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Light rainfall lashed several parts of Delhi on Tuesday evening, temperatures are expected to drop further in the next two days

## AQI under 400, Grap-III invoked in Delhi NCR

### RAJESH KUMAR 📕 NEW DELHI

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Tuesday assessed the situation and lifted the restrictions of Stage IV under the Graded Plan Response Action (GRAP) in Delhi and the neighbouring region, decline in following a pollution levels. However, the restrictions under GRAP Stage I, II and III will continue including curbs on construction and industrial activities remain in place to control pollution levels. The Stage-IV was enforced on December 16 in Delhi and NCR when it breached the 400 mark. The decision comes after

Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) improved to 369 ('Very



Poor') at 4 PM on December 24, down from a peak of 401 recorded ('Severe') on The December 16. improvement in air quality was attributed to favourable meteorological conditions, including improved wind speed, according to forecasts from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Indian Tropical (IITM). of Institute Meteorology Residents are urged to remain cautious and adhere to

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## impact of air pollution on health and daily life.

Under Stage-III, classes up to five are required to shift to hybrid mode. Parents and students have the option to choose online education, wherever available. Stage III

bans on non-essential dieseloperated medium goods vehicles with BS-IV or older standards within Delhi. The restrictions also include on plying of BS-III petrol and BS IV diesel LMVs (4 wheelers) in Delhi and in the districts of Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar. Persons with Disabilities shall be Disabilities permitted to ply BS-III Petrol BS-IV Diesel LMVs, provided that these are

specifically adopted for them guidelines issued by the and are run only for their authorities to mitigate the personal use.

### Rupee at fresh record low of 85.20 against US dollar the lowest ever level of 85.21 against

### PTI MUMBA

PNS NEW DELHI

The rupee extended the slide for the second straight session and depreciated 9 paise to settle at a fresh all-time low of 85.20 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, dragged by a strong greenback against major crosses overseas and subdued domestic equities.

According to analysts, increased demand of the dollar due to monthend payment obligations and the fear of an aggressive import tariff by the Donald Trump administration in the US strengthened the greenback. Besides, surging crude oil prices pushed the rupee down further, they added.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 85.10 and touched

In a major reshuffle, former Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar

Bhalla has been appointed as

Manipur Governor amid ongoing

Some of the other States where

change was effected according to a

Rashtrapati Bhawan communique

includes former Union Minister and

army chief Vijay Kumar Singh was

appointed as Mizoram Governor, while Arif Mohammed Khan was

In a surprise move following the

resignation of Raghubar Das as Odisha governor, Hari Babu

Kambhampati was appointed as the

new man for the State's gubernatorial

post. Das has served earlier as Chief Minister of Jharkhand and State

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

moved to Bihar as Governor.

President as well.

trouble in the north eastern State.

the greenback during intra-day. The unit finally ended the session at a fresh all-time low of 85.20 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a loss of 9 paise from its previous close. On Monday, the rupee settled 7 paise lower at 85.11 against the US dollar. Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at

Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said the rupee fell to a fresh all-time low on weak domestic markets and a strong US dollar due to increased demand from importers and surging crude oil prices. He said a hawkish tone of the US Federal Reserve and an improved US economy may further support the dollar. "FII outflows may also weigh on the rupee. However, any intervention by the RBI may support



the rupee at lower levels. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 85 to Rs 85.40," Choudhary said.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading higher by 0.11 per cent at 107.93, amid soaring US Treasury yields and the fear of delayed interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve.Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.69 per cent to USD 73.13 per barrel in futures trade.

In the domestic equity market, the 30share BSE Sensex closed lower by 67.30 points, or 0.09 per cent, at 78,472.87 points, while Nifty fell 25.80 points, or 0.11 per cent to close at 23,727.65 points.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs were net sellers in the capital markets on Monday, as they offloaded shares worth Rs 168.71 crore, according to exchange data.

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**NHRC postings** 

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MERRY CHRISTMAS **Former Home** Secy Bhalla is new Manipur Gov



Park street. Kolkata all decked up for Christmas eve

## **Dalit boy dies** by suicide after being forced to drink urine

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

In a horrifying incident from Uttar P

## **Delhi Police bust gang settling** illegal migrants, 11 arrested them while also bullying them for minor issues. They

all lived in close proximity. "However, the police learnt during interrogation that these accused had entered India illegally and had been residing in Sangam Vihar for

## Accident in **Poonch: Five** soldiers killed

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE JAMMU

At least five Indian soldiers were killed and several regarding the jump in voting percentage in Maharashtra others received injuries after that occurred on polling day saving the incr le in wh

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI A mid concerns flagged by the Congress, the Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday clarified the misconception

Jump in Maharashtra voter

र्गात सदन WACHAN SADAN

NEW DELHI eaders of Opposition Leaders of CFFCCA Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi had recorded their dissent over the selection of the Chairperson and Members of the National Human Rights Commission on the grounds that the process adopted was "fundamentally flawed" and a "predetermined" exercise that ignored mutual consultation and consensus. had nronosed hev names of Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman and Justice KM Joseph for the position of chairperson. The Opposition leader's dissent note was released to the media a day after former Supreme Court judge V Ramasubramanian was appointed as the new Chairperson of the NHRC. The Opposition leaders also suggested retired High Court judges Muralidhar and Akil Abdulhamid Qureshi as NHRC Members. The meeting of the Selection Committee for picking the Chairperson and Members of the NHRC was held on December 18 at the Parliament House. The Selection Committee is headed by the Prime Minister and the panel comprises Lok Sabha Speaker, Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Home Minister and Leaders of Opposition from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

turnout normal: EC issues FAOs

district, a 17-year-old Dalit boy died by suicide after being subjected to brutal assault and humiliation during a birthday party. The boy was allegedly forced to strip, beaten, made to drink urine, and further humiliated by being forced to lick spit. The perpetrators recorded the also recorded the abuse. Traumatised by the ordeal, abuse. the boy hanged himself at his maternal uncle's house on Monday.

The victim, a Class 10 student living with his maternal uncle in Kaptanganj, was invited to a birthday party on December 20 by a local youth. According to the complaint filed by his uncle, the boy was ambushed at the gathering, where four to five individuals forced him to strip and assaulted him. They urinated in his mouth and recorded the incident.

When the boy later demanded the deletion of the video, the accused humiliated him further by forcing him to lick their spit. Unable to bear the trauma and humiliation, the boy returned home, narrated the incident to his family, and later took his life by hanging. The family approached the police soon after the incident but the initial response was reportedly lackluster. Two suspects were detained briefly but were released the same evening. This inaction prompted the grieving family to take the boy's body to the Superintendent of Police (SP) office, demanding justice. Amid public outrage, a case was registered against four individuals under charges of assault, criminal intimidation, and abetment of suicide. Three accused-Vinay Kumar, Akash, and Kaju Prasad-have been arrested, while efforts are ongoing to nab the fourth suspect, Sonal. The boy's family revealed that he had been facing harassment

from the accused for some

time.



#### SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI Rs 7, Aadhaar operators and

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m ven}$  as a high voltage underway over the issue of Rohingyas and Bangladeshi immigrants staying illegally in the National Capital, the murder of a man, who used to push women in prostitution, led to the Delhi Police in busting a gang involved in settling these immigrants in Delhi. Police have arrested 11 people

including four Bangladeshi nationals. The accused involve seven people who were allegedly involved in making forged including documents card, Aadhaar birth certificates, caste certificates, matriculation certificates,

COVID certificates, and income certificates, at nominal prices starting from

tech experts. A woman in the intervening night of October 20 and 21 came to Sangam Vihar police station to report that her husband, Santu Sheikh alias Raja, has been murdered which led to the police tracking down four people involved in his murder and

subsequently busting the gang. The Bangladeshi nationals, 26 years old Midul Miyan alias Akash Ahmed and 24 years old Fardeen Ahmed alias Abhi Ahmed along with

their wives, were arrested and interrogated connection with the murder of Sentu Sheikh alias Raja. Among the motives behind the murder, Raja used to push the wives of the accused into prostitution and also tried to make physical relations with

Commissioner of Police (South) Ankit Chauhan said. They were found possession of Bangladeshi ID cards (chip-based NID cards) and birth certificates. Around 21 Aadhar cards, four voter ID cards, and eight PAN cards were also recovered from the victim's residence. Chauhan said, "Under the guidance of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, we formed a team to unearth the entire matter and conduct a thorough probe into the illegal immigration issue." These immigrants came to India through the jungle route and then took bikes and taxis to reach the nearest town from where they took

he said. Further questioning of the accused led to the arrest of 26 year old Sahil Sehgal who ran a 'Poonam Online Computer Centre' in Rohini Sector 5.

AC trains to travel to Delhi

travelling rolled down in a deep gorge in the Balnoi sector of the frontier Poonch district in on Tuesday.

soldiers were on The operational duty at the time of the mishap. Ínitial reports suggested the army vehicle skidded off the road and rolled down a deep gorge after the driver lost control of the vehicle.

Confirming the same Nagrotabased White Knight Corps in a post on X said, "All ranks of White Knight Corps extend their deepest condolences on the tragic loss of five brave soldiers in a vehicle accident during operational duty in the

Poonch sector". According to statement the vehicle, part of an army convoy, veered off the road near the Line of Control (LoC). At the time of filing the report, the rescue operations were going on, and the injured personnel were receiving medical care in a nearby hospital.

turnout from 5 pm to 11.45 pm is normal and there were no arbitrary additions or deletions of voters in the state. In its 66-page response to the Congress, the Commission said it would not be correct to compare 5 pm voter turnout data with final polling data. The poll body asserted that it is impossible to change actual voter turnout as statutory Form 17C giving details of voter turnout is available with authorised agents of candidates at the time of close of poll at the polling station itself.

The Congress had approached the poll panel in November flagging various concerns related to the Maharashtra assembly polls. In a letter to the EC, the Congress said that there was an "inexplicable increase" in voter turnout between 5pm and the final voter percentage announced by the EC at 11.30pm on the day of polling.



note and frequently asked questions (FAQs), the EC told the Congress that increase in voter turnout from 5 PM to 11:45 PM was normal, being part of the process of aggregation of voter turnout. It said there can be bona fide but inconsequentia differences in votes polled and votes counted. It said rulebased process was followed with transparency in Maharashtra electoral roll preparation and there was no irregular pattern in voter deletions in the state. It told the Congress that due process was followed, including participation of Congress representatives in preparation of electoral rolls.

The poll body said that its complaint of an average addition of 50,000 electors between July and November in 50 assembly seats, out of which 47 have been won by the Mahayuti, is factually incorrect and misleading.

Coming out with a detailed

## **Cattle shelters along highways: Unique solution to a perennial problem**

### DEEPAK KUMAR JHA NEW DELHI

Tn a step to enhance road safety Land address the challenge of stray cattle and to avoid animal-related accidents on the National Highways (NH), the central road making agency National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken a pilot project to provide cattle shelters along the NHs. The initiative aims to create a safer travel experience for commuters while ensuring care and management of stray cattle, and animals found

along the National Highways. With shelter areas ranging from 0.21 to 2.29 hectares, shelters under the pilot project will be strategically located to serve as safe spaces for stray cattle, reducing their presence on National Highways. The initiative will be implemented on

National

UP/Haryana Border to Rohna

including

various

stretches,

Highway

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section of NH-334B, where shelters will be set up along the Kharkhoda Bypass. Similarly, shelters will be constructed along Bhiwani - Hansi section of NH-148B at Hansi Bypass, Kiratpur-Nerchowk section of NH-21 and the Dangiyawas to Jajiwal section of the Jodhpur Ring Road on NH-112.

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The NHAI has been facing challenges posted by stray cattle/animal movement on National Highway in several states across the country which is hazardous to road users' safety. Although several steps for removal of cattle from the National Highways were taken in the past but they could not get anticipated success due to several ancillary issues having social and sensitive angles, which included problems pertaining to unknown ownership/ transportation of cattle/ healthcare/ first aid treatment



during transportation of any injured animals, feeding the cattle till identification of owner or handing them over to the State Government agencies.

Several Courts in various states were also very keen in holistic resolution of the changes posted by movement of stray cattle on National Highways. Although control for the root cause of this

issue lies in the purview of various departments of respective State Governments, NHAI has taken this initiative to address this issue within its jurisdiction.

To implement this initiative, NHAI has signed an agreement with the existing concessionaire Gawar Construction Ltd. Under the contract they will build Cattle-Shelters on land provided by

NHAI. The concessionaire will also maintain these shelters by providing first aid, adequate fodder, water, and caretakers throughout the concession period, ensuring the well-being of the animals.

To further support this initiative, the concessionaire under its CSR initiative will deploy cattle ambulances to transport and treat injured stray animals, set up firstaid centres and hospitals to cater 50 km on each side for timely medical care of these animals. Beyond the construction and maintenance of shelters, the concessionaire will ensure safe transportation of stray cattle to these facilities, provide feed and enforce the provisions of the Cattle Trespass Act, 1871.

NHÂI Chairman Santosh Kumar Yadav said by addressing the challenges posed by stray cattle/animals on the National

Highways, this unique initiative is another step that furthers NHAI's commitment to not only to create safer National Highways for commuters by enhancing road safety but also fulfils a humane requirement of taking care of stray cattle/animals. "I am sure that this initiative will set a new benchmark for a holistic National Highway infrastructure development in the

country," Yadav said. Sharing his thoughts Sharing nis thoughts
 Dineshchandra Agrawal, President
 National Highway Builders
 Federation said "We welcome this step from NHAI to develop shelters for stray cattle/animals along the National Highways and offer our support for this initiative. I would urge our members to come forward and partner in this path breaking initiative that will help spread this noble cause of rehabilitating stray animals and enhancing road safety."



### RAIPUR | WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 25, 2024

## chhattisgarh 02 5000 bed Medicity on anvil at | National Vanvasi Sports **Competition from Dec 27**

## **200 acre land in Nava Raipur**

### STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

The Chhattisgarh government has decided to develop a 5,000-bed Medicity in a 200-acre land at Nava Raipur.

A government official said the move aims to develop Medicity for medical tourism and to give it an international identity.

Land has been earmarked in Sector 37 of Nava Raipur and the project would be executed with private sector participation.

The project is proposed to be linked with the Medicity Scheme of the Union government.

Recently, the Nava Raipur Development Authority held an initial meeting with the Union government's Infratech Services to establish the

Medicity in Chhattisgarh. Several multispecialty hospitals, medical college, hostel, diagnostic centres, hotels and boarding facilities

identity. would be developed in the project, the official said.

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STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

 $T_{(Forest Dweller)}^{he All India Vanvasi}$ Sports Competition will be held at the Science College ground in Raipur district from December 27 to 31. Chief Minis

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai released the poster on Tuesday. Forest Minister Kedar Kashyap and Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal were present. As many as 800

players from across India Nepal and will participate. Sai said the initiative



was a huge step towards the upliftment of the

dweller community as it will give

them a great opportunity to hone their talents.

practitioners and policymakers

to engage in enriching

transformative journey of the

constitution and its relevance

in addressing contemporary

The conference will feature insightful addresses, parallel

technical sessions and a special

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial

Lecture, focusing on the

constitution's text, its dynamic

interpretations and its response

to issues such as governance, rights and technological

discussions on

challenges.

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### Woman with cancerous tumour stuck to heart gets new life



STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

A 52-year-old woman suffering from a five-kilo cancerous tumour lodged to her heart and lungs has received a fresh lease of life after it was removed through

a complex surgery. An official communique said on Tuesday that a team led by Dr. Krishna Kant Sahu and Dr. Ashutosh Gupta performed the procedure at the Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital in Raipur. Dr. Sahu said the patient came into the hospital complaining about having difficulty in breathing. Her condition was

so severe that she had to be kept on a highpressure (bipap) ventilator.

Tests revealed a giant tumour inside her chest and stuck to the heart, he said.

It posed a significant threat of damaging vital organs as it had pressed the heart and slightly dislodged it. The lungs and the windpipe were also under pressure, he said. They kept the heart-lung machine on standby during the operation. The tumour was successfully removed and the patient is in the care of the cancer department. They discovered that it was a very rare and dangerous type of tumour called sarcoma after conducting a biopsy.

### **Employee among** three held for theft in Jain temple

### STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Police on Tuesday arrested a 27-oldemployee and two of his family members here for stealing gold and silver ornaments and utensils valued at Rs 15 lakh from a Digambar Jain temple.

Sudeep Mali, his brother Sagar (25) and mother Sushma (48) were from Madhya Pradesh, Raipur Senior Superintendent of Police Lal Umed Singh said.

A temple official, Rasu Jain, on Sunday lodged a theft case. The police detained Sudeep Mali who confessed to committing the crime. He named his brother and mother. The police seized 9 kalash,

8 ashtpratihari, five plates, five panchmeru, four platters (thali), a globular water bottle (lota), a chhatra, a pot for water storage, a spoon, all made of silver, as well as a gold kalash valued at Rs 15 lakh from them.

## Patwari among two held for accepting bribe



STAFF REPORTER in Surpa village and kotwar

RAIPUR

bribe.

arrested two persons including

Patwari Chinmay Agrawal

Zonal office- 1st Floor बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र vla Complex, Sai (Deve Nagar, Raipur, Email: Bank of Maharashtra narc rai@mahabank.co.ir एक परिवार एक बैंक Mo: 9007896452

### Appendix IV POSSESSION NOTICE [For Immovable Property under the Act - Rule- 8(1)]

/hereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank o Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asse and Enforcement of Security Interest Act – 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sub Section (2) of Section 13 read with rule 8 of Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 16/10/2024 calling upon the Borrowers: 1. Mr. Dilip Gupta, 2. Mr. Durgesh Gupta, 3. Miss Shashi Gupta, 4. Miss Sudha Gupta & 5. Miss Usha Gupta, Address of all - Hatri Para, Ward 12, Near Maa Santoshi Mandir Kawardha (C.G.), Pin Code -491995 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Total Rs. 17,41,322/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Forty One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Two only) plus interest thereon @ contractual rate w.e.f.16/10/2024 plus cost, charges, expenses etc. within 60 days from the date of the said Notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic ossession of the property described herein below in the exercise of the owers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of he said Rules on this 24th December 2024.

The Borrowers in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not o deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to he charge of the Bank of Maharashtra. Kawardha Branch for an amount of ie charge of the Bank of nere in above mentioned. 'he borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Sectior 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asse

### HNLU to hold international conference on Constitution@75



### STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

The Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU), Raipur, is organizing a two-day conference on

"Constitution@75: Evolving Text, Context and Transformations – Rights, Governance and Technology in Focus" to mark 75 years of the Indian constitution.

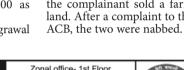
A communiqué said the event, on January 25–26, aims to create a platform for scholars, academics, legal



a village revenue officer in Agrawal sought the bribe Durg district in Chhattisgarh for providing a loan book after for accepting Rs 20,000 as

Bhusan Lal were caught red handed while accepting the money, ACB Additional  $T_{
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the complainant sold a farm land. After a complaint to the





### **Covid infection does not worsen** multiple sclerosis symptoms: Study

### AGENCIES

Covid-19 infection Adoes not worsen symptoms or disability in people with multiple sclerosis (MS), according to a study. Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic disease that

affects the central nervous system (CNS) and is caused by an autoimmune attack on the body's healthy cells.

Researchers from the University of Texas's Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas conducted the study on 2,132 adults with MS with an average age of 65. They were followed over 18 months.

While infections are known to cause disability among people with MS, the results published in the online issue of the Neurology journal, showed that "for Covid-19 infections specifically, this was not true".

"This is good news for people with MS, that they do not need to worry about long-term worsening of their MS symptoms after a Covid-19 infection," said Amber Salter, from the varsity, and a member of the American Academy of Neurology.

In the study, a total of 796 people reported having a Covid infection, and 1,336 people reported never



nominally by 0.02 points per

in MS symptom severity as

well as in disability between

people with and without

Covid-19 infection was not

associated with immediate

changes in symptom severity

or disability, nor did it change the MS symptoms or

disability trajectory for more

than a year and a half after

the results may differ for

younger people.

She, however, noted that

the infection," said Salter.

No difference was found

"Our study indicates that

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During the study, participants also reported the severity of their MS symptoms and were asked about walking, hand function, bodily pain, fatigue, memory, and thinking.

Participants also reported their level of disability based on how their condition affects daily activities like walking or standing.

The findings showed that for people with and without Covid, MS symptom severity increased

#### he details of the Immoveable property mortgaged to the Bank and take mbolic possession by the Bank are as follows: -

Name of the executants/Owner – Mr. Dilip Gupta, Mr. Durgesh Gupta, Miss Shashi Gupta, Miss Sudha Gupta and Miss Usha Gupta All those pieces and parcel of plot Land and Building situated at Village & Tehsil- Kawardha, in the registration Dist. – Kabeerdham, Sub-Dist. Kawardha, Land admeasuring 37.65 Sq meters and bearing CTS/Survey No 29/8. Nazul sheet no 15 B, bounded as follows: -North – Property of Umadev East – Nistari Road, west – Nistari Road, South – Property of Santosh Authorised Officer & Chief Manager Date: 25.12.2024, Place: Kawardha

देखे तथा डाउनलोड़ किये जा सकते है।

नोट: १. निविदा में भाग लेने हेतु टेकेदारों को ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेबसाईट https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in पर नामांकित / पंजीयन तथा लोक निर्माण विभाग की एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत टेकेदार को उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीयन कराना अनिवार्य ले

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The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.	The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the Charge of Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited for an amount mentioned herein above and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the							
Date :25.12.2024 (Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited)								
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDEC First Bank Limited I CIN : LESTIOTN2014PI C097792								

and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) | CIN:L65110TN2014PLC097792 Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031 Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently

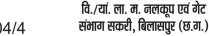
known as IDFC First Bank Limited) The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms ar conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA a per the RBI quidelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) are mentione as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from thei espective dates

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice		
1	58114993 & 32829835		<ol> <li>Anand Kumar Gadhewal</li> <li>Dashvanti Goyl</li> </ol>	11.12.2024	INR 9,73,182.37/-		
Pro	roperty Address All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Area 1088 Sq. Et. Part Of Khasra No 6/3. Situated At						

Gram: Birejhar, P.H.No. 33, New P.H.No. 61, R.I.C.-Rajnandgaon-2, Tahsil & District: Rajnandgaor Chhat garh - 491441, And Bounded As: East : Land Of Other, West : Land Of Kalu, North : Land Of Lalu South : Road

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) . Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the sa secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited
and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)



कार्यपालन अभियंता

### THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER DEPARTMENT. CIRCLE NO-1 RAIPUR (C.G.)

Tender Notice (1 Call)

egistered appropriate class in Unified [e- Registration] invited Online tenders for

NIT No. System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract
1	2	3
194/163015	Hygiene Maintenance And House Keeping Work at Transit Hostel Sector-30, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur (C.G.)	Lakh

### Last date of tender Download Date up to 09.01.2025 Time 17:30 PM

Note: All eligible interested contracPtors are mandated to get Procurement enrolled on the (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) in order to download the tender ocuments and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

**Superintending Engineer P.WD. Raipur Circle** G-242504827/3 Raipur (CG)

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता,
खारंग जल संसाधन संभाग, बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)
कार्यालयीन आदेश

आदेश क्रमांक/व.ले.लि/२०२४-२५ बिलासपुर, दिनांक.. निविदा सूचना क्र. १०/व.ले. लि/२०२४-२५ दिनांक १६.१०.२०२४ निविदा सिस्टम क्र १५९९८६ (प्रथम आमंत्रण) राशि रूपये ७३.३८ लाख को टेकेदार द्वारा अनुबंध नही करने के कारण निविदा निरस्त किया जाता है।

विज्ञापन क्रं.जी २४२५०३२८० दिनांक १९.१०.२०२४	कार्यपालन अभियंता
G-242504814/2	खारंग जल संसाधन संभाग, बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)

Date : 25.12.2024 Place : Chhattisgarh



Tender are invited for the Following Works: Last Date of Tender Downloading:- 06/01/2025

Sytem Tender No (Tender Call No)

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163306

(Second-Call)

NIT No./ NIT

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89/2024-25

Date

23/12/2025

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### RAIPUR | WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 25, 2024

Bacheli

For more details on the Tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER <u>P.W.D. BASTAR</u> CIRCLE JAGDALPUR (C.G.)

e-Procurement Tender Notice

https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

Name of Work

04

Special Repair Work of Residential & Non

Residential- Building, Under Sub- Division

## chhattisgarh 03

and

## **Global prevalence of atopic dermatitis** to reach 42.42 mn by 2033: Report

### AGENCIES

PAC Amount (Rupees in Lacs)

05

45.00

Superintending Engineer

P.W.D. Bastar Circle

Jagdalpur

The global prevalence of Latopic dermatitis -- a chronic skin condition -- is expected to reach 42.42 million by 2033, according to a report on Monday.The report by GlobalData, a data and analytics company, showed that the global bur-

den of 12-month diagnosed prevalent cases of atopic dermatitis is forecast to increase at an annual growth rate (AGR) of 0.10 per cent -- from around 42.02 million cases in 2023 to 42.42 million cases in 2033.

This increase will be particular in the seven major markets -- the US, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the UK, and Japan, the report said. The report reveals atopic dermatitis cases, also known as eczema, are rising because of the increasing prevalence of environmental and lifestyle risk factors and the increase in the incidence of atopic dermatitis in adulthood. It causes inflammation, redness, and intense itching.

"The pathogenesis of atopic dermatitis is unclear and most likely stems from

in the subsequent bidding process.

G-242504771/8

tration in order to download the tender documents and participate

2. Probable Amount of Contract (P.A.C.) is as per S.O.R. 01.08.2010. (As Amendments 01.08.2014).

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

PENDRAROAD (C.G.)

For. Chief Engineer Hasdeo Basin, Water Resources Deptt Bilaspur (C.G.)



the interaction of a combination of genetic dermatitis, and 14 per cent of susceptibility, environmental severe cases of atopic and lifestyle risk factors, and dermatitis in 2023 in the dysfunctional cell-mediated seven major markets. immunity," said Yixuan Atopic dermatitis is a complex disease presenting with a range of clinical manifestations

Zhang, Epidemiologist at GlobalData. According to GlobalData epidemiologists, symptoms, depending on the there were around 44 per patient demographic and cent of mild 12-month diagnosed prevalent cases of disease severity. In severe

atopic dermatitis, 42 per cent

associated with sleep disturbances due to the pruritic rashes that appear on the skin during a flare-up, depression, anxiety, and loss of productivity, contributing to the economic and disease burden globally.

"The highest prevalence is seen in childhood, followed by the middle-aged and older population. A positive correlation has been found between a country's gross domestic product (GDP) and disease burden," Zhang said. However, new

epidemiological patterns are slowly emerging, such as atopic dermatitis prevalence increasing in low-income countries and new atopic dermatitis-onset in adults becoming increasingly more common, particularly in the West," Zhang added.

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, PENDRA ROAD (C.G.)	कार्यालय, कार्यपालन अभियंता, जल संसाधन संभाग, कवर्धा जिला-कबीरधाम (छ०ग०)
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE	निविदा निरस्तीकरण सूचना
eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in	आदेश क्रमांक ५८७२ / वलेस / २०२४ कवर्धा, दिनांक २३/१२/२०२४
(Fourth Call)	इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा सिस्टम क्रमांक-१५८७ प्रथम निविदा सूचना क्रमांक
System Tender No.: 163083/ NIT No.: 22/ SAC/ 2024-25 Dated: 20.12.2024	15/वलेस / 2024-25/कवर्धा, दिनांक 23/09/2024 कबीरधाम जिले के विकासंख्यण्ड बोड़ला अंतर्गत घोटा जलाशय योजना के शीर्ष कार्य का जीर्णोद्धार, हेड स्लूस का पुर्ननिर्माण, वेस्ट वियर का
Online Tenders are Invited for The Following Works up to 07.01.2025 at 17:30 Hours	मरम्मत, मुख्य एवं माईनर नहरों का रिमाइलिंग एवं सी.सी. लाईनिंग, उँ नग व्ही.आर.बी. निर्माण सहित कुलाबा पाईप फिविसंग कार्य हेतु प्रथम आमंत्रित निविदा में प्रतिभागी निविदाकार की संख्य
Name of Work : CONSTRUCTION OF BALANCE WORK OF	एकल होंने के कारण निविदा निरस्त किंया जाता है। कार्यपालन अभिगंना
MAIN CANAL FROM RD 1960.00 ?. ?? RD 4560.00 M. INCLUDING EARTH WORK, 22 NOS. CANAL STRUC-	जी नं २४२५०२७४९/४ जल संसाधन संभाग, कवर्धा,
TURES WITH 14 NOS, OUTLETS AND CONSTRUCTION OF	G-242504838/7 जिला-कबीरधाम (छ.ग.)
MINOR CANAL FROM RD 0.00 M. TO RD 1770.00 M. INCLUDING EARTH WORK, 5 NOS. CANAL STRUCTURES	
WITH 8 NOS. OUTLETS OF NAWAGAON DIVERSION	OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
SCHEME.	RURAL ENGINEERING SERVICE DN. DANTEWADA
Probable Amount of Contract : Rs. 121,15 Lakhs	DISTT.SOUTH BASTAR DANTEWADA (C.G.)
The details can be viewed and downloaded online directely from	Expression of Interest
the govt. of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from dated 27.12.2024 at 17.31 hours (IST) onwards.	Memo No./1266 /SAC/RES/2024, Dantewada/Date-20/12/2024
Note: 1. All eligible/interested contractors/ bidders are mandated	Here by inviting Expression of Interest from
to get enrolled on the integrated e-Procurement portal	reputed registered Contractors for "MINAITURE
(https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) and get approval on specific ven- dor class from PWD under centralized contractor/supplier regis-	MODEL & DISPLAY UNITS AT DISTRICT
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cases, atopic dermatitis is

MODEL & DISPLAY UNITS AT DISTRICT MUSEUM DANTEWADA " Under Rural Engineering Service.

Further details, terms and conditions can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Engineering Service Division Dantewada.

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग,रायपुर संभाग क्र१, रायपुर					
G-242504778/3	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING SERVICE DN. DANTEWADA DISTT.SOUTH BASTAR DANTEWADA (C.G.)				
Last date of obtaining form Last date of Submission of Date of opening EOI	a :- 30/12/2024 form: 06/01/2025 5:00PM :- 07/01/2025 3:30PM				

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<ol> <li>Address and e-mall of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board</li> </ol>	Address: Flat 14D & E, Tower- 32, Genexx Valley, Joka, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata - 700104 Email: slahiri0207@gmail.com	6.	Address and e-mall of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Address: Flat 14D & E, Tower- 32, Genexx Valley, Joka, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata - 700104 Email: slahiri0207@gmail.com	6.	<ul> <li>Address and e-mall of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board</li> </ul>	Valley, Joka, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata - 700104 <b>Email: slahiri0207@gmail.com</b>	G	Construction of C C Road Fron ate to SCERT Office Gate Sh Deposit Work		
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<ul> <li>Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of an insolvency resolution process of Mr. Vijay Nagpure, Personal Guarantor of Geekay Colonizers and Builders Limited on 20.12.2024.</li> <li>The creditors of Mr. Vijay Nagpure are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 15.01.2025 to the resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 6 or 7.</li> <li>The creditors may submit their claims with proof by electronic means or by post or courier.</li> <li>Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties. On Behalf of National Company Law Tribunal Sd/- Soumitra Lahiri Resolution Professional In the Matter of Insolvency Resolution Process of Mr. Vijay Nagpure personal guarantor of Geekay Colonizers and Builders Limited - CD Date: 23.12.2024 Registration Number: IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00734/2017-2018/11232</li> </ul>			the Matter of Insolvency Resolution Proc of Gee ate: 23.12.2024 Registration Number	n process of Mr. Vinod Jain, Personal lers Limited on 20.12.2024. Ied upon to submit their claims with proof on assional at the address mentioned against of by electronic means or by post or courier. aim shall attract penalties. Behalf of National Company Law Tribunal Sd/- Soumitra Lahiri Resolution Professional	с F F P a T - S D	In the Matter of Insolvency Resolution Pr Guarantor of Geel Date: 23.12.2024 Registration Number:	on process of Mr. Vishal Khandelwal, and Builders Limited on 20.12.2024. reby called upon to submit their claims with ion professional at the address mentioned of by electronic means or by post or courier. im shall attract penalties. Behalf of National Company Law Tribunal Sd/- Soumitra Lahiri Resolution Professional	निविदा साथ ई Live कार्याल	ोक्त निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा की सामान्य दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन उ ी यह जानकारी विभागीय वेबसाईट <u>w</u> E Tender के अन्तर्गत निविदा प्रपत्र में य में किया जा सकता है। 242504773/3	प्रवधि में कार्यालय से प्राप्त व ww.cg.nic.in/pwc	ठी जा सकती है। <u>traipur/</u> में 1 संबंधित संभाग <b>भेयंता</b>
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### AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381) APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the nount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/	13(2) Notice	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of
Mortgagor/Guarantor/Loan A/c No.	Date & Amount		Possession Taken
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060735932259, Aajam Kirana Stores (Borrower), Sheik Manzoor Hasan (Co-Borrower), Smt.Zeenat Bee (Co-Borrower) Smt.Mumtajun Nisha (Co-Borrower)	13-Sep-24 ₹29,79,566/- Rs. Twenty-Nine Lac Seventy- Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six Only as on 10-Sep-24	All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land / Building / Structure And Fixtures Property Situated At Kahsra No 657, Phn 23-40, Gram Panchayat Tifra, Dist - Bilaspur, Chattisgarh Admeasuring 0.020 Hectare	19-Dec-24
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060123177312,	17-Aug-24 ₹ 3,53,920/-	All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land	20-Dec-24
Ramesh Kumar Patel (Borrower), Nand	Rs. Three Lac Fifty-Three	/ Building / Structure And Fixtures Property Situated At- Khasra No	
Kumar Patel (Co -Borrower), Jaypal	Thousand Nine Hundred	36 P H No 08, Village Mouhadih, R N M Barpali, Block And Tehsil	
Patel (Co -Borrower)	Twenty Only as on 13-Aug-24	Kartala, Dist- Korba, Chattisgarh Admeasuring 285.28 Sqmtr	
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060113128735, Kansaram Sahu (Borrower), Smt.Kala Bai Sahu (Co-Borrower), Lilesh Kumar Sahu (Co-Borrower) Smt.Bhumika Sahu (Co-Borrower) Gangaram Sahu (Guarantor)	16-May-24 ₹9,21,959/- Rs. Nine Lac Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty- Nine Only as on 13-May-24	All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land / Building / Structure And Fixtures Property Situated At- Kh No 152 And 160, Matgudahanuman , Komakhanmatguda, Dist- Mahasamund, Chattisgarh <b>Admeasuring 54896 Sq.Ft</b> East: Road, West: Plot Of Lukar & Parasram, North: Plot Of Umashnkar, South: Plot Of Umshankar	19-Dec-24
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060714700339,	13-Aug-24 ₹ 13,34,013/-	All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land	19-Dec-24
Mohit Kumar Dewangan (Borrower),	Rs. Thirteen Lac Thirty-Four	/ Building / Structure And Fixtures Property Situated At -	
Smt.Kaushilya Bai (Co-Borrower),	Thousand Thirteen Only as on	Municipal Corporation Ward No. 13 214/20 Gunderdehi, Dist-	
Tompesh Chand (Co-Borrower)	13-Aug-24	Durg ,Chhattisgarh Admeasuring 133.38 Sqyds	
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060127342568, Das Welding Works (Borrower), Vijay Das Manikpuri (Co-Borrower), Smt.Radha Manikpuri (Co-Borrower)	15-May-24 ₹9,42,902/- Rs. Nine Lac Forty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Two Only as on 13-May-24	All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land / Building / Structure And Fixtures Property Situated At- Khasra No Part Of 400 109, Kasahibahara, Near Village- Bagbahara , District- Mahasamund, Chattisgarh <b>Admeasuring 2292 Sq Ft</b> East: H/O Bedram, West: H/O Lachchu, North: Gali, South: Bachat Bhumi	19-Dec-24
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060128591420,	13-Sep-24 ₹ 62,45,690/-	All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land	20-Dec-24
Yatendra Kumar Chandrakar	Rs. Sixty-Two Lac Forty-Five	/ Building / Structure And Fixtures Property Situated At Part Of	
(Borrower), Arti Arun Kumar Mishra	Thousand Six Hundred Ninety	Khasra No 967/5, House Of Lig No 18, Padmanbhapur, Tehsil	
(Co-Borrower)	Only as on 10-Sep-24	And Dist -Durg, Cahhtisgarh Admeasuring 184.04 Sq.Mtr.	
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060130813869, Jitendra Kumar Lautre (Borrower), Shiva Prasad (Co-Borrower), Bhaiyalal (Co-Borrower) Smt.Nisha Bai (Co- Borrower)	15-Jul-24 ₹6,07,510/- Rs. Six Lac Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ten Only as on 11-Jul-24	All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land/ Building / Structure And Fixtures (Property 1) Property Situated At- Khasra No 49/2, Phno 14, Plot No 12, Vill- Baputola, Th- Churiya, Dist- Rajnandgaon, CG Admeasuring 1092 Sqft (Property 2) Property Situated At- Khasra No 49/2, Phno 14, Plot No 5, Vill- Baputola, Th- Churiya, Dist- Rajnandgaon, CG Admeasuring 1150 Sqft	

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said [Act 2002] read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table.

'The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets." The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table sd/-Place : Chattisgarh

Date : 24/12/2024

Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

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## **Congress approaches Supreme Court** against new Election Commission rules

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The Congress on Tuesday filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court challenging the recent amendments to the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 and expressed hope that the apex court will help restore the "fast eroding" integrity of the electoral process. The Government has tweaked an election rule to prevent public inspection of certain electronic documents such as CCTV camera and webcasting footage as well as video recordings of candidates to prevent their misuse.

general secretary AICC Jairam Ramesh, who filed the petition, said, "The integrity of the electoral process is fast



Hopefully the amendments to the Conduct Supreme Court will help of Election Rules, 1961," he restore it." "A writ has just said in a post on X. been filed in the Supreme Ramesh said the Election Court challenging the recent Commission, a Constitutional

charged with the conduct of free and fair elections cannot be allowed to unilaterally, and without public consultation, amend such a vital law in such a brazen manner. "This is especially true when that amendment does away with public access to essential information that makes the electoral process more transparent and accountable, he said. Based the

on recommendation of the Election Commission of India, the Union law ministry on Friday amended Rule 93(2)(a) of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, to restrict the type of "papers" or documents open to public inspection.

### Home Minister Shah stresses use of biometrics **Congress** to to identify unidentified bodies, persons commemorate

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Union Home Minster Amit Shah on Tuesday stressed the need for using biometrics technology to identify unidentified bodies and unidentified

"found persons". Chairing a review meeting on the implementation of the three new criminal laws with the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) here, Shah also emphasised the use of technology in all criminal investigation matters. He said alerts should be generated for all the cases at predefined stages and

timelines should be fixed from the registration to disposal of the case - for the benefit of victims and complainants. Biometrics technology should

adopted to identify dentified bodies and be unidentified unidentified found persons,

Shah asserted. According to an official statement, Shah said regular dispatch of alerts to investigating officers as well as senior officers as per predefined timelines will help expedite the process of

investigation. The meeting reviewed the implementation and integration of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) 2.0 and Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS), the New Criminal Laws and National Automated Identification Fingerprint System (NAFIS), prisons, courts, prosecution and forensics with ICJS 2.0 at all India level.

During the discussion, the home minister asked the to facilitate the NCRB complete implementation of the new criminal laws in the ICIS 2.0, the statement said.

**100th anniversary** He emphasised the use of applications like eSakshya, Nyaya Shruti, eSign and of Belgaum session eSummons in every state and Union Territory. Shah said a team of officers of PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW

the Ministry of Home Affairs, NCRB should visit the states and Union Territories to increase the adoption of technical projects and assist them in all possible ways. He emphasised regular

interaction with senior police formations of states and Union Territories to monitor the progress of CCTNS and ICJS regularly and provide impetus to the project. The NCRB should create a data rich platform to benefit

the investigation officers and other stakeholder of criminal justice system, he said. Shah appreciated the efforts of the NCRB in the technical

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Congress general secretary organisation K C Venugopal and AICC media and publicity department head Pawan Khera, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the extended Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting on December

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the 100th anniversary of the

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that was presided over by

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26 has been named 'Nav Satyagraha Baithak'. He said two resolutions will be

passed at the meeting. Congress has been marking Ambedkar Samman Saptah against the "insult" of B R Ambedkar by Home Minister Amit Shah, Ramesh said.

He said there is only one solution that the home minister be sacked and must apologise for his remarks.

Ramesh said on December 27 a 'Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan' rally will be held in Belagavi. Venugopal said the Congress has strongly taken up the issue of the "insult" of Ambedkar by the home minister and has been demanding the sacking of Shah as well as an apology from him. He said the issue would be strongly taken up in Belagavi and ways to take it forward in the future will also be deliberated upon, he said.

## Tragedy repeats: despite SC Guidelines, abandoned borewell accidents continue to claim lives

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A fter over 14 years the Supreme Court framed guidelines to prevent accidents involving abandoned borewells, the frequent spate of such incidents highlight the gaps in enforcement and creating awareness of the top court's order.

The issue has come to the forefront again following the spate of such accidents leading to desperate and dramatic rescue operations. Most recently, a minor, Chetna, aged around three vears fell into a borewell in the Kotputli-Behror district of Rajasthan, and the NDRF and SDRF were deployed to rescue her from the 150feet-deep borewell with efforts still underway at the time of filing this report. On December 9, Aryan, 5,

fell into a 150-foot-deep

guidelines Rajasthan's February 11, 2010, aimed to prevent such tragedies. The guidelines were issued after the bench led by former Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan, took a suo occurred despite the top motu (on its own) court's comprehensive cognisance of a letter

petition bringing to its notice a spate of such accidents in the country on February 13, 2009.

The guidelines included setting up barbed-wire fencing around the well during construction, using a steel plate cover fixed with bolts over the well assembly and filling up of borewells from the bottom to the ground level among others. The top court had also asked the authorities to give wide publicity to its order. "It has been brought to the notice of this court that in a number of cases, children had been trapped and fallen into borewells and tube wells or abandoned wells. These reports have been coming from various states. Accordingly, we took suo motu initiative and issued notice to the various states to take immediate measures

to prevent such kinds of drilling agency at the time incidents," the top court of construction or said in its order dated February 11, 2010.

Further, the owner of the land or the premises, before taking any steps to construct borewells or tube wells, was directed to intimate in writing to the authorities concerned district collector or district magistrate or sarpanch - or department officials of ground water or public health or municipal corporations at least 15 days in advance. It was directed that registration of all drilling agencies, government, semigovernment or private, should be mandatory. "Erection of a signboard at the time of construction near the well with the following details: (a) Complete address of the

rehabilitation of well, (b) Complete address of the user agency or owner of the well." the apex court had said. The top court also directed the barbed-wire or any other fencing suitable barrier be erected around the well during construction, a cement or platform 0.5x0.5x0.6 concrete measuring metre (0.30 metre above ground level and 0.30 metre below ground) built around the well casing and the well assembly capped using welded steel plates or a similar cover fixed with bolts. It had said in case of a pump repair, the tube well should not be left uncovered and mud pits and channels should be filled after completion of the work. "Fill up

said the top court, adding on completion of the drilling operations at a particular location, the ground conditions would be restored to its original form. "The guidelines above mentioned shall be given wide publicity through television national channels. A copy of this order be sent to the chief secretaries of all the states/union territories who shall forward the same to the district collectors of all districts of their respective state," the bench said. On August 6, 2010, a three-judge bench led by former CJI S H Kapadia slightly modified the February 11, 2010 order and disposed of the petition.

Hospitals must treat victims of sexual violance and acid attacks: Delhi HC PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI

In a significant ruling, the Delhi High Court recently said state-run and private hospitals cannot turn away survivors of sexual crimes, among others, and should treat them for free or face criminal action. A bench of Justices Prathiba M Singh and Amit Sharma said a al establishment should



#### President Murmu to confer Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Vice President Jagdeep Bal Puraskar to 17 children on December 26 Dhankhar calls removal Development Child notice a 'rusted tool' Annapurna Devi will deliver the opening address, setting the tone for a day dedicated

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 $P_{will \ on \ Thursday \ confer}^{resident \ Droupadi \ Murmu}$ the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 17 children from 14 states and Union ter-

ritories. The Union Ministry of and Child Development said in a statement that it would celebrate Veer Bal Diwas and Pradhan the Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar with nationwide activities, highlighting the achievements and potential of India's youngsters. This year, 17 children from 14 states and Union territories will be conferred with the prestigious Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar by President Droupadi Murmu, it added.

The award recognises exceptional achievements in seven categories - art and culture; bravery; innovation; science and technology; social service; sports; and environment. The honourees - seven boys

and 10 girls - will receive a medal, certificate and a citation booklet as part of the recognition. The centerpiece of the celebration, the national programme for Veer Bal Diwas, will take place at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be present on the and occasion, inaugurating the Suposhit Panchayat scheme that aims to bolster that nutritional security at the grassroots. The event will also feature a march-past led by children, representing diverse cultures. Union culture of excellence, the ministry said. Minister of Women and

heritage. Educational and post was actually a "rusted" creative activities will engage tool children around the country. In his first reaction on the childcare notice submitted by the

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institutions and Anganwadi opposition INDIA ' Dhankhar said, "Just look at centres will host storytelling sessions, creative writing the notice against the vice competitions, poster-making president. Just look at the six events, essay writing, poetry recitals and quizzes. Online links they have given. "You'll be shocked. Chandra Shekhar platforms such as MyGov and MYBharat will also ji once said, 'Never use a vegetable-cutting knife for facilitate participation. Veer bypass surgery'. The notice Bal Diwas is dedicated to wasn't even a vegetablecutting knife; it was rusted. There was haste." The notice inspiring young Indians to contribute to the nation's progress by upholding the was rejected by Rajya Sabha values of courage, innovation Deputy Chair Harivansh. service. Through "When I read it, I was programmes such as the astonished. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya surprised me more was that Bal Puraskar and Suposhit none of you read it. If you had, you wouldn't have been Panchayat, the government able to sleep for days," he told reaffirms its commitment to empowering the next generation and fostering a a group of women journalists. Dhankhar said any constitutional position has to

statement. Cautioning

against orchestrated efforts to harm national interests, the vice president said these are fuelled in an orchestrated manner by forces that are determined to be inimical to the interest of the country.

Their objective is to destroy brick by brick, our constitutional institutions, slur the presidency, and mind you, who is the president? The first tribal woman to become president of this country," he remarked. Referring to parliamentary debates, Dhankhar said the two Houses are in the news for the wrong reasons. "Accountability must be enforced by media, the only conveyance to the people at large. Media can strike a chord with the people and generate pressure on public representatives," he said

not insist on identity proofs when such survivors are brought in an emergency and any medical professional refusing to provide necessary treatment would attract a complaint to be immediately registered by the police being a punishable offence.

The court passed the directions in relation to survivors of rape, gang rape, acid attack and minor survivors of sexual offences, among others, and said despite the legal mandate, they faced difficulties in availing free medical treatment. "Whenever any victim/survivor of any of the said offences approaches a medical facility, diagnostic diagnostic lab, facility, home, hospital, nursing health clinic, etc., whether private and public/government, such

victim/survivor shall not be

without turned away providing free medical treatment," said the bench in its judgment made available on December 21.

The High Court said denying requisite treatment to survivors was a criminal offence and all doctors, administration, officers, nurses, paramedical personnel, etc., should be informed about the same. allowed The ruling immediate examination of a survivor, who would be treated for sexually transmitted conditions such as HIV, if situation demands. The treatment would not only include first aid but also diagnosis, in-patient admission, continued outpatient assistance, diagnostic tests, lab tests, surgery,

physical and counselling, psychological help, family counselling among other things. The court clarified availing of

free medical treatment by such victims/survivors from either government or private hospitals was not dependent upon a referral by the state or district legal services authority as it was a statutory right under Section 357C of CrPC, Section 397 of BNSS and Rule 6 (4) of POCSO Rules, 2020. Notably, every medical facility was directed to put up a board at the entrance, reception, counters and all prominent places, in both English and vernacular, declaring the availability of free out-patient and inpatient medical treatment for such survivors

## Atal Bihari Vajpayee's vision blooms: BJP's rise to power marks fruition of 1980 prediction

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Delivering one of his more famous speeches at the BJP's inaugural convention at Shivaji Park in Mumbai, Atal Bihari Vajpayee predicted on December 30, 1980 with his signature flourish: 'Andhera chhatega, suraj niklega, kamal khilega' (darkness will end, the sun will rise, lotus will bloom).

As his birth centenary arrives, his words have aged well, with the BJP returning to power for a third straight term at the centre and lotus in full bloom

If Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the BJP's cultural agenda the centre of national politics, Vajpayee helped the party occupy this centre when its cultural agenda was considered an anathema.

A statesman politician and a peerless orator, India's first non-Congress prime minister to have served a full term



including the plane hijack in commanded respect and 1999 and the terror attack on affection from across the political aisle and stood tall with his innate democratic direct links to Pakistan. spirit, honed through decades His government's measured in opposition, in a politics crowded with powerful drew criticism from some satraps. three-time The prime wing considered

minister was the original builder of coalition politics at the national level, successfully running an alliance government for a full term while navigating some standing ensured that he of the biggest national crises, faced no political threat or

popular backlash.

And even as he was still smarting from the fall of his government by one vote in the Lok Sabha in April 1999, his firm military and deft diplomatic response to Pakistan's intrusion into Kargil as the head of a caretaker government earned him plaudits and powered the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance to a more stable majority, ensuring him a full term at the helm.

Ashok Tandon, media adviser Parliament in 2001, both with to Vajpayee during his sixyear stint as PM, said besides being an outstanding parliamentarian who did his handling of the two incidents bit in "strengthening the roots of parliamentary democracy" after entering quarters, including right organisations the Lok Sabha for the first ideologically time in 1957, he brought affiliated to the BJP but less than friendly to him for not "good governance" at the pushing their cultural and centre of agenda as the head economic agenda, but his of government.

"Good governance was his standing ensured that he landmark contribution. He

policies which helped the country in every field," he told PTI, citing the launch of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, PM Gramin Sadak Yojna and the Quadrilateral Golden highway project under his stewardship. It was his boost to reforms, disinvestment and infra projects that made the idea of seven to eight per cent growth rate possible and his government legislated fiscal prudence through the FRBM Act in 2003. However, the fruits of reforms came a little too late and this coupled with the BJP's political missteps,

especially in the crucial state of Uttar Pradesh, and the Congress-led UPA's harnessing of rural distress delivered a shock defeat to Vajpayee in 2004 amid a decline in his health.

His public appearances were his public airing of views,

headed a diverse coalition of limited, he campaigned last parties and kept them for his party in the 2007 together, while pursuing assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh before slowly fading away from the public eye as dementia hit him. He died in 2018. The Modi government began observing his birth anniversary as "Good Governance Day" anniversary and bestowed Bharat Ratna on him in 2015.

An impressive mix of tradition and modernity in his world view, Vajpayee, a full-time RSS worker before being sent by the Hindutva organisation to the Jana Sangh in 1951 when the party was founded, maintained a lifelong adherence to the Sangh's values even though he at times resented its methods. Unlike his lifelong companion L K Advani, who despite being an ideological hardliner and more invested organisational leader fell from the RSS's grace due to

including his ill-fated praise of M A Jinnah, that were bound to antagonise the Hindutva organisation, Vajpayee used his cultivated ambivalence and gifted articulation to shape his image of a moderate while never crossing swords with it. The only time he openly denounced a polarising Hindutva cause was when the Babri mosque was demolished in 1992, but his stand was considered an act of political pragmatism necessary for the BJP to realise its political ambitions after fetching merely two seats in the 1984 polls.

With the moderate, poet-atheart and statesman-like Vajpayee as the BJP's prime ministerial face and the party agreeing to put a moratorium on its contentious ideological planks of the Rem temple construction, Article 370 repeal and the Uniform Civil Code, regional parties from across the country were drawn as he led them to poll wins. His passionate moves to improve ties with Pakistan resulted in his spectacular journey to Lahore in a bus in February 1999 and then hosting the Agra Summit with Pakistan's president Pervez Musharraf in 2001 but they met with little success. As the army chief before he deposed prime minister Nawaz Sharif, Musharraf was behind his country's misadventure in Kargil, which followed months after Vajpayee's bus journey. However, Vajpayee's famous

invocation of 'Insaniyat, Jamhuriyat, Kashmiriyat' to resolve the issues afflicting Jammu and Kashmir won him lifelong admirers in the Muslim-majority Valley Prime Minister Narendra Modi too recalled the phrase in his Independence Day speech in 2018 to reach out to people there.



## **PM Modi to lay foundation stone for Ken-Betwa river-link project today**

#### PTI BHOPAL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will an VI Modi will on Wednesday lay the foundation stone of the Ken-Betwa river linking project, the first such initiative under the national river interlinking policy, at Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh.

Nearly 44 lakh people in 10 districts of Madhya Pradesh and 21 lakh in Uttar Pradesh Pradesh," Yadav said. will get drinking water under the project, which is estimat-ed to cost Rs 44,605 crore, MP Chief Minister Mohan Yadav

said on Tuesday. Nearly 7.18 lakh farmer fam-Uttar Pradesh, he said. ilies of 2,000 villages will be Prime Minister Modi has

benefitted from the project, taken the initiative to realise which will also generate 103 the dream of former PM late MW of hydropower and 27 Atal Bihari Vajpayee of the MW of solar energy, he said. river linking campaign, Yadav "Prime Minister Modi is comadded Through this project, farmers ing to Khajuraho in

Chhatarpur district on will get ample water for irri-December 25 to lay the foungation and it will also provide dation of this project which will change the image and sufficient water for drinking and industrial uses. destiny of Bundelkhand in Along with the economic and

Madhya Pradesh and Uttar social development of the area, tourism will also be The Ken-Betwa Link Project promoted and new employment opportunities will be is a unique example of cooperation and coordination created. The situation of between the central governgroundwater in the droughtment, Madhya Pradesh, and hit Bundelkhand region will also improve, the CM said. Yadav said Ken-Betwa is the



high and 2.13 kilometres long largest irrigation project in Daudhan dam and two tunthe country, adopting an nels (upper level 1.9 km and underground pressurised pipe irrigation system. lower level 1.1 km) will be Under the project, a 77-metre constructed on the Ken river

lion cubic metres of water, the chief minister said. The surplus Ken water will be transferred to the Betwa river through the 221-km-long link

canal from Daudhan dam, providing irrigation and drinking water facilities in both the states, he said. With the project, 8.11 lakh hectare area can be irrigated

in 2,000 villages of 10 districts - Panna, Damoh, Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, Niwari, Sagar, Raisen, Vidisha, Shivpuri and Datia. Nearly seven lakh

farmer families will be bene-

fitted from this, the chief

in the Panna Tiger Reserve. minister said. The dam will store 2,853 mil-

The Ken-Betwa project will provide an annual irrigation facility in 59,000 hectare area in Uttar Pradesh and stabilisation of the existing irrigation in 1.92 lakh-hectare area, which will provide irrigation facilities in Mahoba, Jhansi, Lalitpur and Banda districts of UP, he said.

The project also includes the work of saving the historical Chandela era heritage ponds in Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh and Niwari districts of MP, where water can be stored during the rainy season. The Daudhan reservoir will provide drinking water to

wild animals in the Panna Tiger Reserve throughout the year, improve the forest ecosystem and bring relief to UP's Banda district from the flood menace, Yadav said.

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The water crisis prevalent in the Bundelkhand region will end and migration for employment will also be checked, he said.

A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on March 22, 2021 by the chief ministers of MP, UP and the Union Jal Shakti minister in the presence of PM Modi for the implementation of the project.

Two suspects killed in separate police Congress has an anti-Ambedkar mindset, says CM Yogi Adityanath encounters following bank heist in Lucknow

### BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

 $T_{\text{the high-profile Indian}}^{\text{wo suspects involved in}}$ Overseas Bank locker heist in Lucknow were killed in separate police encounters, one in Lucknow and the other in Ghazipur. The heist, which took place at the bank's Chinhat branch, saw 42 lock-ers looted, resulting in losses worth crores of rupees.

The first encounter occurred late Monday night on Kisan Path in Lucknow, where the police confronted a suspect, Sobind Kumar. When intercepted, Sobind opened fire at the police. In the retaliatory firing, he was critically injured and later succumbed to his injuries during treatment at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

The second encounter happened at the Uttar Pradesh-Bihar border near Ghazipur. A team of Ghazipur police intercepted two suspects on a motorcycle during routine checks. When the suspects



tol, stolen jewelry, ?35,500 in into the officers and escape, cash, and the suspects' motorthey opened fire at the police. cycle from the scene. So far, two suspects have One suspect, Sunny Dayal, a wanted criminal with a

been killed, and three others ?25,000 bounty, was injured in were arrested earlier in the the exchange of fire. He was week. Two members of the taken to a local hospital but gang remain at large, and was declared dead on arrival. efforts are underway to track The other suspect managed to them down. The Indian Overseas Bank's

Chinhat branch was targeted on Saturday night, where thieves broke into 42 lockers and made off with cash, gold, and silver worth several

crores. Early on Monday, three suspects were apprehended following an initial police encounter. Among them, Arvind Kumar, a resident of Munger, Bihar, sus-tained a gunshot injury during the operation.

The arrested suspects confessed to orchestrating the heist with four other accomplices. Police have identified the mastermind as Vipin Kumar, a resident of Chinhat, who provided logistical sup-port and insider information to the gang from Bihar.

Police have so far recovered ?3 lakh in cash, 1,889 grams of gold, 1,240 grams of silver jewelry, and firearms, including pistols and country-made weapons. Additional stolen items were seized during Monday night's encounters. Joint Commissioner of Police Law and Order) Amit Verma stated that the bank's inadequate security measures facilitated the heist. The police are also investigating lapses in the bank's compliance with safety protocols.

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath accused the Congress of harboring an anti-Ambedkar mindset and engaging in divi-sive politics. Speaking to journalists at his official residence, the Chief Minister launched a sharp critique against Congress and other political parties, particularly the Samajwadi Party (SP), for allegedly disrespecting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy.

"The Congress has a history of depriving Dalits of their rights. Jawaharlal Nehru opposed Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's inclusion in the Constituent Assembly and worked to defeat him in elections," CM Yogi alleged. He added that Congress not only sidelined Dr. Ambedkar during his lifetime but also refused to honor him with a memorial after his demise. Recalling incidents from the

UPA era, CM Yogi highlighted the controversy surrounding a caricature of Nehru whipping Dr. Ambedkar's portrait, which



had prompted an apology from then HRD Minister Kapil Sibal. He also pointed to Dr. Ambedkar's resignation from the Nehru cabinet, accusing Congress of prioritizing Muslim appeasement over Dalit welfare.

The Chief Minister praised Dr. Ambedkar as a visionary who overcame social barriers to make significant contributions to law, economics, and nationbuilding. "Dr. Ambedkar's work illuminated India's path forward, and his dedication remains an inspiration for gen-

erations," CM Yogi stated. Turning his attention to the Samajwadi Party, CM Yogi alleged that the SP's history mirrors that of Congress in neglecting Dr. Ambedkar. He claimed that SP leaders removed Dr. Ambedkar's name from institutions in Kannauj and Saharanpur, accusing them of using similar tactics to create confusion over BJP policies. 'The Congress and SP have a history of misleading the public. Both parties need to apologize to the nation for their actions," CM Yogi demanded, asserting that the public has consistently rejected their politics of appeasement and division. Highlighting BJP's initia-tives, the Chief Minister said the party draws inspiration from Dr. Ambedkar's principles. He lauded the efforts of PM Narendra Modi's government to uplift marginalized communities through welfare schemes such as the Swachh Bharat Mission, PM Awas Yojana, and Ayushman Bharat. He also noted the establishment of "Panch Teerth" sites associated with Dr. Ambedkar

to honor his legacy. 'Unlike Congress, which denied Dalits their rightful opportunities, BJP has integrated the underprivileged into mainstream welfare initiatives. Our government is committed to Dr. Ambedkar's vision of equality and empowerment," CM Yogi emphasized.

The Chief Minister concluded by reaffirming the BJP's dedication to preserving Dr. Ambedkar's ideals and working tirelessly to uplift all sections of society.

## NC MP, Opp protest outside CM Omar's house against reservation policy

Democratic Party (PDP).

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### MOHIT KANDHARI 🗖 JAMMU

Awar of words broke out on Tuesday between National Conference leaders a day after one of its Members of Parliament led the protest march outside the official residence of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in Srinagar emanding rationalization of the existing Reservation Policy in Jammu and Kashmir. The protest led by Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, National Conference MP from Srinagar, is being viewed, by many, as growing discord within the National Conference, as it was seen as defying the party's norms and discipline. Meanwhile, opposition party leaders from the Peoples Democratic Party and Bharatiya Janta Party took a jibe at the National Conference government and demanded an early resolution of the issue. On the other hand, the Congress party decided to bail out Omar Abdullah and termed Aga Syed Ruhullah's protest march a 'camera show' Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had already set the record straight on Monday by ensuring the delegation of students that the channel of communication would remain open without any intermediaries or hangers-on. On Tuesday speaking to reporters at the National Conference headquarters in Srinagar party MLA from Hazratbal, Salman Sagar clarified the National Conference had nothing to do with the protest over the Reservation Policy. Referring to the presence of we are pushing open merit students to the wall. The chief party MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, Salman Sagar made it clear if the MP believes that he can do it, then that's his prehave three MPs, including the Ladakh MP and 50 rogative, however, this was not the National Conference's initiative. Salman said the protest was a months? They think a court platform for the party's adver-saries. "It was a gathering of they will not have to do anyour adversaries, of our enemies. Unfortunately, one of our MPs was present there, allowing them to exploit the situation," Salman said, adding that such actions inadvertently strengthen the position of political rivals like the Peoples she brought SRO-49 for 75



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

The month of December used to be a period of carols and cribs in Kerala wayback in the 1960s, 70s and 80s but not anymore. Carol singers visiting the houses of all communities in the State have become a thing of the past. There are no more drum beats or saxophone music. mall churches a the village squares too have fallen silent though they spot Christmas stars, trees and of course the cribs. "Nowadays we visit houses of community members only and the number of carol nights too have come down. Carol teams come alive only on 23rd and 24th December," said K T Paily of Karipra, a former Indian Railway official. This Christmas was marked by the demonstration staged by activists of Sangh Parivar in front of a Upper Primary School in Palakkad district questioning the propriety of holding a religious festival in a school with students dressed

## **Christmas Carols go silent in Kerala**





He blamed a section in the Kerala BJP and the Marxist-Mullah axis for the fake news. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Monday con-demned the attack in harshest of words and have ordered a high-level probe into the incident. "The Sangh Parivar elements are out to destroy the communal harmony and peaceful atmosphere prevailwhile addressing a public meeting near the capital city. Aisha Foucik Kadukkapilly, a young poet and budding lawyer at Kaladi said that there is a strange fall in the number of carol singers. But Stanly Sebastian attributed it to the decrease in Christian population over the last two decades as many families have migrated to Europe, USA, Australia and New

per cent reservation for open Salman accused the organizers merit category in post-gradof failing to consider better uation.

In Jammu, BJP general secretary and in-charge of the party's Jammu and Kashmir affairs Tarun Chugh accused Chief Minister Omar Abdullah of trying to deprive the underprivileged classes of their rights in the name of rationalization of reservation policy.

He also took a dig at political opportunism, stating that the protest gave a platform to Speaking to media persons, Tarun Chugh said, "Omar individuals who have no real stake in the issue. "People with no mandate, those who have Abdullah Ji the country is run according to the Constitution been rejected by the public with barely 200 votes, were speaking on behalf of thouand nobody will be allowed to fiddle with the rights of the Dalits, Gujjars, Paharis and other underprivileged classes sands or even millions. This of the society. INDIA bloc and kind of behavior undermines genuine efforts," Salman said. the National Conference (NC) Reacting to the assurances have deprived the underprivgiven by the Chief Minister to ileged classes of their rights the delegation of the Open and they are again working on Merit Students Association conspiracies to do the same. after holding the first round of In Srinagar, the Member of talks Peoples' Democratic Legislative Assembly (MLA) Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Dooru and senior Congress Mufti Tuesday asked Jammu leader, Ghulam Ahmad Mir and Kashmir Chief Minister said that the Member of Omar Abdullah to find a way Parliament (MP) from Srinagar Lok Sabha contion saying leaving the matter for the courts was "very unforstituency, Aga Ruhullah Mehdi, could have met the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah directly instead of Speaking to reporters Mehbooba Mufti said "We do resorting to "camera show". not want any politics in it but

Addressing a news conference at party headquarters here in Srinagar, Mir said that the minister has sought six months' time. They (NC) MP Ruhullah was just a five minutes away from CM Omar Abdullah and instead of opting for "camera show", the demands could have been raised with the Chief Minister directly.

"It has become a fashion now to get the camera attraction, otherwise the responsible MP from NC, could have behaved seriously," he said while responding to a query on Ruhullah's protest on Reservation policy outside CM's residence.

up as Santas. "Will they allow Janmashtami festival with students dressed up as Lord Krishnas?," said R V Babu, leader, Hindu Aikyavedi. Babu said there was no untoward incident of any kind during the demonstration. He blamed the Marxist-Mullah funded media for spreading fake narrative.

Stanly Sebastian, a former professor who does not hesitate to speak his mind out was blunt in his reply to the news that carol team was attacked and cribs were vandalized. "Do you think the Sangh Parivar will resort to such acts when the party leaders are trying to strengthen the ties between the two communities

alongside him as a Cabinet col-

league. When his government

fell by a single vote, Atal ji's his-

toric speech redefined patrio-

tism and democracy. He

famously stated, 'Governments

will come and go, parties will form and disband, but this

remain eternal.' His words were

a testament to his vision and

The defence minister also

appreciated the cultural pro-

grammes and tableaux pre-

sented by children during the

event at the KD Singh Babu

Stadium here highlighting

unwavering principles."

Vajpayee's life.

in the State? The BJP has included many influential Christians in the party and talks are underway with the spiritual leaders of the church. Last day we saw Prime Minister Modi visiting a Church in the national capital and holding discussions with the cardinals," said Prof Sebastian.

Zealand. An eerie of silence marks the Christmas festival in the State which once reverberated with the cacophony of shopping, partying and fun-making. Peaceful Christmas all over the World!

### Rainath attends inaugural ceremony of 'Atal Yuva Mahakumbh'

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 $D^{efence\ Minister\ Rajnath}_{Singh\ on\ Tuesday\ attend-}$ ed the inaugural ceremony of the 'Atal Yuva Mahakumbh' here and said former prime minister and 'Bharat Ratna' recipient Atal Bihari Vajpayee's enduring legacy is a guiding light for the country.

Addressing the event organised to commemorate Vajpayee's birth centenary year, Singh reflected on the former prime minister's unique personality and shared personal memories of his association with him.

"The sun that rose on the political horizon of India on 25th December 1924 has not set even today. I feel so. Not only India but the whole world is familiar with the personality and deeds of revered Atalji," he said.

Sharing anecdotes from Vajpayee's life, Singh recalled an incident from the former prime minister's visit to Pakistan.

"A female journalist told Atal ji she would marry him if he gave her Kashmir as dowry.



Atal ji, with his signature smile, responded, 'I'm ready if you bring all of Pakistan as dowry.' His reply demonstrated his sharp intellect and effortless humour," the defence minister said.

"Respected Atal ji's personalination and its democracy must ty was so towering that his leadership style and decisions garnered admiration across the world. Lucknow held a special place in Atal ji's heart, and the people here understood him deeply," he added.

Reflecting on his own experiences working with Vajpayee, Singh said, "I was privileged to receive his guidance and work

### ED attaches Dawood's brother related property in Mumbai PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Devichand Mehta.

### MUMBAI

¬he Enforcement L Directorate (ED) has taken possession of a flat worth Rs 55 lakh in Maharashtra's Thane, held in the name of an associate of fugitive gangster Dawood Ibrahim's brother Iqbal Kaskar, as part of a money laundering probe. ED Officials said Tuesday that the residential dwelling in Neopolis Building located in Thane West was attached as part of a provisional order issued under the PMLA in 2022 against its owner Mumtaz Ezaz Shaikh.

The adjudicating authority of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) had approved this provisional attachment order paving way for the ED to take its possession. The procedure for taking possession of the flat was completed recently. The ED had earlier said in a statement that this flat was extorted by Kaskar and others from a Thane-based real estate developer Suresh

"Mehta was running the business of construction with his partner through his firm Darshan enterprises. The accused Iqbal Kaskar, Mumtaz Shaikh and Israr Ali Jamil Saiyad due to close proximity with underworld gangster Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar managed to extort one flat in Thane in the name of Mumtaz Ezaz Shaikh," the agency had said. Besides the flat, it had then said, four cheques totalling Rs 10 lakhs "as demanded by them" were issued by the builder which has been "encashed" by the accused through cash withdrawals. The money laundering stems from a Thane Police FIR of September, 2017. The police had pressed charges under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MČOCA) against the accused. Kaskar is currently in jail under judicial custody. Dawood Ibrahim has been declared terrorist by India and is stated to

be based in Pakistan.

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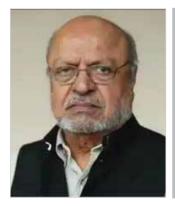
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## **Adieu Shyam Benegal**

With passing of Shyam Benegal, Indian cinema has lost a luminary, but his films will continue to illuminate and educate

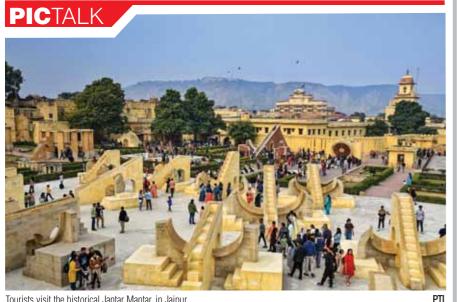
he curtains have fallen on one of the most illustrious chapters in Indian cinema. Shyam Benegal, the pioneering filmmaker who redefined storytelling in Indian cinema, passed away at the age of 90 on December 23, 2024. He succumbed to chronic kidney disease at Wockhardt Hospital in Bombay Central. Known as the father of Indian parallel cinema, Benegal's legacy remains etched in the heart of Indian filmmaking, his films celebrated for their realism, depth, and transformative impact on society. Born on December 14, 1934, Benegal celebrated his milestone 90th birthday just days ago, surrounded by close family and friends. Yet, even in his twilight years, the veteran filmmaker remained deeply connected to his art. Benegal's career was marked by his groundbreaking contribution to the Indian New Wave movement in the 1970s and 1980s. With films like 'Ankur' (1974), 'Nishant' (1975), 'Manthan' (1976), and 'Bhumika' (1977), he charted a new cinematic course that delved into realism and social



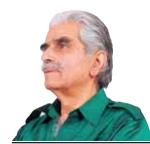
commentary, a stark contrast to the formulaic escapism of mainstream Bollywood.

His films gave voice to the marginalised and explored themes of gender, class struggles, and rural India, bringing to light the unseen facets of Indian society. 'Nishant', a harrowing tale of oppression and resistance, and 'Manthan', inspired by Dr. Verghese Kurien's milk cooperative movement, became cult classics. The latter, crowdfunded by 500,000 farmers, stands as a testament to Benegal's ability to connect with grassroots realities. The film, India's official entry for the 1976 Academy Awards, exemplified his commitment to blending art with advocacy. Benegal's films also

became a platform for some of India's finest acting talents. Actors like Shabana Azmi, Naseeruddin Shah, Smita Patil, and Om Puri found their early footing in his films. Azmi, who debuted in Benegal's 'Ankur', recently shared a poignant moment from his 90th birthday celebrations, underscoring the indelible bond they shared. His collaboration with screenwriter Vijay Tendulkar produced narratives that were both poignant and thoughtprovoking, winning multiple National Awards. From 'Junoon' to 'Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: The Forgotten Hero', Benegal's oeuvre showcased an unmatched versatility, spanning historical dramas, rural sagas, and contemporary commentaries. Earlier this year, 'Manthan' was restored and screened at the Cannes Film Festival under the Cannes Classics segment, reiterating the timeless relevance of Benegal's vision. Despite his declining health, the event underscored his enduring influence on global cinema. Benegal's storytelling was never confined to entertainment. His films were instruments of change, questioning societal norms and sparking dialogues. His pioneering approach laid the foundation for generations of filmmakers who sought to marry art with social responsibility. Rest in peace, Shyam Benegal, the maestro who showed us the soul of India through his lens.



## India recalibrates The stakes are high for India, balancing its Act East policy, border security and



ASHOK K MEHTA

competition with China, all against the backdrop of a fractured Myanmar

fter four years of civil war in Myanmar, India has quietly changed its policy towards the Junta from one of total and unfailing support following its coup against democracy to one of nuanced support. Junta leader General Min Aung Hlaing has been advocating holding elections for the last four years but only now with China's assistance, they are slated for 2025. China is playing with both sides: supporting the Junta as well as some EAOs (Ethnic Armed Organisations) especially in the north contiguous with its Yunan province. India too has shifted the goalposts but less perceptibly and engaging some EAOs and the National Unity Government (NUG) after the Junta lost its control in the Rakhine and Chin territories along India and Bangladesh borders.

Last week the Junta's control of the ground began crumbling further with the loss of Ann, Headquarters Western Military Command, the second military command to fall to resistance groups. Junta has lost two airports Thandwe (Rakhine) and Lashio and 75 towns and cities out of some 340 of them. It has also lost control of six border trading posts. 40 of 70 towns in Rakhine have been captured by the Arakan Army which is part of the Three Brotherhood Alliance, the other two being MNDAA and TNLA.

Two critical seaports on the west coast - India-operated Sittwe and Chinese-owned Kyaukphyu - are on AA's target list next year unless Beijing can dissuade it from attacking Kyaukphu though the loss of Ann has opened the gates to it. Magaung is the other target in Rakhine.

On the Thailand border, the Karen National Union took Manerplaw, the Junta losing possession after 30 years. A humanitarian corridor with Thailand has existed with the help of the Junta. In the North, TBA has been persuaded by China to go slow

ainst the Junta, and not support

NUG and the People's Defence

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Army has seized Bemo and

northeast. In the central Sagaing region, Mandalay, the second largest city after Yangon, came under rocket attack last month and National Highway 3 from Mandalay to China border, was under resistance control. In sum, the Junta controls less than 50 per cent of the land but has the majority of the population in it. These are Bmar-predominant areas in Sagaing, Irrawaddy Delta, the new capital Naypidaw and Yangon. They are likely to lose more ground next year despite pressure from the Chinese on EAOs. Beijing is the key player in Myanmar's economy and is deeply invested in business and industry. Beijing is nursing the Junta and its leader, Hlaing.

He was invited to meet PM Li Qiang after attending the Greater Mekong Subregional Summit at Kunming last month. China is replenishing the Junta's military arsenal - so is Russia - including three fighter jets with assured ammunition supply. It wants to locate a private security company (like in Pakistan) for the protection of its strategic assets like China Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) containing oil and gas pipelines along with a railway link from Kunming to Kyaukphyu.

Chinese Foreign Minister wang 11 is a frequent visitor to Myanmar though most people resent Chinese support for the Junta and its presence. Mansi, popular tourist areas in the The Chinese consulate in

Theoretically, an recently. election could be held contingent upon the ground situation in November next year. Even with low turnout and rigging an election will be manipulated. ASEAN's problem is Myanmar after the failure of its five-point consensus peace formula. Many meetings have been held with and without Myanmar representation with-out any light at the end of the tunnel. During the 18 December talks in Bangkok, with Myanmar's neighbouring LAST WEEK THE JUNTA'S CONTROL countries, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, a former OF THE GROUND Ambassador in Myanmar, discussed prospects for elections with Deputy Prime Minister **BEGAN CRUMBLING** FURTHER WITH THE and Foreign Minister Than Shwe. LOSS OF ANN. There was a separate set of talks with stakeholders from

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**Military Coup!** 

Mandalay came under attack

**HEADQUARTERS** non-neighbouring countries. WESTERN MILITARY India's stakes are high given competition with China, a COMMAND, disturbed situation in its northeast and a troubling rela-THE SECOND tionship developing with MILITARY Bangladesh. Myanmar is a pivotal land bridge for its Act COMMAND East policy, the Asean Trilateral Highway and the security of its TO FALL TO Eastern frontier. RESISTANCE The junta's loss of control in GROUPS

the ethnic issue through a genuine federal democracy where the process should be Myanmar-owned Myanmar-driven.

While Delhi has taken its time to engage resistance groups, it did organise one-and-a-half track meetings with select EAOs and Junta separately. In November, it first engaged Junta officials followed by EAOs who met the Joint Secretary (Bangladesh- Sri Lanka- Myanmar) at the Indian Council for World Affairs. In September, it had met representatives from Chin, Rakhine, Sagaing and Magwe who are already in refugee camps in Mizoram.

While India has not opened humanitarian corridors to these areas it is providing food, fuel medicines across the border. But that is not enough as they also want weapons and cash. Delhi does not want to annoy the Junta with which it has little leverage, unlike China. NUG was not invited to Delhi though it is being engaged back channel. India has to get real; be proactive, take risks and support AA and Chin rebels as its Act East policy is pivoted in areas under their control. It can't dump the Junta as it will be a key constituent of any outcome.

Rakhine and Chin states has created an adverse situation (The writer, a retired Major along the border with Mizoram and a broken General, was Commander. Manipur. While India is not IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and roactive like China, its new policy pronouncement – old wine in a new bottle – is "immediate cessation of violence, peaceful resolution of

purists visit the historical Jantar Mantar, in Jaipur

## Across cultures and ages: The beauty of unexpected friendships



The unexpected joy of forging meaningful friendships in middle age defies the common belief that the best opportunities for connection are behind us

**7**our hat is fantastic. It makes you look more Bavarian than any of us, the concierge quipped as I entered the venue for the coffee-and-cake event at a resort in southern Germany. Although he was stretching the truth - I have neither blonde hair nor blue eyes -I accepted the compliment with a coy smile. "Danke schön," I said, tipping my woolen hat. Just then, another guest remarked, "That's a pretty pin on your hat," pointing to the delicate hand-crafted Edelweiss flower. A cherished gift from my friends, Wolfgang and Amelie, the pin symbolised a friendship that began just a year ago, in this very Bavarian town of Schliersee.

The Wolfgangs - a handsome, warm-hearted couple - are a testament to the unexpected joy of friendships made in middle age. Our bond didn't begin with shared childhoods or decades of history but with a simple "hello" and an open heart. The modest origins of our connection and the way it blossomed over the past year defy the notion that meaningful friendships are reserved



for youth. Our paths crossed serendipitously during an evening walk.

A casual exchange of pleasantries evolved into deeper conversations about life, culture, and shared interests. What began as polite conversation in an Alpine countryside ended with an exchange of coordinates and it continued with texting in the months after. It is widely held that the friends we make in our formative years are the ones who stay, while those forged later in life are fleeting, superficial, or driven by necessity. This belief may hold some truth; adulthood brings with it obligations, scepticism, and wariness. We become cautious in

innocence of youthful camaraderie gives way to guarded interactions, and we convince ourselves that the window for profound friendship has closed. Yet, the Wolfgangs remind me that this window is not sealed shut — it merely takes a little more effort to

Friendships formed in middle age are special not despite our life experiences, but because of them. We bring to these connections a deeper sense of self-awareness, empathy, and

appreciation. There's no rush to impress or to conform. The pressures of youthful identity-building are gone. In their place, we find sincerity, authenticity, and the willingness to value people for who they truly are. They remind us of the universality of human warmth and curiosity. Meeting someone from another country someone whose life, traditions, and language are differ-ent — can feel like discovering an entirely new world. And when such encounters lead to genuine friendship, they break down the invisible walls that geography and cul-

ture often build around us. extending ourselves. The There is also a profound joy

in the intentionality of these connections. In our younger years, friendships are often born of proximity — classmates, neighbours, or college roommates. As adults, friendships require deliberate effort. This intentionality infuses middle-aged friendships with a depth and resilience that can be even more rewarding than the bonds of our youth. I think back to the pin on my hat - that delicate Edelweiss - and I see it as a metaphor for these kinds of friend-

ships. The Edelweiss, a rare Alpine flower, thrives in challenging conditions.

It symbolises courage, devotion, and the willingness to climb new heights. Like the flower, friendships made in middle age might take more effort to cultivate, but they are hardy, resilient, and precious. A year after that first meeting, I found myself once again in Schliersee last month, sharing coffee and cake with the Wolfgangs, laughing over our language blunders and cultural quirks. It is never too late to make friends.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **STRENGTHENING INDIA- KUWAIT TIES**

Madam - The two-day visit of PM Narendra Modi to Kuwait will further boost the bilateral ties between two historically friendly nations. This is the first visit by any Indian prime minister to the Gulf nation in 43 years. Though India and Kuwait have enjoyed traditionally friendly relations, which date back to the pre-oil era of Kuwait when maritime trade with India was the backbone of its economy, India and most Arab countries, especially Kuwait, have enjoyed very cordial relations based on mutual trust and peopleto-people contact, nurtured over several millennia. Till 1961, the Indian rupee was the legal currency tender of Kuwait till it introduced its currency, the Kuwaiti Dinar (KWD). This was a symbol of enduring economic and cultural centuries between two brother nations.

PM Modi was conferred with Kuwait's highest civilian honour, the prestigious "Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer. The Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer' is a knighthood order of Kuwait. It is awarded to heads of state and foreign sovereigns and members of foreign royal families in a sign of friendship and has been previously awarded to foreign leaders like Bill Clinton, Prince Charles, George Bush, King Salman Bin Saud, and King Hussein of Jordan. This visit of PM Modi holds great significance as current global volatility requires better cooperation and stability among nations, especially among regional players, for energy security, and India's desire for stability in the Gulf region, beside Kuwait, holds significant strategic importance. The Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) has the world's oldest and fifth largest sovereign wealth fund, valued around US \$1 trillion, which has US \$969 billion in assets under its management. This visit of PM Modi has heralded a new era of friendship, which will further boost trade, cooperation, and peace at a time when economic concerns and regional stability dictate are of the foremost importance in the formation

of political alliances.

### **PV Sindhu marries Venkata Datta Sai**



ndian badminton star Pusarla Venkata Sindhu a two-time Olympic (silver and bronze) medallist, is married to Venkata Datta Sai in Udaipur. Sindhu, a five-time World Championship medallist, a few days ago, clinched the Syed Modi India International title and announced her engagement via an Instagram post on December 14, 2024, that captured a memorable moment with the couple holding their rings and smiling from ear to ear. The wedding festivities began on December 20th

### **POPCORN PRICING DEBATE**

Madam- The recent decision by the GST Council has turned popcorn from a simple snack into a focal point of economic debate. Under the new rules, salted popcorn is taxed at 5 per cent, packaged popcorn at 12 per cent, and sugar-flavoured popcorn at 18 per cent. This decision raises questions about the priorities of the tax structure while adding complexity to people's daily lives. Will samosas, tea, and water also be classified into tax categories based on taste and packaging?

The tax determination for popcorn signals that the government is exploring every possible avenue to increase revenue. The aroma of popcorn in cinemas might now bring concerns about tax slabs before the joy of taste. Popcorn, once a symbol of social equality, has now become a marker of class division due to the 5 per cent and 18 per cent tax differential. This decision could negatively impact the Rs 1,200 crore popcorn industry, pushing people toward cheaper alternatives. The government must recognise that such decisions Ramesh G Jethwani | Bengaluru add to the burden on citizens already grap-

in the lake city of Rajasthan at the reclusive and majestic Raffles Udaipur Resort. Pre-wedding festivities included sangeet, haldi, and mehendi ceremonies. The families, long-time acquaintances, planned the wedding swiftly to accommodate Sindhu's training schedule.

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (shockingly, he was wearing a black kurta in an auspicious ceremony, even as a Hindu party leader) shared a captivating photo of the couple, offering his blessings. Now the reception is scheduled in Sindhu's native city, Hyderabad, on December 24. Congratulations to the darling daughter of Mother India, P. V. Sindhu, and her husband, Venkata Datta Sai. Best wishes to the newlyweds for a wonderful & eternal married life. Whatsoever, the first image of the wedding has already captivated hearts, setting the tone for the couple's happily ever after

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

pling with inflation. Popcorn is no longer just a snack but a representation of the complexities of policymaking.

RK Jain | Barwani

### **TRIBES PROTECT NATURE**

Madam -- It is a great irony that all the welleducated and better-placed-in-life populations are destroying nature and damaging the environment; it is the indigenous tribes across the world who are supposedly backward and primitive who are doing their best to protect it. The bond between nature and her people has all but broken down in all urban centres, and the city dwellers do not think twice about their lifestyles, which is slowly destroying the environment. After all, we, the human race, are not the sole inhabitants of the planet, and other living creatures are co-inheritors too. It is time for all the nations with tribal populations to learn from them on how to care for and protect the planet.

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## **FIRSTCOLUMIN THE ETERNAL WISDOM OF SUNDAR KAND**

Sacred texts and mantras hold a timeless power to uplift the soul



### RAVI VALLURI

he faithful recognise the profound benefits of chanting or reading sacred texts, mantras, and scriptures like the Hanuman Chalisa and Sundar Kand. These practices are especially embraced by large numbers on auspicious days such as Tuesdays and Saturdays. The vibrations generated by reading these sacred books and meditating on the mantras foster positive thoughts, beautify the mind, and empower us to overcome internal obstacles and dispel negativity clouding our perspective. Yet, many of us struggle to engage in these practices regularly, often citing demanding schedules and lack of time.

As spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar observes, "The time given to the Divine is the least." Consequently, we neglect to devote quality time to the Lord, remembering Him only in moments of distress. Even when time is found, many face difficulties focusing, maintaining clarity, or chanting with proper intonation. The mind frequently drifts into worldly concerns



To aid this practice, here is a simple version of Sundar Kand Ram Ram Jai Ram Ram Jai Ram Ram Peaceful, Compassionate, Sinless, One served by Brahma and Shambhu, One who appears in human form by Maya, O Raghuvar, I bow to you. You are my innermost Self. Liberate me, 0 Lord, Instill devotion within me. O Lord Hanuman, epitome of strength, knowledge, and wisdom, embold-

ened by Jambavanth's counsel, set out to cross the mighty ocean in search of Sita. He triumphed over the demoness Surasa and reached Lanka under the cover of night. Guided by divine intuition, he discovered Sita and presented her with Lord Ram's ring, bowing at her feet and seeking her blessings. Hanuman then wreaked havoc in Ashok Vatika-eating fruits, breaking branches, and shaking trees

Allowing himself to be captured by the asuras, he was taken to Ravana's court. There, he urged Ravana to repent and return Sita to Lord Ram. Ravana, consumed by ego, refused and instead set Hanuman's tail ablaze. In response, Hanuman used the fire to destroy Lanka's golden city. Before departing, Hanuman comforted Sita and took her Chudamani (jewel) as a token for Lord Ram. On returning, he presented it to Ram, who embraced him, deeply moved by his devotion and bravery. When asked how he accomplished the task, Hanuman humbly replied that nothing is impossible with the grace of Lord Ram. Lord Ram then instructed Sugreev to assemble the army and seek the ocean's permission to cross into Lanka. Meanwhile, Mandodari, Ravana's queen, warned him of the dire consequences of his actions and implored him to release Sita, but he refused. Ravana's virtuous brother Vibheeshan also advised him to repent, cautioning that even Lord Shiva would disapprove of his deeds Ignoring all advice, Ravana's stubbornness led Vibheeshan to abandon Lanka and seek refuge at Lord Ram's feet. Recognising his righteousness, Lord Ram crowned Vibheeshan as the future king of Lanka. Ravana sent spies disguised as messengers to gather information on Lord Ram's plans. They returned with alarming news and urged Ravana to free Sita, but he remained defiant. With the help of Nal and Neel, Lord Ram constructed the Setu bridge to cross the ocean. Along the way, he released the river Sarayu from its curse and advanced toward Lanka. This timeless Sundar Kand, penned by Tulsidas, continues to inspire and guide devotees on their spiritual journey.

## Atal ji: The statesman with vision and resolve



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Today, as we mark the 100th Jayanti of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, we celebrate the life and legacy of a statesman whose vision and leadership continue to inspire generations



oday, 25th December is a very special day for all of us. Our nation marks the 100th Jayanti of our beloved former Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji. He stands tall as a statesman who continues to inspire countless peo-

ple. Our nation will always be grateful to Atal Ji for being the architect of India's transition into the 21st century. When he took oath as PM in 1998 our nation had passed through a period of political instability. In about 9 years we had seen 4 Lok Sabha elections. The people of India were getting impatient and also sceptical about governments being able to deliver. It was Atal Ji who turned this tide by providing stable and effective governance. Coming from humble roots, he realised the struggles of the common citizen and the transformative power of effective governance.

One can see the long-term impact of Atal Ji's leadership in so many sectors around us. His era marked a gigantic leap in the world of Information Technology, telecom and communications. This was particularly important for a nation like ours, which is also blessed with a very dynamic Yuva Shakti. The NDA Government under Atal Ji made the first serious attempt to make technology accessible to the common citizens. At the same time, there was foresight in connecting India. Even today, most people recall the Golden Quadrilateral Project, which connected the length and breadth of India. Equally notable were the Vajpayee Government's efforts to enhance local connectivity as well through initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. Similarly, his Government gave a push to metro connectivity by doing extensive work for the Delhi Metro, which stands out as a world-class infrastructure project. Thus, the Vajpayee Government not only boosted economic growth but also brought distant regions closer, fostering unity and integration. When it comes to



OVER THE **CREATION OF THE** NDA, WHICH REDEFINED COALITIONS IN INDIAN POLITICS. HE BROUGHT

PEOPLE had done the tests and expressed defeated by 1 vote. their anger in no uncertain terms. Any ordinary leader would have buckled, but Atal Ji was made dif-ferently. And what happened? India stood firm and resolute with the government calling for another set of tests two days later, on 13th May! If the tests of the 11th showed scientific skill, the ones on 13th showed true leadership. It was a message to the world that gone were the days when India would buckle under threats or pressure. Despite facing international sanctions, the then NDA government of Vajpayee Ji stood firm, articulating India's right to safeguard its sovereignty while simultaneously being the strongest proponent of world peace. Atal Ji understood Indian democracy and also the need to make it stronger. Atal Ji presided over the creation of the NDA, which redefined coalitions in Indian politics. He brought people together and Indian leader to speak in Hindi at

the social sector, an initiative like made NDA a force for developthe Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan highlights how Atal Ji dreamt of build-ing an India where modern education is accessible to people across the nation, particularly for the poor and marginalised sections. At the same time, his government presided over many economic reforms which set the stage for India's economic surge after several decades of following an economic philosophy which encouraged cronyism and stagnation. A wonderful example of Vajpayee

Ji's leadership can be seen in the summer of 1998. His Government had just assumed office and on 11th May, India conducted the Pokhran tests, known as Operation Shakti. These tests exemplified the prowess of India's scientific

ment, national progress and regional ambitions. His Parliamentary brilliance was seen throughout his political journey. He belonged to a party with a handful of MPs but his words were enough to rattle the might of the all-powerful Congress Party that time. As Prime Minister, he blunted the criticisms of the Opposition with style and substance. His was a career spent largely in the Opposition benches but never carried any trace of bitterness against anyone, even though the Congress stooped to new lows by going to the extent of calling him a traitor! He was also not one to cling on to power through opportunistic means. He preferred to resign in 1996 instead of following the path community. of horse-trading and dirty politics. The world was stunned that India In 1999, his Government was A lot of people told him to chal-lenge the immoral politics happening then but he preferred to go by the rules. Eventually, he came back with another resounding mandate from the people. When it comes to commitment to protecting our Constitution too, Atal Ji stands tall. He was deeply impacted by the martyrdom of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Years later, he was a pillar of the anti-Emergency movement. In the run-up to the 1977 elections after the Emergency, he agreed to merger of his own Party (Jan Sangh) into the Janata Party. I am sure it would have been a painful decision for him and the others, but safeguarding the Constitution was all that mattered to him

It is also noteworthy how deeply

rooted Atal Ji was in Indian culture.

Upon becoming India's External

Affairs Minister, he became the first

the United Nations. This one gesture showcased his immense pride in India's heritage and identity, leav-ing an indelible mark on the global stage.

Atal Ji's persona was magnetic and his life was enriched by his love for literature and expression. A prolific writer and poet, he used words to inspire, provoke thought, and even offer solace. His poetry, often reflective of his inner struggles and hopes for the nation, continues to resonate with people

across age groups. For so many Bharatiya Janata Party Karyakartas like me, it is our privilege that we were able to learn and interact with a person like Atal Ji. His contribution to the BJP was foundational.

In those days to spear-head an alternative narrative to the dominant Congress showed his greatness. Alongside stalwarts like Shri L.K. Advani J and Dr. Murli

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**TOGETHER AND** MADE NDA A FORCE FOR DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL PROGRESS AND REGIONAL AMBITIONS

Manohar Joshi Ji he nurtured the party from its formative years, guiding it through challenges, setbacks and triumphs. Whenever the choice came between ideology and power, he always chose the former. He was able to convince the nation that an alternative world view from the Congress was possible and such a world view could deliver.

On his 100th Jayanti, let us rededicate ourselves to realising his ideals and fulfilling his vision for India. Let us strive to build an India that embodies his principles of good governance, unity, and progress. Atal Ji's unwavering belief in the potential of our nation continues to inspire us to aim higher and work harder.

(This tribute to the visionary statesman late former PM Atál Bihari Vajpayee has been penned by PM Narendra Modi)

## Dreaming of a White Christmas in New York City

The first snowfall and the twinkle of lights on the Rockefeller tree-there's a certain magic that makes Christmas in New York unforgettable

⊣he first time I saw New York City during the holidays, I was 19, a college freshman on a whirlwind trip with my friends. It was my first real taste of winter-snow, bitter cold, and the kind of brisk air that turns your cheeks red. Coming from a place where Christmas meant palm trees with twinkle lights, the sight of NYC blanketed in snow felt like stepping into a new world. I didn't know it then, but that trip would spark a love affair with the city that would eventually bring me back here five years later. My First Snow, My First NYC

### Christmas

I still remember how the snow caught me off guard. It wasn't the gentle, picture-perfect kind I'd imagined from movies. It was harsh, relentless, and



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absolutely freezing. Walking when you're experiencing through Times Square that Black Friday, bundled up in layers that still didn't feel like Christmas in New York for the first time. We saw the Rockefeller Center tree, towerenough, I saw the city come ing above the skating rink, alive in a way that felt electric. every inch of it glowing like it had been plucked from a fairy-It wasn't just the towering billtale. The cold bit at my fingers boards or the endless sales signs luring shoppers into as we stood there, taking it all stores at all hours of the night. in. For a moment, the crowds

It was the energy-the palpable and the cold faded away, leavhum of people chasing holiday ing only the soft twinkle of the lights and the awe of standing deals while dodging each other in front of something so iconin the snow. It was chaotic, overwhelming, and unforget-

table. Somewhere in the mad-

ness of flashing lights and icy

sidewalks, I knew I wanted to

come back someday-not as a

visitor, but as someone who

The Magic of NYC's Holiday

During that trip, we did all the

things you're supposed to do

belonged here.

Icons

The Met was another world entirely. As someone who'd only read about it in books, stepping into its grandeur felt surreal. Wandering through the exhibits, I found myself captivated by the way history and art came alive here. Outside, the snow was falling again, but I was too caught up in the beauty around me to notice the cold.

### The Broadway Moment That **Changed Everything**

That trip wasn't just about the sights; it was about the moments that stayed with me long after I left. One of those moments was seeing Phantom of the Opera on Broadway.



the orchestra still echoing in

my mind, I felt a connection to

the city that I couldn't shake. It was as if New York had

opened its arms to me and

Five years later, I did come

back. I'd dreamed of living in

whispered, "Come back."

**Coming Full Circle** 

Sitting in that theater, watching the chandelier crash and the Phantom's haunting story unfold, I felt a kind of magic I couldn't quite explain. It was more than just a show-it was a moment that made me feel alive in a way I hadn't before. Walking out of the theater into the snowy night, the sounds of New York ever since that first There's something timeless

trip, and now here I was, not as a wide-eyed tourist, but as someone calling the city home. It's funny how those early memories still feel so vivid, like they're a part of me.

Walking through Times Square today, I still think about that freezing Black Friday night when I braved the snow for the first time. Seeing the Rockefeller tree now brings back flashes of that first tripstanding in awe of its beauty and dreaming about a future that somehow feels like the present now. Even when I catch a Broadway show, I can't help but remember how Phantom of the Opera made me fall in love with this city in the first place. The Spirit of a NYC Christmas

about Christmas in New York. No matter how many years pass or how many times you see it, the magic never fades. The snow still glistens, the lights still dazzle, and the city still hums with that unmistakable holiday energy.

sights or the snow-it's about how this city makes you feel. It's about the way it wraps you up in its chaos, its beauty, and its magic, and leaves you with memories that last a lifetime. A White Christmas in New York City isn't just a holidayit's a story. And for me, it's the story of a 19-year-old who fell in love with the snow, the lights, and the city that would one day become home! (The writer is a researcher at Johns Hopkins University;

For me, it's not just about the

*views are personal)* 



## No justification in US curbs 'We should try again': Punjab Assembly Speaker on Pak firms, says Shehbaz

### PTI ISLAMABAD

rime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday defended Pakistan's nuclear and missile programme, saying the recent US sanctions against the country's four entities have "no justification".

His remarks came days after the US slapped sanctions on four Pakistani firms, including the state-owned flagship aerospace and defence agency - National Development Complex (NDC) -– on charges of contributing to ballistic missile programme. In addition to the NDC, the three other entities are Akhtar and Sons Private Limited, Affiliates International and Rockside Enterprise. All three are based in Karachi, while the NDC is in Islamabad

"The sanctions placed upon our National Development Complex and other entities have no justification," Prime Minister Shehbaz said while addressing a federal cabinet meeting.

"Pakistan has absolutely no intention for our nuclear system to be aggressive. It is 100 per cent for Pakistan's defence. It's just deterrence; nothing else," he added. The prime minister also said that Pakistan's ballistic missile programme was for defending itself "if God forbid there

aggression against Pakistan

Earlier, the Foreign Office termed the US decision to impose sanctions on NDC and three commercial entities as "unfortunate and biased. Shehbaz noted that the FO had given a "comprehensive response" and said that the missile programme belonged to the entire nation. "It's dearer to them (the public) than their hearts and

there will be no compromise," he said, clarifying that the nation was united on the issue

Pakistan and the US have experienced an uneasy relationship in recent years due to issues related to human rights, terrorism, nuclear weapons and missile pro-

gramme. US expresses concern over sentencing of 25 civilians by Pakistan military court: Expressing concern over the sentencing of 25 civilians by a military court in Pakistan, the United States on Monday said that it lacked judicial independence, transparency and due process guarantees. The United States is deeply

concerned that Pakistani civilians have been sentenced by a military tribunal for their involvement in protests on May 9, 2023. These military courts lack judicial independence, transparency, and due process guarantees," said State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller

'The United States continues to call on Pakistani authorities to respect the right to a fair trial and due process, as enshrined in Pakistan's constitution," he added. However, a close aide of

President-elect Donald Trump described it as too little and too weak. "You are late. And this is too little and too weak. Speak

normally. Free Imran Khan,' said Richard Grenell, who served as acting director of national intelligence under President Trump in 2020 and was the US ambassador to Germany from 2018 to 2020. Indian American Congressman Ro Khanna joined Grenell in seeking

freedom for Imran Khan. 'I agree with Richard Grenell. It's time to free Imran Khan and allow the people of Pakistan to hold new democratic elections," Khanna said. "Free Imran Khan. This is bipartisan. We need to not recognize the rigged election in Pakistan and the new government. We need a new election in Pakistan and Imran Khan needs to be out of jail," Khanna said in a video posted on a social media platform.

Former Trump envoy on Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad, said it is time to put more pressure on Pakistan, especially the military, to facilitate reaching a balanced political agree ment with PTI and the release of Imran Khan

### PTI LAHORE

**(C** ven though the chance was missed, we should try again,"

says Punjab Assembly Speaker Malik Áhmad Khan when asked about Atal Bihari Vajpayee's 1999 'bus yatra', a bold attempt by the then Indian prime minister to put India-Pakistan relations on the peace track.

Vajpayee took a bus ride to Lahore on February 19, 1999. He and Pakistan premier Nawaz Sharif signed the Lahore Declaration after a historic summit here. The agreement signalled a breakthrough, but just months later a Pakistani intrusion led to the Kargil War. Wednesday is Vajpayee's 100th birth anniversary. 'Vajpayee's visit to Lahore in

1999 was a defining moment. Even though the chance was missed, we should try again. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who follows Vajpayee's vision, leading India, and Shehbaz Sharif, Nawaz's brother, in charge in Pakistan, there is a real possibility of restarting the peace process," says Khan, who is a senior member of the Pakistan Muslim League-

Nawaz (PML-N).

Khan says the future of the region depends on free trade and unrestricted movement between countries.

on Vajpayee's failed India-Pak peace initiative

"Peace in the region is not just a good idea - it is necessary for growth and prosperity," the Punjab Speaker adds. Another senior PML-N leader

from Punjab, Mohammad Mehdi, describes Vajpayee's Lahore visit as historic. He believes the visit could have led to lasting peace if the Kargil conflict had not happened.

The Western media paid a lot of attention to Vajpayee's visit because it came just months after both countries became nuclear powers," Mehdi says, referring to nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan in May 1998

'There was excitement, especially within PML-N ranks, when Vajpayee arrived in Lahore in February 1999. His speech, saying 'Pakistan is a reality, and both countries now need to move forward and leave the past behind, gave hope to many," Mehdi recalls. Unfortunately, the Kargil conflict happened soon after, and the peace efforts were unsuccessful, he says.

Mehdi says Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) held protests during Vajpayee's visit, which many believe were organised by the military led by General Pervez Musharraf.

'Iamaat-i-Islami workers even attacked the Turkish ambassador's car near Lahore Fort, mistaking it for an Indian delegation," he says

Mehdi believes back-channel talks between Pakistan and India are still happening.

'Right now, relations between the two countries are at their lowest point. Neither country has an envoy in the other's capital. However, businessmen on both sides desperately want to restore ties to improve trade and use shorter routes through Pakistan to reach Central Asia and Europe," he says.

Political expert Brig (retd.) Farooq Hameed says Nawaz Sharif should have involved the powerful Pakistan Army in the peace process

"The initiative failed because the military was not consulted, which led to the Kargil conflict and ended the peace process. If Nawaz Sharif had taken the military on board before Vajpayee's visit, the chances of the peace talks being success-

including his desire to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi after returning to Pakistan last year from a four-year selfimposed exile in London. However, he pointed out, that Nawaz's younger brother, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. has not made any recent public statements indicating a similar desire.

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ful would have been higher."

Hameed says Nawaz has

repeatedly shown interest in

improving ties with India,

"Nawaz should first consult Shehbaz, who enjoys the military establishment's favour, to determine if he shares this vision for improved relations with India," he says.

He also notes the lack of progress after Indian Foreign Minister S Jaishankar visited Pakistan recently.

"Most Pakistanis are not anti-India. Unlike in India, politicians here do not need to criticise India to win elections? Hameed says.

However, terrorism remains a major obstacle to reconciliation, he says. India has often accused Pakistan of supporting terrorism, while Pakistan now blames India for terror attacks in Balochistan.

## Syria's new authorities 'very receptive' to probe of Assad war crimes

### AP UNITED NATIONS

The UN organization assist-Ling in investigating the most serious crimes in Svria said Monday the country's new authorities were "very receptive" to its request for cooperation during a just-concluded visit to Damascus, and it is preparing to deploy.

The visit led by Robert Petit, head of the International, Impartial and Independent atrocities and killings while he Mechanism for Syria, was the first since the organization was established by the UN General Assembly in 2016. It was cre-

ated to assist in evidence-gathering and prosecution of indi-

war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide since Syria's civil war began in 2011. Petit highlighted the urgency of preserving documents and other evidence before it is lost. Since the rebel overthrow of Syria's President Bashar Assad and the rebel opening of prisons and detention facilities there have been rising demands from Syrians for the prosecution of those responsible for

was in power. "The fall of the Assad rule is a significant opportunity for us to fulfill our mandate on the ground," Petit said. "Time is

viduals responsible for possible running out. There is a small window of opportunity to secure these sites and the mate-

rial they hold." UN associate spokesperson Stephane Tremblay said Monday the investigative team is preparing for an operational deployment as early as possible and as soon as it is authorized to conduct activities on Syrian soil." The spokesperson for the organization, known as the IIIM, who was on the trip with Petit, went further, telling The Associated Press: "We are preparing to deploy on the expectation that we will get authorization." "The representatives from the

caretaker authorities were very receptive to our request for cooperation and are aware of the scale of the task ahead," the spokesperson said, speaking on condition of not being named. "They emphasized that they will need expertise to help safeguard the newly accessible documentation?

The IIIM did not disclose which officials in the new government it met with or the site that Petit visited afterward. "Even at one facility," Petit

said, "the mountains of government documentation reveal the chilling efficiency of systemizing the regime's atrocity crimes

## Hong Kong police issue arrest warrants, bounties for six activists

AP 📕 HONG KONG

Hong Kong police on Tuesday announced a fresh round of arrest warrants for six activists based overseas, with bounties set at USD 1 million Hong Kong dollars for information leading to their arrests.

six are wanted for national security offences such as secession, subversion and collusion with foreign forces. They include Tony Chung, the former leader of now-defunct pro-independence group Studentlocalism. UK-based Carmen Lau, a former district councilor and cur-

well as Chloe Cheung, an activist with the Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong, also had warrants issued against them. The latest round of warrants signals that the Hong Kong government is targeting vocal critics based abroad.

The government had previously issued two rounds of arrest warrants and bounties for more prominent activists, including ex-lawmakers Ted Hui and Nathan Law.

The increasing number of wanted individuals abroad come as Hong Kong continues to crack down on political dissent following massive anti-government protests in 2019 that resulted in a wave of pro-democracy movements. Many outspoken prodemocracy activists have since been jailed, with others fleeing the total number of wanted

abroad. "The Hong Kong government's Others on the list Tuesday are latest round of arrest warrants and bounties against six Hong Kong activists is a cowardly act of intimidation that aims to silence Hong Kong people," said Maya Wang, associate China director at Human Rights Watch.

The six — including two Canadian citizens - live in the UK and Canada. We call on the UK and Canadian governments to act immediately to push back against the Hong Kong government's attempts to threaten Hong Kongers living in their

Chung Kim-wah, previously a senior member of independent polling organization Hong Kong Public Opinion Research Institute; Joseph Tay, co-founder Canada-based NGO of HongKonger Station; and

Tuesday's arrest warrants take

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YouTuber Victor Ho. Separately on Tuesday, the Hong Kong government issued orders for the cancellation of passports belonging to seven 'absconders", including ex-lawmakers Hui and Dennis Kwok, who are wanted under the secu-

## **UK PM Keir Starmer hopes for peace in** Middle East in Christmas message

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Christmas serving others this Street following the July generyear. In our NHS [National al election. It comes as King Charles III set

rent activist with the Hong Kong Democracy Council, as

According to the warrants, the

Not be hoping for peace in the Middle East, the birthplace of the Christmas story, and a brighter future for all in his first festive message since being elected British Prime Minister. In a video message released by Downing Street ahead of Christmas Day on Wednesday, Starmer attempts to strike an optimistic tone and encour-ages people to "look after those around us". He extended his special gratitude to the armed forces and frontline workers who will be helping people up and down the country

"This Christmas, I will be hoping for peace, particularly in the Middle East as the birthplace of the Christmas story," said Starmer

"I'll be looking towards a better, brighter future for every person and celebrating the joy and



wonder that Christmas brings," he said.

He said the festival was a look after those around us," he reminder of what's really imporsaid. Earlier, Downing Street tant, such as family, friendship indicated that Starmer and his and fellowship between all peofamily would spend Christmas at the Prime Minister's country

He added: "Being there for one retreat of Chequers in Buckinghamshire. He is then set another - in these celebrations, as well as the more difficult to travel abroad "for a few days" for his first family holiday since times. I'd like especially to thank those who will spend their taking charge at 10 Downing

land services, our Armed Forces and a new tradition for his customary Christmas Day message the churches and charities that and chose Fitzrovia Chapel in will welcome every person this London for its recording. It is 'Because I know that this is not understood that his speech will reflect on international, nationan easy time for everyone, and my thoughts are with all those

al and personal challenges and who are lonely this Christmas. how they can be overcome by Having a tough time, missing a communities supporting one loved one. You are not alone, another. because as Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the

"The living Christmas tree shown in this year's broadcast was decorated with sustainable Christmas story reminds all of us to reach out to one another. decorations including pinecones, metal bells, twisted To care for one another. And to glass and glass baubles," Buckingham Palace said.

It added that 2024 marks the first time a British monarch's Christmas message has been filmed outside a royal residence since 2006 when the late Queen Elizabeth II filmed a message at Southwark Cathedral in London.



People celebrate with Christmas decorations in Haifa. Israe

AP/PT

## Where does Santa live? It's a trickier question to answer than you may think

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Sending a letter to Santa can be difficult as no one can agree on where exactly Santa lives. Several countries are competing to claim Santa as one of their citizens. Finland's tourism industry suggests Korvatunturi in Lapland is where Santa keeps his workshop, and the link between Santa and Lapland brings in hundreds of millions of tourist dollars

Danes say Santa is in Greenland. Sweden suggests Mora is the place, and has built the theme park Santaworld

These places certainly look the part with white snow in winter and reindeer. They're also close to the North Pole.

Not so jolly traditions: They also have old and often quite disturbing folklore about the man in red. Pagan Finns celebrated St Knut's Day in wintry January by having men in furry jackets, the nuuttipukki, go from house to house with a Except the sack of presents. nuuttipukki weren't giving gifts and would likely make children cry. and no one in 1866 had actually

They came demanding gifts and would curse bad luck to any household not handing over a present.

Eventually the gift grabbing nuut-tipukki became the gift giving Joulupukki. Like other northern traditions such as the Yule Lads of Iceland, this visitor gave gifts but

only to well behaved children. By the 19th century, Santa Claus was settled in popular awareness more or less what we think of now: a jolly old man with a beard, a sleigh, reindeer and presents, living some-where northern and cold. That image built on but sanitised the more grotesque European folklores of elves, gnomes and other supernatural creatures who either brought or demanded gifts.

But standardising Santa's appear-ance did not settle where he actually lived and worked.

In the mid-19th century the illustrator Thomas Nast portrayed Santa as a jolly old man in Harper's Weekly, and the illustration and the archetype took off. But Nast just showed Santa in a wintry land-

scape



been to the Pole. No explorer reached there until 1926, leaving Santa, if he did live there, undis-

turbed in his workshop. Santa and territorial disputes: The medieval and pagan mytholo-

gies in Finland and Scandinavia give some credibility to these countries' efforts to claim Santa as their

own. After all, these are old legends. Other countries take a more mod-ern approach. The Canadian government makes sure Christmas happens each year by allowing Santa to travel through Canadian airspace. Taking that a step further, in 2013 the Conservative government of Stephen Harper issued Santa and his wife with Canadian passports.

That action might seem twee or whimsical or simply some Christmas fun for children, but it may also have shown that some governments want to claim a lot more than Santa. Harper's gesture came at a time of an international political dispute about ownership of the North Pole and specifically Canadian claims to Artic regions. Somewhere hotter than the Pole: But are all these countries wrong, or being opportunistic?

Despite what we think, where Santa really comes from is a lot hotter and a lot further east - and those red robes would be uncomfortable to wear.

Santa Claus is a name derived from Sinterklaas or Saint Nicholas. Along with pagan elves and gnomes, another element in the long and very complex history of Santa is the Christian bishop St Nicholas of Smyrna. Or is that Nicholas of Myra?

Smyrna, now called Izmir in Turkiye, and Myra, now Demre in Turkiye, are both associated with Nicholas. Just as in northern Europe, different places in Anatolia compete to be associated with Santa.

Nicholas is patron saint of seemingly everything including archers and brewers but also children and sailors. The link with children explains the later association as Santa, especially as Saint Nicholas gave children gifts. The link with sailors is why his legend is known around the world.

A 2017 archaeological dig under the Church of Saint Nicholas in Turkiye was believed to have found the burial place and therefore the

body of Saint Nicholas. A grave full of old bones is not very Christmas-like, but it may be an authentic link between a place and a person which no amount of snow or reindeer in northern Europe could match.



## Bangladesh launches \$5 billion graft probe against Sheikh Hasina in nuclear power plant case

### PTI DHAKA

n anti-graft panel in ABangladesh has launched an investigation against former prime minister Sheikh Hasina and her family in connection with the allegations of embezzling USD 5 billion in the Rooppur nuclear power plant, according to a media report. Indian companies are participating in constructing the Rooppur nuclear power plant which is being built by Rosatom, Russia's state-run

corporation, in Bangladesh. The first Bangladeshi nuclear power plant, the Russiandesigned Rooppur, is being built 160 km west of the Bangladeshi capital of Dhaka.

Rosatom has refuted the "provocative statements" in the media about the Rooppur NPP project. Along with Hasina, her son, Sajeeb Wazed Joy, and Tulip Siddiq, her niece and the UK's Treasury minister, were also questioned, BDNews reported on Sunday.

There are accusations of embezzling USD 5 billion in the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant project, the report added.

The development came two days after the High Court issued a rule asking why the Anti-Corruption Commission's (ACC) inaction over an alleged transfer of USD 5 billion from the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant project to a Malaysian bank by Hasina, Joy, and Tulip should not be declared illegal, the report added.

According to ACC documents, the allegations of corruption in the Rooppur Nuclear Power



### CHANGE OF NAME

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Public Delhi

Plant project were brought to light by Bobby Hajjaj, chairman of the National Democratic

Movement (NDM). Hasina, 77, has been living in India since August 5 when she fled the country following a massive student-led protest that toppled her 16-year regime. Her sister Rehana accompanied her. Joy resides in the US, while her niece Tulip is a member of the British parliament.

Bangladesh-based International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) has issued arrest warrants for Hasina and several former Cabinet ministers. advisers, and military and civil officials for "crimes against humanity and genocide' They are also named in multiple

murder cases filed in connection with the demonstrations. Refuting the allegations, the Russian Corporation said that it is committed to a policy of openness and the principle of combating corruption in all its projects and maintains a transparent procurement system.

"Rosatom State Corporation refutes provocative statements about the implementation of the Rooppur NPP project that have appeared in the media," the state-

ment said. "Rosatom State Corporation is ready to defend its interests and reputation in court. We consider false statements in the media as an attempt to discredit the Rooppur NPP project, which is being implemented to solve the country's energy supply problems and is aimed at improving the well-being of the people of Bangladesh," it said.

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### US NSA Sullivan, Yunus discuss human rights' issue PTI SAN FRANCISCO

A mid growing outrage here about the large-scale attack on minority Hindus and their places of worship in Bangladesh, US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan on Monday spoke with the interim government's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus and both leaders expressed commitment to protect human rights in the troubled South Asian nation.

'Both leaders expressed their commitment to respecting and protecting the human rights of all people, regardless of religion," the White House said in a readout of the call between Sullivan and Yunus.

The call comes less than a month before the Biden administration passes on the power to Donald Trump, who would be sworn in as the 47th President of the United States on January 20 next vear

This comes days after Indian American Democratic Congressman Shri Thanedar urged the White House to strongly raise the issue of killing of Hindus and destruction of their temples in Bangladesh with the head of the country's interim government. The United States has a storied history of championing the oppressed and this issue should be no different. When we receive a global call for help, we must respond appropriately as the world's bellwether of human rights. We must urge Prime Minister Muhammad Yunus to fulfill his promise of restoring peace and rebuilding the nation on principles of equality and justice," Thanedar told reporters at the footsteps of the US Capitol last week.

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## South Korea's opp party vows to impeach acting president

### AP SEOUL

South Korea's main opposi-tion party said Tuesday it will seek to impeach acting leader Han Duck-soo after he missed an opposition-set deadline to approve independent investigations into impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol and his wife.

If realised, Han's impeachment would further deepen South Korea's political tumult and worries by neighbouring countries caused by Yoon's stunning December 3 martial law declaration and ensuing impeachment. Han, the country's No. 2 official, has taken over presidential powers and duties since Yoon's impeachment. If he's impeached too, the finance minister is next in line.

The main liberal opposition Democratic Party, which holds a majority in parliament, has slammed Han for vetoing sev-eral opposition-sponsored bills, including a controversial agriculture bill. It also urged Han to quickly appoint justices to vacant seats on the Constitutional Court, which is disgraceful figure as a puppet

reviewing Yoon's impeachment and will determine whether to dismiss or reinstate him.

Filling the court's three empty posts could make conviction more likely, as it requires the support of six of the court's nine possible members.

The Democratic Party also demanded that Han approve by Tuesday bills calling for the appointments of special prosecutors to investigate Yoon for rebellion over his marital law decree, and his wife for corrup-

tion and other allegations. But Han didn't do so during Tuesday's Cabinet Council meeting, calling for the ruling and opposition parties to negotiate.

Democratic Party floor leader Park Chan-dae responded that there's no room for negotiations about a Yoon investigation, and that his party would begin steps toward an impeachment at once.

'We've clearly warned that it's totally up to Prime Minister Han Duck-soo whether he would go down in history as a

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of rebellion plot leader Yoon Suk Yeol or a public servant that has faithfully carried out the orders by the public," Park told a televised party meeting. Korean prosecutors and other officials are separately probing whether Yoon committed rebellion and abuse of power, but he's ignored requests by investigative agencies to appear for questioning and allow

searches of his office. Yoon's defence minister, police chief and several other senior military commanders have already been arrested over the deployment of troops and police officers to the National Assembly, which prompted a dramatic standoff that ended when lawmakers managed to enter the chamber and voted unanimously to overrule Yoon's

decree. The governing People Power Party said that the opposition's impeachment threats are inter-fering with Han's "legitimate exercise of authority." Floor leader Kweon Seong-dong, a Yoon loyalist, said the Democratic Party's "politics of intimidation have reached their peak?

An impeachment vote would face legal ambiguities. Most Korean officials can be impeached with a simple majority of parliament, but impeaching the presidents takes two-thirds. The rival parties differ on which standard would apply to an acting pres-

The Democratic Party con trols 170 of the National Assembly's 300 seats, so it would need support from members of other parties including Yoon's own to get a

two-thirds majority. The Constitutional Court has up to six months to determine Yoon's fate. If he's thrown of office, a national election to find his successor must take place within two months.

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The applicant above named has made an application before the Centra Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), New Delhi for determination of tarif of Auraiya Gas Power Station (663.36 MW) from 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2029. 1. The beneficiaries of the generating station are:

- a) Uttar Pradesh Power Corp. Ltd. (UPPCL), Shakti Bhawan 14, Asho Marg, Lucknow-226001.
- b) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. (TPDDL), Grid Substation, Hudson Road, Kingsway Camp, Delhi-110009
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- d) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (BYPL), Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma Delhi-110092.
- e) J&K State Power Trading Company Ltd., (on behalf of Power Development Department (PDD), J&K Civil Secretariat, Srinagar f) Electricity Department (Chandigarh), Union Territory of Chandigarh, Addl
- Office Building, Sector-9 D, Chandigarh g) Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. (UPCL), Urja Bhavan Kanwali Road Dehradun-248001
- Capacity of the generating station : 663.36 MW
  - Approved capital cost of the project : Rs. 1322.89 Crore
  - Authority which has approved the Capital Cos : CERC : Not Applicable
- Scheduled date of commercial operation Actual date of commercial operation of station :01.12.1990
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## FEDDERS ELECTRIC AND ENGINEERING LIMITED CIN : L29299UP1957PLC021118 Office : 6 and 6/1, UPSIDC Industrial Area, Sikandrabad, District–Bulandshahr–203205 (U.P.) India NOTICE TO MEMBERS

NOTICE TO MEMBERS Notice is hereby given that 02<sup>std</sup> Extra-Ordinary General Meening of the Company is scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 03:00 PM (IST) at the Registered office of the Company situated at 6 and 6/1 UPSIDC Industrial Area Sikandrabad Bulandshahr UP 203205, to tarsact the business as set out in the notice convening EGM. The Members of the Company are hereby informed that the Company has completed the dispatch of Notice of the meeting along with Explanatory Statement to the members by email to the Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depository Participant. Notice of the EGM along with Explanatory Statement for the year 2024-25 are also available on the website of the Company www.imcapitals.com/fedders-electric-engineering/ Pursuant to provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act 2013 and Bule 20 of the Companies

Pursuant to provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended by the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 and regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Discostine Requirements), Regulations, 2015, the Company is pleased to provide members facility to exercise their right to vote at the Extra-Ordinary General Meetings (EGMs) by electronic means and the business may be transacted through remote e-Voting Services. The facility of casting the votes by the members using an electronic voting system from a place other than venue of the EGMs (\*remote e-voting\*) will be provided by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL).

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The voting rights of members shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date of 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e., 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, may obtain the login ID and password by pandings. sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in.

The facility for voting through ballot shall be made available at the EGMs and the members attending the meeting who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right a the meeting through ballot paper.

The detail procedure to login to e-Voting website and for e-voting is available in the Notes to the Notice of EGM. The Link of Notice of EGM along with Explanatory Statement is www.imcapitals.com/ fedders-electric-engineering/

The Board of Directors has appointed Ms. Chetna Bhola, Company Secretaries in Practice having Membership No. A41283 and C.P. No. 15802, as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting process, in a fair and transparent manner.

In case of any queries, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting user manual for members available at the Downloads sections of https:// www.evoting.nsdl.com or contact NSDL at the following toil-free no.: 1800 1020990 /1800 224 430

By order of the Board of Directo FEDDERS ELECTRIC AND ENGINEERING LIMITE

-vo-Vishal Singhal Managing Director DIN <u>: 03518795</u>

Date : 24.12.2024 Place : Sikandrabad (U.P.)
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requested Town and Country Planning Haryana/ HSVP to upgrade this Primary School Site to Senior Secondary School Site falling in the Residential Group housing Colony. There is no change in the Any Person related to this matter having any

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Detailed instructions for remote e-voting are provided in the Notice. Members are requested to read th instructions carefully as set out in the Notice while expressing their assent or discent and cast vote through remote e-voting by not later than the close of working hours at 5.00 P.M. (IST) on Thursday, January 23, 2025. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to the equity shares held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Cut-off date. A person, whose name is recorded in the Register of Members of the Company or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the Cut-off date (including those Members who may not have received this Notice due to non-registration of their e-mall address with the Company or the Depositories / Depository Participants) shall be entitled to cast their vote through remote e-voting. A person who ceases to be a member as on Cut-off date will not be entitled to use and should real this Notice for information purposes only. The Board of Directors have appointed Mr. Vivek Sharma (Membership No. -F10663), Partner of MSV &

Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries, as Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot throug mote e-voting in a fair and transparent manner

Any Member, holding shares as on the Cut-off date and who may not have received this Notice after the date of electronic dispatch, may obtain the Login ID and Password by following the Instructions as mentioned In the Notice or sending a request to <u>helpdesk evoting@cdslindia.com</u> (In case of CDSL demat account) and <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> (In case of NSDL demat account).

#### If you have not registered your e-mail/mobile no. with the company/depositories, you may pleas ow the below instructions:

For Demat shareholders - Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depositor Participant (DP)

For Individual Demat shareholders - Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP) which is mandatory while e-Voting through Depository

results of postal ballot will be announced not later than by 5.00 P.M. (IST) on Monday, January, 27 2025. The results declared along with the Scrutinizers Report would be communicated to stock exchanges, where the shares of the Company are presently listed. Additionally, the results will also be ploaded on the Company's Website viz. <u>www.ksolves.com</u> and on website of NSDL.

If you have any query relating to remote e-voting facility, or issues regarding e-Voting from the CDSI Voting System, you can write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at 022-23058738 and 022-23058542/43

If you have any queries or issues regarding e-Voting from the NSDL, you can contact NSDL helpdesk b sending a request at <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30. In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and

-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on : 022 - 4886 7000 or send a request to Ms. Pallavi Mhatre. Senior Manager at evoting@nsdl.com.

On behalf of Ksolves India Limit

Sd/ Manisha Kide Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Date: December 24, 2024 Place: Noida



## **UPI transactions jump 33 per cent at** retail stores in India this year: Report

### PTI NEW DELHI

PI transactions at retail stores have increased by 33 per cent in semi-urban and rural areas this year, reflecting the growing adoption of digital payments, says a report.

Moreover, insurance policy purchases and premium collections saw a 127 per cent increase in transaction volume and a 96 per cent growth in new customer adoption during the year, the report by branchless banking and digital network PayNearby said.

"The data highlights the role digital retail stores play in overcoming the challenges of insurance penetration across Bharat," it stated.

The report is based on an analysis of real transaction data derived from over 10,00,000 small retailers (kirana stores, mobile recharge stores etc) offering financial and digital services spread across India in rural

and semi-urban regions. The findings compare business data from January to November 2024 with the same period in 2023. Retail-O-The report, Nomics, stated that there has been an impressive 297 per cent volume rise across credit

products, including business loans, gold loans, personal loans, and revolving credit in rural and semi-urban areas. This significant uptick reflects a growing awareness and demand for credit solutions at the grassroots level, it said

However, micro ATM and Aadhaar Enabled Payment (AePS) Systems cash withdrawals saw a decline in 2024. Both transaction volumes and the average cash withdrawal per transaction saw a slight decline, with the latter dropping from Rs 2,624

in 2023 to Rs 2 482 in 2024 the report said.

AePS withdrawals surged by 35-45 per cent during DBT releases, particularly under schemes like PM Kisan Yojana, compared to the rest of the year.

"Cash withdrawals in Jammu and Kashmir recorded an impressive growth of 58 per cent in value and 74 per cent in volume," the report said. By equipping local retailers with tools to offer diverse services like insurance, ecommerce, and lending, we are empowering them to become key enablers of financial access and economic progress at the grassroots," Anand Kumar Bajaj, Founder, MD & CEO, PayNearby, said. PayNearby is a branchless

banking and digital network that operates on a B2B2C model. It has more than 10 lakh retail touchpoints comprising kirana stores, medical shops, travel agents and others.

Govt launches AI-enabled consumer helpline, e-commerce giants pledge safety

### PTI NEW DELHI

Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Tuesday launched several initiatives to strengthen consumer protection, including artificial intelligence-enabled helpline and tools to detect deceptive marketing practices, while major e-commerce players pledged to enhance online

shopping safety. Leading platforms, including Reliance Retail, Tata Sons and Zomato adopted a safety pledge as the government rolled out new consumer protection measures like the AI-enabled National Consumer Helpline, e-maap portal and Jago Grahak Jago mobile application.

'Significant progress has been made in expediting resolutions of consumer disputes," Joshi said at the National Consumer Day event.

The minister, who attended the event online, highlighted that out of 3,628 cases filed National with the Commission between January and November this year, been 6.587 cases have



disposed of through the country's three-tier consumer court system at district, state and national levels. The government's e-Daakhil

Portal, launched in 2020 and expanded nationwide in June 2023, has achieved 100 per cent adoption for online complaint filing in states like Karnataka, Punjab and Rajasthan, as well as several districts.

Addressing growing commerce concerns, Joshi said: "While this digital revolution offers incredible opportunities, the Indian government believes it is equally important for our

consumers to feel confident and make informed choices? The Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) is drafting new guidelines to regulate surrogate advertising and has issued notices to 13 nonfor companies compliance with existing rules, he added. State for Minister of Consumer Affairs B L Verma, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Chairman

Anil Kumar Lahoti, All India Council for Technical Education T G Sitharam and Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare were present at the event.

## Puri, Varanasi, Haridwar top spiritual destinations in 2024, Hyderabad most-booked city: Travelopedia 2024 annual report

### PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

 $P_{\text{Haridwar are the most}}^{\text{uri, Varanasi}} \quad \text{and} \quad$ travelled spiritual destinations while Hyderabad is India's topbooked city this year, according to OYO's according 'Travelopedia 2024' annual report unveiled on Tuesday. The report delves into travel patterns and trends, with its findings based on the booking data of the travel tech major for the entire year. "In India, religious tourism continued to be a key focus, with Puri, Varanasi, and Haridwar dominating the

pilgrimage sector. However, a significant trend emerged with Deoghar, Palani, and and Hubli have shown Govardhan experiencing substantial growth, indicating a shift towards less explored spiritual destinations..."OYO stated. Following Hyderabad, cities like Bengaluru, Delhi, and Kolkata rounded out the top spots for bookings, with Uttar Pradesh maintaining its position as the most popular state for travel. High volume of bookings were reported Maharashtra, from Telangana, and Karnataka, which continue to be dominant travel

contributors. Smaller towns like Patna, Rajahmundry, tremendous growth, with bookings increasing by as much as 48 per cent year-onyear.

The year also saw a surge in leisure travel, with Jaipur continuing to be a top tourist by magnet, followed perennial favourites Goa, Pondicherry, and Mysore. Interestingly, Mumbai saw a drop in bookings, with travellers preferring nearby locations for leisure," OYO stated. Shreerang Godbole, Global Chief Service Officer, OYO said, "2024 has marked

a year of transformation in the global travel landscape. We've seen how travellers are embracing flexibility and adaptability, whether for business or leisure. As remote work trends continue to shape how people approach travel, the demand for both quick getaways and long stays has been a significant driver of bookings this year".

The fourth of July weekend saw the highest number of bookings, aligning with national celebrations, while the Christmas season was also notable for a sharp spike in travel.

### Inflation continues to hit FMCG industry, urban growth expected to slow in H1/2025 and the FMCG growth as of

cent in the same period of

However, the report added:

"It is also true that a 4.5 per

7 per cent growth in the

2023.

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Heading towards amid inflationary pressures, the FMCG industry's volume growth during Augustquarter, i.E. Q/E Jul '24," it October this year has dropped to 4.3 per cent from said. Volume growth in the urban market was at 4.5 per 6.4 per cent in the year-ago cent in the August-October period, research and insight firm Kantar said in a report. period, down from 6.9 per Moreover, the FMCG volume growth was lower sequentially also as in the May-July period, this was 4.5 per cent, according to Kantar's latest FMCG Pulse cent growth following a near

report. "We are in that last quarter, previous term is extremely rare. In fact, over the last five

#### years, this has only happened in the quarters of 2024." the quarter ending October is Therefore, technically urban 4.3 per cent. This number is a far cry from the 6.4 per cent is in a slowdown, though "it is growth seen in Q/E Oct '23, far from a slump". but is also a tad lower than About the inflation, the 4.5 per cent we saw in the last

said that perreport household average quarterly spending crossed Rs 6,000 for the first time in the August-October period of 2022, and two years since then, spending has seen a 13 per cent jump and is at Rs 6,761 during this quarter. In May-July 2024, shoppers were paying Rs 133 per KG on FMCG on average. Just one quarter since then, shoppers are paying Rs 137 per KG, a

jump of Rs 4 per KG in the August-October latest period. "In recent years, this kind of growth in a single consecutive quarter was only seen during the initial months of the 2022 inflation

period," it said. With no signs of food inflation relenting in the immediate future, where value growth rapidly draws away from volume growth for some more time, it's hard to see urban (market) growing more rapidly than the current levels. "We are expecting similar levels of growth to continue into the first half of the next year," it said.

## Domestic air passenger traffic rises 12 per cent in November, IndiGo leads market share



and SpiceJet (3.1 per cent). While all these carriers saw their share rise, the share of Alliance Air was unchanged at 0.7 per cent in November, (OTP) of scheduled domestic according to the latest data airlines - computed for the from the Directorate General four metro airports at of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Bangalore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Aviation (DGC by "Passengers carried domestic airlines during January-November 2024 were 1,464.02 lakh as against 1,404.02 lakit as against 1,382.34 lakh during the corresponding period of the thereby previous year registering an annual growth of 5.91 per cent and monthly growth of 11.90 per cent," the watchdog said in its monthly report. Domestic air passenger traffic was at 142.52 lakh in November compared to 127.36 lakh in the same period a year ago. In October this year, domestic passenger stood at 1.36 crore. Air India completed the

merger of full service carrier Vistara with itself in November.

The On Time Performance

## Federation of retailer association of India urges government to empower kirana stores with enhanced tech platform

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Federation of Retailer Association of India on asked Tuesday the government to provide nhanced nology platform to Kirana stores to enable them to compete with quick commerce firms.

would allow them to compete on equal terms with quick commerce players, effectively creating a level-

playing field, it added. "With new technologies brought in by the ONDC ernment like gov (Open Network for Digital Commerce), what is now required is a more focused approach in creating a specific solution for kirana stores that makes them as discoverable and accessible to customers, much like the way quick commerce companies are operating," FRAI Honorary Spokesperson Abhay Raj Mishra said. Essentially, the kirana stores should remain competitive by being empowered to tap into the growing digital market and meet new customer needs," said Mishra, who is also Member

& National Coordinator, Indian Sellers Collective. Kirana stores are facing steep challenges due to the rise of quick commerce players, Lok Sabha member Praveen "For Khandelwal said. shopkeepers it is cru al to

### Sensex, Nifty settle almost flat in highly volatile trade; metal, power stocks drag

### PTI MUMBAI

Denchmark equity indices Bensex and Nifty ended on a flat note in a volatile trade investors preferred to stay on the In contrast, Tata Motors, ITC, sidelines awaiting further Nestle, Tata Consultancy Services, NTPC and Zomato triggers amid persistent foreign fund outflows. were among the gainers. The BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.37 per cent, and the After gyrating between highs and lows, the 30-share index declined 67.30 points or 0.09 BSE midcap index rose 0.09 per cent to settle at 78,472.87. per cent. The Nifty index saw a During the day, it dropped 142.38 points or 0.18 per cent lacklustre start to the muchto 78,397.79. anticipated 'Santa Claus Rally

Power Grid, State Bank of India, Titan, Tata Steel, IndusInd Bank, UltraTech Cement, Adani Ports and Infosys were among the laggards

Period, with the index closing

at 23,728, down 26 points.

The sluggish session was

attributed to persistent selling

by FIIs, concerns over India's

slowing economic growth,

and a weakening Indian

rupee, which hit a record low

of Rs. 85.13 against the dollar.

'These factors weighed on

investor sentiment, keeping

the market directionless and choppy throughout the day.

Our earlier call suggested a

low-volume trading session, and that prediction held true

as Nifty traded in a volatile

range," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta

Among sectoral indices, metal slumped 0.93 per cent,

power declined 0.73 per cent,

utilities (0.52 per cent),

consumer durables (0.50 per

Equities Ltd, said.

### PTI NEW DELHI

Indian airlines carried 1.42 crore passengers on passengers domestic routes in November, nearly 12 per cent more compared to the year-ago period, amid rising air traffic demand.

In terms of domestic market share, IndiGo topped the list with a 63.6 per cent pie, followed by Air India (24.4 per cent), Akasa Air (4.7 per cent) and Mumbai - took a beating in November. IndiGo's OTP stood at 74.5 per cent while that of Akasa Air and SpiceJet touched 66.4 per cent and 62.5 per cent, respectively. The OTP of Air India and Alliance Air were at 58.8 per cent and 58.9 per cent, respectively, the data showed. Further, the data revealed that 2,24,904 passengers were affected by delays November. Carriers shelled out nearly Rs 2.90 crore towards facilitation.

Last month, a total of 624 passenger-related complaints were received by the scheduled domestic airlines.

traditional tech hubs.

market fluctuations.

to

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companies

Hiring for professionals with

experience increased by 35

per cent, suggesting that

The hiring landscape for fresh

'Such support would enable the kirana stores to remain competitive amidst the increasing encroachment into their space by quick commerce companies like Swiggy Instamart, Blinkit or Zepto," said Federation of Retailer Association of India (FRAI), which says that it represents about 80 lakh micro, small and medium retailers from across the country with a membership of 42 retail associations. Providing local kirana stores with a technology platform

stay updated and embrace all channels to meet the evolving expectations of customers," he added.

FRAI said quick commerce platforms have "unfair Kirana advantage" over stores, which cannot match the heavy discounts offered by quick commerce giants who benefit from deep pockets, large warehouses and a huge customer base. The increased competition quick commerce from players has resulted in stagnant sales for kirana stores, particularly during high-demand periods such as the festive season, it added.

The NSE Nifty dipped 25.80 points or 0.11 per cent to 23,727.65.

As many as 2,019 stocks declined, while 1,977 advanced and 96 remained unchanged on the BSE.

domestic market "The concluded flat ahead of the holiday, with metal and power stocks dragging performance while FMCG and auto sectors gained from recent corrections.

"The near-term market trajectory hinges on the outcome of Q3 results and the The demand for specialised Union budget, but caution prevails due to a strong dollar, high bond yields, and concerns over rate cuts. The emerging rupee hitting an all-time low further evoked the caution," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said.

cent) and commodities (0.33 From the 30 blue-chip stocks, per cent)



People For Animals (PFA), Noida, an animal welfare organization received an animal ambulance with hydraulic jack and a ventilator by Can Fin Homes Limited CSR initiative. On this occasion, Marketing Head of Can Fin Homes Limited Himanshu, Senior Manager Sameer flagged off the ambulance. Shilpi, Naveen, Jagmohan and Ravi Dubey from People For Animals Trust were present

### Indian IT hiring: 2025 promises rebound, AI/data science roles to dominate job market

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### PTI NEW DELHI

Tndian IT hiring landscape is Lat a pivotal juncture as it transitions from a year of decline towards a more hopeful future. The focus on specialised skills, particularly in AI and data science, combined with geographical shifts towards Tier 2 cities, indicates a transformation within the sector.

While the IT hiring landscape in India in 2024 was marked by delayed onboarding and a decline in overall hiring activity, the outlook for 2025 appears promising with expectations of recovery and

growth fuelled by improvements in economic conditions and technological advancements.

In 2024, the Indian IT sector experienced approximately a 7 per cent decline in hiring compared to the previous year, largely due to broader macroeconomic challenges and global uncertainties.

Chemmankotil. Sunil Country Manager of Adecco India, noted that while Global Capability Centres (GCCs) played a crucial role in boosting hiring -- accounting for 52.6 per cent of job openings for tech openings tech



professionals - they could not per cent increase during the fully offset the significant downturn in the IT services third quarter of indicating a trend of geographic diversification of sector. job opportunities beyond

this overall Despite contraction, certain areas showed resilience and growth. The demand for roles in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) surged by 39 per cent, reflecting a shift towards more specialised skill sets as organisations prioritised these technologies, according to Adecco research. There was notable growth in IT hiring within Tier 2 cities, which saw an impressive 48 TeamLease Edtech showed.

Companies often delayed onboarding campus hires due to uncertain deal flows, which industry leaders believe was particularly influenced by the global political climate surrounding major elections. As India movés into 2025, there are encouraging signs that the IT hiring landscape may rebound significantly. According M a n p o w e r G r o u p Employment Outlook Survey (MEOS) for first quarter of 2025, 53 per cent of the 3,150 employers in India surveyed expect an increase in hiring, the highest among the 42 countries studied. "In 2024, fresher hiring

remained muted in general with several companies also choosing to delay the onboarding of their campus hires. This may change as the deal flow for large projects is expected to return in early 2025

The first set of deal flow will experienced candidates amid benefit the large players and as the buyer sentiment improves, the tier 2 and 3 players can graduates remained subdued, expect a rise in orders, with growth rates ranging Jaideep Kewalramani, COO from 2-15 per cent across and Head of Employability various tech sectors, data from TeamLease Business at Edtech, said.

As the macro headwinds slow down and the results of to enterprises that embrace technology and disruption..." elections of large economies, Arun said. the US being the last one in 2024 to come in, he said organisations will be confident about the economic outlook and start to make some bets on the capital investments, which will help jump-start the deal flow in early 2025. While fresh hiring may remain subdued initially, it is anticipated that as large

projects commence in early 2025, there will be a notable increase in job opportunities for new graduates, Kewalramani said.

Companies are expected to invest heavily in upskilling their workforce to meet evolving demands, particularly in areas such as

AI and cybersecurity. Wipro CTO Sandhya Arun believes enterprises are set to accelerate the integration of AI and other advanced technologies to unlock significant business value. Year 2025 promises to be a of high-velocity vear technology disruptions, offering new opportunities

and presenting unprecedented

challenges. The future belongs

technologies. "However, the shift towards AI and automation in India's IT sector has started and will continue to create increasing impact on recruitment AI-driven tools through machine

redefined job roles by automating routine tasks while creating demand for highly specialised roles," said Sanju Ballurkar, President (Experis India),

on

learning,

and

ManpowerGroup India. The sector is expected to rebound with projections indicating a 15-20 per cent growth in job opportunities across various industries, according to Chemmankotil. "Looking ahead, the combined hiring intent from GCC and IT services will be a welcome relief to job seekers. Employers are optimistic about recovery and growth as companies adapt to new technological landscapes and market needs," he said.

tech roles is anticipated to surge by 30-35 per cent, driven by an increasing reliance

## sports 11



## Senior National Badminton: M Raghu, Devika Sihag clinch men's and women's singles title

### PTI BENGALURU

▶arnataka's M Raghu and Haryana's Devika Sihag Kecured their maiden senior national badminton titles, emerging champions in the men's and women's sections respectively at the 86th edition of the tournament here on Tuesday.

Raghu, who won the Egypt international this year, saved three match points in the decider to beat former champion Mithun Manjunath 14-21, 21-14, 24-22 in the final that clocked just under an hour.

For Devika, it was a befitting end to a successful season as she ended the giant killing run of Shriyanshi Valishetty 21-15, 21-16 in the women's singles summit clash.

The 19-year-old from Haryana had claimed Swedish Open and Portugal International, besides reaching final at International. Dutch



Junior National Champions Arsh Mohammad and Sanskar Saraswat added the senior doubles final. nationals title to their trophy cabinet as they upset top seeds

Naveen P and Lokesh V 12-21, defeated eighth seeds Rohan 21-12, 19-21 in the men's In doubles categories, Ayush Agarwal and Shruti Mishra

Kapoor and Ruthvika Shivani G 21-17 21-18 to bag the mixed doubles crown, while second seeds Arathi Sara Sunil

and Varshini VS won the women's doubles title with a 21-18 20-22 21-17 win over eighth seeds Priya Devi Konjengbam and Shruti Mishra.

It was the men's singles final which provided the grand finale to the senior nationals as the two players from the state dished out a slugfest.

Mithun, who won the title two editions ago, was first off the blocks as he clinched the opening game rather easily. Raghu forced a decider by racing through the second game. Raghu's control during the net exchanges made the difference as he forced his way back from 15-19 to level the scores at 19-19. But Mithun stayed in the hunt

by earning three match points but could not convert any of them.

In the women's singles final, Devika took control of the match tempo quickly and then maintained her dominance to win in straight games

## Inter Milan beats Como 2-0 to cement third place in Serie A

### AP FLORENCE (ITALY)

Inter Milan beat Como 2-0 to cement third place in Serie A and close the gap on top two Atalanta and Napoli on Monday.

Carlos Augusto got the opener when he headed home a corner kick in the 48th minute. Marcus Thuram scored the second in stoppage time with a potent strike into the roof of the net.

It was the first time these teams have played each other in the top division since 2003 and although Inter had lost only one league game all season it struggled to impose itself on 15th-placed Como.

However, it won without exerting itself and the three points were enough to take Simone Inzaghi's men within three points of leader Atalanta and within one of Napoli. Inter has a game in hand over both clubs

Fiorentina missed a chance to go fourth when it lost at home to Udinese 2-1.

The Florence club won a record eight consecutive Serie



games before losing to Bologna 1-0 on Dec. 15, and it looked to be back on track when Moises Kean converted a penalty after eight minutes to become the first Fiorentina player to reach double figures in the league since Federico Chiesa in the 2019-20 season. However, Udinese was a different prospect after the break.

Lorenzo Lucca equalized with the aid of sloppy defending four minutes into the second half and then Florian Thauvin found space on the edge of the box to curl in the second eight minutes later.

The result left Udinese in ninth place and Fiorentina in fifth. The match was a special one for Edoardo Bove, the Fiorentina player whose collapse with a heart issue led to the suspension of its game with Inter Milan on Dec. 1.

Bove was fitted with a defibrillator implant soon after and sat on the Fiorentina bench for the first time since

his collapse. He is not allowed to play but his position on the sideline alongside coach Raffaele Palladino was seen as a step towards normality for the 22vear-old midfielder.

### Valencia fires coach Rubén Baraja after setback in La Liga

### AP VALENCIA (SPAIN)

Valencia fired coach Rubén Baraja on Monday after another setback in La Liga left the club stuck in the relegation zone and sparked renewed protests against Singaporean owner Peter Lim. Valencia said it "decided to

bring to an end Baraja's time as first team coach" following a 2-2 home draw against Alaves on Sunday.

Valencia needed a stoppagetime equalizer to salvage the result that left the club second to last in the standings.

The home draw prompted more criticism from fans who have long complained about the administration of Lim, whom they accuse of using the club only as a business endeavor.

Baraja, a former Valencia player, took over the club in 2023. His replacement was not immediately announced. "The club would like to

publicly thank Baraja for the passion, dedication and commitment that he has shown from the first to the last day of his tenure," Valencia in a statement

## There's been a lapse in filing nominations, may be on my part: Manu on Khel Ratna furore

### PTI NEW DELHI

Paris Olympics' double bronze-medallist Manu Bhaker on Tuesday admitted that "there has been a lapse may be on my part" while filing nominations for this National Sports year's Awards amid a raging controversy over her exclusion from the list of Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna awardees.

A day after the sports ministry had to do damage control by insisting that the list of awardees is yet to be finalised, the 22-year-old pistol ace took to social media to clarify her position on not being among those recommended for the

country's highest sporting honour. 'With regards to ongoing issue for my nomination for the most prestigious Khel Ratna award -- I would like to state that as an athlete my

role is to play and perform for my country. "I believe there has been a lapse, maybe on my part shall remain motivated to while filing for h is heing tion wh nomina



corrected," Bhaker wrote on X. The Haryana shooter said her aim is to perform for the country and it would not change whether she gets an award or not. This was after her father

Ramkishan Bhaker and personal coach Jaspal Rana stated that the snub had affected her morale and drive to perform for the country. "Awards and recognition keeps me motivated but are not my goal," she asserted.

"Irrespective of the award I the win more medals for my country. It is a request to

everyone, please do not speculate on this," she said. Rana and Ramkishan the lambasted sports ministry and the selection committee for overlooking her despite her monumental achievements.

However, the list is yet to be finalised as per the sports ministry, which said she is likely to be there when the names are finally revealed in a few days' time.

It is reliably learnt that men's hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh and Paralympic goldwinning high jumper Praveen umar l

short-listed for the Khel Ratna along with 30 Arjuna awardees, 17 of them from para disciplines.

selection awards Kumble among others.

which do not feature in that list.

Olympic

athlete from independent India to win two medals in a single edition of the Olympics.

Singh) events in Paris



### AP ST MORITZ

When Lindsey Vonn last raced on the World Cup circuit nearly six years ago, the constant pain in her knee left her in tears and led to retirement.

Flash forward to Vonn's comeback race on a titanium knee at age 40 last weekend, and the American skiing standout couldn't have fe

was cut off and replaced by two other elite-level athletes in titanium pieces. A month later, other sports competing with she was planning her one, either." Panzeri performs knee comeback. replacements. But he had never

"It's a lot better than my nonexistent cartilage," said Vonn, one of the most successful skiers of all time with 82 World Cup wins.

"I've talked to a lot of skiers already about it and I really think that it could be should something that he considered. that (with Vonn)," Panzeri said. "I don't think her decision is

one. "Partial prosthetics, like the half-knee ones, are definitely the ones that offer the best performance and we ére seeing

going to change pro sports. But

motivation for so-called

normal' people to try a prosthetic."

Three-time Grand Slam tennis

champion Andy Murray played with an artificial hip at

could provide more

even thought about doing one

on a World Cup skier — until

he saw Vonn competing with

The committee is headed by retired Supreme Court judge

Iustice V Ramasubramanian and also includes former women's hockey captain Rani Rampal, boxer Vijender Singh, and cricket great Anil

The committee is mandated to consider those who file their applications but if required, it is also empowered to discuss names

Manu's exclusion was a shock due to the fact that her historic performance came just a few months back and is still fresh in public memory.

The youngster is the first

She won her bronze medals in the 10m air pistol individual and 10m air pistol mixed team (with Sarabjot

## Hero MotoSports names Nacho Cornejo as new rider

### PTI NEW DELHI

Hero MotoSports Team Rally on Tuesday named young Chilean rider Nacho Cornejo as its new recruit while announcing a threemember team for the Dakar Rally 2025.

Cornejo will team up with Sebastian Buhler and 2024 FIM World Rally-Raid Rally-Raid Championship (W2RC) winner Ross Branch.

This will be the team's ninth appearance in the world's toughest race, scheduled to take place in Saudi Arabia from January 3 to 17. It was memorable 2024 for the young team as it secured an overall second finish



In the 12-stage 2024 edition, Branch led the race for four MotoCorp the first Indian manufacturer team to make days and remained at second it to the Dakar podium. For Botswana's Branch, this for eight days, eventually finishing second will be his third Dakar outing with the team making Hero

Buhler, a German living in Portugal. has given consistent performances this year, marking his biggest achievement by securing his first FIM World Championship race podium at Rally Raid Portugal, where he finished second overall. At the 2024 Dakar Rally, Buhler came close to winning his first Dakar stage. Young Chilean rider Cornejo boasts of an impressive Dakar record, including a fourth-place finish in 2020

and nine stage wins. The 47th Dakar Rally will kick off in Bisha, featuring a prologue and 12 stages spanning 7,700 km across the vast desert. For the first time,

five stages will have separate courses for FIM and FIA vehicles, covering 45 per cent of the timed distance. Dakar 2025 will also be the opening race of the fourth edition of the World Rally

Raid Championship (W2RC). Hero MotoSports is a Rally

GP-class participant at the W2RC 2025, and will attend its five rounds starting with the Dakar, followed by the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge (February), South African Safari Rally (May), BP Ultimate Rally Raid in Portugal (September), and finally closing the season with the Rallye du Maroc (October).

more different.

No more pain. No more swelling. No more tears. 'The last few years of my career were so much different than they are right now. I'm skiing without thinking about my knee, which I really haven't done since I first tore my ACL in 2013. So it's been a long time that I felt this good," Vonn said on Saturday after placing 14th

in a super-G in St Moritz. 'I'm a little bit older, but honestly I'm a hell of a lot stronger than I once was."

So much stronger that she's talking up her knee replacement surgery — the first of its kind in World Cup skiing — as a new frontier for the sport. In April, Vonn had a robot-assisted replacement performed by Martin Roche, a Florida-based South orthopedist specializing in complex knee disorders. Part of the bone in her right knee

"I feel amazing. I mean, obviously not everyone responds the same way to surgeries. For some reason, I bounce back pretty well from surgery. But I think it's something to seriously consider for athletes that have a lot of knee problems."

Knee replacements are usually reserved for older people the end of his career. Vonn's former skiing teammate Julia Andrea Panzeri, the Italian Winter Sports Federation's Mancuso also redid her hip a few months after she retired in head physician and an 2018 and maintains an active orthopedist who has operated lifestyle. numerous times on Vonn's "I, for sure, would have good friend and fellow considered a comeback if I downhiller, Sofia Goggia, said didn't have kids," Mancuso told knee replacements are usually The AP recently.

"So I can totally relate to performed on patients older Lindsey." than 50. "This is definitely the first time But Panzeri said that "hips in World Cup history that such have different biomechanics a young athlete has raced with than a knee and many more

Panzeri told The people are able to play sports one," Associated Press. "And I'm not aware of any

with a hip prosthetic than a knee prosthetic."

year," he added

chess

## Gukesh's triumph underlines India's status as global chess superpower

### PTI BENGALURU

The image of a smiling D Gukesh standing with outstretched hands will forever be embossed in the memory of a nation of billions.

The moment, which came right after his victory over Ding Liren of China in the World Chess Championship in Singapore, was a bold signature on India's rise as a true global chess super power in the post Viswanathan Anand era.

Year 2024 was a story of resurgence in Indian chess, crafted by Anand himself. The fearless and ambitious teenagers or "Vishy's children" as Garry Kasparov "Vishy's calls them, now have a role model to emulate -- an 18year-old from Chennai, the youngest ever world champion in the long history of chess.

Candidates tournament in April.

spot

overall,

He emerged as the youngest ever winner of that tournament, setting up a title clash with 32-year-old defending champion Liren.

The Gukesh moment Gukesh was viewed as the favourite going into the title matches, consisting of 14 rounds. That tag itself might have been a pressure point. But with wins in Games 3, 11 and 14, the Indian managed to seal an epochal feat. Gukesh showed immense

presence of mind to carry an entire nation's hope on his tender shoulders.

also go to a highly-efficient and varied support staff that included the Anand, the pioneer of chess revolution in India, and renowned mental conditioning coach

But the genesis of that Paddy Upton.

medals in team individual categories.

their while counterparts

But a crumb of credit should

Before Gukesh, India showed its envious inventory of chess champions to the world in all its splendour at Budapest in September. The country walked away with six gold and

In the men's team category final, India defeated Slovenia women subdued Azerbaijan to join China and erstwhile USSR as the only three nations to bag the men's and women's gold medals in the same edition of

the event. In the individual section, Gukesh (Board 1), Arjun Erigaisi (Board 3), Divya Deshmukh (Board 3) and Vantika Agarwal (Board 4) walked away with gold medals. Siblings impressburgeoning cap.and Blitz formats.The Rameshbabu householdThey are also the firstBut beating the world No. 1

Chennai have in two Grandmasters R Praggnanandhaa and Vaishali, who had crossed the 2500 ELO ratings last year. This year, they became the first siblings to play the Candidates, adding another feather to an already

siblings to achieve the GM norm

Pragg fells Carlsen How about having arguably the world's best player in knots? Magnus Carlsen is not an unfamiliar rival to Praggnanandhaa, whom he had beaten earlier in Rapid

in the Classical version is a challenge different altogether. Praggnanandhaa achieved this feat during the Norway Chess, Carlsen's home tournament, in May. Milestone for Erigaisi, Divya This is more technical but significant, nonetheless. Erigaisi became the second Indian, after Anand, of course, to cross the 2800 Elo rating points.

The Indian beat Russia's Dmitry Andreikin in the fifth round of the European Chess Club Cup 2024 to achieve this rare feat. He was also the 15th GM in the history of chess to go past this mark.

Currently, Erigaisi is world No.4 with 2801 points behind Carlsen (2831), Fabiano Caruana (2805) and Hikaru Nakamura (2802). Divya managed to cross the

2500 Elo rating barrier this year to join an elite club of think any other nation can

GMs.

Deep talent pool Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa, Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi and P Harikrishna are the frontline men's players, while D Harika, Vaishali, Divya, Vantika and Tanya Sachdev form a formidable women's line-up. But the real strength of

Indian chess is elsewhere. These are famous names

because they have achieved several honours. But what makes India a strong chess nation is the fact that thousands of kids are now taking to chess. They have Gukesh seen or Praggnanandhaa climbing heights, and now they think: 'why can't we do this?"," says DP Anantha, Vice-President India of All Chess

Championships in the UAE Federation. etc. "That increasing talent pool So, keep those seat-belts is our real strength. I don't fastened, more excitement is on the way!

Pride Big 2025 loading India are currently ranked fourth in the FIDE team rankings. The nation has 64 Grand Masters, logging an average Elo rating of 2668 and a good number of them

match us now in that aspect.

We will see many young

names coming forward next

Perhaps, it's apt to borrow a

catch line from the 80s to

describe India's chess present

landscape 'Neighbours Envy, Owner's

are less than 25. Many of them will be seen in action in tournaments such as Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour, FIDE Women's GP, FIDE Women's World Cup in Georgia and Asian

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