



BULLETS FIRED IN GOLDEN TEMPLE

Delhi boxer kills his entire family to avenge 'insult'



Narain Singh Chaura nabbed after he opened fire at Shiromani Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Singh Badal while the latter was serving the punishment given by the Akal Takht at the Golden Temple, in Amritsar PTI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ AMRITSAR/NEW DELHI

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader and former Punjab Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal on Wednesday escaped a brazen assassination attempt in Golden Temple when a former terrorist fired at him from a close range. However, the missed as a plainclothes policeman overpowered the assailant. He was identified as Narain Singh Chaura.

Badal, a 'Z Plus' protectee, who was serving as a guard at the Temple entrance as part of a religious punishment, is safe. Videos showed the wheelchair-bound leader, in a blue 'sewadar' uniform and holding a spear in one hand and a small board hung around his neck, acknowledging his "misdeeds". The attack, which took place around

9:30 am, was captured on cameras of media persons who had gathered to cover the second day of Badal performing the duty of 'sewadar' outside the shrine as penance for "mistakes" committed by the SAD government in Punjab from 2007 to 2017.

Television footage showed the shooter slowly walking towards Badal (62), who was sitting in a wheelchair due to a fractured leg, and pulling out a gun from his pocket. The weapon is reportedly a sophisticated 9mm pistol and sources said prima facie it appeared to be a lone wolf attack.

A police official in plainclothes standing near Badal quickly grabbed the attacker's hands and pushed him away. In the melee, a bullet hit the shrine's entrance wall behind Badal, who escaped unhurt.

Soon other security personnel and Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak

Committee (SGPC) task force members also intervened. Badal continued his penance after the attack, with a security ring thrown around him. His wife and Bathinda Member of Parliament Harsimrat Kaur Badal also reached the Golden Temple to meet him.

The shooter Narain Singh Chaura, is a resident of Dera Baba Nanak, and a former terrorist owing allegiance to Babbar Khalsa International (BKI). After the attack, he was taken away by security officials, and arrested.

Amritsar Police Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said the attack on Badal was foiled because of the alertness of police. Police official Rashpal Singh noticed Chaura first, as he is a former terrorist and has a criminal history.

When Chaura whipped out his weapon, Assistant Sub-Inspector Jasbir Singh and another police

official, Parminder Singh, held Chaura's hands and as a result, the bullet went upwards, said the commissioner. "Narain Singh Chaura has been arrested and an FIR has been registered against him. The weapon used in the attack has been recovered," Bhullar said, adding that the case will be investigated from all angles.

The motive behind the attack will be ascertained after Chaura's questioning. He came alone to the Golden Temple, he said. Responding to a question, Bhullar said the security deployment at the shrine was sufficient. Police cannot carry out frisking because religious sentiments are involved, he said.

Detailed security deployment had been made at the Golden Temple complex. Around 175 police personnel led by an assistant inspector general have been deployed

there, he said. ASI Jasbir Singh, whose brave act won him praise from all quarters, told reporters that he was only performing his duty.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Harpal Singh said police were alert and had been keeping an eye on the accused. "We had covered Sukhbir ji," he said. Chaura was here on Tuesday as well, the officer said.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann directed police to thoroughly investigate the incident while opposition parties demanded his resignation over the "breakdown" of law and order in the state. Mann lauded police for their promptness in nabbing the attacker and termed it a "great success". He said "Punjab Police prevented a major incident today. It is the result of the promptness of Punjab Police that the conspiracy to defame Punjab and Punjab has failed," he said.

"I strongly condemn the attack on Sukhbir Badal ji. I have issued strict instructions to police to immediately investigate the incident and submit a report," he added.

Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh said it was not an attack on Badal but on the 'sewadar' who was performing his duty outside the Golden Temple. SGPC chief Harjinder Singh Dhani said the "targeting" of Badal while performing religious service at the holy shrine was "extremely saddening" and "immoral".

Senior SAD leader Daljit Singh Cheema, who is also undergoing religious punishment, demanded Mann's resignation over the incident. "For Punjab, this is a big incident. Where are we taking the state? I want to ask the Punjab chief minister where Punjab is headed. It is a 100 per cent failure of law and order. The chief minister should resign," he told reporters. Cheema also demanded a judicial inquiry into the incident.



Police personnel and others at a house at Neb Sarai area where a middle-aged couple and their daughter were found dead Photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

A 20-year-old state-level boxer killed his father, mother and elder sister on Wednesday morning in South Delhi's Neb Sarai, as he was "hurt" and felt "insulted" by them, as he suspected that they were going to name their daughter in their will.

According to police, the accused Arjun Tanwar alias Bunty's father had recently scolded him in public, and this proved to be the last straw for him. Arjun decided to kill his parents on their 27th anniversary to gain sympathy, and avoid any suspicion, police said. The deceased have been identified as 51-year-old Rajesh Kumar Tanwar, his 46-year-old wife Komal and their 23-year-old daughter Kavita.

According to police sources, Arjun, who has represented in the Delhi Olympics in boxing and earned a silver medal, executed the brutal

crime by first killing his sister. He slit her throat while she was sleeping on the ground floor. However, while he was attacking her, Kavita bit Arjun on the finger.

He then went to the first floor and slit his father's throat after stabbing him on his head first. When his mother Komal tried to escape, he silenced her by cupping his hands on her mouth, and then slit her throat, the police said. According to preliminary investigation, the murders took place between 5 am and 7 am. According to neighbours, Rajesh was a retired army officer and Kavita had earned a black belt in Martial Arts.

Arjun used his father's 'army' dagger to commit the crime. To avoid suspicion, he murdered his family members and then went for a jog to Sunder nag, instead of going to his gym session to establish an alibi.

Fadnavis wins Maha musical chairs



BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis with Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde, NCP chief Ajit Pawar and BJP Central Observers Nirmala Sitharaman and Vijay Rupani meet Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan to stake claim to form the new Maharashtra Government PTI

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

After 11 days of drama, suspense and speculation, Devendra Fadnavis was elected unanimously as the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party Legislature Party (BJPLP) leader here on Wednesday, thus paving way for him being sworn in as Maharashtra's next Chief Minister at a ceremony to be held on Thursday.

Within hours after Fadnavis' election as the BJPLP leader, the ruling MahaYuti - comprising BJP, Shiv Sena and Nationalist Congress Party

NCP (AP) met Governor CP Radhakrishnan at Raj Bhavan in south Mumbai and staked claim for forming a new Government in the State. The Governor invited them for the oath-taking ceremony scheduled for Thursday. With his election as the BJPLP leader, 54-year-old Fadnavis will be administered the oath of office and secrecy as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra for the third consecutive time, at a swearing-in ceremony to be held at the historic Azad Maidan in south Mumbai at 5.30 pm Thursday.

Fadnavis, who has once again staged a comeback as the chief minister of Maharashtra, was earlier the CM of the state for five years from October 2014 to October 2019 and for a brief 90 hours in November 2019.

A six-time MLA, Fadnavis is close to the top brass of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). He is the second Brahmin chief minister in Maharashtra politics after Manohar Joshi of the united Shiv Sena who held the top post between 1995 and 1999.

In the run-up to the 2014 Maharashtra polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promoted Fadnavis as a chief ministerial candidate, by saying: "deshe me Devendra", while senior BJP leader Amit Shah had described him as "current and future" CM of Maharashtra. Not many in Maharashtra political circles can forget his much-discussed statement "Me Punha Yain, Me Punha Yain" (I will return, I will return) that he had made repeatedly in the run-up to the 2019 State Assembly polls to suggest that he would return as the chief minister of the state.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who were heading towards violence-hit Sambhal in Uttar Pradesh, were stopped at the Ghazipur border between Delhi and Noida, causing a high-voltage drama, leading to massive traffic jams during the morning peak hours. The traffic congestion at Delhi-Meerut Expressway in Ghaziabad worsened as Congress workers gathered there ahead of Rahul and Priyanka's planned visit to Sambhal. The Congress workers defied barricading and also engaged in a scuffle with the commuters on the stretch, who faced a harrowing time reaching their destinations due to the traffic congestion. Long queues of vehicles could be seen at the border, leaving commuters frustrated.

Many people got stuck in the jam at the Delhi-UP Ghazipur border, which led to their work being affected, and as a result, some lost their cool. Some couldn't reach their offices, while others missed their exams. The situation was

Commuters suffer, police, Cong lock horns at UP border



Police stop Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress supporters at the Ghazipur border while they were on the way to visit the violence-hit Sambhal district, in Ghaziabad PTI

so dire that the angry crowd clashed with Congress workers. Vehicles were seen clogging the roads for several kilometres. Several commuters shared their grievances with The Pioneer, and slammed the Congress leaders for blocking the traffic during the morning peak hours. "My daughter is having an examination in Meerut at 1 pm. I have been stuck in traffic for the past two hours. If politicians want to protest, they can sit on the side of the

road. Why should the public suffer?" said a commuter who was involved in the scuffle with Congress workers. Sambhal authorities had requested neighbouring districts to stop the Congress leaders before they enter the district. The District Magistrate has written to officers in Bulandshahr, Amroha, Ghaziabad, and Gautam Buddha Nagar, appealing to them to intercept the Rahul Gandhis at the border. He has also instructed

the officials to closely monitor Rahul Gandhi's activities on his way to Sambhal.

As the Congress leaders stopped at the border, Rahul and other leaders stepped out of the vehicle and held discussions with senior police officers but were not permitted to proceed further. After hours of deadlock, Rahul and Priyanka were escorted to the Parliament in Delhi by the Uttar Pradesh Police in their vans.

Rahul said that he was willing to travel to Sambhal alone with the police but was not allowed to proceed. "As the leader of the opposition, it is my constitutional right. I should have been allowed," he said. Priyanka who was accompanying him, added, "Rahul ji holds a constitutional post and has the constitutional right. He should be allowed to meet the victims' families."

Curbs under Section 163 (power to issue an order in urgent cases of nuisance or apprehended danger) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), which were set to expire on Sunday, have now been extended till December 31 in Sambhal.



Photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer

NCR breathes 'moderate' air after 50 days

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi breathed almost 'clean' air on Wednesday, after a gap of 50 days, as the Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded in the 'moderate' category. The 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) of the city was recorded at 178 at 4 pm, registering an improvement from 268 on Tuesday. Many people are hoping to get relaxation from the GRAP IV restrictions when the matter comes up for hearing in the Supreme Court on Thursday.

Earlier, the AQI was recorded in the 'moderate' category with a reading of 198 on October 15. However, the AQI had deteriorated and shifted to the 'poor' category the following day, according to Central Pollution Control Board data. Najafgarh was the least air polluted area with an air quality index of 112 while Munda was the most polluted area with an AQI 286.

Speaking about the improved air quality, an official of the India Meteorological Department said strong surface winds were forecast in the city on Wednesday. The winds will blow till December 7, when a new western disturbance is expected, which will lead to moderate fog starting December 8.

Of the 38 air quality monitoring stations in the city, only Sri Aurobindo Marg reported air quality in the 'very poor' category on Wednesday, while eight others showed air quality in the 'poor' category. The remaining reported 'moderate' air quality, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Active terror module busted in Srinagar Central Jail

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) and State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir Police Wednesday busted an active terror module of proscribed terrorist organizations and recovered mobile phones/SIM cards and other incriminating documents during a surprise raid inside the Central Jail, Srinagar. More than 500 inmates are lodged inside one of the oldest Central Jails of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The investigating agencies are also looking into the aspect of a major security breach of Central Jail premises as to how these digital communication devices reached the jail premises.



Court of Special Judge, Designated under NIA Act, Srinagar in case FIR No. 06/2023 u/s 153-A, 505,121 & 120-B IPC r/w 13 & 39 UA(P) Act. The police spokesman said the Facilitators/collaborators in this act will also become the subject of investigation.

During the raid, searches were conducted in different blocks/barracks of Central Jail Srinagar wherein incriminating material in the form of SIM cards, Mobile

phones and other digital devices having bearing on the investigation of the case have been recovered and seized in the case. The police spokesman said that the case pertains to a larger conspiracy hatched by proscribed terrorist organizations operating within J&K and across the LoC at the behest of Pakistani agencies, in connivance with their OGWs/supporters/facilitators/ sympathizers in Kashmir valley. These

terrorist organisations and their handlers are continuously in the process of creating 'new terror modules' (gangs) wherein by misusing various social media applications, youths of Kashmir are lured by varied ways and means including radicalisation/ instigation/ provocation etc. to make the youths indulge in unlawful and terrorist activities and also to join terrorist ranks for furthering the activities of these terrorist organizations. During investigation of the instant case, it emerged that mobile phones/ devices are being used in Central Jail, Srinagar premises by under trial terrorists/ OGWs/ supporters/ sympathizers of various proscribed terrorist organizations for communicating with active terrorists and passing on directions so received from the handlers sitting across for furtherance of terrorist activities.

Tharoor's monkey baat...



Congress leader Shashi Tharoor reads a newspaper while a monkey sits on his lap PTI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Known for his extensive vocabulary, veteran politician Shashi Tharoor may have been at a loss of words for a few moments when he had a warm encounter of the wild kind at his residence on Wednesday. He soon shared the "extraordinary experience" he had at his home when a monkey ran towards him, hugged him and after being treated to a couple of bananas. The monkey felt so much at home that he rested on former Union Minister Tharoor's chest, while he continued reading newspapers in the garden. Tharoor shared a series of photos of this unusual encounter on X, and went on to narrate the incident that left many

users of the platform amused.

"Had an extraordinary experience today. While I was sitting in the garden, reading my morning newspapers, a monkey wandered in, headed straight for me and parked himself on my lap. He hungrily ate a couple of bananas we offered him, hugged me and proceeded to rest his head on my chest and dozed off," the Congress leader said on X. "I gently began to get up, he leapt off and loped away," Tharoor added.

He said reverence for wildlife is ingrained in him, and though he was a bit concerned about the risk of a monkey-bite which would have necessitated anti-rabies shots, he stayed calm and welcomed his presence as non-threatening. "I am gratified that my faith was borne out and our encounter was entirely peaceful and gentle," Tharoor said.

Reacting to the post, one X user said, "Probably you got the blessings of Hanuman ji. I zoomed in on all the pictures to find out which newspaper the best Member of Parliament was reading." Another person wrote, "What a beautiful encounter with nature! Moments like these remind us of the deep, unspoken connection we share with other beings. That monkey's trust in you speaks volumes about your aura of kindness. Truly, experiences like these make us pause and appreciate the simplicity and warmth of life beyond words."



Speaker Khanduri leads youths in jungle safari in CTR

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The State Assembly Speaker Ritu Khanduri Bhushan embarked on a special jungle safari with the local youths in Pakharo Range of Kotdwar that falls under the iconic Jim Corbett National Park on Wednesday. The object behind this safari was stated to increase awareness about the biodiversity and environmental heritage of the area. Besides, it was aimed at boosting tourism and employment generation opportunities in Kotdwar.



species. "Kotdwar is just four hours away from Delhi-NCR, making it a convenient and attractive tourist destination for

tourists," she said. During the safari, she informed the youths accompanying her about tiger, leopard, elephant, bear and other wildlife species the forest in Pauni is home to. "It is essential to help the children feel a bonding with nature," she said.

With excitement and curiosity written on their faces, the youngsters said that what they had experienced during this tour would remain etched in their minds. Further, they pledged to spread awareness about the jungle safari, promoting tourism and job generation opportunities for Kotdwar.

Nakshatra Sabha's 4th event at Takula, Nainital receives good response

PNS ■ NAINITAL

Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) in collaboration with India's leading astro tourism company, Starscapes hosted the fourth event of the Nakshatra Sabha series at Takula, Nainital recently. Notably, Nakshatra Sabha is India's first-ever astro tourism campaign that offers a holistic astronomy experience. UTDB officials said that the three-day Takula edition had brought together over 100 participants

night hike offered them an opportunity to explore constellations. They camped under deodar trees, watching the winter sunset. Telescopes provided close-up views of planets, the Andromeda Galaxy and nebulae. Besides, there were sessions on astro photography.

Further, the event featured an expert talk by the associate professor, Homi Bhabha Centre For Science Education

edition of Nakshatra Sabha had received was overwhelming. "This showcases the huge astro tourism potential of India. It is great to see Uttarakhand emerge as a hub for astro tourism," he added.

Speaking in the same vein, the secretary Tourism and CEO, Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, Sachin Kurve said that each event of Nakshatra Sabha is showcasing the untapped potential of some of Uttarakhand's most unexplored yet stunning locations. "From the historic George Everest in Mussoorie to the picturesque views of Takula, Nainital, each destination has brought its own unique charm to the campaign," he added.

This Nakshatra Sabha event marks the final edition of the year with the next session set to focus on Messier deep-sky objects. The campaign, spanning until mid-2025, will cover various dark sky potential sites across Uttarakhand, including Kartiks wami, Rudraprayag and Pithoragarh. Besides, seminars and webinars with experts will be held as parts of the event.



from various cities, including Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Dehradun and international locations like Netherlands. They further said that Takula, located near Nainital, provides a good view of the winter Milky Way.

Ankit Sule who dwelt on the significance of Nakshatras in the origins of ancient calendars and their role in the daily lives of early civilisations. As part of the programme, the participants visited the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) Observatory. The founder, Starscapes Ramashish Ray said that the response each

Sharing his experiences, a participant said that a guided

Women auto drivers in Doon celebrate their dare

HASAN HADI ■ DEHRADUN

Women in the Doon Valley are now breaking the glass ceiling in many hitherto male-dominated fields. Auto rickshaw driving is one of them. There are around 11 women driving rickshaws across the Dehradun city. Gulista Ansari was the first to



break barriers and inspired many others to take up the challenge and earn a living. When asked what had inspired her to intrude

into the exclusive male-dominated domain, she beamed and said it was an inner urge to stand on her feet financially. "I am now happy to see women daring the gender bar and doing things which were unimaginable even a decade ago," she smiled. To encourage things on the way to establishment of gender parity in this domain, a special pink auto-rickshaw stand meant for the women drivers has been set up near the Doon Hospital recently. Recounting her experiences, Gulista said: "I have been driving my rickshaw for the past seven years in the city and my route is MDDA Colony to Tehsil Chowk. When women see me in the driver's seat they feel proud and encourage me. Some even ask me to teach them how to drive." Talking about safety, she nodded. "Yes, many women, especially the college girls, prefer to ride with me because they feel safe. One girl told me she had to often walk back home because she couldn't find a woman-driven rickshaw." Another female driver, Bina Chetri shared her story, too. "When I started driving I felt shy. But now, I am confident," she said. Bina has been driving for two years. It was a compulsion for her too. "My husband bought the auto rickshaw with a loan taken from a finance company. Then he died and I had to step in his shoes. There was no other option. For, I have to earn enough to cover my expenses. Besides, there are children to be taken care of. What I am earning now is enough for me to clear my house rent and pay for my children's education," she added ebulliently.

IN BRIEF

Adi Kailash heli service likely from Dec 15

DEHRADUN: The much-awaited Adi Kailash and Om Parvat heli service may be launched on December 15 if there is sufficient snowfall and the weather is favourable. Notably, the service was earlier slated for launching on November 15, but due to paucity of snowfall it was held up. As per the agreement between the State government and the heli operator, the fare has been fixed at Rs 72,000 from Naini Saini airport to Adi Kailash and Om Parvat. With the State government paying Rs 26,000 as subsidy, the individual fare has come down to Rs 46,000.

DM inspects Jamrani project listens to people's problems

HALDWANI: The Nainital district magistrate Vandana inspected the under-construction Jamrani Dam project site on Wednesday. She met the affected people and listened to their problems. A camp was held to rectify the faults in the documents of the affected people. She directed the officials concerned to work with caution at the construction site so that no one is inconvenienced directly or indirectly. Further, she said that the chief development officer would constitute a team of various departments to prepare an action plan after conducting a detailed survey to provide development benefits to the families living outside the submergence areas. Besides, solar lights and wire fencing would be installed in these areas, the DM said.

Act against public vehicles stopping at arbitrary locations in Doon: DM to officers

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Dehradun district magistrate Savin Bansal said that public vehicle operators that run Vikrams and auto rickshaws will no longer be allowed to stop at arbitrary locations to pick up or drop off passengers. Strict enforcement measures must ensure that passengers are accommodated only at designated stops. Violators will face serious consequences, including the suspension of driving licenses and the seizure of vehicles. He stated this in a meeting held at the Rishiparna Auditorium on Wednesday to address traffic issues around ISBT. The officials informed the DM that traffic congestion near ISBT is largely caused by vehicles picking up and dropping off



passengers and unauthorised parking outside the premises. In response, the DM instructed the traffic police and the regional transport office to seize any vehicles parked outside ISBT and relocate them to the Rangers Ground. He also directed the officials of the Uttarakhand Transport Corpo-

ration (UTC) to ensure vehicles use only the designated entry and exit gates and pick up and drop off passengers within the premises. Any violation of this directive will result in strict action, he said. The DM also reviewed live traffic management in areas around ISBT and Kargi Chowk using drone footage. He noted vehicles picking up and dropping off passengers on the roads outside the ISBT premises and vehicles parked haphazardly, adding to the congestion. The ARTO was instructed to launch a campaign against such violations and take immediate action. The DM reiterated that all vehicles must stop only at designated locations and operators found violating the rules will face strict penalties. He directed the transport department to ensure compliance. During the meeting, officials involved in road repair and drainage improvement

works were also directed to expedite their efforts. The DM made it clear that road widening and drainage system repairs must be completed before the upcoming rainy season. Excuses will not be tolerated and visible progress is expected on the ground, he said.

Doon's Ajay Govind wins national award for empowering disabled storytellers

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

An award-winning writer-director in the Hindi and Malayalam film industries from the Doon Valley, Ajay Govind has been presented with the 25th NCPEDP-Helen Keller Award in Category B - Role Model Supporter of Employment Opportunity for Disabled People. This has come in recognition of his efforts to make storytelling a powerful force for inclusion and empowerment for the persons with disabilities, unlocking their potential to shape narratives that challenge stereotypes and drive change.

He said that as the co-founder of Words Rhythms Images (WRI), he has been taking initiatives that blend storytelling and technology to create employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. He also mentioned his flagship initiative, Digital Storytellers for Social Change (DiSSC), co-developed with his partner Remya Sasindran. "It has equipped individuals across India and internationally to tell their own stories using mobile phones. We have con-

ducted workshops in over 13 Indian cities and globally in Bangkok and Baguio. This has empowered persons with disabilities to transition from storytellers to skilled professionals," he said.

Asked to speak more about his work, he said: "Stories have the ability to break barriers and bring about empathy. Through my work, I've realised that people with disabilities are already natural storytellers. With the right tools and training, they can turn their raw talent into refined professional skills. This award from NCPEDP inspires me to continue building a community of storytellers, one story at a time, and I am deeply grateful for this recognition."

The executive director of NCPEDP, Arman Ali highlighted the larger vision of Helen Keller Awards, stating: "Inclusion is not just a checkbox but a commitment to transforming society. People with dis-

abilities represent a vast pool of untapped talent that can enrich our workplaces and communities. People like Ajay Govind prove that with vision and action, we can build a more equitable and empowered workforce."

He added that the NCPEDP-Helen Keller Awards, which have been celebrating champions of disability inclusion since 1999, mark their 25th year.

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PO Seemadwar Dehradun (Uttarakhand)
Date:-23/11/24

"NOTICE"

Regimental Number 030020106 Head Constable (G.D.) Sunil Singh S/O Sh. Bakhtawar Singh, Vill- Dungi, P.O. Hindol Khal, Tehsil Devprayag, - P.S.- Dev Paryag, Distt. Tehri Garhwal, State- Uttarakhand, Pin- 249122 is absenting from 23rd Battalion Headquarters w.e.f. 17.07.2024 (FN) without any pre intimation/permission of competent authority. He was directed to report for duty vide Commandant 23rd Bn, I.T.B.Police Force Office Memo No. 4515 dated 29.07.2024, 4808 dated 07.08.2024 and 4916 dated 12.08.2024 but he have not reported so far. Further Superintendent of Police Tehri-Garhwal, Uttarakhand Police was requested to apprehend him & hand over to this unit vide this office letter no. 461 Dtd. 20.08.2024 but neither he was apprehended by the Police authority nor any reply received from them. Then he has declared "DESERTER" vide this office order No 7029 dated 13.11.2024 w.e.f. 17.07.2024 (FN).

2. Regimental Number 030020106 Head Constable (G.D.) Sunil Singh S/O Sh. Bakhtawar Singh is hereby directed again though this notice to report 23rd Bn, ITBPF, Seemadwar, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) within 30 days from the publication of this notice in newspaper, failing which, it shall be presumed that he is not interested to serve in ITBPF and accordingly order of "Removal/Dismissal" could be issued.

(Satish Kumar)
Second-in-Command
For Commandant (AOD)
23rd Bn, I.T.B.Police
CBC - 19112/11/0161/2425

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
DENI/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tender bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No.	253-DRM-MB-24-25
Date	Date 04.12.2024
Name of Work	IMPROVEMENT OF MANORANJAN SADAN & CHILDREN PARK INCLUDING TOILET, BATH & KITCHEN AND OTHER MISC. WORK AT HRI STATION UNDER ADENH/RI
Tender Closing Date Time	27.12.2024 16:00
Advertised Value (Rs.)	59,87,584.41
Earnest Money (Rs.)	1,19,800.00
Bidding Start Date	13.12.2024
Validity of Offer (Days)	60 Days
Period of Completion	06 months

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On behalf of "Chairman Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam" sealed tenders in Two Bid System on item rate contract basis (Inclusive of all material) are invited through electronic tendering system for the following work from technically and financially capable bidders registered as indicated in table below, upto prescribed time & date on portal as mentioned in terms & conditions given below.

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount of Bid Security (Rs. in Lakhs)	Cost of E-Tender document	Completion Period (In month)	Category of Contractor
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
1.	SITC of new energy efficient pumping plant & accessories by replacing old pumping plant at Raw water intake well under Akri barjula pumping water supply scheme in District Tehri.	Rs. 78.36 (excluding G.S.T)	1.57	4,000.00 + 18% (GST) = 4,720.00	6 Months	Registered in Class 'B' or above in 'Electrical and Mechanical works (SITC of Pumping Plants)'

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"Invitation of Bids for Auction of Coal Mines / Blocks for Sale of Coal"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 (1) and 4 (2) of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and Section 11A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Rules made thereunder, the Government of India has directed the Nominated Authority to undertake the auction of 20 Coal mines / blocks under 21st Tranche of Auction under CM (SP) Act, 2015 and 11th Tranche of Auction under MMDR Act, 1957 and 7 coal mines / blocks under Second Attempt of 20th Tranche of Auction under CM(SP) Act, 2015 and Second Attempt of 10th Tranche of Auction under MMDR Act, 1957. The Tender process has been launched on Thursday, the 05th December, 2024. Tender Document and other details can be accessed on <https://www.mscecommerce.com/auctionhome/coalblock/index.jsp>

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NOTICE

This is to inform public at large that my clients Mr. Bhushan Lal Chhabra S/o Late Mr. Dilbag Ray Chhabra and Mrs. Pammil Chhabra W/o Mr. Bhushan Lal Chhabra R/o Phase-1, Block-C, Near Indresh Hospital, Om City, Patel Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248001, in all their senses have executed a registered Deed of Disownment which is registered as document no. 1322 in Book No. 4 Index Number 248/86, on 20-Nov-2024, at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand through which they have severed all kind of relationships with their elder son namely Mr. Bhavya Chhabra and his wife Mrs. Reva Vig for all purposes as they proved to be adamant, disobedient, disrespectful and harmful to my clients and have brought shame to their family and caused nuisance. Further my clients disown and debar them from claiming any right or title to all their moveable or immovable properties and my clients shall not be responsible for any of their acts and deeds to each other or anybody and if anybody deals with them shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities.

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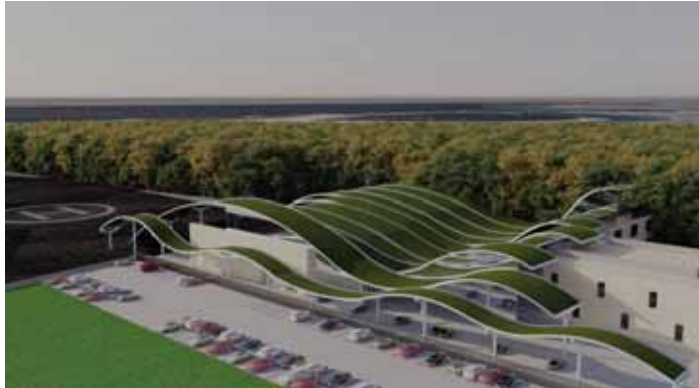
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Centre approves rafting base station in Rishikesh worth Rs 100 crore

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A rafting base station will be developed in Rishikesh with the budget of Rs 100 crore which will provide employment to about 1,500 people. The Union government has approved a sum of Rs 3,295 crores for the development of 40 different tourist places in 23 states of the country under the scheme called Special Assistance to States/UTs for Capital Investment (SASCI). This also includes Rs 100 crore for Rishikesh in Uttarakhand.



The existing infrastructure promoting rafting activities in Rishikesh is inadequate due to which, tourists and local people have to face many challenges. A systematic system for booking rafting adventures is yet to be established at the rafting starting points such as Brahmपुरi, Shivपुरi, Marine Drive and Kaudiyala and ending points such as Neem Beach, Laxman Jhula and Janki Jhula. Lack of facilities such as toilets and proper changing rooms, lack of safety provisions and traffic congestion on the Rishikesh-Tapovan-Shivपुरi corridor are other issues.

Expressing happiness the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the rafting base station project aims to address the infrastructure challenges and gaps in rafting tourism in Rishikesh. The project aims to centralise rafting operations at ISBT in Rishikesh and provide standardised booking systems and enhanced facilities to attract high-paying tourists and boost economic development. The project envisages development of a centralised rafting base station equipped with essential amenities such as toilets, proper changing rooms and roadside food shops to enhance tourist

experience. This includes the construction of alternative routes to reduce congestion in the Tapovan area and the implementation of an ITC-based monitoring system to ensure safety and efficiency. Apart from this, a waste management system will also be established to promote environmental sustainability and maintain the ecosystem of the area. About 1,500 people are also expected to get jobs through this project. The State government will provide land for the scheme and the Union Ministry of Tourism will monitor the work. The centre has released 66 per cent of the

amount for the scheme to the states under this scheme. The central government has set a deadline of two years for the states to complete the development work of the tourist destinations being developed under SASCI scheme.

Dhami also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for approving money to the State. He said, "PM Modi holds a special place in his heart for Uttarakhand. This is why, since the Modi government came into power at the centre, Uttarakhand has received support at every level. Developments like the Char Dham Yatra route, the Karnaprayag railway line, and the improvement of our major pilgrimage sites are examples of this. Now, with the approval of a Rs 100-crore development project for Rishikesh, PM Modi has given yet another gift to the people of Uttarakhand. For this, the people of the State will always remain grateful to him."

Three member committee to decide fate of Block Pramukhs and Pradhans

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Following criticism over its decision to appoint district Panchayat presidents as administrators in the district Panchayats following the end of their tenure, the State government has set up a three member committee to find possibilities for a similar arrangement in the block and village Panchayats. The committee will submit its report to the secretary Panchayati Raj Chandresh Kumar before December 9.

The additional secretary Panchayati Raj department Yugal Kishore Pant, director Panchayati Raj Nidhi Yadav and joint secretary Panchayati Raj Himani Joshi are the members of the committee.

The government has set up the three member committee following the meeting of the representatives of different organisations of three tier Panchayati Raj bodies with the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The associations of Block Pramukhs, the block Panchayat members and the Pradesh Pradhan Sangathan had met the CM on Tuesday

and Wednesday respectively. These representatives demanded that like district Panchayat presidents, the government should appoint Block Pramukhs and Pradhans as administrators in the block and village Panchayats respectively. The association of Pradhans had threatened to launch an agitation if the government failed to accept its demand. It is pertinent to mention here that the five year tenure of the Panchayat bodies in the State in all the districts except Haridwar ended in November after which the State government decided to appoint administrators in these bodies till the constitution of new bodies after Panchayat election next year.

On December 2, the State government appointed the outgoing district Panchayat presidents as administrators in the district Panchayats and it decided that the government officers will administer the block and village Panchayats. This decision irked the representatives of block and village Panchayats.

MS Rauthan appointed officiating VC of HNB Garhwal varsity

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Following the approval from Kumaon University,

by the President of India in his capacity as visitor the Union ministry of education has appointed Manmohan Singh Rauthan as officiating Vice Chancellor of HNB Garhwal University. He would hold the office of the VC till the appointment of a new VC. The post of VC of the university is vacant after the superannuation of Annpurna Nautiyal. Rauthan is the head of the computer sciences department of the university.



He began his career as a programmer at the Government Computer Centre in Bhopal in August 1987 and in 1988, he joined the National Informatics Centre (NIC) in Delhi as a Senior Systems Analyst, where he served until 1995. In 1995, Rauthan joined G B Pant Engineering College, Pauri, as a Reader. He became a Professor in Computer Science and Engineering in 2001.

He has an impressive career spanning over three decades, marked by numerous academic and professional accomplishments. Rauthan completed his M S. in Physics from IIT New Delhi in 1985, followed by an M Tech in Computer Science and Engineering from Roorkee University in 1987. He is a PhD

Youth Congress holds protest against unemployment, substance abuse

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Youth Congress organised a massive protest on the issues of rising unemployment, use of intoxicants and elections of urban local bodies and students unions in the provisional State capital on Wednesday. Led by national president of Youth Congress Uday Bhanu Chib, the party workers and leaders assembled at the Rangers ground on the day from where they

marched to the State secretariat. The police prevented the Youth Congress workers from advancing further near Astley Hall.

Raising slogans of 'Nasha Nahi Rojgar Do' and carrying placards, the Youth Congress workers staged a vociferous protest and tried to break the barriers erected by the Police.

Many Congress leaders and Youth Congress workers courted arrest on the occasion. Addressing the gathering at Rangers ground, the national president of Youth Congress Chib said that the 'Nasha Nahi Rojgar Do' is the voice of the youth of the State. He said the Youth Congress is demanding that the government should provide employment and curb rising sub-

stance abuse in the society. He said that substance abuse is social evil. Chib said that it is unfortunate that the Modi government is doing nothing to tackle the menace of unemployment and substance abuse.

The Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Karan Mahara said that the rising unemployment and substance abuse has taken a toll on the aspirations of the youth and the future is in peril. Former chief minister Harish Rawat said that the

liquor is flowing in the State and the BJP government is doing nothing to increase employment opportunities in the State.

Former PCC presidents Pritam Singh and Ganesh Godiyal, the deputy leader of Congress legislature party Bhuwan Kapdi, MLAs Harish Dhami, Ravi Bahadur, vice president Suryakant Dhasmana, vice president Mathura Dutt Joshi, State president of Youth Congress Sumitar Bhullar and other leaders attended the rally.

BJP slams Congress's protest, labels it a 'Flop Show'

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Bharatiya Janata Party termed the Congress Secretariat gherao a flop show alleging that the opposition party's actions are driven by frustration. The State media in-charge Manveer Singh Chauhan accused the Congress of being complicit in corruption related to drugs and government appointments and claimed that after being repeatedly rejected by the people, Congress is resorting to political theatrics. Reacting to the Congress' rally organised by its youth wing, Chauhan accused the opposition of making baseless allegations regarding unemployment. He said, "The BJP government's record of providing jobs is unmatched, citing

the 19,000 government positions filled during the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's tenure. The State government, with support from the central government, has facilitated employment for thousands of youths in private companies and through self-employment initiatives. The government has enabled numerous youths to start their own businesses." Chauhan said that Congress opposed the country's strictest anti-copying law introduced by Dhami to secure the future of young aspirants and it is now ironically invoking youth-related issues to further its political agenda. The BJP leader also accused Congress leaders of politicising

the serious issue of drug abuse during their rally, alleging that the opposition party was complicit in promoting drug networks in the State during its previous tenure. Chauhan claimed that Congress took inspiration from Punjab's infamous drug crisis to facilitate similar trades in Uttarakhand, offering protection to illicit activities. He also condemned the alleged disruption caused by Congress workers during a sports event for journalists in Police Line, terming it a direct attack on democracy's fourth pillar. He accused Congress of being disheartened by continuous electoral defeats and resorting to hostility against various sections of society.



Youth Congress workers jostle with journalists

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Youth Congress workers entered into a heated verbal duel with some journalists at Police line ground on Wednesday. The Police had detained the Youth Congress workers near the State secretariat and had transported them to the Police lines. Incidentally the finals of the Late RP Nainwal cricket tournament organised by the

Uttaranchal Press Club was being organised there. When the announcer of the tournament asked the Youth Congress worker to exercise restraint as the cricket match of journalists was underway some workers became aggressive. A minor scuffle between the Youth Congress workers and the journalists also broke out reportedly.

Planners turning a blind eye, pedestrians under peril on Uttarakhand roads

PURNIMA BISHT ■ DEHRADUN

In a tragic incident on December 2, two senior citizens were killed during their morning walk in the Jollygrant area in Dehradun when a speeding vehicle struck them. This heartbreaking incident serves as a stark reminder of the dangerous reality the pedestrians face on the streets of Uttarakhand. Experts opined that pedestrians are often treated as an afterthought in urban planning in Uttarakhand, especially in areas where vehicles dominate, leaving little to no safe space for those on foot. They opined that Uttarakhand roads have space for everything except for people to walk. The tragic accident in Jollygrant is not an isolated case. Just a few months ago in Tehri in June 2024, a woman along with her nieces was fatally run over by a government official's car during an evening stroll. In March 2024, two elderly men were killed during their morning walk in Haldwani when a speeding car reportedly lost

control and hit them. Similarly, in January 2023, a group of walkers were struck by a truck near Bahadrapur in Haridwar, killing two and injuring others. In March 2023, a senior citizen was reportedly killed after being hit by a car near Rajpur Road. The driver was over-speeding, as per the police. A woman was killed by a speeding car during her morning walk in November 2022 in Rudrapur. These incidents highlight the vulnerability of pedestrians and the urgent need for better safety measures on roads. Dehradun, despite being the state capital, reflects the larger issue of pedestrian safety across Uttarakhand. With roads often occupied by illegal parking, encroachments and garbage dumping, pedestrians are forced onto the main roads, directly in the path of speeding vehicles. Even where footpaths exist, they are frequently blocked due to parked vehicles or



encroachments, making walking on the streets a dangerous and unavoidable necessity. The absence of basic safety features such as zebra crossings further exacerbates the risk. The Dehradun based activist Lokesh Ohri said that only eight per cent population of the State have cars but authorities plan every route from main roads to highways to expressways as per their convenience. "About 92 per cent of the State population that include pedestrians, bicycle riders and two-wheeler riders are neglected at every level. There is no space for pedestrians to walk. Where will a

person go for a walk? Has the government made enough dedicated parks where people can go for walks? It is hard to walk on areas like Rajpur Road where one vehicle or another will brush you off if you are walking," Ohri said. He said that the government should not neglect pedestrians and at least make a protected side walk on main roads and highways wherever possible. Some also opined that people's tendency to over-speed on empty roads during non-rushed hours combined with a lack of pedestrian infrastructure, turns what should be a peaceful walk into a life-threatening risk. As a result, some argue that taking walks on main roads or highways is simply not sensible, given the conditions. However, Dehradun based environ-

mentalist and lawyer Reenu Paul emphasised that pedestrians have an inherent right to use roads and that drivers must exercise greater responsibility. She also opined that simply constructing protected sidewalks is not a complete solution, as the authorities often fail to ensure these spaces are used as intended. "Authorities created a sidewalk and cycling track in the Rajpur Road area, but these are now occupied by various vendors. Just constructing infrastructure will not help, proper planning and strict enforcement are equally essential. Unfortunately, these are areas where our State struggles," Paul said. She stated that ensuring pedestrian safety requires a comprehensive approach, combining thoughtful infrastructure design with effective regulation and monitoring. Without such measures, even well-intentioned initiatives fail to serve their purpose, she added.

THDCIL successfully commissions 1320 MW Khurja STPP

PNS ■ RISHIKESH

THDC India Limited successfully commissioned its maiden 1320 MW Khurja STPP on Wednesday, informed its chairman and managing director R K Vishnoi. He further said that all the six coal mills had been put into operation with all technical parameters being stable and added that during the trial operation of Unit 1,

maximum load of 664 MW had been achieved at main-stream pressure 262.4 kg/cm² and temperature 603 °C. The director (Technical) Bhupender Gupta was also present during the commissioning time.

Vishnoi congratulated the entire Team Khurja for the achievement and added that

all ESP fields have been charged. The director (Personnel), THDCIL Shallinder Singh also congratulated the Khurja Team for this achievement and said that the full load run of Unit 1 of KSTPP is a testament to THDCIL's commitment to strengthening its energy portfolio

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Invitation for Empanelment of Electric Shuttle Service Providers

We are seeking to empanel experienced and reliable Electric Shuttle Service (6-seater carts) Providers for the transportation needs of Tourists and visitors of Mussoorie. We are committed to sustainability and aim to transition our transport services to environmentally-friendly electric vehicles (EVs).

We invite qualified service providers to apply for the empanelment to deliver safe, efficient, and green shuttle services on behalf of Nagar Palika Parishad Mussoorie from eligible entities and detailed information document may be downloaded from the website www.nppmussoorie.com from **06.12.2024 to 10.12.2024**. Proposal must be submitted on or before **03:00 PM, 10.12.2024** to Executive Officer Nagar Palika Parishad Mussoorie, Mall Road, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand, 248179.

Executive Officer
Nagar Palika Parishad Mussoorie

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEN-IV/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following Tender Notice, closing date & time are mentioned against each column. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No.	249-DRM-MB-24-25 Dt. 26.11.2024	250-DRM-MB-24-25 Dt. 26.11.2024	251-DRM-MB-24-25 Dt. 26.11.2024
Name of Work	Provision of Rubberised Level Crossing surfacing on LC Nos 02, 07, 16, 21, 25, 27, 30, 38 and 44 on MB-GZB section under Sr.DEN-IV-MB.	Provision of Rubberised Level Crossing surfacing on LC Nos 461, 462, 463, 468, 471, 472, 477, 478, 482 and 485 on AWP-NBD section under ADE/NBD.	Provision of Rubberised Level Crossing surfacing on LC Nos 50 & 51 on MB-GZB section and 1B & 7B on GJL-MZM section under Sr.DEN-IV-MB.
Tender Closing Date	30.12.2024	30.12.2024	30.12.2024
Tender Closing Time	16:00	16:00	16:00
Advertised Value (Rs.)	2,86,07,087.75	2,89,09,168.93	1,66,14,464.90
Earnest Money (Rs.)	2,93,000.00	2,94,600.00	2,33,100.00
Period of Completion	8 Months	8 Months	6 Months
Bidding Start Date	16.12.2024	16.12.2024	16.12.2024

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Peace in border areas pre-requisite for developing ties with China: EAM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday said in the Rajya Sabha peace and tranquility in border areas is a pre-requisite for the development of bilateral ties with China and the two sides will be discussing de-escalation and effective management of activities in these areas in the coming days. He made these assertions while making a statement on India-China relations. A brief uproar was also witnessed following the statement and Opposition MPs walked out of the House after Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, disallowed them from seeking some clarifications. Jaishankar, while making a statement on "Recent Developments in India's Relations with China", also

said disengagement has now been achieved in full in eastern Ladakh through a step-by-step process, culminating in Depsang and Demchok. He had earlier made an identical statement in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. Jaishankar, in his statement, said India was and remains very clear that the three key principles must be observed in all circumstances, he said explaining: "one: both sides should strictly respect and observe the Line of Actual Control (LAC), two: neither side should attempt to unilaterally alter the status quo, and three: agreements and understandings reached in the past must be fully abided by in their entirety". "Our relationship has progressed in many domains, but was obviously negatively affected by recent events. We are clear that the maintenance of peace and tranquility in border areas is a pre-requisite for the development of our ties. In the coming days, we will be discussing both de-escalation as well as effective management of our activities in the border areas," he said.



He said with the task of disengagement completed, it is now our expectation that discussions would commence in regard to the remaining issues that we had placed on the agenda.

Soon after the Minister completed his statement, Opposition leaders wanted to seek some clarifications. It was, however, disallowed by the Chair, leading to a brief ruckus in the House. "Time and again, I have invited your attention, indulgence, that we are being watched by the entire nation and our demeanour is causing a serious dilution of the institution, an institution meant for debate is not having it, therefore getting into irrelevance," Dhankhar said as Opposition members demanded that the minister answer their questions. "The rule on a statement is explicit. The Minister... Has taken the House in confidence. He could be as exhaustive as possible," he said. Chairman said the House rule on statements is explicit wherein no questions are

asked at the time of the making of a statement. "Even on such an issue, the kind of indecorous behaviour I saw, the kind of body language reflected, when I say it every time, it does not earn me any accolades," Dhankhar said. "I want you to kindly contribute and believe in some kind of rules. I have no doubt the statement of the honourable minister must have been seen by the entire country. They must be taking note of how comprehensively he has expressed his point of view." "Evolve some kind of consensus. There are issues of security and national importance where we need to display exemplary conduct," Dhankhar added. As the Chair did not allow questions, opposition MPs staged a walkout.

Over one lakh positions vacant in CAPFs, AR: Government

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Over one lakh positions are vacant in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Assam Rifles (AR), Rajya Sabha was informed on Wednesday. The total posted strength of CAPF and AR was 9,48,204 as on September 30, according to the Union Home Ministry data. Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said the government is taking steps to fill the vacancies expeditiously. It has created 71,231 new posts in the CAPFs and AR in the last five years, according to the data provided by Rai in a written response to a question. The minister said vacancies in CAPFs and AR arise on account of retirements, resignations, promotions, deaths, the raising of a new battalion, the creation of new posts, etc, and filling them up is a continuous process. The data showed that 1,00,204 posts are vacant in CAPFs



and AR with 33,730 vacancies in CRPF; 31,782 in CISF; 12,808 in BSF; 9,861 in ITBP; 8,646 in SSB and 3,377 in AR as on October 30. "The Ministry has been taking and will continue to take earnest steps to fill up the vacancies expeditiously through UPSC, SSC and the forces concerned," the minister said. He said the government has taken several steps to increase intake like a reduction in the time taken for medical examination to expedite the recruitment, lowering the cut-off marks for short-listing candidates for Constable-GD to get sufficient candidates (especially in categories where shortfalls have been observed). In response to a separate question, the minister said the government has given due importance to the overall well-being of personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces. "To this end, the Ministry has made constant efforts so that CAPF personnel spend 100 days in a year with the family in order that their life balance is enhanced," he said.

The data cited by the minister shows that 42,797 CAPF and AR personnel have availed 100 days' leave in a year between 2020 and October 2024. To a question on financial assistance provided to martyred CAPF and AR personnel through the Bharat Ke Veer portal, the minister said financial assistance of Rs 25 lakh in addition to other financial entitlements is being provided to next of kin (NoKs) of martyrs through the portal. "The Bharat Ke Veer Trust ensures that NoK of martyrs get a minimum of Rs one crore from all entitlements. Parents of married martyrs are also provided financial assistance of Rs. 10 Lakh from 'Bharat Ke Veer Trust'," he said. The minister said the Bharat Ke Veer portal was launched in 2017 while the Bharat Ke Veer Trust was established in 2018 and 501 dependents of martyrs have been provided financial assistance from it so far.

Were OCCRP's Adani reports funded by US agencies?

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP), which published articles on the Adani Group last year, is now under the scanner over its funding from the US government agencies. French newspaper 'Mediapart' in an investigative piece published on Monday has revealed about its ties with the US government and certain vested stakeholders. "While the OCCRP does indicate on its website that it receives funding from the US Department of State, and notably from the US Agency for International Development, USAID, it conceals the extent of the funding and the strings attached to it from its media partners, journalists and the wider public. The US government financing is never mentioned in OCCRP-produced articles," the French newspaper mentioned.

It mentioned OCCRP receives a huge share of funding from certain stakeholders from United States including US Agency for International Development (USAID). "The OCCRP has omitted from its official history the role played by the US government in its creation, only mentioning the funding by the UN. Sullivan responds to that by underlining that the UN Democracy Fund payment was indeed the first that the NGO received," Mediapart stated. Since its inception, OCCRP has received at least \$47 million from the US government, \$14 million from European countries (Britain, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Slovakia and France) and 1.1 million from the European Union. "The OCCRP appears uncomfortable about the scale of US funding, as the amounts are not published on the NGO's website," Mediapart noted further. According to Mediapart,

OCCRP has funded a programme which uses investigations by OCCRP to prompt sanction procedures and judicial probes. "The Department of State also gave 173,324 dollars to the OCCRP for a mission of "uncovering and combatting Venezuelan corruption" - Venezuela's autocratic president Nicolás Maduro is a high-profile enemy of the US," the French newspaper revealed. In the same article Mediapart stated for a journalistic organisation to lead such activities upon the initiative and with the funding of the US, even for a just cause, raises important ethical questions. The revelations made by Mediapart come at a time when industrialist Gautam Adani is in the thick of storm over dubious allegations of bribery in US which has rocked the Parliament since day one of ensuing Winter Session.

Stalled MGNREGS funds: Centre not discriminating against Bengal, says Chouhan



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With funds under the flagship MGNREGS stalled for West Bengal for more than two years now, Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Wednesday said the Centre is not discriminating against the state, which he blamed for not complying with the Union government's directives. His comments comes a day after the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the central government clashed in Parliament over the disbursement of funds under the MNREGA to the State, after TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee claimed in the Lok Sabha that the West Bengal government is yet to receive funds under the central scheme for the fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. The funds for West Bengal under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) have been stopped since March 2022 due to non-compliance of directives of the Central government, according to the Ministry of Rural Development. Asked what is the way forward, Chouhan told reporters at a press conference here, "We are concerned about the poor people in West Bengal as well. We have asked for certain compliances, and if the state fulfils them, we will consider it". Chouhan also said the state has been provided funds under other schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). "West Bengal has received funds under PM Sadak Yojana

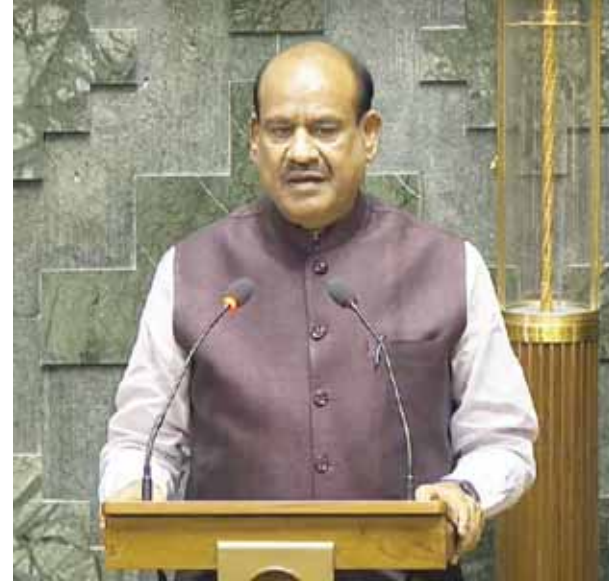
because there were no discrepancies in that. We give funds for a purpose. If that purpose is not met, if names of schemes are changed, non-eligible people are made beneficiaries, standards are not followed, should we not ask for answers? Should we keep giving money," Chouhan asked. "The Centre has the right to conduct a probe. It was done, irregularities were found, so we had to take action," he said. The minister added that action will be taken if similar irregularities are found in other states. While replying during the Question Hour in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, Chouhan strongly refuted Trinamool Congress member Kalyan Banerjee's allegation that Central funds under various welfare schemes were not released to West Bengal. Chouhan also accused the West Bengal government of diverting Central funds and making "undeserving" people beneficiaries of welfare schemes. "It has been demonstrated that non-beneficiaries have been registered as beneficiaries, and vice versa, under this scheme. The names of village development schemes were changed, which is not permissible. For instance, they committed an offence by renaming the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana as their own. Furthermore, benefits intended for beneficiaries have been given to non-beneficiaries," Chouhan had said in Parliament on Tuesday. Trinamool Congress has been repeatedly accusing the Union government of depriving the state of Central funds.

LS Speaker urges MPs not to create hindrances

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Against the backdrop of Opposition MPs holding protests at the entry gate of Parliament House, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Wednesday urged MPs not to create hindrances as it obstructs those entering the building, especially women members. His appeal came a day after the Lok Sabha secretariat urged MPs not to hold protests in front of the gates of Parliament House, contending that such obstruction of movement could affect their safety and security. "I request all political parties not to obstruct the entry gate when others are entering the

building to attend proceedings. Women MPs have personally flagged their difficulty. I have already given directions and I request once again that if there is an issue, meet me but there should be no obstruction at the entry gate," Birla said ahead of Zero Hour. The secretariat's advisory on Tuesday came on a day parliamentarians held protests on the steps of Makar Dwar of Parliament, a gate reserved exclusively for their use and that of the officials. "Members are requested not to hold protests or demonstrations in front of gates of Parliament House as such actions cause serious hindrance to the movement of members to the Parliament Chambers



during sittings of the Houses," the advisory said. Earlier, the Speaker said Ministers should give up the habit of responding to members during the Question Hour till permitted by the Chair. This came after Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav made a comment while Union Minister Pralhad Joshi was replying to a question on solar energy and Union Minister Piyush Goyal responded to the Kannauj MP. Goyal earlier served as Power Minister. Joshi, who holds the New and Renewable Energy portfolio, was responding to supplementaries related to Pradhan Mantri-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PM-SGBMY). Birla said Ministers should

not reply to members till they are allowed by the Chair. Later, the Speaker also asked members to keep their questions and answers short. He made the comments when Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia was responding to questions about BSNL. Scindia was also asked to keep his reply short. Members and Ministers should keep their questions and answers crisp and to the point so that more members can get the opportunity to ask questions during the Question Hour, Birla said. He was of the view that all 20 questions selected for oral reply through a lottery system should be taken up during the Question Hour.

UP Gangster Act appears to be draconian, observes SC

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday observed that the Uttar Pradesh Gangsters and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act appeared to be "draconian". The observation by a bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan came while it was hearing a plea filed by a man who has challenged a May 2023 Allahabad High Court order dismissing his application seeking to set aside proceedings against him pending before a District Court in Kasganj in a case registered under the Act. "This Act appears to be draconian," the apex court observed. "We will consider it," the bench said while admitting the appeal. While hearing the matter in November last year, the SC had sought responses from the Uttar Pradesh Government and others on the plea and said, "By way of ad-interim order, no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner qua Gangster Act." On Wednesday the petitioner's counsel said he has been



booked in the case under the provisions of the 1986 Act on allegations of illegal mining in the Ganga river. The counsel argued that earlier, another FIR related to alleged illegal mining was registered. "They have booked me twice for the same allegation," the lawyer argued. The counsel appearing for the State referred to the provisions of the 1986 Act. "It requires consideration," the bench said, adding that a separate plea challenging the constitutional validity of certain provisions of the Act was also pending adjudication before it. Before the High

Court, the counsel appearing for the petitioner argued that he was falsely implicated in the case lodged under the Gangsters Act. His counsel had claimed before the high court that the case has been lodged under the Gangsters Act only on the basis of another case in which the petitioner has not been named. On November 29, the top court agreed to hear a separate plea challenging the validity of certain provisions of the Act and issued notice to the Uttar Pradesh government seeking its response on the petition.

970 persons rehabilitated under SMILE sub-scheme: RS told

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A total of 970 persons have been rehabilitated under the SMILE sub-scheme, which focuses on the comprehensive rehabilitation of individuals, including children, engaged in begging, the Rajya Sabha was told on Wednesday. The scheme is being implemented across 81 cities and towns in 26 States and UTs, particularly those of religious, historical, and tourist importance, where the issue of begging is more prominent. The goal is not only to rehabilitate these individuals but also to provide them with long-term opportunities for reintegration into society, said Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar, in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha. This rehabilitation includes a diverse range of interventions to address their immediate and long-term needs, said the Minister adding that among the 352 children rehabilitated, 169 children were reunited with their parents while 79 children were sent to Anganwadis (early childhood care and education



centers). In reply to a written question, he further said that 33 children were handed over to Child Welfare Committees for further support and care. 71 children were enrolled in schools, ensuring access to education. In Andhra Pradesh (Tirupati, Visakhapatnam, Guntur and Vijayawada), Assam (Hojai/Doboka, Golaghat, Guwahati and Tezpur), Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar, Namsai), Bihar (Bodh Gaya, Dharbanga, Muzaffarpur, Nalanda, Patna and Purnia), Chandigarh (Chandigarh), Delhi NCT (New Delhi), Haryana (Sonapat, Panchkula), Himachal Pradesh

(Dharamshala, Shimla), Jammu & Kashmir (Jammu, Srinagar), Jharkhand (Deoghar, Ranchi, Giridih, Jamshedpur), Kerala (Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode), Karnataka (Dharwad/Hubbli, Vijayapura, Mysuru), Gujarat (Vadodra, Pavagarh Mahakali, Somanath, Kevadia), Manipur (Bishnupur), Maharashtra (Trimbakeshwar, Shirdi, Naggur, Pune (PMPRI Nagar), Chhatrapati Sambhaji MC, Jalgaon). The other States are Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

CPI (M) at crossroads as leaders leave party in search of greener pastures

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The CPI(M) in Kerala, which is heading the ruling Left Democratic Front is facing the worst crisis since the party was formed in 1964. Many party seniors are leaving the party on their own to join either the Congress or the BJP. Interestingly, the reason given by these former comrades is that the CPI(M) has been hijacked by Islamic extremists and the party has lost its secular credentials. The latest leader to quit the party is Madhu Mullassery, an area secretary in Thiruvananthapuram district. In CPI(M) hierarchy, the area secretaries are a law unto themselves and the undisputed leaders of the area under their jurisdiction. "The party is no more the CPI(M) for which we people

toiled heard by sacrificing our youth and life. Islamic terrorists are the ones who determine the policies of the party," said Madhu before announcing his resignation of the party. In the CPI(M) leaders are not allowed to quit the party as per their whims and fancies. The party's leadership either oust the "trouble makers" or get them executed by the party appointed assassins. The case of T P Chandrasekharan, an area secretary who was murdered allegedly by the party's professional executors is proof of the CPI(M)'s justice administration system. Chandrasekharan was bold enough to question the party leadership for corrupt practices, favoritism and compromise which forced him to leave the party and form the



breakaway Revolutionary Marxist Party. The CPI(M)'s assassins murdered him in a gruesome manner by hacking him 52 times in synch with his age. The CPI(M)'s triennial State Conference is scheduled to be held at Kollam in March 2024. The branch, local, area and district meetings are being held across the State in the interregnum. These meetings see the weeding out of leaders and cadres who have become persona non grata to the Dons in the party. Many such leaders and cadres have quit the party on their own without waiting for the expulsion order issued by M V Govindan, the state secretary. What is in store for them is worth watching. There is every possibility for such rebels to get killed in mysterious circumstances,"

said P Sujathan, author and veteran scribe. Even G Sudhakaran, former minister and party's ideologist has been sidelined by the Alappuzha district leadership for criticizing Mohammed Riyaz, the minister for PWD who is also the new husband of Veena, daughter of Chief Minister Vijayan. Riyaz is certain to find a place in the central committee as well as polit bureau of the CPI(M) in the upcoming party congress to be held in Madurai Tamil Nadu in April 2025. The grapevine is the State is that Vijayan is adamant that Riyaz be appointed as the chief minister of the State after the 2026 assembly election. Though the triumvirate of M A Baby, Thomas Issac and John Brittas, the Christian faces of the party are working to torpedo Vijayan's dreams to

elevate his son-in-law to the top post, the Nair and Eezhava lobbies are against the combination of "Father, Son and Holy Spirit". The CPI(M) has internal divisions like the Travancore and Malabar lobby, the Nairs and Eezhava lobbies, the Christian cartel and finally the Islamic leaders. Elamaram Kareem and K T Jaleel head the last named group in the party. The Alappuzha district has been totally usurped by the Islamists sensing G Sudhakaran and Kayamkulam MLA Pratibha into political wilderness. But all is not lost for the comrades. Two top leaders in the BJP are waiting for the right moment to cross over to the CPI(M) with hundreds of their cadres. The year 2025 promises action packed events and shadow boxings.

President stresses need for extensive research in Ayurveda

PTI ■ PURI

President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday stressed the need for extensive research in Ayurveda as it holds remedies for many diseases. Addressing the 75th Foundation Day celebration of Gopabandhu Ayurveda College here, Murmu said a person can remain disease-free all along life by remaining connected with yoga and nature. "Research is capable of proving the scientific basis of any method. Evidence builds trust among people and trust widens the path of acceptance," the President said while calling upon Ayurveda students to undertake research. Stating that she was aware of the method of treatment prevalent among tribal people for treatment of certain diseases, Murmu said that some elder tribal people know



about various diseases and the herbs needed to treat them. "But that traditional knowledge is slowly disappearing. I hope some of you (students) will be interested in exploring the scientific basis of that treatment. By doing so, the method can be saved

from extinction and also be beneficial to the society," Murmu, who hails from Santal community in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, said. The President said she would like to draw the attention of the students and researchers

to Odisha's palm leaf manuscripts preserved at the State Museum has many information regarding Ayurveda. Even many people have palm leaf manuscripts at their houses. "Apart from literature, there are descriptions of medical

methods in those palm-leaf manuscripts. In this direction, I hope that you will make efforts to bring our hidden treatment methods to the public by doing research," the President said. The President said that around the world people are now eager to learn Yoga and Ayurveda. "By maintaining a balanced diet, we can stay healthy. Yoga can help to keep diseases at bay," she said, adding 'Be Yoga Yukta to remain Roga Mukta' (remain connected with Yoga to be free from diseases). Stating that Ayurveda holds remedies for many diseases, the President said that the students will engage themselves in extensive research in Ayurveda. The event was also addressed by Odisha Governor Raghubar Das, chief minister Mohan Charan Majhi and others.

Prominent Muslim leader condemns arrest of Hindu monk in Bangladesh

PTI ■ KOZHIKODE(KERALA)

A prominent Sunni Muslim leader on Wednesday condemned the arrest of a Hindu monk last week by Bangladeshi police and urged the neighbouring country to ensure the safety and well-being of its minority communities immediately. In a statement, Sheikh Abubakr Ahmad, popularly known as Kanthapuram A P Aboobacker Musaliyar, criticised the recent arrest of monk Chinmoy Krishna Das by Bangladesh police on November 25, claiming that it had triggered widespread violence and heightened tensions in various parts of the country. He argued that these developments were "alarming signs of insecurity" among minorities in Bangladesh. The Sunni Muslim leader



stated that governments must refrain from "actions that provoke emotional responses among ordinary people or deepen communal divides." He urged the Bangladesh government to "prioritise peace and harmony" and "take decisive measures to restrict communalism." He also called upon the Indian government to "extend constructive support to Bangladesh in fostering stability and protecting minor-

ity rights." In his statement, Ahmad emphasised the need for collective efforts to prevent the marginalisation of minority communities and promote coexistence in the region. India has expressed concerns over attacks on minorities, especially Hindus, in Bangladesh, since Sheikh Hasina resigned as Prime Minister in August following months of student-led protests. Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das, a spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote, was arrested at Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport last week for alleged sedition. He was denied bail and sent to jail by a Chattogram court last week, sparking protests by his supporters. Subsequently, two more monks associated with ISKCON were detained.

Forensic team finds Pakistan made cartridges at Sambhal riot site

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Police have uncovered a troubling development in the Sambhal violence case, with a forensic team recovering six empty cartridges bearing markings from Pakistan. Superintendent of Police Krishan Kumar confirmed the discovery and stated that the National Investigation Agency (NIA) would assist in the probe. Addressing the media, Kumar said, "The forensic team unearthed the cartridges during an inspection on Tuesday. Among them, one cartridge is marked with 'POF', indicating Pakistan Ordnance Factory, while another is labeled 'FN Star'." Describing the findings as "highly concerning," Kumar emphasized that the incident warrants a deeper investiga-



tion with support from central agencies like the NIA. The SP disclosed that miscreants had sabotaged CCTV cameras near the Jama Masjid before launching their attack, which involved stone pelting and firing at the police. "The destruction of CCTV cameras was deliberate. The attackers then fired bullets, evidence of which has now been recov-

ered," Kumar explained. Retrieving the 9mm pistol believed to have been used in the incident remains a priority for investigators, who have already begun analyzing the DVR from damaged CCTV systems to extract key evidence. Kumar assured the media that the conspiracy was premeditated, and efforts to recover the firearms and

identify the perpetrators are in full swing. The violence erupted on November 24 during a controversial survey of the Mughal-era Shahi Jama Masjid, which had reignited claims over its historical origins. The recovery of cartridges linked to Pakistan has added a sensitive dimension to the case, raising questions about potential external involvement. "The presence of these cartridges points to a serious issue. We are leaving no stone unturned in uncovering the full extent of this conspiracy," Kumar said. The investigation continues, with forensic experts and agencies like the NIA working to trace the origin of the ammunition and assess any cross-border links. Authorities are expected to provide further updates as the probe advances.

Femina Miss India falls victim to cyber fraud, loses Rs 99,000

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

Shivankita Dixit, who was crowned Femina Miss India West Bengal 2017, became the latest victim of a sophisticated cyber fraud, losing ₹99,000 to criminals posing as Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officers. The fraudsters accused her of involvement in heinous crimes, including human trafficking and money laundering, in a chilling con job on Tuesday. Dixit, a resident of Manas Nagar in Shahganj and now a model, received a WhatsApp call around 4 PM from a person claiming that an HDFC Bank account in her name in Delhi had been used to launder ransom money tied to the kidnapping of 24 children. To make their claims convincing, the fraudsters staged a video call with individuals dressed as police officers visible in the background. The staged scene terri-



fied Dixit, who locked herself in a room and stayed on the call for over two hours, following their instructions. Under psychological pressure, Dixit transferred ₹99,000 to the fraudsters' account. It was only after the call ended that she informed her father, Sanjay Dixit, about the incident. The family promptly filed a complaint with the Agra Cyber Crime

Cell. Describing the harrowing experience, Dixit said the criminals kept her on edge, forwarding her call to multiple "senior officers" while stressing the confidentiality of the so-called investigation. At one point, when she requested to leave the room for a glass of water, they reluctantly agreed, underscoring their psychological grip on her. "The entire ordeal left me shak-

en. They didn't give me a moment to think or assess what was happening," Dixit said. Experts say this scam is part of a growing trend where criminals intimidate victims through prolonged video or audio calls, exploiting fear and confusion to extract money. While such tactics lack a specific legal term, they have become alarmingly prevalent in online fraud. "Cybercriminals often target high-income individuals or those in professions such as medicine, engineering, or retired officials, believing they possess significant savings. These victims are also more likely to lose track of how their personal information might be misused," a cyber expert explained. The Agra Cyber Crime Cell has launched an investigation and is working to trace the fraudsters. Authorities have urged the public to remain vigilant against suspicious calls and immediately report any fraudulent activity.

Mysterious blast takes place outside Army camp in Surankote

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Following a mysterious blast outside an Army camp late Tuesday night in the Surankote area of Poonch, the entire security grid was alerted and massive searches were launched during the day to track down the footprints of terrorists hiding in the area. Random searches of vehicles were carried out at security checkpoints set up along the Surankote Potha bypass road. According to ground reports, a loud bang was heard late Tuesday night near the periphery wall of the Army camp in the main Surankote town. No one received injuries due to the blast. The sentry manning the security post located atop the 20-foot high boundary wall was the first respondent who raised an alarm soon after the mysterious blast occurred. In response, the security forces conducted thorough searches in the area to gather vital clues about the nature



of the blast. The police and army authorities in Poonch remained tight-lipped over the nature of the blast during the day. When this correspondent contacted a sub-divisional police officer in Surankote he too feigned ignorance about the nature of the blast. "I cannot comment on the nature of the blast. Investigations were still on", the police officer quipped before disconnecting the phone call. However, some of the media

reports claimed terrorists lobbed grenades targeting the army post on the rear portion of the army camp. Unconfirmed reports also claimed the terrorists could have triggered an Improvised Explosive Device to create a big impact and inflict maximum casualties. The twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch earlier witnessed several attacks by Pakistani terrorists on army vehicles in which several soldiers sacrificed their lives.

Shooter who fired at Badal has more than 20 cases registered against him

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Narain Singh Chaura, the shooter who fired at Sukhbir Singh Badal, had crossed over to Pakistan in 1984 and was instrumental in smuggling large consignments of weapons and explosives into Punjab, it was learnt. More than 20 cases were registered against him. In Pakistan, Chaura reportedly authored a book on guerrilla warfare and "seditious" literature. He was also accused in the Burail jailbreak case. He has already served a jail term in Punjab. In the sensational Burail jailbreak case of 2004, four inmates, including assassins of former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh, escaped after digging a 94-foot tunnel. Chaura has been booked in around a dozen cases in Amritsar, Tarn Taran and Ropar districts. Chaura, associated with the Akal Federation, studied at the Sikh Missionary College in Amritsar and holds a



Master's degree in Political Science. He has authored several books, including his recently released work Khalistan Virudh Sajish. Chaura is also known for translating the speeches of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. He has a long history of involvement in militancy and Khalistani activities. Born on April 4, 1956, in the village of Chaura near Dera Baba Nanak (Gurdaspur), he is allegedly linked to organizations such as the Khalistan Liberation Force and the Akal Federation. Chaura is accused of aiding

the masterminds of the Burail jailbreak case by providing clothes and other supplies to the prisoners. He maintained close ties with key militants, including Jagtar Singh Hawara, Parmjit Singh Bheora, and Jagtar Singh Tara—accused in the assassination of former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh—and visited them in jail. He was arrested on February 28, 2013, in Jalalabad village, Tarn Taran, while his accomplices, Sukhdev Singh and Gurinder Singh, were apprehended from Pandoori village.

Team from Sikkim Govt reaches Muguthang to assess impact of glacial floods

PTI ■ GANGTOK

An expedition team from the Sikkim government's Science & Technology Department on Wednesday reached Muguthang in North Sikkim's Lhonak valley to assess the impact of glacial floods and its mitigation through various measures, officials said. The team investigated whether Lhonak lake's behaviour was aligned with typical patterns of glacial floods which carry debris, sediment and boulders with massive destructive potential, officials said. The study team observed that flood water from Lhonak lake slowed down as it passed through the wide areas of the valley between Goma and Dolma Sampa sections. This natural dissipation of force caused debris deposition, reducing the flood's destructive impact downstream, the officials said. It was only below Dolma Sampa that the flood picked up momentum and debris causing

widespread devastation downstream. The team also analyzed the sub-surface geology at Dolma Sampa and measured discharge of the Lhonak River. These insights will be crucial in evaluating feasibility of a retention structure at Dolma Sampa, which could regulate floodwaters and protect downstream infrastructure. The expedition team comprised experts in geology, ecology, engineering, hydrology, and remote sensing from the Departments of Science & Technology, of Mines & Geology and the National Disaster Management Authority. The team endured freezing temperatures of minus 10 degrees Celsius and high winds while camping in Muguthang at 14,000 feet to conduct their studies. The expedition team will return to Gangtok on Thursday carrying critical data and insights that will inform future strategies for managing glacial flood risks.



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No love lost

The relations between India and Bangladesh are on the ebb and if steps are not taken now, could deteriorate further

The relations between India and Bangladesh, long characterised by cultural ties and strategic cooperation, have soured in recent months. Protests, diplomatic outrage and heightened security concerns are the latest manifestations of the growing rift between the two neighbours. The arrest of a Hindu monk in Bangladesh has sparked unrest, further straining ties that have been under pressure since the ousting of former Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August 2024. The minority has historically faced discrimination and sporadic violence, often exacerbated by political upheavals. Sheikh Hasina's government, in power until her abrupt ousting in August, was seen as somewhat supportive of minorities, though her critics argue this support was inconsistent. Hasina's exit, triggered by mass protests against alleged corruption and authoritarianism, plunged Bangladesh into political instability. The arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das in Bangladesh has reignited long-standing grievances about the treatment of minorities in the country. Das was detained on charges of sedition and inciting unrest during an October protest advocating minority rights in Chittagong. His denied bail and the subsequent delay of his hearing until January 2025 have escalated tensions.

This has led to protests in India, headed by Hindu organisations and supported by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). These protests culminated in an attack on the Bangladeshi consulate in Agartala, causing significant diplomatic fallout. The vandalism at the consulate prompted sharp criticism from Dhaka,

which labeled the incident 'heinous' and demanded stringent action from India. Bangladesh also summoned Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka to show its displeasure over the incident. Meanwhile, Indian authorities, while condemning the attack and increasing security for Bangladeshi diplomatic missions, have struggled to contain public sentiment. In Dhaka, the storming of the consulate sparked counter-protests, with students and activists condemning the incident and demanding accountability from India. The situation has become a flashpoint for nationalist and religious tensions on both sides. The strained relations carry significant risks. For India, Bangladesh is a vital partner in maintaining border security and managing regional stability. The two countries share deep economic ties and cultural connections, making any prolonged estrangement costly. However, mutual trust has eroded. While Indian side urge Bangladesh to address violence against minorities, Bangladeshi officials accuse Indian media of propagating disinformation. Both nations have had good relations and they must urgently de-escalate tensions. Resolving the immediate crisis surrounding the monk's arrest, addressing minority rights concerns in Bangladesh, and curbing inflammatory rhetoric in India are critical steps.

PICTALK



Artists perform during a show of Rambo Circus, in Mumbai

Election results challenge the Opposition unity

The electoral setbacks have exposed fractures within the INDIA alliance while the BJP has emerged stronger after the recently held state elections



KALYANI SHANKAR

The aftermath of the recent election results in Maharashtra and Jharkhand has led to cracks within the Opposition coalition known as the INDIA alliance. Following these disappointing results, some partners in the INDIA bloc, such as the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Trinamool Congress, are focusing on their agendas and show little interest in collaborating for the current winter session of Parliament. AAP chief Kejriwal has announced that his party will go solo in Delhi Assembly polls, ruling out tie-up with Congress. The INDIA bloc hoped to consolidate anti-BJP votes in the capital.

Still, Kejriwal's announcement signals a potential fracture in unity. Additionally, it seems unlikely that the Uddhav Thackeray coalition will work together in the upcoming civic election. Consequently, the immediate concern for these partners is to unite and collaborate effectively. However, achieving this is proving to be quite challenging.

Every political party makes mistakes, but the successful ones learn and improve. The INDIA bloc aimed to defeat the BJP in the Lok Sabha polls, ultimately allowing the BJP to form a government with support from the JD(U) and the Telugu Desam Party. The Assembly polls lacked a joint strategy. Two key points stand out in the recent elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. First is the significant victory of the BJP-led NDA in Maharashtra.

Second is the ease with which Hemant Soren retained his position in Jharkhand despite being jailed on allegations of corruption. Another important question is whether the Congress, NCP and the Uddhav faction of the Shiv Sena misinterpreted the signals on the ground. Did the BJP make errors in Jharkhand? The recent results reveal missed growth opportunities. It could have performed better if Congress had learned from past experiences and made necessary adjustments. Unlike the Pachmarhi or Shimla conclaves,



there has been a lack of post-election analysis.

The Grand Old Party is entirely under the control of Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition, and his chosen associates. Rahul worked hard and campaigned, but the party could not deliver. The results suggest they have yet to learn from the recent Haryana Assembly elections, such as relying heavily on one leader, ignoring the others, and the wrong distribution of tickets despite being in a winning position.

The most crucial aspect of the Congress Party, NCP and the Uddhav faction of Shiv Sena must address is the narrative. For the Congress, the focus on caste issues, defending the Constitution, and making personal attacks on the Prime Minister has not resonated with the voters. This disconnect is a clear sign that the party needs to reevaluate its strategy and focus on issues that truly matter to the electorate, such as the bread and butter issues.

It is a pressing concern that needs alignment. Even earlier, Rahul Gandhi's Gandhi's attack on Savarkar did not garner any support for Congress; instead, it created friction between the Shiv Sena, which idolised Savarkar and Congress. These parties also did not realise the political impact of the BJP's par-



FOR THE CONGRESS, THE FOCUS ON CASTE ISSUES, DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION, AND MAKING PERSONAL ATTACKS ON THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOT RESONATED WITH THE VOTERS

ent organisation, RSS, which worked for the party's success. Maratha strongman Sharad Pawar must feel disheartened after losing his party and the election to his nephew, Ajit Pawar, whom he groomed. The warning signs became clear when Ajit joined the BJP, betraying his uncle to help form the government. The situation worsened when the Election Commission recognised Ajit's faction as the real Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), despite Sharad Pawar having founded and led it to power multiple times.

This decision severely undermined Pawar, so must Uddhav Thackeray, son of Shivsena founder Bal Thackeray, who succeeded his father, lost the party and elections to his rebel Eknath Shinde, who helped BJP form the government in Maharashtra in a coalition. Both must introspect about what led to their loss of popularity.

On the other hand, JMM, a partner in the INDIA bloc, has demonstrated how to win despite numerous challenges. JMM Chief Minister Hemant Soren and his wife, Kalpana, faced several hardships, including a jail sentence for Soren. The results of the bye-elections after the Assembly polls show that the BJP is not invincible.

Elections in India happen almost continuously in various states, which means the election season never truly ends. The next significant event will be the Rajya Sabha elections for six seats on December 20. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is expected to win five of these six seats. At the same time, the Trinamool Congress is likely to secure one. If this prediction holds, the NDA will gain a majority in the Upper House, which could weaken the Congress Party's position in Parliament. There are currently eight vacancies: four in the nomination category and four in Jammu and Kashmir. Elections around the world highlight both victories and defeats. Each election offers valuable lessons regarding the successes and mistakes of the candidates and parties involved. These outcomes are not exclusively driven by generational change, as change is a constant process. Future generations must strive to advance their party. Ultimately, the true winner is the one who learns from their mistakes swiftly. Winners should avoid becoming complacent, while those who lose must stay motivated.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DELHI NEEDS TO BE DECONGESTED

Madam — Delhi's role as India's political capital and administrative nerve centre has created a lopsided dependence on a single city, which is becoming increasingly untenable for several reasons. Delhi is overcrowded and heavily polluted, with air quality regularly breaching hazardous levels. This is posing several health risks to its residents, particularly children and the elderly, leading to long-term implications for public health. Basic amenities like water and electricity are stretched thin. Traffic congestion and overburdened public transportation systems result in wasted time and reduced productivity. Concentrating the country's entire administrative apparatus in one city makes it vulnerable to dangers of terrorism, natural disasters and other calamities. The concentration of central government offices in Delhi, apart from inflating property prices, skews economic activity and perpetuates regional inequality.

The idea is not to displace Delhi as the national capital entirely but only to distribute its administrative load. The top-level officials of all the ministries and departments may be retained in Delhi for administrative convenience. Ministries and departments within ministries could be relocated to different cities/towns best suited for their focus areas, avoiding already congested metros like Bengaluru and ensuring balanced regional development. The government may start with a pilot involving one or two ministries, followed by an evaluation of costs, benefits, and scalability. Advances in IT and communication enable virtual conferences and seamless coordination, making physical proximity less critical. The conduct of G-20 meetings last year successfully should give the government confidence to take off in this direction. Decentralising national capital is not merely an administrative adjustment; it is also a transformative step toward equitable development and stronger governance.

Gopalaswamy J | Chennai

Uncertainty in Maharashtra



It is disgusting that after such a huge mandate, the Mahayuti cannot form the new government, though the results were declared on November 23. They are insulting the mandate. By rights, the chief ministerial post belongs to the leader of the party that has more MLAs than the combined total of the other two constituents. With Ajit Pawar publicly endorsing Fadnavis for chief ministership, Shinde should gracefully bow

to the inevitable and propose the BJP leader's name for heading the new government. He betrays the trust the Maharashtra voter has reposed in the Mahayuti by throwing a sulking fit and vanishing to his village, while the more urgent task of government formation awaits him in Mumbai. Such childish behaviour is unbecoming of a senior politician like him.

Decency requires that the leaders of the Mahayuti work together in the same cooperative and concerted manner with which they had worked to win the large popular mandate. Now with Fadnavis as chief minister and Shinde and Ajit Pawar as Dy CMs, they should show the same zeal and energy to resolve the myriad socio-economic problems facing the people of Maharashtra. Excessive ambition, especially unsupported by numbers in the Assembly, can be counterproductive.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

INVESTORS LOSE WEALTH

Madam — Since October, the ongoing decline in the stock market has resulted in investors losing ₹47 lakh crore in wealth. On September 27, the total market capitalisation of companies in the market was ₹477.90 lakh crore, which has now reduced to ₹430.60 lakh crore. Increasing uncertainty and apprehension in the market have driven investors back to banks. According to data released by the RBI, deposits in banks surged to ₹2.35 lakh crore in the second fortnight of October.

Before the Sensex hit a record high, total bank deposits in the second fortnight of August were around ₹215.50 lakh crore. In the first fortnight of September, there was a decline of ₹45,000 crore in total bank deposits. By the end of September, a phase of market decline began, during which bank deposits started to rise. In October, total deposits in banks reached ₹219 lakh crore. Thus, in the face of uncertain market risks, Indian banks are perceived as a safe haven by investors. For investors affected by market risks, bank

deposits are proving to be a reliable support.

Dattaprasad Shirodkar | Mumbai

MRP REGULATION NEEDED

Madam — Manipulating the MRP (Maximum Retail Price) of medicines is a significant issue in India. Pharmaceutical companies often set MRPs much higher than the production cost, burdening patients financially. Retailers further exploit this by charging inflated prices. While the government's Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) regulates essential medicines, many drugs remain outside its scope, allowing companies to set arbitrary prices. Initiatives like Jan Aushadhi Kendras, which provide affordable generic medicines, are commendable but need wider promotion. Transparency, awareness, and the promotion of generics are key to ensuring affordable healthcare for all.

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The role of teachers in building positive learning spaces

A successful classroom isn't just about books and resources; it's about creating an environment where students feel valued, heard and empowered to succeed

A thriving learning classroom is grounded in the way the students perceive their classroom. It's not just about utilising the appropriate resources but establishing a space where students feel recognised, heard and valued. Teachers are the key catalysts in making this possible by nurturing a balanced, cohesive and well-organised environment that allows students to reach their potential. By implementing strategies to cater to individual requirements, connect thoughtfully, and commemorate milestones, educators can establish an educational atmosphere that supports progress, self-esteem, and teamwork.

Teachers can build a positive and inspiring learning space. **Develop a sense of anticipation:** Teachers should give explicit instructions and procedures to their students so that they feel comfortable. When students know what comes next, their interaction with the lesson increases and their belief in their learning abilities is enhanced, leading to a serene and concentrated mood. Address students' needs. No student is entirely



similar to another in the classroom. Instructors should appreciate academic and emotional needs and take a personalised approach to materials, attention, and motivation.

Welcome learners into the classroom First impression means a lot. A simple smiling morning wish makes students receive and look forward to the day. A welcoming environment causes active involvement and participation in the class's activities.

Interact with students Ideally, this should help prepare a powerful fondness between teachers and students. Teachers must take an active role in students' lives; they should ask questions and pay attention to the answers. This builds trust, develops reading skills, and makes students want to speak

more. **Team-building activities** Team-building activities help in practising directives and showing appreciation to others.

Be experiential Sometimes, the mistakes, failings and losses of the teachers make the learning environment comfortable and emotionally intelligent. This ensures that students are encouraged to connect and share, indicating that learning is collective and not individual.

Celebrate success and appreciate students: Recognising and celebrating students' achievements enhances their self-confidence and encourages them to try again. Teachers must reward such behaviour with verbal appreciation, prizes, or other forms of reward in the classroom. **Avoid judgement:** Acceptance and open-mindedness are evident in a conducive learning environment. Judgement should not be attached to the students so that the students can feel free to explore and even commit mistakes without being laughed at.

Suppress anger and act strategically: Emotional regulation is expected from the

teachers. Keeping cool during conflicts or problems serves as a good decorum for the students' emotions and problem-solving skills, this practice leads to a learning environment that is calm and goal-oriented.

Listen to their thoughts Allowing students to express their opinions also encourages them to take responsibility for their learning. Studies suggest that teachers should nurture students to enable them to speak their minds.

Acknowledge feedback: The teachers should encourage and respond to any feedback from their students. If the students are appreciated for their response, then the atmosphere becomes interactive. Simple activities such as organising the room, attending to students, or recognising achievement encourage teachers to design a safe, friendly, and welcoming space for students. A welcoming and nurturing classroom facilitates academic achievement among learners and emotional and social development.

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SVABHAVNA: A PATH TO TRANSFORMATION

Our innate nature is both, a defining force in our lives and a formidable adversary



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We are born with it. Nature ('svabhava') is what we have done in earlier lives and our deep desires, which are still unfulfilled. It is part of our fate and big events, both good and bad ('parabha'). Svabhava defines us. Character, personality, behaviour, moods, attitude, opinions, faith, preferences, how we decide, how we interact and what we care about, all have links with our natures. Spiritually speaking, three modes ('gunas') constitute this. They are present in every person in different percentages.

For example, a good man will have more of the goodness mode; not a good man will have more of the mode of darkness and the rest will fall in between. However, these modes always compete for supremacy. "Goodness become predominant by overpowering passion and darkness; darkness becomes predominant by overpowering even goodness and passion; and passion becomes predominant by overpowering goodness and darkness." (The Bhagavad-Geeta 14.10) This is what happens with good people.

Temporarily, their thinking and actions come under darkness, and they behave lustily, angrily, etc. Compare this with what happens with bad people, who naturally behave badly. Only when the mode of goodness gains ascendancy they behave better. Unfortunately, a common man falls in between, and he has many faults in his svabhava. What does he normally do? He wishes to enjoy his senses as much as possible; likes to avoid duties; tries to act smart, even resorts to cheating; feels superior; laughs at others; and hates suffering, whenever



it comes, blames others for it. This is not so bad as to come under negative emotions like lust, anger, greed, hate, etc. Driven by them, one acts badly and becomes deserving of punishment. For example, when lust overpowers, one crosses limits ('maryada') and does what will taint for life. A greedy person thinks nothing beyond gaining more and wastes precious human life. Anger raises its ugly head when lust is denied. (18.66) And hate, when it is uncontrolled, dooms a person. (16.19) Therefore, one has to be very careful at all times. Svabhava, which controls our thinking and surely our actions can be our worst enemy. What can be done to safeguard ourselves?

The very first thing is to introspect at all times. Are my deep desires faulty? Am I crossing social norms? Am I violating dharma? Am I avoiding duties? We will find that we are. Then, what is to be done? Can I control myself? Maybe, a little, but not fully. Am I stuck? Yes and no. Yes, because drastic change in nature is not possible, as svabhava is part of our destiny, just like big occurrences such as losing one's job will come and we cannot stop them from coming. No, as God is very merciful, He has left an opening in both cases. If one takes shelter from God sincerely, God helps one to come out of all one's troubles (18.58) As far as nature goes, God can help change it for the better if one is determined. This is tough and a slow process, but doable. What is the conclusion? We have a problem with our natures. Whether it is lust or anger or greed or hate or overinflated ego, we are well and truly stuck. Therefore, rush to God's shelter, i.e. get started to please Him now. Let God be convinced that you are determined; He will surely help. And when we do that, those around us will also begin to have some inspiration from us, rather than trying to correct one another, which is an impossibility.

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COP29: A disappointing climate finance deal



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COP29, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, left developing nations frustrated over unmet climate finance commitment making chances of climate reversal bleak



UNFCCC's COP29 concluded in Baku, Azerbaijan on November 24, leaving the vulnerable countries disappointed in the deal made in climate finance. The deal was announced by the Presidency to mobilise \$300 million annually by 2035 as against the \$ 1.3 trillion target put forth by developing nations, which was also supported by India. Developed countries have abandoned the global south, and have to muster their resources for mitigation and adaptation towards the challenges of the climatic crisis.

It is more than three decades that Scientists have been constantly reminding us of the transition of our energy dependency from coal, oil and gas to solar, wind and other renewables. Burning of fossil fuels ever since industrialisation began in 2019 has caused the cumulative emission of 2400 gigabits (Gt) of CO2 equivalent greenhouse gases (CO2, methane, oxides of nitrogen and fluorocarbons - measured as CO2 equivalent). It was also added that an additional 500 Gt would warm the planet by 1.50 C above the preindustrial level leading to frequent and destructive climate events like cyclones, cloudbursts, forest fires, floods, droughts and heat waves disrupting our lives and livelihoods.

Despite such a warning, global annual emission is nearly 40 Gt of CO2 equivalent. World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has found 2023 as the warmest year in recorded history and evident from the data till September 2024 is set to register a new temperature record.

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has brought all 200 countries together to review actions on their pledges in the annual conference of parties (COP). At COP29 held in Paris in 2015, countries made certain pledges to be fulfilled by 2030 about cutting dependency on fossil fuels, transitioning towards renewables and providing finance to vulnerable countries for adaptation and mitigation etc. G20 countries which contribute 80 per cent of the global emissions and also hold 85 per cent of global GDP have become rich at the cost of global warming. Except for India, none of the G20 countries is on course to fulfil NDC pledges by 2030. South Asian, African and island countries have been the most vulnerable and greatest suf-

ferers of extreme climate events and have been deprived of adequate funds for adaptation and mitigation. It was resolved at the COP held in 2009 in Copenhagen that developed nations would provide climate finance of \$100 billion to vulnerable countries annually with effect from 2020, but only \$400 million was provided till 2022. The annual \$100 billion fund committed by developed nations is set to continue till 2035 and only after that, it would be \$300 billion. Though the Paris climate deal set in 2015 called for an upward revision of the annual fund of \$100 billion in 2025, the Baku conference did not respect it and revised it only with effect from 2035.

A new collective quantified goal (NCQG) on climate finance was mandated to be set by COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, to support vulnerable and developing countries. In 2025 it was to replace the \$100 billion annual set in 2009. UN evaluation estimated \$500 billion annually, while some other projections suggested that \$1.3 trillion is needed annually. Developing countries that are at the receiving end estimate an annual requirement of \$5 trillion for the purpose. Trump is not likely to contribute, COP29 in the first week of deliberations, failed to get any solid commitment from other developed nations to contribute towards it. Big emitters like the US and China were not even represented by heads of state at Baku.

As COP29 could not take a call on NCQG in the first week, UN climate chief Simon Stiell urged world leaders assembled at Rio de Janeiro for the G20 meeting, to send a strong signal that climate action is the core business for the world's biggest economies and step up climate finance globally but they too did not make any firm commitment and failed to break the deadlock. The cumulative emission of the US since industrialization began has been 537 Gt CO2 equivalent, China 324 Gt, EU 305 Gt, Russia 184,

Brazil 122, Indonesia 101 and India 89. The cumulative figure of China has recently gone passed the EU. At present annual emissions of China have been 14 Gt, the US 8 Gt, the EU 6 Gt and India under 3 Gt. China's cumulative emission is 213 Gt behind the US and as it closes the gap by 6 Gt every year, it would take 36 years at this rate to surpass the US's cumulative emission. Developed countries that contributed to 2400 Gt cumulative emission have announced measures and pledged to cut emissions, but their action is not visible on the ground and the emissions are rising every year. Also, there has been an expansion of oil and gas production in the EU, US, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Russia etc. and many fold expansion of coal in China. Developed countries that want bigger economies like China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, and Saudi Arabia should also contribute to climate finance towards NCQG. China's scuttling this move is unjustified.

At present China is contributing to warming the planet in a big way. Why should it not pay? Scott Bessent who has been picked as Treasury Secretary for Trump 2.0, has announced a "3-3-3" plan that includes 3 per cent annual growth in GDP, bringing down the budget deficit to 3 per cent of GDP and additionally producing 3 million barrels of oil and gas daily. This is bound to spike the GHG emissions globally and further the increase in temperature. The vulnerable nations at the end of COP29 argued for raising at least \$1.3 trillion towards NCQG, but amidst a hard fight, protests by a group of 77 and walk out by island nations, the developed nations agreed to provide \$300 billion annually that too by 2035 and continue with the existing \$100 billion till then. India also supported the demand of the developing nations and said that without adequate support in terms of finance, technology and capacity building the fight against climate change would be severely impacted.

The delegates from developing nations voiced anger and lambasted wealthy nations for not doing enough. The rich countries responsible for warming the planet are now leaving vulnerable countries in the lurch to face the consequences. Starting from 2005, Carbon trading has been increasing exponentially, but a lot of fraudulent accounting and greenwashing have undermined its credibility.

Rule 6 dealing with the carbon market needed some resolution and the same was pending for the last few COPs, although the funds are quite useful for climate mitigation works. COP29 cleared this long pending agreement allowing countries to trade carbon credits - certified reductions of carbon emissions at prices determined as a consequence of emission caps imposed by the countries. It has also been agreed that the operations of the carbon market would be supervised by the UN body.

Strict UN control is needed, as a project proponent in the developed nation can pay for an afforestation project to absorb 1000 tons of CO2 in a developing nation where trees fail to put in desired growth and are unable to sequester the entire quantity of carbon credited. Further, whether the countries claim credit generated across borders and also whether it can be counted in their NDC? Last year at Dubai COP 28 it was agreed to transition away from fossil fuel consumption, but none of the developed nations have demonstrated to cut the emissions. It is distressing that COP29 did not take up a review. The leading economies are consuming fossil fuels increasingly, without bothering about disastrous consequences. I recommend countries to slow down GDP growth, till renewable energy is fully developed.

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EXCEPT FOR INDIA, NONE OF THE G20 COUNTRIES IS ON COURSE TO FULFIL NDC PLEDGES BY 2030. SOUTH ASIAN, AFRICAN AND ISLAND COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN THE MOST VULNERABLE AND GREATEST SUFFERERS OF EXTREME CLIMATE EVENTS AND HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION

Maharashtra villages embrace green energy, move towards zero waste, zero bills

The State is setting a benchmark for climate resilience by integrating water security with renewable energy

In a significant push towards climate resilience and sustainable development, Maharashtra is pioneering innovative solutions that combine water security with renewable energy. The state's groundbreaking initiatives are transforming rural communities while addressing the dual challenges of water scarcity and energy transition.

The Water Supply and Sanitation Department, along with the Ground Water Surveys and Development Agency (GSDA), has initiated a revolutionary automated solar-hybrid water pumping system across 69 communities. This innovative approach, supported by UNICEF Mumbai, represents a major leap in rural



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water management technology. These systems reduce grid energy consumption by up to 80 per cent while ensuring 24/7 water availability. The hybrid technology prioritizes solar power and supplements it with grid electricity only when necessary, resulting in potential energy bill reductions of up to 90 per cent. The system's sophistication lies in its IoT-

enabled infrastructure. Digital flow meters and sensors installed at storage tanks allow Gram Panchayats to monitor and control water distribution remotely, preventing over-extraction and waste.

The technology includes an automatic solar panel cleaning mechanism, making it highly sustainable and low-maintenance. In Nagpur, the innovative "Green Project" demonstrates how integrated approaches can yield multiple environmental benefits. The project combines solar systems, rooftop rain-water harvesting, ground-water recharge and innovative cooling solutions. Early results are promising: a typical 250-square-meter rooftop can harvest approx-

imately 200,000 litres of water while reducing electricity consumption by 50 per cent. Perhaps the most inspiring success story comes from Manyachiwadi village in Satara district, which has become Maharashtra's first fully solar-powered village. Through the installation of over 100 rooftop solar panels, the village has achieved energy independence, eliminating electricity bills for its residents.

The project, funded through the Majhi Vasundhara Campaign state award money and community contributions, serves as a model for rural energy transition. Similarly, Tikekarwadi village has earned recognition under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj



Abhiyan (RGSA) for its comprehensive approach to sustainability. The village has successfully integrated solar and wind energy, biogas plants, and reverse osmosis water treatment systems, setting new standards for rural development. These initiatives are particularly significant given Maharashtra's

vulnerability to climate change.

The state faces recurring droughts, intense heat waves, and water scarcity issues. The year 2020, tied with 2016, was recorded as the hottest year, highlighting the urgent need for cooling solutions in rural areas where air conditioning is often unaffordable.

The state's approach aligns with multiple national programs, including the Jal Jeevan Mission, Atal Bhujal Yojana, Catch the Rain Campaign, and the Majhi Vasundhara Campaign. This convergence of schemes has enabled comprehensive solutions that address both immediate needs and long-term sustainability goals. The economic viability of these

projects is particularly noteworthy.

The Green Project, with an investment of approximately INR 420,000, achieves break-even within 3-4 years while providing lasting environmental benefits. The solar-hybrid water pumping systems have a payback period of 5-6 years, generating significant long-term savings for rural communities. These innovations represent a significant shift in rural development strategy, demonstrating that environmental sustainability and economic viability can go hand in hand.

The success of these projects has caught the attention of other states, with many looking to replicate Maharashtra's model.

These initiatives are in a way unlocking significant productivity gains and strengthening the development outcomes by accessing clean and green energy for water, health, etc.

As climate change continues to pose increasing challenges, Maharashtra's integrated approach to water security and energy transition offers valuable lessons for sustainable development. These initiatives not only address immediate environmental concerns but also build long-term resilience in rural communities, proving that local solutions can have a global impact in the fight against climate change.

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Oppn parties in S Korea move to impeach President

Activists file impeachment complaint against Duterte

AP ■ SEOUL

South Korea's opposition parties Wednesday submitted a motion to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol over the shocking and short-lived martial law that drew heavily armed troops to encircle parliament before lawmakers climbed walls to reenter the building and unanimously voted to lift his order. Impeaching Yoon would require the support of two-thirds of parliament, and at least six justices of the nine-member Constitutional Court would have to endorse it to remove him from office.

The motion, submitted jointly by the main liberal opposition Democratic Party and five smaller opposition parties, could be put to a vote as early as Friday.

Yoon's senior policy advisers and Defense Minister Kim Yong Hyun offered to resign as the nation struggles to make sense of what appeared to be a poorly-thought-out stunt. The Democratic Party on Wednesday submitted a separate motion to impeach Kim, who it alleged recommended the martial law declaration to Yoon.

In his speech announcing the abrupt order Tuesday night, Yoon vowed to eliminate "anti-state" forces and continued to criticise the Democratic Party's attempts to impeach key government officials and senior prosecutors. But martial law lasted only about six hours, as the National Assembly voted to overrule Yoon before his Cabinet formally lifted it around 4:30 a.m. The Democratic Party, which holds a majority in the 300-seat parliament, said Wednesday that its lawmakers decided to call on Yoon to quit immediately or they would take steps to



A National Assembly staff sprays fire extinguishers to block soldiers entering the main hall of the National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday.

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impeach him. "President Yoon Suk Yeol's martial law declaration was a clear violation of the constitution. It didn't abide by any requirements to declare it," a party statement said. "His martial law declaration was originally invalid and a grave violation of the constitution. It was a grave act of rebellion and provides perfect grounds for his impeachment." Impeaching him would require support from 200 of the National Assembly's 300 members. The Democratic Party and other small opposition parties together have 192 seats. But the rejection of Yoon's martial law declaration in a 190-0 vote included the votes of 18 lawmakers from Yoon's ruling People Power Party, according

to National Assembly officials. PPP leader Han Dong-hun and Seoul Mayor Oh Se-hoon, also a member, criticised Yoon's martial law declaration. Cho Jinman, a professor at Seoul's Duksung Women's University, said it's highly likely that lawmakers will back Yoon's impeachment motion given that some from the ruling party already voted down his edict. If Yoon is impeached, he'll be stripped of his constitutional powers until the Constitutional Court rules. Prime Minister Han Duck-soo, the No. 2 position in the South Korean government, would take over his presidential responsibilities. Han issued a public message pleading for patience and calling for Cabinet members to

"fulfill your duties even after this moment." The Constitutional Court has only six incumbent justices following three retirements. That means all six must approve Yoon's possible impeachment motion for it to succeed. They include those appointed after Yoon took office, so the Democratic Party is expected to speed up the process of exercising its rights to recommend two of the three new justices. Yoon's martial law declaration, the first of its kind in more than 40 years, harkened to South Korea's past military-backed governments when authorities occasionally proclaimed martial law and other decrees that allowed them to station combat soldiers, tanks and armoured vehicles on streets or at public

places like schools to prevent anti-government demonstrations. Such scenes of military intervention had not been seen since South Korea achieved a democracy in the late 1980s until Tuesday night. After Yoon's declaration, troops carrying full battle gear, including assault rifles, tried to keep protesters away from the National Assembly as military helicopters flew overhead and landed nearby. One soldier pointed his assault rifle at a woman who was among protesters outside the building demanding that the martial law be lifted. It wasn't clear how the 190 lawmakers were able to enter a parliamentary hall to vote down Yoon's martial law decree.

Opposition leader Lee Jae-myung and National Assembly Speaker Woo Won Shik were seen climbing over walls. As troops and police officers blocked some from entering, they didn't aggressively restrain or use force against others. No major violence has been reported. The troops and police personnel were later seen leaving the grounds of the National Assembly after the parliamentary vote to lift the martial law. Woo said: "Even with our unfortunate memories of military coups, our citizens have surely observed the events of today and saw the maturity of our military."

Under South Korea's constitution, the president can declare martial law during "wartime, war-like situations or other comparable national emergency states" that require the use of military force to restrict the freedom of press, assembly and other rights to maintain order. Many observers question whether South Korea is currently in such a state. The constitution also states that the president must oblige when the National Assembly demands the lifting of martial law with a majority vote.

A presidential official said that Yoon decided to impose martial law as a way to resolve a political deadlock and did it in the middle of night to minimise its negative impacts on the economy. The official requested anonymity to discuss sensitive nature of the issue. Some experts say Yoon clearly violated the constitution in how he imposed martial law. While martial law allows "special measures" to restrict individual freedoms and the authority of agencies and courts, the constitution does not permit the functions of parliament to be restricted.

But in following Yoon's declaration on Tuesday, South Korea's military proclaimed parliamentary activities were suspended and deployed troops to try to block lawmakers from entering the National Assembly. Park Chan-dae, the Democratic Party's floor leader, called for Yoon to be immediately investigated on charges of rebellion over the way he deployed troops to the parliament. While the president mostly enjoys immunity from prosecution while in office, the protection does not extend to alleged rebellion or treason. In Washington, the White House said the US was "seriously concerned" by the events in Seoul. A spokesperson for the National Security Council said President Joe Biden's administration was not notified in advance of the martial law announcement and was in contact with the South Korean government.

In Seoul, the streets seemed busy like a normal day Wednesday. Tourist Stephen Rowan, from Brisbane, Australia, who was touring Gyeongbokgung Palace, said he was not concerned at all.

"But then again, I don't understand too much about the political status in Korea," he said. "But I hear they are now calling for the current president's resignation, so ... apparently there's going to be a lot of demonstrations. ... I would have been concerned if martial law had stayed enforced."

Natalia Slavnev, research analyst at the Stimson Centre's 38 North website that focuses on Korean affairs, said Yoon's imposition of martial law was "a serious backslide of democracy" that followed a "worrying trend of abuse" since he took office in 2022.

Manila (AP): A group led by left-wing activists filed a second impeachment complaint against the Philippine vice president on Wednesday over her alleged misuse of government funds and demanded that she be permanently barred from holding public office.

The impeachment complaint filed by at least 74 activists, including human rights, labour and student leaders, before the House of Representatives reflects the extent of the political hostilities faced by Vice President Sara Duterte. She did not immediately comment on the new impeachment complaint or an earlier one filed Monday.

Duterte, a 46-year-old lawyer, is the daughter of also-controversial former President Rodrigo Duterte, who oversaw a bloody anti-drug crackdown while in office. The killing of thousands of suspects during the crackdown is being investigated by the International Criminal Court as a possible crime against humanity.

Her No. 1 political adversary has been President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., whom she publicly threatened with death in a November 23 online news conference.

Government investigators have launched a criminal investigation into her threat against the president, his wife and the speaker of the House of Representatives, a cousin and ally of Marcos. Duterte has tried to walk back her comments by saying they were not a direct death threat but rather an expression of concern for her own safety.

Jewish settlers attack Palestinian towns, clash with Israeli troops

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Jewish settlers mounted a string of attacks on Palestinian towns in the occupied West Bank overnight, burning homes and clashing with Israeli troops. There were no immediate reports of any Palestinian casualties. The Israeli military said Jewish settlers attacked the village of Beit Furik after troops arrived in the area to dismantle an unauthorised farming outpost they had built nearby. It said the settlers hurled stones, wounding two members of the paramilitary Border Police, and one group entered the village and burned property. The West Bank has seen a surge in settler violence since the start of the war.

In Lebanon, a tenuous ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah has held despite Israeli forces carrying out several new drone and artillery strikes on Tuesday, killing a shepherd in the country's south. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed keep striking "with an iron fist" against perceived Hezbollah violations of the ceasefire.

Hezbollah began launching rockets, drones and missiles into Israel last year in solidarity with Hamas militants who are fighting in the Gaza Strip. The war in Gaza began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on October 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking around 250 people hostage.

Israel's blistering retaliatory offensive has killed at least 44,500 Palestinians, more than half of them women and children, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not say how many of the dead were combatants. Israel says it has killed over 17,000 militants,



Palestinians check the rubble of a destroyed building following an overnight Israeli strike in Deir al-Balah, Gaza Strip, Wednesday.

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without providing evidence. The war in Gaza has destroyed vast areas of the coastal enclave and displaced 90 per cent of the population of 2.3 million, often multiple times. Jewish settlers mounted a string of attacks on Palestinian towns in the occupied West Bank overnight, burning homes and clashing with Israeli troops. There were no immediate reports of any Palestinian casualties. The Israeli military said one group entered the village, where they threw stones and burned property. An Associated Press reporter saw a blackened home and a destroyed car on Wednesday morning. The military said Jewish settlers attacked the village of Beit Furik after troops arrived in the area to dismantle an unauthorised farming outpost they had built nearby on land privately

owned by Palestinians. It said the settlers hurled stones, wounding two members of the paramilitary Border Police. Settlers also attacked the village of Huwara, which has been the target of several previous attacks — even before the outbreak of the war in Gaza — and clashed with troops near Rujib, another Palestinian village. Israeli police and the Shin Bet security agency said in a statement that they were investigating the settler attacks. They said they arrested eight Israelis for suspected property damage and assaulting security forces. The West Bank has seen a surge in settler violence since the start of the war, which was triggered by Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023 attack into Israel. Settlers have also raced to establish new farming outposts that rights groups say are among the biggest drivers of the violence.

The UN's humanitarian office said settler attacks on Palestinian farmers during the recent olive harvest season "at least tripled" in 2024 compared to the last three years. Israel captured the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war. The Palestinians want all three territories for an independent state.

4 CHILDREN KILLED IN GAZA STRIKE

Palestinian medics said an Israeli airstrike on the Gaza Strip killed at least five people, including four children, on Wednesday. The Awda Hospital, which received the bodies, said the five were gathered outside of shelters in the built-up Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza, which dates back to the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation.

Relatives hunt for missing after Guinea stadium crush

Conakry (AP): A distraught Kambaly Kouroumah is searching for his teenage brother, Adama, at a local morgue in southern Guinea's Nzerekore city, where dozens of people died at a crowded stadium after chaos erupted during a soccer game.

Kouroumah is one of many bereaved people searching hospitals and mortuaries for missing relatives following Sunday's tragic events during the final of a national tournament honouring military leader Mamadi Doumbouya. Official estimates say 56 people died in the crush, but the unofficial death toll is at least 135, according to the Collective of Human Rights Organisations of the Nzerekore region. More than 50 people remain missing, including Adama, 15, who was "every-

thing" to his devastated brother.

"I want to see him now, dead or alive," a heartbroken Kouroumah said. The world's latest sports crowd disaster happened during the final of the tournament at the Third of April stadium in honour of Doumbouya, who overran the country's elected president three years ago and added it to the list of several West African countries hit by military coups in recent years. But for a football-loving nation hungry for its first World Cup qualification and an Africa Cup of Nations triumph, the two-week tournament in Nzerekore, almost 1,000 kilometres from the capital of Conakry, had attracted not just adults and youths, but also children. Chaos had erupted at the

crowded and open stadium after fans protested a referee's penalty call and were throwing stones towards the field, according to witnesses and local media. Security forces reacted to the disturbance with tear gas as fans poured onto the pitch, survivors said. While some fans managed to jump over the high fence to escape, videos from the scene showed many struggling to squeeze themselves through the main stadium entrance, ending up being crushed by the crowd. Desperate fans were seen shouting and crying for help, many of them being trampled as they struggled to avoid the crush. Among the dead was Jaquerine Keba Koéovogui, 15, whose father said she rarely visited the stadium and, although she loved soccer, would always

prefer to watch it on television. "My daughter was with other members of the family, mostly boys who were able to jump over the stadium walls while she tried to get out through the entrance," said Jules Koevogui, 42. Mamadou Sanoh's painful search for his 10-year-old son ended with heartbreak. "I went to the morgue and saw his body," said Sanoh. "I cannot tell you the shock I am feeling." The National Alliance for Alternation and Democracy opposition coalition said the tournament was organized to drum up support for the "illegal and inappropriate" political ambitions of the junta leader. While videos showed the stadium was filled at full capacity, Cissé Lancine, a local sports journalist, estimated there were between 20,000 and 30,000 spectators.

Rishi Sunak, Akshata Murty plan new UK office

London (PTI): Former British prime minister Rishi Sunak and his wife, Akshata Murty, are believed to be in talks to set up a new private office in the new year to make a positive contribution to Britain, according to a UK media report on Wednesday. The Times' newspaper reports that Sunak and Murty, both 44 and with a combined estimated fortune of around GBP 500 million, are to fund the so-called "Office of Akshata Murty and Rishi Sunak" themselves. While the couple are still deciding on the focus of the new ini-

tiative, both are said to be passionate about education and likely to incorporate that among its goals. "Rishi Sunak and his wife, Akshata Murty, are in talks about setting up an office next year to pursue initiatives that they believe will make a positive contribution to Britain," claims the newspaper report. "The former prime minister has elected not to take the GBP 1,15,000 a year allowance to which he is entitled after leaving No. 10 [Downing Street]. They are being supported by Coulson Partners, a PR firm set up by Andy

Coulson, a former No. 10 adviser and newspaper editor," it adds. Sunak, who stepped down as Conservative Party leader in the wake of a bruising electoral defeat in July, is now a backbench member of Parliament for Richmond and Northallerton in Yorkshire. Back in October, he addressed his final Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs) as Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons to make way for his successor — Kemi Badenoch. Alluding to some media specu-

lation around his family's relocation plans to California, Sunak had stated that he will be spending more time in his constituency while continuing to raise issues of concern from the backbenches. "I am happy to confirm reports that I will now be spending more time in the greatest place on earth, where the scenery is indeed worthy of a movie set and everybody is a character — that's right, if anyone needs me, I will be in Yorkshire," he said, amid laughter from his parliamentary colleagues. Last month, Britain's first prime minister of

Indian heritage received a rockstar welcome at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's annual Diwali gala in London — where he joined Akshata and her mother Sudha Murty as the guest of honour. During her time at 10 Downing Street, Akshata Murty — daughter of Infosys co-founder N R Narayana Murthy — held a regular "Lessons at 10" programme to provide children from across the UK an opportunity to see behind the scenes of the famous black door — the office and residence of the British PM in London.

Trump team signs agreement with Justice Department for background checks

Washington (PTI): The transition team of President-elect Donald Trump has reached an agreement with the Department of Justice, paving the way for the department to conduct background checks and start the security clearance process for Trump administration nominees and appointees. The Memorandum Of Understanding was signed on Tuesday and comes amid controversy over some of Trump's

picks for top positions in the government. This is the next step in the ongoing preparation of senior administration officials for the purpose of serving in President Trump's administration, a press release said on Tuesday. "This agreement with the Department of Justice (DOJ) will ensure President Trump and his team are ready on Day 1 to begin enacting the

America First Agenda that an overwhelming majority of our nation supported on Election Day," Susie Wiles, President-elect Trump's Chief of Staff. Ultimately, this will afford the transition process additional insights, and it facilitates our agency landing teams gaining access to the information they need to prepare for leadership of the federal agencies and departments, the press statement said.

UK issues terror threat warning in travel advisory

London (PTI): The UK government has updated its travel advisory for Bangladesh to caution against travel to the country where "terrorists are likely to try to carry out attacks". The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) reviewed the "Safety and Security" section of its advisory for Bangladesh on Tuesday evening. The update adds to its overall standing advice against "all but essential travel" to the South Asian nation. "Terrorists are likely to try to carry out attacks in Bangladesh," reads the updated FCDO travel advisory. "Terrorist attacks could be indiscriminate, including in places visited by foreign nationals, such as crowded areas, religious buildings, (and) political rallies.

'Hasina destroyed everything' Will hold election after ushering in reforms: Yunus

PTI DHAKA

Bangladesh interim government's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus has said the Sheikh Hasina regime 'destroyed everything', as he pledged to hold general elections only after ushering in constitutional and judicial reforms...



two neighbours have deteriorated ever since the ouster of Sheikh Hasina as prime minister in August with India expressing concern over Hindus and other minorities being targeted in Bangladesh and aggravated further with the arrest of the Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das last week...

appeared for him and his supporters later claimed that his advocates are under threat. Yunus in the interview said Bangladesh's interim government has established several commissions to promote reforms in areas such as the electoral system, constitution and judiciary...

Nepal, China sign BRI cooperation agreement

Beijing/Kathmandu (PTI):

Nepal and China on Wednesday signed the much-awaited Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Cooperation Framework, an agreement which is expected to pave the way for the implementation of the BRI projects. The agreement was inked during Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli's official visit to China...

Central Asia, Russia and Europe. Though Nepal and China signed the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) agreement in 2017, not a single project has so far been implemented under the framework...

include the phrasing "aid and technical assistance" in relation to project execution in Nepal, the paper said. The word "aid" adds ambiguity and marks a step back from the Nepali Congress' position of clearly specifying grants. Some countries also term line of credit as aid but which are essentially loans, the paper said.

'No consensus on inviting Ukraine to join NATO'

AP BUDAPEST

Hungary's foreign minister said a meeting of his counterparts from NATO member countries in Brussels on Wednesday had produced "no consensus" on the prospect of inviting Ukraine to join the transatlantic military alliance...

such moves risked escalating the conflict. He warned that bringing Ukraine into NATO's ranks "would be tantamount to initiating World War III." "We believe that Ukraine would not be able to add to European security in its present situation, but rather, as a country at war, inviting Ukraine into NATO would risk ... the threat of war, namely, the threat of a NATO-Russian war," Szijjarto told a news conference.

Trump has criticized the billions the Biden administration has spent in supporting Ukraine and has said he could end the war in 24 hours, comments that appear to suggest he would press Ukraine to surrender territory that Russia now occupies. Leaders of the 32 NATO member countries have declared that Ukraine is on an "irreversible" path to membership. But NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte on Tuesday sidestepped questions about Ukraine's possible membership in the alliance, saying that the priority now must be to strengthen the country's hand in any future peace talks with Russia by sending it more weapons.

Consensus among all NATO countries is required for admitting new members. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has recently suggested that extending alliance membership to territory now under Kyiv's control could end "the hot stage" of the almost three-year war. But Szijjarto on Wednesday voiced skepticism over increased Western support being able to influence the conflict in Ukraine's favour. "In spite of the arms shipments pouring there, Ukraine's situation on the battlefield gets worse every day," he said.

No-confidence vote could topple French govt for first time since 1962

Paris (AP):

France's far-right and left-wing forces are expected to join together Wednesday to oust Prime Minister Michel Barnier's government in a historic no-confidence vote prompted by budget disputes. If the motion succeeds, it would mark the first time a French government has been toppled this way in more than 60 years. President Emmanuel Macron insisted he will serve the rest of his term until 2027 despite growing opposition calls for his departure amid the turmoil. However, Macron will need to appoint a new prime minister for the second time this year, further reshaping France's political balance after his party's losses in July's legislative elections. The political drama comes as Macron, currently on a presidential visit to Saudi Arabia, dismissed the threat of a government collapse, according to French media reports Tuesday, saying discussions about his potential removal from office were "make-believe politics."

"I'm here because I've been elected twice by the French people," Macron said. He was also reported as saying: "We must not scare people with such things. We have a strong economy," Macron said. The no-confidence motion rose from fierce opposition to Barnier's proposed budget. The National Assembly, France's lower house of parliament, is deeply fractured, with no single party holding a majority. It comprises three major blocs: Macron's centrist allies, the left-wing coalition New Popular Front, and the far-right National Rally (RN). Both opposition blocs, typically at odds, are uniting against Barnier, accusing him of imposing austerity measures and failing to address citizens' needs. On Tuesday morning, National Rally leader Jordan Bardella — whose party's goodwill was crucial to keeping Barnier in power — confirmed support for the motion, calling the budget "flawed and harmful" to the French people. Left-wing leaders have echoed similar criticisms, demanding more robust social spending. The National Assembly said the no-confidence motion requires at least 288 of 574 votes to pass. The left and the far right count over 330 lawmakers — yet some may abstain from voting. If Barnier's government falls, Macron must appoint a new prime minister, but the fragmented parliament remains unchanged. No new legislative elections can be held until at least July, creating a potential stalemate for policymakers.

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Syrian forces battling insurgents north of strategic city of Hama

Beirut (AP):

Syria said Wednesday its counteroffensive has pushed back insurgents attempting to advance to the strategic central city of Hama, while the insurgency says it captured more Syrian troops and Iran-backed militants in fierce battles. The latest flareup in Syria's long civil war comes after forces opposed to Syrian President Bashar Assad over the past days captured large parts of the northern city of Aleppo, the country's largest, as well as towns and villages in southern parts of the north-western Idlib province. The war between Assad and his foreign backers and the array of armed opposition forces seeking his overthrow has killed an estimated half-million people over the past 13 years. Syrian state media SANA said insurgents retreated some 20 kilometres from government-held Hama, Syria's fourth largest city, as government troops backed by Russian airpower entrenched themselves in the outskirts. Fierce fighting has raged for days as Damascus fears that the insurgents will make their way into the city like they did over the weekend into Aleppo. The insurgency through its Military Operations Department channel on the Telegram app said they captured five Iran-backed militants, of whom two were from Afghanistan, as well as three Syrian troops from its 25th Special Mission Forces Division in eastern Hama. The claims could not be independently confirmed. If the insurgents seize Hama city and control the province, it could leave the coastal cities of Tartous and Latakia isolated from the rest of the country.

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THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS CHANGE OF NAME I, Hemant Goyal S/o- Hansraj Goyal, R/o- Flat No-102, Plot No. 7 & 8, Sai Niketan Appt., Chandra Park, Kakrola, Dwarka, Delhi- 110078, declare that in my Class 10th Certificate & old Passport (No. M6132397), my Father's name is written as Hansraj whereas his correct name is Hansraj Goyal, both names pertain to one and same person, i.e. my Father. PD(1016)C I, No.15577268M Hav Jaiver Singh R/o- Hind Nagar, Kanker Khera, Meerut Cantt, Meerut, U.P.- 250001, have changed my son's name from Laxay to Lakshy Pal, vide affidavit dated 04/12/2024 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1017)C I, Kirti Agarwal W/o Harish Agarwal R/o E-1801, Rishabh Cloud-9, Vaishali, Sector-1, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010 after marriage have changed my name to Sonal Agarwal for all future purposes. PD(1018)A I, Ramkishor S/o Sh. Prabhudev Dayal R/o Near Main Market Mohna (204) Faridabad, Haryana-121004 declare that my name has been wrongly written in my LIC Policy as Mangat Ram Gupta. My correct name is Ramkishor. Hence Ramkishor and Mangat Ram Gupta both are same and one person. PD(1019)C I, Mrs. Manisha W/o Shri Surendra Singh R/o Village Garih Balb Tahsil Kalanaur Distt Rohtak Haryana declare that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my LIC Policy as Munesh Devi. My correct name is Manisha. Hence Munesh Devi and Manisha both are same and one person. PD(1020)C

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NOTICE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED REGD. Office: Ramon House, HT Parekh Marg, 169, Police Station Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400020. NOTICE is hereby given that the certificate for the undermentioned securities of the company has been lost/misplaced and the holder of the said securities/applicant has applied to the company to issue duplicate certificate. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said securities should lodge such claim with company at its registered Office or Dalambasis Business Solution Ltd, Plot No. 5, Part B, Cross lane, MIDC, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400093. Within 15 days from this date, else the company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate without further intimation. Name of the Holder: S.P. PANT (DECEASED) H.D.N. No. of Securities & Face Value - 500/22 Certificate No. - 136111, Folio No. - S0000838 D/S/Discontinue Numbers: From- 18783771 To 18784270 Name of Holder/Applicant - Vinod Kumar Pant An information report of this effect has been lodged in police station crime branch, Delhi vide LR No. 2365550/2024. Dated: 03/12/2024, Date - 04/12/2024 Place - New Delhi

REGIONAL OFFICE, KANPUR DEHAT REGION : 118/330, 2nd Floor, Gumti No. 5, Kaushalpur, Kanpur-208 012 - Ph. : 8317087726 e-mail : recovery.kanpurdehat@bankofbaroda.co.in

Bank of Baroda Sale Notice For Immovable Properties 'APPENDIX-IV-A' [See Proviso to rule 6(2) & 8 (6)] E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable assets under the securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Proviso to Rule 6(2) & Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of Bank of Baroda as Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is," "As is What is," and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Secured assets/dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date and time, EMD and Bid increase are mentioned below. Branch : Mangalpur, Kanpur Dehat Date of e-Auction : 24-12-2024 Last Date of EMD Submission : 23-12-2024 upto 4.00 PM

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrowers / Guarantors	Description of Immovable Property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of e-Auction	Reserve Price/EMD/ Bid increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1.	Borrower : M/s Harsh Traders, Address : Mangalpur, Kanpur Dehat, Proprietor : Late Vijay Kumar Sharma S/o Shri Shiv Balak Sharma, Through its Legal Heirs, Smt. Shashi Sharma-Wife, Km. Jahanavi Sharma-Daughter, Km. Bhumi Sharma-Daughter & Shri Kavya Sharma-Son (Minor, Natural Guardian Mother Smt. Shashi Sharma) All R/o : 248, Village Bhandemau, Tehsil Sikandra, Kanpur Dehat and Also at 143, Gali No. 4, Bholat Road, Multan Nagar, Meerut City, Meerut. Guarantor : Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma S/o Shri Shiv Balak Sharma and Smt. Sarita Sharma W/o Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Both R/o : Village Bhandemau, Post Mangalpur, Tehsil Derapur, Distt. Kanpur Dehat.	Property (1) : Land & Building Situated at Khata No. 428, Gata No. 236, Mauza Mangalpur, Pargana Derapur, Distt. Kanpur Dehat in the name of Late Vijay Kumar Sharma S/o Shri Shiv Balak Sharma. Area : 70 Sq. Mtr., Bounded-North : Plot Abhishek Sharma, South : Bambi, East : Plot of Rani Tiwari, West : Plot of Sarita. Property (2) : Land & Building Situated at Khata No. 428, Gata No. 236, Mauza Mangalpur, Pargana Derapur, Distt. Kanpur Dehat in the name of Smt. Sarita Sharma W/o Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma. Area : 140 Sq. Mtr., Bounded-North : Plot of Abhishek Sharma, South : Bambi, East : Land of Seller, West : Rasta 12 Ft. Kachha.	Rs. 12,25,522.28 as on Dated 15-05-2023 +Intt. and other charges (Minus amount if any paid after the demand notice or possession notice)	24-12-2024 between 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm	₹ 3,33,000/- (RP) ₹ 34,000/- (EMD) ₹ 10,000/- (Bid increase Amount)	Constructive	15-12-2024 to 20-12-2024 between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
				24-12-2024 between 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm	₹ 6,64,000/- (RP) ₹ 67,000/- (EMD) ₹ 10,000/- (Bid increase Amount)	Constructive	15-12-2024 to 20-12-2024 between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer / visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and Online Auction Portal https://ebkray.in Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorised officer on Mobile No. 7017098082 Date : 02-12-2024 Place : Kanpur Dehat / Meerut Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

PUBLIC NOTICE Plot No. 76, Sector 6 IMT Mansar measuring 1012.5 Sq.Mtr was allotted by the corporation to M/s Regent Air Products (P) Ltd wide regular allotment letter No. 15856 Dated 8-12-2000. RLA has been lost. The corporation is in the process of re-venting the said plot in the name of Smt. Vandana Sehgal. Through this Public Notice it has been informed that in case any person found the lost allotment letter may deposit or send to HOD(Estate), HSIDCO Ltd. C-13-14 Sector-6 Panchkula or Estate Manager, HSIDCO, IMT Mansar (Gurgaon) within a period of 15 days from this notice. Regent Air Products (P) Ltd. B-159 DDA Shees, Okhla-1, New Delhi -110020

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PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the Public at large that (1) Mrs. Susena Sapra W/o Late Mr. Rajan Sarda; (2) Mrs. Appekta Kakkar D/o Late Mr. Laiti Kumar Kishan; (3) Mrs. Shweta Kakkar W/o Late Mr. Rajan Sarda; (4) Mrs. Shweta Kakkar W/o Late Mr. Sudhir Kakkar and Ms. Appekta Kakkar; all above are the respective Title Holders and in respective possession of a Sub-Registered Property bearing No. W/O Sh. Hari Chauri, which is duly registered as Doc. No. 2020 in A/cct Book No. 1/Volame No. 2608, on pages 95 to 101, on Date 31-03-1971 in the office of Sub-Registered (New Delhi). By Conveyance Deed dated 05-06-1997, issued by Delhi Development Authority in favour of Mr. Sudhir Kakkar S/o Mr. Sudhir Lal Kakkar, which is duly registered as Doc. No. 1055, on pages 188 to 190, on Date 04-03-1997 in the office of Sub-Registered, New Delhi. The above documents have been lost/misplaced and are untraceable as on date and unavailable for verification in original, in lieu of which information report dated 13-11-2024, has been filed with Delhi Police bearing LR No. 228547/2024. Therefore, any Person(s), Company(s), Authority(ies), Society(ies), Organisation(s), Financial Institution(s), Bank(s) etc. having any claim or charge, custody or possession of the lost/misplaced/untraceable original documents as mentioned herein above or otherwise having any claim right, lien, interest, possession either in the Schedule Property, by way of Ownership, Gift, Succession, Inheritance, Sale, Mortgage, Exchange, Charge, Lien, Gift, etc. are hereby requested to notify the same in writing with supporting documents, to be delivered to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this Publication, post receipt of which the said property shall be treated as having been waived and/or abandoned. G-126, Third Floor, reference Colony, N.Delhi-24, Mob. 9811498175

EXTENSION OF SHORT CSL LINES INTO FULL CSL E-TENDER NOTICE NO. : EL TRD_16_24-25. Dated: 02-12-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No: EL TRD_16_24-25; Name of work: Singhabad-Extension of short CSL lines into full CSL at Singhabad station. (Electrical TRD). Tender Value: ₹ 1,34,16,239.92; Earnest Money: ₹ 2,17,100.00. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 30-12-2024 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 30-12-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 30-12-2024 in website www.ireps.gov.in. DR. DEE/TRD & GS/Kathihar NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY "Serving Customers with a smile"

PROVISION OF SPORTS LIGHTING SYSTEM Tender Notice No. Dy.CE/PS/MLG/HQ/34/24-25R; Date: 25-11-2024. E-tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work. Tender No. DYCE/PS-MLG-HQ-34-24-25R; Name of Work: At NFRSA, Maligaon - Provision of sports lighting system comprising of four nos high mast towers & suitable light fixtures to achieve volumetric illumination of 1500 lux at pitch level, 1250 lux at infield and 1000 lux at outfield for conducting national level televised cricket matches. Advertised Value: ₹ 5,24,90,242.24; Earnest Money: ₹ 12,50,000.00. E-tender will be closed at 15.30 hrs. on 17-12-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in www.ireps.gov.in. Dy.CE/PS/Maligaon/HQ NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY "Serving Customers with a smile"

ENGINEERING WORKS IN ALIPURDUAR DIVISION E-Tender Notice No. : 106W-2/APDJ. Dated: 02-12-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No. : 49-AP-4-2024 (Two Packet); Name of Work: New Coochbehar work of site development in connection with SA I - Railway National Centre of excellence - New Coochbehar. Tender Value : ₹ 21,48,27,826.38/-; Earnest Money : ₹ 12,24,100/-; Date & time of closing of tender at 13:00 hrs. and opening at 15:00 hrs. on 23-12-2024. For details please visit in the website http://www.ireps.gov.in. DR/M/W, Alipurduar Junction NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY "Serving Customers With A Smile"

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PUBLIC NOTICE This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of JANTA PRITI NIDHI MANDAL. The office of the party is located at Gt-48, G.T. Karnal Road Industrial Area, Delhi-110033. This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 - Names / Address of the office bearers of the Party are as follows: President : ASHWANI MINDA General Secretary / Secretary: ANIRUDH MINDA Treasurer : VINOD GARG If any one has any objection to the registration of JANTA PRITI NIDHI MANDAL (name of the proposed party) they may send their objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sada, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

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20 per cent cybercrimes involve dark web usage by attackers says report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

At least 20 per cent of cybercrimes in India involve attackers using dark web, according to a report by cyber security firm Lisianthus. The dark web is a platform on the internet that can be accessed using special tools. It is usually very difficult to trace the identity and location of a dark web user. "At least 20 per cent of cybercrimes in India involve the usage of the dark web by online attackers," the study conducted by Lisianthus Tech said. The attackers used the dark web for cybercrimes like data breaches, hacking, phishing, ransomware, identity theft, sale and



purchase of banned products like narcotics and weapons. The study is based on a detailed analysis of several cases of cybercrime reported across the country, said

Khushhal Kaushik, founder and CEO of Lisianthus Tech. The study was conducted on a sampling basis over a period of two months which concluded last week, he said.

"Study was completed using several samples of crime data taken from state police, National Crime Records Bureau and other relevant portals reporting cyber crime

and analyzing these in detail with industry experts, cyber security consultants and law enforcement representatives," Kaushik said. Recently a man was arrested for cultivating cannabis in his rented flat and selling it off through the dark web. Attackers had also used the dark web for ransomware attacks on AIIMS in Delhi last year, he said. Gurugram-based Lisianthus Tech is into cyber-security audits and conducting security assessments. As per the report, the usage of dark web has grown two-fold in the past decade and to avoid being a victim of this, users must not give permission to any online notification seeking access to their phone book and other applications.

Sebi notifies rules on uniform standards for nomination facilities across securities markets

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Markets regulator Sebi has notified rules on nomination allowing nominees to act on behalf of incapacitated investors. Additionally, it notified the rule mandating every participant to provide beneficial owners with the option to nominate a person to whom their securities will transfer upon their death. "Every participant shall provide an option to the beneficial owner to nominate, in the manner as may be specified, a person who shall be authorised to conduct transactions on behalf of the beneficial owner in the event of the incapacitation of the beneficial owner," Sebi said in a notification. The new rules are aimed at enhancing investor convenience and introducing uniform standards for nomination



facilities across the Indian securities market. In the case of joint ownership, the owners can collectively nominate a person to receive the securities in the event of death of all the joint beneficial owners. Further, the depository and participant will not be

held liable for any action based on the nomination provided by the beneficial owner. To give this effect, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has amended Depositories and Participants Regulations that became effective from November 28.

Reliance Power shares jump five per cent



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Reliance Power jumped 5 per cent on Wednesday after Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) said it has withdrawn the debarment notice issued to the company enabling the Anil Ambani-led firm to participate in future tenders of the public sector entity. The stock climbed 4.98 per cent to Rs 41.07 - its upper circuit limit - on the BSE. At the NSE, it surged 4.98 per cent to hit the highest trading permissible limit for the day. SECI, which serves as the implementing agency for renewable energy projects, had on November 6 debarred Reliance Power Ltd and Reliance NU BESS Ltd from participating in any of its tenders for three years for allegedly submitting "fake documents". On November 13, SECI had also slapped a show cause notice on Anil Ambani-run Reliance Power, asking why criminal proceedings should not be initiated after a fake bank guarantee was submitted by its unit. In the latest statement on Tuesday, SECI said the withdrawal of its debarment notice is without prejudice to its right to take all actions in accordance with the law. Following the legal proceedings related to this matter, the debarment notice issued to Reliance Power Ltd has been withdrawn with immediate effect, SECI said. Meanwhile, Reliance Power in a stock exchange filing said with the withdrawal of SECI's debarment notice, "the company and its subsidiaries, except Reliance NU BESS Ltd (formerly known as Maharashtra Energy Generation Limited), are eligible to participate in all tenders issued by SECI".

Sensex advances 110 points in choppy trade, banks gain ahead of RBI policy

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark Sensex advanced 110 points in a choppy trade on Wednesday, extending its gains to the fourth day in a row helped by buying in HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and fresh foreign fund inflows. The 30-share barometer rose by 110.58 points or 0.14 per cent to settle at 80,956.33 with 14 of its constituents ending with gains and 16 stocks with losses. During the day, it jumped 399.64 points or 0.49 per cent to 81,245.39 and dipped to a low of 80,630.53. The NSE Nifty rose marginally by 10.30 points or 0.04 per cent to 24,467.45 as gains in IT, realty and banking shares were offset by profit-taking in auto and FMCG shares. From the 30-share Sensex pack, HDFC Bank, Bajaj Finserv, NTPC, Titan, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance and ICICI Bank were the biggest gainers. Bharti Airtel, Tata Motors,

Adani Ports, Power Grid, Maruti, ITC, Reliance Industries and UltraTech Cement were among the laggards. Foreign institutional investors turned buyers on Tuesday as they bought equities worth Rs 3,664.67 crore, according to exchange data. "The domestic market maintained a positive trajectory, despite some volatility stemming from mixed sentiments in Asian markets due to the situation in South Korea. Broader indices showed strong performance, with the banking and financial sectors continuing to excel. "The upcoming speech by the FED Chair could sway market sentiments, as recent FED minutes have shown confidence in the easing of inflation," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said. Analysts said investors exercised caution ahead of the RBI's monetary policy announcement on Friday. The BSE midcap gauge

climbed 0.83 per cent and smallcap index went up by 0.68 per cent. Among sectoral indices, realty jumped 2.13 per cent, followed by financial services (1.19 per cent), bankex (0.91 per cent), consumer durables (0.69 per cent), industrials (0.59 per cent), capital goods (0.55 per cent), IT (0.52 per cent), Focused IT (0.44 per cent) and healthcare (0.27 per cent). Telecommunication, utilities, metal, oil & gas and services were among the laggards. Among Asian markets, Tokyo settled higher while Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower. European markets were trading mostly higher. US markets ended mostly in the positive territory on Tuesday. India's services PMI slipped to 58.4 in November while employment in the segment recorded robust growth, a monthly survey said on Wednesday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude firmed up by 0.34 per cent to USD 73.91 a barrel.

Adani Defence delivers second Drishti-10 drone to Navy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Adani Defence and Aerospace has delivered a second Drishti-10 Starliner surveillance drone to the Indian Navy, boosting India's maritime forces' capabilities to monitor shipping lines and mitigate piracy risks. Following the handover of the first Drishti-10 to the Indian Navy earlier this year, the induction of the second unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), a version of the Israel's Hermes 900 medium-altitude long-endurance UAV, into naval maritime operations was initiated at Porbandar in Gujarat, sources aware of the matter said. Drishti 10 Starliner drone, manufactured by Adani Defence and Aerospace, a part of the conglomerate helmed by billionaire Gautam Adani, at its Hyderabad facility, is an advanced intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) platform with 36 hours endurance and 450 kg payload capacity. The only all-weather military platform, with NATO's STANAG 4671 (standardized

agreement 4671) certification for the UAV system's airworthiness, is cleared to fly in both segregated and unsegregated airspace. Sources said the platform provides over the horizon, persistent multi payload, fully autonomous capabilities and Satcom-based operations. The Drishti 10 is a force multiplier providing the Indian Navy with the ability to monitor vast maritime territories and unparalleled situational awareness. This marks the first-ever integration of such an advanced payload suites onto a MALE platform, enabling the Indian Navy with differentiated capabilities to dominate maritime surveillance, they said. MALE stands for Medium Altitude Long Endurance, and is a type of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) that can fly at altitudes of 10,000 to 30,000 feet. MALE UAVs are typically used for surveillance and reconnaissance, and can have a flight endurance of 24 to 48 hours. Adani Defence had previously delivered the Drishti-10 Starliner to the Indian Army

as well. The first Drishti-10 Starliner was delivered to the Indian Navy in January this year and the second to Army in June. The Indian Army, which has ordered two such drones, will deploy the first at its Bhatinda base in Punjab from where it can keep an eye on the entire western border with Pakistan. Drishti 10 has reached significant milestones through its flight operations in Porbandar and Bhatinda by the Indian Navy and the Indian Army, exemplifying a new era for India's indigenous defence capabilities. Drishti 10, India's only indigenous UAV operating reliably above 32,000+ feet with large payload carrying capacity and distinctively long endurance, is not only endured in harsh conditions but excelled, proving its resilience over the challenging terrains and climates of the Himalayas, sources said, adding this performance reinforces India's capacity for innovation and strength under pressure, serving as a testament to our country's unwavering resolve

to protect and advance our strategic interests. Moreover, the Drishti 10 Starliner embodies more than a single achievement - it reflects a larger vision for India's defence future. In less than three years, Adani Defence has achieved what traditionally takes five to six years in the industry, delivering MALE UAV capabilities to both the Indian Army and Navy. During a recent visit to the Porbandar base, Rear Admiral Janak Bevil, VSM, Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Air), reviewed the ongoing operations and engaged with the Adani Defence team, led by AVM KVR Raju, VM (Retd.), Technical Head, UAVs & Missiles. The induction, sources said, marks a defining moment in India's journey toward self-reliance in defence technology, a testament to the seamless collaboration between Adani Defence and the Indian Navy, driven by a shared commitment to safeguarding maritime interests.

Antler India plans to invest ₹211 Crore in 50 start-ups in 2025: Company



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Venture Capital firm Antel India is planning to invest USD 25 million, or about Rs 211 crore, in 50 startups in 2025, the company said on Wednesday. The venture capital firm has invested in 30 startups in 2024 through its maiden USD 75 million fund. "Antler plans to ramp up investments further in the next year and make 50 investments in 2025. We plan to invest USD 25 million in the 50 companies," Antler India Partner Rajiv Srivatsa told PTI. The company's 2024 investments include a wholesale marketplace for fashion retail Bizup, aluminium-air fuel cell technology company Meine Electric, open mobility

platform Namma Yatri, personal loan facilitator firm Keeper, which uses paid leaves as digital assets for salaried employees, AI-powered dashcam provider Cautio, etc. "Our investment pace reflects both the quality of the founders we're meeting and our conviction that the next wave of global technology companies will emerge from India. We have invested in 30 companies this year, many of which were born in our Residency program, where founders had the opportunity to validate their ideas, build strong teams, and get early customer traction before raising their first check," Srivatsa said. Antler's next Residency cohort in India is scheduled to commence in February 2025.

Rubrik unveils Annapurna: Single API service for building generative AI applications

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Rubrik, Inc. (NYSE: RBRK) on Wednesday announced Rubrik Annapurna, a single API service for customers building generative AI (Gen AI) applications, which will integrate with Amazon Bedrock. Rubrik Annapurna is designed to enable fast access to secure data embeddings from Rubrik Security Cloud, which spans enterprise-wide data and metadata across on-premises, cloud, and SaaS. Rubrik Annapurna's powerful and secure data retrieval capabilities will work with Amazon Bedrock, enabling customers to access a broad selection of high-performing foundation models (FMs) to build enterprise-grade generative AI applications. Creating generative AI applications customized to an organization's proprietary knowledge is a priority for the C-suite. However, AI development teams not using the cloud must first locate and extract enterprise data from dozens of applications, filter on permissions and sensitivity, embed this data into vector



databases for retrieval, and then build data pipelines to their large language models (LLMs). "Organizations are faced with significant complexity when developing AI applications due to challenges around data access and sensitive data permissions. This could lead to applications that lack relevant knowledge or don't adhere to access controls," said Bipul Sinha, CEO, Chairman, and Co-founder of Rubrik. Annapurna's integration with Amazon Bedrock aims to advance organizations' AI innovation with fast API-first secure data access. Out-of-the-box, application aware embedding engine, seamless mobilization of data and

avoid shadow datastores and more intelligent customer support expert for every representative. "Rubrik is simplifying complex data environments while prioritizing security and compliance continues to give us confidence as we explore new opportunities to innovate and scale with AI. Today's announcement of Rubrik Annapurna and the integration with Amazon Bedrock is a true testament to Rubrik's focus and vision to help customers securely connect enterprise data and metadata to build compelling and AI applications," said Ted Balagtas, SVP, Chief Information Officer at Bankwell Financial Group.

DRI officers seize 8,224 kilogram contraband and 1,319 kilogram gold in FY24

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

DRI officers have seized about 8,224 kg of contraband in the 2023-24 fiscal worth Rs 2,242 crore, with the seizure of cocaine seeing an increase over the past five years. During the 2023-24 financial year, I has seized 1,319 kg of gold and smuggling through India's porous eastern borders, particularly with Bangladesh and Myanmar, has also emerged as a major concern for law enforcement agencies. The Smuggling in India Report released by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) on its 67th foundation day said in recent years, law enforcement agencies have observed a "troubling increase" in the circulation of 'Yaba', a potent drug tablet that combines methamphetamine and caffeine, mostly produced in Myanmar. Yaba, meaning crazy medicine, has evolved into a recreational drug infamous for its severe addiction potential and devastating health effects, leading to significant seizures

across the region. The data on narcotics seizure by the I showed that during FY24, officers seized 107.31 kg cocaine worth Rs 974.78 crore in the illicit market. During the year, about 49 kg heroin valuing Rs 365 crore was seized, followed by 136 kg of Methamphetamine worth Rs 275 crore. 7,349 kg ganja worth Rs 21 crore was seized during the last fiscal. During the financial year 2023-24, I seized 1,319 kg of gold. Additionally, I has shared actionable intelligence with Customs field formations, leading to significant gold seizures by those units as well. This is part of the 4,869.6 kg of gold seized by the CBIC, including by Customs officers, in 2023-24. 1,922 persons were arrested by the CBIC during the year. It said India has become a major destination for illicit gold imports, with gold and silver predominantly originating from Gulf states such as the UAE and Saudi Arabia, where these metals are sourced and available at lower prices.

₹15 Lakh Crore required for adding power generation capacity in 2022-27

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

About Rs 15 lakh crore fund is required to add electricity generation capacity during 2022-27, which includes expenditure for projects to be commissioned in 2027-32, a power ministry statement said. The projected electrical energy requirement and peak electricity demand on all-India basis is estimated as 1908 BU (billion units) and 277 GW, respectively for 2026-27. The projections were made

during a Meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament for Ministry of Power here last evening. Union Power Minister Manohar Lal chaired the meeting. As per 20th Electric Power Survey (EPS) report published by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the peak demand and energy requirement is pegged at around 366 GW and 2474 BU by 2031-32, it stated. Energy Storage capacity is an important aspect in achieving the targets of NEP.

Energy storage capacity of 16.13 GW/82.37 GWh with PSP (pumped storage) based storage of 7.45 GW capacity and 47.65 GWh storage and BESS based storage of 8.68 GW/34.72 GWh is required by 2026-27. The projections of total capacity addition are in line with the target of the country to achieve a non-fossil based installed capacity of 500 GW by 2029-30, it stated. The ministry said that the total fund requirement for the period 2022-2027 is estimated to be Rs 14,54,188 crore, which

also includes the likely expenditure during 2022-27 for advance action for the projects expected to get commissioned during 2027-32, it stated. The average emission factor is expected to reduce to 0.548 kg CO2/kWh in the year 2026-27 and to 0.430 kg CO2/kWh by the end of 2031-32, it stated. The share of non-fossil-based capacity is likely to increase to 57.4 per cent by the end of 2026-27 and may further increase to 68.4 per cent by the end of 2031-32 from around 46.5 per cent as

on October 2024, it stated. Members of Parliament provided several suggestions concerning various initiatives and schemes. They commended the plan for its ambitious green energy goals and achievements in electricity generation capacity. The meeting also included discussions on issues related to storage, renewable energy generation, and compensation for farmers. He further directed officials to take appropriate actions to incorporate the suggestions made by

Members of Parliament and prioritize the welfare of the people. Emphasizing India's commitment to achieving carbon net-zero, he stated that the focus would remain on non-fossil-based energy sources. The Union Minister also stressed the importance of enhancing storage capacity to ensure affordable and reliable power for everyone. He also emphasised that state and central governments need to work in coordination to achieve the targets. Minister of State for Power Shripad Yesso Naik said that

India is energy transition as per the NDCs and is on path of achieving SDGs. He said that the National Electricity Plan (NEP) is a short-term framework of five years while giving a 15-year perspective. The fourth NEP prepared by Central Electricity Authority includes a review of the period 2017 -22, detailed capacity addition requirement during the years 2022-27 and Perspective Plan projections for the years 2027-32. Installed generation capacity as on October 31, 2024 was

454.5 GW comprising of 243.1 GW thermal, 8.2 GW Nuclear, 203.2GW Renewables including large hydro of 46.97 GW. The peak demand has grown at a CAGR of 16 per cent from 2013-14 to 2023-24 while energy requirement has grown at a rate of 5 per cent during 2013-14 to 2023-24. The peak not met and energy not supplied is very minimal over last five years and was on account of factors other than lack of generation capacity in the country.

Big test for India's batters against Australia in three-match series

PTI ■ BRISBANE
India will aim to address their batting inconsistency and finalise their combination ahead of the Women's World Cup next year when they take on the mighty Australia in the three-match ODI series, starting here Thursday. The Indian team has landed Down Under after securing a 2-1 home ODI series win over New Zealand. However, it was fairly evident that India's batting was not in top shape. As a result, they have dropped out-of-form opener Shafali Verma from the squad in an attempt to try a different combination. The Harmanpreet Kaur-led side would know that it has a huge task cut out against Australia who have historically dominated them in 50-overs cricket. Their record Down Under is dismal, with just four wins out of sixteen WODIs. In the last series in 2021, Australia defeated India 2-1.

The series will give skipper Kaur and coach Amol Majumdar a perfect opportunity to bolster their preparations for the ODI World Cup at home next year. Australia will be without regular skipper Alyssa Healy, who is nursing a knee injury. Additionally, the hosts have not played in this format since March and will be aiming to shake off the rust. "(India) have got superstars ... Always hard-fought and crucial key moments in every game, and while we're at home we're expecting a lot of India support," Australia captain Tahlia McGrath said. For India, Smriti Mandhana will bear the responsibility of providing a solid start with the bat. Besides two single digit scores, the flamboyant opener has been in fine form this year, scoring 448 runs at an impressive average of around 75 in her last six ODIs. Kaur's form will be a significant concern for India, as she has struggled with



consistency this year. With much at stake, her captaincy and batting have come under scrutiny following India's early exit from the T20 World Cup. Additionally, she will face increased pressure after failing to score in double figures in the last ODI series against Australia. The likes of Jemimah Rodrigues and Deepti Sharma will also be keen to get big scores. The Indian team will miss

wicketkeeper-batter Yastika Bhatia, who suffered a wrist injury during the Women's Big Bash League. Young Uma Chetry, who has been included in the team in her place, will want to make an impression in her debut ODI series. Big-hitting wicketkeeper-batsman Richa Ghosh has returned to the team as have Harleen Deol, Titas Sadhu and Minnu Mani. Deepti bowled at an economy rate of 3.6 against New Zealand and she would like to continue this performance. Radha Yadav too had a good series against the Kiwis and would want to continue in the same vein. Aggressive fast bowler Saima Thakor, who made her debut against New Zealand, will also be desperate to leave a mark with her performance. McGrath will be captaining the national side for the first time in a full series. "This is the first time I've had a full series as captain - previously I've stepped into the role at the end of a series or a tournament. I like to put my own spin on it," McGrath said. Batter Georgia Voll has been given her debut in place of Healy, while veteran Elise Perry will be eyeing the 4,000-run milestone in ODIs, as she is just 42 runs away. The weather is expected to be hot and humid and there is also a possibility of light rain. Squads: India: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana (vc), Priya Punia, Jemimah Rodrigues, Harleen Deol, Uma Chetry, Richa Ghosh (wk), Tejal Hasabnis, Deepti Sharma, Minnu Mani, Priya Mishra, Radha Yadav, Titas Sadhu, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh Thakor, Saima Thakor Australia: Tahlia McGrath (c), Ashleigh Gardner (vc), Darcie Brown, Kim Garth, Alana King, Phoebe Litchfield, Sophie Molineux, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland, Georgia Voll, Georgia Wareham.



Bangladesh beats West Indies by 101 runs in Jamaica

AP ■ KINGSTON
Bangladesh won a test in the Caribbean for the first time in 15 years by beating the West Indies by 101 runs inside four days at Sabina Park. Bangladesh set West Indies 287 to win in five and a bit sessions and the West Indies managed to bat less than two sessions, all out for 185. The Bangladeshis had lost their last seven tests in the Caribbean, including the first one of this series in Antigua last week. They have tied the short series. "This was enjoyable," Bangladesh stand-in captain Mehdi Hasan Miraz said. "We were not thinking negatively. The boys bowled especially well. Nahid (Rana) in the first innings, Taskin (Ahmed) and Hasan Mahmud. Second-innings specialist Taijul (Islam) got five wickets. He was excellent. He has been very good for the last 10 years, more than 200 wickets for us." On a pitch offering some grip and the odd low bounce, spin came into play and left-armed Taijul took advantage with 5-50, his best overseas figures in 2 1/2 years and his best figures in the West Indies since his test debut on the same ground in 2014. As West Indies wickets began to tumble - the last six for 42 runs - Jaker Ali's innings for Bangladesh grew in importance. Jaker made a career-best 91 and was last man out in the visitors' second innings just before lunch. That gave West Indies a target of 287, which was gettable, but on a ground where the highest

successful run chase was 212. That record remains. "The batting group needs consistency," West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite said. "Consistency in hard work as well. I believe we have the talent." Hodge offers hope Brathwaite led a positive start to the chase but couldn't sustain a partnership. Mikyle Louis fell to Taijul on the stroke of lunch, and Keacy Carty nicked Taskin behind. Brathwaite, with just one half-century in 18 months, reached 43 off 63 balls when he was out defending against Taijul. The ball grazed his glove and Mahmudul Hasan Joy made a diving close-in catch. Taijul then bowled Alick Athanaze through the gate and West Indies hopes were resting on Kavem Hodge. Hodge reached tea on 49 and West Indies was still in the chase at 133-4, needing 154 more. Hodge, who debuted in January, achieved the West Indies' first half-century of the test, 50 off 64 balls, but just when the chase was half done he was out. Taijul struck again. Hodge played back to a ball coming in from outside off and was pinned for 55 off 75. Still needing 144 more runs, the West Indies fell over from there. Taskin, Hasan Mahmud and first-innings destroyer Nahid Rana got among the wickets, while Taijul got his 15th career five-for when he trapped Joshua Da Silva. Jaker dominates The morning was all about Jaker. He scored 62 of Bangladesh's 75 runs.

Odisha FC eye home hat-trick against Mumbai City despite Roy Krishna's absence

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR
Coming on the back of successive wins, Odisha FC will look to maintain their winning momentum when they face a tricky Mumbai FC test in the Indian Super League here on Thursday. The Kalinga Warriors defeated former champions Bengaluru FC in their previous encounter to jump to third place in the ISL standings with 15 points from 10 matches as they would aim for a hat-trick of wins, while the Islanders would be keen to extend their unbeaten run against Odisha FC. Odisha have scored in each of their previous 10 home ISL contests, and a goal in this game will allow it to equal its record of scoring in 11 successive home fixtures, set between December 2019 and December 2022. The team faces a significant setback as their ace marksman Roy Krishna sidelined for the season due to injury. Confirming the news, head coach Sergio Lobera said, "It's sad news for the team. Roy is



not just an incredible player but also a fantastic human being. "We'll miss him on the pitch, but I'm sure he'll continue to support us off it. He's one of the best professionals I've worked with, and I wish him a speedy recovery." Despite this loss, the team remains focused and ready for the challenges ahead. Mumbai have been unbeaten in its earlier six clashes versus Odisha, having been successful on four occasions and drawing twice. Only against FC Goa (13 games) and Chennaiyin FC (9 games) does the side have a

longer active streak. Meanwhile, Bipin Singh possesses a great record in this tie, contributing to nine goals (7 goals and 2 assists) -- the highest by any player from the Islanders against a single opponent in the event's history. Considering their head-on engagements, in 11 ISL outings, MCFC has prevailed in six encounters, whereas OFC has been triumphant thrice, while two meetings have resulted in a draw. Lobera further said they would stick to its playing philosophy and not get swayed by Mumbai's strengths. "We know our style of play. We know our strengths, and we have to play according to that," Lobera said. "If we don't do that, we won't be strong. The team is ready for tomorrow's game." On the other hand, the Islanders' boss, Petr Kratky, hinted that they will have to be robust with their back-line to stop the juggernauts from finding the back of the net in this match. "Odisha FC have scored 10 goals in their last two matches. We need to find a way to stop this," Kratky felt. "Because they (OFC) have found a way to out-score the oppositions. We have to stay true to our style of play too." Odisha's Diego Mauricio has been involved in five goals in his previous two ISL contests, posing a potent threat versus Mumbai, having been instrumental and contributing to three goals in his last three starts against the latter, registering multiple goal involvements in his last two games.



IOC official open to back-to-back World Cup in Saudi Arabia

AP ■ GENEVA
Scheduling the 2034 World Cup in Saudi Arabia back-to-back with the 2034 Salt Lake City Winter Games would pose "no risk" to the Olympics, a senior IOC official said. "We don't see at this stage a major issue. On the contrary, it is a lot of sport in the time frame," Christophe Dubi, the International Olympic Committee executive director for the games, said at an online briefing after a board meeting, suggesting two major sports events close together would be "a real feast" for fans. Dubi's comments suggested January 2034 is surprisingly open for FIFA and Saudi Arabia to stage soccer's marquee event despite a near-clash with the Salt Lake City Olympics that aims to have an opening ceremony on Feb. 10 that year. Playing a World Cup in January 2022 was not option when FIFA and future tournament host Qatar - in the planning stages a decade ago - needed to find cooler months to avoid the searing Middle East heat in June and July. Before deciding in 2015 to play in Qatar in November-December 2022, FIFA understood from Olympic officials it would be unacceptable to move too close to the 2022 Winter Games. Those Olympics eventually were hosted in Beijing, opening on Feb. 4. Saudi Arabia will be confirmed next week by FIFA as host of a 2034 World Cup that cannot realistically be played in summer months when temperature routinely exceeds 40 Celsius (104 Fahrenheit). The new 48-team, 104-game World Cup format takes 38 days to play. Asked if the IOC wants January and early February to be off limits for FIFA in 2034 to protect Salt Lake City, Dubi said: "I think that the risk of having those two in parallel is immensely limited." "From all standpoints, including a commercial one, we have actually virtually no risk," he said. "This is going to be for sports fans a real feast during a period of whatever it is, three, four months, where you are going to have these two events." Saudi Arabia currently has excellent relations - politically and financially - with FIFA and IOC to resolve the scheduling issue. FIFA president Gianni Infantino has built a close working relationship over several years with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and the IOC this year sealed a 12-year deal for the kingdom to host the new Esports Olympics.

National Karate Federation felicitates six players who won medals at International Karate Competition

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM
The national karate federation felicitated six players from Sai Karate Academy of Gurugram who have won medals at the International Karate Competition held at Stadium Titivangsa Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The players from the academy won 6 medals including 1 gold and 1 silver and brought laurels to Gurugram. On this occasion, national federation President Hansi Bharat Sharma said, "play your game with consistency and hard work and set big goals." "Children have started paying more attention to making their future in sports. Due to this awareness, today our country is registering victory in every competition," he added. "Around 2,500 players from 20 countries participated in this competition held from 29 November to 1 December 2024. In which 6 players from Gurugram of Haryana participated and won 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 Brown medals." Coach of Sai Karate Academy, Sunil Saini said. For the successful program, Sports Karate Association General Secretary India



Technical Director Shihan Sunil Saini said that all the players impressed everyone with their excellent performance and brought glory to Gurugram. General Secretary Saini assured that the team will bring glory to Gurugram with better performance in future as well. Apart from this, preparations have started for the championship to be held in England recently, he said. Despite tough competition, Indian athletes demonstrated extraordinary skill and determination. Young talents Aditya Dahiya and Kavya Bhardwaj won bronze medals in the sub-junior category Kumut event, while experienced athlete Geeta Godara won a silver medal in the veteran category Kata event and a bronze medal in the veteran category Kumut event. Shalu Hari won gold in the veteran category Kata, and Rinki Goyal won a bronze medal in the veteran category Kata. "Ansha Godara is a very good player in the team. We hope that next time she will represent our India and will do very well and in a great way," he added.

Lewis Hamilton faces emotional end to amazing Mercedes journey before joining Ferrari in F1

AP ■ LUSAIL
Lewis Hamilton is looking back on an "amazing journey" and the most successful partnership in Formula 1 history as he prepares to bid farewell to Mercedes this week and join Ferrari. The move offers a new start for the 39-year-old Hamilton, who's had a difficult end to his last Mercedes season. Ferrari's first task next year might be to get him back on form. "I don't think we're going to end up on a high," Hamilton said Sunday after finishing 12th in Qatar in another tough race which saw him get penalties, a puncture,

and even ask Mercedes for permission to retire the car. Two days earlier, he said he was "definitely not fast any more" after struggling again in qualifying. Hamilton's last race for Mercedes at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on Sunday will bring down the curtain on a 12-year stay with the team. He won six of his seven world titles with Mercedes, the most by any F1 driver with a single team. As an all-time great and the sport's only Black driver, Hamilton's influence extends far beyond the F1 grid. Hamilton shook F1 with the shock announcement in February that he would join Ferrari in 2025 - a decision

he even kept secret from his parents - and the prospect of leaving Mercedes has overshadowed this season. "I've had all year to think about it, so there's been those highs and lows through the year. I can't predict how I'm going to feel next Sunday after the race, or the days to follow, or at Christmas time," Hamilton said last week. Hamilton said he would miss the "family" atmosphere at Mercedes and will leave with warm memories, including of Niki Lauda, the former F1 champion who played a key role in bringing him to the team and who died in 2019. "There's many, many great moments. Moments with



Niki, amazing conversations, arguments," Hamilton said. "It's been an amazing journey together, one that I've genuinely loved." The last time Hamilton switched teams, he found it hard to stay away from his old employer. Hamilton recalled the incident in 2013 when he mistakenly drove into McLaren's pit at the Malaysian Grand Prix, in his second race after leaving for Mercedes. "I remember when I joined this team it was strange driving past my old team in the pit lane, to the point that I stopped at theirs at one point," he said. After an emotional victory at his home British Grand

Prix in July ended a 945-day wait for a win, Hamilton took another win at the Belgian Grand Prix when his teammate George Russell finished first but was disqualified. Since then, though, Hamilton has placed behind Russell in 10 of 12 races, including sprints. Qualifying has been Hamilton's biggest problem, forcing him to try to make up places on race day. "When you're always back where I am (on the grid), it makes it very hard, almost impossible, to be competing for wins," he said last week. Hamilton is missing one potential chance to drive the Ferrari this year in the

testing session after the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. He said it's not possible under his contract with Mercedes but he didn't want to start his Ferrari career that way, anyway. Hamilton will likely get to take the wheel behind closed doors at Ferrari's famed Fiorano test track early next year. "I know (Ferrari team principal) Fred (Vasseur) wanted it to happen. For me, I was in two minds. Driving the red car for the first time in Abu Dhabi does not excite me. In a perfect world you'd get to drive and not be seen and do the first rollout next year," he said.

Sale of Immovable Property mortgaged to Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) & Rule (9) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **constructive/physical/symbolic** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of dues due to the Bank/Secured creditor from the respective borrower(s), and Guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch Name of the Account Name & Addresses of The Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/Owner's Name (Mortgagers of Property (ies))	Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002		Reserve Price EMD Last Date of deposit of EMD Bid Increase Amount	DATE & TIME OF AUCTION	Details of The Encumbrances Known To The Secured Creditors
			Outstanding Amount as on	Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive Details of RC issued by DRT Dehradun			
This notice is also treated as 15 days statutory notice to under Rule 8(6) & Rule (9) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002							
1	Branch: Roorkee (206410) Borrower: M/s Shri Guni Kripa Enterprises (Through its Partner), Mrs Mamta Tyagi W/o Virendra Kumar Tyagi, Mr Amit tyagi S/o Mr Virendra Kumar Tyagi, Village Bharampur Khasra No 333 Opp R R Cinema Near NH- 58 Roorkee Haridwar - 247667. Mrs Mamta Tyagi W/o Virendra Kumar Tyagi, 1/147, Chawmandi Roorkee Ultrakhand - 247667 & 65/1 Chawmandi Roorkee Haridwar -247667. Mr Amit tyagi S/o Mr Virendra Kumar Tyagi, 65/1 Chawmandi Roorkee Haridwar -247667. Mr Virendra Kumar Tyagi S/o Sh Tejpal Singh, 147, Chawmandi Roorkee Ultrakhand - 247667.	All that property having Khata No 00331 (Varsh Khatouni 1417 to 1422 according to fasli) bearing Khasra No 333 total area 0.0410 Hect or 410 Sqmt. situated at Mauza Brahampur, Pargana & Tehsil - Roorkee District Haridwar, Original Sale deed Registered on 01.02.2014 at bahi no 1 Zild No 2158, Pages 157 to 172 Serial No 943 dated 01/02/2014 in the office of Sub-Registrar Roorkee in favour of Smt Mamta Tyagi W/o Sh Virendra Kumar Tyagi R/o House no 65/1 Mohalla Chawmandi Roorkee pargana & Tehsil Roorkee District Haridwar Bounded as: East - 15ft Wide Road, West- land of Bishamber singh North- Land of Sh Shyamal, South- Land of Shri Deshraj.	01.03.2021	Rs. 35,49,824.00 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Forty Nine thousand Eight hundred Twenty Four only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) until payment in full	Rs. 49,50,000/- Rs. 4,95,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
2	Branch: BSM Chowk (762900) Borrower: M/s Rashvi Enterprises (Through its Proprietor), Smt. Shweta Karnwal w/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar, House no 41, SOT Sabji Mandi Roorkee, Haridwar Ultrakhand 247661. Smt. Shweta Karnwal w/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar (Proprietor), House no 41, SOT Sabji Mandi Roorkee, Haridwar Ultrakhand 247661. Sh. Rajesh Kumar s/o Sh. Munna Lal, House no 41, SOT Sabji Mandi Roorkee, Haridwar Ultrakhand 247661.	Residential North facing House bearing nagar house tax old no. 41 & New no. 54 (1-3) land measuring in East-19 feet, West-37 feet 9 inch, In North-25 feet and in south-13 feet 6 inch, total area measuring 611sq. feet i.e. 56.79 sqr meter situated at Mohalla Sot Purani Sabji Mandi Roorkee, Haridwar registered vide sale deed at bahi no. 1 Zild no. 899 pages 173-202 at Sr. No. 5903dated 18.08.2019in the office of Sub Registrar Roorkee in the name of Smt. Shweta Karnwal w/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar which is Bounded as under: East-House of Sh. Maheshkant, West-Open plot, North- Common Road, South: Remaining part of House of Seller.	28.05.2019	Rs. 33,21,519.00 (Rupee Thirty-Three Lakhs Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.04.2019 until payment in full	Rs. 38,70,000/- Rs. 3,87,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
3	Branch: Jagitpur (036210) Borrower: M/s Accurate Engineering Works (Through its Proprietor), Sh. Raees Ahmad s/o Sh. Hasinuddeen, Lodha Mandi, Mohalla Mehtan, Near Naveen Cloth House, Jawalapur Haridwar 249407. Sh. Raees Ahmad s/o Sh. Hasinuddeen (Proprietor), H. no. 31, Lodha Mandi, Mohalla- Mehtan, Near Naveen Cloth House, Jawalapur Haridwar 249407. Sh. Wasim Ahmad s/o Sh. Nasim Ahmad (Guarantor), Shah Gali, Maidaniyan, Jawalapur Haridwar 249407. Sh. Salim Javed s/o Sh. Hasinuddeen (Guarantor), H. no. 95/88, Lodha Mandi, Mohalla- Mehtan, Near Naveen Cloth House, Jawalapur Haridwar 249407.	Property No.1. All the part & parcel of Residential Property area measuring in East-18ft, west-18ft, North-29ft and South-29ft total area 522 sq feet or 48.513 sqr mtrs, situated at Mohalla Lodha Mandi Jawalapur Haridwar registered in the office of Sub Registrar Haridwar vide sale deed at Bahi no 1, Zild No 1805 Pages 365-386, Serial No 5071, dated 26.06.2014 and also vide Correction Deed at Bahi no 1, Zild No 3442 Pages 211-230 Serial No 547, dated 19.01.2018 in the name of Sh. Raees Ahmad S/o Sh. Mohd. Hasinuddeen which is Bounded as: East- way 10ft wide, West- Property of Hasinudin, North-Property of Rekha Singhal, South- Property of B.D. Shama. Property-2. All the part & parcel of Residential Property area measuring area 461.18 sq feet or 42.86sqmtrs, situated at Mohalla Lodha Mandi Jawalapur Haridwar under the limits of Nagar Palika Samiti registered in the office of Sub Registrar Haridwar vide sale deed at Bahi no 1, Zild No 627 Pages 399-412 Serial No 1808 , dated 24.02.2012 in the name of Saleem Javed s/o Sh. Hasinuddeen which is Bounded as: East- Plot of Surender Lal Chhabra West-House of Taqhtraj, North-Way 3 feet Wide after house of Arvind & Rampal Choudhary, South- House of Nasir & Zahid.	03.12.2020	Rs. 18,26,792.40 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Seven hundred Ninety Two and Paisea Fourty only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) until payment in full	Property No.1. Rs. 9,63,000/- Rs. 96,300/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/- Property No.2. Rs. 12,60,000/- Rs. 1,26,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
4	Branch: Sikandarpur Bhaiswal (246600) M/s Dharam Associates (Through its Proprietor). Sh Manoj Kapil S/o Sh Kanta Prasad Kapil, G T Road Bhagwanpur Pargana Tehsil Roorkee, Haridwar 247661. Sh Manoj Kapil S/o Sh Kanta Prasad Kapil, G T Road Bhagwanpur Pargana Tehsil Roorkee, Haridwar 247661. Smt Poonam Kapil W/o Sh Manoj Kapil, G T Road Bhagwanpur Pargana Tehsil Roorkee Haridwar 247661.	Double Storey Residential house west facing measuring in East-25ft, In West- 25 ft, In North-88 Ft and In South-88 ft total area 2200sqft i.e. 204.6 sqmt situated at village Bhagwanpur Pargana Bhagwanpur Tehsil Roorkee registered vide gift deed Bahi no 1 Volume No 2352 pages 269 to 286 on the serial no 6309 on 01.08.2014 at sub registrar roorkee in favour of Manoj Kapil S/o Shkanta Prasad kapil R/o Bhagwanpur Bounded & Butted as under: East: House of Kuldeep Sharma, West: Way of 16ft wide, North: House of Subhash goyal and Sanjeev Goyal, South: House of Sh Surender Verma.	26.11.2020	Rs. 40,98,900.76 (Rupees Forty Lakh Ninety-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and paisea Seventy-Six only) + with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.04.2020 until payment in full	Rs. 51,90,000/- Rs. 5,19,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
5	Branch: Sultanpur Kunheri (313700) Smt Sanyogita W/o Sh Raj kumar urf Raju, H No 241 Village Mehtauli Sultanpur Adampur Tehsil Laksar Haridwar- 247663. Sh Mukesh S/o Pratap (Guarantor), H. no.18, 283/2 Village Tanda, Mehtauli Sultanpur Adampur, Tehsil Laksar, District Haridwar. Sh Surendra S/o Sh Ratiram (Guarantor), H No 199, Village Bakarpur Nehandpur Tehsil Laksar, District Haridwar.	All that property bearing Khata No 94 Khasra no 23M, with area measuring 0.1380 Hect situated at Village Mehtauli Pargana Jawalapur Tehsil Laksar District Haridwar. Bounded & Butted as under: East: 12ft Wide Road, West: Property of Jagat Ram, North: Property of Rishpal, South: Property of Rishpal. Sale deed executed in favour of Smt Sanyogita W/o Raju, at Bahi No.1 Zild No 2576 Pages 93 to 116, Seiral no 1542, executed on 25.03.2017.	26.07.2021	Rs. 19,62,697.74 (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eighty Two thousand Six hundred Ninety Seven and Paisea Seventy Four only) + with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.04.2021 until payment in full	Rs. 36,00,000/- Rs. 3,60,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
6	Branch: Ahmedpur (149600) Borrower: Sh. Lalit Chanchal s/o Sh. Ram Swaroop, Shop no. 9 Shivalki Nagar Chowk Haridwar 249407. Sh. Ram Swaroop s/o Sh. Chanu Ram (Co-Borrower), H. no.1, Sati Ghat Kankhal, Haridwar, Ultrakhand 249408. Sh. Sanjay Kumar s/o Sh. Dhanu Ram (Guarantor), 62, DakKhana, Chowk Bazar, Kankhal Haridwar 249408	Residential House land measuring East 30 feet , West-30 feet, North-32 feet & South -32 Feet having total area 960 sq feet i.e. 89.21 sq mtr belonging to Khasra no 242/2 & house tax khata no 442/368 situated in Balmiki Basti Kankhal, Pargana-Jawalapur, Haridwar, within limit of Nagar Nigam Haridwar registered vide Sale Deed registered at Bahi no. 1 Zild no. 2908, pages 245-274, Serial no. 691 dated 24.01.2014at sub registrar Haridwar. Bounded as under: East: House of Chander Bhan, West: Gali 2 feet wide, North- Gali 5 feet wide, South - Gali 2 meter wide.	15.10.2019	Rs. 26,25,592.00 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Twenty Five thousand Five hundred Ninety Two only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.09.2019 until payment in full	Rs. 17,90,000/- Rs. 1,79,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
7	Branch: BSM Chowk Roorkee (762900) M/s Balaji Associates (Through its Proprietor), Smt. Babli Tyagi W/o Sh. Sudhir Tyagi, Karnataka bank Building, Malviya Chowk Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand- 247667. Smt. Babli Tyagi W/o Sh. Sudhir Tyagi (Proprietor), H.No. 1, V.P.O.- TanSHIPUR, Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand- 247667. Sh. Sudhir Tyagi S/o Sh. Jagat Ram (Guarantor), H.No. 1, V.P.O.- TanSHIPUR, Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand- 247667.	Residential Property having land measuring in east- 43 feet, West- 43 feet, North- 23 feet 2 inch and South- 23 feet 2 inch having total area of 996 square feet i.e. 92.565 square meter belonging to Khasra No. 272 M Situated in Village- Shekhpuri Pargana & Tehsil- Roorkee- District- Haridwar. registered vide Sale deed at Bahi No. 1, Zild No. 3322 at Pages 79-106 Serial No. 9854 dated 03.10.2016 at Sub registrar- Roorkee in the name of Sh. Sudhir Tyagi S/o Sh. Jagat Ram which is bounded as: East: House of Angoori, West: Plot of other, North: Plot of Saleem Ahmad, South: Way 10 feet wide.	25.05.2021	Rs. 74,49,537.61 (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Forty Nine thousand Five Hundred Thirty Seven and Paisea Sixty One only) + with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.05.2021 until payment in full	Rs. 20,80,000/- Rs. 2,08,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
8	Branch: Roorkee Cantt. (094600) M/s Deepak Saini (Through its Proprietor), Sh. Deepak Saini S/o Sh. Suresh Chand Saini, H no. 2990, Mohalla Chhavni, Jhabreda, Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand 249666. Sh. Deepak Saini S/o Sh. Suresh Chand Saini, H no. 2990, Mohalla Chhavni, Jhabreda, Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand 249666. Sh. Arvind Saini S/o Sh. Sewa Ram, 92, Kurdi Manglore, Haridwar 247656.	Abadi Land as per consolidation form 23 of chak no 766 proposed gata no 517/1 area 0.0300 Hectare, 517/2 area 1.0846 Hectare, 518/1 area 0.0714 Hectare, 519 area 0.0311 hectare & 520/3 area 0.1087 hectare out of total area 1.3267 Hectare, 0.2100 Hectare i.e. 2100sqmt, situated at abadi Village Jhabreda out of limits of Nagar panchayat, Jhabreda Pargana Manglore, Tehsil Roorkee, District haridwar. Bounded by: East: Chak Road 3 m wide, West: Land of Sh Vikas Kumar, North: Land of Suresh Chand, South: Gurukul road, Owner: Mr Deepak Saini S/o Mr Suresh Chand Saini.	28.04.2021	Rs. 1,32,48,645.32 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty Five and Paisea Thirty-Two only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.04.2021 until payment in full	Rs. 1,17,00,000/- Rs. 11,70,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
9	Branch: Gurudawra road, Jawalapur (182900) Borrower: M/s Raj Ceramic (Through its Proprietor), Sh. Raj Singh s/o Late Sh. Iam Chand, Rawali Mahdood Haridwar, Ultrakhand (249402). Sh. Raj Singh s/o Late Sh. Iam Chand (Proprietor), Rawali Mahdood Haridwar, Ultrakhand (249402). Sh. Ajay Sharma s/o Sh. Purn Chand Sharma (Guarantor), 500 C, Near Skyward School Salempur Rajputana, Roorkee Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667) & Village- Salempur Rajputana, Bghwanpur Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667). Sh. Ashok Kumar s/o Sh. Om Pal Singh (Guarantor) Maheshwari, Chudiyala, Bhagwapur, Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667) & Village- Sultanpuri, Majari, Jawalapur, Haridwar, Ultrakhand 249407.	Residential Property area measuring 743.33 sqft i.e. 69.08 sq. mtr. Situated at Moolhalla Krishana Nagar, Village Salempur Rajputana, Roorkee Haridwar belonging to Khasra no 1408, 1407M, 1506M, 1507M, 1508M, 1509M, 1514M, 1516/1M & 1517/2M registerd vide sale deed no. 6443 dated 26.11.2014 in favour of Sh. Ashok Kumar s/o Sh. Om Pal Singh, bounded as under: East: Road 3.96M wide, West: Land of other, North- Property of Part-A, South - House of Ashok Kumar.	02.01.2020	Rs. 47,64,229.72 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Sixty Four thousand Two hundred Twenty Nine and Paisea Seventy Two only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.11.2019 until payment in full	Rs. 9,63,000/- Rs. 96,300/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
10	Branch: Gurudawra Road, Jawalapur (182900) M/s Anshika Ceramic (Through its Proprietor), Sh. Ajay Sharma s/o Sh. Purn Chand, Lane no. 15, Krishna Nagar, Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667). Sh. Ajay Sharma s/o Sh. Purn Chand, Lane no. 15, Krishna Nagar, Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667). Mrs. Sandhya Sharma w/o Sh. Ajay Sharma, Gali no 15, Krishna Nagar, Roorkee Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667). Sh. Raj Singh s/o Sh. Iam Chand, Village Allanpur, Atla Kheri urf Donkiwali, Pargana Nangal, Tehsil Deoband Sharanpur, Ultra pardesh 247551. Smt. Deepmala w/o Sh. Raj Singh, Village Allanpur, Atla Kheri urf Donkiwali, Pargana Nangal, Tehsil, Deoband Sharanpur, Ultra pardesh 247551. Sh. Niwas s/o Sh. Braham Dutt, H. no. 116, Moghpur, Muzaffarnagar Uttar Pardesh 251203.	Residential Property Plot no. bearing 29 land measuring in East- 49 feet, West-49.7 feet, North-20.125 feet & South-16.25 feet total area measuring 895.91 sqft i.e. 83.26 sq. mtr. Situated at Village Sultanpur Majri, Jawlapur, Haridwar belonging to Khasra no 37 registerd vide sale deed at bahi no. no. 1, Jild1075, pages 19-38 Sr. no. 12005 dated 03.12.2012 in favour of Smt. Sandhya Sharma w/o Sh. Ajay Sharma which is bounded as under: East: Plot no 51, West: Plot, North: Way 18 feet wide, South - Plot.	03.02.2020	Rs. 74,85,007.14 (Rupees Seventy-Four Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Seven and Paisea Fourteen only) + with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.01.2020 until payment in full	Rs. 14,70,000/- Rs. 1,47,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
11	Branch: Narsan Kalan (731000) M/s Pinkesh Agri & Dairy Works (Through its Proprietor), Smt. Pinkesh Devi w/o Sh. Virendra Kumar, Makhdumpur, Jhabreda, Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667). Smt. Pinkesh Devi w/o Sh. Virendra Kumar (Proprietor) Makhdumpur, Jhabreda, Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667). Sh. Virendra Kumar s/o Sh. Subhe Ram (Guarantor), 53/1 Makhdumpur, Jhabreda, Roorkee, Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667).	All the part and parcel of Residential Property Having total area 2050 sq. mtr, situated at Mauja Makhdumpur, Pargana- Manglore, Roorkee Haridwar registered vide Gift Deed registered in Bahi no. 1, Jild no. 3055 at pages 167-188 serial no. 2759 on dated 11.03.2016 in the office of Sub-registrar Roorkee in the name of Smt. Pinkesh Devi w/o Sh. Virendra Kumar which is bounded as: East-Land of Sh. Anuj & Rajendra, West -Rest Land of Virender Kumar, North- Road 15 feet wide, South- Land of vijender.	16.04.2019	Rs. 14,50,588.88 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Fifty thousand Five hundred Eighty Eight and Paisea Eighty Eight only) + with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.04.2019 until payment in full	Rs. 19,00,000/- Rs. 1,90,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
12	Branch: Jagitpur (036210) M/s Dev Home Furnishing Company (Through its Proprietor), Smt. Sunita W/o Ashok Kumar, Rampur Dandi Haridwar 247667 & Bahadarpur Khadar Roorke Road Laksar Haridwar 247663. Smt. Sunita W/o Ashok Kumar (Proprietor), H. no. B-70, Arhant Vihar, Kankhal Haridwar 249407. Sh. Ashok Kumar s/o Sh. Ram Singh (Guarantor), H. no. B-70, Arhant Vihar, Kankhal Haridwar 249407.	All the part & parcel of Commercial Property having total area 0.053 hectare or 530 sqr mtrs, belonging to Khasra no. 132M situated in Bahadarpur Khadar, Pargana Manglore, Laksar Haridwar vide Gift deed at Bahi no 1, Zild No 2636 Pages 263-278 Serial No 3276 , dated 24.06.2017 in the name of Sunia w/o Ashok Kumar which is Bounded as: East- Property of Sh. Rajender, West-Way 12 feet wide, North-Property of Ashok Kumar, South- Laksar Roorkee Road.	23.07.2020	Rs. 47,11,167.00 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Eleven Thousand One hundred Sixty Seven only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.04.2021 until payment in full	Rs. 29,30,000/- Rs. 2,93,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 50,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
13	Branch: Gurudawra Road, Jawalapur (182900) M/s New R B Furnitures (Through its Proprietor), Sh. Amir Alam s/o Sh. Rasool Baks, Opposite Babu Ram Degree College Saliyar, Roorkee Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667). Sh. Amir Alam s/o Sh. Rasool Baks, Saliyar, Shahpur, Roorkee Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667). Smt. Shahnuma w/o Sh. Amir Alam (Guarantor) Saliyar , Shahpur, Roorkee Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667). Sh. Aadil s/o Sh. Rasool Baks (Guarantor), Saliyar, Shahpur, Roorkee Haridwar, Ultrakhand (247667). Sh. Imran s/o Sh. Rasool Baks (Guarantor), 434, Chandra Sekhar Wali Gali, west amber Talab, Roorkee, Haridwar 247667.	Property No.1. Residential Property area measuring 4124.81sqft or 383.34 sqmtr belonging to Khasra no 438M Situated in village Saliyar, salipur Mustahkam Bhagwanpur, Roorkee, District Haridwar registered vide Sale deed registered at bahi no 1, Zild no 1958 Page 245-256, Serial no 632 dated 17.01.2012 at Sub-Registrar Roorkee in favour of Sh. Imran & Aadil both s/o Sh. Rasool Baks. Bounded as under: East: House of Sh. Riyasat, West: 3.65 m Wide Road, North-House of Sh. Imran, South - Land of Sahid. Property No.2. Residential Property area measuring 2850 sqft or 264.869 sq mtr belonging to Khasra no 438M Situated in village Saliyar, salipur Mustahkam Bhagwanpur, Roorkee, District Haridwar registered vide Sale deed Registered at bahi no 1, Zild no 4339 Page 333-364, Serial no 2233 dated 27.04.2017 at Sub-Registrar Roorkee in favour of S. Shahnuma w/o Sh. Amir Alam, bounded as under: North: 12 feet wide Road, South: Plot of Muzamil/Javed Ali, East: House of Kurban, West: Way 16 ft wide.	11.11.2021	Rs. 37,92,539.10 (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Ninety Two thousand Five hundred Thirty Nine and Paisea Ten only) + with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.04.2021 until payment in full	Rs. 25,30,000/- Rs. 2,53,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
14	Branch: Ramnagar Roorkee (389800) M/s Roorkee Steels Pvt Ltd (Through its Director), Kuldeep Panwar s/o Sh. Isham Singh, Sh. Furkan Ali s/o Sh. Riyasat Ali, Village Raipur, Bhagwanpur, Roorkee, Haridwar- 247667 & Behind Shakti Filing Center, near Industrial Estate, Delhi Road, Saharanpur-247001 & 198, 199 Village aipur, Industrial Area, Bhagwanpur, Roorkee- 247667. Kuldeep Panwar s/o Sh. Isham Singh (Director), Khasra No. 419, Village Rukanpur, opposite Nursery, Shamli Road, Muzaffarnagar-251001. Sh. Furkan Ali s/o Sh. Riyasat Ali (Director), 247001. Sh. Sandeep Panwar s/o Sh. Isham Singh (Guarantor), Khasra No. 419, Village Rukanpur, opposite Nursery, Shamli Road, Muzaffarnagar - 251001 & Gam Pinna, Pargana Baghra, Muzaffarnagar-251002. Smt. Mamta w/o Sh. Kuldeep Panwar (Guarantor), Khasra No. 419, Village Rukanpur, opposite Nursery, Shamli Road, Muzaffarnagar-251001. Sh. Jane Alam S/o Sh. Mohdammad Hamid (Guarantor), Village Khanjapur, Muzaffarnagar 251001.	Residential Property area measuring 8098.44 sqft i.e. 752.37sq. mtr. Situated at Village Old Rukanpur Now Khanjanpura, Shamli Road Tehsil-Sadar, Distt.- Muzaffarnagar belonging to Khasra no 419 registerd vide Joint ownership sale deed no. 12505 dated 12.11.2010 in favour of Sh. Kuldeep Singh s/o Sh. Isam Singh , Vide Sale Deed no 12359 dated 09.11.2010 and vide Sale deed no 12360 dated 09.11.2010, bounded as per site as under: East: House of Mainpal, West: Property of other, North- Shamli Road, South - Chak Road.	26.12.2012	Rs. 4,36,06,992/- (Rupee Four Crores Thirty Six Lakhs Six Thousand Nine Hundred & Ninety Two Only) + with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.10.2011 until payment in full	Rs. 54,30,000/- Rs. 5,43,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known
15	Branch: Sultanpur Kunheri Borrower: Sh Pradeep Kumar S/o Sh Dhoom Singh, 46, Mohalla Keshav Nagar Society Road Ward No -8 Laksar, Haridwar 247663. Sh Arun Kumar S/o Sh Madan Prasad 22- Mohalla Laksar Post Laksar Haridwar - 247663.	All that part and parcel of a residential plot and construction thereon having land area measuring 904.5 sqft i.e. 84.118 sqmt, measuring in East- 54ft, in West- 54ft, in North- 18ft 6 inch & in South-15ft. Bounded by East - Property of Seller, West- Plot of other person, North- 11ft Wide road, & in South- Plot of Chandrawati W/o Kanwerpal singh Situated at Khasra No 61 Muajia Village Laksar Pargana Manglore Tehsil Laksar District Haridwar, Sale deed registered in Bahi no 1, Zild No 2601, Pages 209 to 232 at Sr No 2262 on dated 08/05/2017 in favour of Sh Pradeep Kumar S/o Sh Dhoom Singh.	18.01.2019	Rs. 14,91,558.62 (Rupees fourteen lakh Ninety one Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight and Sixty Two only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.01.2019 until payment in full	Rs. 7,80,000/- Rs. 78,000/- 25.12.2024 up to 5 PM Rs. 20,000/-	26.12.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes	Not Known

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. 2. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" 3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 4. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://ebkgray.in>. 5. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://ebkgray.in>.

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