorities were misplaced during

Congress rule. People had to eat bad wheat imported from America during the tenure of first Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru, he added. During the rule of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, he said, the Government used to forcibly collect levies from farmers. Late PM Rajiv Gandhi did talk about agriculture price policy but did not take any concrete steps to improve farmers' income, Chouhan said, adding that the late PV Narasimha Rao Government did not de-license the industries related to the farm

The Minister pointed out that the UPA rule from 2004-2014 was full of scams.

India to open Embassy in Timor-Leste, says official ahead of President visit

PNS NEW DELHI

 $A^{\text{head of the first-ever presidential visit from India to}}$ Timor-Leste, a top Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) official said here on Friday that New Delhi will soon set up an Embassy in Dili, which will make the Delhi-Dili connect stronger. MEA Secretary (East) Jaideep Mazumdar told reporters here Timor-Leste has also announced its intention to open its Embassy in New Delhi. President Droupadi Murmu will undertake a six-day visit of Fiji, New Zealand and Timor-Leste beginning August 5, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) earlier announced. She will visit the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on August 10 at the invitation of President Jose Ramos-Horta. "We have announced the opening of our mission in Timor-Leste, Prime Minister Modi had announced this in September last year. And, we are well on the way to setting up our embassy, and we will be setting it up very soon,"



Timor-Leste, meanwhile, has also announced its intention to open its embassy in New Delhi, which "we have welcomed warmly," the MEA secretary said. "So, this will be the 'Delhi-Dili' connect which will only get stronger after the two embassies are opened," he said. Dili is the capital of Timor-Leste. India has "strong, deep and historical connect" with Fiji, New Zealand and Timor-Leste, Mazumdar said. Warm and friendly India-New Zealand ties have seen an uptick in recent years and the President's visit will give it further impetus, the secretary



Centre urged to be even-handed in providing help to Himachal, U'khand

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The Central Government I should in bipartisan manner provide financial assistance to Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand where cloudbursts and accompanying landslides and floods have claimed nearly two dozen lives and several are still missing, Congress Leader Pramod Tiwari demanded in Rajya Sabha on Friday. Raising the issue through a zero hour mention, he said six people have died and 50 are missing following cloudbursts in Shimla, Mandi and Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh.Three national highways as well as dozens of other roads have shut due to flooding, stranding tourists and other commuters.In neighbouring Uttarakhand, 16 people have died and many are missing following heavy rains. "Due to cloudburst in

Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, 22 people have died and 60 are missing," he said. He demanded that the central Government should provide adequate financial assistance.

Tiruchi Siva (DMK) raised the welfare of gig workers. Stating that the number of gig workers in the Indian economy are projected to rise from an estimated 80 lakh currently to 2.3 crore by 2030, he said gig workers like those working as delivery partners with food ordering platforms Swiggy and Zomato and ecommerce companies, as well as drivers with ride hailing

apps such as Ola and Uber are vulnerable treatment. Kartikeya Sharma (Independent) wanted one Government hospital in each district of Haryana be upgraded to a super speciality centre for integrated medicines. M Shanmugam DMK's

demanded strict monitoring of use of pesticides and chemicals in the agricultural sector, saying pesticides banned or restricted in many countries are still being used

Muzibulla Khan (BJD) sought direct flight from Delhi to Jagdalpur in Chattisgarh to ease travel of tourists and business executives who currently have to go via cities like Hyderabad and Raipur. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (DMK) demanded a publicprivate partnership model for accurate weather forecasting amid extremely harsh weather conditions,

unprecedented heavy rainfalls causing loss of lives and damage to property. She said the metrological department requires investments of several billion dollars. A public-private partnership model is more suitable for India to leverage the expertise of global private sector players in accurate weather forecasting well in advance, she said. In his Zero Hour mention, Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba (BJP) made a demand to expedite the ongoing infrastructure work for the national sports university in Manipur.

Rahul creating narrative to escape accountability on Wayanad, claims BJP

lotus-shaped labyrinth.

The BJP took a swipe at an Enforcement Directorate (ED) raid is being planned against him, saying he is creating a new narrative to distract people from asking about his accountability as the MP from Wayanad following the devastating landslide tragedy there. He might have been told that people are asking questions about his accountability so he has sought to create a new narrative, BJP leader and former Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar told reporters. Rahul Gandhi has raised an imaginary issue to avoid questions related to Wayanad, he said, adding that local MP is the last person to reach there. People are asking about his accountability, he claimed. Union Minister and BJP ally



Lalan Singh was sharp in his take on the Leader of Opposition's claim, saying Rahul might have done something which he believes might result in such an action. "If someone does no wrong, then why will anything happen," he told reporters. Rahul was elected from Wayanad in the 2019 and 2024 polls. He gave up Wayanad as his Lok Sabha seat this time and retained Rai Bareli, another constituency he was elected

The Congress has announced that his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will contest in the by-poll, which is yet to be announced. Both siblings are currently in Wayanad meeting the affected families. He had earlier said in a social media message post that an Enforcement Directorate raid is being planned against him after his 'chakravyuh' speech in Parliament. Rahul said he was "waiting with open arms". Chandrasekhar said the death of over 300 people, mostly poor, in the disaster is not just a tragedy but a crime.

He blamed the successive State Governments since 2009 for this negligence in "commercial interest" and said the people of Wayanad have borne the cost.

Don't narrate stories, ask questions, Birla tells MP

▼nvoking the Mahabharat in **⊥**the Lok Sabha is in vogue, Speaker Om Birla said on Friday while telling an MP not to narrate stories but ask tothe-point questions.

While asking a question to the Union Ayush Minister, BJP member from Odisha's Bargarh Pradip Purohit referred to an Ayurvedic college and traced back the history of the herbs found in the area to ancient times.

"Do not tell stories, ask the question (aap Mahabharat mat sunao, aap prashna poocho)," Birla told the member during the Question Hour. The Speaker then said invoking the Mahabharat is in vogue these days. "Aaj kal, Mahabharat sunane ka kissa zyada chala hai yahan par,"



SC seeks to set up neutral panel to

Using the 'chakravyuh' metaphor as a leitmotif, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi had earlier this week claimed that an atmosphere of fear prevails all around with a group of six trapping the entire country in a 'chakravvuh'. In a speech that invoked the

Mahabharat, the former Congress chief alleged that the sole aim of the Union

the democratic structure, and the deep State or the agencies BJP's Anurag Thakur had hit back at Rahul, saying the

Congress had laid several chakravyuh' for the country the first being Partition of the nation, the second gift to Chinese, the third being imposition of Emergency, fourth being the Bofors scam and anti-Sikh riots, the fifth being spinning a narrative against the eternal religion (sanatan) and the sixth being hurting the politics of the country, its culture and traditions.Thakur had said Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the country out of the 'chakravyuh' of the

PM to open global meet of agri economists

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) here on Saturday, an event which is being held in India after 65 years, an official statement said. The theme of the six-day triennial conference, organised by the International Association of Agricultural Economists, is Transformation towards Sustainable Agri-Food Systems. The conference will witness participation of around 1,000 delegates from around 75 countries. It aims to tackle the pressing

need for sustainable agriculture in the face of

global challenges such as

climate change, natural

resource degradation, rising

and

production costs and conflicts, the Statement said.

The conference will highlight

India's proactive approach to

global agricultural challenges and showcase the nation's advancements in agricultural research and policy. "The ICAE 2024 will serve as

a platform for young researchers and leading professionals to present their work and network with global peers. It aims to strengthen partnerships between research institutes and universities, influence policy making on both national and global scales, and showcase India's agricultural progress, including advancements in digital agriculture and sustainable agri-food systems," it said.

break ice with protesting farmers PTI ■ NEW DELHI The Supreme Court on Friday asked the Punjab

and Haryana Governments to suggest the names of some neutral personalities for setting up an independent committee to reach out to farmers protesting at the Shambhu border over their demands like legal guarantee of MSP for their produce, saving nobody should precipitate the situation. Observing that people have a right to voice their grievances in a democratic set-up, the apex court said it wanted a very smooth beginning to a dialogue involving all sides. The top court was hearing the Haryana Government's plea challenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court order asking it to remove within a week the barricades at the Shambhu border near Ambala where protesting farmers have



been camping since February 13."Nobody should precipitate the situation. Don't hurt their sentiments. But as a State... you try to persuade them that as far as tractors are concerned, JCB machines are concerned, other agricultural equipment are concerned, let those be taken to places where those are required like agricultural farms, agricultural lands, wherever they want," a bench of Justices Surya Kant and R Mahadevan said. "In a democratic set-up, yes, they have a right to voice their grievances. Those grievances can be voiced at their place also...," the bench observed.

July 24, the apex court had proposed constitution of an committee independent comprising eminent people to reach out to the protesters

and address their demands. During the hearing on Friday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Haryana Government, said they have undertaken the exercise as asked by the court on July 24.

The counsel appearing for Punjab referred to the opening the highway in a phased manner.

"Why don't you exchange your proposals? It is not necessary every time to fight between the two States," the bench said.Mehta argued a State can't say that let the farmers go to the Capital of the country. He said farmers had not appeared before the

the dialogue process between all the sides," the bench said, while asking the States to suggest some names of people who could be on the panel. The bench said there are very and good seasoned personalities in the country who have lot of experience, and they know the in and outs of the problems involved.
"Think of some neutral personalities. We will welcome if both of you can suggest common names because that will inspire more confidence in the farmers," it said. "We are not experts but there may be some former

judges who are having

agricultural background,

farming background. They

might also know little bit

about the problem.

High Court despite issuance of notice. "We want a very

smooth beginning in terms of

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SC removes creamy layer

The Supreme Court's decision to approve sub-categorisation of SC/STs for reservations will pave the way for greater inclusivity

n a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court has declared that sub-classification within Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is permissible. Justice Pankaj Mithal emphasised that reservations should benefit only the first generation within a category and called for periodic reviews to ensure subsequent generations have reached parity with the general category. This ruling overruled the EV Chinnaiah case, where the Court had previously held that all castes formed a single homogeneous group that could not be subdivided. This decision has significant implications for the socio-economic upliftment and political representation of these historically marginalised communities. The judgement addresses the issue of the creamy layer within a caste. It is argued that the caste quotas are often usurped by the creamy layer within a caste as some people within a caste are uplifted and have education, means and resources to prevail upon the rest of their ilk. India's Constitution, through Articles 341 and 342, recognises certain commu-



nities as marginalised. The government is permitted to make special provisions for the upliftment of these communities which have been historically deprived. These measures include reservations in educational institutions, government jobs, and legislative bodies. Over the years, concerns have been raised regarding the unequal distribution of these benefits. Some subcastes or sub-tribes within the broader SC/ST categories have been perceived as cornering a disproportionate share of the benefits, leaving others behind. This has led to calls for sub-classification.

The petitioners had argued that such sub-classification would undermine the unity of these communities

and contradict the principles of equality and non-discrimination enshrined in the Constitution. However, the Supreme Court, in its judgment, emphasised that the primary objective of reservation policies is to ensure social and economic justice. By sub-classifiying a caste, the government can design more nuanced policies that ensure benefits are equitably distributed among all sub-groups within the SC/ST categories. The decision can also lead to better political representation for sub-groups within SCs and STs. It opens the door for more inclusive policies that reflect the diverse needs and aspirations of these communities. However, the Supreme Court's decision may need additional provisions to address several gaps. The concept of the "creamy layer" or privileged group, particularly regarding the second generation, is not clearly defined and isbe open to interpretation. This lack of clear definition of "creamy layer" makes it subjective and may lead to varying interpretations which may again be challenged in the court. The Supreme Court has left it to the states to define the "creamy layer" for exclusion. It remains to be seen how this decision will be implemented and interpreted by different governments. While the Court has set the stage for a more inclusive and equitable distribution of affirmative action benefits to SC/ST, it may take time to reach the execution stage.



Kamala emerges as front runner for US Presidency

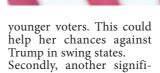
As the first woman Vice President, Harris is now poised to break another glass ceiling by becoming the first female President of the United States

he US Vice President Kamala Harris ended the week by declaring, "I am Kamala Harris and I am running for President." This historic moment, ending the suspense after President Biden withdrew from the Presidential contest and endorsed her as the candidate, marks a new chapter in American politics. It is now official

Many influential Democrats, including former Presidents Barrack Obama and Bill Clinton, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, fund giver George Clooney, have thrown their weight behind her candidacy. She now has the Party firmly behind her in her fight, instilling confidence in her potential to lead.It's worth noting that in its 248-year history, the US has never elected a female President. Even Hillary Clinton, who ran for President in 2008 and 2016, was unsuccessful. Kamala made history four years ago when she became the first woman Vice President.

Will she make history again by running for President? Can she win?She has to do two things. First, she needs to get the Democratic Party's nomination, and then she needs to win. Time is short, with only four months left before the election on November 5. Indian-origin Kamala Harris has several strengths and a few weaknesses. Her current position as Vice President and her qualifications to assume the role of President in an emergency are her essential advantages. Four years ago, Kamala hoped Biden would finish one term and say goodbye to the White House. However, Biden stuck to his decision and insisted on running for a second term. But he surprised everyone by recently withdrawing and endorsing his Vice President.

One significant advantage was that she could break the glass ceiling by becoming the first woman president. She must work hard to appeal to Black, Asian, and female voters and gain support from other minority groups and undecided and signed up 17000 volunteers.



cant factor in Kamala Harris's favour is her strong connection to Biden's legacy, which is not entirely negative. This association could play a pivotal role in her candidacy. She could bring together moderate and conservative members of her Party and act as a unifying force. To defeat Trump, her Party must unite and support

Thirdly, Obama was the first Black President, and John F. Kennedy was the first Catholic President. They could be her role models, inspiring hope in the hearts many.Fourthly, and importantly, Kamala is 59 years old, which works in her favour compared to Trump, who is 78. Her age is not a drawback, but a substantial age difference could bring about change. She can attract undecided

voters by highlighting her achievements to gain their support. Fifthly, she can have Biden's war chest of about \$100 million. She has raised \$200 million in the first week of her candidacy and



THE RACE FOR **PRESIDENT** BETWEEN KAMALA HARRIS AND DONALD TRUMP IS CURRENTLY TIED, ACCORDING TO A RECENT POLL BY THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. THIS TIE IS SIGNIFICANT. THE POLL SHOWS **INCREASED** SUPPORT FOR HARRIS AMONG

NON-WHITE VOTERS

Still, she must instil confidence in other fundraisers for the enormous poll expenditure. Kamala Harris has strong ties to Silicon Valley since the beginning of her political career.

She is tapping into this support for her battle against Donald Trump. Above all, she must choose the right candidate for herrunning mate. The right combination should enhance the chances against the Trump-Vance team. Kamala also pledged to do "everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party and our nation, to defeat Donald Trump and his extreme Project 2025 agenda." Harris's mission is urgent and crucial. She must gain the support of those who are uncertain or critical to achieve her goal. The race for President

between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump is currently tied, according to a recent poll by the Wall Street Journal. This tie is signifi-cant. The poll shows increased support for Harris among non-white voters and a substantial rise in enthusiasm for the campaign among Democrats. Harris faces challenges such as her past

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unsuccessful bid for the 2020 nomination, her approval ratings, and the need to secure significant funding for her campaign.

According to a recent NBC News poll, Trump was ahead of Biden by 45% to 43%, and Trump also led Harris by the same two-point margin of 47% to 45%. But slowly, this is changing. The time is short, as the campaign has just 100 days left. Before the November election, the vice president's team should strategise how to defeat Trump's team may criticise Harris as inexperienced and risky. She should be ready to face racism from the Trump campaign and run as a Democratic nominee who is a Black and South Asian American woman. This election is a critical decision that will shape America's future. Biden's exit energised Democratic. It is up to Kamla to seize the moment to surge forward. Can she step in and be the natural leader in America? Her capacity to lead The next few

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The rise and impact of political memes in the digital age



The recent surge of memes following President Biden's withdrawal from the

race underscores their increasing use for expressing public sentiments

n her book "Memes in Digital Culture." **L**Communications Professor Limor Shifman highlights the significance of political memes, noting that they play a crucial role in shaping discussions about societal norms and the future. The recent surge in memes following U.S. President Joe Biden's decision not to run for the upcoming presidential elections illustrates the increasing use of this medium for expressing public sentiments, including likes, dislikes, and frustrations.

The concept of memes dates back to the late 20th century, introduced by Richard Dawkins in his 1976 book "The Selfish Gene." Dawkins described memes as cultural units that spread and evolve similarly to genes. The formal introduction of "Internet Memes" occurred in 1994, thanks to Mike Godwin. These early memes, like the "Nazi comparison memes," circulated rapidly online and laid the foundation for the meme culture we know today.

The creation and spread of internet memes began in revolutionized political com- power of social media in

the 1990s and early 2000s on forums and imageboards like 4chan and Reddit. These platforms were among the first to host meme-like content, such as humorous images with captions and inside jokes. As the internet and social media expanded, so did the reach and diversity of memes, evolving to include various formats like GIFs, videos, and TikToks. Meme-making has become a popular form of self-expression, communication, and connection online. Some even view it as an art form, with certain memes becoming part of mainstream cul-

As the U.S. presidential elections approach, the relevance of political memes becomes increasingly sig-nificant. The digital age has

munication, shifting it from traditional media to the dynamic realm of social media. This transformation, fueled by internet accessibility and information democratization, has empowered individuals to engage in political dialogue more freely. It is crucial to understand both the profound implications and challenges of this new landscape. Humor, especially through memes, has emerged as a potent tool in this era. Memes distill complex ideas into easily shareable and often humorous content, making them a staple of online political communication. They serve as entertainment and vehicles for critique and satire, simplifying intricate issues and making them more accessible to a broader audience. For example, AI-generated images of Donald Trump at a concert or wordplays like "Joever" and "Kamencing" illustrate how humor is used to navigate serious political situations.<The impact of this shift on political campaigns is profound. Today's political actors understand the

shaping narratives. The rapid spread and viral potential of online content make social media a crucial battleground for political communication. In this arena, the perceptual environment created by social media often outweighs the significance of the political events themselves. A viral meme about U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris involving a coconut, once used derogatorily, now helps promote her case. Her remark during a widely watched speech, "You exist in the context of all in which you live and what came before you," encapsulates the essence of present-day social media and meme culture. Elections have always been fertile ground for PR stunts, and meme sharing. While there is little evidence to suggest that memes directly impact electoral behavior, they undeniably contribute to digital discourse. Depending on their virality, memes can become part of everyday conversations and even enter mainstream media.

(The author is a poetess, journalist and a writer; views are personal)

WAYANAD TRAGEDY: FIXING THE BLAME

Madam - Apropos to "CM refutes Shah's alert claim on Wayanad tragedy' published on 1st August, here is my response. One can do very little when mountain ranges receive unexpected & torrential rain like this, as the forecast was for 64-204 mm rain but Wayanad received 372 mm rain on that fateful night. But such events turning into human tragedies can certainly be minimised and prevented.

What is really tragic is the fact that a warning given by the state disaster management authority four years ago was not heeded where 4000 families were asked to leave landslide prone areas including Mundakkai. As recently as on 23rd July Centre also warned Kerala about excessive rainfall or landslides but nothing was taken seriously. In recent past severe deluge leading to flooding caused serious damage in almost each district of the state and Kerala saw statewide floods in 2018 and 2019 but nothing seems to have been done on disaster prevention in hilly areas. Nature has warned us time and again to keep our house in order and maintain an ecological balance, but sadly we are hell bent on playing havoc with nature.

Bal Govind Noida

HALWA POLITICS

Madam— This refers to the editorial, 'Halwa politics' (1-8-24). Parliament is a place where meaningful discussions and debates take place to decide the livelihood and the course of the country. Those who are privileged to be a member of the house are supposed to be committed to the national priorities and display their utmost respect to the house, decency and focused attention on the development of the country rather than focusing on personal agenda.

The ruling dispensation is supposed to give due respect to all the members and all the parties in the house as they are also elected representatives of the people. The leader of the opposition talks

World breast feeding week



he World Breastfeeding Week, observed in the first week of August annually and supported by WHO, UNICEF, and various Ministries of Health and civil society partners, carries the theme "Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all" for 2024. The campaign aims to

about the necessity of carrying out Caste Census. The member from the treasury bench instead of spelling out the opinion of the government and the convincing statistics or supportive logic. The ex-minister's expressions, unfortunately, lace decency and take the etiquette of the Parliament to its lowest ebb. The leader of his party should have corrected him if not admonished. There can be no civilized person who can encourage, appreciate or support such uncomplimentary expressions.

Such expressions display the lack of convincing reasons to oppose the demand of the opposition party. It is known to all that every party has its caste base and in every stage of its functioning caste plays its predominant role.

If the reservation system should be a meaningful one a the latest numerical, economic and social status of all the castes. All political parties should train those peoples' representatives in their parties on the dos and donts in the

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celebrate the diverse experiences of breastfeeding mothers throughout their journeys while highlighting the crucial role families, societies, communities, and health workers play in supporting them. Despite the natural act of breastfeeding, mothers often face societal stigma, particularly

she can.

when nursing in public. This stigma affects not only men but also women who may stare or pass judgment when mothers nurse in public, discouraging them from feeding their babies when needed. This cultural barrier needs to be dismantled to empower mothers to breastfeed confidently and freely, without the necessity of designated feeding rooms. Breastfeeding is a source of pride and a vital aspect of maternal and child health. Ensuring mothers can breastfeed without shame or hindrance in any setting is essential for promoting the well-being

of infants and supporting maternal health. Jayanthy Subramaniam | Chennai

PRIORTISE ROAD SAFETY

Madam — Because it saves lives, road safety is vital. In 2022, there were 4.23 lakh injuries and 1.71 lakh fatalities from traffic accidents in India. Road accidents can be avoided by taking real safety precautions, such as proper road design, speed restriction, and sufficient visibility. How can we increase road safety is becoming a subject for concern. Enforcing current standards—for example, local authorities needing qualified personnel and appropriate equipment is one method to improve road security. Transport operators who don't adhere to safety regulations should face harsh fines. Proper data collection is another strategy to increase road safety. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways should better gather and disseminate information on vehicle registrations, safety certificates, and accident

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FIRST COLUMN FINDING TRUE SHELTER

The divine presence of God offers the ultimate refuge and gives true solace



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

would like to draw attention to where our thoughts normally go to, what we consider is our shelter and what it should ideally be. Where do our minds routinely take us to? The body has to be the first, because of the mind-body connection. We all know that our minds affect our bodies, and our bodies do likewise. For example, there is a fever. The mind will naturally go to it and think about dealing with it. Similarly, if one is feeling depressed, bodily changes will take place like becoming fearful. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 2.1) The next target is sense enjoyment; our senses are forever seeking their sense of objects. Mind is their leader. (15.7) Our so-called intelligence is no friend; it will justify whatever the uncontrolled mind cooks up.

Emotions are not far behind. All of us have some pronounced weakness, be it lust, greed, anger, hate, etc. If not controlled our actions will be controlled by them. And there will be consequences. The ego cannot be left behind for long. I am superior and I will prove it, though no one is big or ever can be; only God is big. The rest of us can excel in something but remain small eternally. One can become very rich, powerful, famous, etc. but will be helpless in other matters. The connected topic is what we consider our shelter to be. Is a home our shelter? In physical terms it is. A famous golfer was asked by a reporter after a famous win achieved after a great deal of physical exertion, "What will you like to do now the most?" He replied, "I will like to sleep long in my own bed in my home." Some world leaders carry their own beds with them when they travel. Their shelter is their beds. But are beds, homes, etc. our real shelters? The wife of a world leader replied, "I get very depressed sometimes." Shelter is mainly a mental issue.

Shelter of a home does not prevent mental illness. Many genuine 'sannyasis' (saintly persons) don't have a fixed home; they keep on travelling. Yes, this is not for the majority, but the idea is proper shelter. God is the real shelter. A small soul needs a very strong shelter, a very big shelter, which only God can be.Loneliness is becoming a major issue worldwide, especially in Western countries. In the USA, twenty-nine per



cent of households have single occupancy. Upwards of 40% of marriages end in divorce. And 25% plus people have some kind of mental problem. Why is it so? Because the real shelter is being ignored.

We are seeking shelter in material objects like money, power, fame, etc. When we take shelter from God, He teaches us the quality of love. We begin to accept people as they are because all of us have faults; only God is perfect. Seeking perfection in a human being is a lost cause. And we can easily get God's company, as I have done. Just hang a large photo of God near your bed, and look at Him. Then, many changes will begin to happen. God is attractive beyond imagination. Unfortunately, we don't exercise this option. Did you know that God's name Krishna means one who attracts? Soon there will be attachment, because 'atmabala' (inner strength) will flow into you. This strength is the mother of all strengths, i.e. intellectual, mental, physical and even to tolerate.

As this is a spiritual practice, one will make spiritual progress. Slowly, we will begin to consider God as our own, which He is; God is waiting for us. If this practice is so great, what 'naman' (namaskar) can do? Lord Krishna has asked us to do just that in verse #18.65, "Offer obeisance to Me." Our worst enemy in taking shelter from God - the ego will get gradually controlled. We will develop the quality of humility, which will also help in our dealings with others. God will bless us as we remain in His company. We can also pray to Him anytime because in a way God considers it appropriate. Grant of our specific prayers is a tough ask but over a period of time, we will get there. So where should we direct our attention? Whose shelter should we seek?

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

Venezuela elections: Plagued by disorder and discontent



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Following Nicolás Maduro's victory over right-wing candidate Edmundo González, there is confusion and chaos in the country fanned by Western media

n Venezuela, last Sunday was more than just a day of elections; it was the 70th birth anniversary of Hugo Chávez, the transformative leader who revolutionised Venezuela's social fabric. Chávez, who died prematurely from pelvic cancer at the age of 58, left an enduring legacy that continues to shape the nation's history. Unsurprisingly, the Western media is once again engaging in its usual tactic of misleading the public regarding Venezuelan elections to serve its interests. When a leader elected through a free and fair process but who rejects the Western model is demonised as undemo-cratic, while a leader who aligns with Western ideals is hailed as democratic despite questionable means of coming to power, it reveals a clear bias.

This pattern was evident in the aftermath of Venezuela's recent elections, where protests, statue removals, and airport blockades dominated the news because the outcome did not align with Western expectations. Following Nicolás Maduro's victory over the right-wing candidate Edmundo González, the opposition—who had promised to accept the results only if they won—immediately denounced the election as fraudulent without presenting credible evidence. Their claims centre around alleged discrepancies between paper ballots and electronic results, which they use to suggest tampering. Venezuela's voting system aims to prevent fraud with electronic voting, ID and fingerprint verification, and paper receipts for cross-checking. Election observers from 95 countries reported a calm process, while opposition claims of having three-quarters of the paper ballots remain unsubstantiated.

Media reports, including an Edison Research exit poll showing González leading by over 30%, are questioned due to their ties to U.S. state media and the fact that exit polling is illegal in Venezuela. The opposition and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken quickly declared the election illegitimate, reflecting a pattern of U.S. interference, such as the 2019 recognition of Juan Guaidó over Maduro and past support for coups against Venezuelan leaders. The U.S. has consistently sought to control Venezuela's vast oil reserves, the largest in the world. Chávez's 1990 election disrupted the elite and foreign corporations' exploitation of these resources, redirecting revenue to the venezueian people U.S.-backed coups in 2002 and 2019 aimed to reclaim control over Venezuela's oil. John Bolton, Trump's national security advisor, openly expressed desires for U.S. companies to dominate Venezuela's energy sector, revealing economic motives behind political actions. Chávez's anti-imperialist stance and Maduro's continuation of these policies challenged U.S. dominance in Latin

Venezuela's support for global South nations and opposition to U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq inspired regional progressive movements. The U.S., under the guise of humanitarian concern, enforces sanctions causing severe poverty and scarcity in Venezuela, driving migration and economic collapse. These sanctions have decimated Venezuela's oil sector and government income, exacerbating the very crises the U.S. claims to address.

The U.S. strategy of manufactured poverty and social crises is a well-worn tactic to justify regime change. The United States' obsession with overthrowing Venezuela's



Since the Bolivarian revolution led by Hugo Chávez, Venezuela has sought to forge alliances with countries such as China, Russia, and Iran. Additionally, Venezuela has been instrumental in the creation of regional organisations like CELAC (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States) and ALBA (Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America). These efforts are aimed at reducing dependency on the U.S. economy. This ideological shift threatens the traditional power ence in the Western Hemisphere.In response to these obstacles, the U.S. has imposed severe sanctions and blockades on Venezuela, much like its long-standing policies against

Venezuela, after their "disappointed elections" result.

Over the past two decades, Washington has sponsored several coup attempts, often violent, to overthrow Venezuela's government, including targeting former revolu-tionary president Hugo Chávez and his successor, Nicolás Maduro. In 2002, the U.S. backed a military coup that briefly overthrew Chávez, Venezuela's democratically elected president. Despite mainstream acknowledgement from sources like The Guardian that the Bush administration supported this coup, it lasted only two days as the Venezuelan people reinstated Chávez, who continued his Bolivarian revolution.

Following the presidential elections on 28 July, where Maduro was re-elected, the U.S. and its Latin American allies refused to recognise the results. Instead, violent extremists, supported by powerful figures like billionaire Elon Musk, have been burning down public institutions, government buildings, and hospitals, and destroying buses while looting offices to overthrow Maduro.

supporting U.S.-backed coups in Latın Amerıca, as seen in his 2019 backing of the Bolivian coup to access lithium reserves for electric vehicles.Independent analysts have reported that the unproven claims of electoral fraud in Venezuela originate from Edison Research, a New Jersey-based firm with reported close ties to the U.S. government and the CIA. This firm works with U.S. government propaganda outlets like Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, which were established by the CIA. Despite these baseless allegations, independent international electoral observers, including the National Lawyers Guild and human rights activists, have confirmed the transparency and fairness of Venezuela's electoral process. They condemned the U.S.-backed opposition's refusal to accept the results, which undermines Venezuela's democracy. Donald Trump, during his presiden-

over Venezuela and its oil. His administration recognised rightwing opposition figure Juan Guaidó as the supposed president of Venezuela, despite his lack of electoral participation. The Trump administration's coup attempt in 2019 failed, as Guaidó never gained power. The Biden administration continues to back far-right extremists like María Corina Machado, who allegedly collaborates with oligarchs and calls for military intervention to overthrow Maduro.

Historically, U.S.-backed coup attempts in Venezuela have been violent. After Chávez died in 2013 and Maduro's election, far-right extremists launched another coup attempt in 2014, burning government buildings and attacking supporters of the government. Leaders of these coup attempts, like Leopoldo López and María Corina Machado, have close ties to the U.S. government.

Despite engaging in violent coup attempts, these opponents walk free in Venezuela, which starkly contrasts with the U.S.'s portrayal of the country as a dictatorship.

U.S. sanctions have severely wors-This aligns with Musk's history of ened Venezuela's economic crisis. Ironically, these sanctions have led to a U.S. energ y crisis, as sanctions on Iran and Russia have made affordable energy scarce for Europe. Despite the high cost and insufficiency of U.S. liquefied natural gas, Venezuelan oil remains blocked from European markets due to the sanctions. In June 2022, the U.S. pivoted its strategy by permitting the transport of Venezuelan oil to Europe to compensate for the void left by reduced Russian supplies. This strategic recalibration paved the way for the Barbados Agreement in October 2023, which initiated a gradual easing of sanctions. The elections held on 28 July were a direct result of this process. However, the U.S. encountered significant challenges in realising its typical political objectives through overt manipulation, while it continued to exert its influence through covert channels.

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OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, WASHINGTON HAS SPONSORED SEVERAL COUP ATTEMPTS OFTEN VIOLENT, TO OVERTHROW **VENEZUELA'S** GOVERNMENT,

INCLUDING **TARGETING FORMER** REVOLUTIONARY PRESIDENT HUGO CHÁVEZ AND HIS SUCCESSOR, NICOLÁS

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These measures are designed to suffocate Venezuela's economy, incite political unrest, and ultimately force a change in government. The deepening of Venezuela's relationships with major powers such as China and Russia further threatens U.S. geopolitical interests. These partnerships offer Venezuela economic and military support, making it increasingly resilient against U.S. attempts at destabilisation. The U.S. perceives these multipolar alliances as a direct affront to its global dominance and has consequently intensified its efforts to undermine the Venezuelan government. It is in this context that the U.S. government is backing yet another coup attempt in

Operation Safedsagar: The Indian Air Force's triumph in the Kargil war

This operation highlighted the bravery, ingenuity, and strategic importance of the IAF, cementing its legacy in modern warfare

The Kargil War of 1999 marked a significant milestone for the Indian Air Force (IAF), which participated in large-scale combat for the first time since the Indo-Pakistan War of 1971.In April 1999, around 1500 Pakistani soldiers infiltrated Indian territory in Kargil, Jammu, and Kashmir to sever the connection between Kashmir and

The air operations in the Kargil region by IAF were named 'Operation Safedsagar'. In the 1990s, covert intruders from Pakistan stationed at high-altitude peaks made it difficult for the Indian army and IAF to carry out military operations in the challenging mountainous terrain of J&K since it was impossible to pin point their exact locations.



Operation Safedsagar marked a revolutionary use of aerial capabilities in a distinct and demanding setting. The IAF's successful use of air power in the Kargil conflict is a source of pride for India. The strategic deployment of air power became essential in the War, as it effectively provided direct air support to ground troops and executed highly precise bombings on enemy targets, there-

impact on the final result of the battle. The IAF encountered notable challenges due to its operational areas' geographical and environmental factors.

The Kargil region is known for its very intricate topography. Engaging in operations at high altitudes invariably presents formidable obstacles, such as the notable deterioration of both aircraft and weapon effi-

The delivery of a weapon to the target is significantly influenced by weather at higher altitudes. The winds are usually powerful and higher than the original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) required 'min-Given this, manoeuvring is necessary to complete the essential launch.

Despite challenging geographby exerting a substantial ical and meteorological condi-



tions, the operation exemplified exceptional bravery, persistence, and commitment. By July 23, 1999, the Indian forces successfully recaptured the Kargil Heights, a testament to their unwavering commituse several weapon launch strategies. The Indian Air

ment and bravery that is sure Innovations for Technical Force effectively used laser-

The IAF demonstrated exceptional ingenuity and resourcefulness during the Kargil conflict by successfully deploying several unique innovations. The IAF aimed to develop and

icantly impair the adversary's logistical routes, a testament to their innovative tactics. The laser-guided missile pods were modified to carry 1000kilogram bombs from the

World War II era, particularly for storage aboard the Ajeet

The Mirage-2000 aircraft used these bombs for the first time after making immediate modifications. The IAF reportedly chose weapon-impact zones that may trigger a domino effect leading to avalanches or landslides. To establish firing limits for rockets and weaponry at high heights, a meticulous process is needed to determine specific mountain peaks that closely resemble the height of fortifications.

guided bombs deployed from Performing real-time shooting Mirage-2000 aircraft to signiftrials in such conditions enables the acquisition of crucial data to enhance and enhance the efficiency of these weapons

Using laser designators installed on MiG-29 aircraft to guide the ammunition released by Mirage-2000 combat fighters was an incredible achievement. By using this innovative methodology, the precision and efficiency of the impacts were significantly improved. The Mirage-2000 aircraft were outfitted with Litening pods that enhanced target detection and facilitated the precise launching of guided missiles. This was the first-ever deployment of cutting-edge targeting technology by the IAF in combat operations.

During air operations in the

Kargil War, the capabilities of precision strikes helped the IAF reduce the amount of collateral damage and neutralise hostile positions. The efficient use of air power has averted more casualties considerably reduced the duration of the Indian Army has achieved substantial progress on the battlefield. An in-depth understanding of the Kargil operations is crucial for appreciating India's changing alignment in aerospace power. This battle serves as an exceptional case study for analysing the use of airpower in joint engagements in extremely mountainous regions.

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Biden reaffirms US support for Israel in call with Netanyahu

US President Joe Biden has spoken to Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and reaffirmed his commitment to Israel's security against all threats from Iran and its proxies, as the country braces for a response to the assassina tion of a top Hamas leader in Tehran. Vice President Kamala Harris, who is now the presumptive presidential candidate of the Democratic Party in the November 5 election, also joined the call on Thursday.

"The president reaffirmed his commitment to Israel's security against all threats from Iran, including its proxy terrorist groups Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis," said a readout of

The president discussed efforts to support Israel's defence against threats, including against ballistic missiles and drones, to include new defensive US military deployments,

The call comes following the assassinations of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and Hezbollah senior general Fuad Shukr in Beirut.

"Together with this commitment to Israel's defence, the president stressed the importance of ongoing efforts to deescalate broader tensions in the region. Vice President Harris also joined the call," the White House said.

Netanyahu's government has not commented on the slaying of Haniyeh in Tehran, but the Palestinian militant group has blamed Israel.

Iran has vowed to avenge the killing.Hamas's armed wing said the death of Haniyeh, who was widely viewed as the group's overall leader, would take the battle with Israel to new dimensions and have major repercussions.

The group attacked Israel on October 7, 2023, killing around 1,200 people. Since the attack, Israel has vowed to destroy Hamas. Hours before Haniyeh was targeted, Israel said it had killed senior Hezbollah leader Shukr in Beirut.Israel believes he was responsible for a rocket attack that killed 12 people in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights

Australian inquiry blames Israeli military for Gaza aid drone attack

The Israeli military's attack on an aid convoy in Gaza in April that killed seven people was the result of serious failures of defence procedures, mistaken identification and errors in decision-making, according to an Australian investigation that was made public Friday.

Australia initiated the investigation to examine Tel Aviv's response to the widely condemned Israeli Defence Forces' drone strikes on three World Central Kitchen vehicles on April 1. Australian Zomi Frankcom, three of her aid worker colleagues and three British personal security staff died in the attack.

Former Australian Defence Force Chief Mark Binskin was appointed the government's special adviser on the matter and visited Israel in May. He also engaged with World Central Kitchen and Solace Global, the company that provided the convoy's security

Binskin blamed the fatal strikes on "serious failures to follow IDF procedures, mistaken identification and errors in decision-making," a statement

were likely mistaken for Hamas operatives, Binskin said. This was the primary factor behind a "significant break down in situational awareness.

He found the strikes were not deliberately directed against World Central Kitchen.

But Binskin wrote: "It is important to all the families that an appropriate apology be provided to them by the government of Israel.

Foreign Minister Penny Wong said she had told Israel that the families deserved an apology. While Binskin's report outlined steps Israeli had taken to avoid a repeat tragedy, "stronger protocols" were needed to protect aid workers in Gaza, Wong said.

"Gaza remains the deadliest place on earth to be an aid worker. This was not a one-off incident," Wong told reporters. The UN reports that more than 250 aid workers have been killed since the start of this conflict and in recent weeks, a number of UN vehicles have come under attack. This is not acceptable," Wong

Binskin said his conclusions were "fairly consistent" with an Israeli military investigation said. in April that led to two officers The armed security guards being dismissed and three

being reprimanded within week of the bungled attack. Military Advocate General Brig. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi, Israel's top military lawyer, is considering further potential action against those responsible.

Wong said the Frankcom fam-

ily felt that disciplinary action to date had been insufficient. "The Australian government will continue to press for full accountability, including any appropriate criminal charges and we will continue to advocate the views of the Frankcom

family and the Australian government to Israel," Wong said A family representative issued a statement Friday welcoming Binskin's report as an "important first step.

"We hope it will be followed by further investigations in Israel regarding those responsible for this tragic event, followed by appropriate action," the family statement said.

Binskin said the Israeli Defence Forces had been "very forthcoming" toward his investiga tion. But the level of detail the Israelis provided on specific operational improvements they had made since the convoy blunder made it difficult for him to assess how effective the

Mourners pay respects to slain Hamas leader as worries of regional war mount

Doha (AP): Mourners gathered in Doha on Friday to hold funeral prayers for slain Hamás leader Ismail Haniyéh as Iran and its regional allies vowed to retaliate against Israel. With the bodies of Haniyeh and his bodyguard in coffins draped with Palestinian flags, men knelt and prayed while senior leaders of Hamas' Qatar-based political office paid their respects to Haniyeh's family. That included two men seen as his possible successors: Khalil Al-Hayya, a Hamas senior official and the head of Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and former Hamas Chief Khaled Mashaal, a close Haniyeh aide. Al-Hayya told family mem-

bers that Haniyeh was "no better or dearer" than the children killed in Gaza. Some 39,480 Palestinians have been killed throughout the war, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not differentiate between civilians and combatants.

'We are sure that his blood will bring out victory, dignity and liberation," he said. The funeral came a day after Israel said it had confirmed that the head of Hamas' military wing, Mohammed Deif, was killed in an July 13 airstrike in Gaza, and a few days after Israel said it had killed Hezbollah commander Fouad Shukur in a strike in

3 Americans back on US soil after prisoner exchange with Russia

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The United States and Russia completed their biggest prisoner swap in post-Soviet history on Thursday, with Moscow releasing journalist Evan Gershkovich and fellow American Paul Whelan, along with dissidents including Vladimir Kara-Murza, in a multinational deal that set two dozen people free. Gershkovich, Whelan and

Alsu Kurmasheva, a journalist with dual U.S.-Russia citizenship, arrived on American soil shortly before midnight for a joyful reunion with their families. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris also were at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland to greet them and dispense hugs all

The trade unfolded despite relations between Washington and Moscow being at their lowest point since the Cold ous crimes in exchange for

2022 invasion of Ukraine. Negotiators in backchannel

talks at one point explored an exchange involving Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, but after his death in February ultimately stitched together a 24-person deal that required significant concessions from European allies, including the release of a Russian assassin, and secured freedom for a cluster of journalists, suspected spies, political prisoners and others.

Biden trumpeted the exchange, by far the largest in a series of swaps with Russia, as a diplomatic feat while welcoming families of the returning Americans to the White House. But the deal, like others before it, reflected an innate imbalance: The U.S. and allies gave up Russians charged or convicted of seri-

War after Russian President Russia releasing journalists, Vladimir Putin's February dissidents and others imprisoned by the country's highly politicized legal system on charges seen by the West as trumped-up.

"Deals like this one come with tough calls," Biden said. He added, "There's nothing that matters more to me than protecting Americans at home and abroad."Under the deal, Russia released Gershkovich, a reporter for The Wall Street Journal who was jailed in 2023 and convicted in July of espionage charges that he and the U.S. government vehemently denied. His family said in a statement released by the newspaper that "we can't wait to give him the biggest hug and see his sweet and brave smile up close." The paper's editor-in-chief, Emma Tucker,

called it a "joyous day." "While we waited for this momentous day, we were determined to be as loud as we

could be on Evan's behalf. We are so grateful for all the voices that were raised when his was silent. We can finally say, in unison, Welcome home, Evan," she wrote in a letter posted online.

Also released was Whelan, a Michigan corporate security executive jailed since 2018, also on espionage charges he and Washington have denied, and Kurmasheva, a Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty journalist convicted in July of spreading false information about the Russian military, accusations her family and employer have rejected.The three flew from Maryland to Texas and landed at Joint Base San Antonio early Friday to begin medical evaluations after spending some time with their family members. If they choose, they can receive treatment the military offers to wrongfully detained

Slovenia praises landmark **US-Russia prisoner exchange**

AP LJUBLJANA

Slovenian officials on Friday praised a landmark East-West prisoner exchange in which the tiny Alpine state participated by handing over two convicted Russian sleeper agents following secretive planning and negotiations with US officials. The United States and Russia on Thursday completed their biggest prisoner swap in post-Soviet history, with Moscow releasing journalist Evan Gershkovich and fellow American Paul Whelan, along with dissidents including Vladimir Kara-Murza, in a multinational deal that set two dozen people free.

Among those exchanged was the Russian couple who posed as Argentine citizens after settling in Slovenia in 2017. The husband, who used the name Ludwig Gisch, ran a startup IT company. The wife, who had fake documents in the name of Maria Rosa Mayer Muños, had an online art gallery.

Their actual names are Artem Dultsev and Anna Dultseva. The couple reportedly used the Slovenian capital as their base to travel to neighbouring NATO and EU member states, relay orders from Moscow and bring money to other Russian sleeper agents. They were arrested in December 2022.

On Wednesday, a day before the exchange, the two were sentenced in the Slovenian capital to 19 months in prison each after pleading guilty to spying charges. Slovenia's 24.ur news portal

reported that their guilty pleas were coordinated as part of the prisoner exchange. The report, carried by Slovenia's STA state news agency, said the trial had not been supposed to end before the autumn

Although the couple had categorically denied the spying charges since their arrest, they suddenly changed their narrative on Wednesday. STA and other Slovenian

media outlets said that the

couple's two children, who had lived in foster care after the couple's 2022 arrest, were on a CIA plane that took them from Ljubljana to the Turkish capital, Ankara. Slovenian President Natasa Pirc Musar praised the way the exchange operation was

"Slovenia and its intelligence agencies worked tirelessly and with great sensitivity with our allies and partners in prisoner exchange which successfully concluded yesterday," she said on X.

conducted.

"I would like to pay respect and compliment everyone involved in this difficult action that saved lives. US President Joe Biden has thanked US allies, including

Slovenia, for the major pris-

oner swap. 'I am grateful to our Allies who stood with us throughout tough, complex negotiations to achieve this outcome — including Germany, Poland, Slovenia, Norway, and Turkey," Biden wrote on

Fire in Manila's Chinatown kills at least 11

Manila (AP): A fire swept through a part of a small building in Manila's crowded Chinatown district Friday, leaving at least 11 people dead, police said, adding that an investigation was underway to determine the cause of the blaze. About 14 firetrucks battled for more than two hours to control the blaze in an old five-story building in one of the world's oldest Chinatowns, a densely populated riverside section of the capital.

Fire investigator Roderick Andres said the fire started in an eatery on the ground floor, and that several of its staff were among the dead. Most of the dead, he added were found on the second and third floors, and no one else has been reported missing. Manila Mayor Honey Lacuna offered condolences to the victims' families and ordered inspections to ensure old buildings comply with safety regulations and stan-

13 killed during protests over Nigeria's economic crisis, hundreds arrested

Abuja (AP): At least 13 protest ers were killed during mass protests in Nigeria against the country's economic crisis that turned violent in several states. a rights group said Friday. Authorities confirmed four

people killed by a bomb and the arrests of hundreds in the protests that triggered curfews in several states Amnesty International's Nigeria director Isa Sanusi said

in an interview that it independently verified the deaths that were reported by witnesses, families of the victims and lawyers. More than 300 protesters were

arrested and curfews imposed in the northern states of Kano and Katsina after the looting of government and public properties, Nigerian police said. One police officer was also killed and several others injured.

The protests were mainly over food shortages and alleged bad governance in the country. Nigeria's public officials, frequently accused of corruption,



are among the best paid in Africa, a stark contrast in a country that has some of the world's poorest and hungriest people, despite being one of the continent's top oil producers. Carrying placards, bells and Nigeria's green-and-white flag, protesters chanted songs as they listed their demands, including the reinstatement of gas and electricity subsidies whose removal as part of the government's audacious reforms to grow the economy has had a knock-on effect on the price of just about everything else.



as the presumptive Democratic Party nominee stepped up her election campaign against her Republican Party rival Donald Trump in the US presidential election. Comparatively, the rival Trump campaign of the Republican Party raised USD 138.7 million in July and has USD 327 million cash on hand. Vice President Harris, 59, is the only candidate who has filed paperwork to be the nominee of the Democratic Party for the November 5 presidential elections after her boss and incumbent President Joe Biden on July 20 announced his withdrawal from the race and endorsed her as the candidate.

'With today's announcement, Team Harris has already raised over USD 1 billion this cycle, the fastest a presidential campaign has crossed the USD 1 billion threshold in presidential history," the Harris Campaign said Friday.

"This is a history-making haul for a candidate who will make history this November. The tremendous outpouring of support we've seen in just a short



coalition is mobilised, growing, and ready to put in the work to defeat Trump this November," said Harris for President campaign manager Julie Chavez Rodriguez.If elected on November 5 to succeed President Biden, Harris – the daughter of a Jamaican father and an Indian mother - would not only be the first woman, but the first Indian-American, the first Asian, the first Black woman and the first person of Jamaican descent to ascend to the office."Our money is going to the work that wins close elections whether it be an organiser knocking doors in DeKalb County, a rural office opening in Pennsylvania, or a college stu-

dent tabling at a club fair. It is the product of a campaign and coalition that knows the hard work and fighting spirit needed to win in November - and when we fight, we win," she said. The USD 377 million in cash on hand is the largest ever war chest at this point in the cycle and USD 50 million more than the Trump team's post-July cash on hand. July's USD 310 million haul was also the strongest grassroots month in presidential campaign history and was powered by a surge in new support. Two-thirds of the record-shattering haul came from first-time donors, the campaign said, adding that it is further proof of the tremendous support for

Trump campaign raised 139 million in July

Washington (PTI): Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump received USD 138.7 million in donations in July, a hefty sum but much behind the USD 200 million his Democratic rival Vice President Kamala Harris raked in in the week after announcing her candidacy. The 78-year-old former president also has USD 327 million in cash on hand.

'There has never been anything like the MAGA (Make America Great Again) Movement. We raised USD 139 Million in July alone. We now have a whopping USD 327 Million Cash On Hand." Trump said on Truth Social, his social media platform.

'Spectacular support from Great American Patriots who are donating to our Campaign for President of the United States, and helping out in many other ways. Much work to be done, but I will always keep fighting for YOU. Our Country is failing, but we will turn it around, quickly, and MAKE AMERICA GREAT ÅGAIŃ!," he said on Thursday.

The Trump Campaign, in a statement, said these numbers reflect continued momentum with donors at every level and provide the resources for the final 96 days until victory on November 5. July saw several major moments in Trump's re-election campaign, as the former president survived an assassination attempt; formally accepted the Republican presidential nomination and tapped J D Vance as his running mate. His July sum eclipsed his USD 111.8 million June total but fell short of the USD 141 million in contributions he received in May, the same month he was found guilty in the Manhattan hush money case.

The Harris campaign has not released full numbers for their fundraising totals in July. However, the campaign did reveal that they raised over USD 200 million in the first week after her candidacy was announced—including USD 81 million raised within the first 24 hours of her campaign. Harris' haul does not include funds the vice president inherited from Biden's campaign and committee accounts, which the Trump campaign has asked the Federal Election Commission to look into, arguing that the transfer is the "largest campaign finance violation in American history

With less than 100 days until the election, Trump is focussing his campaign on Harris' race. Trump participated in a controversial live interview at a convention of Black journalists in Chicago and quickly stumbled into racially insensitive remarks about Harris as he questioned her identity and qualifications.

Trump falsely claimed Harris had only emphasised her Asian-American heritage until recently when, he said, "she became a black person" for political gain.

US recognises González as winner of Venezuela's presidential poll Antony Blinken said in a state-

AP CARACAS

The US government has recognised Venezuelan opposition candidate Edmundo González as the winner of the South American country's presidential election, discrediting the results announced by electoral authorities who declared President Nicolás Maduro the

"Given the overwhelming evidence, it is clear to the United States and, most importantly, to the Venezuelan people that Edmundo González Urrutia won the most votes in Venezuela's July 28 presidential election," US Secretary of State

ment on Thursday. The National Electoral Council declared Maduro the winner of Sunday's highly anticipated election, but the president's main challenger, González, and opposition leader Maria Corina Machado have said they obtained more than two-thirds of the tally sheets that each electronic voting machine printed after polls closed. They said the release of the data on those tallies would prove Maduro lost. The announcement from the US government came amid diplomatic efforts to persuade Maduro to release vote tallies from the election and increasing calls for an independent diplomatic efforts.

review of the results, according to officials from Brazil and México. Government officials from

Brazil, Colombia and Mexico have been in constant communication with Maduro's administration to convince him that he must show the vote tally sheets from Sunday's election and allow impartial verification, a Brazilian government official said. The officials have told Venezuela's government that showing the data is the only way to dispel any doubt in the results, said the Brazilian official, who asked not be identified because they are not authorized to publicly speak about the

Turkiye blocks access to Insta Ankara (AP): Turkiye's com-

munications authority blocked access to the social media platform Instagram on Friday, the latest instance of a clampdown on websites in the country. The Information

Communication Technologies Authority, which regulates the internet, announced the block early Friday but did not provide a reason. Sabah newspaper, which is close to the government, said access was blocked in response to Instagram removing posts by Turkish users that expressed condolences over the killling of Hama political leader Ismail Haniyeh. It came days after Fahrettin Altun, the presidential communications director and aide to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, criticized the Metaowned platform for preventing users in Turkiye from posting messages of condolences for Haniyeh. Unlike its Western allies, Turkive does not consider Hamas to be a terror organization. A strong critic of Israel's military actions in Gaza, Erdogan has described the group as "liberation fighters." The country is observing a day of mourning for Haniyeh on Friday, during which flags will be flown at half-staff. Turkive has a track record of

censoring social media and websites. Hundreds of thousands of domains have been blocked since 2022, according to the Freedom of Expression Association, a non-profit organisation regrouping lawyers and human rights activists.

UK PM Starmer's new scheme to clamp down on violent disorder

included a mosque being

PTI ■ LONDON

 $B^{\text{ritish Prime Minister Keir}}_{\text{Starmer has announced a}}$ new scheme that pulls together police and intelligence resources to clamp down on violent disorder on the streets of London amid reports of further protests planned by far-right groups following the fatal stabbing of three schoolgirls. The new National Violent Disorder Programme is designed to stop criminals intent on causing violence and unrest by bringing together policing capabilities from across the UK to share intelligence on the activity of mobs for officials to make swift arrests. Violent protests

attacked in Southport - the site of Monday's stabbings in north-west England, several police officers injured, objects hurled and vehicles set on fire as the unrest spread around the country to Downing Street in London. "It's not a protest. It's not

legitimate. It's a crime and violent disorder. An assault on the rule of law and the execution of justice," said Starmer, after an urgent meeting with police chiefs on Thursday. "Whether it's in Southport, London or Hartlepool, these people are showing our country exactly who they are. Mosques targeted because they are

the statue of Winston Churchill, a Nazi salute at the Cenotaph ... we've resolved to show who we are. A country that will not allow understandable fear to curdle into division and hate in our communities," he said. The authorities stressed that

mosques, flares thrown at

extremist groups will not be allowed to "hide behind" the legitimate right to protest to 'wreak havoc and intimidation." "Police are already tracking down those involved in violence and anyone else thinking of joining in should know they will face the full force of the law," said Chief Constable Andy Marsh, CEO at the College of Policing.

Imran's party to form alliance against govt PTI ISLAMABAD PAR paid over \$3.6 bn in interest to IMF'

minister Imran Khan has approved the formation of a "grand opposition alliance" by expanding the existing plat-form, Tehreek Tahafuz-e-Ayine-Pakistan, to act as a powerful anti-government movement, a senior party leader has said. Former National Assembly speaker Asad Qaiser, who addressed reporters alongside the party's secretary-general Omar Ayub Khan outside Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail where the 71-year-old former cricketer-turned-politician is lodged since last August, said that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has decided to expand the opposition alliance in a meeting with Imran Khan on Thursday, Geo News reported. Oaiser announced that the former ruling party would gather

▼ailed former Pakistan prime

"This country will only be governed in accordance with the law and the Constitution." Qaiser emphasised.

all opposition parties to run a

powerful anti-government

movement. He said that the

party's forthcoming power

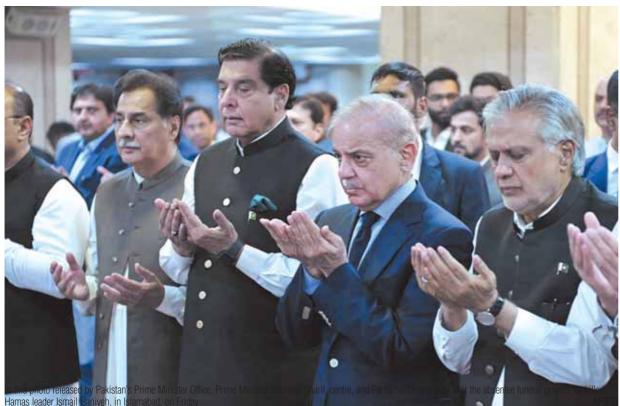
show in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Swabi was aimed at raising a

"strong voice" for the release of

the PTI founder and other

detained leaders.

During his address, Qaiser also rebuked the incumbent Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz-led coalition govern-



ment over skyrocketing power bills. He said the bloated electricity bills were "unacceptable" for the inflation-hit mass-

The PTI leader also said that they support Jamaat-e-Islami's (JI) sit-in — underway on Rawalpindi's Murree Road since

few years after taking to the

they may not vote in next

month's presidential election.

Though he is almost certain to

win, a low turnout could put

the legitimacy of Tebboune's victory in doubt. "Voting has no meaning in Algeria like in

the big democracies," he said.

'Where I come from, the

results and quotas are fixed in

advance in the back room of

July 26 — against the massive

hike in power bills. However, JI Emir Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman has said that his party would not become part of the PTI proposed grand alliance as history suggests that the opposition parties use such platforms for self-interest

"We will have the same stance as the opposition parties on some issues and hold meetings with them, but we will not become part of any alliance," Naeem said on Thursday. Ayub, while addressing the

same press conference,

appealed to the masses to attend

from across the country to show solidarity with the former premier. Responding to criticism against

the public gathering in Swabi on

August 5 in large numbers

the PTI founder for demanding negotiations with the Pakistan Army, Ayub said that they did

ed. The government has jug-

gled competing priorities, try

ing to combat inflation while

maintaining state spending, subsidies and price controls

that keep people afloat.

Tebboune continues to refer to the Hirak movement in speech-

es in which he makes overtures

to disaffected Algerian youth,

ing the dialogue, however, he added that Khan made it clear that the military belongs to the nation and vice versa.

He further said that the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) were trying to drive a wedge between the military and the nation.

Commenting on the cases against the jailed ex-prime minister, the opposition leader said that they were fighting a legal battle for Khan's release. Ayub the National blamed Accountability Bureau (NAB) for stopping the release of former first lady Bushra Bibi despite having no connections with the Toshakhana corruption case.

The PTI secretary general demanded Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa and Islamabad High Court (IHC) Chief Justice Aamer Farooq to recuse themselves from hearing the PTI founder's cases, Geo News reported.

The PTI believes he is being arrested in more cases at the behest of the powerful military establishment to make sure that he does not come out of iail. Khan was first arrested by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in a 190-millionpound corruption case. He faces over 200 cases and has been in jail since August last

 $P_{\text{USD 3.6 billion in interest}}^{\text{akistan has paid more than}}$ on loans to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the last 40 years, the finance ministry of the cash-strapped government has informed Parliament.

This was revealed by the government during a meeting of the Senate's Standing Committee on Economic Affairs on Thursday at the Parliament House, where the Ministry of Finance presented details of the loans and repayments made to Washington-based global lender so far.

According to The Express Tribune newspaper, during the briefing by officials from the Ministry of Finance and the State Bank of Pakistan, it was disclosed that Pakistan has paid over USD 3.60 billion in interest to the IMF.

The documents presented in the meeting revealed that the interest paid amounts to over Rs 1,000 billion in Pakistani currency. It also emerged that over the past 30 years, the cashstrapped country has borrowed approximately USD 29 billion from the IMF and has repaid more than USD 21.72 billion in the same period.

In the last four years alone, Pakistan borrowed over USD 6.26 billion from the IMF and repaid USD 4.52 billion. Additionally, in the last four years, Pakistan has paid over USD 1.10 billion in interest to

the IMF. In 2024, Pakistan borrowed USD 1.35 billion in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) from the IMF and repaid USD

646.69 million in SDRs. SDRs are an international reserve asset created by the IMF. They are used to supplement the official reserves of member countries and can be exchanged among govern-ments for freely usable currencies in times of need. The value of SDRs is based on a basket of major international currencies. The Ministry of Finance officials also informed the committee that Pakistan borrowed USD 19.55 billion SDRs (USD 25.94 billion) from the IMF since 1984 and repaid USD 14.71 (USD 19.51b) billion SDRs, with USD 2.44 (USD 3.23b) billion SDRs paid in interest. The committee chairman Senator Saifullah Abro said that the country was not being destroyed on its own "but we all have a part in its destruction". The committee

later sought details of every

programme with the IMF, stat-

ing that the committee should

be informed about what has

happened in each programme,

according to the paper

Japan asks Denmark to extradite activist Tokyo (AP): Japan has asked

Denmark to extradite anti-whaling activist Paul Watson, who has been in custody in Greenland since his arrest last month under a Japanese warrant, officials said on Friday. Watson, a 73-year-old Canadian American citizen, is a former head of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, whose high seas confrontations with whaling vessels have drawn support from celebrities and even featured in the reality tele-

vision series "Whale Wars."

Japan's coast guard sought his arrest over an encounter with a Japanese whaling research ship in 2010 when he was accused of obstructing the crew's official duties by ordering the captain of his ship to throw explosives at the whaling ship. He was sought in an Interpol red notice, and the perpetrator, a New Zealand citizen, was convicted of assault and given a suspended prison term allowing him to leave Japan

Algeria courts disenchanted youth **AP** ALGIERS the government, so what's the point of taking part in the elec-

toral farce?

A few years after taking to a streets with hundreds of Taher said he is politically sufthousands of other Algerians, focating and has little confi-Kaci Taher says he now feels so dence in elections securing the type of democratic outcome that people demanded in 2019. disengaged that he won't even vote in the country's presiden-In that year, massive street protests throughout the countial elections next month. The 28-year-old from Kabylia is precisely the kind of voter try known as the Hirak led to that President Abdelmadjid the ouster of octogenarian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika Tebboune has targeted as he after two decades leading gasvies for a second term in office, describing himself as a "candirich Algeria, Africa's largest date of youth" in his campaign nation by area and a key security partner for Western announcement last month. Most of the young people who nations. Like many young people in Algeria, Taher struggles make up more than half of the population in Algeria are so disenchanted that, like Taher, with unemployment, boredom and malaise.

Voter turnout has long been low in Algeria, particularly among people under 30, who make up 51 per cent of the population, according to the country's National Statistics Bureau. Though little data exists on why people in Algeria abstain from voting, experts say that the aging political elite — which still includes politicians who were involved in wresting independence from France more than 60 years ago aren't reaching young people.

"There is a big gap between the new generation and the existing political structures — political parties and institutions," said Redouane Boudjema, a professor at the Algiers Institute of Journalism who has researched youth and social movements. "Young people no longer identify with the political elites who occupy the public arena? Hirak activists like Taher were

disappointed when authorities called for quick elections amid protests in 2019. The timeline, demonstrators said, offered little opportunity to come to consensus on deep reforms, allowing then-74 year-old Tebboune, seen as close to the military, to win in a low turnout race.

Throughout his tenure, journalists have faced prosecution and the economic challenges afflicting many of the country's

Senior leader of PTI shot dead

Lahore (PTI): A senior leader

The spokesperson said that the Lahore police chief has

tal and former information secretary of PTI's Punjab

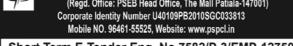
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the owner of a private hospiprayers when four unidentified men opened fire on him and fled on two motorcycles.

of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party was shot dead in Lahore while he was coming out of a mosque after offering Friday prayers, police said. "Dr Shahid Saddique Khan was coming out of a mosque in Valancia Town in Lahore after offering Friday

He was shifted to a hospital where he succumbed to his wounds," a Lahore police spokesperson told PTI.

constituted a special team to probe the incident. Khan was

chapter. IGP Punjab Dr Usman Anwar has directed the Lahore police to immediately arrest the perpetrators. The PTI has been at loggerheads with the establishment ever since the May 9, 2023,

(Rs. in Crores)

Ukraine adds another Turkish corvette to its navy for war against Russia



Ukraine has taken delivery of a second Turkish-built navy corvette, officials said on Friday, although they did not say specifically how the warships might be used in the war against Russia. Ukraine's first lady, Olena

Zelenska, attended the launching ceremony of the Adaclass corvette during a visit to Turkiye, the Ukrainian presidency announced on its website. The corvette Ukraine already had is currently undergoing sea trials. Turkish Ada-class ships are

typically able to strike planes, other ships and submarines. Ukraine, which has coastlines on the Black Sea and the smaller Sea of Azov, had a small navy at the time of Russia's February 2022 fullscale invasion.

But it has developed deadly uncrewed sea drones that have severely limited Moscow's Black Sea naval capability. The Ukrainian presidency said the corvettes would help

protect the country's interests in the Black and Azov seas "but also, in particular, in the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean."

The presidency statement did not elaborate. International law forbids the passage of warships through Turkey's busy Bosporus Strait, which links the Mediterranean and Black seas, during times of war. However, the presidency's statement didn't say where exactly the Turkish shipyard was located, meaning it could be on the northern side of the strait, with a direct route to Ukraine.

Ukraine ordered the two Turkish corvettes under an agreement signed in 2020, the presidency said. Ukrainian authorities last month adopted a Maritime Security Strategy that aims to rebuild its naval capability.

It is also getting help with that from Western partners. The maritime capability coalition, headed by the United Kingdom and Norway, was established last December.

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Short Term E-Tender Enq. No.7582/P-3/EMP-12750 Dated 01-08-24

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Head quarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar

Disposal of Old Bardana (Jute Bags & P.P Bags)

 For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in. 2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only

NA/12/24537/2023/36295

Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

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Particulars	30-Jun-24	31-Mar-24	30-Jun-23	31-Mar-24	
	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Audited	
Total Income from Operations	0.50	0.28	0.24	3.15	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of					
Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(5.28)	(6.70)	(5.50)	(21.61)	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of	**-**		W W		
Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items))	(5.28)	(6.70)	(5.50)	(21.61)	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss)					
of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(5.28)	(6.70)	(5.50)	(21.61)	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and			0.000	12.20 (10.00)	
Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	4.34	(7.34)	(0.19)	(12.31)	
Equity Share Capital	19.74	19.74	19.74	19.74	
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet				(253.50)	
Earnings per Share (EPS) before extraordinary items			200.000	and an Alexan	
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.53)	(0.67)	(0.55)	(2.15)	
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.53)	(0.67)	(0.55)	(2.15)	
Earnings per Share (EPS) after extraordinary items	1000000		avazottor.		
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.53)	(0.67)	(0.55)	(2.15)	
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.53)	(0.67)	(0.55)	(2.15)	

Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited

(CIN: L51101HR2007PLC077999)

Key Standalone Financial Information:						
Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Jun-24	Quarter ended 31-Mar-24	Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	Year ended 31-Mar-24		
	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Audited		
Total Income	0.59	0.37	0.18	3.57		
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	(11.22)	(14.36)	(10.32)	(43.37)		
Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax	(11.22)	(14.36)	(10.32)	(43.37)		

quarter of the respective financial year

4) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://www.yaari.com) and on the website of BSE

(https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com) tered Office: 5th Floor, Plot No. 108, IT Park, Udyog Vihar, Phase-1 Gurugram, Haryana 122016

Indiabulls Enterprises Limited (CIN: U71290HR2019PLC077579)

				(Rs. in Crores
Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Jun-24	Quarter ended 31-Mar-24	Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	Year ended 31-Mar-24
	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Audited
stal Income from Operations	15.55	14.67	16.30	58.76
et (Loss)/Profit for the period (before Tax, minority interest and Share of Profit / (Loss)		100 - 100 - 100		
associates, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(2.97)	(18.81)	(0.00)	(25.20)
et (Loss)/Profit for the period (before Tax, minority interest and Share of Profit / (Loss)		27/ 1//	72	
associates (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items))	(2.97)	(18.81)	(0.00)	(25.20)
et (Loss)/Profit for the period (after Tax, minority interest and Share of Profit / (Loss)				
associates (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items))	(3.37)	(18.84)	(0.76)	(27.15)
stal Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and				
ther Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(3.39)	(18.92)	(1.12)	(25.33)
quity Share Capital	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67
eserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet				206.07
arnings per Share (EPS) of Rs.2 each from continuing operations				
Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.17)	(0.95)	(0.04)	(1.37)
Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.17)	(0.95)	(0.04)	(1.37)
arnings per Share (EPS) of Rs.2 each from discontinued operations				
Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.00)	0.02	(0.02)	0.10
Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.00)	0.02	(0.02)	0.10

Key Standalone Financial Information:				(Rs. in Crore	
Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Jun-24	Quarter ended 31-Mar-24	Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	Year ended 31-Mar-24 Audited	
	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Unaudited		
Total Income	13.50	12.43	12.09	48.43	
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	(5.17)	(17.88)	(4.50)	(33.00)	
Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax	(5.17)	(17.31)	(4.50)	(32.43)	

3. Figures for the quarter ended 31 March 2024 represents the balancing figures between the audited figures for the full financial year ended 31 March 2024 and published

4. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://www.indiabullsenterprises.com) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com)

Registered Office: 5th Floor, Plot No. 108, IT Park, Udyog Vihar, Phase-1 Gurugram, Haryana 122016 For and on behalf of Board of Directors Vijay Kumar Agarwal **Executive Director**



Tax Dept: Record over 7.28 crore income-tax returns filed

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tncome tax returns (ITRs) touched a I new record of over 7.28 crore, 7.5 per cent higher compared to previous fis-cal, by the July 31 deadline, the income tax department said on Friday. The total number of ITRs for assess-

ment year 2024-25 filed till July 31, 2024 is more than 7.28 crore, which is 7.5 per cent higher than the total ITRs for AY 2023-24 (6.77 crore) filed till July 31, 2023, the department said in a state-

"Out of the total ITRs of 7.28 crore filed for AY 2024-25, 5.27 crore have been filed in the new tax regime compared to 2.01 crore ITRs filed in the old tax regime," it said.

Thus, about 72 per cent of taxpayers have opted for the new tax regime, while 28 per cent continue to be in the old tax

The filing of ITRs peaked on July 31, 2024 (the due date for salaried taxpayers and other non-tax audit cases), with over 69.92 lakh ITRs having been filed on a single day.

The department also received 58.57 lakh ITRs from first-time filers, a fair indication of the widening of the tax base. In a historic first, ITRs (ITR-1, ITR-2, ITR-4, ITR-6) were deployed on the effiling portal on the first day of the Financial Year i.E. On April 1, 2024. Out of the 7.28 crore ITRs filed for A.Y. 2024-25, 45.77 per cent of ITRs are ITR-1 (3.34 crore), 14.93 per cent are ITR-2 (1.09 crore), 14.93 per cent are ITR-2 (1.09 crore), 12.5 per cent are ITR-3 (91.10 lakh), 25.77 per cent are ITR-4 (1.88 crore) and 1.03 per cent are ITR-5 to ITR-7 (7.48 lakh).

Over 43.82 per cent of these ITRs have

been filed using the online ITR utility available on the e-filing portal and the remaining have been filed using offline



Detailed project reports of two hydro pumped storage plants approved in record time: Power Ministry

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The power ministry on Friday said the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has approved the detailed project report of two hydro pumped storage plants -- 600 MW Upper Indravati in Odisha and 2,000 MW Sharavathy in Karnataka -- in record time.

To fast-track the concurrence process of hydro PSPs (pumped storage projects) in line with ease of doing business drive of the Government of India, the CEA has further revised the guidelines to simplify the process for preparation of DPRs (detailed project reports) of PSPs and its concurrence, a ministry statement said.

According to the statement, the 600 MW Upper Indravati in Odisha is being developed by OHPC Ltd (a Odisha government undertaking) and 2,000 MW Sharavathy in Karnataka is being developed by KPCL (a unit of Karnataka government).

CEA has received a number of proposals of hydro PSPs (around 60 GW), under survey and investigation for preparation of DPRs. All the developers are at various stages of preparation of DPR. After preparation of DPRs, these PSPs will be uploaded by the concurrence under section 8 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

According to the ministry, the government has prioritized the development of energy storage systems, particularly PSPs, to ensure the energy security of the country.

As per the National Electricity Plan (Generation), the installed capacity of energy storage systems including BESS is projected at 74 GW by



the developers are allowed to submit the DPR online with completion of first 13 chapters. Some of the chapters have been dispensed with.

requirement of approval of cost and financial chapters. These chapters need to be submitted only for reference and record to meet the requirement of the Act. For close loop hydro PSP, there is no requirement to submit the alternative The guidelines also provide for inclusion of an undertaking

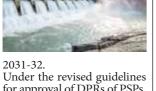
This obviates the requirement of again sending the DPR for reexamination. This is expected to save around 4 to 5

tion permission at the risk and streamlined so that advance action can be taken by the pers to start the v the site. This is expected to save around 6 to 8 months' time in execution of the pro-



The process for giving excavacost of developers has been

ject, the ministry said. The developers have also been advised to carry out investigations and submit the reports to the appraising agencies on time so that parallel activities can be done by the appraising agencies. This is expected to save around 1 to 2 months'



Now there is no mandatory

time, it added.



कार्यालय उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी, रांची (जिला नीलाम पत्र शाखा)

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

सभी बैंक/जीवन बीमा निगम/सभी वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभृतिकरण एवं वित्त पोषित संस्थाओं को सूचित किया जाता है कि Authorized Officer, IDBI Bank, Ranchi Main Branch, Ranchi ने देनदार Mr. Budhdev Prasad Sinha & Mrs. Arti Sinha, both R/o Flat No. 404, 4th Floor, Stuti Apartment, Chesire Home Road, Bariatu, Ranchi 834009 के विरुद्ध धारित भूमि (All that piece and parcel of Flat No. 404. 4th Floor admeasuring 1515 sq.ft. build up Area of "Stuti Apartment" Chesire Home Road, Bariatu Constructed on the land bearing Plot No. 877, Khata No. 106, situated at Mouza - Bariatu, P.S. Sadar, District - Ranchi, Sub - Registry Office - Ranchi in the state of Jharkhand along with car parking space together with undivided Jharkhand) का दखल लेने हेतु SARFAESI Act 2002 के नियम-14(1) एवं (ii) के अंतर्गत आवेदन किये हैं।

किसी भी संस्था/व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति हो तो स्वयं या अपने अधिवक्ता के माध्यम से इस विज्ञप्ति के प्रकाशन की तिथि से 10 दिनों के अंदर अपना आपत्ति दायर करें। निर्धारित तिथि के बाद दायर आपित आवेदन पत्र पर कोई सुनवाई नहीं होगी एवं आवेदनकर्ता बैंक/संस्था को निर्धारित तिथि को दखल दिला दिया जायेगा।

ज्ञापांक 211(ii)/नी० राँची दिनांक : 25.07.2024

punjab national bank Security Department, Zonal Office, Raipur पंजाब नैशनल बैंक

TENDER NOTICE

Tender for empanelment of SIs for Supply, Installation, Testing Commissioning (SITC) and maintenance of CCTV system through AMC a Zonal Office Raipur for its Branches/ Offices (Chhattisgarh & Jharkhand

Punjab National Bank invites sealed Application from eligible SIs for empanelment of SIs for SITC and maintenance of CCTV System with existing & new CCTV Systems to be installed in Branches/Offices under Zonal Office Raipur. OEMs & their CCTV Equipment have already been empaneled by the Bank. (at Annexure VII) of empanelment document.

Eligibility Criteria (at Annexure-I), Terms & Conditions (at Annexure-III), Empaneled CCTV Equipment are as mentioned in Empanelment Document. Interested SIs may submit their application on the prescribed form along with specified documents so as to reach on or before 19.08.2024 by 17:00 hrs:

To, Deputy Zonal Manager, Punjab National Bank, Zonal Officer Raipur Plot No. 46, Sec-24, Block-A, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur – 492018 (CG), For full details and download of Empanelment documents, please log on to our website https://www.pnbindia.in/tender.aspx. The Bank reserves the righ to accept or reject any or all the application (s)/ bids without assigning the

Any corrigendum/ clarification in respect of this Advertisement shall be released only on Bank's website. For future corrigendum/ clarification, if any kindly regularly visit Bank's website.

Deputy Zonal Manager

Under the revised guidelines for approval of DPRs of PSPs,

location plan for reservoirs.

from developer stating that the DPR submitted is in line with pre-DPR clearances.

months' time in the concurrence process

Therefore, all of you and each of you are hereby called upon to pay the amount due as on date 23.07.2024 viz- ₹21,82,949.00/- (Rupee wenty One Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Nine hundred Forty Nine only) together with interest from this date till date of payment w 60 days from the date of this notice issued under Sec 13 (2) failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest without any further reference to you under the said Act. If you fail to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall be exercising its Enforcement rights under Sec 13 (4) of the Act as against the secured assets given in the

On the expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice and on your failure to comply with the demand, Bank shall take necessary steps to on for exercising its rights under the Act. Please note that as per the provisions of Sec. 13 (13) of the Act no transfer of the Secured assets (given in the schedule hereunder) by wa

of sale, lease or otherwise, shall be made after the date of this notice without the prior written consent of the Bank. Needless to mention that this Notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. Please note that this notice is issued without Prejudice to Bank's right to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/DRAT/Court and proceed with the execution of order/decree Obtained/to be obtained.

lease note that the Bank reserves its right to call upon you to repay the liabilities that may arise under the outstanding bills dis Bank guarantees and letters of Credit issued and established on your behalf as well as other contingent liabilities.
The Undersigned is a duly Authorised Officer of the Bank to issue this Notice and Exercise powers under Section 13 aforesaid.

SCHEDULE The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder:

Mortgaged (Land measuring 7.00 Decimals , Vide Sale deed no.-2022 dated 23.02.1993, Khata no.-78, Plot no.-78, Village-Ratway, P.S-Mandu, Thana No. 178, Dist. Ramgarh. Boundary (7.00 Decimal) - North -Vendee, South: -Munki Assets

Yours faithfully. Authorised Office

Note-Our Earlier 13(2) notice(s) dated 04.05.2024 stand cancelled.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER JHARKHAND POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION LIMITED (Jharkhand Govt. Undertaking) Line Tank Road, Ranchi, Contact Tel. No. 0651-2214712

e-Procurement Notice No. 08 / 2024-25

JPHCL, Ranchi invites Percentage rate / item rate bids on approved Bill of Quantity from contractors registered before the publication date of this NIT (For F2)/ interested in registration with JPHCL (For SBD) in appropriate class for the works mentioned below: St. Tender Approximate Cost of Earnest Money Period of Type Cost of Cost of											
			eı	Tender Reference No.			Cost of	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Period of Completion	For	Type of Bid
e-ta	ax retur	ns filed	1	2 JPHCL/ GR01/ NIT08/ 2024-25	3 Construction of Ayudh Karyashala Cum Training Building at Hotwar, Ranchi in the District of Ranchi		5 10000.00	333000.00	7 365 Days	8 Contractors registered / interested in registration	Item rate/ SBD
ed on July 31, laried taxpay- lit cases), with ing been filed	RETURN	Of the e-verified ITRs, more than 2.69 crore ITRs for the A.Y. 2024-2025 have been processed (43.34 per cent) till July 31, 2024.	2	JPHCL/ GR02/ NIT08/ 2024-25	Construction of Armoury Barrack at Hotwar, Ranchi in the District of Ranchi				·	Only registered Contractors	Percentage rate/F2
ved 58.57 lakh	RETUR	Over 91.94 lakh challans have been received through TIN 2.0 payment system in the month of July, 2024 (for	3	JPHCL/ GR03/ NIT08/ 2024-25	Construction of Trainer Guest House at Armoury, Hotwar, Ranchi in the District of Ranchi		10000.00	461000.00	270 Days	Only registered Contractors	Percentage rate/F2
the tax base. TR-1, ITR-2, yed on the e- t day of the	ITR utilities, it said. During the peak filing period, the e-fil-	AY 2024-25), while total number of challans filed through TIN 2.0 since April 1, 2024 stands at 1.64 crore (for AY 2024-25).	4	JPHCL/ GR04/ NIT08/ 2024-25	Construction of Building for Upgradation of Chemical Wing of DFSL, Ranchi in the district of Ranchi					Contractors registered / interested in registration	Item rate/ SBD
ril 1, 2024. filed for A.Y. TRs are ITR- tent are ITR- ant are ITR-3	ing portal successfully handled huge traffic, providing a seamless experience to taxpayers for filing of ITRs. On July 31, 2024 alone, successful logins stood at 3.2 crore.	The e-filing helpdesk team has handled approximately 10.64 lakh queries from taxpayers during the year up to July 31, supporting the taxpayers proactively during the peak filing period.	6	JPHCL/ GR05/ NIT08/ 2024-25 JPHCL/	Repair work of Home Guard Barrack at Central Jail, Ghaghidih in the District of East Singhbhum Repair work of JAP				90 Days	Only registered Contractors	Percentage rate/F2
nt are ITR-4 ent are ITR-	The process of e-verification is important to commence the processing of ITRs and to issue refunds, if any, it said.	While expressing its gratitude to tax professionals and taxpayers for their support in compliances in filing of ITRs	7	GR06/ NIT08/ 2024-25 JPHCL/	Barrack at Central Jail, Ghaghidih in the District of East Singhbhum Repair work of Ex-Army				90 Days	registered Contractors	rate/F2 Percentage
se ITRs have e ITR utility ortal and the using offline	It is encouraging to note that over 6.21 crore ITRs have been e-verified, out of which more than 5.81 crore are through Aadhaar-based OTP (93.56 per cent).	and forms, the statement said, taxpayers are also requested to verify their unverified ITRs if any, within 30 days of filing the ITR.	8	GR07/ NIT08/ 2024-25	Barrack at Central Jail, Ghaghidih in the District of East Singhbhum Repair work of Perimeter					registered Contractors	rate/F2 Percentage
िट्यन बैंक 🕹	ALLAHARAD KAMIGAKII	DEMAND NOTICE der Sec. 13 (2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of al Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002	9	GR08/ NIT08/ 2024-25 JPHCL/	Boundary Wall at Central Jail, Ghaghidih in the District of East Singhbhum Repair work of Property				90 Days	registered Contractors	rate/F2 Percentage
o, . Mr. Jitan Ram, Vi	iger, Authorised Officer, SME Finance Branch ill-Murram Kala, Behind Ramgarh College, P.oRamgarh, it, W/o Sri Jitan Ram, Vill - Murram Kala, Behind Ramgarh	Place: Ramgarh Date: 23.07.2024 Dist - Ramgarh, Jharkhand Pin 829122, 2. Mrs. Sushila		GR09/ NIT08/ 2024-25 JPHCL/	Boundary Wall at Central Jail, Ghaghidih in the District of East Singhbhum Repair work of Kara		5000.00		90 Days	registered Contractors	rate/F2 Percentage
29122, 3. Mr. Ram Ramgarh, Jharkha	Probesh Ram (Co-applicant), S/o-Sri Jitan Ram, Vill-Murr and Pin 829122, 4. Mr. Naresh Kumar Singh (Guaranto chandra Prasad (Guarantor), Railway station Tori, Jharkl	ram Kala, Behind Ramgarh College, P.oRamgarh, Dist or), Diesel Colony, Patratu, Dist-Ramgarh, Jharkhand,	10	GR10/ NIT08/ 2024-25	Chikitsak & Kara Pustakalayat Mandal Kara, Saraikela in the District of Saraikela-Kharsawan		5000.00	38000.00	90 Days	registered Contractors	rate/F2
Sub: Your loan he first of you Mr. Ji ushila Devi and 3rd	account/s TL-20324027186 with Indian Bank (E-Allahat itan Ram is an Applicant concern. The 1st of you Mr. Jitan Ram Mr. Ram Probesh Ram are Co-Applicant to the loan accounts. r to the loan accounts availed by the First of you. The 2nd of y	n is a Applicant now or at all material Times. The 2nd Mrs. The 4th Mr. Naresh Kumar Singh and 5th Mr. Ramchandra	11	GR11/ NIT08/	Renovation and Repair work of Administrative Building at Home Guard, Giridih in the District of Giridih		10000.00	133000.00	120 Days	Only registered Contractors	Percentage rate/F2
s security to the loa It the request of the Nature	an accounts. e first of you, in the course of banking business, the following	facilities were sanctioned and were availed by first of you. it (₹. in lakhs) - Rs. 8.75 /-	12	JPHCL/ GR12/ NIT08/ 2024-25	Renovation and Repair work of Pota Hut (1, 2 and 3) at Home Guard, Giridih in the District of Giridih		5000.00		90 Days	Only registered Contractors	Percentage rate/F2
TERM LOAN	NATURE OF DOCUMENTS a. Term Loan Agreement dated: 27.08.2007, b. Demand agreement dt-27.08.2007 ne aforesaid loans is personally guaranteed by No. 4th and 5th	,	13		Construction of District Commandant Residence at Home Guard, Giridih in the District of Giridih				·	Only registered Contractors	Percentage rate/F2
7.08.2007. The repa amgarh College, I ssets/stocks/moval	ne and easily loans is personally guaranteed by No. Act and of hypotheca P.S. Ramgarh, Dist. Ramgarh has given in the schedule bles at khata no94, plot no203, Behind Ramgarh College, F	ation of property(ies) at Khata no. 94, Plot no. 203, Behind hereunder belonging to No. 2nd of you. And fixed	14	GR14/ NIT08/ 2024-25	Construction of G+3 12 U.S. Quarter at Home Guard, Giridih in the District of Giridih				365 Days	Contractors registered / interested in registration	Item rate/ SBD
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The term borrower only person who has as security for the	under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assa beengranted financial assistance by Bank or who has given a aid financial assistance granted bythe Bank. and each of you are hereby called upon to pay the amount	ony guarantee or created any mortgage / created charge due as on date 23.07.2024 viz- ₹ 5,46,858.00/- (Rupees	16	JPHCL/ GR16/ NIT08/ 2024-25	Construction of Deep Bore Well 200 x 150 mm dia (3 Nos.) at Home		2500.00	23000.00	60 Days	Only registered Contractors	Percentage rate/F2
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ours faithfully, Authorised Office ndian Bank	er Note-Our Earlier 13(2) notice(s) dated 0		21	JPHCL/ GR21/ NIT08/ 2024-25	the District of Ranchi Construction of (L/S) 50 Bedded Barrack at Central Training Institute, Home Guard, Dhurwa, Ranchi in		10000.00	263000.00	300 Days	Only registered Contractors	Percentage rate/F2
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Ramgarh, Jharkha ⁄ia Marar Bharech Nhmad, Village- Ra	nnd, Pin 829117, 2. Mrs. Sogra Khatoon (Co-Applicant), \ Nagar, Sandi, P.s-Mandu, Dist - Ramgarh, Jharkhand, Pin 8 sttway, P.oKarma Via Marar Bharech Nagar, Sandi, P.s-W , S/O -Mr. Raysat Hussain, Village and P.O-Karma via Mara	W/o Mr. Md.Seraj Ahmad, Village- Ratway, P.oKarma 829117, 3. Mr. Md. Tarique Hussain, S/o-Mr. Md. Seraj Mandu, Dist - Ramgarh, Jharkhand, Pin 829117, 4. Mr.	23	GR23/ NIT08/	Guard, Dhurwa, Ranchi in the District of Ranchi Renovation and Repair work of Community Hall at Central Training		10000.00	148000.00	120 Days	Only registered Contractors	Percentage rate/F2
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Therefore, all of you Twenty One Lakh Ei	and each of you are hereby called upon to pay the amount ighty Two Thousand Nine hundred Forty Nine only) togethe te of this notice issued under Sec 13 (2) failing which Bank wi	er with interest from this date till date of payment within	29	GR29/ NIT08/	Boundary Wall - 2 of High Security Jail in the district		10000.00	049000.00	Joo Days	registered / interested in registration	rate/ SBD

Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on e-tendering portal http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in from 08.08.2024 at 11:00 AM to 20.08.2024 up to 5:00 PM. Bids must be submitted online only at the e-tendering portal http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in on or before 5:00 PM on 20.08.2024. Bids received online will be opened at 17:00 PM on 21.08.2024.

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Security Jail in the district

- Estimated Cost may vary. Bids of contractors registered / working with JPHCL, who have delayed start / execution / completions of any construction work for reasons of delay attributable to them, will be rejected at the
 - Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, will be published only on the above mentioned Website.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, JPHCL, Ranchi

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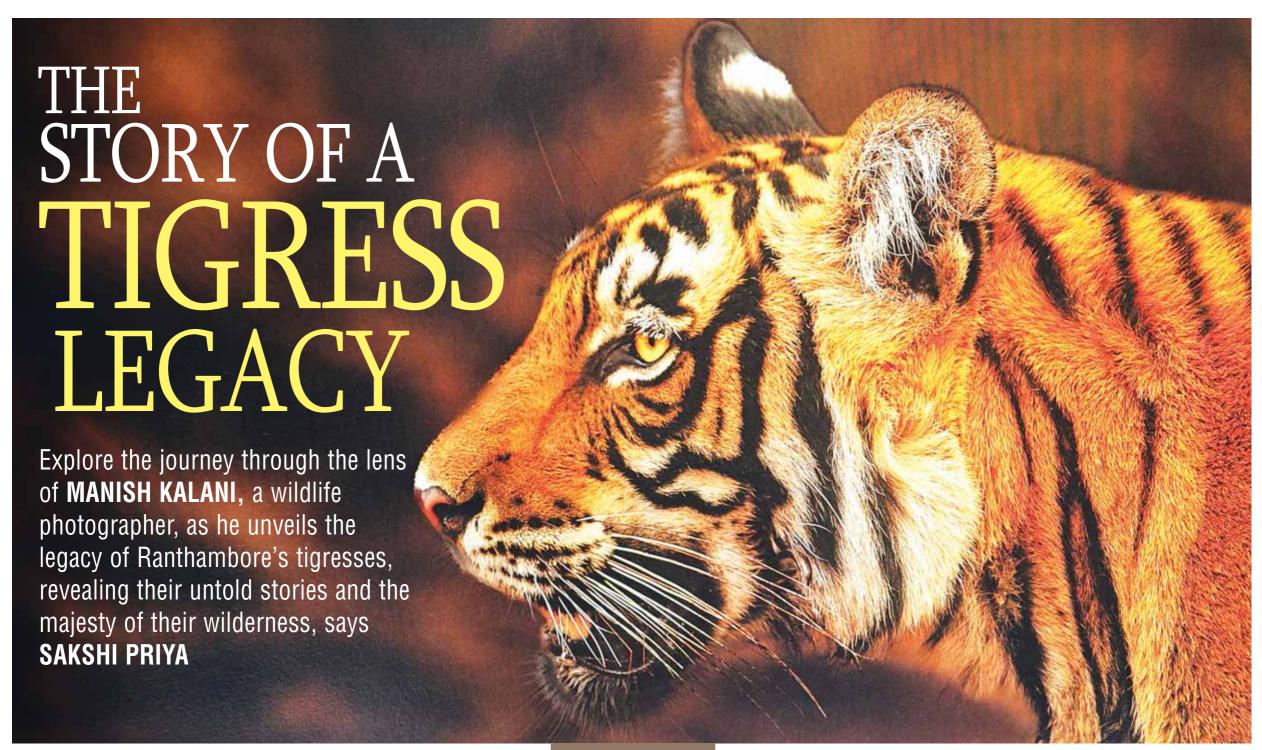
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Warrior Queens of population. Ranthambore is Machhli's story is central to the it's a journey into the heart of descendants, creating a rich Ranthambore National Park and tapestry of the tiger lineage. The a touching tribute to one of its book features photographs of most iconic residents, Machhli. Machhli's daughter, Krishna, her This book is a celebration of the granddaughter, Arrowhead and majestic tigresses who have her great-granddaughter, Riddhi. roamed the park over five Each of these tigresses is generations, captured through portrayed with a blend of awe Kalani's lens in an eight-year and intimacy. For instance, photographic adventure.

not just a tigress; she was a symbol of strength and resilience, triumphs.

Kalani's she had on the park and its tiger

more than just a book, but Kalani extends his coffee table book, narrative to include her Arrowhead is shown with her The book opens with a striking fierce territorial instincts, portrait of Machhli, the contrasting with the more legendary tigress known as "The complex interactions of Riddhi, Lady of the Lakes." Kalani's who navigates the challenges of photographs capture her in all her position within the family.



her glory, her powerful presence, Through Kalani's lens, these moment of rest or an intense her regal bearing and the deep tigresses come to life as interaction with other wildlife. wisdom in her eyes. Machhli was individuals with their own The book is filled with moments personalities, struggles and that make you feel as though you are right there in the forest, her story woven into the fabric of Kalani's dedication to his craft is sharing in the experiences of Ranthambore's conservation evident in every page. His these magnificent animals. The history. Kalani's images of her are photographs are not just visually accompanying narratives provide infused with a sense of reverence, stunning; they are imbued with insights into the lives of the reflecting the profound impact emotion and context. Each image tigresses, offering a deeper



MACHHLI, THE LEGENDARY TIGRESS KALANI'S **PHOTOGRAPHS** CAPTURE HER IN ALL HER GLORY, HER POWERFUL PRESENCE HER REGAL BEARING AND THE DEEP WISDOM IN HER EYES



understanding of their behaviors be a powerful tool for change,

What makes Warrior Queens of collection of photographs into a and spirit. The book is not only a particularly means compelling is its role in conservation efforts. The book but also serves as an important conservation. Kalani has serves not only as a tribute to the reminder of the ongoing efforts dedicated the proceeds from the tigresses but also as a call to needed to protect our natural book to the Regal Roar Trust, a action for their continued heritage. Through Kalani's eyes, tribute to his commitment to the protection. protection of these incredible creatures. This aspect of the book Ranthambore is like taking a the crucial role we all play in

transforming of

highlights how storytelling can personal journey with Kalani into ensuring their future.

more than just a visual experience; it's an emotional one. The book invites you to connect with the tigresses on a deeper level, to feel their struggles and triumphs, and to appreciate the beauty and complexity of their lives. Kalani's passion for wildlife and his respect for the tigers shine through every page, making this book a heartfelt and moving experience. Arguably, Warrior Queens of

the heart of Ranthambore. It's

Ranthambore is a masterful blend of art and conservation. Manish Kalani's photographic journey offers a window into the lives of Ranthambore's royal tigresses, capturing their beauty, strength supporting must-have for wildlife enthusiasts we are reminded of the enduring Reading Warrior Queens of spirit of Ranthambore's tigers and

Mamta Sharma's debut novel masterfully intertwines personal loss with a suspenseful mystery, creating a profound narrative of emotional healing and the quest for answer, says TEAM VIVA

Searching for Saran is a compelling narrative that delves into themes of grief, loss and the quest for closure through a gripping mystery. The story begins with Rini, a 34year-old widow, navigating her life in Mumbai as she deals with the deep-seated following her husband's untimely death. Her personal journey intertwines with a decades-old mystery that daughter, Sarah, disappeared 34 unravels as she embarks on a years ago, leaving the couple in a quest for answers.

grappling with the emotional The disappearance of Sarah has aftermath of her husband's passing. Her life, marked by a lives, creating an atmosphere of pervasive sense of emptiness, is melancholy and unresolved profound, illustrating how depicted with raw honesty. Rini's tension. Rini's curiosity is personal trauma can influence struggle to find meaning and immediately sparked by the one's actions and decisions. Rini's solace in her daily existence is D'souzas' story. The more she interactions with the D'souzas palpable as she works as an learns estate agent, a role that provides disappearance, the more she her with some distraction from becomes emotionally invested in and determination, showcasing her grief. The routine of her the case. Sharma effectively uses her growth as she navigates the

Sharma's cannot fully shield her from the the mystery to drive the Searching for Sarah is emotional turmoil she faces. Her narrative forward, intertwining sleep is disturbed by recurring Rini's personal grief with the nightmares, adding to the broader mystery of Sarah's weight of her sorrow.

The turning point in Rini's life enriches the story, providing a occurs during a routine work nuanced exploration of how trip when she encounters a personal loss can intersect with bungalow that piques her and amplify the search for interest. The bungalow, owned by Mr. and Mrs. D'souza, an As Rini delves deeper into the dark secret from the past. Their state of perpetual mourning and The novel opens with Rini relentless searching for answers. cast a long shadow over their about Sarah's

vanishing. This dual focus external truths.

elderly Christian couple, holds a case, the novel reveals her complex emotional landscape. The investigation forces Rini to confront her own fears and insecurities, mirroring her internal struggle with her husband's death. Sharma's portrayal of Rini's psychological state is both sensitive and and other characters involved in the case are marked by empathy professional life, however, Rini's growing obsession with intricacies of the mystery.



The narrative unfolds with increasing tension as Rini uncovers hidden layers of the case. Sharma crafts a suspenseful plot, filled with unexpected twists and turns, that keeps readers engaged and invested in the outcome. The process of unraveling Sarah's fate is depicted with meticulous detail, reflecting the complexity

of real-life investigations where readers in the sights, sounds, every clue can lead to multiple and feelings of the settings. This possibilities. The author's sensory richness contributes to attention to detail enhances the the novel's immersive quality, authenticity of the story, making making the reader feel as though Rini's journey both credible and they are experiencing Rini's captivating. In the "One Year world firsthand. Sharma also Later" chapter, the novel takes a employs a meticulous and reflective turn as Rini looks back detailed approach to plot on the changes that have development. occurred in her life since her The author's careful attention to involvement in the case. This the investigation into Sarah's chapter provides a poignant disappearance lends credibility conclusion to Rini's emotional arc, highlighting her personal with its methodical unraveling. growth and the impact of the The suspenseful elements of the investigation on her life. The passage of time allows Rini to evaluate the significance of her journey, offering insights into how the search for answers can Sharma's ability to blend lead to personal transformation and healing.

In terms of style, Sharma's prose is evocative and often poetic, enhancing the emotional impact but also sensory, immersing narrative. The author skillfully

to the story and engages readers narrative are crafted with precision, maintaining a steady pace that keeps readers invested in the unfolding mystery. personal grief with a compelling investigative plot showcases her skill in balancing different narrative threads. Sharma's writing throughout Searching for of the story. The descriptive Sarah is marked by its emotional passages are not merely visual depth and character-driven

balances the elements of mystery and psychological exploration, creating a story that resonates on multiple levels. The interplay between Rini's personal struggles and the mystery of Sarah's disappearance adds layers of complexity to the narrative, making it a rich and engaging read.

Searching for Sarah is a masterful debut by Mamta Sharma that successfully blends elements of crime fiction with a deep psychological exploration. The novel's exploration of grief, loss and the search for closure is handled with sensitivity and insight, making it a standout addition to the genre. Sharma's ability to weave a captivating mystery with a profound emotional journey ensures that Searching for Sarah will resonate with readers long after the final page is turned.

Price of the book: Rs.200/-Self Publish and available on Kindle and Amazon the pioneer





I should have controlled mistakes in defence: Sindhu

PV Sindhu has no regrets regarding her preparations for the Games as she did everything she could to be in the best shape but admitted defence let her down in the pre-quarterfinal against China's He Bing Jiao, here Thursday.

Sindhu ran the Chinese world number 9 close in the first game but unending unforced errors meant that Bing Jao ran away with the match 21-19 21-14 in 56 minutes. Sindhu even dictated a few points but had no answer to Bing Jiao's superior attack.

"I should have controlled in terms of a little bit of mistakes on my defense is what I felt," Sindhu said, reflecting upon the reason for her defeat.

Sindhu had a training camp in Germany and also joined forces with mentor Prakash Padukone better preparation.

Everybody worked hard, so we've done whatever we could. Rest is destiny. I don't regret it,"

she said. "I kept fighting still because you never know anything can happen. Both of us were fighting for each point because until the end you can't expect.

"It's not easy win or easy

points, you can't think that you have finished the game."

Bing Jiao's smashes and soft drops had Sindhu scurrying on both sides of the court. But when Sindhu attacked, the Chinese defended well.

"She has that jump smash. Even my smashes, I think, which were mid-court, they were just going out when she

was challenging.
"I should have hit them inside and I should have got those points where I've made those unforced errors.

"She got much more confident in that because when I was hitting, she was defending, but still some points which were really mid-court also, I was hitting just out or just into her

It was neck-and-neck in the first game with Sindhu and her rival locked 19-19. The twotime Olympic medalist said winning the game from that position could have changed things for her.

"It's sad that I couldn't convert it to win, especially in the first game because it was 19 all at some point.

"I think if it would have been the other way, especially when I challenged it. If I would have won the first set, maybe it would have been different. But but I think it was not enough I think it was... I mean, there

Manu qualifies for 25m sports pistol in second position at Olympics

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🕇 ndian shooter Manu Bhaker Tkept herself on track for a hat-trick of Olympic medals, coming up with one of her most memorable performances in her favourite event, the 25m sports pistol, as she booked a place in the final placed second at the Chateauroux shooting

The 22-year-old, who has already made history by becoming the first Indian athlete to win two bronze medals in one edition of the quadrennial showpiece, can add to her aura if she wins a third medal on Saturday, something which is well within her grasp after her commanding performance in the qualification round. Manu, who continued to dom-

inate the event and remained among the top three almost throughout the qualification phase of 'precision' and 'rapid' rounds, aggregated 590 to be placed second behind Hungary's Veronika Major who equalled the Olympic record with a score of 592.

Manu, who has seen a marked improvement in her shooting after patching up with leg-endary former shooter-turnedcoach Jaspal Rana, has won the 10m women's air pistol bronze and 10m air pistol mixed team bronze pairing Sarabjot Singh, She was in impregnable form in the sports pistol qualification rounds, firing 294 in the gruelling 'precision' round with scores of 97, 98 and 99.

The 'rapid round' brought out the best in her as she shot a per-



fect 100, followed by two 98s

for a aggregate of 296. India's upcoming shooter and multiple Hangzhou Asian Games medallist Esha Singh faltered to aggregate 581 (291 in precision and 290 in rapid) to finish 18th among 40 shooters and miss the eight-shooter final by a distance.

Just after winning her second bronze medal here, in 10m air pistol mixed team event, Manu had urged the countrymen not to be "disappointed" if she can't add more medals to the

But going by her imperious form, the Jhajjar shooter could well be in line to win a gold or

Bhaker's sterling performance here has come after a failed campaign at the Tokyo Games in 2021 where a pistol malfunction stopped her from achieving her Olympic dream.

She said that heartbreak made her value the medals here even

Manu, the second youngest Indian athlete to win an Olympic medal after shuttler PV Sindhu, had added that she looks up to ace javelin throw-er Neeraj Chopra and Sindhu because they have "proved themselves".

India has won all three medals so far in shooting, with Manu bagging two and Swapnil Kusale taking the bronze in

50m rifle three-positions on Thursday. Legendary India cricketer Rahul Dravid had also termed Manu performance "incredible" following her second

Olympic bronze medal. "Manu's story is incredible after the disappointment of Tokyo Olympics, to come here and be able to get over that and compete and bronze is a phe-nomenal achievement," Dravid,

the former India coach, had said during a panel discussion at India House in Paris.

Hockey: India stun Australia, register first win in 52 years in Olympics



Skipper Harmanpreet Singh scored a brace as the India men's hockey team registered a famous 3-2 win over Tokyo Games silver medallist and nemesis Australia in its final Pool B match here on Friday. Already assured of a quarterfinal berth before Friday's encounter, the Indians played valiantly and dominated the proceedings for major part of the match to stun the Kookaburras, against whom they last won in Olympics in the 1972 Munich edition. It seemed India had saved their

best for their last pool match, as "Her defense was really good it delivered a power-packed She was taking performance, playing attacking everything and I had to be hockey from the beginning, and even more patient. Sometimes defending well throughout. Abhishek (12th), skipper Harmanpreet (13th, 33rd) I was changing and I was getting points. I was dictating scored for India while Tom and I was getting a few points, Craig (25th) and Blake Govers (55) found the net for Australia.

With this win, India most likelv will finish their pool engagements in the second position with nine second position with nine points, finishing behind table toppers Belgium (12), who are yet to play a match. The pole position will not change even if Belgium loses its match against Argentina. The goal difference after that match will deterafter that match will deter-

mine the final placing. The Indians started on an aggressive note and made two circle entries in the first two minutes.

Veteran India custodian PR Sreejesh, who is playing his last international tournament, was rock solid in front of the goal, making some vital saves to deny the Kookaburras.

In the 11th minute, Sreejesh made the first save to deny Tom Wickham, which resulted in a penalty corner. But the resultant effort from Jeremy Hayward was off target.

Jarmanpreet Singh then fired a pass to Sukhjeet Singh from the right flank. He just needed to deflect the ball but he could not stop the powerful strike. The strong Australian defence easily foiled his attempt by the time he gathered the ball and was ready to strike.

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To,

1. Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, S/o-Sri Raj Kumar Singh, At and Po-Charhi, Dist.-Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, Pin-825336, 2. Mrs. Ram

1. Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, S/o-Sri Raj Kumar Singh, At and Po-Charhi, Dist.-Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, Pin-825336, 3. Sri Raj Kumai Dulari Devi (guarantor), W/O-Sri Raj Kumar Singh, At and Po- Charhi, Dist.-Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, Pin-825336, 3. Sri Raj Kumar Singh (guarantor), At and Po-Charhi, Dist.-Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, Pin-825336

Sub: Your loan account/s OD-20324030201 with Indian Bank (E-Allahabad Bank) Branch: Ramgarh SME Finance Branch The first of you Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh is a Applicant concern. The 1st of you Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh is an Applicant now or at all material Times. The 2nd Mrs. Ram Dulari Devi and 3rd Sri Raj Kumar Singh are guarantor to the loan accounts availed by the First of you. The 2nd of

you Mrs. Ram Dulari Devi mortgagor having offered her asset as security to the loan accounts.

At the request of the first of you, in the course of banking business, the following facilities were sanctioned and were availed by first of you Nature of facility - 1. Overdraft

The first of you have executed the following documents for each of the said facilities:

NATURE OF FACILITY NATURE OF DOCUMENTS OVERDRAFT a. Overdraft Agreement dated: 20.12.2007, b. Demand Promissory Note dt: 20.12.2007, c. Guaranto agreement dt-20.12.2007 the repayment of the aforesaid loans is personally guaranteed by No. 2nd and 3rd of you by executing an agreement of guarantee dated 20.12.2007. The repayment of the said loans are secured by mortgage/hypothecation of property(ies) Vide sale deed no. 16655 dated 22.11.2000, Khata. no. 41, Plot. no. 854, Village- Charhi, P.S.-Mandu, Thana.no. 21, Dist-Hazaribagh has given in the schedule hereunder

belonging to No. 1st of you. And fixed assets/stocks/movables Vide sale deed no. 16655 dated 22.11.2000, Khata no.-41, Plot.no.-854, Village-Charhi, P.S.-Thana.no.-21, Dist-Hazaribagh, Dist-Ramgarh, Jharkhand has given in the schedule hereunder belonging to No. 1st of you.

Despite repeated requests calling upon you to pay the amounts together with interest, all of you and each of you who are jointly and

severally liable have failed and committed default in repaying the amount due. The loan account has been classified as Non Performing Asset since 29.06.2013 in accordance with directions/guidelines relating to asset classifications issued by Reserve Bank of India The outstanding dues payable by you as on 23.07.2024 amounts to ₹15,37,652.00/- (Fifteen Lakh Thirty seven thousand Six hundred Fifty Two Only) together with interest and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 24.07.2024 till date of

The term borrower under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 means

any person who has been granted financial assistance by Bank or who has given any guarantee or created any mortgage / created charge as security for the said financial assistance granted bythe Bank. Therefore, all of you and each of you are hereby called upon to pay the amount due as on date 23.07.2024 viz-▼15,37,652.00/- (Fifteen Lakh Thirty seven thousand Six hundred Fifty Two Only) together with interest from this date till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice issued under Sec 13 (2) failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest without any further reference to you under the said Act. If you fail to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date

of this notice, Bank shall be exercising its Enforcement rights under Sec 13 (4) of the Act as against the secured assets given in the schedule On the expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice and on your failure to comply with the demand, Bank shall take necessary sto

take possession for exercising its rights under the Act.

Please note that as per the provisions of Sec. 13 (13) of the Act no transfer of the Secured assets (given in the schedule hereur of sale, lease or otherwise, shall be made after the date of this notice without the prior written consent of the Bank.

Needless to mention that this Notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. Please note that this notice is issued without Prejudice to Bank's right to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of

DRT/DRAT/Court and proceed with the execution of order/decree Obtained/to be obtained. Please note that the Bank reserves its right to call upon you to repay the liabilities that may arise under the outstanding bills discounted Bank guarantees and letters of Credit issued and established on your behalf as well as other contingent liabilities.

The Undersigned is a duly Authorised Officer of the Bank to issue this Notice and Exercise powers under Section 13 aforesaid

The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunde Mortgaged (Land measuring 6.00 Decimals, Vide sale deed no. 16655 dated 22.11.2000, Khata no.-41, Plot no. 854, Village-

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OTHER SPORTS

were rallies and it was going on

Asked if she would try to play

in the next Olympics in the

"It's still four years away. So for

me, right now, I just go back and rest for a bit, maybe just take some break and then

come back and let's see what it

is because four years is a very,

very long time. So let's see," the

"It's sad. The result, I couldn't

get what I expected, but it's a

"It's been a wonderful journey

so far. There were ups and downs, and I came back from

an injury, and everything was going on well. You can't expect

easy wins or picking the form

at the right time. Sometimes it

might not be your day. We all

In game two, Sindhu tried to

unsettle Bing Jiao with

smashes but her opponent was

picking up all those low shots

really worked hard."

as well.

today.

Sindhu was non-

well, but only one can win.

USA.

committal

29-year-old said.

journey, isn't it?

If T20 produces attacking Test players, then I will not mind: Sehwag

Virender Sehwag wouldn't mind if youngsters starting with T20 cricket develop an aggressive streak which helps them grow as Test players who can be crowd-pullers in future.

One of India's greatest Test openers, Sehwag, who was unveiled as Brand Ambassador of the inaugural Delhi Premier League, said one can't blame youngsters who are attracted to the shortest format which also provides financial viability. "The manner in which England is playing

Test cricket, scoring at five runs an over. In our playing days, Australia used to score at 4 runs per over. I have always believed that if you can attack, then you give your team more chances to win the Test matches," Sehwag told mediapersons on the sidelines of an event to announce the league.

The inevitable question was whether too many T20 leagues would drive the youngsters away from the red-ball game. "Look my elder son is 17 and he played three-day cricket for Delhi U16 but there are a lot of boys who might be waiting for that opportunity. When we were 18, there was no IPL. But, now, a youngster might think of playing IPL, and DPL gives you that opportunity.

"So, if anyone develops an aggressive game that can suit Test cricket then why not? After all, we would like people to come and watch Tests," said the Nawab of Najafgarh. But didn't Sehwag play that aggressive game in Test even before IPL?

"Was it good or bad? I scored a triple ton in 270-odd balls. Today's kid might score 400 if they play that many balls," said Sehwag, whose son, Aaryavir, will be a part of the DPL T20 draft.

Central Delhi Kings, East Delhi Riders, North Delhi Strikers, Purani Delhi 6, South Delhi Superstars and West Delhi Lions. Rishabh Pant, if he manages to play a couple of games based on his availability, will be the biggest attraction, and other big names

are: Ishant Sharma, Harshit Rana,

The six teams taking part in the league are



Navdeep Saini and Ayush Badoni to name a

There are four categories and Rs 10 lakh is the salary per player in the marquee A group. The winners' cheque is for Rs 1 crore. DDCA president Rohan Jaitley said the matches which will be aired live on a leading OTT platform will also have DRS

with Hawk Eye facility. Asked about the Asked about the Anti-Corruption arrangements, Jaitley said: "There will be zero tolerance with regards to corruption. The BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit will be working and the BCCI guidelines regarding

code of conduct will be followed."
As per sources, BCCI will deploy 8 ACU officials and they will be assisted by 8 more provided by the state unit. Jaitley also said they are trying to arrange an

in the window between end of the Ranji Trophy and start of the IPL to keep young cricketers focused on red-ball game. So, will DPL T20 become the selection criteria for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) team selection?

Jaitley didn't give a definitive answer

terming it the prerogative of the Cricket

Advisory Committee (CAC).

Inter-Delhi red-ball meet which will be held

SL players' cricket awareness needs sharpening: Jayasuriya

nterim coach Sanath **▲**Jayasuriya said Sri Lankan players will have to work on improving their "cricket awareness" in the wake of their "cricket collapse in the recently-concluded T20I series against India.

Sri Lanka were in good positions during the threematch rubber but they lost wickets in a heap to suffer a 0-3 defeat. "I don't see a lack of

commitment, but they have got to tackle pressure better. Their cricket awareness also needs sharpening. We are taking the responsibility; you can't go away from that," Jayasuriya was quoted as saying by 'ESPNCricinfo' as his side entered the three-match ODI series against India.

"As long as they realise that, and make sure that, we'll have to keep giving them the confidence and support," he added.

Jayasuriya said batsmen need not worry about hitting sixes constantly as large Sri Lankan grounds offer ample chances to score off through boundaries and twos. "When you talk about power

hitting, I don't think you need that much (in SL). If you hit enough fours and enough twos, you get the total that you need "The Sri Lankan grounds are a little bigger. There's no reason why you can't hit boundaries,

or twos, or threes. If you can do

hitting so many sixes," he said.



ready to accept criticism after a shoddy show such as theirs in the T20Is series.

as well, as a coach, as a support staff, as a team. I had to go through this (phase) in my time as a cricketer, every cricketer has to go through this. When criticism comes, you have to take it," he said.

Asalanka to come good sooner rather than later. "Charith Asalanka is one of

our best players in this format, and we need to remember that. But there is some pressure when you get captaincy. You have got to give him a little



"We have to take the criticism

Jayasuriya backed newly-appointed captain Charith

There are ten more players in the side, and 16 in the squad. We all have to get together and give him confidence. At any moment, the captain could click. Asalanka is someone that, you can get by without who works really hard, The former Lankan captain professional and communicates well," he added. said the players should be

Assets

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Bihari Pandey, S/o-Late Mohan Pandey, P.o.-Kuju, P.S-Mandu, Dist - Ramgarh, Jharkhand, Pin-825316, 3. Mr. Mahendra Kumai Poddar, S/o-Kalicharan Poddar, P.o.-Kuju, P.S-Mandu, Dist -Ramgarh, Jharkhand, Pin-825316 Sub: Your loan account/s TL-50003055262 with Indian Bank (E-Allahabad Bank) Branch: Ramgarh SME Finance Branch

The first of you Mrs. Nilam Pandey is an Applicant concern. The 1st of you Mrs. Nilam Pandey is an Applicant now or at all material Times The 2nd Mr. Banke Bihari Pandey and the 3rd Mr. Mahendra Kumar Poddar are guarantor to the loan account availed by the First of you. The 1ST of you Mrs. Nilam Pandey mortgagor having offered her asset as security to the loan account.

At the request of the first of you, in the course of banking business, the following facilities were sanctioned and were availed by first of yo

Nature of facility - 1. Term Loan

a.Term Loan Agreement dated: 31.07.2008, b. Demand Promissory Note dt: 31.07.2008, c. Guarantor

The first of you have executed the following documents for each of the said facilities: NATURE OF FACILITY NATURE OF DOCUMENTS

agreement dt-31.07.2008 The repayment of the aforesaid loans is personally guaranteed by No. 2nd and 3rd of you by executing an agreement of guarantee dated 31.07.2008. The repayment of the said loans are secured by mortgage/ hypothecation of property(ies) at Khata no.-54, Plot no. 518, Village -Kuju, P.S.-Mandu, Thana No. -154, Dist.-Ramgarh has given in the schedule hereunder belonging to No. 1st of you.

And fixed assets/stocks/movables at Khata no. 54, Plot no. 518, Village -Kuju, P.S.- Mandu, Thana No. - 154, P.S.- Ramgarh, Dist.-Ramgar

Jharkhand has given in the schedule hereunder belonging to No. 1ST of you.

Despite repeated requests calling upon you to pay the amounts together with interest. All of you and each of you who are jointly and severally liable have failed and committed default in repaying the amount due. The loan account has been classified as Non Performing Asset since 30.04.2019 in accordance with directions/guidelines relating to asset classifications issued by Reserve Bank of India

The outstanding dues payable by you as on 23.07.2024 amounts to ₹ 6,94,957.00/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety Four thousand Nine hundred Fifty Seven Only) together with interest and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 24.07.2024 till

The term borrower under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assetsand Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 means any person who has beengranted financial assistance by Bank or who has given any guarantee or created any mortgage / created charge as security for the said financial assistance granted bythe Bank. Therefore, all of you and each of you are hereby called upon to pay the amount due as on date 23.07.2024 viz- ₹ 6,94,957/- (Rupees Six

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On the expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice and on your failure to comply with the demand, Bank shall take necessary steps to on for exercising its rights under the Act

Please note that as per the provisions of Sec. 13 (13) of the Act no transfer of the Secured assets (given in the schedule hereunder) by way of sale, lease or otherwise, shall be made after the date of this notice without the prior written consent of the Bank.

Needless to mention that this Notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. Please note that this notice is issued without Prejudice to Bank's right to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/DRAT/Court and proceed with the execution of order/decree Obtained/to be obtained. Please note that the Bank reserves its right to call upon you to repay the liabilities that may arise under the outstanding bills discounted

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