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# Congress, BJP spar over Ambedkar legacy

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

massive confrontation broke out between the ABharatiya Janata Partyled Centre and other ruling parties, and the Congress-led Opposition over Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks on BR Ambedkar during his speech in Parliament on Tuesday, with the Congress and other opposition parties demanding resignation of the Home Minister on grounds of insulting the architect of the Constitution.

The attack from virtually all opposition parties, including Congress, Trinamool Congress (TMC), Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Left parties and Shiv Sena-UBT, led to adjournment of both Houses of Parliament and prompted the BJP, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to come out in stout defence of Shah.

The hullabaloo in Parliament also spilled on to the streets of the national Capital and places as far as Maharashtra, Bihar and Tamil Nadu.

president Congress Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leader Rahul Gandhi, TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, DMK chief MK Stalin, Shiv Sena-UBT chief Uddhav Thackeray and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav were among those who slammed Shah for his remarks. Addressing a Press conference,

Congress SC ST cell workers stage a protest against Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks on BR Ambedkar in the Parliament, in Bhopal

said.

Asked

Shah alleged that the Congress in the past has also misrepresented his and even PM Narendra Modi's comments to spread confusion mislead the society by and mislead people. "I presenting twisted facts," Shah and mislead people. "I condemn the Congress for

twisting facts. Why did it happen? It happened because BJP leaders spoke on how the NDA governments upheld the Constitution and established with facts that the Congress is anti-Ambedkar, anti-Constitution and anti-reservation," Shah told the media. The senior BJP leader said the

Congress also insulted VD Savarkar and blew to smithereens the values enshrined in the Constitution

PT imposing Emergency. bv "When all these facts came out, the Congress used its old tricks and made an effort to

through about Congress' demand for his resignation, treating the home minister said in a lighter vein that he can quit if this will make the Congress president happy but it will never solve his problems. Kharge, he added, has acted under Rahul Gandhi's pressure to be part of this "malicious"

campaign against him by distorting his views on Ambedkar. Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien submitted a

notice to move a motion against Shah in the Rajya Sabha where the Home Minister had said on Tuesday, evening that Congress leaders would have got a place in heaven had they chanted the name of God rather than following the fashion of repeating Ambedkar's name. In the Rajya Sabha, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju accused the Congress of misleading the country by using only a part of Shah's remarks made in the Rajva Sabha and asserted that the Home Minister had in very clear words mentioned how the Congress party had insulted Ambedkar. "You (Congress) cannot use an 11-12 second clip out of Shah's entire speech and mislead the nation," Rijiju said and stressed

that for the BJP, Ambedkar is equivalent to God. Leader of the House JP Nadda too stood up in Shah's defence, saying that Kharge was trying to "mislead" the nation Parliament and accused the Congress of Ambedkar with disdain and disrespect. Nadda rejected Kharge's claim and alleged that it was the that Congress had disrespected Ambedkar during his lifetime due to which he had resigned from the Union Cabinet. Modi asserted that the opposition party's "rotten

ecosystem" and "malicious lies" cannot hide its misdeeds. persons on board.

### boat collision off Mumbai coast T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI n a major mishap, as many Las 13 persons, including an

13 dead, in ferry-Navy speed

Navy man, lost their lives, while more than 99 other tourist passengers on board a private ferry boat were rescued after it was hit by a speed boat belonging to the Indian Navy in the Arabian Sea, off the Gateway of India in south Mumbai on

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Wednesday. Confirming that the mishap took place due to a hit by a Navy vessel, a Defence spokesperson said late in the evening: "At about 1600 hours on December 18 a Navy craft undergoing engine trials lost control and collided with a passenger ferry Neel Kamal off Karanja, Mumbai. The ferry was carrying passengers from Gateway of India to Elephanta Island. The accident has reportedly led to the tragic loss of 13 lives including one Navy man and two Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) personnel onboard the Naval craft," the Defence spokesperson said. The Navy pegged the number of survivors at 99. "The survivors -- picked up by the Navy and civil craft in the area -- have been transferred to jetties and hospitals in the vicinity," the Defence spokesperson said. The private boat named "Neel Kamal" with many passengers on board was on its way from the Gateway of India to the Gharapuri Island, where there is UNESCO World Heritage Site of Elephanta Caves. The Indian Navy boat had six

Passengers after being rescued in a joint operation by the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard

Search and rescue efforts were immediately launched by the Navy in coordination with the and Rescue (S&R) operation Coast Guard and Marine Police. Four Naval helicopters, was launched. "Accounting of 11 Naval craft, one Coast all personnel is in progress along with S&R efforts in the Guard boat and three Marine Police boats are undertaking area, spokesperson said. Teams of rescue efforts. Given that the collision between the two the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Mumbai Police and vessels was very intense, there Jawaharlal were casualties from both the Authority are involved in the passenger boat and Navy vessel operations. Eleven Navy boats three Marine Police boats, one

Owing to the impact of the hit, 'Neel Kamal' broke down, overturned and sank with the passengers on board thrown into the sea. Before long, the videos of the tragedy, clicked by passengers from other ferries in the vicinity, showed ghastly shots of people screaming for help, throwing their arms and legs to remain afloat or attempting to hold their near and dear ones from sinking in chilly sea waters. The mishap took place off

Uran-Karanja, which falls in



### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi woke up to yet another day of toxic air on Wednesday as the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) crossed a hazardous 445 (almost severe plus), landing in the 'severe' category. With a minimum temperature of 7.6 degree Celsius, dense fog enveloped the city, severely impacting visibility and the making already hazardous air quality even more dangerous. According to the Decision Support System for Air Quality Management, with 12.857 per cent transport sector is the key contributor to air pollution, followed by pollution, Industries (6.617 per cent), Road Constructions (1.85 per cent), Waste (1.23 per cent) and dust (0.913 per cent).

Delhi has been experiencing toxic air quality for the past few days due to drop in wind speeds, allowing local pollutants to concentrate in the atmosphere, according to experts. On Tuesday the city's 24-hour average AQI was 433 at 4 pm, against 379 on Monday.

### Outgoing US Govt relaxes H-1B visas rules services and the service services and the service se PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/ AGENCIES NEW DELHI/ WASHINGTON

Cores of Indian Sprofessionals seeking a career in the United States (US) are likely to benefit the most as the Government there has announced a new set of rules for H-1B visas that makes it easier for American ompanies to

visas to H-1B visas

outgoing





Photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer two countries for the last four vears. India and China on Wednesday agreed for crossborder cooperation and exchance

### Kailash Mansarovar Yatra to restart? India-China talk peace PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ignalling a thaw between Sthe frosty ties between the



Keiriwal promises free medical treatment for

PTI the Raigad district, at around 4 pm, immediately after which a massive multi-agency Search

the chief Navy

Coast Guard boat and four

helicopters are involved in the

Talking to media persons,

the owner of the vessel,

Rajendra Padte, said that the

'Neel Kamal' had departed

on its regular tourism

voyage to Elephanta Islands

around 3.15 pm and barely a

couple of hours later the

mishap was reported. He

claimed that his ferry vessel

had no role to play in the

S&R operations.

mishap.

Nehru Port



## Katra locals resume protest against ropeway project

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE JAMMU

Sangarsh Samiti, Katra, relaunched their agitation on Wednesday by observing a peaceful bandh in the township in protest against the proposed Rs 250 Crore ropeway project connecting Tarakote Marg to Sanjhi Chhat, which leads to the cave shrine nestled in the Trikuta Hills.

To maintain the law and order situation and ensure the safety of the pilgrims the local police authorities conducted a march in the Katra town. During the day the pilgrims were seen facing hardships during the complete shutdown. The transport facilities also

remained suspended making it difficult for the pilgrims to commute from one place to another

At the end of the first round of on January 20. the four-day-long protests, the Sangarsh Samiti had given an streamline the approval process, provide greater flexibility for employers to ultimatum to the Jammu and Kashmir government to concede their demands by retain top talent, and strengthen the integrity and December 15, or else they would be left with no other oversight of the programme. option but to relaunch their This move is likely to benefit agitation.

In the absence of any concrete Indians the most. assurance or dialogue between the different stakeholders, the In recent years, Indians have cornered a lion's share of H-1B Sangarsh Samiti decided to visas. The update would also observe a peaceful bandh. A benefit Indian students on F-1 large rally, backed by various organisations, was held by the visas in the US as the new rules seek to help them transition to Samiti from the Shalimar jobs. The rule, announced by the Park to oppose the ropeway Department of Homeland project.

transition from F-1 student Security (DHS), aims to provide greater flexibility to This positive development for employers and workers by highly qualified Indian modernising the definition professionals came late Tuesday in Washington by the and criteria for special positions and nonprofit and Biden governmental research administration transferring organisations that are exempt power. Donald Trump will be from the annual statutory limit the next president of the US on H-1B visas. The changes after a swearing-in ceremony will help US Employers hire as per their business needs and The updated rule, which takes remain competitive in the effect on January 17, 2025, will global marketplace, an official release said.

According to the DHS, the rule also extends certain flexibilities for students on an F-1 visa seeking to change their status to H-1B to avoid disruptions in lawful status and employment authorisation for students holding F-1 visas.

It also will allow US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to process applications more quickly for most individuals who had previously been approved for an H1-B visa. It will also allow

H1-B visa holders with a controlling interest in the petitioning organisation to be eligible for H-1B status subject to reasonable conditions. The latest move by the outgoing Biden administration builds on its previous efforts to ensure that the labour needs of American businesses are met to reduce undue burden on employers while adhering to all US worker protections under the law. "American businesses rely on

the H-1B visa programme for the recruitment of highlyskilled talent, benefiting communities across the country," said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. "These improvements to the

employers with greater flexibility ( employers with greater flexibility to hire global talent, our boost economic competitiveness, and allow highly skilled workers to continue to advance American innovation," he said

senior citizens, post win

### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

In a significant ahead of the upcoming Assembly Aam Aadmi Party polls, (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal has announced the Sanjeevani Scheme which promises free medical treatment in government and private hospitals for all senior citizens aged 60 and above, if his party returns to power in the National Capital. If implemented, the scheme could prove to be a game changer in the competitive political landscape and will arguably be one of its kinds in terms of measures the welfare by The SRs met in accordance announced state governments or the Centre. with the decision taken during The pre-poll announcement the recent meeting between of the new health scheme can Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping be seen as an effort to secure votes and drum up support in Kazan for them to meet at for AAP which is eyeing a an early date to oversee the third consecutive term in management of peace and tranquillity in border areas and power in the capital.

lino resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, data sharing on trans-border rivers and border trade. They agreed on the salience of stable, predictable and amicable Îndia-China relations for regional and global peace and

prosperity. Announcing this, ministry of external affairs (MEA) said in a statement here, the 23rd meeting of the Special Representatives (SRs) of India and China, respectively Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor (NSA) of India, and Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs, was held in Beijing on Wednesday.

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi before their scheduled meeting, in Beijing

to explore a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question. The SRs reiterated the importance of maintaining a political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship while seeking a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable framework for settlement of the boundary question, and resolved to inject more vitality into this process.

This was the first meeting of the SRs since frictions had emerged in the Western Sector of the India-China border areas in 2020. The SRs positively affirmed the implementation of the latest disengagement agreement of October 2024, resulting in patrolling and grazing in relevant areas.

## Had fun but it's time, says R Ashwin, announces surprise international retirement

### PTI BRISBANE

India's premier off-spinner R Ashwin, on Wednesday, stunned the cricketing world by bidding adieu to his international career in the middle of the ongoing Test series against Australia here despite having a "bit of punch left" in him.

The 38-year-old retires from the game as the second highest wicket-taker for India in Tests with 537 scalps in 106 games, placing him only behind the great Anil Kumble (619 wickets) in the overall statistics.

In the limited-overs format. being part of the 2011 World the and 2013 Cup Champions Trophy-winning teams would count among

He will continue to play club cricket, including the IPL, where he will return to compete for Chennai Super Kings next year. 'Today will be the last day for

me as an India cricketer in all formats," Ashwin said at the end of the drawn third Test here in a joint press conference with captain

Rohit Sharma during which he declined to take any questions and left after making the announcement. The series is still alive with Melbourne and Sydney as the two teams are tied 1-1 after logging one win each.

the highlights of his career. emotional conversation with star batter Virat Kohli in the dressing room hours before the announcement, sending social media into a frenzy. Kohli had his arm around the senior bowler's shoulder and

Ashwin was seen wiping his eyes before breaking into a chuckle. Ashwin played the day-night Test in Adelaide and picked up one wicket. He not being a sure starter in the playing eleven over the course of the

three Tests prompted him to think about his future in the two more Tests to go in team and eventually call time on a remarkable career. Ashwin was not just the master of his craft, he was

Ashwin, who would be also considered one of the headed back to India on brightest minds in world Thursday, was seen having an cricket. The Chennai-based



player, who holds an referring to the likes of the engineering degree, usually does well to hide his currently Ajinkya emotions but sitting Cheteshwar Pujara. Ashwin played 116 ODIs for alongside longtime teammate Rohit, Ashwin left the stage India, claiming 156 wickets, for the fear of getting while overawed by the occasion. International outings yielded "I do feel there is a bit of 72 scalps. He expressed his punch left in me as a cricketer but I would like to gratitude towards the BCCI and other senior teammates for his career which began in showcase that in club level cricket. I have had a lot of 2010 in the one-day format fun. I must have created a lot before he made his Test debut of memories alongside Rohit a vear later. "A lot of people to thank but I and several of my other would be failing in my duties teammates," he said. if I did not thank BCCI and

"I have lost some of them over the last few years (in the team). We are the last bunch of OG's left in the dressing room. I would be marking this as my date of having played at this level," he said, around the bat to give me

those wickets I managed to

Big thank you to the Australian cricket team, I have enjoyed playing against them." Ashwin also thanked the media for its support over the years. "It is an emotional moment. Please pardon me for that (not taking questions). Thanks for writing good things about me and some nasty things on occasions," said Ashwin on a lighter note as he left the room to a

standing ovation. His retirement brought back memories of the 2014 series when the then captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni had quit Tests after conceding an unassailable lead to the home side.

get over the years. out-of-favour Rahane

and

T20

his

fellow teammates. I want to

name a few of them. Most importantly Rohit, Virat,

Ajinkya, Pujara who have

taken those hundred catches

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## **Sports have been integrated as a part of the Curriculum**

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

hief Minister Mohan Yadav said that players ✓ have a unique ability to showcase their talent in the best possible way, excelling across various fields. He noted that the art of achieving excellence even in challenging situations can be learned from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Expressing his satisfaction with the current performance of athletes, Yadav remarked that under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Modi, players are achieving remarkable success and now focus directly on winning medals. The Chief Minister made these remarks while addressing the Honour and Promotion Ceremony of Sports Talents at TT Nagar Stadium. During the event, 25.389 crore in incentives were awarded to

1,786 players, and sports kits were distributed to further support and encourage the athletes. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav emphasized on the state government's unwavering support for sportspersons at every stage. He highlighted that sports have been incorporated into the curriculum under the new education policy, ensuring its prominence in academic development. Opportunities for career advancement have also been created for sports teachers, enabling them to receive promotions similar to those of assistant professors and higher positions in the field of higher education. Yadav noted that incentive amounts are being directly transferred to the accounts of players to aid in their training and development. This initiative aims to empower athletes to perform at their best, bringing sport wrestling, in which we have

pride and recognition to both the state and the country. He expressed confidence that the players would continue to work diligently, leveraging their talent and determination to achieve even greater success. Leaders in Hockey: From Scarcity to Abundance and Beyond Yadav said that there has never been any dearth of talent among the players of our country. Even when players lacked resources, talented players like Major Dhyan Chand won gold medals for the country while playing barefoot. Today, our country is emerging as a powerful country under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. The talent of our

players is coming to the fore and we are creating new records and getting medals in various sports. This also includes our native

before the appellate authority

within 30 days from the date of the

order and directed the appellate

authority not to consider the issue

of limitation when adjudicating

the matter

won 4 consecutive gold medals. CM takes selfie with players Yadav, while encouraging the players took a selfie with the players sitting in the audience gallery. Wheelchair cricketer Shailendra Yadav also took a selfie with Chief Minister Yadav. Chief Minister Yadav also got other photographs clicked with the players. Along with this, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Vishwas Sarang also got group photographs clicked. Gold medalists honoured

Gold medalists in state-level competitions were honoured in the programme. These include Himanshu Kushwaha in weightlifting, Yuvraj Rao Dhadge in Malkhamb, Dhruv Dubey in handball, Tilak Lote in softball, Ujjwal Kumar Prasad in judo, Anvi Khanduri in swimming, Shruti Pal in handball, Rahi Pathak in taekwondo,

Shreya Yadav in judo and Khyati Pandey in Pencak Silat was honored.

ockey gift signed by Olympic medal winners

Sports Minister Sarang presented hockey as a souvenir to Chief Minister Yadav. Notably, players of the medal-winning hockey team of Paris Olympics-2024 have put their signatures on the hockey stick.

Vishwas Kailash Sarang said that Chief Minister Yadav has been a player himself; hence he understands the needs of the players. Under his leadership, continuous efforts are being made to promote sports and players. Minister Sarang said that Chief Minister Yadav has given his consent to the proposal to establish a government sports complex in every assembly constituency. This plan will soon be given concrete shape.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadavdistributes cheques to the players during a felicitation ceremony for sportspersons under 'Jan Kalyan Parv' at TT Nagar Stadium in Bhopal on Wednesday. Pioneer photo

### HC orders status quo on Nawab of Bhopal's property IT sleuths raid construction company, associates in three cities

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

earing a writ petition, a single-judge bench of the Single-Judge bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court has ordered a status quo while providing interim relief to the Bhopal royal family, who are directed to pursue the statutory remedy before the appellate authority.

The controversy stems from the Competent Authority of Enemy Property's (CEPI) declaration of the Nawab's properties as enemy property, as the Nawab's eldest daughter, Princess Abida Sultan, moved to Pakistan in 1950.

The petitioners had challenged the CEPI decision, declaring that upon the death of the last Nawab, Hamidullah Khan, his second daughter, Mehr Taj Sajida Sultan Begum, was declared the rightful heir to the property, according to the Bhopal Succession to the Throne Act, 1947. The petitioners contended that

they are the legal heirs of Mehr In light of the statutory remedy Taj Sajida Sultan Begum and challenged the CEPI's order, available to the petitioners, the Court noted that the petitioners alleging that the impugned order are relegated to avail themselves was passed in violation of the of the remedy before the appel-Merger Agreement between the late authority to address their Union of India and the then grievance. ruler, His Highness Late Nawab The Court further noted that the Hamidullah Khan Bahadur. issue of limitation in filing a rep-The petitioners also relied on a resentation before the appellate Gazette notification and a authority might arise due to the

Government of India certificate time elapsed since the declaration under Article 366(22) of the of enemy property. Therefore, the Court directed that Constitution and asserted their the status quo regarding the proprights over the property. The State stated that in 2017, the erty should be maintained until the next date of hearing, meaning Enemy Property Act was repealed retrospectively, and an that no changes or actions should appellate authority was constibe taken with respect to the property until further orders. tuted to adjudicate disputes relat-The Court also directed the petied to enemy property. The State further put forth that tioners to file a representation

the statutory provisions of the Enemy Property Act, particularly Section 18 and Section 22-A, deal with the transfer of vested enemy properties and the validation of acts done under the Act.

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Income Tax ⊣he Department conducted I raids at the premises of Rajesh Sharma, owner of Trishul Construction Company, a real estate businessman in Bhopal. Action is also being taken at the places of people associated with ĥim.

According to Income Tax Department officials, a simultaneous raid was conducted at 6.45 am on Wednesday.

The investigation team has so far received information about 10 lockers of Rajesh Sharma. Apart from this, a huge amount of jewellery has been found and valuation is yet to be done.

The team has raided 52 locations in Bhopal, Gwalior and Indore. Out of these, 49 locations are in Bhopal, 2 in Indore and 1 in Gwalior. The Income Tax Department

team has seized Rs 3 crore in cash in the investigation so far. In this, Rs 1.2 crore has been seized from another builder. Apart from this, a large number of documents, mobiles, computer hard disk data have been found in the raids conducted at all the builders, which have been seized.

Apart from Bhopal, raids were also conducted in Indore and Gwalior. Investigation is going on at different locations in Neelbad, MP Nagar, Kasturba Nagar, Hoshangabad Road, 10 Number Market, Mendori, Mendora, RPM Town in Bhopal. In Indore, raids were conducted at Aditya Garg's place of Trishul Construction. In Gwalior, raids were conducted at Ramveer Sikarwar's place. Raids were conducted on real estate businessmen Quality Group, Ishan Group and Rajesh Sharma's Trishul Construction

Group in Bhopal. At the same time, raids were conducted at Ramveer Sikarwar's place in Gwalior. ED has also raided Ramveer's place a few months ago. Ramveer works in buying and selling property. Documents of buying 5 acres of land have also been found from him.

The Income Tax Department suspects huge tax evasion According to Income Tax Department officials, all the builders who were raided after irregularities are involved in land purchase and sale and invest in the hotel sector. During the investigation, 10 documents related to the cash deposited in the case of land sale have also been seized. There is a possibility of tax evasion of crores of rupees coming to light in this investigation. The picture will be clear in the next two days.

The company had also got the

contract of CM Rise School Rajesh Sharma, who is involved in mining and construction business, and is considered close to a former Chief Secretary. Rajesh Sharma, along with being the owner of Trishul Construction Company, also leads the crusher operators' association in Bhopal. He has also been doing the work of mine contracts and crusher operations in the capital and surrounding areas.

Rajesh Sharma is friends with many leaders of the ruling party. Due to this, he has also got the work of construction of CM Rise schools. CM Rise School of Raisen is being built by his company. Sharma is said to be close to Rampal Singh, former min-ister in the BJP government. IT raids are also reported at Deepak Bhavsar, Vinod Agarwal, Rupam Shivani's places in Bhopal. All of them do

rupees in Benami property. Don't know why he was being protected. Today IT has raided and if the investigation is done without pressure, a big scam will come to the fore. These builders have the protection of politicians, I know their names too. The green belts have been reduced where these builders have land.

property dealing. On the Income Tax

Department's raid on real estate

businessmen, Deputy Leader of Opposition in Madhya

Pradesh Assembly Hemant

Katare said, 'I put this matter on

the table of the House. Told the

Speaker that I was requesting you for 9 months, repeatedly

saying that there is corruption

here. The retired former Chief

Secretary did corruption on a

large scale. Earned billions of

St Joseph's Convent Idgah Hills organises Kaleidoscope

### STAFF REPORTER **B**HOPAL

t Joseph's Convent School, Idgah Hills, on Wednesday Dhosted Kaleidoscope, an event reflecting the various facets of students that make them unique despite the uniformity in the world around them. The event celebrated diversity,

creativity, and imagination, and displayed traditions and culture. It also promoted art and creativity while integrating science and tradition. The programme enabled students to develop life skills and present ideas that could benefit society.

Students from classes 4 to 12 participated in various competisuch as Rangoli making

fresh flower decoration, dry

flower decoration, no-cook

recipes, hairstyling, mehndi, best

out of waste, and pot decoration.

Additionally, students created

and displayed working models on

various topics. A unique initiative

involved the mothers of stu-

dents in a special Mother and



aging parental involvement and strengthening the mother-daughter bond.

The chief guest for the occasion was Shilpa Gupta, Commissioner of Public Education, Bhopal, and the guest of honour was Vikas Kumar Agarwal, Regional SF Bhona Officer, Upon

The pipeline served the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the hospital where 20 infants were undergoing treatment at the time

and the school choir performed the welcome song. In her speech, the chief guest of the incident. On hearing of the theft, hospital spoke of the importance of hard

work and goal setting. authorities swung into action and Agarwal particularly praised the restored the supply of oxygen to Mother-Daughter competition the babies.

SAAHA FASHIONNET, FIRE The maps have been changed wrongly, I have proof of this too. Oxygen pipeline of

capital 02

### newborns stolen at Rajgarh hospital

### **STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

ndangering the lives of at least a dozen newborns, Lithieves cut and stole the oxygen supply pipeline at the Rajgarh District Hospital late on Tuesday night.



Congress SC ST cell workers stage a protest against the Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks on BR Ambedkar, at PCC headquarters in Bhopal on Wednesday.

### Seven children fall sick after eating mid-day meal

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

**¬**even children in the Sage group of 3-5 years reported illness after eating a mid-day meal in Berasia, on Wednesday afternoon, 6 children were admitted to Berasia and 1 to Hamidia. Incident occured in Izgiri village. A total of 64 children who ate mid-day meal in the village's Anganwadi have been examined.

The sick children had eaten dal-roti and lapsi in the mid-day meal, whereas, the children of the nearby secondary school had eaten dal-roti. Shortly after eating the

food, the health of the children of the Anganwadi center started deteriorating.

Berasia SDM Ashutosh Sharma reached the spot and got the children examined. The condition of 7 children was not good. They were sent to the Community Health Center of Berasia. From where one child was brought to Hamidia hospital in state capital. Collector Kaushlendra

Vikram Singh said that all the children have been

### **Berasia SDM Ashutosh Sharma** reached the spot and got the children examined. The condition of 7 children was not good. They were sent to the Community **Health Center of Berasia**

tion of all the children is fine.

been admitted to the hospital. Balaji Self Help Group, which provides mid-day meals in Anganwadi, has been removed as a service provider.

report comes.

Naira (3), Vaishali (4), Virat (5), Pari (5), Prince admitted to Hamidia Hospital.

the responsibility of midday meals in the Anganwadi of Izgiri village. On Wednesday afternoon at 3.30, the children start-

As a precaution, they have

Tehsildar Karuna Dandotiya said that samples have been sent for testing. The situation will be clear only after the test

The health of Kirtika (4), these, Prince has been checked.

Balaji Self Help Group has

examined by setting up a ed complaining of vomit-health camp. The condi-ing and diarrhea. The same group had also provided mid-day meals in the government secondary school Izgiri. Therefore, a camp of doctors from Berasia was set up in the school premises.

However, no child here was found to be facing any problem.

Congress leader Avinash Bhargava said that the matter should be investigated. If anyone is found guilty, strict action should be taken.

SDM Ashutosh Sharma and other officials reached the village and got the (4), Rishabh (4). Out of health of the children

After the health check-up of the children, the administration sent the tiffin of nutritious food distributed in the Anganwadi to Berasia. The tiffin is being checked after discussing with the food safety staff.

### State gets gifts of river linking projects on PM Modi's initiative

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

hief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that the ✓MoA for the Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal river linking campaign was signed on the initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and it is under his leadership that the Ken-Betwa link project is being inaugurated on 25th December. Madhya Pradesh will benefit from both projects. Prime Minister Modi is coming to Khajuraho on 25th December. The Chief Minister has appealed that more and more citizens of the areas benefiting from the projects should reach Khajuraho and express their gratitude to Prime Minister Modi. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav reviewed the progress of public welfare camps run in Sagar, Ujjain, and Gwalior-Chambal divisions at Samatva Bhawan (Chief Minister's residence). Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said

that these projects could be implemented only due to the efforts of Prime Minister Modi. This will ensure the availability of adequate drinking water along with the expansion of irrigation facilities in the Malwa and Bundelkhand

regions. The Chief Minister directed that painting and debate competitions should be organized in schools on the usage of water. Prime Minister Modi should make people aware of water conservation by connecting all the gram pan-chayats of the state with the Bhoomi Pujan programme of the Ken-Betwa Link Project. MLAs of the assemblies benefiting from these projects should inform the local citizens about the benefits of the implementation of the projects and motivate them to use water

economically. Yadav said that both the projects are inter-state. Proposals should be made to link the rivers of the state on the basis of utility. Action plans should also be made at the district

Yaday said that a Jankalyan Abhiyan is being run in the state to take the benefits of public welfare schemes to every household. Public representatives and officers should ensure that public welfare works do not remain pending at any level. Teams formed in the campaign conducted door-todoor surveys and collected

their arrival, NCC cadets escorted them to the stage, where they were welcomed with a salute from the school band, followed by a performance.

The chief guest, guest of honour, and all judges were presented with symbolic plants representing continuity and progress. The Vice-Headmistress, Vania Alam,

of schools in fostering holistic child development.

The event was formally inaugurated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and the chief guest and guest of honour released colourful balloons as symbols of rising aspirations. Prizes for the class 4 and 5 competitions were distributed by the guests.

attendants heard wails of the little babies who were crying due to discomfort caused by the breach

in oxygen supply. Hospital workers immediately restored supply through the jumbo cylinders stored at the hospital. Incidentally this is the second theft of oxygen pipelines at the hospital in the last 20 days.

Madhya Pradesh Finance

Minister and Deputy Chief

Minister Jagdish Dewda to

continue his statements on

the supplementary budget.

Following that, the supple-

mentary budget was passed in the house. Later, the

Speaker adjourned the



Leader of the gas organisations Rachna Dhingra talking to media persons regarding disposal of the Union Carbide's toxic waste in treatment storage disposal facility in Pithampur, in Bhopal on Wednesday. Pioneer photo

### Rs 22224 crore suplementary budget passed

mid ruckus by oppo-A sition Congress and discussions for four hours, the first supplementary budget of Madhya Pradesh BJP government worth Rs 22224 crore was passed in the State Assembly here on Wednesday

During the discussions on the budget on the third

ongoing five-day winter ses-However, Speaker Narendra sion of the State Assembly Singh Tomar allowed till 11 am on Thursday.

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level to avail the benefits of both projects. STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

evening.

day of the ongoing winter session, Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar alleged that he was not given adequate time to speak. Following that, the Congress MLAs raised slogans.



## **River confluence to enhance land fertility in MP and Rajasthan**

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav said that water has always been a source of vitality and rejuvenation. He emphasized that the confluence of rivers not only enriches the land but also breathes new life into civilizations.

Describing the signing of the MoA and the foundation laying ceremony of the Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal (PKC) project as a historic and remarkable milestone, Yadav expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ending the 20-yearlong wait of both states.

He likened the Prime Minister to the modern-day Bhagiratha for his visionary leadership. During his address, Prime Minister

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Modi affectionately referred to Chief Minister Mohan Yadav as 'Ladla,' highlighting the bond between the leaders. Prime Minister Modi said that the Parvati-Kalisindhchambal river linking project will provide water for both irrigation and drinking purpose to Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Prime Minister Modi said that the PKC project will keep the rivers of both the states eternally green and the land associated with these rivers will become cultivable. The PKC project will

provide 3,000 MCM (million

cubic meters) of water to Madhva Pradesh and 4,103 MCM (million cubic meters) to Rajasthan. The foundation stone of the first phase of the scheme was laid along with the MOA for the project on 17 December 2024 by officials of the Central Government and both state governments in the presence of Prime Minister Modi, Chief Minister Dr. Yadav, Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhajanlal Sharma, and Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil. The project is targeted to be implemented in the next 8 years. Districts of Madhya Pradesh

to get benefits The PKC project will benefit

3217 villages from 22 projects in Guna, Morena, Shivpuri, In Guna, Morena, Shivpuri, Bhind, Sheopur, Ujjain, Sehore, Mandsaur, Indore, Dewas, Agar Malwa, Shajapur and Rajgarh dis-tricts of the state. Under the project, 21 water structures including 17 dams and 4 barrages will be constructed. 6.13 lakh hectares of land in Malwa and Chambal region will become green. Also, drinking water will be avail-able to more than 40 lakh population.

Old Chambal right main canal and distribution system to be renovated

In the PKC project, the irrigation and drinking water.

approximately 60-year-old Chambal right main canal and distribution system will also be renovated and modernized. With this, water will be provided to farmers for irrigation in 3 lakh 62 thousand hectare area of??Bhind, Morena, and Sheopur of Madhya Pradesh.

Gift of Ken-Betwa project on 25th December

Chief Minister Yadav said that on December 25, 2024, Prime Minister Modi will gift the Ken-Betwa river linkgin the Ken-Betwa river link-ing project to Madhya Pradesh. Prime Minister Modi will lay the foundation of the first phase of the scheme in Khajuraho (Chhatarpur). With this, the people of the Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh will get



Speaker of the Madhya Pradesh State Assembly Narendra Singh Tomar meets students of Shri Ramakrishna College of Law, Satna during the ongoing winter session of the state assembly in Bhopal on Wednesday. Pioneer photo



## Termination of outsourced employees likely

the salaries and topping it up with a bonus ahead of Diwali.

Confidence-building mea-sures, however, proved fragile

in December when employees

blamed the hospital adminis-

tration for reneging on its promises and stopped work on

two occasions in consecutive

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aught between tightening purse strings on one hand and growing employee anger on the other, Hamidia Hospital may soon witness the termination of a large number of outsourced employees.

The move, which the hospital management attributes to overstaffing during the COVID pandemic, follows protests by employees who have been seeking wages that the hospi-tal has owed them for months. Gandhi Medical College (GMC) Dean Dr Kavita N Singh says the hospital is yet to enumerate employees receiving

Speaking a day after the second the dreaded pink slips. She of these strikes, the hospital admits that the tertiary facili

### of their salaries

wages.

weeks.

details of the workings at the At that point, the hospital and government-run facility. the contractor — responsible Unlike other large medical for sourcing workers for the hospital — blamed each other facilities in the state capital — AIIMS and the BMHRC — the for the delay in the payment of hospital almost never addresses the media, which may be A truce was reached after the construed as an effort to keep hospital management placated its workings outside the pubemployees by releasing part of lic domain.

Even if the striking employees have managed to swing public sentiment in their favour for now, patients and caregivers visiting the facility say they indulge in corrupt practices by charging tips for performing the smallest of tasks — which incidentally are paid for by the hospital and constitute a part of their duties.

With the termination of these workers making mo

### Free health checkup on Dec 20 by Chirayu and Sewa Sadan Hospital

### **STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

n the eve of the 19th death anniversary of Paramhansa Śant Hirdaram Sahib Ji, a 'free health checkup and consul-tation camp' will be organized for poor patients on Friday, December 20th, 2024. This camp will be jointly organized by Chirayu Hospital and Medical College and Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, in the Nav Yuvak Sabha School premises from 8 am to 4 pm. Camp coordinator Dr. Suresh Bhambhani informed that patients of heart disease, nose, ear, throat, gynecological disorders, birth of child through test tube method, pediatrics, cancer, skin, mental, kidney, urinary disorder, dental and

eye diseases, bone disease, diabetes and blood pressure etc. can contact the specialist doctors in the camp and get their diseases diagnosed and seek consultation. Chiravu Hospital and Medical

College has also informed that sonography, ECG, dia-betes, blood pressure, eye and dental tests of poor patients will be done free of cost. Managing Trustee of Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Mr. A.C. Sadhwani has expected that on the death anniversary of Paramhans Sant Hirdaram Sahib, poor patients should attend the camp in large numbers and get the benefit of complete free health checkup and consultation of their old diseases

police.

In the case when the victim refused

to convert to Islam, the accused

broke off the relationship with her. After which on Wednesday she

reached Kolar police station with

the workers of 'Sanskriti Bachao'

Manch. Police have registered an

The victim is about 25 years old

and works with a private firm.

Four years ago, she started getting

calls from unknown numbers.

The caller introduced himself as

Rahul. Later he started sending

WhatsApp messages. He con-

vinced the girl for friendship.

After some time, both of them met.

After this, the accused and the vic-

tim kept talking on the phone and

later they developed a relationship.

The real name of the accused who

INAMIE CHANGE I, ABDUL KADEER RAMPURA WALA holder of Indian Passport No:P0362332 issued at DUBAI on 15/05/2016 and Permanent Resident of 3/1228 GOLMANDI BAKHAL ORAPURA KHUZEMA MANZIL QAMRI MARG UJJAIN M P and presently residing at 41 UI07

M P and presently residing at AL QUOZ INDS AREA 2 DUBAI UAE do hereby change the name of my minor child BATUL

holding Indian Passport No: U0607054 issued at DUBAI on 16/03/2020 from

BATUL to BATUL (Given name) RAMPURA

FIR on the girl's complaint.

Police rescue 13-year-old abducted boy

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aisen police have rescued a 13-year-old boy and arrest-ed three accused involved in kidnapping the victim from Bareilly village; accused demanded extortion of Rs 10 lakh and threatened to kill the victim boy. The incident took place on the night of December 16 at around 9 pm, when the minor boy was kidnapped by unknown miscreants while returning from tuition in Bareilly. The miscreants called the victim's father and demanded a ransom of Rs 10 lakh and threatened to kill him.

As soon as the information of the incident was received by police senior officials took prompt action and started investigation by forming three sp

### family of the kidnapped minor and asked them to talk to the kidnappers. The kidnappers threatened the minor's father to bring Rs. 10 lakh near Baktara Bridge outside Bari town.

The police team made a plan and sent the father of the kidnapped minor with a bag to the place told by the accused, promising to give Rs. 5 lakh from the ransom amount. As soon as the miscreant reached to take the bag at 4:30 in the morning, the police nabbed the accused.

On interrogating the miscreant, he told that his other companions were hiding in an Alto car at some distance who were caught by the police team. In the action air pistol, sticks, car vehicle and motorcycle have been recovered from the accused.

WALA (Surname) with immediate effect. gating ınterr

Muslim youth booked on love jihad charges **Bhopal:** Kolar police have booked introduced himself as Rahul is a Mûslim youtĥ who met a girl by Sahil Khan. He is a resident of introducing himself as a Hindu Jahangirabad and called the girl to and made a relationship with her meet him where he had sex with by promising marriage, girl alleged her and lured her into marriage. that recently the accused pressured The victim was confident that the her to convert to Islam in the name accused would marry her, so she of marriage. SHO of Kolar police Sanjay Singh

did not protest. When the victim came to know the Soni said that the accused has been truth about the accused, she booked under Madhya Pradesh protested. Then the accused Freedom of Religion Act, 2021, assured that he would change his Prevention of SC-ST Act and religion to marry her. Later, the threatening the victim. The incirelationship between the two prodent took place in Jehangirabad area due to which the case would gressed. When the girl put pressure for marriage, the accused recently put a condition that he would be transferred to Jahangirabad

have to convert to Islam to marry her, the victim flatly refused to do

capital 03

The accused youth argued with the girl over a call two months ago. After this, he refused to marry her. Later, he switched off his mobile number. Somehow, the victim found out the address of the accused's house. When she went to talk to his family, they told her that they have broken all ties with Sahil Khan and will not have any relation with him in future. When the victim tried to talk to Sahil Khan, she found out that the accused is working in Delhi.



Retail Portfolio Management at HDFC Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, I-Think Techno Campus, Kanjurmarg (East), Mumbai - 400042.

### SALE INTIMATION AND NOTICE FOR SALE OF SECURITIES PLEDGED TO HDFC BANK LTD.

The below mentioned Borrowers of HDFC Bank Ltd. (the "Bank") are hereby notified regarding the sale of securities pledged to the Bank, for availing credit facilities in the nature of Loans/Overdraft Against Securities.

Due to persistent default by the Borrowers in making repayment of the outstanding dues as per agreed loans / facilities terms, the below loan accounts are classified as NPA (Non-Performing Asset). The Bank has issued loan recall notice to these Borrowers including the final sale notice on the below-mentioned date whereby. Bank had invoked the pledge and provided 7 days' time to the Borrower to repay the entire outstanding dues in the below accounts, failing which, Bank would be at liberty to sell the pledged securities without issuing further notice in this regard.

The Borrowers have neglected and failed to make due repayments, therefore, Bank in exercise of its rights under the loan agreement as a pledgee has decided to sell / dispose off the Securities on or after 26th December 2024 for recovering the dues owed by the Borrowers to the Bank. The Borrowers are hereby notified to treat this as a notice of sale in compliance of section 176 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872. The Borrowers are, also, notified that, if at any time, the value of the pledged securities falls further due to volatility in the stock market to create further deficiency in the margin requirement then Bank shall at its discretion sell the pledged security within one (1) calendar day, without any further notice in this regard. The Borrower(s) shall remain liable to the Bank for repayment of any remaining outstanding amount, post adjustment of the proceeds from sale of

Sr. No.	ged securitie Loan Account Number	Borrower's Name	Outstanding Amount as on 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 (In Indian Rupees)	Date of Sale Notice			
1	XXXX4012	MANISH KUMAR SAHU	5,014.34	18-Dec-24			
2	XXXX0660	HANSA DEVI	9,67,906.32 18-Dec				
3	XXXX5164	SANJAY VERMA	44,536.38	18-Dec-24			
	e : 19.12.2024 e : MADHYA		HDFC	Sd/ BANK LTD			

ty can no longer bear the financial burden that has eaten into funds earmarked for student facilities.

The salary issue first erupted in October when hundreds of striking employees stopped work and staged a sit-in to demand the immediate release

administration finally cards on the table, claiming that the delays in wages were caused by overstaffing during the pandemic, which led to the salary complications. Little is known about opera-

tions at the hospital, as mediashy administrators and even staff often refuse to divulge responsible for.

and strikes inevitable, there seems to be no reprieve for patients who had hoped that an ongoing facelift of the hospital would not just be limited to infrastructure, but also extend to the critical health services that the hospital is

teams and a reward of Rs 60000 was declared for providing the details of the kidnappers.

The police team interrogated the local people at the scene, collected digital evidence and studied the language and dialect of the miscreants during the ransom. The police consoled the

boy, he told that he was kidnapped from outside the coaching building using a pistol-like weapon and making him sit in an Alto car. After taking his father's phone number, the kidnappers threatened to kill him and demanded Rs 10 lakh from his father.

### AIIMS Bhopal organises health camp at Chiklod

Bhopal: A joint awareness cam paign on yoga, health, and materiovigilance was held at the Primary Health Center and Anganwadi Center in Chikloo Kala village on Wednesday. The event was organized in collaboration with the Departments of AYUSH, Pharmacology, and Community & Family Medicine of AIIMS Bhopal. The campaign featured two main health pro grams: a yoga and health camp by the AYUSH Department and an awareness drive on materi ovigilance by the Pharmacology Department.

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### E undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reco

Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-section (2) of Section 13 read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice

The bo ring failed to repay the amount. Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the under owers hav taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said rules.

S No.	Name & Address of Borrower & Guarantor	Amount due to the bank as per notice	Details of Immovable Property of which possession taken by the bank	Demand Notice Date Possession Date					
1.	Branch - Shahdol Borrower - 1 M/s Jahnavi	Rs.3599505/- (Ledger balance	1) Equitable Mortgage of all those pieces and parcel of land & property with construction & Fixtures there being and	03/10/2024					
	Borrower - 1.M/s Jahnavi Buildcon Prop-Mr.Shiva Pandey Guarantor - Shri Prakash Narayan Pandey	Rs.3492769/- +Unapplied interest	lying at-MIG 607, New Housing Board Colony, By Pass Road, Taluka Sohagur, Dist Shahdol, Area admeasuring 38.50 Sq. Mtr. <b>Owner-Shri Shiva Pandey</b> 2) Equitable Mortgage of all those pieces and parcel of land & property with construction & Fixtures there being and	17/12/2024 Symbolic					
		,	3) Hypothecation of Contractor business machinery, equipment's, stock, debtors etc. CERSAI ID: 200014992840, 200014992530						
pro	The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank Of Maharashtra for an amount hereinabove mentioned. The details of the properties nortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as above. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. CHIEF MANAGER & AUTHORIZED OFFICER								

Place: Jabalpur, Date: 19/12/2024

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA

### Indian Bank ALLAHABAD इलाहाबाद DEMAND NOTICE Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets

and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

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

Khan s/o Mr Zardar Khan (Borrower) [deceased represented by legal heirs viz (1) Kasida Bano(Home loan) Rs 3.00 lakh (Home loan plus)(as on 04/11/2024) + interest & other Chargesno.9 Area 225 Sq ft Total Area 3600Sq ft which is part of Diverter khasra no.77/2 ,situated at Mouza Khojanpur PH.No 16B No.Wan no 32 Hoshangabad ,tehsil & Dist Hoshangabad M.P along with a its future construction thereon, standing in the name of Shri Mustak Khan (Co-Borrower)Address: Ward no 7, Balaganj, Saiyayad Marg Near School, Hoshangbad, M.P 461001 3 To all known and unknown legal heirs. Address: Ward no 7, Balaganj, Saiyayad Marg(Home loan plus)(as on 04/11/2024) + interest & other Charges 08/10/2024no.9 Area 225 Sq ft Total Area 3600Sq ft which is part of Diverter khasra no.77/2 ,situated at Mouza Khojanpur PH.No 16B No.Wan no 32 Hoshangabad ,tehsil & Dist Hoshangabad M.P along with a its future construction thereon, standing in the name of Shri Mustak Khan Boundaries: North- Remaining of plot no 99, West -SPM Railwa line, East- Colony Road, South- Others open plotAddress: Ward no 7, Balaganj, Saiyayad MargAddress: Ward no 7, Balaganj, Saiyayad MargHoshangbad, M.P. 461001 3 To all known and unknown legal heirs. Address: Ward no 7, Balaganj, Saiyayad MargHoshangbad, Marg	SI. No	Name & Address of Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) & Branch Name	Loan Amount	Outstanding Amount As per Demand Notice NPA Date	Demand Notice Date	Details of Mortgaged Properties
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60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. Your attention is invited to the provision of section 13(8) of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. This Notice is without prejudice to any other right remedy available to the Bank.

Date - 19-12-2024

## Dhar police crack down on drug smuggling, contraband worth Rs 5 cr seized

Dhar: Under the guidance of Dhar Superintendent of Police Manoj Kumar Singh, Dhar Police took strict action against illegal drug smugglers under the Nasha Mukti Abhiyan and succeeded in seizing a total of 6,879 kg of illegal drugs worth about Rs 05 crore by taking action against 165 accused in 144 cases in the year 2023 and 2024.

As per the wishes of Honorable Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Government Dr. Mohan Yadav, Superintendent of Police Dhar Manoj Kumar Singh (IPS) after his posting in District Dhar, especially launched a drug de-addiction campaign in the district to catch drug dealers and smugglers involved in the drug trade on the basis of top priority and to effectively control them.



Under which, Khatla meetings against illegal drug smugglers. were organized at various places Under the leadership of in tribal dominated areas and Superintendent of Police Dhar the youth were counseled about Manoj Kumar Singh (IPS), de-addiction. Along with this, Dhar Police has broken the all the station in-charges of the back of illegal drug smugglers district were ordered to arrest by seizing illegal drugs worth the gangs involved in the purcrores of rupees in the last 02 chase / sale, transportation of years (2023-2024) by taking illegal drugs. On which effective effective action against illegal action was taken by Dhar Police drug smugglers. Due to which

the rate of serious crimes committed by the youth under the influence of drugs has come down significantly.

Under the leadership of Dhar SP Dhar Police took one big action after another against illegal drugs in the year 2023 and 2024, and illegal drugs worth about Rs 05 crore were seized from the possession of 165 accused in 144 NDPS cases in the district. Dhar Police has achieved significant success in registering a total of 19 cases of ganja cultivation in the year 2024 itself and taking action against 19 accused and seizing a total of 3753 green ganja plants from their possession. Along with this, the continuous action of Dhar Police against those cultivating illegal narcotic substance (ganja) is also going on

## Expired edibles point at possible nexus in Bhopal

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

The recent haul of 400 kg of expired edibles at a weekly flea market in the state capital blows the lid off a possible nexus between large retailers and vendors who sell these hazardous packaged foods at haats and bazaars, posing health risks to gullible buyers

Speaking to The Pioneer, Food Safety official Devendra Dubey said, "This is the first time that such a large cache of expired edibles has been found at a city market." He was responding to queries regarding the source of these items.

The confiscated goods will now be destroyed, said Dubey, while speculating on the possible source of these materials. The edibles included chocolates, cornflakes, aerated drinks, salt, biscuits, potato wafers, dals, spices, and namkeen. "It is possible that the vendor procured these goods from defunct stores that had failed to sell them before the expiry date printed on the packaging," said Dubey.

While agreeing that the discovery and subsequent confiscation of the goods is worrying, he said that the Food Safety Administration will soon issue letters to large retailers ascer-

taining the process they follow to discard outdated edibles. Those in the know say that the discarding of such goods can easily be ascertained through the waste collection mechanism at the Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC), as the civic body requires all such waste to be segregated at source and penalises those failing to conform with the guidelines.

They say that the city markets are swarming with expired packaged goods that include edibles, toiletries, and cosmet-Retailers, however, maintain

that they have law-abiding

mechanisms for the disposal of expired edibles. They say that they unpack the goods and crush them before they are discarded.

Meanwhile, the railway authorities on Wednesday conducted checks at food stalls at the Bhopal Junction railway station and confiscated stale edibles like poha, samosas, etc.

Notably, district food officials had confiscated nearly 400 kg of packaged edible items after an alert caller informed them of the hazardous goods being sold at a makeshift weekly market in the Bhopal Talkies area of the state capital on Sunday



### BJP, Congress name nominees for simultaneous poll panel

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The BJP is considering the names of its seasoned MPs Ravi Shankar Prasad and Nishikant Dubey as nominees for the parliamentary panel that will scrutinise simultaneous poll bills, while Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Manish Tewari are set to be among the Congress

representatives, sources said. Sukhdeo Bhagat and Randeep Surjewala are the Congress' other choices for the joint committee of Parliament. Kalyan Banerjee and Saket

Gokhale of the Trinamool Congress, Shrikant Shinde of the Shiv Sena, Sanjay Jha of the JD(U), and T M Selvaganapathi and P Wilson of the DMK are expected to be part of the panel which may have 31 members -- 21 from the Lok Sabha and 10

from the Rajya Sabha. Sources said Anurag Thakur and P P Chaudhary are also being considered as the probable BJP choices for the panel in which the saffron party and its allies will be in a majority due

to their numerical superiority in Parliament.

The two 'One Nation One Election' (ONOE) bills, including one requiring an amend-ment in the Constitution, that lay down the mechanism to hold simultaneous elections were introduced in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday after a fiery

debate. Opposition parties dubbed the draft laws -- a Constitution amendment bill and an ordinary bill -- as an attack on the federal structure, a charge rejected by the government.

Speaking to reporters on the Parliament premises, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi had termed the bills "anti-constitutional". "It is against the federalism of

our nation. We are opposing the bill," she had said. The BJP and its allies such as the

TDP, JD(U) and Shiv Sena have stoutly defended the bills, saying frequent elections are an obstruction to development programmes and simultaneous polls will boost them by cutting down on election expenditure.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar and farmers during a meeting in Delhi

## **Sharad Pawar meets PM Modi**

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NCP-SP chief Sharad Pawar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, weeks after the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) was trounced in the assembly elections in Maharashtra by the BJP-led Mahayuti

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First Ganges river dolphin tagged in Assam



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¬anges River Dolphin, a Gnational aquatic animal has been tagged for the first time in Assam, marking a historic achievement for wildlife conservation of the freshwater species in the state.

The tagging was part of a collaborative project between the Ministry Union of Environment and the National CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority), with support from the Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

The project was executed in partnership with the Assam Forest Department and

Indian subcontinent, has seen its population decline significantly in recent years.

These tagging efforts have PIONEER NEWS SERVICE proven crucial in understand-NEW DELHI ing the movement, behavior, A parliamentary panel has taken exception to the and habitat preferences of these vulnerable species, aiding in their protection and manage-Government's failure to allocate ment."This data will be crucial funds under the Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) scheme dur-

for analysing the movement patterns of dolphins in response to changes in water flow within this carefully reging 2022-23 in states like Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand ulated river system. It will also offer insights into their habitat selection and behavioral prefwhich have significant tribal erences which is crucial for its The parliamentary panel report on Social Justice and conservation in the face of mounting environmental pressures," explained Syed Ainul Empowerment for demand for Hussain, a WII scientist and an grants by the Ministry of Tribal expert in aquatic wildlife. Affairs in its report tabled in Lok

Pawar met the prime minister in his office in Parliament House along with two farmers from Phaltan in western Maharashtra and presented him with a box of pomegranates from their farm.

Pawar had recently written to the prime minister, inviting him to inaugurate the 98th Marathi Sahitya Sammelan scheduled to be held at Talkatora Stadium in the national capital in February. "I did not broach the topic of Sahitya Sammelan," Pawar said after the meeting with the prime minister.

În a social media post, the Prime Minister's Office said Sharad Pawar, along with a group of farmers, met the

Prime Minister on Wednesday. It also posted pictures of the NCP-SP chief presenting pomegranates to PM Modi. In the Maharashtra assembly elections last month, the Congress-NCP(SP)-Shiv Sena(UBT) alliance -- MVA -- faced a humiliating defeat at the hands of BJP-Shiv Sena-NCP's Mahatuti alliance

## Mamata demands Shah's resignation for Ambedkar jibe

he said.

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### SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, launched a scathing attack on launched a scathing attack on Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday, accusing him of making derogatory remarks against Dr BR Ambedkar inside Parliament. Banerjee demanded an apology from Shah and called for his res-ignation. In a rare show of colignation. In a rare show of sol-idarity with the Congress party, Banerjee condemned Shah's comments, asserting that the BJP leader had exposed the party's true nature.

The mask has fallen! As Parliament reflects on 75 glorious years of the Constitution, Home Minister Amit Shah chose to tarnish this occasion with derogatory remarks against Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, that too inside the temple of democracy," Banerjee wrote on X, adding that Shah should apologise to the nation for his comments."Amit Shah's remarks are an insult to the millions who look up to Babasaheb for guidance and inspiration. But what else can you expect from a party that has internalised hate and bigotry?" Banerjee continued, reminding that Ambedkar is the "Father of the

Constitution." She further pointed out that Shah's alleged remark was not just an attack on Ambedkar, but on all members of the Constitution Drafting Constitution Drafting Committee, which represented India's unity in diversity. Banerjee's attack on Shah came hours after her nephew and

TMC General Śecretary, Abhishek Banerjee, slammed the BJP for what he called a "shameless attempt to destroy" India's federal and democratic Constitution by pushing the controversial One-Nation-One-Election bill. Abhishek Banerjee criticised Shah's remarks, calling them a "display of BJP's casteist and anti-Dalit mindset." He warned that if the BJP had achieved their goal of 400 seats, they would have rewritten his-tory to erase Dr Ambedkar's

ology of Manusmriti and the RSS makes it clear that he does not respect Ambedkar or the Constitution. We condemn this and demand his resignation. All parties should demand his resgnation. He should apologise to the country. If he keeps talking like this, the entire country will rise up because people will not tolerate Ambedkar's insult," Banerjee stated.

contributions. "If this is how they behave after being reduced

to 240 seats, imagine the dam-

age they would have inflicted,"

Mamata Banerjee also demand-

ed Shah's resignation, accusing him of disrespecting Ambedkar and the Constitution. "He has insulted Babasaheb Ambedkar

and the Constitution. His ide-

Shah's controversial remark came during a discussion in the Rajya Sabha, where he criticised Congress' alleged Dalit politics, suggesting that if Congress had invoked the name of God as often as they invoked Ambedkar, they would have attained heaven. "It has become a fashion—Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar," Shah had remarked, adding that if they had taken the name of God as often, they would have earned

"seven lifetimes of heaven." seven inferimes of neaven. Parallely, Abhishek Banerjee condemned the BJP's attempt to impose the One-Nation-One-Election formula, accusing the party of attacking the federal structure of the Constitution. He called the bill an "unashamed called the bill an "unashamed attack on democracy," asserting that it seeks to rob the people of their fundamental right to vote regularly. "The right to vote regularly holds governments accountable and prevents unchecked power," he wrote.Abhishek vowed that West Bengal would fiercely oppose the bill, stating, "This is not just a bill; it is a direct assault on the very foundation of our democracy, built through the sacrifices of our founding fathers. Bengal will not sit silently. We will fight tooth and nail to protect the soul of India and crush this antidemocratic agenda.

## Panel meets to select next NHRC chairperson

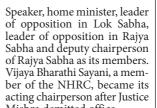
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Acommittee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi met here on Wednesday to select the next chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), sources said.

They also said Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party leader Rahul Gandhi attended the meeting as leaders of the opposition in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha respec-

The post of NHRC chairperson has been vacant since Justice (retd) Arun Kumar Mishra completed his tenure on June

A former judge of the Supreme Court, Justice Mishra served as the eighth chairperson of the rights panel and was appointed to its top post in June 2021. According to the law governing NHRC, while the committee which selects the NHRC chief is headed by the prime minis-ter, it has the Lok Sabha



Mishra demitted office. A former chief justice of India or a retired judge of the top court is appointed as NHRC chairperson by the president on the recommendation of the selection committee.

## Jaishankar, Gideon Sa'ar talk amid ceasefire talks between Hamas-Israel

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

of a possible ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. There have been flurry of diplomatic engagements in the last few days for the proposed ceasefire and hostage release deal after months of deadlock in the negotiations between the two sides. Around 95 hostages are reportedly in the custody of Hamas in Gaza. "Pleased to speak to FM @gidonsaar of Israel today. Appreciate his briefing on the ongoing developments in the region. Also discussed our bilateral relations and efforts to strengthen them," Jaishankar said in a social media post.

"Look forward to meeting in person," he said. The two foreign ministers were understood to SJaishankar, minister of external affairs, on Wednesday held a phone conversation with lowing the collapse of President Bashar Assad's

based in Assam.

Bhupender Yadav, the Union Cabinet Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change shared the information on his official X handle and stated, "Happy to share the news of the first-ever tagging of Ganges River Dolphin in Assam—a historic milestone for the species and India!"

"This MoEFCC and National CAMPA-funded project, led by the Wildlife Institute of India (@wii\_india) in collaboration with Assam Forest Dept and Aaranyak, will deepen our understanding of conserving our National Aquatic Animal," he further stated.

The Ganges River Dolphin, once widely distributed across the major river systems of the water species.

the World Wildlife Fund developmental projects could (WWF), in collaboration with proceed effectively in the the Sindh Wildlife Department, absence of financial resources, successfully tagged three dolparticularly in states with large phins in Pakistan with satellite tribal populations. transmitters. This marked the It highlighted that the budfirst time such technology was getary allocation for the PVTG applied to any river dolphin species in Asia.

Satellite tagging of river dolphins was first pioneered in South America, where approximately 50 Amazon river dolphins have been successfully tagged. This initiative has provided essential data for the conservation of these dolphins and their habitats. Additionally, a Yangtze finless porpoise, the only species of freshwater porpoise, was tagged in China, marking a significant contri-

scheme had been substantially reduced during the 2020-21 to 2022-23 period while no funds were released to states such as Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Jharkhand, Kerala,

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, despite the large tribal populations in these regions.

The committee also flagged systemic inefficiencies, including delayed submission of utilization certificates by states and procebution to the study of freshdural bottlenecks that have hampered progress in previous years.



The report also pointed out 74 sanitation workers out of 1,035 sanitation workers who died while cleaning the sewer and septic tanks are yet to be paid compensation.

## Report highlights gaps in SC protection, welfare

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

A mid growing demand by the Opposition for a national caste census, a Parliamentary funds. panel has expressed concerns over the failure of several states

to effectively address atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SCs). The Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment headed by

> To address these issues, the panel recommended stricter monitoring, greater accountability, and more coordinated efforts between central and state governments. It also called for expanding outreach and awareness about welfare programs, especially in marginalized communities, and ensuring better implementation of schemes like

SMILE (for transgender persons and beggars) and SHREYAS (for SC students in higher education).

The report also pointed out 74 sanitation workers out of 1,035 sanitation workers who died while cleaning the sewer and septic tanks are yet to be paid compensation despite Supreme Court Judgement of 2014 which directed that the State Governments /UTs must ensure payment of compensation of Rs 10.00 lakh to the family of a victim in case of death of a worker while cleaning sewer/septic

Rebel forces overthrew Assad's authoritarian government on December eight after capturing several other prominent cities and towns. Assad fled to Russia after the rebel group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) took control of Damascus, marking the end of his family's 50-year rule. In its reaction, India pitched for a peaceful and inclusive Syrian-led political process in that country. "We underline the need for all parties to work towards preserving the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on December nine.

SC terms low pension for retired judges pitiable

Court judges were getting pen-

sion between Rs 10,000 and Rs

15,000. Attorney General R

Venkataramani mentioned the

matter before the bench and

requested for a hearing in January, 2025. The AG said said

the government would try to

resolve the issue. "It is better you persuade them that our

intervention should be avoid-

It said the matter would not be

decided on individual cases and

whatever the top court might

lay down would be applicable

to all the High Court judges.

The bench posted the hearing

on January 8, 2025. While

hearing a separate plea in

March, the SC said there can-

not be any discrimination in

ed," the bench observed.

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday lamented the meagre pension, ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000, being given to some retired High Court judges and termed it 'pitiable". The top court asked he authorities to have a "humane approach" instead of adopting a "legal approach". A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan was dealing with a batch of pleas raising the issue of different pension being payable to retired High Court judges

One of the key reasons was that the High Court judges, who have been elevated from District judiciary, were covered under the New Pension Scheme. While those, who have been elevated to the High Court from the Bar, were the beneficiaries of the Old Pension Scheme leading to the mismatch in the pension payable to two sets of high court judges. 'You cannot have a legal approach in every matter. Sometimes, you need to have a humane approach," observed the Bench

"It is pitiable," the bench said, noting some retired High computing the pensionary benefits of retired judges of High Courts based on whether they were elevated from the bar or the District judiciary.

Pension benefits of a retired High Court judge, who was elevated from the District judiciary, should be computed based on his or her last drawn salary as a High Court judge, it had said. During the hearing on one of the pleas in the matter in November, the top court expressed "shock" that some refired high court judges were getting a meagre pension rang-ing between Rs 6,000 and Rs 15,000. The bench was hearing a petition filed by a retired High Court judge who said he was receiving a pension of Rs

15,000. The petitioner, who was ele-vated as a judge of the Allahabad High Court after serving as a judicial officer in the district court for 13 years, claimed the authorities had refused to consider his judicial service while computing the pension. "If there are retired High Court judges before us who are getting Rs 6,000 and Rs 15,000 as pension, it is shocking. How can that be?" the bench had remarked while hearing the plea.

### **Gagan Gill and Easterine** Kire among 21 recipients of Sahitya Akademi Awards

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Hindi poet Gagan Gill and English writer Easterine Kire are among the 21 recipients of the annual Sahitya Akademi Awards, the organisation announced on Wednesday. Recommended by jury members in 21 languages, the awards recognise works in different categories including novels, short stories, poetry, essays and plavs. Gill was selected for her book on

poetry "Main Jab Tak Aai Bahar", Kire made it to the coveted list for her novel "Spirit Nights"

The winning list includes eight poetry books, three novels, two short stories, three essays, three works of literary criticism, one play and one research.

Sohan Kaul will receive the award for her Kashmiri novel "Psychiatric Ward", while Paul

Kaur has been selected for her Punjabi book on poetry "Sun Gunvanta Sun Budhivanta:

Itihaasnama Punjab". Other recipients of award in poetry include K Jayakumar (Malayalam), Haobam Satyabati Devi (Manipuri), Dileep Jhaveri (Gujarati), Sameer Tanti (Assamese), Mukut Maniraj (Rajasthani) and Dipak Kumar Sharma (Sanskrit). Apart from Kire and Kaul, Aron Raja also made it to the winning list in the novels genre for his fiction book "Swrni Thakhai" in Bodo. Yuva Baral's "Chhichimira" (Nepali) and Hundraj Balwani's "Purzo" (Sindhi) were the picks in the short stories section. Mukesh Thali (Konkani), Mahendra Malangia (Maithili) and Baishnab Charan Samai

(Odia) will receive the award for their essays, while AR Venkatachalapathy (Tamil), recognised for his research and

"Seched Sawnta Ren Andha Manmi" (Santali).

KV Narayana, Sudhir Rasal and Lakshminarayana will be awarded for their literary criticism in Kannada, Marathi and Telugu, respectively. The awards were approved by the executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met on Wednesday under the chairmanship of its president Madhav Kaushik, the academy of letters said in a statement. The awards relate to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of the award, i.E. Between 1

January 2018 and 31 December 2022. The authors and poets will receive a plaque, a shawl and an amount of Rs 1 lakh in an award ceremony on March eight, 2025. Bengali, Dogri and Urdu language awards will be declared later.

Member of Parliament PC Mohan in its report tabled in Maheshwar Sorn for his play Lok Sabha on Wednesday took exception to the persistent systemic gaps in the implementation of laws designed to protect SCs from violence and discrim-Penugonda

ination. The report pointed out that despite the availability of central government funds, many states have not effectively utilised these resources or established proper mechanisms to enforce the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, and the Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The report also emphasised

broader challenges in the implementation of welfare schemes under the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. Significant allocations under key programmes like the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs and the National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) tank.

documentation, errors in Aadhaar seeding and delays in states releasing their share of States like Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar and Odisha to set up the necessary systems were singled out for consistent-

remained underutilised, with

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ly lagging in fund utilisation and achieving implementation targets. Many eligible beneficiaries, it noted, remain unaware of their entitlements due to inadequate publicity.



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## **Farmers disrupt train services in Punjab** over MSP guarantee and other demands



Farmers in Patiala block railway tracks on Wednesday as part of their state-wide 'Rail Roko' protest to press the Union government for various demands including a legal guarantee for MSP.

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH

Train services in Punjab were affected as farmers squatted on rail tracks on Wednesday as part of their three-hour 'Rail Roko' protest to press the Centre into accepting their various demands, including a legally binding minimum support price for crops. The call for the 'rail roko' was given by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha. Kisan Mazdoor Morcha leader Sarwan Singh Pandher said

farmers have been squatted on rail tracks at many places from 12 noon to 3 pm. Protesting farmers blocked

train routes at many places, including Moga, Faridkot, Kadian and Batala in Gurdaspur; Phillaur in Jalandhar; Tanda, Dasuya, Mahilpur in Hoshiarpur; Makhu, Talwandi Bhai in Makhu, tatwanan E-Ferozepur; Sahnewal in Ludhiana; Shambhu in Patiala; Mohali; Sunam and Lehra in Sangrur, Rampura Phul in Bathinda and Devidaspura in Amritsar. The Humsafar Express from

Express from Amritsar to Mumbai and Shan-e-Punjab Express from New Delhi to Amritsar were halted at different platforms of the Ludhiana railway station. The Shatabdi Express coming from New Delhi for Amritsar was halted at Khanna railway

station. A protesting farmer said, "We are demanding a legal guarantee for MSP from the government

Farmers under the banner of Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha have been Jammu to Sealdah, Dadar camping at Shambhu and

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Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13 after their march to Delhi was stopped by security forces.

For the past three weeks, Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal has been on a fast-unto-death at the Khanauri border point point to press the Centre to accept the agitating farmers' demands, including a legal guarantee of MSP on crops. A "jatha" (group) of 101 farmers made three attempts to enter Delhi on foot on December 6, December 8 and

again on December 14. Haryana security personnel did not allow them to proceed. Besides a legal guarantee on MSP for crops, the farmers are demanding a debt waiver, pension for farmers and farm labourers, no hike in the electricity tariff, withdrawal of police cases and "justice" for

compensation to the families of the farmers who died during a previous agitation in 2020-21 are also part of their demands.

the victims of the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri violence. Reinstatement of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, and



UP Congress chief Ajay Rai, as he tried to leave the party office for the planned siege of the state Assembly over as farmer distress, unemployment, inflation, privatisation, and law and order, in Lucknow, Wednesday, Dec. 18

## Congress leaders across UP placed under house arrest ahead of Assembly protests

### BISWAJEET BANERJEE

Several senior Congress leaders heading to Lucknow to gherao the Uttar Pradesh Assembly were stopped in various districts on Wednesday, many were also placed under house arrest. Congress workers who managed to reach the party office in Lucknow were detained by the police and later taken to Eco Garden. Leaders attempting to reach the Vidhan Bhavan faced similar action.

Ajay Rai, the state Congress president, who led the protest, was arrested and fainted briefly during a scuffle with the police. Congress legislature party leader Aradhana Mishra Mona staged a protest near Chaudhary Charan Singh's statue at the Vidhan Bhavan, raising issues related to law and order and farmers' grievances. She too was arrested after voicing her concerns during the Assembly session.

As Congress leaders began arriving in Lucknow on Wednesday morning, authorities intensified security measures. Barricades were set up at multiple locations, and Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel were deployed outside the Congress state headquarters. Police started detaining leaders gathered near the party office. Ajay Rai criticised the security measures, alleging that the government was using sharp barricades designed to cause harm. "This government wants

to kill our workers. We will enter the Assembly despite all obstacles," he said. Police also issued notices to over two dozen senior Congress leaders, including outgoing state general secretary Anil Yadav and Dinesh Singh, warning them against creating disturbances.

According to police notices, the ongoing Assembly session and the presence of VIPs in the area necessitated strict law-and-order measures. Prohibitory orders were enforced under Section 163 of the Indian Civil Defense Code, with officials warning of "strict action" in case of any disruption.

Suresh Khanna, the UP parliamentary affairs minister, defended the administration's actions, asserting that steps were taken to prevent any breach of peace. "The administration is fully prepared to maintain law and order," he said.

Despite the crackdown, Ajay Rai vowed that the Congress would not be deterred. "Just as the Modi government built walls of thorns against farmers, the Yogi government has laid thorns on the path of Congress workers. But these barriers will not shake our resolve," he asserted.

Meanwhile, a Congress worker, Prabhat Pandey, died during the protest in Lucknow. He had come from Gorakhpur to participate in the demonstration. The reason of his death is not known. His body was taken to Civil Hospital, where Rai met family members of the deceased.

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## Manipur CM seeks Naga support for peace in state

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE RAJGARH

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Singh Wednesday sought support from Naga bodies in Senapati district to help restore peace violence-hit the northeastern state and asserted that his government was working hard to bring unity among communities.

village, Singh said Manipur Senapati district to restore icing "hardship in en f the last 19 months and the improving situation is gradually by God's grace". "This event is based on the theme of getting together, reconciliation and forgiveness, which are needed Manipur," Singh said. in "The role of the people of Senapati district is huge. The role of the Naga Peoples' Organisation, Senapati District Students' Association, United Naga Council Headquarters and other civic societies is huge in protecting the unity and integrity of the state and strengthening the

indigenous communities of Manipur," the chief minister said

The Go-to-Hills campaign of the state government was launched launched to initiate interactions between residents of the hills and people of the plains, Singh said. He also said another objective

of the campaign was to bring the government to the people of the hills Speaking at a cultural event - "I came here today to seek Robvena Ni - in Punanamei help from the people of said on Wednesday. a t norm

NCP (AP) activist arrested Oxygen pipe in Beed sarpanch murder TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

> In what came as an embarrassment to the ruling MahaYuti, an activist belonging to its ally NCP (AP) was arrested on Wednesday in connection with the murder of Sarpanch of Massejeog village Santosh Deshmukh in Beed district of Marathwada on

The theft of an oxygen supply pipe at the state-run Rajgarh district hospital in Madhya Pradesh left 12 December 9. Identifying the arrested NCP (AP) activist as Vishnu Chate, Beed district's Additional Superintendent of Police newborns in discomfort with breathing difficulties, officials Sachin S Pandkar said that Chate was arrested on the Beed - Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar highway as he attempted to flee the district. With the arrest of Chate, the total number of arrested accused has gone up to four. The police are on the look-out for three more absconding accused. Chate, who was on the run for nine days before being taken into custody by the Beed police, has been charged with masterminding the killing of the Sarpanch. Chate was earlier allegedly involved in an extortion case of Rs. 3 Crore. The police have found a link between the extortion case involving a windmill company and the Sarpanch murder case In the previous (extortion) case lodged by the local windmill company,one of the accused was Walmiki Karad, who is alleged to have been linked to a senior NCP (AP) minister.

The investigations have revealed that Sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh was allegedly killed for attempting to thwart the extortion bid on the windmill company. He was first abducted, brutally tortured and later killed in broad daylight near the windmill company office on the afternoon of December 0. The Sarpanch's murder has

The Sarpanch's murder has brought to the fore a major caste-politics nexus in Beed district. The killed sarpanch was a

Maratha while the prime (Chate) accused OBC (Vanjari) community. Both were bitter rivals. Their rivalry intensified during the ongoing reservation agitation. The Sarpanch's murder figured during the ongoing winter session of the Maharashtra Legislature for the third consecutive day, as the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) constituents Congress-Nationalist Congress Party (SP)-Shiv Sena (UBT) staged a walk out from the State Legislative council. On its part, the BJP-led MahaYuti government appointed а Special Investigation Team (SIT) t0 look into Sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh's murder. Leader of Meanwhile, Opposition in the Council Ambadas Danve of the Shiv Sena (UBT) came down heavily on the MahaYuti for the total collapse of law-andorder in Beed and Parbhani districts.

### State LoP close aide involved in Goa 'Share Market' scam

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PANAJI

The Uniform Civil Code will be implemented in Uttarakhand from January, The Economic Offence Cell of Goa Police has fast tracked its investigation in the infamous 'Share Market' scam in Goa. It has registered an enforcement case information report (ECIR) against key accused Myron Rodrigues and others to the According investigations, the accused's intention from the outset has been to deceive and defraud Goan investors. Myron Rodrigues and his wife, Deepali Parab, posing as experts, who deal in the stock market directly promised investors lucrative returns for their investment. The moniker 'Fatorda to London' is increasingly being attached to the scam primarily because of the connections of the accused. Sushant Manohar Ghodge is a close associate of Goa Forward Party MLA and Former Dy CM of Goa Vijai Sardesai. He held the position of PS to the Minister, when Vijai Sardesai was Minister of Town and Country planning, Agriculture, Archives, Archaeology & Factories & Boilers, Govt of Goa. Even as the investigation is on, it is fast becoming evident that the accused planned to swindle the money of the investors and benefit from it.

Desai. On the basis of its report, the Uniform Civil Code, Uttarakhand, 2024 Bill was passed in the state assembly on February 7, 2024. Dhami said that the Act was notified on 12 March 2024 after presidential assent.

### Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said on Wednesday. During a meeting of the Uttarakhand Investment and Infrastructure Development He said that now the rules of the Uniform Civil Code Act Board (UIIDB) in Dehradun, to implement the the state

have also been prepared and Uttarakhand is fully prepared

state," he said. The chief minister asserted that it would be "difficult to establish a united Manipur without equal development and mutual respect" among the people of the hills and the valley.

Singh also said the war on drugs campaign was aimed at saving the youths from the menace, while the illegal identification of immigrants was initiated constitutional "through provisions to protect the numerically less indigenous population'

long copper pipe by unidentified persons on late at night Tuesday disrupted the oxygen supply to the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU), triggering panic as newborns started crying due to breathing difficulty, officials said. As the inbuilt alarm system in the NICU started beeping, medical staff scrambled to restore the oxygen supply. An official said they managed the potentiallv threatening situation by swiftly attaching a backup jumbo oxygen

cylinder to the system.

government has completed its "homework" and the UCC will be implemented across the state from January 2025. With this, Uttarakhand will become the first state in the country to implement the Uniform Civil Code after independence.

On the last day of campaigning for the 2022 assembly elections, the chief minister had promised the people of Uttarakhand that if the BJP retained power, the UCC would be implemented in the state.

Dhami said that after the formation of the new government in Uttarakhand in March 2022, it was decided in the first meeting of the cabinet to form an expert committee to implement UCC in the state.

He said that a five-member expert committee was formed under the chairmanship of retired judge Ranjana Prakash

Minister Amit Shah had said that UCC will be implemented in all BJP-ruled states. Dhami instructed the officials to provide proper training and facilities to the personnel for the implementation of the

Speaking in Rajya Sabha on

Tuesday,

Union Home

provisions of UCC. The chief minister said that keeping in mind the convenience of the common people, a portal and a mobile app have also been prepared so facilities including that registration and appeal can be made available online.

## Kerala doctor narrowly escapes Rs 5 Lakh virtual arrest scam

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE KOTTAYAM

Kottayam-based doctor has been rescued An real time from a 'virtual arrest' by "fakesters" who were posing as Mumbai police officers to defraud him, Kerala police said on Wednesday.

The cyber cell of Kerala police and officials of State Bank of India (SBI) on Tuesday worked together to identify the fraud being committed on the doctor and managed to recover most of the Rs five lakh that was fraudulently taken from him by the culprits, Kottavam SP Shahul Hameed A said at a press briefing here.

Giving details of the incident, a cyber cell officer told a TV channel that SBI has a financial tracking system for monitoring suspicious transactions and they flagged a Rs five lakh transaction made by the doctor on Tuesday to an account in north India.

"They immediately informed the cyber cell, which forwarded the address of the doctor to the Changanassery police station and an officer was sent from there to his residence to find out what happened," the officer said. Kottayam SP Hameed, in his press briefing, said that the officer who went to the doctor's home was not allowed inside by the doctor on the directions of the fraudster posing as a Mumbai police officer

"The Inspector heard the person on the phone telling the doctor in Hindi not to go outside or allow anyone inside. So the Inspector entered the home by force and examined the phone. "On examining the phone, it was found that

the fakesters had put him under 'virtual arrest'.

When they saw the Kerala police officer, they cut the call," the SP said. The SP further said that due to the prompt steps taken by the police and the financial tracking system of SBI, around Rs 4.65 lakh of

the doctor's money was recovered and only Rs 35,000 was lost.

Giving details of the modus operandi of the fraudsters, the SP said that they sent fake letters with the letter head and emblem of the Reserve Bank of India and the Supreme Court of India to the doctor stating that he was under investigation for money laundering.

When the doctor contacted them, one of them posed as a Mumbai police officer and said that he was under virtual arrest. They then asked him to send them Rs 5 lakh," police said. The officials of the Changanassery branch of SBI, from where the doctor sent the amount to the fraudsters, said that they were suspicious of the transaction, but when they asked the doctor, he told them he was sending the money to a friend.

"Initially, he was not ready to believe that all of it was a fraud and it took some effort to convince him and lodge a complaint," the cyber cell officer said.

SP Hameed said that the central government, RBI and the police have been issuing advertisements cautioning people to be alert against such frauds.

go through these should 'People advertisements and be vigilant and if anything happens, they should immediately call 1930 to block any suspicious online transaction," he said.

### From timeless tradition to digital obsolescence, the journey of personal diaries

### KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

Every year end is marked with the clamor of people looking for diaries. All business and commercial establishments make sure that their patrons, clientele and customers are kept in good humor and gifting of diaries and calendars is considered the ideal way to usher in the New Year. For those who are take journaling or note taking seriously, diaries they receive as gifts take them to cloud nine, particularly if they are well printed and bound in leather. Most such diaries are a ready reckoner for holiday lists, income tax rates, PIN Codes and other such general purpose lists.

The diary written by Ann Frank, a German born Jewish girl who was one of the victims of the Holocaust during the Second World War is proof of what a diary can do. Frank wrote in her diary about the hardships and cruelties suffered by her and fellow

Jews in concentration camps. Someone had saved Ann's diary from getting destroyed and later on it was published by her father as The Diary of a Young Girl, a 1952 book which continues to be published in more than 70 languages.

Diary notes by leading statesmen, literary figures, political leaders and artists have turned out to be the chronicle of their life story as they have expressed themselves in their writings. Every year-end people could be seen enquiring with their friends about the possibilities of getting diaries as gifts.

A number of avid diary writers have come down over the last few decades, while the new generation considers this an alien and outdated habit. Every day's personal experiences and major developments could be the topic of the diary. Jayaprakash Valliathan, a marine engineer with passion for globe-trotting keeps his more than six-decade habit of diary writing intact. "I maintain two diaries. One for my personal jottings and the other for the money I spent on the day. It has helped me to keep a check on my habits and also to find out whether I have squandered money," said Valliathan who returned to his village in Mavelikkara and opened a school

where education is free Literary critic MG Sasibhooshan learnt the art of diary writing from his father, Kerala's teacher par excellence Prof S Guptan Nair. "I owe a lot to my habit of diary writing. In addition to personal experiences, I also note down major developments that hog the limelight," said Sasibhooshan.

Prof PG Haridas, eminent historian and former principal of the Sree Sankara Vidya Peetam College, never goes to bed without completing his diary writing. "It is a great feeling to know what I was doing last year on the same day. I speak to my diary about my encounters with people and incidents," said the professor.

But diary manufacturers have a different story to tell. "The orders for diaries have down drastically over the years. It is a clear signal that demand for diaries too has fallen," said Imtiaz Khan of Kolkata whose main business is printing of diary and calendar. Sivakasi, the head quarters of printing industry is almost dead, says Santhosh Kumar, a printer of repute. "There was a time when diary printing commenced by March of every year. Not anymore. Now, it has become a ritual," said Santhosh who is slowly switching over to packing materials. Even public sector institutions such as banks and insurers have almost done away with diaries, which used to be their main public relations work. The world may not get any more Ann Franks as the next generation has switched to ephemeral media based on digital technologies. "We are left with no keys to unlock the past if diaries fall silent or become museum pieces," said Valliathan.

January.

The Uniform Civil Code Act of Uttarakhand will give a new direction to the society by following the basic spirit of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas. This law will open new doors empowerment, especially for women and children of Devbhoomi," Dhami said.

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### PAPER WITH PASSION

## Not again!

Delhi air quality once again plummets to unbreathable 'severe' category despite GRAP IV

Jou may not be a smoker but you are still smoking 10 cigarettes a day if you happen to be in Delhi. This is what the doctors have to say about Delhi pollution. The capital witnessed a sharp decline in air quality on Wednesday, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) crossing the 400 mark and entering the 'severe' category once again. This alarming situation unfolded despite the implementation of Stage 4 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), which entails stringent anti-pollution measures. Monitoring Stations Report Severe-Plus AQI Out of the 37 monitoring stations listed on the Sameer app. These figures highlight the widespread and acute nature of air pollution across the city. GRAP, a tiered system of air quality management, categorises air quality into four stages based on AQI levels: Stage I (Poor, AQI 201-300) Stage II (Very Poor, AQI 301-400) Stage III (Severe, AQI 401-450) Stage IV (Severe Plus, AQI above 450) Under Stage IV, measures such as a complete ban on construction and demolition activities, including



public infrastructure projects and the prohibition of diesel trucks carrying non-essential items entering Delhi are enforced. Offices—public, municipal and private—are advised to reduce staff attendance to 50 per cent, with the rest working from home. Additional measures like the closure of colleges, non-essential businesses and odd-even vehicular restrictions are considered during such extreme conditions. Despite these restrictions, Delhi's air quality has continued to deteriorate, raising questions about the efficacy and enforcement of these measures.

However, experts feel that it is more due to metrological conditions and not a failure of GRAP. They attribute

the sudden spike in pollution levels to unfavourable meteorological conditions, particularly a significant drop in wind speeds. The stagnation allows local pollutants to accumulate, exacerbating the already critical air quality. During winters, Delhi's air pollution crisis is compounded by a combination of factors. Vehicle emissions is a primary contributor to the city's air pollution. Besides vehicular pollution, paddy straw burning adds to the pollution burden. Factories emit significant quantities of pollutants. But right now it is the dip in temperatures. During winters heavy air traps pollutants near the ground, creating a thick layer of smog. The hazardous air quality in Delhi poses severe health risks to its residents. Prolonged exposure can lead to respiratory ailments, cardiovascular issues and other chronic conditions. Vulnerable groups, including children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing health conditions, are at the highest risk. This is not the first time Delhi's air quality has entered the severe-plus category this season. In November, similar conditions led to the imposition of GRAP Stage IV. The recurrence of severe pollution highlights the cyclical nature of Delhi's air quality crisis, driven by a mix of local and regional factors. Unfortunately, authorities lack a comprehensive plan to address the issue, relying instead on knee-jerk reactions and ineffective quick fixes.



## Year 2025: Prophecies, politics and progress



KALYANI **Shankar** 

From hosting grand spiritual and political events to navigating economic growth and political turbulence, 2025 is poised to be a year of transformation and change

hat does the crystal ball reveal about the upcoming year 2025? The predictions are a mixed bag. Nostradamus, the famous French astrologer and seer, has made significant predictions regarding global affairs and India's future for 2025. The 16th-century seer has predicted significant events that have shaped our world, from the COVID-19 pandemic to the moon landing, lending credibility and a sense of awe to his predictions. People today are trying to interpret the 16th-century seer's prophecy, impressed by his historical accuracy. Nostradamus has predicted that the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war may end in 2025.

He warned that both nations could face climate change and floods. According to the New York Post, Turkey and France could significantly facilitate the peace process between Ukraine and Russia. Nostradamus also foretold an 'ancient plague' in England in 2025, indicating a resurgence of a historical dis-ease and the resolution of Brazil's involvement in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and various natural disasters. Additionally, Nostradamus has predicted that the earth may be

hit by a asteroid. He said 'From the cosmos, a fireball will rise, a harbinger of fate,' could engage us in potential future events with profound and concerning implications.

As for India's future, the year begins with the 2025 Republic Day parade. The theme is Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas. It is yet to be finalised who will be the chief guest. On the religious side, the next Maha Kumbh Mela will be held in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, from January 13, 2025, to February 26, 2025. The Mela is a grand and holy spiritual gathering every 12 years at a rotating location. Millions of pilgrims rush to the venue to

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ake the holy bath

nificant improvements in technology education and renewable energy. These efforts and chances for economic development give a positive outlook for India's future prosperity. India is becoming more critical globally by working closely with other major economies in trade, defence, and climate efforts. This shows India's growing political power. At the domestic level, a critical issue facing the Opposition coalition, INDIA, is its cohesion. Already, some tensions have emerged. The Trinamool Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have distanced themselves from the alliance. The AAP plans to contest the Delhi Assembly elections independently.

The cracks within were visible in the latest Haryana, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand Assembly polls. While the Congress has done poorly in Haryana and Maharashtra, it is in coalition in Jharkhand with the JMM. The partners in the coalition are unhappy about the Congress's dismal performance. They are watching how Congress performs in the upcoming Deini and Bihar polls scheduled for 2025. The upcoming Assembly polls will indicate the future





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AND RENEWABLE ENERGY of political realignment. Delhi will hold Assembly elections in February, with the BJP looking to unseat Aam Admi Party chief Arvind Keiriwal. The AAP has faced many

challenges, including corruption allegations against several leaders in the recent past. As a tactic, the AAP has appointed Athishi as a temporary chief minister for the polls. The AAP and Congress were partners in the Lok Sabha elections. While AAP performed reasonably well, the Congress got no seats.

Bihar will also have elections this year. It is politically a critical state. The ruling NDA, led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, may face intense competition from the Mahagathbandhan, headed by Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav. The BJP and the JD(U) are working to retain the state.

Two political organisations the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS) and the CPI will celebrate their birth centenary. The RSS will complete 100 years in September,

politics and society now making it hard for future governments to weaken their power. At the same time, communist parties have less impact now, as right-wing parties are becoming more popular. On international affairs, India will hold the Quad Summit, originally scheduled to be held in New Delhi this September, which was relocated to New York due to a scheduling conflict among the attending leaders. Now, India will host the QUAD summit in 2025.

The US President Trump will likely visit New Delhi for the summit, further revealing India's position in international affairs. Another important visit is that of Russian President Putin, in the first half of next year. The Kremlin has said it will set a date early next year. It will be Putin's first visit since the Ukraine conflict began.

Overall 2025 will be a mixed year for India. The economy is progressing well, and foreign relations are stable, but the political situation remains unclear. By next year, Congress could recover, or the BJP and the regionai satrap s would have a fur ther hold on the electorate. (The writer is a popular columnist; views expressed are personal)

isitors click photographs of the frozen Drung waterfall, in Baramulla

## Preparations underway in Prayagraj for Mahakumbh 2025



BINOD TAKIAWALA

Prime Minister Modi visits the Triveni Sangam, offers prayers and reviews the arrangements for the world's largest spiritual gathering

Tear 2025 is going to wit-ness the largest religious gathering of

humanity at Prayagraj -Mahakumbh. The preparations are already in full swing. Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached the holy city of Prayagraj, the land of pilgrimage, to oversee preparations for the grand Mahakumbh. This becomes even more significant at the confluence of three holy rivers-Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati. At this Triveni Sangam, the auspicious gathering of saints and sages during Mahakumbh elevates it into a grand event. The significance of Mahakumbh lies in its occurrence every 12 years, an event described in depth in our religious texts and Puranas.

According to the estimates of government of Uttar Pradesh, over 45 crore people will attend the Mahakumbh Mela 2025. This makes it the world's largest religious gathering. Though everybody would like to take a dip at Sangam, but there are other centre of attractions too. Among the ancient temples of Prayagraj, the Nag Vasuki Temple holds a special place. Daraganj area of Prayagraj ties and strengthening the



along the Ganga River, has its

roots in ancient mythology. A

story mentions that King

Divodas of Kashi performed

penance to bring Lord Shiva to Varanasi, and Vasuki Nag

was requested to stay in

Prayagraj by the deities.

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Worship of serpents or Nagas has been integral to Sanatan Dharma since ancient times. Among these, Vasuki, considered the king of serpents, is an essential figure. Vasuki Nag is also depicted as Lord Shiva's necklace.

According to the legend of Vasuki Nag agreed, stipulat-Samudra Manthan (churning ing that devotees must visit of the ocean), Vasuki Nag was him after bathing at Sangam used as the rope during the and worship him on Nag churning of the ocean by Panchami. The temple was subsequently established gods and demons, with Mount Mandarachal serving under divine guidance. as the churning rod. Vasuki Preparations Mahakumbh 2025: The Nag's body was injured during this process, and on Lord grand Mahakumbh, to be Vishnu's advice, he rested at held from January 13 (Pausha Prayag and bathed at the Purnima) to February 26 Triveni Sangam to heal. (Maha Shivratri) next year, is It is believed that a visit to the being meticulously planned. Nag Vasuki Temple after a Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated projects worth Rs 5,500 crores aimed holy dip at Sangam completes

the spiritual journey. This

temple, located in the

city's infrastructure. Key projects include: 1. Doubling and electrification of the Varanasi-Madhosingh-Prayagraj rail section, including a new rail bridge over the Ganga.

2. Construction of underpasses and overpasses to ease traffic.

3. Development of nine new ghats, 3,000 additional trains, 300 parks, and the planting of 300,000 trees over 4,000 hectares.

While in Prayagraj PM Modi not only saw the preparation first hand but also performed rituals at the Sangam, prayed at the Akshay Vat tree, visited the reclining Hanuman Temple, and offered prayers at the Saraswati Koop. He also toured the Mahakumbh exhibition site. The Mahakumbh is expected to draw millions of pilgrims to the Sangam,

where it is believed that a dip in the holy waters cleanses one of sins and leads to spiritual liberation (moksha). Apart from bathing rituals, devotees participate in prayers, discourses by saints, and spiritual enlightenment sessions.

(The writer is a freelance jour*nalist; views are personal)* 

### while the CPI will begin its centenary celebrations in December this year. With its ups and downs, the RSS has strongly influenced Indian

#### LETTERS HE EDITOR

### **DISTRACTING FORM ISSUES**

Madam -- The introduction of 'One Nation One election' bill is a conscious attempt to waste the precious time of the parliament, and it is definitely timed to divert the attention of all from crucial issues like Manipur, serious allegations over Adani Group's misconducts, inflation, declining growth rates, the stunningly widening gap between the haves and the have-nots, and the fast deteriorating relationship with many countries. The ruling dispensation, in spite of being aware of a lack of enough strength to get this amendment bill through, tabling it in the parliament displays the intention behind its introduction. Moreover, the reasons counted upon to place this bill do not sound either logical or rational.

Losing majority support and deciding to refer the bill to the Joint Parliament Committee is a preplanned act deliberately meant to divert the course. It has already been explained by many quarters that the very idea of this proposal runs against democratic norms, as the demands of the people vary from a state and central government and are altogether different from local bodies. The narratives of national parties are sure to sway over the elections of state assemblies and the local bodies. The claims about expenditure do not deserve to be considered. Claims of hurdles to development programmes are not correct, as the restrictions are only for the launching of new projects during the notified period. Above all, the inability of the Election Commission to hold such a huge project is visible from the time schedule it keeps up to hold elections. Therefore it is not good to waste huge resources and take away the time of parliament sessions.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

### **SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIANS**

Madam— Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi carrying a bag to Parliament that has "Palestine" emblazoned on it proves that she is most concerned about the war, where the innocent people in Palestine are dying because of the deadly war. She has right-

## **Goa Liberation Day**



oa's Liberation Day is celebrated on December 19 and has its importance in the history of Goa. This is the day when Goa got her freedom from the dominant rule of the Portuguese with the help of the Indian armed forces and the navy. The Liberation of Goa was rather a historic event. The fight for Goa's freedom was dual-inside Goa and outside Goa-which was performed by the Indian government.

ly raised her voice against Israel's actions in Gaza and expressed solidarity with Palestinians. She has rightly said that it is the moral responsibility of every rightthinking individual, including all those Israeli citizens who do not believe in hatred and violence and every government in the world, to condemn the Israeli government's genocide actions and force them to stop. On her first day speech in Parliament, she raised the issues of Bangladesh and Modi's government's failure to negotiate with Bangladesh.

In her 32-minute speech, she talked about key issues like the BJP's alleged attempt to change the constitution, the growing monopoly of the Adani Group, atrocities on women, incidents of violence in Sambhal and Manipur, and the demand for a nationwide caste census. She has also met the victims of the Unnao rape case, the father of the Hathras rape case, and the Sambhal violence victims. She has also raised the iconic frame of India's greatest military victory, a painting of the Pakistan army signing the instrument of surrender in Dhaka on December 16, 1971. We

Towards the end of 1961, after various unsuccessful talks, the Indian government deployed armed forces.

On December 17, 1961, more than 30,000 Indian ground troops with the help of the Indian Air Force and the army conquered the 3,000member ill-prepared Portuguese navy. There were a few more armed acts following that. The rest of the Portuguese colonies of Daman and Diu were also overpowered. The complete buildup of the Portuguese colonies shaped the Union Territory of Goa. Daman and Diu. The total army operation-'Operation Vijay'-was' performed almost without any violence. Finally, the Portuguese Governor General Vassalo da Silva freed Goa on December 18. After three days of the operations, on December 19, 1961, Goa, at last, became a part of India. The day is observed with a lot of celebrations in Goa

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deserve more leaders like Priyanka Gandhi. Zakir Hussain | Kazipet

### **DILJIT WANTS BETTER CONCERT INFRA**

Madam — Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh recently announced during his performance in Chandigarh that he would not hold any concerts in India until the government improves the country's concert infrastructure. India boasts a large number of talented singers who represent the nation globally and deliver phenomenal performances in international concerts. However, within their own country, they face inadequate concert infrastructure and a lack of basic facilities. This is concerning, as well-organised concerts could serve as a significant source of revenue and provide livelihoods to thousands. It is high time that the government recognises the potential of the music industry and invests in developing world-class infrastructure to support artists and their audiences.

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By embracing spiritual self-reflection and cultivating positivity, we can rise above turmoil



### RAJYOGI BRAHM KUMAR NIKUNJ JI

owadays there seems to be a crisis, disappointment and conflict of duality at every step of life. How do we deal with this? How do we prevent the self from becoming pessimistic or disheartened? Today the great modern disease of human consciousness is all about looking outward to find means to derive happiness without examining the inner self, values, attitudes and motives; relying and depending more on the external signals and hoping for the best. However, in practicality, life cannot be created with such hopes, as there are no shortcuts to achieving happiness. In today's world, no individual and nothing can create a permanent state of wellbeing within us, as it is our prerogative and responsibility. The external factors can contribute, guide and inspire us but ultimately our life is what we make out of it.

True happiness or a lack of it does not come from external things but from what is inside oneself. For example, money is not the means to happiness nor is it the cause of one's unhappiness. In reality, it is our attitudes and values that determine the use or misuse of external instruments, whether that is money, a person, an event or an object. A life that has value and is worthy of living is only possible when there is a reflective examination through which there can be illuminating change. So, to reorientate our consciousness, we would require a consciousness based on self-knowledge i.e the knowledge of the spiritual self which creates self-respect and positivity, enabling us to gain the right perspective on life which in turn would help us to deal with any kind of negativity in a balanced and less painful way. Accordingly, with positivity, we



experience inner strength to cope with external issues affecting the sense of balance in our lives. When we are more positive towards ourselves, obviously we express the same attitude towards others and in all situations. Inner strength also comes when we interact with others in such a way that love, peace and happiness are honestly expressed and experienced.

The pivotal point is "honesty" because there cannot be a sense of fulfilment through falsehood, imitation or duality expressed through attitude. Hence the need of the hour is to live a life based on "Eternal Spiritual Principles" that would allow us to keep a positive attitude towards the self and others, thereby making our life joyful rather than conflicting or a bundle of confusion. Spirituality is not a system or technique of worship or ritual, it is in essence, knowing how to lead a life and through this knowing there is happiness. A spiritual person has found that spark of eternal reference within, which gives him or her not only deep contentment but also a sense of purpose. The first prerequisite for spirituality is a life that functions appropriately and thinks and cares about one's self in the most decent way. Thinking and caring about one's self inappropriately creates too much dependence on others, too many needs, too many demands, too much possessiveness. So the right way to proceed is to first examine oneself and then acknowledge the positive abd the negative traits within us. By doing so, we get the courage to change whatever needs to be transformed without any kind of fear and, without pretence. The basis of successful change for betterment is to understand the attitudes, feelings and motives that drive us for the change by accepting the original positivity of the self, the immortal goodness of the soul. It is this goodness of the self that forms the foundation of our dignity as human beings. The expression of this original goodness in our life is what is called 'divinity' which makes us truly human. So let us awaken the expression of the divine within us to live a fulfilling joyful life amidst all the chaos & crisis around

## Education: From Kothari Commission to NEP-2020-



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The educators and policymakers are called upon to transcend ideological divides and lead India toward inclusive progress and innovation



he most comprehensive initiative in education in post-inde-pendence India was the report of the National Commission on Education, usually referred to as the Kothari Commission. İt submitted its report entitled "Education for National Development' on June 29, 1968. The first two sentences say it all: "The destiny of India is now being shaped in its classrooms. This, we believe, is no rhetoric." It was this report that led to the first national education policy of 1968. For the first time, science and mathematics became compulsory for both boys and girls up to tenth standard!

Yes, it was generally believed that only boys could handle the tough subjects of science and mathematics, and girls could opt for lighter options of spinning weaving, home science; and the like! The compulsory study of science and math was resisted and opposed as being unjust and unfair to girls! This one change transformed the lives of millions of girls and has brought global accolades to the Indian advancements in the world of science, technology, ICT and space research. Policies once formulated and formalised deserve support in vigilant implementation, persistent monitoring, and scrutiny based on their relevance 'in the great enterprise of national reconstruction'. India today has great challenges ahead, both national as well as global. It has the manpower and enough experience to confront these successfully. In the third decade of the 21st century, it's the quality of education and skill acquisition that would equip India shall remain its prime contributory tool against every challenge. The content and process of education shall have to specifically equip itself against nurtured negativity, increasing mutual distrust and ballooning bitterness in public life. Solutions shall certainly not emerge from those that thrive only on negativity and are illequipped to see light and positivity around them

Who must come forward and accept responsibility to normalise such an unacceptable socio-cultural environment? Why not ask the Gandhi ji? Once, before independence, one Dr Mote posed a query to Mahatma Gandhi: what he thought was the greatest prob-lem facing his country! The expected answer could have been, in those days, related to slavery, poverty, illiteracy, ill health, or in the social context. THE CONTENT

While narrating it in his Gandhi AND PROCESS Katha, Narayan Desai tells the audience: that the answer was the OF EDUCATION callousness of the intellectuals'! SHALL HAVE Narayan Desai Goes ahead: "Give it a thought. If we stand by and TO SPECIFICALLY watch the poor blaming their poverty on fate, Gandhi is rele-EQUIP ITSELF AGAINST lousness of the intellectuals, then Gandhi is relevant today. What NURTURED are the problems according to intellectuals? NEGATIVITY,

professors of the universities, and researchers working in institutions of science, technology, psychology, social sciences and every other area.

One wishes each one of them recalls the assessment of Gandhi shuns away the dreaded callousness and strives to create centres of dialogue and discussions on improving the life and living standards of our people, partic-ularly the 'last man in the line' who was so dear to the Mahatma! At first glance, the existing climate makes such a transforma-

tion rather impossible! Despite all the odds, sincere attempts must be launched to create institutional think tanks with open boundaries that provide for healthy academic, scholarly and intellectual deliberations, not constrained but individual ideological affiliations. For an academic, who shapes the lives of numerous individuals, it is the well-being of others that must precede his own! And this is no rhetoric or a cliché in the Indian context and culture. For a broad-minded person, this becomes a must, an integral part of his thought and action and hence, an achievable premise. This is the main task of every teacher preparation institution, from where it shall percolate to schools via teachers trained there, and then to the establishment and the society. After the education policies of 1968, 1986 and 1992, and a gap of around three decades, another policy formulation comes before the nation in the shape of the National Education Policy; NEP-2020. It has been under implementation

been associated with the implementation and also policy formu-lations, one could venture to infer that the NEP-2020 was prepared with unprecedented enthusiasm from teachers, scholars academics institutions, organisations and individuals.

As the process was long overdue and rightly very extensive, it inspired active participation from practically every section of soci-ety. Unfortunately, its implementation stands hampered in certain states on grounds that may not necessarily be academic.

India has a developed well-knit interactive system of the national and state-level bodies and institutions that have learnt over the years how to arrive at a national consensus in the sectors of education and teacher education. This institutional strength of consultation, collaboration and cohesion need not be diluted in cases where the union and state governments belong to different deological affiliations. Intellectuals in education and research must convincingly internalize that they are making the future of individuals and creating the future of India. No one else is destined and better placed than them to reconstruct India. The moment each one of them expands his horizons, thinks holistically, and takes a long-term view, the road ahead would emerge very clearly; how to proceed individually and also collectively to sed the intellectual callousness and lead the nation on the right path.

(The writer is a spiritual educator and popular columnist; views are personal)

'Why X or Y has become Vice-Chancellor and not me'! They INCREASING think only of this and are MUTUAL unaware of other social issues". Their concerns for critical social, DISTRUST, cultural, social cohesion and reli-AND gious amity are minimal.

One's obvious inference would be BALLOONING that solutions to major national concerns shall - and must -BITTERNESS emerge from institutions and the IN PUBLIC educated and the learned responsible for attaining their stated LIFE

objectives. It includes the dilapidated structures running Sarkari schools, much sought-after private schools, and the universities. It also includes the glittering campuses of national institutions that have brought international repute to our educational enterprise.

So, mainly it points out to teachers; from primary schools to for the last four years. Having (Professor Rajput works in education, social cohesion and religious amity. He is Atal fellow with the PMML, New Delhi; views expressed are personal)

Guarding digital India: The urgent need for cybersecurity in a rapidly evolving digital space

India has the potential to lead the world in cybersecurity innovation, but achieving this requires more than technological solutions

n the fast-evolving digital landscape of India, a silent ▲battle is being fought—not with traditional weapons but through malicious code, complex algorithms, and increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks. As the country embraces its "Digital India" initiative, the rise of cyber threats demands immediate attention. Protecting the digital future requires strong cybersecurity frameworks, skilled professionals, and widespread public awareness. The call for "Digital Guards" or "Cyber Warriors" has never been more urgent.

The scale of the digital threat is staggering. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) recorded 53,117 security incidents in 2017. By October



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### 2023, this number soared to an alarming 1.32 million-a twentyfold increase that exposes critical national vulnerabilities. Globally, the situation is no less concerning. Operations like INTERPOL and AFRIPOL's 2024 Operation Serengeti, which arrested over 1,000 cybercriminals across 19 African nations, underscore the scale of the problem. These operations identified over to harass and extort victims, 35,000 victims and uncovered underscoring cybercriminals'

financial losses nearing \$193 growing ingenuity. million, demonstrating the

global reach and devastating impact of cybercrime. Phishing remains a primary weapon for cybercriminals, accounting for 22 per cent of all incidents. These attacks

manipulate victims into revealing sensitive information or downloading malicious software. Credential theft, responsible for 16 per cent of incidents, further exposes individuals and organisations to system breaches, financial fraud, and corporate espionage. Emerging threats like mobile app malware are amplifying risks. For instance, 15 SpyLoan malware apps on Google Play, downloaded over 8 million times, went beyond data theft

The economic toll of these attacks is devastating. About 65 per cent of Indian enterprises have been forced to pay ransoms to recover critical data, with average demands reaching \$4.8 million. Recovery costs add another \$1.35 million per incident, straining even large corporations. Smaller businesses, lacking resources for robust cybersecurity measures, are particularly vulnerable. This systemic vulnerability has been termed the "cybersecurity poverty line," where approximately 60 per cent of Indian companies lack the infrastructure and expertise to defend themselves against cyber threats. High-traffic online shopping periods, such as Black Friday

and Cyber Monday, are prime



targets for cybercriminals. During these events, fraudsters employ phishing scams, fake ecommerce websites, and malware to exploit consumers and businesses alike. Recent high-profile incidents highlight these vulnerabilities. In November 2024, a ransomware attack on Blue Yonder disrupted Starbucks' operations, forcing a return to manual processes. Similarly, McLeod Russel's system com-

promise sent shockwaves through the corporate sector, emphasising the interconnect-edness of digital systems and the widespread disruptions that a single attack can cause. India's cybersecurity prepared-ness is worryingly insufficient. Only 4 per cent of Indian enterprises have robust infrastructure capable of withstanding advanced attacks. This shortfall is a national security concern, as cyberattacks transcend corporate interests, threatening essential services and critical infrastructure.

Initiatives like the Cyber Challenge 2024, a joint effort by the Delhi Police and CyberPeace Foundation, offer hope. This programme engages developers, engineers, and cybersecurity experts to craft innovative solutions using cutting-edge technologies such as AI, blockchain, and quantum computing. Collaboration with institutions like DRDO, MeiTY, and the National Forensic Science University underscores the comprehensive approach needed to address these challenges. Experts emphasise that cybersecurity must move beyond being an IT department's responsibility to become a core component of every organization's strategy. This shift involves continuous employee training, regular security audits, investments in advanced technologies, and fostering a culture of vigilance. Drawing inspiration from global models like the

European Union's GDPR,

India could implement strin-

gent cybersecurity standards, offering subsidies for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to invest in security measures and penalising negligence in cyber protection. As digital transformation accelerates across sectors such as finance, healthcare, education, and government services, robust cybersecurity is no longer optional-it is a fundamental necessity. The path forward demands a collaborative effort. Government agencies, private enterprises, educational institutions, and cybersecurity professionals must unite to build a resilient digital ecosystem.

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## **Trump says India charges lot of tariff,** threatens to impose reciprocal tax

### **PTI** WASHINGTON

S President-elect Donald Trump has said that India charges "a lot" of tariff, reiterating his intention to impose reciprocal tariffs in retalia-tion for what New Delhi will impose on the import of certain American products.

Trump made these remarks on Tuesday and also said that India and Brazil were among countries that impose high tariffs on certain US products.

"Reciprocal. If they tax us, we tax them the same amount. They tax us. We tax them. And they tax us. Almost in all cases, they're taxing us, and we haven't been taxing them," Trump told reporters on Monday.

He made the remarks while responding to a question on a potential trade agreement with China. Trump said India and Brazil were among countries that impose high tariffs on certain US products.

"The word reciprocal is important because if somebody charges us — India, we don't have to talk about our own — if India charges us 100 per cent, do we charge them nothing for the same?," Trump said.

"You know, they send in a bicycle and we send them a bicycle. They charge us 100 and 200. India charges a lot. Brazil charges a lot. If they want to charge us,



that's fine, but we're going to charge them the same thing," Trump said at a news conference at Mar-a-Lago. Responding to a question, his Commerce Secretary pick Howard Lutnick said "reciprocity" is something that is going to be a key topic for the Trump administration. "H o w the Trump administration. you treat us is how you should expect to be treated," he said. During his election campaign in October, Trump has

claimed that India imposes the highest tariffs on foreign products. But they do it with a smile. "Perhaps the most important element of my plan to make America extraordinarily wealthy again is reciprocity. It's a word that's very important in my plan because we generally don't charge tariffs. I started that process, it was so great, with the vans and the small trucks, etc," Trump had said Thursday in October.

In 2019, Trump has repeatedly claimed that India is a "tariff king" and imposes "tremendously high" tariffs on

American products. He has criticised India's "big tariffs" on American paper products and the icon-ic Harley-Davidson bikes.

The US is the largest trading partner of India in 2023-24. India's exports stood at USD 77.51 billion, while imports aggregated at USD 42.2 billion in the last fiscal.

During April-October this fiscal, the country's exports to America rose by 6.31 per cent to USD 47.24 billion, while imports grew by 2.46 per cent to USD 26 billion

Between FY 2020 and FY 2024, India's merchandise exports to America rose by 46 per cent from USD 53.1 billion to USD 77.5 billion.

Imports from the US also grew to USD 42.2 billion last fiscal from USD 35.8 billion in 2019-20. On the other hand, trade in services between the two nations expanded 30.3 per cent from USD 54.1 billion in 2018 to an estimat-

ed USD 70.5 billion in 2024. India is also a key destination for American businesses such as professional, scientific, and technical services, manufacturing, and IT. Washington is the third largest investor. India received USD 66.7 billion of FDI inflow between April 2000 and June 2024.

## **`Confident of weathering challenges to** India-US ties arising from indictments'

### PTI WASHINGTON

The outgoing Biden administration on Tuesday exuded confidence that India and the US will be able to "weather" the challenges to their relationship that arose after two recent indictments - one related to a Sikh separatist and the other to an Indian billionaire. "I'm confident that we will be able to weather this appropriately," a senior administration official said responding to a question that the two indictments cast a shadow on the India-US relationship.

In a New York court, the US Department of Justice has accused an Indian official of

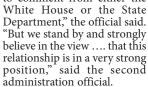
we've had the deepest possible being involved in a plan to kill a Sikh separatist leader appropriate consultation Gurpatwant Singh Pannun. between the two sides, and I'm The other indictment charges confident that we will be able Indian billionaire Gautam Adani of corruption. "Many people say that that kind of casts a shadow on the relationship and it raises questions about trust (between India and US) once again," the official was asked. "I would just simply say the relationship is increasingly complex, increasingly diverse and increasingly deep. It is the case that invariably, we will reach occasions of challenges

to weather this appropriately," said the official. A second senior administration official described the indictments as regulatory and law enforcement issues that are best left to the agencies directly involved to speak to. "It wouldn't be appropriate for us to comment from either the White House or the State Department," the official said.

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how we deal with those," said the official. "I can just assure you that

on both sides, and the key is





President Joe Biden and grandson Beau walk to Marine One to depart from the South Lawn of the White House in Washington

## Biden admin makes it easier for US companies to hire foreign workers with H-1B visas

The outgoing Biden adminis-I tration has relaxed rules for H-1B visas that will make it easier for American companies to hire foreign workers with special skills and facilitate a smoother transition from F-1 student visas to H-1B visas, a move that is likely to benefit thousands of Indian tech professionals.

visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoret-

Technology companies depend

Security (DHS) on Tuesday, avoid disruptions in lawful staaims to provide greater flexibiltus and employment authorisation for students holding F-1 ity to employers and workers by visas. It also will allow US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to process modernising the definition and criteria for special positions and nonprofit and governmental research organisations that are exempt from the annual statuto-The changes will help US employers hire as per their business needs and remain competitive in the global marketplace, President-elect Donald Trump will take charge as the next president of the US after his

applications more quickly for most individuals who had previously been approved for an H1-B visa. It will also allow H1-B visa holders with a controlling interest in the petitioning organisation to be eligible for H-1B status subject to reasonable conditions. The latest move by the outgoing Biden administration builds on its previous efforts to ensure that the labour needs of American busines reduce undue burden on employers while adhering to all US worker protections under the

## Leaving India-US ties in a very good place, expect continuity in Trump era: Biden admin

### PTI WASHINGTON

The outgoing Biden admin-istration said it was leaving the India-US relationship "in a very strong place", and exuded confidence that it will continue to have bipartisan support during the Donald Trump

residency as well. "We continue to be very ambitious about the US-India relationship. We've had very high-level engagement over the course of the last several months with the QUAD summit in Delaware, and we are anticipating a high-level engagement in the last few weeks of the Biden administration," Kurt Campbell, Deputy Secretary of State, told reporters during a conference call here on Tuesday.

Campbell joined by Principal Deputy National Security Advisor Jon Finer and Indian Ambassador to the US Vinay Mohan Kwatra, were in Houston on Tuesday to meet e Indian with astronauts from the Space Research Organisation who are training at NASA's Johnson Space Center to execute a joint effort to the

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That means they won't be back on Earth

until spring, 10 months after rocketing into

NASA announced the latest delay in

Indian-origin Sunita Williams and Butch

The two test pilots planned on being away

just a week or so when they blasted off June

5 on Boeing's first astronaut flight to the

International Space Station. Their mission

grew from eight days to eight months after NASA decided to send the company's

problem-plagued Starliner capsule back

Now the pair won't return until the end of

March or even April because of a delay in

launching their replacements, according to

A fresh crew needs to launch before Wilmore and Williams can return and the

But SpaceX needs more time to prepare the

brand new capsule for liftoff. That launch

is now scheduled for no earlier than late

NASA said it considered using a different

SpaceX capsule to fly up the replacement

crew in order to keep the flights on sched-

ule. But it decided the best option was to

wait for the new capsule to transport the

NASA prefers to have overlapping crews

at the space station for a smoother tran-

sition, according to officials.

orbit on Boeing's Starliner capsule.

Wilmore's homecoming on Tuesday.

International Space Station in partnership with NASA next

We are quite confident that we'll be handing the bilateral relationship off to the incoming Trump team at its strongest possible apex, with key support from stakeholders in the industry, in technology, in finance and defence. As we were here today, it was inspirational to see the manifestations

of engagement between the United States and India in critical endeavours associated with space," Campbell said. Observing that the US-

India partnership is an "anchor of stability", not only in the Indo-Pacific, but increasingly for the world, Finer said from southeast Asia to Africa, the two countries can play a leading role in building prosperity, driving development and contributing to security.

To a large degree, there on the importance of this relationship Over the last two decades, different administra- driving force, increasingly in all tions in Washington and New Delhi have helped strengthen the ambition of India. They've our cooperation. While no

relationship is without challenges, we believe that we are leaving this partnership in a very strong place as we prepare to pass the baton to the incom-

ing team," Finer said. Responding to a question, a senior administration official exuded confidence that the India-US relationship will have the same speed and scale with bipartisan support from both sides as has been the case under the several previous administrations. The same goes for QUAD as well, the official said. "The QUAD originated in the George W Bush adminis-

tration. It was continued on at the foreign ministry level and through other venues in the Trump administration. We have engaged closely with the incoming team, and I think there is substantial interest in continuing the QUAD given its remarkable achievements in such a short period of time," a

has been bipartisan consensus senior administration official said. recognise th

ments and engagements with the incoming team their desire to continue there. I do not think the ambition, though, for the US-India relationship stops there. You are going to see a variety of areas of continuing activity," the official said.

The official described the progress made by India and US in various fields, including space. "I expect technology work will continue at a pace. We are engaging more in the Indo-Pacific. We are sharing information and intelligence on matters of critical concern, including along the line of actual control. We are also very much focused on increasing our cooperation and collaboration in the Indian Ocean. These are new avenues for important dialogue," said the official.

"My expectation is that this work will continue and that it will receive broad support in a bipartisan manner, not only in Congress, but frankly, it is one of ne arenas

tration official said that the Biden Administration has found the QUAD to be an extremely valuable format, including at the head-of-state level, befitting relationships that are as consequential as those among the four countries involved.

"That said, the US-India relationship is bigger than any particular format. It's really much more about common interests, and the interests that we've described .. and that we have worked on together over the last four years, from technology cooperation to an increasing defence relationship, to our broader economic engagement to increasing collaboration on global and regional issues, is going to be unbounded by any particular administration, frankly, in either country."

"We expect a degree of continuity here that may not be the case across the whole set of issues we face. But that has een the case for the US-India

**PTI** WASHINGTON

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relationship, and we have no reason to believe that won't continue," said the second senior administration official.

employees each year from countries like India and China. The rule, announced by the Department of Homeland

According to the DHS, the rule also extends certain flexibilities for students on F-1 visas seeking to change their status to H-1B to law

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The two-member High Court

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Barua, who was sentenced to

death after a trial in absentia -

now assumed to be living in

China - and sentenced him to

life imprisonment, said a gov-

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The High Court bench com-

prising Justice Mostafa Zaman

Islam and Justice Nasrin

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the death reference hearing, he

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### Sunita Williams' Hundreds of N Korean troops **B'desh HC commutes ULFA** killed in Ukrainian battles return delayed leader's death sentence till late March

### **AP** WASHINGTON

Acouple hundred North Korean Atroops fighting alongside Russian forces against Ukraine have been killed or wounded during battle in the Kursk border region, a senior military official said Tuesday.

The official didn't provide details on exactly how many have been killed, but said the North Korean forces don't appear to be battle-hardened, which contributes to the number of casualties they've had. The official was providing the first significant estimate of North Korean casualties, which comes several weeks after Ukraine announced that North Korea had sent 10,000 to 12,000 troops to Russia to help it in the almost 3-year war.

The White House and Pentagon on Monday confirmed that the North Korean forces have been battling on the front lines in largely infantry positions. They have been fighting with Russian units and, in some cases, independently around Kursk.

The casualty disclosure comes as the Biden administration is pressing to

send as much military aid as possible to Ukraine before President-elect Donald Trump takes over. But a senior defense official told reporters Tuesday that the Defense Department may not be able to send all of the remaining USD 5.6 billion in Pentagon weapons and equipment stocks intended for Ukraine before Jan. 20, when Trump is sworn in. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity to provide a US assessment of the war.

According to the Pentagon, there is about USD 1.2 billion remaining in longer-term funding through the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, which is used to pay for weapons contracts that would not be delivered for a year or more. The official said the administration anticipates releasing all that money by the end of this year. The USD 5.6 billion is in presidential drawdown authority (PDA), which allows the Pentagon to take weapons off the shelves and send them quickly to Ukraine. That is a substantial amount of money, the defense official said, and while the US will continue to

provide weapons to Ukraine until Jan 20, there may well be funds remaining that will be available for the incoming Trump administration to spend.

Trump has talked about getting some type of negotiated settlement between Ukraine and Russia, creating some unease about whether he will provide Ukraine all the weapons funding approved by Congress. Ukrainian and Russian forces have

been in a fierce battle around Kursk. and the official said Russia has been able to take back about 20% of the territory gained there by Kyiv. They said it will be possible for Ukraine to hold ground there for some time, but it will depend on how the rest of the fight is going, including the long-range strikes that Kyiv has been launching. The officials said it's not clear if

Moscow has asked Pyongyang for additional forces, but acknowledged that Russia continues to lose as many as 1,200 troops a day in casualties including both dead and wounded. But so far, Russia has been able to generate enough forces to replace them.

### PTI DHAKA

A Bangladeshi High Court on Wednesday commuted the death sentence of ULFA leader Paresh Barua to life imprisonment and acquitted a former junior minister and five others in a 2004 case of attempted smuggling of weapons to the separatist outfit in northeast India.

A total of 10 truckloads of weapons were seized in April 2004 despite alleged efforts of certain "influential quarters" for its safe passage to United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) hideouts in northeastern India through Chattogram, which was then spelled as 'Chittagong'. The seized weapons included

over 27,000 grenades, 150 rocket launchers, over 11 lakh ammunition, 1,100 sub machine guns and 11.41 million bullets

Hoque, former additional secretary of industries ministry Nurul Amin and Iamaat-e-Islami leader Motiur Rahman Nizami.

The plant site was said to have been used for trans-shipment of weapons for ULFA.

Former chief of Bangladesh's National Security Intelligence ex-brigadier general Abdur Rahim, a former DGFI director as well, was also sentenced to death but he died a normal death in prison as the appeal and death hearing process was underway.

Nizami, a former minister in the past Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP)-Jamaat alliance government, however, was hanged several years ago on charges of crimes against humanity during Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War siding with the Pakistani troops while his party was opposed to the country's independence.

next mission has been bumped more than a month, according to the space agency. Battered by regional tensions and energy crisis, Iran's rial hits record low NASA's next crew of four was supposed to launch in February, followed by Wilmore and Williams' return home by the end of that month alongside two other astronauts.

### AP 📕 TEHRAN

The Iranian rial on Wednesday fell its lowest level in history, losing more than 10% of its value since Donald Trump won the US presidential election in November and signalling new challenges for Tehran as it remains locked in the wars raging in the Middle East. The rial traded at 777,000 rials to the dollar, traders in Tehran said, down from 703,000 rials on the day Trump won.

Most space station missions last six Iran's Central Bank has in the past months, with a few reaching a full year.

flooded the market with more hard currencies as an attempt to improve the rate.

In an interview with state television Tuesday night, Central Bank Gov. Mohammad Reza Farzin said that the supply of foreign currency would increase and the exchange rate would be stabilised. He said that \$220 million had been injected into the currency market.

The currency plunged as Iran ordered the closure of schools, universities, and government offices on Wednesday due to a worsening

energy crisis exacerbated by harsh winter conditions. The crisis fol lows a summer of blackouts and is now compounded by severe cold,

snow and air pollution. Despite Iran's vast natural gas and oil reserves, years of underinvestment and sanctions have left the energy sector ill-prepared for seasonal surges, leading to rolling blackouts and gas shortages.

In 2015, during Iran's nuclear deal with world powers, the rial was at 32,000 to \$1. On July 30, the day that Iran's reformist President



Masoud Pezeshkian was sworn in and began his term, the rate was 584,000 to \$1.

Trump unilaterally withdrew

America from the accord in 2018, sparking years of tensions between the countries that persist today. Iran's economy has struggled for years under crippling international sanctions over its rapidly advancing nuclear program, which now enriches uranium at near weaponsgrade levels.

Pezeshkian, elected after a heli-copter crash killed hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi in May, came to power on a promise to reach a deal to ease Western sanctions.

Tensions still remain high between the nations, 45 years after the 1979 US Embassy takeover and the 444-day hostage crisis that followed. Before the revolution, the rial traded at 70 for \$1.

Iran remains deeply involved in the Middle East conflicts that have roiled the region, with its allies battered - including the militant groups and fighters of its selfdescribed "axis of resistance," such as Palestinian Hamas, Lebanon's Hezbollah and Yemen's Houthi rebels.



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Sector-3. Dwarka, New Delhi- 110078

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She expired on 06/04/2023 without naming

her nominee. Smt. Lakshmi Kutty has now sought transfer of her membership to her

elder son Rijesh Balakrishan incase an

person has any claim or objection against this

transfer, the same may be submitted to the

Smt. Sanju Devi w/o Shri Santosh kumar who is/are purchasing Portion of Plot No. RZF-905/6 Back Side, area measuring 35 Sq. Yards, out of Khasra No. 47/1, Village Palam, abadi Raj Nagar-II, F-Block New Dehir from Shri Harish Chandler S/o Late Smt. Mesar who was the owner of the said property by virtue of Relinguishment Deed dated 24.06.2014 (Doc. No. 7680) executed by Smt. Mera Devi D/o Late Smt. Mesar & Smt. Poonam Kumari D/o Late Smt. Mesar Intend to mortgage the same against the financial assistance from Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited. Surviving Member

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## Russia says suspect detained in killing of senior general

### AP MOSCOW

 $R^{ussia \mbox{'s security service said}}_{\mbox{Wednesday that it has}}$ detained a suspect in the killing of a senior general in Moscow. The suspect was described as an Uzbek citizen recruited by Ukrainian intelligence services. Russia's Federal Security Service, or FSB, didn't name the suspect, but said he was born in 1995. According to a statement by the FSB, the suspect said himself that he was recruited by Ukrainian special services.

Lt. Gen. Igor Kirillov was killed Tuesday by a bomb hidden in a scooter outside his apartment building in Moscow, a day after Ukraine's security service levelled criminal charges against him. His assistant also

died in the attack. A Ukrainian official said the service carried

out the attack. The FSB said the suspect had been promised a reward of USD 100,000 and permission to move to a European Union country in exchange for killing Kirillov.

The agency stated that, acting on instructions from Ukraine. the suspect travelled to Moscow, where he picked up a homemade explosive device. He then placed the device on an electric scooter and parked it at the entrance to the residential building where Kirillov

lived The suspect then rented a car to monitor the location and set up a camera that livestreamed footage from the scene to his handlers in the central

Ukrainian city of Dnipro. Once Kirillov was seen leaving the building, the suspect detonat-

ed the bomb. According to the FSB's statement, the suspect faces "a sentence of up to life imprisonment. Kirillov, 54, was the chief of the military's nuclear, biological

and chemical protection forces and was under sanctions from several countries, including the UK and Canada, for his actions in Moscow's military operation in Ukraine. On Monday, Ukraine's Security Service, or SBU, opened a criminal investigation against him, accusing him of directing

the use of banned chemical weapons. Russia has denied using any

chemical weapons in Ukraine and, in turn, has accused Kyiv

of using toxic agents in combat. Kirillov, who took his current job in 2017, was one of the most high-profile figures to level those accusations. He held numerous briefings to accuse the Ukrainian military of using toxic agents and planning to launch attacks with radioactive substances claims that Ukraine and its Western allies rejected as pro-

paganda. The bomb used in Tuesday's attack was triggered remotely, according to Russian news reports. Images from the scene showed shattered windows and scorched brickwork.

Russia's top state investigative agency said it's looking into Kirillov's death as a case of terrorism, and officials in Moscow vowed to punish Ukraine.

control of the Golan Heights.

With Assad gone, a top UN offi-

cial said Tuesday that militant

leaders who have taken over

humanitarian support" for mil-

lions in desperate need of food

The leader of the insurgent

HTS - Ahmad al-Sharaa, for-

merly known as Mohammed al-

Golani — and the country's

caretaker prime minister

Mohammed al-Bashir, pledged

to support the movement of aid

from Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan

and other aid.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Ume Lata had acquired Property bearing No. IX/2792area measuring 25 sg. vards. Khasra No. 8, 9, 11 t situated at abadi Gali No. 4. Chandar Puri. Kailas Nagar, in the area of Village Seelampur, Illaga Shahdara, Delhi vide GPA Dt. 12.01.1993 along with will executed by Mrs. Bhagwati and Now Mrs. Bhagwat s the undisputed owner of the said property.

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documents at below mentioned address. Afte expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such erson shall be treated null and void and also reated as waived and not binding on our client. Aiav Kumar Giri (Advocate) H No. 26/161. Base Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi -110024

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general public that the Bank of Baroda, S.S.I. Noida Branch, Sector-18, Noida, (U.P.), intends to accept the ntioned properties standing in the nam undern of Mr Manupriyam Jindal S/o Mr Sandee Kumar Jindal, Property herein Kumar Jindal, having Leasehold Residentia Property hereinafter referred to as Details o Property -Residential House No. 72, Measuring 450 sq mtr., Situated at Block No. D, Sector-48 Noida, District Gautam Budh, Utlar Pradesh owned by Mr Manupriyam Jindal S/o M Sandeep Kumar Jindal, R/o C-209, Sector-48

Sanderp Rumar Jinda, R/0 C-209, Sector-42 District Gauturn Budh Nagar, U.P., as a securit for loan/credit facility requested by W/s Atharv Laboratories Pvt Ltd, having its Regd. office a House No 29, Plot No 28, Parijat Apartmen Sector 4, Dwaraka, New Delhi-110075. If anyone has any right/title/interest/ claims ove the undermentioned property, they are advised to approach the Bank within 10 days along with necessary proof to substantiate their claim.

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ney is intending to sell Property No. K ea measuring 100 Sq. Yds., situated at Lajpat Nagar New Delhi to Mr. Rohit Sabharwal and Mrs. Art Sabharwal, to be financed & mortgaged by my clien .e., Axis Finance Limited and Mrs. Raksha Sawhne ad expired and thereafter on the basis of will date 3.07.2021. Mr. Varun Sawhney became the owner of roperty No. K-11/58 A, area measuring 100 Sq. Yds lated at Laipat Nagar-II. New Delhi. If any person(s

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situate at Lajpat Nagar-II, New Deini, Ir any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim in this property, then contact the undersigned within 7 days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of the adoresaid property. Raghav Tiwari, Advocate the aforesaid property. Hagnav IIIvan, ... Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi - 110001 Mob.: +91-8076188328

> ENGINEERING WORKS IN ALIPURDUAR DIVISION E-Tender Notice No.: 107/W-2/APD. Dated: 13-12-2024; E-Tender are invite by the undersigned for the following Tender No.: 28-AP-III-2024 works; Name of Work: At Binnaguri

Development of Goods yard, provision o CCTV, Merchant room, Goods office Labour rest room, Toilet Water Supply System, Covershed, Connecting Road & provision of Hume Pipe Culvert. Tende Value: ₹5,66,81,288.65/-; Earnes Money : ₹4,33,400/-; Date & time o Closing of tender at 13:00 hrs. an opening at 15:00 hrs. on 03-01-2025. For details please visit in the websi http://www.ireps.gov.in.

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ALIPURDUAR DIVISION E-Tender Notice No.: 112/W-2/APDJ Dated: 13-12-2024: E-Tender are invite by the undersigned for the following works Tender No.: 36-AP-II-2024; Name of Work: Manufacturing and supply of aluming mic welding portion of 52kg/60kg/60El R260 including 25mm gap in-situ welding during traffic block using Railway's weldin portion vide Estt No. 04/Enga/AP/II of 2024-25 under the jurisdiction of DEN/II/ Alipurduar Jn. Tender Value: ₹26,50,744.50/-; Earnest Money ₹53.000/-: Date & time of Closing of tende at 13:00 hrs. and opening at 15:00 hrs. on 08-01-2025. For details please visit in the vebsite http://www.ireps.gov.in.

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## Netanyahu says Israeli troops will occupy a buffer zone inside Syria for the foreseeable future

### AP JERUSALEM

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday that Israeli forces will stav in a buffer zone on the Syrian border. seized after the ouster of Svria's President Bashar Assad, until another arrangement is in place "that ensures Israel's security." Netanyahu made the comments from the summit of Mount Hermon — the highest peak in the area — inside Syria, about 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the border with the Israel-held Golan Heights.

It appeared to be the first time a sitting Israeli leader had set foot that far into Syria. Netanyahu said he had been on the same mountaintop 53 years ago as a soldier, but the summit's importance to Israel's security has only increased given recent events.

Israel seized a swath of southern Syria along the border with the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights days after Assad was ousted by rebels last week.

Israel's capture of the buffer zone, a roughly 400-squarekilometer (155-square-mile) demilitarised area in Syrian territory, has sparked condemnation, with critics accusing Israel

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of violating a 1974 ceasefire and the buffer zone. possibly exploiting the chaos in Svria in the wake of Assad's

ouster to make a land grab. "We will stay ... until another arrangement is found that ensures Israel's security," said Netanyahu who had traveled to the buffer zone on Tuesday with Defense Minister Israel Katz.Katz said he instructed the Israeli military to quickly establish a presence, including fortifications, in anticipation of what could be an extended stav in the area. "The summit of the Hermon is the eyes of the state of Israel to identify our enemies who are nearby and far away," he said

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An Israeli military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with military regulations, said there is no plan to evacuate the Syrians living in villages within the buffer zone. The buffer zone between Syria and the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights was created by the U.N.

had patrolled the area since A UN spokesman said Tuesday that the advance of Israeli troops, however long it lasts, violates the 1974 deal that set up

week, a month or a year, it remains spokesman Stephane Dujarric said. There was no immediate comment from Havat Tahrir al-Sham, the insurgent group that led the ouster of Assad, or from Arab states.

Israel still controls the Golan Heights, which it captured from Syria during the 1967 Mideast war and later annexed — a move not recognized by most of

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before Notary Public Delhi PD(1097)C No.16021831P Hav Rampal Kankarawa, R/o-Vill+Po- Palri Jodha, Teh-Marwar Mundwa, Dist-Nagaur, Rajasthan- 341028, have changed my son's name from Virender Kankarawa to Virendra Kankrawa, vide affidavit dated 18/12/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

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I, Daljeet Kaur W/o Dalveer Singh R/o 154, Gali No-31, Arjun Nagar, Safdarjung Enclave New Delhi-110029 declare that Daljeet Kaur and Daljit Kaur Manku both are same and one person. My name Dalieet Kaur shall be used for all future purposes. PD(1095)C

I, Arvinder Kaur Bhogal W/o Devinder Singh R/o B-20, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 after marriage have changed my name to Arvinder Kaur Sodhi and my correct Date of Birth is 04.11.1970.

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2	Approx. Cost of	work	Rs. 62,40,699.36/-				
3	Earnest Money	Deposit	Rs. 1,24,800/-				
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property. The sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the said Act and the said Rules and the conditions mentioned above. For further details contact the Authorized officer on +91-97171-71117 For detailed terms and conditions piezes refer to the Tender Document which may be provided from the authorized officer by email. (the contents whereof shall be treated as part of this notice). STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 86 (6) MADE UNDER SARFAESIACT.2002 The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor are herby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and anoillary expenses before the date of e-Auction failing which the said property will be auctioned/sold and the balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost. Date:18.12.2024 For Akasa Finance Limited For any query please contact Mr. Braiesh Pandev on +91-97171-71117

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Procheta Chatterjee

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Of

Chatterjee Resident Of

House No.1, 2nd Floor,

Pocket-C/5, Sector 6, Near

Chotu Ram Park, Post-

Rohini Sector-7, Dist- North

West Delhi, Delhi-110085

have changed my name from

Procheta Chatterjee to

Procheta Banerji vide

affidavit dated. 17.12.2024

Before District Court Rohini,

I.

Spouse

Delhi.

For any query please contact Mr. Brajesh Pandey on +91-97171-71117

All other contents remain unchanged. **Chief Construction Engineer** R.W. Circle, Keonjhar OIPR-25177/11/0024/2425 GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA WORKS DEPARTMENT Tender call Notice

E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com

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The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invitin tage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for building works as detaile in the table below

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## Sensex, Nifty extend losses into 3rd session on foreign fund outflows

### PTI MUMBAI

 $E_{\text{Sensex} \text{ and Nifty stayed}}^{\text{quity benchmark indices}}_{\text{on the back foot for the third}}$ straight session on Wednesday as investors offloaded utility, capital goods and metal stocks amid foreign fund outflows.

Besides, investor sentiment remained subdued ahead of the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's policy meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, traders said.

The 30-share BSE benchmark tumbled 502.25 points or 0.62 per cent to settle at 80,182.20, taking its downtrend to the third day. During the day, it tanked 634.38 points or 0.78 per cent to 80,050.07.

As many as 2,563 stocks declined while 1,442 advanced and 94 remained unchanged on the BSE. The NSE Nifty declined 137.15 points or 0.56 per cent to 24,198.85.

Tech Mahindra and HCL Technologies were the gain-"Nifty fell for the third con-

secutive session, losing 137

"The near-term market con-

struct has turned weak, with

FIIs turning sellers on rallies.

Yesterday's massive FII sell

figure of Rs 6,410 crore in the

cash market indicates that

more selling is in store on

"The focus of global markets today will be the Fed decision

expected tonight. A 25 bps rate cut is priced in by the market. So, the attention will be on the Fed commentary,"

Financial Services, said.

From the 30-share blue-chip

& Toubro and Bajaj Finance

In contrast, Tata Consultancy

Services, Reliance Industries,

were the main laggards.

market bounces.



sessions, Nifty dropped by 2.3 points amid selling pressure ahead of the US Fed's interest per cent rate decision later on <sup>®</sup>FII selling intensified on Wednesday. Over these three Tuesday as they offloaded

equities worth Rs 6,400 crore, inducing cautiousness in Indian markets. Investors will also watch out for interest rate

decisions of Japan and England as well as US Q3 GDP data to be released tomorrow. We expect markets to remain sideways with the Fed commentary determining the near-term direction, Siddhartha Khemka, Head Wealth Research, Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said. The BSE smallcap index declined 0.76 per cent, and the midcap gauge dipped 0.61 per cent.

Among sectoral indices, util-ities tanked 2.06 per cent, power (1.78 per cent), capital goods (1.56 per cent), tapital (1.44 per cent), industrials (1.30 per cent) and financial services (1.20 per cent). BSE Focused IT, healthcare

and IT were the gainers. The rupee dropped 3 paise to close at an all-time low of 84.94 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday. "Investors shunned stocks led by banking ahead of the out-

come of the US rate decision with a focus on the Fed chairman's commentary on inflation and growth outlook in the backdrop of the worsening global economic situation. "The rupee continuing its downward trajectory and hitting fresh lows also dampened the sentiment, as extended fall could further worsen trade deficit and hit inflation going deficit and hit inflation going ahead," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities

worth Rs 6,409.86 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. In Asian markets, Seoul,

Shanghai and Hong Kong settled higher, while Tokyo ended lower.

European markets were trading in the positive territory in mid-session deals. Wall Street ended lower on Tuesday. Global oil benchmark Brent

crude climbed 0.48 per cent to

drawing substantial liquidity from the market, adding pressure to major indices. "FIIs, who are major participants in the Indian equity markets, often wind down their trading activities towards the end of the year

"15 companies are set to

launch their IPOs by

December 20, 2024, with

many more in the pipeline.

This surge in IPO activity is

money 10

USD 73.67 a barrel.

due to the Christmas Holiday in Europe and North America. This reduced participation can lead to lower demand for Indian equities, adding pressure to the Nifty," Vinit Bolinjkar- Head of Research at Securities, said. Ventura

Falling for the second day in a row, the BSE benchmark tanked 1,064.12 points or 1.30 per cent to settle at 80,684.45 on Tuesday. The Nifty tumbled 332.25 points or 1.35 per cent to 24,336.

## Bihar to host 2nd edition of investor meet on Dec 19-20

### PTI PATNA

A fter an impressive maid-en show, Bihar will on December 19-20 host the second edition of Bihar Business Connect - the global investor summit that looks at boosting industrial and entrepreneurial growth in the state.

The prestigious event, curat-ed by the state's Department of Industries, seeks to showcase Bihar as a vibrant investment destination.

"The inaugural edition in 2023 witnessed participation from over 600 entrepreneurs from India and abroad. Bihar Business Connect 2023 was a landmark initiative. During the two-day summit held last year, a total of 278 investment proposals amounting to Rs 50,530 crore were signed as MoUs, out of which 244 projects worth Rs 38,000 crore have already been implemented on the ground," an official statement said.

This investment has significantly accelerated industrial development in the state and created numerous employment opportunities.

"Considering the success of last year's Bihar Business Connect, the Department of Industries, Government of Bihar, is once again organis-ing this event," it said. "Bihar, once known for its agricultural heritage, is now emerging as a hub for industrial transformation, entrepre-



development.

The event will feature Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, senior ministers of the state government, prominent industrialists, policymakers, and regional experts.

This two-day conference aims to establish Bihar as a premier destination for industries and investors while showcasing the state's economic and industrial growth potential. The Bihar government has introduced several reforms and policy initiatives to encourage investment across various sectors. The Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy 2016 offers tax exemptions, subsidies, tion, Bihar prioritises ease of

Besides, there are sector-specific policies that target investments in high-potential industries like textiles, leather, logistics, biofuels, IT, and tivity, and exports.

renewable energy. Under the Startup Bihar Policy, a fund of Rs 500 crore dedicated to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship has been set up. The state's Export Promotion Policy looks to boost global trade through facilities like Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and export packhouses. With a Single-Window Clearance System and an investor-friendly administra-

domestic and international investors, the statement said. Key focus areas of Bihar Business Connect 2024 include manufacturing sector, infrastructure and connec-

Bihar's manufacturing sector is undergoing rapid develop-ment, with a focus on textile cluster and bag manufacturing, military footwear exports, ethanol plants and food pro-cessing units. The state has implemented several initiatives to empower MSMEs and startups. Under the Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana, financial assistance of up to Rs 10 lakh for entrepreneurs from marginalized

scheduled castes/tribes, and persons with disabilities is provided. Over 21 incubation hubs are fostering innovation and providing a platform for startups. Also, affordable plug-and-play workspaces in Patna and Purnia are supporting emerging enterprises. Bihar has witnessed unprece-dented growth in infrastructure development. The state ranks third in road density in India, facilitating smoother trade and transport. Its energy capacity has expanded from 700 MW to 7,000 MW. IT parks and upcoming data centers are propelling digital growth across the state. Projects like the Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in Patna provide integrated sup-

ply chain solutions. 'Éihar is positioning itself as a hub for global trade with focused infrastructure and

policies," it said. Bihar's Industry & Tourism Minister Nitish' Mishra will inaugurate the two- day event. The session will include the signing of initial MoUs and 4-5 sector-specific sessions, with a special focus on MSMEs and startups. A CEO roundtable is planned

on the second day. "Significant MoUs will be signed in the presence of Nitish Kumar," the statement said adding during plenary sessions, key insights will be shared regarding Bihar's industrial potential and polTata Power-DDL awarded prestigious Certificate of Merit in DISCOM sector'



Customer Experience,

Commercial, Govt. Affairs,

EAC & Consumer Litigation,

Shashank Sharma, HoD - G&I,

E&S, NBS & Street Light

Projects and Kapil Kumar,

HoD - PSC, BD & Storage on

behalf of Tata Power-DDL.

The award was presented in the

esteemed presence of Minister

of State for Power and New &

Renewable Energy, Shripad

Naik. The event was attended by

many dignitaries from the gov-

ernment and private industries.

Tata Power-DDL has been a

pioneer in energy conservation,

actively participating and advo-

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### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power-DDL), a leading power utility supplying electricity to a populace of around 9 million in North Delhi, has been awarded with the prestigious 'Certificate of Merit in the DISCOM sector' at the 34th National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2024. The award ceremony was organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Union Ministry of Power (MoP)on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.

behavioural demand response programs,aim to optimize energy usage while empowering consumers to reduce their

carbon footprint. Commenting on the accolade, Gajanan S. Kale, Chief Executive Officer, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited said, "At Tata Power-DDL, energy efficiency and sustainability are at the core of our operations. We are honored to receive the 'Certificate of Merit' at the prestigious 'National Energy Conservation Awards 2024. This recognition motivates us to continue driving impactful energy conservation initiatives and inspires us to lead by example in building a greener, more sustainable

industrial growth.

### Gold falls Rs 200 to Rs 79,100 We have to wait and watch to see how it pans out: Official on Trump's tariff threat per 10 gm; silver rises Rs 500

### PTI 🗖 NEW DELHI

Gold prices fell Rs 200 to Rs 79,100 per 10 grams in the national capital on Wednesday amid a firm trend in international markets, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity settled at Rs 79,300 per 10 grams in the previous session.

Snapping a three-day losing run, silver climbed Rs 500 to Rs 92,000 per kg on Wednesday. It closed at Rs 91,500 per kg on Tuesday. In the last three sessions, the white metal plunged Rs 5,500

per kg.

The price of gold of 99.5 per cent purity slipped Rs 200 to Rs 78,700 per 10 grams from the previous close of Rs 78,900 per 10 grams on Tuesday.

Gold remains on the defensive as the market braces for the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) meeting, which can provide forward guidance for bullion prices, experts said.

Meanwhile, in futures trade on the MCX, gold contracts for February delivery went up Rs 74, or 0.1 per cent, to trade at Rs 76,945 per 10 grams. "Gold continues to trade

within a range as market participants await the Fed's policy announcement tonight, with increased focus on the 2025 outlook and concerns surrounding the job market," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst of Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said.

In MCX, gold is trading near Rs 76,950. The policy



statement is expected to set the tone for the next leg of movement in gold prices,

Trivedi added. However, silver contracts for March delivery slipped Rs

90,830 per kg on the exchange. Comex gold futures in the Asian trading session rose 0.08 per cent to USD 2,664.10

per ounce. Gold prices declined on

strength and better-than-expected US retail sales data weighed down on bullion, Saumil Gandhi, Senior

HDFC Securities, said. The solid consumer spend-ing, along with the US economic resiliency and warmer inflation data in recent months, implies that the Fed may stop its rate-cutting cycle at the January meeting, which

acts as negative for precious metals, Gandhi said. Meanwhile, silver traded flat said PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Imposing reciprocal duties violates global trade rules but one has to follow a "wait and watch" approach to US President-elect Donald Trump's remarks on imposing reciprocal tariffs, a senior official said on Wednesday.

US President-elect Donald Trump has said that India charges a lot of tariffs, reiterating his intention to impose reciprocal tariffs in retaliation for what New Delhi will impose on the import of certain American products.

Trump made these remarks on Tuesday and also said that India and Brazil were among countries that impose high tariffs on certain US products. "It will be very difficult to decipher from one or two sentences which Mr Trump makes but if I understood from what he was saying. His main intent is that reciprocity will matter in future. So if you are putting a tax on Harley-Davidson (bikes) we will also put a tax on your motorbike exports. So from that point of view, this will be in clear violation of the WTO (World Trade Organization) norms but there are instances when Mr Trump has used measures like Section 232 of the Tariff Act which allows the US to take unilateral measures against countries on national security grounds.

"So one will have to wait and watch and see," Director General of Foreign Trade (DGF) Santosh Kumar Sarangi said here at CII's export competitiveness event.

He said that there are many the dollar and provide some areas where India has tariff impetus to the gold price, they peaks but the country does not necessarily export those to the



bikes.

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The US was the largest trad-

77.51 billion, while imports

aggregated at USD 42.2 billion

In FY2024, India's top exports

Cut and Polished Diamonds

(USD 5.6 billion), Smartphones

with WTO rules, the proposed

in the last fiscal.

For example, India has high customs duties on a number of agri goods but they are not necessarily exported to America. "So if the US uses reciprocity and imposes taxes on that, it will not harm us in a major way but there could be a few items where this reciprocal principle thing might impact us," he said

Further, he added, "So one has to the US included medicines to wait and watch, how it is (USD 8 billion), Garments and Made-ups (USD 7.5 billion), panning out and the fine print of this will be available only after they undergo a process like they have a process like they have a process where the USTR (US Trade (USD 1.9 billion), Shrimps (USD 1.9 billion), Shrimps (USD 1.7 billion), Gold Jewellery (USD 3.3 billion), Auto Parts (USD 2.1 billion), Steel (USD 475 million), and Articles of Steel (USD 2.8 bil-lion) Representative) examines, investigates and recommends an action. Before guessing the impact, one will have to wait and watch as to which are the lion). kind of products that they are

looking at." In 2019, Trump repeatedly claimed that India is a "tariff king" and imposes "tremen-dously high" tariffs on

Reliance Nippon Life starts negotiation with IndusInd Bank on bancassurance tie up

### PTI NEW DELHI

Reliance Nippon Life Insurance, a subsidiary of debt-ridden Reliance Capital (RCAP), has initiated talks with IndusInd Bank for bancassurance partnership as the IIHL and RCAP deal has reached the final lap. Mauritius-based IndusInd

International Holdings Ltd (IIHL), the parent entity of IndusInd Bank, won the bid to acquire RCAP and entities under it.

"IIHL and Japan-based Nippon Life have struck a good understanding and they are absolutely clear about promoting the insurance business. This augurs very American products. He has criticised India's "big tariffs" on well for the business and pol-American paper products and icyholders as IIHL has a very the iconic Harley-Davidson strong capital base and a solid global aspiration in BFSI space," Reliance Nippon Life ing partner of India in 2023-24. Insurance CEO Ashish Vohra India's exports stood at USD told PTI.

Hinduja Group company IIHL is expecting to complete the acquisition of RCAP by next month nearly a year after the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved its rescue plan.

"Bancassurance was a missing link in our structure and we have started exploring the (USD 5.6 billion), Solar Cells possibility with IndusInd Bank and we are already in dialogue to strike a win-win deal for all stakeholders," he said.

At the same time, he said, the company has started talks Commenting on the Trump remarks, think tank GTRI said with other financial institutions as the regulation allows while Indian tariffs comply more than one such tie-up. IndusInd Bank serves about Trump tariffs would violate 41 million customers through 3,040 branches/banking out-



lets and 3,011 ATMs across India.

"Most of the approvals and procedures related to the resolution process of Reliance Capital are complete. Couple of the procedures at the end of the administrator and CoC are to be completed. We hope that all these will be over in the next 4-6 weeks and RCAP should come into the fold of Hinduja Group by the end of January," IIHL Chairman Ashok P Hinduja had said

earlier this month. As soon as delisting of shares is over, money will be handed over to RCAP debtors, he said, adding that delisting usually takes 4-6 weeks.

Sharing the road map for business expansion, Hinduja had said the focus will be on value creation, bancassurance and digitalisation to improve customer and policyholder experience.

He emphasised that the bancassurance model creates value for all stakeholders banks as well as the insurance companies.

"We aim to establish relationships on terms that are beneficial for all parties involved," he had said

at USD 30.92 per ounce in the global markets.

climbing Treasury yields, mixed US economic data and ceasefire updates," Manav Modi, Analyst, Commodity Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said. Traders will focus on macro-

economic data such as the US housing, GDP and inflation, Wednesday as the US dollar's which could provide more

insights on the trajectory of the gold and silver prices, Modi said. According to traders, investors will be looking for Analyst - Commodities at clues about the outcome of

the FOMC rate decision and focus on the Fed Chair Jerome Powell's commentary at the post-meeting news conference and the updated economic estimates. This, in turn, will influence

'Gold and silver slipped under pressure from a strengthening US dollar,

45, or 0.05 per cent, to Rs

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## Vinícius Júnior and Aitana Bonmati win FIFA best player of the year awards

### AP DOHA

Real Madrid star Vinícius Júnior finally got his hands on a big global player award on Tuesday.

Vinícius was named the men's player of the year at the FIFA's "The Best" awards, where awards, where Barcelona playmaker Aitana Bonmati continued to clean up in the prizes for women's soccer.

The 24-year-old Vinícius was so disappointed to lose out to Manchester City midfielder Rodri for the Ballon d'Or in October that he and his Madrid team snubbed the ceremony in Paris in protest.

This time Rodri ended up second to Vinícius by five points. The Brazil forward was at the FIFA ceremony to collect his award having travelled to Doha on Monday with Madrid for the Intercontinental Cup final against Pachuca.

"I don't even know where to begin," Vinícius said in begin," Portuguese. "It was so far away that it seemed impossible to get

here. I was a kid who only played football barefoot on the streets of São Gonçalo, close to poverty and crime

"Getting here is something very important to me. I'm doing it for many children who think that everything is impossible and who think they can't get here."

Vinícius echoed those sentiments in an Instagram post, where he took a thinly-disguised dig at presumably the Ballon d'Or voters - journalists from the top 100 countries in the FIFA rankings.

Today I am writing to that boy who saw so many idols lift this trophy... Your time has come," he wrote. "Or rather, my time has come. The time to say ... Yes, I am the best player in the world and I fought hard for it.

They tried and still try to invalidate me, to diminish me. But they are not prepared. No one is going to tell me who I should fight for, how I should behave."

Vinícius has been subjected to racist abuse in Spain and at one point earlier this year said he was "losing my desire to play" but



added "I'll keep fighting."

making it back-to-back prizes at

prize. The 26-year-old Spain midfielder Bonmati won the award for best FIFA's version of the older and The 26-year-old Spain midfielder women's player of the year more prestigious Ballon d'Or has won the Ballon d'Or for two

straight years, and won the Spanish league, Spanish cup and Champions League with Barcelona in 2024.

"I am grateful to receive this award. Ås I always say, this is a team effort," Bonmati said. "It was a great year, very difficult to repeat. I am grateful to the people who help me to be better every day, from the club, to my teammates, who always help me to be better" to be better."

FIFA said the award winners were decided by an "equally weighted voting system" by fans, the current captains and coaches of all national teams, and media representatives.

There was an 11-player shortlist for both awards, with the contenders selected based on their performance for a 27

their performances from Aug. 21, 2023, to Aug. 10. 2024. Vinícius had the best season of his career, scoring 24 goals in 39 appearances for Madrid and helping the Spanish team to a record-extending 15th European Cup — and his second and his second Cup Champions League trophy.

chairman of the tournament's

Sudhanshu Mittal announced

that Bollywood megastar

Salman Khan will be the brand ambassador of the World Cup.

"I am announcing with pride

that the brand ambassador of

the event will be Salman

'I am proud to be associated

with the first-ever Kho Kho World Cup 2025. This is not

just a tournament – it's a

tribute to India's soil, spirit, and strength. All of us,

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Khan," Mittal said.

committee,

organising

He also netted in the final, becoming the youngest player to score in two Champions League finals. Madrid teammate Jude Bellingham was third, ahead of Dani Carvajal and Lamine Yamal, with Lionel Messi - who had won the award the previous two vears — sixth.

Madrid manager Carlo Ancelotti was named best men's coach, and United States coach Emma Haves

took the women's prize. Hayes steered the USWNT to Olympic gold in Paris in August. Their shotstopper, Alyssa Naeher, was given the women's goalkeeper award. Aston Villa and Argentina goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez won the men's prize for the

second straight year. Alejandro Garnacho won the FIFA Puskás Award for the best goal, for his sensational overhead strike for Manchester United against Everton in November 2023.

Marta won the award that is named after her — the inaugural FIFA Marta Award — for her goal for Brazil against Jamaica in June.



## Six teams pick 48 players in draft for World Pickleball League

### PTI MUMBA

A total of 48 players were picked by six franchises in the player draft for the inaugural edition of the World Pickleball League which will be held here next month.

While the players draft consisted of 75 players from 20 countries, the tournament will feature men and women players from 14 countries including India, Japan, Spain, South Korea, Australia and

the United Kingdom. The WBPL, which works closely with All Indian Pickleball Association (AIPA), is co-founded by former Indian tennis players Gaurav Natekar and Arati Ponnappa Natekar and will be held rom Ianuarv

player. "The league format will comprise of a round-robin stage, where each team plays against the other resulting in 15 ties. Each tie featuring five

games including men's singles, women's singles, doubles in each category and mixed doubles," the league said

"Each team will play a total of 5 ties, at the group stage, the top four teams going forward to semi-finals and finals. Giving fans the opportunity to witness a total of 90 matches during the entire duration of the league," it added. Squads:

Delhi: Alexa Schull, Isha Lakhani, Eduardo Irizarry, Chung, Willy Lauren Merc Lear Lazaro Kenta Miyoshi, Aiko Yoshitomi Pune: William Sobek, Mollv Vanshik Kapadia, Knaggs, Revuelta, Louis Brooke Laville, Molly O'Donoghue, Mateusz Matysik, Rocio Cardo.

India look to make all-round amends against West Indies

### PTI NAVI MUMBAI

 $I_{\text{amends in all areas and}}^{\text{ndia will look to make}}$ counter the West Indies' power game when the two teams face off in the decider of the women's T20I series on Thursday, with regular skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's participation still shrouded in

uncertainty. A comprehensive 49-run win in the series opener helped India extend their domination in the format to nine consecutive victories but West Indies crushed the hosts by nine wickets to level the rms in the second game

rob India off an in-form batter, for Kaur has struck two fifties in her last three T20I outings.

Stand-in skipper Smriti Mandhana's second fifty of the series gave India a platform to push on for a competitive total but the rest of the batters could not carry their form from the first game in which they had put a collective show.

A visible improvement in the West Indies' tactics to bowl tighter lines and not give width made the batters' job difficult but beyond Mandhana and Richa Ghosh (32) no one else could find

## India to face Pakistan in opening match of inaugural Kho Kho World Cup on Jan 13

### PTI NEW DELHI

Hosts India will face arch rivals Pakistan in the opening match of the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup on January 13, the organisers announced on Wednesday Wednesday.

As many as 24 countries have confirmed their participation in the week-long event (January 13-19), which will be organised at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in the national capital and at the Noida Indoor Stadium.

"The league matches will start on January 13. There will be an opening ceremony on that day and after that the most exciting match of the season, the match between India and Pakistan men's teams will be played," Kho Kho World Cup CEO Vikram Dev Dogra said during a media interaction.

Thereafter, on 14th, 15th and 16th January, the remaining league matches will carry on, following which the



quarterfinals will be held on January 17 and semifinals on January 18 and final on January 19."

The tournament will see 21 men's and 20 women's teams competing for the top prizes. Dogra said the national camp for 60 men and 60 women is currently underway at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, and the Indian teams for the event will be selected from among these players.

Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) president and

a niggle in her knee while bat

Mandhana,

India waiting on Harmanpreet's fitness update: Smriti Mandhana

including me, have played Kho Kho at one point in our lives," Khan said in a message.

"It is a sport with non-stop action and relentless spirit that has already captured the global attention. Let's come together and celebrate the soul of Kho Kho on the global stage," he added.

USA, England, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and Brazil are among the teams that have confirmed their participation in the tournament.

The event will take place in a league-cum-knockout format, for both men and women. Among Asian countries, Indonesia will send only their women's team while all other nations will send both their

men and women's squads. Mittal had said that 615 players and 125 support staff will take part in the event. Each team will comprise 15 players, one coach, one manager and international technical officials

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24 to February 2. The six franchises in the

tournament will represent Chennai, Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Delhi. The owners were guided by the league during the player draft here on Wednesday.

"To ensure that the draft process was smooth, fair and transparent, we curated a special in-house software that consisted of all the necessary information about the players," Natekar said.

'We wanted to pick some of the best players across the globe and have a combination players who are experienced as well as new, young talent. We also wanted to give our Indian players a chance to shine so we had mandated each team that one player should be from India in each team," Natekar told PTI.

A total of eight players will be in each team including four men and as many women including a mandatory Indian

World Athletics President Sebastian Coe says his

organisation will "await with

interest" India's expected bid for the 2029 World Championships but indicated

that there will be tough

competition from other

countries to get the hosting

right of the showpiece.

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Brandon Lane, Mumbai: Glauka Carvahal Lane, Mayur Patil, Sabrina Dominguez, Mihae Kwon, Kim Eung Gwon, Bartosz Karbownik, Katie Morris.

Jack Foster. Bengaluru: Katerina Stewart, Vrushali Trang Thakare, Hyunh McClain, Marcelo Jardim, Alejandra Bobaria, Felix Grunert, Mauro Garcia Chennai: Maria Klokotzy Etienne Blaszkewycz, Sonu Tanner Vishwakarma, Thaddea Tomassi, Lock, Edward Perez, Tyra Calderwood, Sarah Jane Lim. Hyderabad: Max Freeman, Cavataio, Kuldip Ava Mahajan, Ross Whittaker, Madalina Grigoriu, Karolina Owczarek, Ben Cawston, Ludovica Sciaky.

The manner in which West Indies cruised to win with 26 balls and nine wickets to spare, hitting a total of 27 fours and two sixes, the visitors left India scrambling

for answers. None of the Indian bowlers could pose any threat as heavy dew made their job only tougher. On their part, the West Indies used the conditions to their benefit. They send the balls to the ropes more times rather than attempting to hit sixes which also worked in their favour. conditions The aren't expected to change much in a day's time but India will be required to change a lot in terms of their collective batting and bowling, aside from concerns over the availability of Kaur. Kaur didn't take part in India's fielding innings in the first

match last Sunday and missed the second on Tuesday owing to a "niggle in her knee". Her unavailability for the series decider will certainly

their way through a phase where the ball was also losing pace off the surface.

In Kaur's absence, the seniors in Jemimah Rodrigues and Deepti Sharma will have to shoulder extra responsibility in the middle order which featured debutant Raghvi Bisht at the number 4 slot in the second game.

India will also have to watch out for the all-round threat posed by West Indies veteran Deandra Dottin, who has made a strong impression on this series. The pair of Hayley Matthews and Qiana Joseph provide West Indies a lot of firepower at the top, which again will be a challenge for India to manage.

"It would mean a lot to the group if we were able to win this series. But we know in order to do that, we've got to come back and play just as good as we played today or even better. We know it's not going to be easy work," Matthews said after the second game.

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 $\Pi$ ipation in India Women's T201 series decider here on Thursday is under doubt after the regular captain was sidelined from the second match having suffered a niggle in her knee during the first game. Smriti Mandhana, who stood in for Kaur as the West Indies levelled the series 1-1 on Tuesday, said the team is awaiting update on Kaur's availability for the third match.

"Harman's fitness, (the) BCCI medical team is observing on day-to-day basis. They'll be at Mandhana said. a better place to answer that question. I think we'll have to wait for the update from their said her side did not bowl enough dot balls to put presside," Mandhana told media after India's crushing ninesure on the free-flowing West wicket loss here on Tuesday. Indies batters. Kaur, who turned up for practice here last Saturday with her them. But Hayley (Matthews) knee strapped, scored 13 not is definitely a quality player out in India's big total of 195/4 The executions were not at the but she did not take the field in mark," she said after her coun terpart Matthews hit a 47-ball the series-opener here.

"Harmanpreet Kaur sustained

ting during the first T20I PREVIOUSLY I WAS This is to inform you that against West Indies. Hence, earlier my name was RAMESH KNOWN AS SUPRIYA she remains unavailable for Now I changed my name to TIWARI. NOW I HAVE selection for the second T20I. RAMESH BHAGWANDAS The BCCI Medical Team is CHANGED MY NAME AS SHAH. From now and in future monitoring her progress," the SUPRIYA SHARMA W/O I will be known by my new team issued a statement ahead SURYANSH SHARMA R/O of the second T20I here. name H. NO. 32, PARK NO.-1 meanwhile, **RAMESH BHAGWANDAS** brushed aside any concerns PANCHWATI COLONY, SHAH regarding her after she copped AIRPORT ROAD, BHOPAL Address - 83/2, Ward No-9, In a blow to her hand towards the M.P. NOW I SHOULD BE Front Block Office, Khaknar end of the second match. KNOWN BY ABOVE NAME. Khurd, Dist-Burhanpur (MP). "I think (the) finger is fine now. Just that initial impact, where Form No. you think that oh, it can be [See regulation 33(2 wrong', but it's all good now,' **OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II** DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR Mandhana, who struck a 41 ball 62 to lead India's charge,

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you, we've got a lot of interest in those Championships already, and the process will open shortly," Coe replied to a PTI question during a virtual conference with the global media. It was in December last year

when the AFI first revealed its intention to bid for the 2029 World Championships. The bidding process is

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is set to formally expected to start in Januaryexpress its interest to host the February 2025 along with the 2029 World Championships publication of a time-line. World Athletics is expected to when the process is launched in the next few months, in announce the host city in line with the country's plan to 2026.

stage a series of high-profile Distance events to mount a serious bid World the 2029 Championships, look, we will Championships while Britain, await with interest (India's

expected bid). I have to tell

in 2017 when the legendary Usain Bolt ran his last international race in London, has also done the same, running though not formally.

powerhouse Kenya has also declared its interest to host World which staged the showpiece announcement of the host



city was made in March 2024. The 2025 World Championships will be held in Tokyo.

Earlier, the AFI officially The bidding process for the 2027 World Championships submitted its expression of interest to host the World U20 to be held in Beijing, China, began in January 2023 and the Championships in 2028 when Coe made a two-day visit to India last month.

Mansukh Mandaviya, besides AFI officials.

"I had a very good discussion with Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) and actually comforted by the was that sport, recognition athletics, is particularly probably the most or one of the most accessible sports," Coe said about his discussion with PM Modi.

"He (PM Modi) sees (it) as a very key element in the growth and development of healthy communities, particularly among young people, both mentally and physically. And that was in large part the discussion. have to say that I spend a lot of time talking to senior

political politicians and leaders. I've rarely found such a commitment to that concept. I was very pleased to hear that commitment."

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Will await with interest India's bid for 2029 World Championships: WA chief Coe He met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sports Minister



## Third Test between India and Australia ends in a draw

### PTI BRISBANE

India escaped with a crucial draw in the weather-hit third Test Australia after against intermittent rain wiped out merinintent fait wheed out majority of play on day five, leaving the five-match series tantalisingly locked at 1-1. Resuming the day at 252 for nine, India batted for 24 balls and ware all out for 260 in

and were all out for 260 in their first innings.

With limited time left in the day to force a result after majority of the morning session was rained out, the Australian batters came out all guns blazing and stuttered to 89 for seven in 18 overs before making a brave declaration, giving India at least 54 overs to chase down

Bad light and rain forced an early tea break soon after with India at 8 for no loss in 2.1 overs. The rain got heavier as the time passed and no play was possible thereafter. The absorbing series is nicely

poised going into the Boxing lightening and subsequent rain allowed only 24 balls to

India would have fancied chasing 275 on day five but helped weather them immensely in the game controlled by Australia. Jasprit Bumrah (3/18) was brilliant as usual in the second innings with Mohammed Siraj (2/36) and Akash Deep (2/28) offering good support. Australia's approach in the

second essay was brave and questionable at the same time. Nathan McSweeney (4) and

Marnus Labuschagne (1) went after balls outside the off-stump and perished while Usman Khawaja (8) and Mitchell Marsh (2) fell to good deliveries.

Wickets falling in a heap did not impact Australia's approach as they kept going for the big hits. Skipper Cummins chipped in with two gives and as many four two sixes and as many fours before the declaration. In the morning session,

be bowled.

The warning of severe weather was flashed on the digital scoreboard at the Gabba shortly after India were bowled out for 260 in their first innings, handing Australia a lead of 185 runs. Akash Deep (31) was the last man out, stumped off a Travis Head delivery, bringing an end to a 47-run stand with Jasprit Bumrah (10 not out). The duo had done well to avoid the follow-on on day four.

Players were asked to remain in the dressing room and fans were requested to take shelter away from the fence after the visitors were all out. The forecast was largely clear

for Brisbane from Thursday onwards but the entire game has been adversely impacted by bad weather with rain forcing multiple stoppages for four out of five days. Only day two of the game was



Australia coasted to 405 for been woefully short of runs seven on the back of and after the hundred in memorable hundreds from Head and Steve Smith.

Going into the fourth Test beginning December 26, India have major concerns in both batting and bowling department which they must address.

Barring K L Rahul, who has been India's standout batter on the tour, the star-studded line up has not found a way to negotiate the threats posed by the Australian pace attack. Skipper Rohit Sharma has

Perth, superstar Virat Kohli has struggled with ball outside the off-stump.

Majority of the batters have been guilty of playing away from their bodies in challenging conditions. They will need to curb their whiteball instincts to make an impact at MCG.

On the bowling front too, it has been effectively a one man show with Jasprit Bumrah doing the heavy lifting in all the games.

Mohammed Sirai bowled in the Brisbane Test with a niggle, leaving a question mark over his fitness ahead of the Melbourne game.

Akash Deep, who played ahead of Harshit Rana, bowled well in the game but did not have a lot of luck, especially against Smith. He is expected to retain his place the eleven.

India have picked three different spinners in the first

three Test. It remains to be seen what strategy they adopt for the Boxing Day Test.





## Will go to Melbourne with confidence: Rohit

### PTI BRISBANE

Indian skipper Rohit Sharma hailed the resilience of the lower-order batters after his team managed to salvage a crucial draw in the rain-hit third Test against Australia here on Wednesday, saying the side it has given the side renewed confidence for the remaining series.

With the five-match Borderby intermittent rain and lightning on the final day, India's bowlers held their own Gavaskar Trophy now tied 1-1, Rohit believes the team's morale will be high during the Boxing in the second inning

before they were all out for 260 showed with the bat, these are in reply to Australia's big first

innings score of 445. "Credit to (Ravindra) Jadeja, the way he played and (KL) Rahul, the way he played was magnificent at the top of the order, the fight that Akash Deep and Bumrah (gave) was great to watch, we have seen them work so hard at the nets (on their batting)." Despite the challenges posed

added.

outcome

the sort of characters we needed in the team," Rohit

Cummins rues not leading 2-1 captain Pat lamented the Australia Cummins impact of rain on the game's "Would be better to be 2-1, lot of rain, nothing we can do about it. We set a huge total and felt like we were right ahead of

the game throughout," said Cummins. Australia also suffered a earthreak with nacer Josh

Melbourne.

"I mean, we will take that. Obviously to have interruptions like that wasn't great, but going to Melbourne at 1-1 pretty much gives us that confidence to go out there and pull things towards us," Rohit said at the post-match presentation.

"The situation we were in just after lunch (on Day 4), needed someone to stand up and take us through, we knew with the weather, we knew it wasn't

going to be a full game." Opener KL Rahul once again shone, top-scoring with 84 before Ravindra Jadeja (77) put up a lower-order resistance. Then the last duo of Akash Deep (31) and Jasprit Bumrah (10 not out) put on a gritty 47-run partnership to help India avoid follow-on

particularly Bumrah was brilliant, taking 3/18, while Akash Deep and Mohammed Siraj chipped in with two wickets each. Australia's bold approach in

the second innings saw them declare at 89/7, setting India a target of 275 in 54 overs, but bad light and rain ensured no further play was possible after

the early stages of the chase. "Coming to the bowling, Bumrah was outstanding, Akash Deep is a feisty cricketer, always wants to be involved in the game, very new to international cricket, he has worked hard at the nets, still new to international cricket, but he has put in the hard

yards... There are people in the group to put their hand across and help him going forward. As he

Hazlewood ruled out of the entire series with a calf strain. "Poor Josh, one of those things, few rain breaks probably helped, Starc and I were able to push through. "Day 5 here can be up and down, there wasn't much cricket played on it, felt challenging when the ball was new and hard."

Cummins also highlighted the positives that his team could take from the match.

'(Steve) Smith and Head's innings' were fantastic, Alex Carey too... (Nathan) Lyon looked really good, Starc got wickets, just about ticked off every box.

On the Boxing Day Test, Cummins said: "That will be amazing, one of those things here in Australia that you wake up and can't wait for."

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## Head confident he'll be 'fine' for Boxing Day Test in Melbourne

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Australia's man in form, Travis Head, played down concerns over his fitness after appearing to struggle with a potential groin issue during the rain-marred drawn third Test against India at the Gabba

here on Wednesday. Head said he expects to be "fine" for the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne

The five-match series is tied 1-1 going into the Boxing Day Test after the drawn affair.

"Very pleased with the way I am batting at the moment. Just a little sore, but I should be fine (before the next game)," Head, who was adjudged the player of the match, said after the game. The 30-year-old, who has been in red-hot form with 409 runs at an average of 81.80 this series, noticeably struggled to run between the wickets during his brief innings of 17 on day five.



times, he was seen clutching his groin, raising concerns among commentators

Former pacer Brett Lee called the visuals "worrying signs", noting Head's limited noting movement, while Indian great Ravi Shastri also expressed concern, describing the potential injury as a "body blow" for Australia, given concern, Head's big role in the batting lineup

Head did not take the field during India's second innings, fuelling further speculation. "Travis, he'll be fine. It's a bit of a tight quad. He'll be fine for Melbourne," asserted his captain Pat Cummins.

The left-hander further reflected on his approach this series, attributing his success well adapting challenging conditions and staying composed at the crease

"Challenging wicket. I had to work through the gears. I had different plans, pleased I could get through those. Good partnership with (Steve) Smith," he said on the Good their centuries, contributing to their 241-run massive stand.

"I just try to sum up the conditions well. What I've done well this series is assess the conditions. Pleased with the tempo I've batted with. Pretty relaxed communication. "Felt like he was back in his

rhythm, and he gives me full freedom and confidence knowing he's going to be there for a long while. I feel like I am playing the situation in front of me," he added.

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