

Assam CM's warning: Post 2015 arrivals in the State to be deported

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ssam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma n Monday said anyone coming to Assam in 2015 or later will be deported back to their country of origin.

"We will deport those who have come after 2015. Only eight persons have applied so far who came before 2015 for CAA. Out of these applicants, only two have proceeded to attend interviews with relevant authorities," the CM said at a Press conference in Guwahati to share the insight into the implementation of the Citizens' Act.

The Centre on March 11 implemented the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 CAA by notifying the rules, four years after the law was passed by Parliament to fasttrack citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, who came to India before December 31, 2014, and stayed here for five years.

"We conducted outreach programmes in the Barak valley and approached many-Hindu Bengali families and asked them to apply for citizenship under CAA. However, they refused to do The Assam Chief

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma addresses the media, in Guwahati PTI

after he stated that the citizenship act will be "completely insignificant" in Assam due to a low number of applications.

Himanta said anybody (according to CAA) who has come to India before 2015, they have the first right to apply for citizenship. "If they don't apply we will lodge a case for them. So this is a statuary instruction," the CM said on a strong note to carry forward implementation of the CAA. Based on the rules of the

Citizenship Amendment Act, migrants belonging to six religious minorities Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain,

Minister's statement comes Parsi, and Christian from neighbouring countries of Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan will be allowed to stay in India as citizens if they entered the country before December 31, 2014. Sarma claimed that most of the Hindu-Bengali families, who were not included in the

final draft of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), told him that they possessed necessary documents to prove their Indian citizenship and preferred the FT route than applying through the CAA

Asked whether the Assam Government is dropping cases in Foreigners Tribunals (FT) against Hindu-Bengalis,

Sarma clarified, "This misleading. We cannot drop any case. We are simply advising that before initiating a case, individuals should apply through the CAA portal. Even if a case is filed, there won't be any outcome because these people are eligible for citizenship.'

The Chief Minister said he will request the Advocate General to flag the issue of CAA so that FTs can give time to people whose cases are going on to apply for citizenship under the newly implemented law.

"I can't give a direction to court to pause while deciding the citizenship cases. The FT judges themselves have to decide and they know the latest situation," he added.

Asked about such a low number of applications in CAA, Sarma said the Opposition myth that 15-20 lakh Bangladeshis will get citizenship in Assam has been busted completely. "In the anti-CAA movement

five Assamese youths lost their lives. So they made the sacrifice to prevent only these eight people! This abysmally low number of eight applications, of which only two turned up for interview, is a bit surprising for us also," he added

BJP numbers dip in Rajya Sabha, Party eyes bypolls for renewed strength



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B^{JP's} tally in the Rajya Sabha has dipped below 90 for the first time in many years but the ruling party at Centre with its NDA partners is looking forward to gain berths in the Upper House by-elections to fill the existing vacancies in forthcoming weeks.

The current strength of the Rajya Sabha is 226 with the BJP having 86 followed by 26 of the Congress and 13 of the Trinamool Congress (TMC). There are currently 19 vacancies.

Interestingly, after a decade without a Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha due to a shortage of numbers, this position has now been filled with the appointment of Rahul Gandhi, as the party improved its score in the

recently concluded general elections. The Rajya Sabha is heading in a similar direction, with the Congress struggling to maintain the numbers necessary to keep the status of LoP for its party chief, Mallikarjun Kharge.

After the election of party leaders KC Venugopal and Deepender Singh Hooda to the Lok Sabha and their subsequent resignation from the Rajya Sabha, the Congress strength in the Upper House too has come down to 26, just one more than the minimum 25 members required to qualify for the post.

For this grand old party strategically made its old timer Kesava Rao to quit the RS berth from the BRS party who joined Congress last week which is the party's plan to improve its tally in

the Upper House to retain the post of LoP for incumbent Kharge. This has caused a vacancy from Telangana, which will be filled up by the Congress given its numbers in the State Assembly.

> According to sources Congress is trying to get more members from other parties from Telangana and Karnataka to resign and get them elected on its ticket. While the BJP-led NDA is confident of winning two seats each in Bihar, Maharashtra and Assam and one each in Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tripura due to their numerical superiority over the Opposition, the four new nominated members are also expected to be pro-treasury benches whenever the Government names them.



Sensex, Nifty sing on an all time high

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Benchmark Sensex and Nifty closed at new record high levels on Monday following buying in PSU bank shares and fresh foreign fund inflows.

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 145.52 points or 0.18 per cent to settle at a new record high of 80,664.86. During the day, it advanced 343.2 points or 0.42 per cent to hit a high of 80,862.54.

The NSE Nifty rallied 84.55 points or 0.35 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 24,586.70. During the day, it surged 132.9 points or 0.54 per cent to hit a new record peak of 24,635.05.

Among Sensex shares, State Bank of India was the biggest gainer, rising by 2.55 per cent after the bank announced a hike in MCLRbased lending rates for various tenors. NTPC, UltraTech Cement, Mahindra & Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Tata Motors, Maruti and ITC were the other major winners.

Pollution Centres down shutters, hike not Under Control SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI Bharat Petroleum Around 600 Pollution Under Control Centres (PUCC) across 400 petrol pumps in the national Capital will remain closed starting Monday in response to a P-378 DIESEL protest call by petrol dealers and pump owners following POLLUTION the Delhi Government's pro-

SC agreeable to hearing pleas on key Central laws

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The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider a suggestion for setting up a constitution bench to hear pleas challenging the validity of pas-sage of laws like the Aadhaar Act by the Modi Government as money bills allegedly to bypass the Rajya Sabha where The BIP vas in a minority



will be listed on October 12 last year for procedural directions. In November 2019, a five-judge bench of the apex court had referred to a larger bench the issue of examining the validity of the passage of the Finance Act, 2017 as a money

Constitution, and certification

accorded by the Speaker of the

Lok Sabha in respect of Part-

XIV of the Finance Act, 2017

is referred to a larger Bench,'

The five-judge bench had then

struck down in entirety the

rules governing the appointment and service

conditions of the members of

various tribunals that formed

Earlier, another bench of the

top court, while upholding the

passage of the amendments to it as a money bill open for

adjudication by a larger bench. In the Aadhaar judgement, the top court had

upheld the validity of passage

of the law as a money bill.

part of the Finance Act.

it had said.

had earlier said all pending

seven-judge bench matters

e in pollution certifi cate charges.

The closure call of PUCC by the Delhi Petrol Dealers' Association (DPDA) comes amid tussle with the Government for not revising the PUC checking rates according to the demand of the association.

The association of petrol dealers claimed that while the rates for PUC certificates were not increased from the last 13 years, last week, there was a very nominal increase in the rates by the Delhi Transport Department.

While announcing the decision on Thursday, Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said, "In response to the long-pending demands of the Delhi Petrol Dealers Association and to keep up with the rising costs of pollution checking services, we have decided to revise the rates.

This revision is necessary to ensure that pollution stations checking can continue to operate efficiently and provide quality services to the



View of a petrol pump, in New Delhi, on Monday, Around 600 Pollution Under Control (PUC) centres across 400 petrol pumps in the national Capital will remain closed from Monday in response to a protest call by petrol dealers and pump Pioneer photo owners

public. We committed to maintaining Delhi's air quality and ensuring that all vehicles meet the required pollution standards Stating that the association

has decided to go ahead with the strike as the running of PUC centres have become unviable, DPDA president Nischal Singhania said, "There are 400 petrol pumps

remain in Delhi and all of them have petrol PUCC centres. Some of them also have diesel PUCC centres, which takes the count to around 600 PUC centres," he added. President of All India Dealers Petroleum Association Ajay Bansal claimed that the nominal increase in the rates are justified by not the Government.

(PwD) in a video posted on

Instagram, a battery of individ-

uals and players within the

community have stepped for-

ward to vehemently condemn

the sports' icons 'disgraceful'

As the video, where they

disabilities while recreating

actor Vicky Kaushal's dance

step from the song "Tauba

Tauba", sparked widespread

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surrounded by US Secret Service agents at a campaign rally, in Butler AP/PTI

US Secret Service Spooked

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 $F_{\text{Trump has arrived in}}^{\text{ormer President Donald}}$ Milwaukee for the Republican National Convention a day after he was targeted in an attempted assassination at a campaign event. Trump's airplane touched

down Sunday, the day before the four-day event kicks off thousands with of Republicans coming together to formally elect him as their 2024 presidential nominee. The shocking scenes of violence at his Saturday campaign rally that injured his right ear, killed a spectator and injured another set a dark backdrop for the convention, which is typically four days of party pageantry, political speeches, policy platforms and the presidential

nominee's keynote address. The attack on Trump has put a heightened focus on safety and security of the event.

The former president said in a social media post earlier Sunday that he was going to delay his trip by two days because of the attempted assassination "but have just decided that I cannot allow a shooter,' or potential assassin, to force change to scheduling, or anything else.

Republican National Convention starting on Monday which will nominate him as the party's candidate for the November presidential election. In one of his first interviews

since the incident, the 78year-old former president told conservative US media that he felt that he had been saved "by luck or by God".

currently has 86 MPs and the ruling NDA 101 in the 245member Rajya Sabha where the majority mark is 123.

The passage of Bills like the Aadhaar Act and even amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) as money bills, apparently to circumvent the Rajya Sabha when the NDA did not have a majority there, has been at the centre of a major political and legal row. Congress general secretary incharge of communications Jairam Ramesh is one of the petitioners who have challenged the passage of the Aadhaar Act of 2016 as money bill under Article 110 of the Constitution.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal told a bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra on Monday that the pleadings are complete and the petitions needed to be listed for hearing.

Sibal said since the matter is already there in the list of Lower House. scheduled constitution bench

of violating the

Information Technology Act,



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hearings, such a bench should be created on a priority basis. "I will take the call when I constitution form the benches," the CJI told him. Later in the day, the Congress welcomed the top court's decision agreeing to consider setting up a constitution bench to hear the pleas. The party hoped a final verdict would come before Chandrachud retires in November this year.

Earlier, the top court had said constitutional validity of PMLA, had kept the issue of it would constitute a sevenjudge bench to consider the issue of validity of passage of laws like the Aadhaar Act as a money bill.

A money bill is a piece of legislation which can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha cannot amend or reject it. The Upper House can only make recommendations which may or may not be accepted by the

Justice However, Chandrachud, the present CJI, had penned a dissenting judgement and called designating the Aadhaar legislation as a money bill a "fraud on the Constitution".

A bench headed by the CJI

Sport Icons draw ire, not applause Nepal okays Oli as PM PTI KATHMANDU

K^P Sharma Oli on Monday was sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister for the fourth time to lead a new coalition Government that faces the daunting challenge of providing political stability in the Himalayan nation.

The leader of Nepal's largest communist party was appointed as Prime Minister

on Sunday by President Ram Prassad Oli is being sworn by Chandra Paudel to lead the coalition Government with the Nepali Congress (NC), largest party in the Parliament, apart from other smaller parties.

Oli, 72, succeeds Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda,' who lost the vote of



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Friday, leading to the formation of the new Government.

sports icons under the scanner Harbhajan Singh has issued an apology amidst calls for accountability and sensitivity.

Arman Ali, the executive director of the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) who filed the complaint in the afternoon with the SHO of the Amar Colony police station in a strongly worded statement said it is "disgusting to see India's top cricketers mocking disability. Shameful and atrocious behaviour from those who are idolised by masses. Shame on them...

Alongside the cricketers, the condemnation, one of the complaint also names



Meta,

Sandhya Devanathan, Vice President and Managing Information Technology Act, Director of Meta India. It 2000, for allowing such accuses Instagram, owned by content to be uploaded and

shared. Authorities at the Amar Colony police station stated that the complaint will be forwarded to the cyber cell for further investigation. Para-badminton star Manasi Joshi, a former world number one in her category, minced no words as she directly addressed Harbhajan Singh, who is Rajya Sabha Member from Aam Aadmi Party also and Suresh Raina on social media instagram, criticizing them for mocking the gait patterns of people with disabilities.

Wanted more responsibility from the stars that you all are, please do not mock the gait patterns of people with disabilities. This isn't

funny...this isn't legendary. 'You don't know how much harm your behaviour can do. The appreciation you're getting from people around is appalling to see. This reel of yours is going to encourage that it is ok to make fun of the walking patterns of people with disabilities for a few laughs. "More young children with disabilities will be bullied by using this reel. If any of you athletes would have done responsible community service in disability space area, you all would not have come up with this reel. I'm scared how the PR agencies of these athletes approved this reel for public platform," Manasi rued.



president Ram Chandra Paudel unseen, at the Presidential residence in

Kathmandu, Nepal confidence in the House of Representatives (HoR) on



CM Teerth Darshan Yojana will be expanded: Chief Minister

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that the ⊿scheme should be expanded keeping in view the visit of the senior citizens of the state to the famous pilgrimage sites of the country as well as major religious places in Madhya Pradesh. For this, the Religious Trust and Endowment Department should conduct a necessary study and prepare an action plan.

Yadav said that by travelling to places in the state, elderly travellers will not only get the opportunity to visit famous places of their state and temples but it will also be important from the point of view of the economy of the state. Due to the geographical structure of the state, citizens are unable to see many pilgrimage places

characteristics of their state. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said in a meeting held in Mantralaya regarding the implementation of Mukhya Mantri Teerth Darshan Yojana on Monday that other departments should also take the initiative to familiarize the youth with the ancient heritage and other important places of the state. Taking youth to centers of knowledge and science, places of historical impor-

tance and natural beauty, as well as places important from the tourism point of view will dents from each district on merit basis and take them to visit important places of the state. Religious Trusts and Endowments Minister

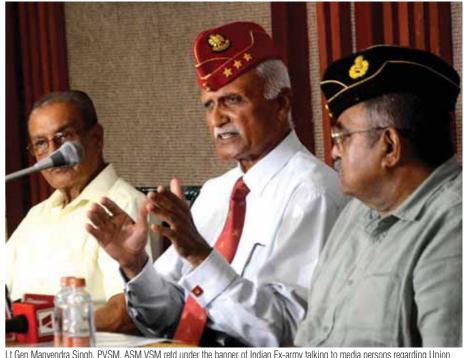
and remain unaware of the ally. In the meeting Chief Secretary Smt. Veera Rana, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dr. Rajesh Rajoura, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sanjay Kumar Shukla, and other senior officers were present. Yadav said that many folk singers, musicians, and artists reside in the tribal-dominated areas of the state. They should

be invited to visit various places in the state. They travel for stage performances with traditional musical instruments. They will also get the benefit of visiting increase their knowledge. The Tribal Development art will also reach the tourists Department should select stu- and devotees from India and abroad who visit such places. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that the development of various facilities is necessary at the major pilgrimage places of the Dharmendra Singh Lodhi par-ticipated in the meeting virtu-Devasthals. Various related

departments should remain active to ensure that the Dev Sthal complex is equipped with facilities. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav gave instructions to improve the arrangements at the city of Ram Raja Orchha, Sharda Mata's place Maihar, Bada Mahadev Temple, Chauragarh Mahadev and Jata Shankar Pachmarhi. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav sought information from officials regarding the construction of various religious and cultural places in the state.

În a presentation given by the Religious Trust and Endowments Department in the meeting, it was told that the Mukhya Mantri Teerth Darshan Yojana started in the state in 2012, is being operated by IRCTC. This includes 41 single pilgrimage sites and 9 pairs of pilgrimage sites in the country. In the last 12 years,

about 8 lakh devotees of the state have benefited from the scheme. Citizens above 60 years of age are selected for the journey. There is a relaxation of two years for women. Citizens who are above 65 years of age or are physically challenged are eligible to take attendant with them. Along with food and accommodation, medical, security, and road transport facilities are also provided to the pilgrims. In the last financial year, 18 thousand 480 devotees of the state benefited from the operation of 29 Bharat Gaurav trains. In the current financial year, 35 trains will be arranged for Varanasi- Ayodhya, Rameshwaram, Ówarka, Jagannathpuri, Kamakhya, Shirdi, Haridwar, Mathura-Vrindavan, Deeksha Bhoomi of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar (Nagpur) and Golden Temple Amritsar.



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Lt Gen Manvendra Singh, PVSM, ASM, VSM retd under the banner of Indian Ex-army talking to media persons regarding Union Government's Agnipath scheme, in Bhopal on Monday.

Protest against nursing scam, NEET paper leak Bhojshala Complex made of earlier temples, claims ASI report ted to the Red Cross

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assive protest was staged by NSUI on Monday against the nursing scam, NEET paper leak and rigging in other examinations in Bhopal. Workers who reached Bhopal from all over the state started gathering outside the PCC from around 10 am.

Around 2 pm, about 2000 workers came out to surround the CM House. They were stopped by putting up barri-cades near the Red Cross Hospital. During this, the police fired water cannons on the protesters. Tear gas shells were also fired. Due to which NSUI state president Ashutosh Chouksey got injured. He has been admitted to the Red Cross Hospital.

Before the demonstration, there was a lot of competition among the workers to get the

State Congress Hospital. **President Jeetu** Patwari also got arrested along with the protesters. During this, the clear from this that the govpolice caught is corrupt and scamsters. **NSUI** workers and put them in

the van ed along with the protesters. During this, the police caught NSUI workers and put them front places in front of the stage. NSUI workers sat on a in the van. The police started arresting the protesters. First the police dharna on the road. The police took the workers into used water cannons and also custody. Along with the fired tear gas shells. This dispersed the crowd of NSUI workers, other leaders including state Congress president workers for some time. But, Jitu Patwari also got arrested. after a few minutes, the NSUI NSUI state president Ashutosh Chouksey got workers again reached the road. Also started protesting. injured during the demon-To remove them, the police stration. He has been admitarrested the protesters.

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NSÚI leader Ravi Parmar said that many leaders Archeological **⊣**he including the national pres-Survey of India (ASI) in a report submitted ident of the organization have been arrested. The way before the Madhya Pradesh water cannons were used, High Court has said that its lathicharge was done. It is investigation and study at the Bhojshala complex has revealed that the "existing structure was made from the ernment of Madhya Pradesh parts of earlier temples. The ASI submitted the report State Congress President Jeetu Patwari also got arrest-

pursuant to an order of the High Court to conduct a survey at the site in Dhar District which houses the Bhojshala Temple as well as the Kamal Maula Mosque. The Supreme Court had in May this year refused to stay the survey but said that the outcome of the report cannot be acted upon at this stage. In the report, submitted to the Madhya Pradesh High Court, the agency said that the archaeological remains

recovered during its scientific survey reveal that the preexisting structure "can be dated to the Paramara

[dynasty] period". From art and architecture of decorated pillars and pilasters, it can be said that they were part of earlier temples and were reused while making colonnades of the mosque over the high plat-form of basalt," the report

stated. On March 11, the Madhya Pradesh High Court directed the Archaeological Survey of India to carry out the survey on a plea by a group called the Hindu Front for Justice, which has claimed that the mosque was constructed by "destroying" Hindu temples. The 11th-century structure, protected bу the Archaeological Survey of India, is claimed by both Hindus and Muslims. While The Madhya Pradesh High

the Hindus believe that the Bhojshala is a temple dedicated to the deity Vagdevi, or Saraswati, the building is a mosque for the Muslim community.

Under an arrangement made by the Archaeological Survey of India in April 2003, Hindus perform prayers on the premises on Tuesdays and Muslims offer namaz in the complex on Fridavs.

In May 2022, the Hindu Front for Justice filed a public interest litigation against the Archaeological Survey of India's 2003 arrangement. The group has argued that the Kamal Maula mosque was constructed during the reign of Alauddin Khilji between the 13th century and 14th century by "destroying and dismantling ancient structures of previously constructed Hindu temples".

Court in March said a "comhad been "chiselled out or plete scientific investigation, defaced". survey and excavation, The alterations are evident on pillars and pilasters in the western and eastern colonthrough the adoption of latest methods, techniques and modes of ground penetrating nades, the lintel in the westradar and global positioning system survey" should be carried out at the site. ern colonnade, and the entrance of the southeast cell of the structure, the report

said.

It also highlighted that dec-

orative motifs featuring human, animal and compos-

ite faces carved on several pil-lars in the western colonnade

were "not destroyed", sources

said. The deity figures carved

on the window frames in the

north and south walls of the

western colonnade were also

Ninety-four sculptures, sculp-

tural fragments and archi-

tectural elements featuring

intricate carvings were also

relatively well preserved.

In its report submitted on Monday, the Archaeological Survey of India said that the existing structure features extensive colonnades extend-ing in all four directions, decorated with 106 pillars and 82 pilasters.

"Art and architecture of these pillars and pilasters in colonnades suggest that they were originally part of temples," the report states. "For their reuse in the existing structure, figures of deities and humans carved on them were mutilated."

discovered, the Archaeological Survey of The survey report said that human and animal figures India claimed.

AISECT launches 'Skill Discussion' on occasion of World Youth Skills Day

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■ he 5th edition of "Kaushal Charcha" is being orga-nized by AISECT Group to commemorate World Youth Skills Day 2024. It was inaugurated by Minister

of State (Independent Charge) Skill Development and Employment Gautam Tetwal at Scope Global Skills University on Monday.

On this occasion, AISECT Group Chairman Santosh Chaubey, Executive Vice President of AISECT Group and Chancellor of Scope Global Skills University Siddharth Director of AISEC

Group of Universities Dr. Aditi

Chaturvedi Vats, Vice Chancellor of Scope Global

Skills University Ajay Bhushan

and Registrar Dr. Sitesh Sinha

were also present in the pro-

gram. The program started with

the inauguration of AR / VR Lab

and Automotive Lab (built in

partnership with Hyundai).

Our youth should be ready to keep pace with the changes and develop their technical capabilities. Many initiatives have been taken by the government for skill development, through which training is being provid-ed in the field of interest of the youth. Further in his address, he emphasized the importance of partnership between industry and educational institutions so that the youth can get practical experience. And they can be prepared for employment.

Earlier in the welcome address, Siddharth Chaturvedi, Chancellor of Scope Global After this, Gautam Tetwal also planted a sapling under the Skills University, while wishing ne on World Youth Skills

dents.The vote of thanks was given by Ajay Bhushan, Vice Chancellor of Scope Global Skills University. Ålso, "MP Skill Gap Report", "PMKK Coffee Table Book", AEDP poster with Sector Skill Council were launched in the program. MoU of Scope Global Skills University was transferred with Sector Skill Council.

The third edition of Skill Championship was announced and offer letters were provided to the youth who recently got placement. AISECT AGM Abhishek Gupta was prominently present on this occasion. A skill discussion session was rganized in the prog which as panelists Sunita Badhwar, Senior Head -Standards and Content, MEPSC, Garima Jhamb, Senior Head -NEP Implementation and HR, ASDC, Ankit Rana, Head Academic Initiative, LSSSDC discussed career progression through apprenticeship embedded program.





Police use water cannons and tear gas to disperse National Students Union of India (NSUI) activists during a demonstration against the alleged irregularities in the NEET entrance exam-2024, and nursing college scam in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

20 CHOs of Raisen district complete four-day training at AIIMS Bhopal

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n a significant stride towards improving mental health care in rural Madhya Pradesh, twenty Community Health Officers (CHOs) from Raisen District have successfully completed a four-day intensive training program at AIIMS Bhopal. Held from July 9th to 12th, 2024, this training was a part of the pilot testing of the Mental Health Workflow designed for screening, management, and referral of mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, severe mental disorders, and substance use disorders at the Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (Health and Wellness Centres).

Under the visionary leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, the institute has been a pioneer in training various cadres of healthcare workers across Madhya Pradesh. This training is a testament to AIIMS Bhopal's commitment to enhancing healthcare deliv-ery, particularly in rural areas, through both service delivery projects and research initiatives. This training was conducted

under the auspices of the Multistate Implementation Research Study on Integration of Screening and Management of

pose as a policeman. Mental and Substance Use Disorders with Other Non-Communicable Diseases (ICMR-MINDS)" project, funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). This National Health Research Priority (NHRP) study, with a been arrested yet. grant of approximately INR .5 crore sanctioned to the AIIMS Bhopal site, will span three years. The project aims

to integrate mental health screening and management in 2023. into the routine care of non-

communicable diseases, enhancing the overall health service delivery. Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh high-

lighted the critical need for such research, emphasizing affair. that it enables clinicians and health staff to identify and manage common mental health issues in patients with non-communicable diseases. He continually encourages faculty to pursue research that aims to improve health services and systems. The mental health workflow developed by ICMR is currently undergoing pilot testing.

Tiger dies in Ratapani forest area Youth posing as cop booked for sexual assault after being hit by speeding train

Bhopal: Jehangirabad police have booked a youth for sexually assaulting a 22-year-old girl preparing for competition exams, accused youth used to

Both of them became friends on Facebook. The accused kept sexually assaulting the girl for the last 8 months by luring her with marriage. The police have registered a case in the matter. The accused youth has not

According to Jahangirabad police, the (22) year old girl living in Barkhedi is a resident of Umaria district. She came to prepare for competitive exams

During this time, she became friends with Vinod, a resident of Narsinghgarh, on Facebook. Vinod used to call himself a policeman. Friendship has gradually turned into a love

Vinod started coming to Bhopal to meet the girl. On November 21, 2023, Vinod came to Bhopal to meet the girl, and took her to a hotel on the pretext of roaming. Here the accused sexually assaulted the girl. When the girl protested, the accused promised to marry her soon. After this Vinod continued to sexually exploit the girl.

Sehore: In Ratapani wildlife sanctuary, a tiger died after being hit by a train, while two small cubs were injured.

The forest department has called a team of expert doctors from Bhopal for treatment.

According to the information, a tiger died after being hit by a train in Budhni area of the district. Two small cubs were injured.

This incident took place in the drain located near the hill of Midghat, where the body of the tiger was found lying on Monday.

On the information of the incident, the forest department is investigating the matter. However, it is not yet clear which train caused this accident. The forest department team is investigating the entire matter. DFO MS Dabar said that a tiger died on the spot after being hit by the train, while two small cubs are injured. There was a stir in the forest department as soon as the information of the death of the tiger was received. The department's team, doctors, rescue and rangers reached the spot in a hurry. The team took the body of the tiger and sent it for postmortem, while the doctors started treating the injured tigers.

This area falls in Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary. The wild animals here are constantly becoming victims of rail accidents. Let us tell you, to save the wild animals from such deaths, the central government had decided to install fencing along

the train tracks, but this work has not started yet. More than 3000 wild animals in Ratapani Ratapani will be the eighth tiger reserve of the state. The Madhya Pradesh government has approved the proposal to make Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary a tiger reserve. Notification regarding which will be issued soon. Let us tell you that the National Tiger Conservation Authority had given in-principle approval to make Ratapani a tiger reserve 13 years ago i.e. in the

year 2011 itself. Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary with more than 3000 wild animals including tiger, leopard is going to be made a tiger reserve. Ratapani Sanctuary falls in the forest divisions of three districts Bhopal, Sehore and Raisen-Aubedullaganj. Where currently about 56 tigers are roaming. The forest department was trying for a long time to make it a tiger reserve.

na Maa K Naam".

This five-day program is being organized from July 15 to 19, the theme of which is "Youth Skills for Peace and Development". In his speech, the chief guest Mr. Gautam Tetwal said that the importance of technology and innovation is increasing in the present times.

Day, said that our aim is to prepare SGSU as an institution that supplies skilled manpower at the global level.

He also told that SGSU is providing apprenticeship embedded courses and industry integrated courses. Apart from this, international exposure is also being provided to the stu-



Newly posted Commissioner Public Relations Sudam Khade being greeted by outgoing commissioner Sandeep Yadav, in Bhopal on Monday Pioneer photo

22-year-old girl commits suicide by hanging

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22-year-old girl committed suicide in Ashoka Garden areaby hanging on Saturday night. The young woman used to work in Hoshangabad road's Ashima Mall.

Police said that 22-year-old Geetanjali Thakur hailed from Mirzapur. Three years ago, she came to Bhopal to make a career. She lived in a rented flat in Amrit Complex near Manpreet Hotel in Ashoka Garden and worked in Ashima Mall. She did not leave the house all day on Saturday.

In the evening, her brother-inlaw made several calls, but Geetanjali did not pick up the calls. Brother-in-law's sister Naina Thakur lives near Geetaniali's flat.

When she was sent to check, the flat was locked from inside. Despite calling out several times,

there was no reply from inside. Naina immediately reached the police station and informed the police.

After breaking the gate, the police entered the flat. Inside, a body was found hanging with the ceiling. The postmortem was done on Monday in the presence of relatives who came from Mirzapur. The deceased's father Bhim Singh Thakur, who is a truck driver, said that Geetanjali

was his eldest daughter.

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45-day special drive for quick redressal of revenue cases: CM

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hief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has said that due to the success of the first phase of Revenue Maha Abhiyan (January- March 2024), the state government will launch Revenue Maha Abhiyan-2 from July 18 to August 31 for quick disposal of revenue cases and to correct revenue record errors. All divisional commissioners and collectors will continuously inspect their areas during the campaign.

Revenue officers will also be rewarded for their performance. The objective of the campaign is to resolve the cases pending in the Revenue Court within the time limit, register new revenue cases on RCMS, update the map, give benefits of PM Kisan Yojana to all eligible farmers, link

Aadhaar of Samagra through e-KYC and measles through Samagra/Aadhaar and implement farmer registry. The digital crop survey will be conducted from August 1 to September 15.

sought information regarding the Revenue Campaign through a video conference at Samatva Bhawan located at the Chief Minister's residence. In the meeting, Revenue Minister Karan Singh Verma, Chief Secretary Veera Rana, Additional Chief Secretary of Chief Minister's Office Rajesh Rajoura, Principal Secretary of Chief Minister's Office Sanjay Kumar Shukla, and senior officials were present. All Divisional Commissioners and District Collectors par-

ticipated in the meeting vir-

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said

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that Patwari's diary should be digitalized. The manual diary Chief Minister Dr. Yadav

practice should be ended. e-KYC must be done in pending cases of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi benefits. Create a good environment. Rear cattle as per the capacity of the cow sheds, the cattle should not be left to wander on the roads. The grant given to cow shelters by the state government has been doubled. He said that action

should be taken against illegal sand excavation. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that the Patwari should stay at the headquarters and the Collector should take action with efficiency. The campaign should be reviewed every day, work should be done cleanly, and outstanding performers will be rewarded. Errors will not be tolerated. The Commissioner should make his 45-day tour program, no

negligence will be tolerated in this. The work of map correction in the campaign should be good. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav instructed the Principal Secretary to monitor the campaign con-stantly. It should be ensured that the benefits of Swamitva Yojana are given, but care should be taken that it is not misused. Illegal excavation of sand in rivers should be strictly stopped. Complete man-agement should be done for the prevention and treatment of diseases occurring during

the rainy season. More than 30 lakh cases were resolved in the Revenue Mahabhiyan-01 which was run from January 15 to March 31 in the state. Good work was done in all the districts in this mega campaign. According to the percentage of redressal of revenue cases in the Maha revision.

Bhopal: Out of the total 149 city

Abhiyan, Pandhurna stood first, Burhanpur second, Khandwa stood third while Harda stood tenth. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that Bhopal, Singrauli, Morena, Umaria should do good work in the second phase, no complaints were received. Concrete action should be taken on disputed matters. It is necessary to verify the total with Aadhaar.

During the Revenue Mahaabhiyan-01, a total of 30 the lakh 48 thousand 255 cases were resolved which included 3 lakh 23 thousand 016 cases were resolved in the state under nomination transfer head, 40 thousand 414 cases of property distribution, 43 thousand 189 cases of demarcation, 27 thousand 373 cases of record correction and 26 lakh 14 thousand 263 cases of map



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Shekhar Shukla gave a presen-

tation on the activities, achieve-

ments and upcoming work

Minister of State for Tourism

and Culture (Independent Charge) and Vice Chairman

Urban Development and

Housing Neeraj Mandloi and

Managing Director Tourism

Corporation Ilayaraja T along

with concerned departmental

plan of the Tourism Board.

Madhya Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla at Akshaya Patra Kitchen during his visit to Vrindavan Temple in Utta Pradesh on Monday

B.Ed students of Regional Institute of Education pose for a group photograph during their study tour at Regional Science Center in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

XAT announces CM exhorts Jan Abhiyan Parishad to develop model villages registration

New Delhi: The Xavier Aptitude Test (XAT), one of India's most esteemed national-level MBA entrance exams, is pleased to announce the commencement of registration for XAT 2025. Starting from July 15, 2024, students can register for this crucial exam, marking an essential step towards excellence in the dynamic business world. Prospective candidates can visit the official XAT website for registration and further details.

The XAT (Xavier Aptitude Test) had witnessed an

unprecedented surge in registrations for the 2024 edition. A staggering 135,000 applicants had signed up, marking a significant increase comsurge reflects the growing popularity of XAT as a premier MBA entrance exam in India. Aspiring candidates recognize its unique value and the opportunities it opens up for admission to top business schools

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav has urged Madhya Pradesh Jan Abhiyan Parishad to develop model villages focussing on agriculture, animal husbandry, environmental protection. Creating awareness among the general public towards development of model villages

should also be undertaken on priority. Chief Minister Yadav apprised himself about the activities of the governing body of the Parishad at the Mantralaya on Monday and gave necessary

instructions. Senior officials including Deputy Chief Minister Jagdish Deora and Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Chief Minister Yadav said that the activities taken up by the Parishad are commendable. The work of encouraging panchayats for the development of model villages should be undertaken continuously by the Parishad. Work should be

vear was so overwhelming-

ly positive that we had to

come back with yet another

edition to celebrate all forms

of art against the beautiful

backdrop of Jammu! I'm delighted to have crafts cura-tor Anu Chowdhury

Sorabjee bring in her crafts

The talented group of artists

this year come from both

urban contemporary settings

as well as indigenous areas.

Their diverse backgrounds,

skillsets and creative per-

spectives promise to add a

punch of flavours to the

retreat, making the exhibi-

tion all the more interesting.

I'm looking forward to see-

ing the different shades of

Jammu and Skyview by

Empyrean interpreted

through their eyes and on to

their canvasses on August

25," said Art Curator, Sama-

Vaya, Anupa Mehta, who has

over two decades of experi-

ence in the Indian art world. Skyview By Empyrean, that

seamlessly blends premi-

um hospitality, adventure,

nature and luxury, lends

itself as the perfect destina-

tion for an art gathering of

such scale. It is located at

one of the most scenic spots of the Sanget-Patnitop

region that offer unfiltered

views of the majestic Pir

Panjal range and only an

hour's drive from the

expertise this year.

Chief Minister Yadav said that the activities taken up by the Parishad are commendable. The work of encouraging panchayats for the development of model villages should be undertaken continuously

done to boost awareness in the field of heritage and rural tourism and to mobilize public support in the villages. Similarly, by contacting the farmers, zero budget farming must be promoted. Improving the breed of animals, resolving village issues, along with honouring dispute-free Gram Panchayats should also be taken up. Chief Minister Yadav said that

by the Parishad

paigns like Jal-Ganga Samvardhan Abhivan. Educating the villagers about conservation of heritage sites should also be included in the creative efforts. Release of course booklets

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav, Deputy Chief Minister Devda and Panchayat and Rural Development and Labour Minister Patel jointly released various course booklets. Under Chief Minister

eight booklets include Introduction to Social Work, Environmental Studies, Hindi Language, Admission Brochure, English Language and Indian Culture, Social Work and Other Concepts, Yoga and Meditation, Concept and Implementation of Development. Along with this, books of Masters of Social Work Course (MSW), Social Work in Industrial Organisations, Human Resource Management, Hindi Language and Culture, Community Organisation and Social Action were also released. The report of Voice of Landless and Socio-economic Condition of Agriculture, Labor was presented in the meeting.

Chief Secretary Smt. Veera Additional

STAFF REPORTER **BHOPAL**

hief Minister Mohan Yadav said that the tradi-✓tional grand fairs and yatras of the state like Bhagoria The reason behind the buses not Utsav and Mahakal's ride etc. running is the demand of reducshould be promoted through impactful means. Along with tion in the amount given per km modern publicity, encourage by the ticket collection agency 'Chalo App'. For five days, the officials of BCLL and the corpolocal artists playing traditional musical instruments and tradi-

tional dance groups by creating connections with them. This will also promote local art and traditional dances. CM Dr. Yadav was addressing the meet-ing of the Board of Directors of Madhva Pradesh Tourism Board in the Mantralaya. The Chief Minister reviewed the structure, responsibilities, investment promotion policies, publicity and tourism development works of

the Tourism Board. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav asked to work on the plan to build a research centre or museum dedicated to the arts and literature of Raja Bhoj in Bhopal. Promote

adventure activities that attract employment. Also, try to run youth. Co-ordinate with proway-side amenities and highduction houses and artists comway treats etc. near tourist places through cooperative. ing to the state for shooting and Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture and Managing Director Tourism Board Sheo publicize the good schemes and achievements of the state.

Yadav, while reviewing the operation of PM Shri Tourism Air Service, directed that the number of flights should be increased on those routes where there are more bookings of passengers. Operate aircraft with more seating capacity. Include the route of air service in the religious pilgrimage scheme. Class-2 and 3 executive officers of the government should also be considered for eligibility for travel through PM Shri Tourism Air Service and prepare proposals.

work on a plan to conduct courses in the tourism sector by connecting with the universities of the state. This will contourism and they will also get

Tourism Board Dharmendra Singh Lodhi joined the meeting through VC. Chief Secretary Veera Rana, Secretary Veera Rana, Additional Chief Secretary Forest Ashok Varnwal, Additional Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Rajoura, Principal Chief Minister Yadav asked to Secretary Finance Manish Singh, Principal Secretary

employment-oriented skill nect the youth of the state with

officers were present. कार्यालय कार्यपालन यंत्री

नया भोपाल संभाग लोक निर्माण विभाग, भोपाल (म.प्र.) निविदा सूचना

निविदा सूचना क्रमांक 06/व.ले.लि./2024-25 भोपाल, दिनांक 09.07.2024 निम्नलिखित कार्यो हेतु निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। उल्लेखित कार्य का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाईट

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5	2024_PWDRB _356290_1	उपसंभाग क्रं-3, लो.नि.वि. भोपाल के अंतर्गत सेक्शन क्रं7बी, 08, 18, 26 एवं 27 में गिट्टी एकत्रीकरण का कार्य।	प्रथम आमंत्रण	25.00	50000.00
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buses in Bhopal, 139 have not run for the last 12 days. Despite the On the routes where 149 buses meeting of Mayor Malti Rai, run, an average of 40000 pas-BCLL (Bhopal City Link sengers travel there in a day. Limited) officers have not been

City buses' strike continues for 12 days

able to resolve the issue. Due to this, about 40000 passengers as well as the drivers of the buses are upset. BCLL has called a meeting of drivers today on Monday evening. Due to the ticket collection dis-

pute, the wheels of these buses have been 'halted' since July 4. to this problem. In such a situa-Regarding this, on July 9, Mayor Rai had a meeting with the offimeeting on the sixth day. Still, the cers and the responsible persons of the 'Chalo App' company that collects tickets. After this meet-ing, on July 10, 10 buses were taken out from the depot located in Baghsewania. The remainthe stoppage of bus operations, ing 139 buses were not operated. The reason behind this is that become unemployed.

Promote traditional fairs and grand yatras: CM there is no agreement between ticket collection and BCLL. Passengers are upset due to nonoperation of buses.

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Khan, President of Bhopal City

Vehicle Driver-Conductor Trade

Union INTUC, said that due to

drivers and conductors have

Skyview by Empyrean to host four-day 'Sama-Vaya' art retreat from August 22 at Jammu

PNS NEW DELHI

◄he culturally-rich and beautiful valley of Jammu is all set to welcome art-lovers and collectors from around the world yet again! Skyview by Empyrean, a 22-acre mountain harbour that seamlessly blends premium hospitality, adventure, nature and luxury in the Sanget-Patnitop region is gearing up to host the second edition of the interactive art-retreat 'Sama-Vaya' on its premises between August August 22-25, 2024.

Organised by prominent art consultant and curator Anupa Mehta and supported by crafts curator Anu Chowdhury Sorabjee, 'Sama-Vaya' which in Sanskrit means 'union', brings together acclaimed artists and craftsmen from across India to collaborate, exchange ideas and produce masterpieces inspired by their surroundings.

The artists will work individually as well as in pairs to create their impressions of Jammu, the environment and of Skyview bv Empyrean. Lado Bai's and the art works of all other artists will be displayed at an exhibition to be held at Skyview by Empyrean on August 25. "The response to the premier

famous Shri Mata Vaishno 'Sama-Vaya' art retreat last Devi Temple at Katra.

should also take initiative to improve delivery of public services enlisting the co-operation of social organisations. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that the Parishad will play an important role in conducting other socially useful cam-

Community Leadership Capacity Development Programme, the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) First Year Course was released on behalf Mahatma Gandhi of Chitrakoot Gramodaya University, Chitrakoot. Various

Secretary and Chief Minister's Office Dr. Rajesh Rajoura, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sanjay Kumar Shukla and Executive Director of MP Jan Abhiyan Parishad Dr. Dhirendra Kumar Pandey were present.

उपरोक्त वेबसाईट ऑनलाईन भुगतान करने के उपरान्त निविदा प्रपत्र (टेण्डर डाक्यमेंट) वेबसाईट के माध्यम से प्राप्त हो सकेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र क्रय एवं सबमिशन करने की अंतिम **तिथि 26.07.2024 सायं 5.30 बजे** निर्धारित है। निविदा में किसी भी प्रकार का संशोधन होने पर उसे उपरोक्त वेबसाईट पर देखा जा सकता है। विस्तृत एन.आई.टी. एवं अन्य जानकारी उपरोक्त वेबसाईट में देखी जा सकता है।

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. 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 AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

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	S. N.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession			
	1 (Loan Code No. 00600002542 / Bhopal Branch) Late. Shambhu Nath (Represented through Legal Heir) (Borrower), Alok Kashyap & Arati Devi (Co-Borrowers)		All that part & parcel of property bearing, NA Flat No 5 Third Floor Ali Apartment Ward No 08 Noor Mahal Near Tajul Masjid Mulla Kim, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh -462001. Boundaries : East- Other's Property, West- Lobby, North - Flat No T- 03, South - Lift and Flat No. 07	<u>12-02-2024</u> ₹ 1,94,635/-	11-07-2024			
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Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav releases booklets of MP Jan Abhiyan Parishad, at State Mantralaya in Bhopal on Monday Pioneer photo

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NIT No. 817

Date: 11.07.2024

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edesign where, necessary, and diversion works of Nallahs with interception ewer of about 3.492Km length including survey, design, construction of 1 No. of Pumping stations and all appurtenant structures and allied works; 1.3.Providing, laying, jointing, testing, commissioning of Treated water pump ng main having length of 16m of dia 150 mm and of DI K-7 pipe from Treated vater Sump to nearby agriculture Land/River including excavation, refilling oad cutting/dismantling, restoration, providing valves and specials and fit- ings all complete., 4. Treated Water Sump with Pump House 5. Operation & maintenance of the complete works of sewage treatment plant, Intercepting ewer and/or interception & diversion works of Nallahs and pumping stations or a period of 05 years after completion of works, including defect liability period (DLP) of 5 year, starting from the date of commission of the project	Rs. 304.91 Lacs	152455	15,000	12 months including rainy season.
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SC issues notices to pvt parties on NTA pleas to club all cases

PTI NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday issued notices to private parties on a batch of pleas filed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) seeking transfer of cases pending against it in various high courts on the NEET-UG row to the top court to avoid multiplicity of litigations Earlier a vacation he Supreme Court on of litigations. Earlier, a vacation bench had on June 14 issued notices to the parties on simi-lar pleas by the NTA.

The NTA had submitted that several pleas seeking cancella-tion of the National Eligibilitycum-Entrance Test-Under Graduate (NEET-UG), 2024 over allegations of question paper leak and other malpractices are pending in several high courts. Advocate Vardhaman Kaushik,

appearing for the NTA, urged a bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice JB Pardiwala on Monday that the fresh batch of pleas be also transferred to the apex court as they pertained to the same issue.

"Issue notice and tag," the bench said, adding that these pleas will also be taken up together with the pending peti-tions on the NEET-UG row on



July 18. The NTA also urged the received a status report from bench to stay the pending prothe CBI on the progress made ceedings in various high courts. in the probe into alleged irreg-The CJI said once the Supreme ularities in the conduct of the Court has issued notices on exam.In an additional affidavit transfer petitions, the high filed in the apex court on July courts, procedurally, do not 10, the Centre had said data proceed with the hearing. The analytics of the results of bench asked the NTA counsel NEET-UG 2024 was conductto bring this to the notice of the ed by IIT Madras which found high courts concerned. The top there was neither any indicacourt was hearing as many as five petitions seeking transfer tion of "mass malpractice" nor a localised set of candidates of cases from various high benefiting from it and scoring abnormally high marks. courts to it.

Earlier, the bench had on July The government's assertion 11 adjourned till July 18 the assumed significance in view of hearing on a clutch of other the observations made by the petitions seeking cancellation, top court on July 8 that it may re-test and probe into alleged order a re-test if there were large-scale malpractices in malpractices in the conduct of NEET-UG, 2024 as the holding the exam on May 5. responses of the Centre and the The Centre's affidavit had said experts from IIT Madras have NTA were not received by found that the marks distribusome parties. tion follows the bell-shaped The bench had also said it has

curve that is witnessed in any large-scale examination indicating no abnormality. A bell curve describes the shape of data conforming to a normal distribution. The NTA had also filed a separate addition-al affidavit on the similar lines and said it has carried out an analysis of distribution of marks at the national, state and city level.

While hearing the pleas on July 8, the top court had observed that the sanctity of the examination has been "breached". Saying that a re-test may be ordered if the entire process was affected, the bench had sought details from the NTA and the CBI, including the timing and manner of the alleged paper leak, besides the number of wrongdoers to understand the extent of irregularities claimed by the petitioners. Over 23.33 lakh students had taken the test on May 5 at 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including in 14 cities overseas. The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) is conducted by the NTA for admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in government and private institutions across the country.

PM pays tributes to Kamaraj, hails his visionary legacy



PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday paid trib-utes to former Congress President K Kamaraj, a towering leader of his era who hailed from Tamil Nadu, and said his contribution to sectors like education remains unparalleled. "Remembering Thiru K. Kamaraj on his birth anniver-

sary. He is widely respected for his visionary leadership and efforts to uplift the poor. His contribution to sectors like education remain unparalleled. We reiterate our commitment to fulfil his ideals and build a soci-

ety that is just and compassionate," Modi said in a social media post. Born in 1903 in the erstwhile Madras Presidency, Kamaraj went on to become its chief min-

ister and is credited for introducing several welfare measures to help the poor. He later became the national president of the Congress and

was considered a deft organisational leader.12

Support to Pacific islands' quest for progress our responsibility: Jaishankar

PNS NEW DELHI

India considers supporting the Pacific islands' quest for development as its responsibility, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday. In his brief remarks at an event, Jaishankar also said the Islands in the Pacific are not "small Islands" but rather "large Ocean countries" and that India is privileged to be their partners.

We consider it our responsibility to support the Pacific Islands in their quest for sustainable development. Climate change, natural disasters, poverty alleviation and healthcare are common challenges that we need to address together," he said.

"India is always ready to do more with our Indo-Pacific partners," he added.

laishankar's remarks came at a virtual ceremony that saw India signing an MoU for implementation of four community development projects in the Marshall Islands.

"I am glad that these projects cover areas, including a community sports centre in Ailuk Atoll, airport terminal on Mejit Island, community centres at the Arno and Wotje Atolls. These would surely provide better infrastructure to the

India's "concrete" commitpeople of Marshall Islands," he said

The External Affairs Minister said India and the Republic of the Marshall Islands share a long history of friendly bilateral relations, which has expanded over the years, including under the aegis of the Forum of India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC). The FIPIC has emerged as a major framework for cooperation between India and the Pacific

Island nations. 'I would like to recall what my Prime Minister said at the third FIPIC summit. The Islands in the Pacific are not 'small Islands' but rather 'large Ocean countries'," he said. Jaishankar also referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of

ments to the Pacific Islands at the third FIPIC summit. "I am glad to witness the

progress in achieving them. We are also working on the proposals regarding desalination units and dialysis machines for the Republic of Marshall Islands," he said.

The External Affairs Minister said India recognises the priorities and needs of the Pacific Island nations.

'Healthcare and related infrastructure, quality and affordable medicines, wellness and lifestyle, centres of excellence, education and capacity building, development of SME sector, renewable energy and clean water facilities all these are some of the focus areas of our cooperation," he noted.

IFS Vikram Misri takes over PM, leaders congratulate new Nepalese PM Oli

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday congratulated K P Sharma Oli on his appointment as Prime Minister of Nepal and said he looked forward to working closely with him to further strengthen the friendship between the two countries.

Oli, the leader of Nepal's largest communist party, was appointed Nepal's Prime Minister for a fourth term on Sunday to lead a new coalition government that faces the daunting challenge of providing political stability in the Himalayan nation.

Oli, 72, succeeds Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' who lost the vote of confidence in the House of Representatives on Friday, leading to the formation of the new government as per Article 76 (2) of the Constitution.

Congratulating Oli, Modi said

as India's Foreign Secretary PNS NEW DELHI

Seasoned diplomat Vikram Misri, widely regarded as an expert on China and national security, assumed charge as India's new Foreign Secretary on Monday.

Foreign Service officer(IFS), who was serving as the deputy national security advisor, succeeded Vinay Kwatra.

The 59-year-old assumed charge of the key position at a time India is looking to navigate various geo-political chal-lenges, including its frosty ties with China following the lin-gering eastern Ladakh border row and the consequences of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar congratulated Misri on assuming his new respon-

sibility. "Congratulate Foreign Secretary @VikramMisri as he assumes his new responsibility today. Wish him a produc-Misri and wishes him a suc-cessful tenure ahead," MEA said in a social media post. Misri served in various capac ities at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in the Prime 's Office and in various Indian missions in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America. He has the rare distinction of serving as private secretary to three Prime Ministers, Inder



Kumar Gujral, Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi. As per norms, Misri is set to have a minimum tenure of two years as the foreign secretary. "Vikram Misri assumed charge as Foreign Secretary today. #TeamMEA extends a warm Secretary

India and China after tensions flared significantly following the Galwan Valley clashes in June, 2020. The ties between the two countries nosedived following a fierce clash in the Galwan Valley that marked the most serious military con-

had his early education there (Burn Hall School and DAV School) as well as in Udhampur (Carmel Convent School) in

Jammu and Kashmir. He finished his schooling from the Scindia School in Gwalior and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree with honours in history from the Hindu College in the University of Delhi and an MBA from XLRI, Jamshedpur.Before joining the government, he worked for three years in the private sector in the fields of advertising and advertising film-making. Misri is a Fellow of the Aspen Institute USA's India Leadership Initiative (now the Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellowship). He is married to Dolly Misri and they have two children. The government is in the process of appointing India's next envoy to the US and New Delhi's permanent representative tothe United Nations in New York.

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Indian Coast Guard ship rescues two Olive Ridley turtles



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PNS NEW DELHI

he Indian Coast Guard T(ICG) ship Kamla Devi successfully rescued two Olive Ridley turtles entangled in ghost nets approximately 35 nautical miles southeast off the coast of West Bengal on Saturday, officials said here on Monday. The Olive Ridley turtles are classified as endangered species and are protected under the Indian Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.

May 24, under "Operation Olivia" the ICG rescued 24 Ridley turtles, furwcasing their ded tion. These species play a vital role in maintaining the health of marine ecosystems, making their preservation crucial. By safeguarding these vulnerable marine creatures, the ICG continues to demonstrate its dedication to preserving marine biodiversity and ensuring the health of our oceans

the Indian Coast Guard's

unwavering commitment to

protection adhering to their

motto "Vayam Rakshamah":

We Protect". Over the years,

the ICG has saved numerous

endangered species and demonstrated its unwavering

commitment to marine pro-tection.During the nesting period from 01 Nov 23 to 31



every Indian looks forward to bonds of cooperation between the two countries for a brighter future.In a social media post, Congress, we extend our best Prime Minister of Nepal." eignbours, and Nepal share unique ties of friendship and partnership characterised by deep-rooted people-to-people contacts of kinship and culture, he said. "Every Indian looks forward to further strengthening the bonds of mutual cooperation for a brighter future," Kharge



further strengthening the Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said, "On the behalf of Indian National wishes to Shree K P Sharma Oli, on his appointment as the





Misri, a 1989-batch Indian

forward to working closely to further strengthen the deep bonds of friendship between our two countries and to further expand our mutually beneficial cooperation for the progress and prosperity of our peoples."

The Congress also extended its wishes to Oli and and said

spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a social media post. Before he was appointed as the deputy NSA, Misri served as India's ambassador to China from 2019-2021. Misri is believed to have played

a key role in talks between

decades. In his illustrious career, Misri also served as India's ambassador to Spain (2014-2016) and Myanmar (2016-2018) besides having stints in many Indian missions, including Pakistan, the US, Germany, Belgium and Sri Lanka. Misri was born in Srinagar and

Sandhu retired in January. The position of India's permanent representative to the UN is also lying vacant after Ruchira Kamboj retired last month.

ving details, ICG offic said while on routine patrol in the front-runners for the ambassador's position in the Bay of Bengal, the crew of Washington. The post has been ICGS Kamla Devi promptly lying vacant since Taranjit responded and executed a rescue operation, ensuring the safe release of a mother-child turtle duo that were badly entangled in discarded fishing nets.

This operation underscores

Shah calls Chief Ministers, takes stock of flood situation

PNS NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday spoke to Chief Ministers of Assam, UP and Gujarat to take stock of situation caused by floods there and assured of all possible assistance and support of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

Shah's call to Assam chief minister took place as flood situation remains grim there affecting common people.

Death toll has risen to more than 90 and more than 5 lakh people across 18 districts are reeling under the deluge, with Assam's Cachar being the worst-hit district.

The flood-affected districts in Assam include Cachar, Chirang, Darrang, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Goalpara, Golaghat, Jorhat, Kamrup, Metropolitan, Kamrup Karimganj, Majuli, Morigaon, Nagaon, Nalbari, and Sivasagar. Also, 1,342 villages under 52 revenue circles are still under water and the flood waters submerged 25367.61 hectares of crop area in Assam. The water level of the

Brahmaputra River is flowing above the danger level mark at Neamatighat, Tezpur and Dhubri while the Burhidihing River is flowing above the danger level mark at Chenimari (Knhowang), Disang River at



Nanglamuraghat. Over 58,000 people are still taking shelter in 172 relief camps and distribution centres in 13 districts. water level. 2,83,712 domestic animals were also affected by the deluge. The situation in Uttar Pradesh, especially in the eastern and central regions, is also under observation after an increase in the water levels of several rivers following incessant rains impacting around 18 lakh people in more than 900 villages. As per officials, nearly 18 districts, including Azamgarh, Mau, Ballia, Pilibhit, Shahjahanpur, Kushinagar, Shravasti, Balrampur, Lakhimpur Kheri, Barabanki, Sitapur, Gonda Siddharth

not be played on the issue of security of leaders. Trump. 'Third Time Fail Rahul

Nagar, Moradabad, Bareilly and Basti in Uttar Pradesh were affected by increased times now.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath earlier conducted an aerial survey of the affected districts and directed the officials to provide all possible assistance to the affected people.Due to heavy rain in the Valsad district in Gujarat, many low-lying areas have been inundated, and the national highway was also flooded.

Teams from disaster cells were deployed to drain the water from these areas. Additionally, the heavy rains caused the water level in Madhuban Dam to rise

Congress slams BJP for allegations against Rahul, decries 'cheap politics'

PNS 📕 NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday I slammed the BJP for its allegation that Rahul Gandhi encouraged violence against Prime Narendra Modi, saying "cheap politics" should

The BJP on Sunday had targeted the Leader of Opposition following the assassination attempt on former US president Donald

Gandhi has often encouraged and justified violence against Prime Modi, who he has lost election to, several

How can India ever forget how Punjab Police, then under the Congress, deliberately compromised PM's security, when his convoy was left stranded on a flyover," BJP's IT department head Amit Malviya had said. Hitting back at the BJP, Congress' media and public-ity department head Pawan Khera said, "cheap politics should not be played on the issue of security of leaders. The Congress party lost Mahatma ji to Right Wing terrorists. We lost two Prime Ministers at the hands of ter-



rorists. We lost our entire Chhattisgarh leadership to Left Wing terrorists, under the watch of the BJP government."

Prime Modi and the entire BJP has been instigating peo-ple against the leadership of the Congress party by "spreading vitriolic" lies against Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and the entire family, he alleged. "He (Modi) also mysteriously withdrew their SPG security," Khera said.

Donald Trump survived an attempt on his life when a young gunman fired multiple shots at the former US president at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania, injuring his right ear.

Indian warships, USS Theodore Roosevelt conduct joint exercise

PNS NEW DELHI

Indian Navy's frontline war-ships carried out a mega military exercise with the Theodore Roosevelt carrier strike group of the US in the Indian Ocean, demonstrating the growing strategic congruence between the two sides in the key maritime domain.

The USS Theodore Roosevelt is a Nimitz-class, nuclear-powered, aircraft carrier of the US Navy.

A carrier battle group or carrier strike group is a mega naval fleet comprising an aircraft carrier, accompanied by a large number of destroyers, frigates and other ships.

The Theodore Roosevelt carrier strike group operated alongside forces from the Indian Navy in the Indian Ocean on July 12, the US embassy said in a read out.

The wargame came amid increasing concerns among democratic countries over China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the larger Indo-Pacific region. The Indian Navy's deployment included guided missile destroyer INS Visakhapatnam and replenishment ship INS Aditya.

'This joint maritime activity advanced interoperability between the two major defence partners and underscores their



shared commitment to upholding a free and open Indo-

Pacific," the embassy said. The US and Indian military forces focused on improving shared maritime domain awareness and information sharing, enhancing replenishment and logistics interoperability and improving com-bined air-to-air capabilities, it said.

"Participating units include the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, Carrier Air Wing 11, and the Arleigh Burke-class guidedmissile destroyer USS Daniel Inouye," it said.

The USS Theodore Roosevelt is currently operating with carrier strike group nine after conducting this joint maritime

activity in the 7th Fleet area of operations.

۲ĥe 7th Fleet is the US Navy's largest forward-deployed numbered fleet, and routinely interacts and operates with allies and partners in preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

The Indian Navy routinely participates alongside US Navy units in multilateral exercises across the Pacific, including Southwest Asia and littoral Africa

'In addition to the group sail, the Indian Navy is also operating in leadership roles with the US Navy and other allies and partners in the ongoing Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2024 exercise in Hawaii," the US readout said.



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Goa Assembly adjourned twice

As BJP MLA seeks breach of privilege motion for statement on Speaker

PTI 📕 PANAJI

The Goa Assembly was adjourned twice on Monday after a BJP MLA moved a breach of privilege motion against a Congress legislator over the latter's statement about the Speaker. A commotion started on the

floor of the House before the Question Hour when the monsoon session began. BJP MLA Daji Krishna Salkar

moved a breach of privilege motion against Congress's Altone D'Costa for making statements against Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar.

D'Costa had on Friday told reporters that the Speaker had rejected his resolution démanding démanding political reservation for the Scheduled Tribes community in the assembly. Salkar on Monday moved the motion, after which Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao questioned how the statement amounted to a breach of privilege. He said, "Nothing stops us

from moving a resolution. How is it a breach of privilege?" Chief Minister Pramod Sawant

prevailed, Tawadkar initially adjourned the House for half an hour.

When the session resumed, the ruling benches reiterated their demand for a breach of privilege motion and the House was again adjourned for half an hour. Talking to reporters, Goa Forward Party MLA Vijai Sardesai said the disruption of the House by the ruling benches was a systematic move to avoid the Question Hour. Sardesai said that he and

Congress MLA Carlos Ferreira had tabled a question on the National Education Policy (NEP) that would have



claimed D'Costa's statement to the media was an insult to the Speaker, and he must tender an apology. When commotion

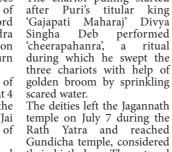
power

exposed the State Government.

Thousands of devotees pull chariots of sibling deities

Thousands of devotees pulled the chariots of sibling deities – Lord Jagannath, Devi Subhadra and Lord Balabhadra — on the 'Bahuda Yatra' or return car festival on Monday. Though the pulling of chariots was slated to start at 4

pm, it began ahead of the schedule amid chants of 'Jai Jagannath' and beating of cymbals. Devotees start pulling Lord Balabhdra's chariot Taladwaja' at 3.25 pm and Devi Subhadra's 'Devadalan' at 4 pm. Pulling of Lord Jagannath's chariot



their birthplace. They stayed there for a week and on Monday are now returning to the Jagannath temple. This journey is known as the 'Bahuda Yatra'.



Earlier, the trinity ceremonially taken to their respective chariots from the Gundicha Temple in presence of lakhs of devotees.

A total of 180 platoons (1 platoon comprises 30 personnel) of police force and platoon 1,000 officers were deployed to maintain law and order and crowd management during the 'Bahuda Yatra'.

Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order) Sanjay Kumar said adequate security arrangements have been made and the entire temple town is under CCTV surveillance. Around five lakh people are expected to congregate for the festival.

Necessary steps needed to develop Ayodhya: Yogi

PTI LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said necessary steps should be taken to all develop municipal corporations, including Ayodhya, as 'solar cities'. The UP CM conducted a review of the current status of power generation, transmission and distribution in the state. UP Energy Minister A K

Sharma was also present in the meeting which focused on the ongoing efforts and future plans. Senior officials

that they are not even going to

each other's hotels for having

"Pawar has agreed to take the

the

food," he claimed.

and engineers of the Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) and all Discoms (distribution companies) were in UP attendance, the said in a government statement.

Adityanath informed that considerable there is enthusiasm for the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijlee Yojana, with over 18 lakh people having registered for the programme. It is important to promote this scheme widely and encourage more individuals to take part in this, he added.

The UP CM directed to complete the process of land acquisition for the proposed solar parks in Jhansi, Lalitpur, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Chitrakoot and Jalaun expeditiously, the statement said.

Speaking on this occasion, Adityanath said, "Under the leadership of the honourable Prime Minister (Narendra Modi), the state has achieved the goal of 'Sabko Bijli-Nirbadh Bijli' (uninterrupted supply of electricity to all) in the last seven years. Electricity now reaches every village and majra, ensuring

equitable distribution without any VIP culture. "It is gratifying that currently, electricity is supplied without discrimination. Especially during the intense heat, additional efforts were made to ensure convenience for the public, with round-the-clock electricity provided statewide

from March 15 to June 30," the chief minister said. He said in addition to various hydropower projects, 22

Parichha and Jawaharpur.

Al cameras installed in K'taka Assembly

To record arrival, exit time of MLAs, duration of presence



PTI BENGALURU

rtificial Intelligence-Artificial incompetition facial recognition technology have now been installed in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly that will record arrival and exit time of members, as well as the duration of their presence in the House.

KGF Congress MLA Roopakala Shashidhar was the first legislator to be recorded by the cameras on arrival at the Assembly for the monsoon session, which began today as the new system became operational. The first MLA to be captured exiting was Tiptur's Shadakshari of Congress. Speaker U T Khader noted that there is a practice of recognising MLAs who come early to th Assembly before the quorum bells are rung more than 100 NRIs, NCC and their names are read out in appreciation by the Chair. "Some senior legislators like Araga Inanendra, Basangouda Patil Yatnal (of BJP) and some senior Ministers had made a request that some legislators, despite coming a bit late, sit through the proceedings till six or eight (PM), but no one takes note of it and it is an injustice," the Speaker said. He added: "So, for the first time we have installed Artificial Intelligence

cameras, which will take note of — what time a member arrives and leaves, and for how long he or she was present in the Assembly. Information regarding this comes to the Assembly Secretary's system by the end of the day. There will be data.'

According to officials, the initiative is part of the effort to improve attendance of legislators and their participation during the session.

Meanwhile, aimed at giving a facelift to the Vidhana Soudha, the seat of state legislature and secretariat here, gates at the west entrance of the Assembly hall has been renovated in the first phase, replacing iron grilled gates with a large and carved grand rosewood door It inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah today along with a plaque having the preamble of the constitution.



PTI MUMBA

Maharashtra minister Chhagan Bhujbal on Monday met NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar at his residence here and sought his intervention into the Maratha quota issue and objections over it by OBC leaders.

Speaking to reporters later, Bhujbal said had a meeting with Pawar for nearly oneand-a half-hours and the latter told him that he would discuss the matter with Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and other leaders in the next two days.

Bhujbal, an OBC leader who belongs to the rival NCP led by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, met former Union minister Sharad Pawar at his 'Silver Oak' residence in Mumbai.

The visit came a day after his veiled attack at Sharad Pawar or the opposition's an all-party meeting on the Maratha quota issue. eaders of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), which comprises the Congress, NCP (SP) and Uddhav Thackerayled Shiv Sena (UBT), did not turn up at the all-party meeting convened by CM Shinde on July 9, claiming the opposition was not taken into confidence on the Maratha reservation issue.



Baramati at 5 pm". otably, Baramati Lok Sabha constituency in Pune district is the bastion of 83-year-old veteran politician Sharad

initiative and discuss the issue with Chief Minister Eknath Pawar. Activist Manoj Jarange has Shinde and other important been demanding reservation leaders in the state," said the NCP leader, who has also been for the Maratha community opposing Maratha quota under the OBC category. under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category. Some Bhujbal also reminded Sharad OBC activists recently held an Pawar of his decision when l agitation seeking ar surance that their quota will not be was the CM of Maharashtra, to affected. implement After the meeting on Monday, Bhujbal said Sharad Pawar Commission's recommendations in the state told him he would discuss the which offered the OBCs deadlock over ongoing reservation in education and Marathas demanding their inclusion in the OBC category in the election to local governing bodies. "When Pawar was the chief minister of Maharashtra, he for quota with CM Shinde and other key leaders in the state. "I requested Sharad Pawar to had resolved the issues of look into this matter because OBCs in the state. Now, the the situation in the state, situation intervention again. Pawar also particularly in some districts, is very tense. The division told me that he needs a couple of days to get better as he is not feeling well," Bhujbal said. between the Marathas and OBCs has reached such a level

Shah congratulates Indore for setting tree plantation world record

PTI BHOPAL

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has congratulated Indore for setting a Guinness World Record of "the most trees planted by a team in 24 hours" and said Mother Earth is smiling at the city. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Sunday said that Indore, already the cleanest city in India and MP's economic capital, has now achieved the world record of planting more than 11 lakh saplings in a single day.

Yadav in a post on X shared the Guinness World Records certificate and pictures of receiving it. Éarlier on Sunday, Union minister Shah participated in the 'Ek Naam campaign and planted a Mandal sapling in Indore. "Congratulations, Indore! The city of Indore has set a surreal world record by planting 12 lakhs saplings in a day under PM Shri @narendramodi li's campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'. They have set an example that will be followed by millions in the years to come. Mother Earth is smiling at Indore," Shah said in a post on X late demands his Sunday night.



Modi launched the "Ek Ped which was divided into nine Maa Ke Naam" campaign on zones and 100 sub-zones. Besides to marl

thermal projects are successfully operational in the state and they are located in Anpara, Harduaganj, Obra,

Bhujbal on Sunday claimed the opposition leaders stayed away from the meeting on July 9 "after a phone call from

Prime Minister Narendra

Environment Day. Under the drive, approximately 140 crore trees will be planted across the country, including 5.5 crore in Madhya Pradesh, which Shah has described as the "lungs of Bharat".

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Indore, which has been recognised as the country's cleanest city for several years per the Swachh as Survekshan, will see 51 lakh saplings planted during this campaign, as per officials. The plantation drive was carried out at the BSF Academy's Revati Range,

cadets from 50 schools, a large number of citizens, and members of various social organisations participated in the plantation drive, officials earlier said. According to the Guinness

World Record website, the previous record for the most saplings planted in 24 hours was 9,21,730. It was achieved by the Assam (India) government's Forest Department at Udalguri on September 13 and 14, 2023.

The Speaker said: "there is national and international respect for our Vidhana Soudha building. National and international level delegations and tourists come to Vidhana Soudha. It is our duty to make it look good and respectable from both inside and outside. This is the first phase, more work has to be done, I seek your

(members) suggestions.

Kerala man stuck inside hospital lift for 2 days rescued, 3 staffers suspended

PTI THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

59-year-old man was Astuck in a lift at the Government Medical College Hospital in the Kerala capital for two days, but the officials responsible for its operation were unaware of the situation until Monday morning, prompting the authorities to initiate disciplinary action against them for their alleged lapses. Ulloor resident Ravindran

Nair, a patient who came for a medical check up, had been stuck inside the lift of the OP Block of the government medical college here since Saturday and was rescued by an operator who had arrived for routine work, police said. He has been admitted to the hospital for a detailed medical examination.

"He (Nair) got into the lift to go to the first floor but claims that the lift came down and did not open. He says he shouted for help, but no one came. His phone was also switched off," police said. State Health Minister Veena George has ordered a probe into the incident and sought



police

to the rescue.

Speaking to the media in the

hospital, Nair said the lift got

stuck, and he kept pressing

the alarm, but no one came

a report in this regard. The health department has also suspended three staff

members two lift operators and a duty sergeant in connection with the incident. The officials said that the incident came to light on Monday morning, when the lift operator came for routine work. The man's family had on Sunday night filed a missing Sunday the next day, and then I waited for help. "Later, after some time, I lost

track of time inside the lift. This morning, an operator came, and I pressed the alarm. We both forcefully opened the door from both sides, and I jumped out of it," Nair said.

The man said he was sure that someone would come and operate the lift on Monday.

Nair's son, Hari Shankar, said his father was pretty shaken up as he had been inside the lift for almost two days. "My father says he kept on ringing the alarm inside the lift, but no one came to the

rescue," he said. Thirumala native Nair had gone to the medical college hospital to seek treatment and got stuck in the lift on Saturday around 12 noon.

As his phone was not reachable, family members "I tried calling all the emergency numbers listed approached the medical inside the lift, but no one college police station on complaint. However, the medical college officials maintained that the lift was answered. The alarm was also sounded, but no one came. After some time, I understood that it was the case with the medical college second Saturday and a not a regularly used one.

Heavy rain: Trees uprooted, houses damaged in Kerala

PTI THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Incessant downpour accompanied by gusty winds continued to batter several parts of Kerala, prompting authorities to declare a holiday for educational institutions in seven districts on Monday. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted extremely heavy rainfall in northern Malappuram, Kannur and Kasaragod districts and placed these

northern districts under red alert. According to its latest update,

the weatherman issued an orange alert in Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Idukki, Kozhikode and Wayanad districts.

In Kottayam district, fallen trees damaged houses and vehicles following heavy rains and gusty winds since early morning. Several houses morning. suffered partial damage in the rural areas of northern Kozhikode including Onchiyam, Kottur, Payyoli and so on.

300 villagers whose houses set on fire yet to return home TRIPURA VIOLENCE

Gandatwisa

he said.

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The administration has taken

all possible steps to provide

compensation to around 80

families affected by the arson,

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Around 300 villagers whose houses were set on fire three days ago following the death of a 19-year-old man in a clash between two groups in Tripura's Dhalai district are yet to return to their homes, officials said on Monday.

They have been staying at a shelter after the July 12 arson in Gandatwisa village, around 110 km from the state capital Agartala.

A team led by Dhalai District Magistrate Saju Vaheed held a meeting with the affected families on Sunday and assured them of the necessary steps for providing security compensation, the and officials said.

"At least 40 houses were severely damaged and around 30 shops were looted by the attackers. The affected family members are now staying at The team led by the district the Gandatwisa Higher magistrate also held a



college student, was critically injured in the clash and later succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment at GBP Hospital in Agartala on July 12.

Four people were arrested in The team led by the district connection with the death of the youth, police said.





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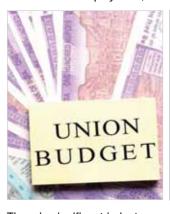
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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Expectations from the budget

The Union Budget must address infrastructure growth, job creation and clean energy initiatives

The 2024 Union Budget will be presented in the Lok Sabha on July 23rd. This will be the first budget by NDA-3, likely to continue its earlier policies. However, setbacks in the recent elections might lead to course corrections, and some populist measures may be included in the budget by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. As the Union Budget 2024-25 approaches, the Indian economy stands at a pivotal juncture, characterized by robust growth prospects and lingering challenges. The GDP growth forecast remains optimistic, buoyed by a strong recovery in various sectors, particularly manufacturing, services, and technology. However, inflationary pressures, high fiscal deficits, and global economic uncertainties pose significant challenges. The government has made concerted efforts in the past to enhance infrastructure, digitalisation, and clean energy initiatives, reflecting its commitment to sustainable development. Despite these strides, issues like unemployment, income inequality, and rural distress persist, necessitating



targeted fiscal measures. The forthcoming budget is expected to address these concerns, aiming to foster economic resilience, stimulate investment, and ensure inclusive growth for the nation. It is an opportunity to streamline the economy and heal ailing sectors. People's prime concerns remain inflation, which can be dexterously handled with tight fiscal planning. The Union Budget under NDA 3.0 must prioritise infrastructure growth and job creation, aiming to boost manufacturing through public-private partnerships. Changes in personal taxation and pension schemes are also expected, focusing on long-term fiscal sustainability and middle-class relief.

There is significant industry expectation for reforms and incentives to bring them back on track. The real estate sector, a major catalyst for economic growth and a vital provider of employment, urgently needs industry status to access lower-cost financing and tax benefits. High taxes on essential materials like cement and steel, particularly the 28% GST on cement must be addressed to sustain growth. India's electric vehicle (EV) sector stands at a crucial juncture, with high expectations for the upcoming budget. The government should prioritise incentivising firms to use EVs for last-mile delivery operations. Reducing GST rates for renewable energy components from the current 18% to 5% could lower the cost structure for green energy projects, promoting faster adoption across the country. The upcoming budget is expected to focus on employee welfare, formal job creation, reducing compliance complexity, and addressing the skill gap. Job creation and equipping people with desired skills, especially in technology, must be focal points. The budget should allocate more funds to tech infrastructure and resources, preparing students for a tech-driven job market and supporting entrepreneurial growth. Overall, the Budget must provide a definitive direction for India's economic agenda, with a strong emphasis on infrastructure, job creation, clean energy, and comprehensive sectoral reforms.



New army chief follows Zorawar's footsteps



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The ancient Duggar region has produced many of India's bravest warriors and earned the highest number of gallantry awards in the annals of the Indian Armed Forces

ncient Duggar region (land of warrior-Dogras spanning Himachal J&K, Pradesh, and parts of Punjab) has given maximum sacrifice and earned the highest number of gallantry awards in the annals of the Indian Armed Forces. Geographically, they have been the first line of defence against all invading forces. The noble land birthed the likes of King Porus, and the warrior sans pareil, General Zorawar Singh. Unbeknownst to many, the legendary Zorawar's audacious conquests included regions that are now in Pakistan and China like Gilgit-Baltistan, Skardu, Hunza, to even large swathes of Tibet. With such martial traditions, it is the only region in the country that populates not one but four fiery regiments of the Indian Army i.e., Jammu & Kashmir Rifles, Dogra Regiment, Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry and Punjab Regiment, besides other arms, and services. But the Jammu & Kashmir Rifles or Jak Rif, has a hallowed place in history and imagination as a proud and direct legatee of those Zorawar's daredevilry traditions. The only 'State Force' of the Princely Dogra Kingdom to be fully amalgamated in the Indian Army, they remain the quintessential 'Gentlemen Soldiers' owing to pedigree, immense dignity, and professional restraint in personal conduct, but unmatched ferocity in battle. In 1947 the 'Saviour of Kashmir', Brigadier Rajendra Singh Jamwal, MVC, and his band of 300 indefatigable warriors held off Pakistani tribals for crucial three days to allow the confabulations and the landing of Indian troops in Srinagar.

The Maharaja and Commander of J&K State forces had ordered, 'Brigadier Rajender Singh is commanded to hold the enemy at Uri at all costs and to the last man" - he did so by paying the "ultimate sacrifice" himself. In another theatre, Brig Sher Jung Thapa, MVC, of the J&K State Forces earned the title of "Hero of okardu . Even the first Param vir Chakra of India, Maj Somnath Sharma, was from the Duggarregion. Decades later, when the enemy attempted to justifiably proud. As 97 years



cross over yet again, it was the unparalleled heroics of the 13th Jak Rifbattalion, atop the unforgiving heights of the Kargil War that galvanised the nation.

Two combatants from the traditional Duggar catchment areas of Palampur and Bilaspur were to send shivers down the spine of the enemy with their regimental war cries of "Durga Mata ki Jai" as they retook Point 5140. Captain Vikram Batra was to immortalise the moment with his "Yeh dil mange more" spirit and Rifleman (later Subedar Major) Sanjay Kumar would fight to defend their land just as their forefathers did, for aeons

Both won Param Vir Chakra. Even the peace-time equivalent of gallantry, Ashok Chakra, was bestowed on 2/Lt (later Maj Gen) Cyrus Pithwalla of 17thJak Rif, to be the only 'General' officer with the highest gallantry award.It is from this deep fount of distinguished soldiering, that the 30th Chief of Indian Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi, takes over the reigns. Commissioned in the 18th Rif battalion, he is the first Army Chief from the decorated

'young', Major General Goverdhan Singh Jamwal (the only General who was commissioned by Commanderin-Chief of J&K State Forces, Maharaja Hari Singh) extended congratulations and recalled the countless regimental sacrifices that, "made the State as crown of newly independent India".

Today, General Dwivedi assumes the responsibility that his regimental forefathers held **GENERAL DWIVEDI** with much aplomb, elan and professional acumen that befits their motto, Prashata Ranvirta **ASSUMES THE** RESPONSIBILITY or Valour in battle is Praiseworthy!

THAT HIS The General assumes the mantle time in most challenging REGIMENTAL times, but as the Military tru-FOREFATHERS HELD ism goes, "The harder the conflict, the greater the tri-WITH MUCH umph". With the Indian Army, he takes over the most disci-APLOMB, ELAN AND plined, combat-hardened, and PROFESSIONAL restrained institution of the nation - much like his own ACUMEN THAT regimental ethos.

Regrettably, such a selfless attitude in a selfish world can **BEFITS THEIR** MOTTO, PRASHATA often lead to being 'taken for granted' or lead to institution-RANVIRTA OR diminishments. Transmitting that 'voice' for redressal to the powers-that-be VALOUR IN BATTLE **IS PRAISEWORTHY!** will be his foremost challenge.

i.e., China and Pakistan simultaneously, amongst other operational and staff posts. This makes him a worthy leader. In a movingly reassuring optic that is so typical of the Indian Army and its inimitable ways, the good General took blessings of his family elders, laid a wreath for those who went down fighting at the National War Memorial and then exchanged greetings with religious leaders of all faiths and denominations. Much like the multi-religious and multicastiest denomination of the Duggar land and the combatants-in-arms from his beloved JaK Rif who could be a Sikh like Honorary Captain Sundar Singh (Ashok Chakra), Parsi like Maj Gen Pithwala (Ashok Chakra) or even the martyr from his battalion i.e. 18thJak Rif, Rifleman Arif Khan Pathan, who laid down his life on Indo-Pak Line-of-Control (LoC). Jak Rif's pride is the nation's pride. As regimental patriarch, Maj Gen Goverdhan Singh Jamwal dotingly noted, "General Upendra Dwivedi is the product of this great Regiment of General Zorawar Singh. You can expect results". (The writer, a military veter-

an, is a former Lt Governor

Regiment. Understandably, people in the Duggar land (especially those from the Jak Rif fraternity) are

to his sing gular credit, ne nas tenanted the most sensitive posts e.g., Army Commander of the Northern Command that dealt with dual nemesis

of Anaaman & Nicoba Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal)

THE EDITOR LETT

High seas treaty: A crucial step for marine biodiversity protection



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This treaty represents a significant international effort to protect our oceans, promoting equity and cooperation among nations

he world's oceans, vast and mysterious, are crucial to the health of our planet. They regulate the climate, produce half of the oxygen we breathe, and support a rich tapestry of life that is vital to global biodiversity. Marine ecosystems are incredibly diverse, hosting countless species, many of which remain undiscovered. Protecting this biodiversity is not just an ethical obligation but a practical necessity. Healthy marine ecosystems provide essential services, such as carbon sequestration, which helps mitigate climate change.

They also support fisheries that millions of people rely on for food and livelihoods. Yet, the high seas—the areas of the ocean that lie beyond national jurisdictions-remain largely unprotected and poorly managed. The significance of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement comes into the picture here. BBNJ is an international treaty under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNC-LOS). The Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction



known as the High Seas Treaty, is a significant international treaty aimed at the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction. Areas beyond national jurisdiction cover approximately two-thirds of the ocean's surface and 95% of its

volume. These regions offer invaluable benefits to humanity, including ecological, economic, social, cultural, scientific, and food security advantages. However, they are vulnerable to significant threats such as pollution, overexploitation, and the escalating impacts of climate change. The anticipated rise in human demand for marine resources in the coming decades-for food, minerals, and biotechnologyposes a risk of worsening these issues. These areas cover (BBNJ) Agreement, also nearly half of the Earth's sur- environmental impact assess-

face, yet they lack comprehen-sive legal frameworks to regulate human activities, leaving them vulnerable to overfishing, habitat destruction, pollution, and the impacts of cli-mate change. The BBNJ Agreement aims to ensure marine biological diversity conservation and sustainable

use in areas beyond national jurisdiction. One of the most commendable aspects of the BBNJ

Agreement is its emphasis on equity. The agreement recognises the differing capacities of developed and developing nations in managing marine resources. It includes provisions for capacity-building

and the trans fer of marine technology, helping to level the playing field and enable all nations to participate effectively in ocean governance. This is vital for ensuring that the benefits of marine resources are shared fairly. The BBNJ Agreement represents a vision of global stewardship where nations come together to protect the shared heritage of our oceans. It establishes mechanisms for creating marine protected areas (MPAs), conducting

ments (EIAs), and sharing marine genetic resources (MGRs) and associated benefits equitably. This holistic approach ensures that conservation efforts are globally coordinated, scientifically informed, and inclusive of all stakeholders. It is a testament to the power of multilateralism in addressing global challenges. While the BBNJ Agreement is a significant step forward, it faces considerable challenges. Ensuring compliance and enforcement in the vast and remote high seas areas will be complex. Effective implementation will require robust monitoring systems, international collaboration, and sufficient funding. Moreover, the agreement must harmonise with existing regional and sectoral bodies to avoid conflicts and duplication of efforts. An

international agreement like the BBNJ Agreement, where countries work together for a common goal, is a beacon of hope for resurrecting our planet from the hardships caused by human activities.

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ROT IN THE SYSTEM

Madam - It is ridiculous that the central institutions are being pulled in for series of alleged discrepancies in the entrance exams one after other.After NEET exam paper leaks, now its time for UPSC exam. Probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar's issue in Pune, is now on the limelight to raise many doubts regarding the UPSC and its selection process which is lenient towards IAS officers daughters and sons.It seems that the rules were bent in favor of her due to the political influence of her father and the impact of nepotism while clearing her medical examination certificate under OBC, PwBD quota, which was accepted despite it was done by the private hospital with an excuse of COVID-19 and posting

It is highly doubtful that she passed the exam under OBC category by misusing the law and fooled the interview board regarding her credentials which is not supposed to fall under OBC, PwBD quota as her asset worth is 22 crore. Her attitude, lavish life and pomposity on her probation period was unethical and disrespect to such highest post in the government. Perhaps, its just because of such candidates the honest and deserving get deprived of a chance to serve the society and nation building. It raises a red flag whether rules were misused in the past as well under the guise of obtaining OBC certificate by showing disability by the candidates who have had political affiliation and support. One hopes for fair and proper investigation of this matter to wipe out the rot in the system

Janga Bahadur Sunuwar Jalpaiguri

RAUT'S UNCHARITABLE COMMENTS Madam — Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and MP Sanjay Raut now says that Atal Bihari Vajpayee would have imposed emergency the day of emergency as the day of murin a similar situation. Had Vajpayee told Raut that he would have imposed emergency if he had faced a situation of the kind Indira Gandhi faced? The situation was created by Indira Gandhi herself. Justice

Trump dodges the bullet



n the shooting incident in Pennsylvania at a Trump rally, the Ex president fortunately had a narrow escape. History is replete with attempts at assassination of US presidents. In

Court held Indira Gandhi guilty for her electoral malpractices. The Allahabad High Court delivered its judgment on June 12, 1975. The adverse judgment against Indira Gandhi threatened her position as Prime Minister. Top national leaders Jayaprakash Narayan, Morarji Desai, Vajpayee, and many others were arrested when Indira Gandhi had the premonition that her power and position would be in peril. The justification given for imposition of emergency was 'the internal disturbance'. Vajpayee did not indulge in electoral malpractices for facing a situation of the kind Indira Gandhi faced. He never hankered after power. Power came in search of him. The thought of Raut that Vajpayee would have imposed emergency if he had faced similar situation makes a laughing stock. What is wrong if Modi calls

der of the Constitution? K V Seetharamaiah Bengaluru

RESPECT GANDHI'S LEGACY

Madam -- I want to express my deep con-Jagmohan Lal Sinha of Allahabad High cern and disappointment over the recent

fact world over national leaders elsewhere too have been targeted for differing reasons. In the Trump incident, political observers have highlighted increasing and consistent effort at polarisation in the US, fed by hateful political rhetoric in the past few years.

Trump as the serving President would refuse to concede defeat in his bid for re-election in 2020, even after losing it by as many as seven million votes. He not only stuck to a theory of conspiracy to deny him a win but created a partisan following that would recklessly storm into the parliament.

The Pennsylvania incident must carry a larger and universal lesson. As a leader grows tall his onus to public propriety and temperance in speech, becomes exponential. Else it stands to rapidly fray the socio-politic fabric of a nation

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removal of the Mahatma Gandhi statue in Doomdooma, Assam. The abrupt decision to dismantle this statue, which stood as a symbol of peace and unity at Gandhi Chowk, has understandably sparked widespread outrage among the community, particularly student leaders and local civil soci-

The statue's removal not only disrespects the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi but also undermines the values of non-violence and harmony that he tirelessly promoted. Such actions can have far-reaching negative impacts on our society, eroding the respect for historical figures who played pivotal roles in shaping our nation. I urge the authorities to reconsider their decision and engage in a dialogue with the community to address their concerns. Restoring the statue or finding a more inclusive solution will help in maintaining social harmony and respecting the sentiments of the people.

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FIRSTCOLUMN MANY REASONS FOR THANKING GOD

God helps us in many ways, and the least we can do is thank Him for His generosity



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

nyone, who has even tried to link with God either by praying or by chanting or by any other spiritual practice, would have benefited in some way. Because God can never be a debtor; He doesn't have to be. After all, He is the controller. I do many spiritual activities, and I am rewarded much beyond my expectations. How do I respond? I thank God profusely. This entitles me to more favours from God because thanking God is a high-class spiritual act. Over a long period of being in the shelter of God, many changes have occurred in my life. I am more peaceful; feel more secure; am 'sukhi' (happy); bad times don't last long; help comes, as required; guidance is generally available; etc. There are multiple reasons to thank God. I will detail a few. The first one has to be God's role in keeping the Creation going for our benefit. There have been many wars. But the world remains intact. Because God is the only entity, who could have prevented an all-out war like a nuclear war, which could have destroyed the world. God keeps the Creation going for His parts (The Bhagavad-Geeta 15.7). A businessman tries to keep his business going for his children, grandchildren, etc, but doesn't always succeed, because we all are limited; God is not.

God uses good souls, those who possess divine qualities to keep the Creation going. He rewards them in many ways including a better next birth. Shouldn't we thank God for this 'kripa' (grace)?The second reason to thank God profusely is for protecting good souls from demons. Lord Krishna has stated in verse # 16.6, "There are two types of living beings in this world: possessing divine qualities and having demonic qualities. Every person has either the predominance of divine or demonic qualities." Those with a preponderance of demonic qualities remain engaged in cruel acts. (16.4) There is a good percentage of such people. How do good people, i.e. having a preponderance of divine qualities, escape their attention?

God manages that. I cannot imagine living the way I do, i.e. with freedom and escape from being hurt by them. Believe me, I thank my Lord for this great mercy a lot, knowing how vulnerable I am.My third reason to be thankful to God is for bailing me out of all troubles, which make



their painful appearance due to my past bad/sinful acts, mostly in my past lives. I must have, otherwise I wouldn't be giving birth in this dukhalaya. God has promised this to all those who have God's consciousness. The fourth reason to thank God is for acting as karta (doer) in my life. There are five factors for accomplishing any task. These are: the place of action and the doer and many different kinds of instruments and many different efforts and fifth in this connection is the providence only." (18.14) Only God can control all the five. No human being has control over any other factor except being a doer. And when God is the karta, a task gets surely done. God does this kripa on us whenever He feels that it is according to dharma and we deserve it. The fifth reason to thank God, especially by me is for God using me as His nimitta (instrument). I am one of many whom God has chosen. I suspect that all good people get this privilege, as Arjuna was. (11.33) The sixth reason to thank God one and all human beings is His mercy in allowing very simple spiritual practices like praying, naman (obeisance), chanting and, yes, thanking. Once we begin doing them, God is in the picture. He doesn't wait for us to become His devotees; God begins to help us to become one. Because all these acts signal to God our intention to take His shelter. In my case, God has been micromanaging my life for a long time encouraging me to go on with my spiritual activities like writing spiritual texts such as articles and books. All the religions promote this act of thanking God. If we don't thank when we should we are becoming a debtor. I look for opportunities to thank others, and to God of course. He gives me plenty of reasons to be thankful. (The writer is a spiritual teacher; views are personal)

Prioritising growth and regional development



analysis 07

The first budget by NDA-3 is anticipated to address the demands of stakeholders and States seeking assistance to bridge regional disparities



he NDA-3 government is gearing up to present its first budget on July 23. This budget carries high expectations as it is anticipated to da and is expected to deliver substantially to meet the demands of stakeholders and states seeking assistance. Discussions are underway regarding the reinstatement of special status for states like Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, with demands from Janata Dal (United) and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in exchange for their support for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance government. Andhra Pradesh's CM, N. Chandrababu Naidu, has demanded Rs one trillion to support the state's industrial and THE DEMAND FOR infrastructure development. The demand for special category status for Bihar and Andhra Pradesh poses the crucial question of why a similar approach should not be adopted to accelerate and expand the industrial growth of Punjab, a landlocked border state. This expectation arises at a critical time when the state is experiencing a sig-nificant divergence in its industrial activities due to stagnant growth and reduced exports. These circumstances demand new measures to catapult the state to greater heights. In the mid-nineties, neighbouring hill states like Himachal Pradesh reaped the benefits of a central special industrial package, while Punjab faced significant setbacks as many major players expanded and shifted their operations to the hilly states. The geographical disadvantage of being distant from seaports has led to certain investment disadvantages and stagnant growth in the industrial sector. Today, Punjab demands a level playing field to compete on an equal footing, as its key manufacturing industries have the potential to become an 'Engine of Growth.' Punjab inherited a fragile industrial base at the time of India's partition in 1947, which was further eroded with the creation of Haryana in 1966. The 1980s and 1990s were tumultuous due to terrorism and social unrest, impacting industrial growth in the region. Currently, Punjab only accounts for 5% of industrial units in the country, with a 3.6% Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in the industrial sector over the last five fiscal years. In contrast,

neighbouring states like Haryana have demonstrated higher growth rates at 5.9%. Punjabis positioned 10th with a score of 58.95 in the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) ranking 2023, whereas Haryana holds the 5th position with a score of 63.65. It raises concern that Gujarat has the highest number of 8 districts among the top 25 districts in terms of export share, followed by Maharashtra with 5 districts, Haryana with one, and Punjab with none.

Moreover, in terms of foreign direct investments (FDI), Punjab ranks 12th, having attracted only 0.49% of FDI. This is in stark contrast to neighbouring Haryana, which ranks sixth with FDI equity inflows accounting for 4.17% of the total inflows. The erosion of industry is a pressing crisis in Punjab. Despite efforts by successive governments to attract investments, significant hurdles such as location disadvantage, law and order and frequent protests

as the second-largest producer of polyester silk, fibre, and cotton yarn. It dominates woollen knitwear (95%) and hosiery (65%) exports, showcasing its strength in the glob-al market. While China holds a dominant position with a 37% share, India is positioned with a 5% share, includis positioned with a 5% share in the global export market, and there is huge potential for expansion in export markets such as the USA, UAE, UK, Germany, France, and Australia.

Ludhiana also commands a remark-able 92% of India's total bicycle parts production and 75% of bicycle production, securing its position as the leading exporter of bicycles from India with an 80% share. While India lags behind China in bicycle exports, there is clear potential to aggressively expand global exports with untapped opportunities in the US, European countries, and Africa as burgeoning bicycle markets. Jalandhar holds a solid 45% share of the total production, with 75% of the country's sports goods being exported from the city. Despite China's dominant position as the largest exporter of sports goods with a share of 42.2%, India's current 0.56% share of global exports signifies the untapped potential for Punjab's growth, with lucrative prospects in the USA, UK, Brazil, Germany, Mexico, South Africa, Colombia, and Argentina. Punjab plays a pivotal role, hosting one-third of total OEMs in the farm equipment segment and serving as the leading tractor manufacturer, contributing one-third to India's production. With a commanding share in exports, Punjab stands tall as the largest exporter.

The Production Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme should be thoroughy re-evaluated to ensure it delivers the intended impact on competitive-ness and scale. Monitoring its progress closely is critical.

The slow progress of the PLI scheme, especially in labour-inten-sive sectors like textiles, automobiles, and components, must be addressed urgently. To achieve broader goals such as enhancing exports, attracting significant investments, and generating employment, expanding PLI to new sectors like bicycles and sports goods is imperative to encompass the maximum number of MSMEs.Assertive GST Rationalization: There is an urgent need to rationalize the current GST structure to eliminate the complex hurdles created by multiple tax slabs. Transitioning from the existing structure to a simplified two or three-slab framework and providing exemptions for previously exempted items such as farm imple-

ersist. One major issue is the THE CRUCIAL location disadvantage, as Punjab's distance from seaports makes its QUESTION OF industrial operations non-compet-WHY A SIMILAR itive in the global market. Two years ago, CM Bhagwant Maan **APPROACH**

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announced in the Vision Punjab conclave of ASSOCHAM that SHOULD NOT BE Punjab aims to become the first state ADOPTED TO in the country to own wagons (Punjab on wheels), offering a ACCELERATE AND potential solution to dilute the freight burden.

EXPAND THE However, the success of this endeav-INDUSTRIAL our depends on the support from both the central and state govern-**GROWTH OF** ments. Punjab is an exceptional hub for textile yarn, bicycles, hosiery, PUNJAB, A tractors, automobile components, sports goods, engineering goods, LANDLOCKED and leather. **BORDER STATE**

These industrial clusters possess immense potential and can be further strengthened. Ludhiana proudly leads as the top producer of blended yarn and hosiery, as well

Despite India's current 2.2% share, the potential for over 2 lakh tractors to be exported in the next 3 years to burgeoning markets such as Brazil, Argentina, Turkey, SAARC, and African nations is undeniable. Wish List: Priority Focus on PLI:

ments is crucial to streamline the system.

Ćritical Focus on Logistics Cost: Competitive and efficient logistics are the foundation for industrial growth. Policy-backed support for state-owned wagons in landlocked border states like Punjab is essential to address the over-freight burden and provide a level playing field manufacturing hubs. Incentivizing labour-intensive and export-oriented industries in the upcoming budget is vital to driving the country's economic growth and employment generation.

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Cinema: A potent tool in global politics and cultural diplomacy

In our multipolar world, cinema has become a critical component of soft power, shaping global perceptions through its captivating narratives

ovies have evolved far beyond mere enter-Ltainment; they now play a significant role in global politics and cultural relations. Through creative expressions, films harness the ecosystem comprising key stakeholders to nurture and develop soft power dynamics and geopolitical equations. In the realm of geopolitics, movies are more than art; they are potent tools used by countries to showcase their soft power and expand their influence worldwide.

Through their film industries, nations share stories that resonate globally, reflecting their identities and serving as diplomatic instruments. Films offer profound insights into the societal dynamics of different countries, profound



CHAITANYA K PRASAD y impacting international rela-

tions.Today, we live in a multipolar world where power dynamics are fluid, and various stakeholders, perceptions, ideologies, strategies, networks, interfaces, and interactions play a critical role. The challenge we face today is

assembling a complex jigsaw puzzle, where every piece of this puzzle has a vital role to play. Geographical boundaries have blurred exponentially, thanks to globalisation, and management of ideas in a

enhancing communication and ushering in a new era where technology plays a pivotal role in shaping these interactions.

The emergence of the new players can be attributed to the concept of Soft Power dynamics. This idea, coined by Joseph S. Nye, describes the ability to attract and persuade through

culture, political ideals, and policies. In this context, cinema has become an essential component of Soft Power. Cinema, as a medium and platform, acts as a catalyst to position soft power dynamics, decoding perceptions, perspectives and geopolitical stances globally. The portrayal on the big screen infuses fresh thinking into the policy debate dynamics, global issues

global framework, bound by multipolarity and instant communication.

Many films in the past have mirrored multidimensional dynamics and impact on different ecosystems, nations and individuals. Cinema and foreign policy interface reinforces the global appeal of a concept, or idea leading to a dynamic framework for cultural diplomacy. Cinema as a medium has added a new tool to the dynamics of bilateralism, the use of creative tools in the portrayal of a new point of view, ideology and intervention along with better cultural understanding.

Cinema has emerged as a vehicle of Collaboration, Cooperation, Cohesion, Coordination, and Convergence — the 5Cs of cin-



ema. On the global front, cinema breaks barriers, overcomes obstacles, and thrives on the creativity of both old and new players.

It no longer caters solely to Western or Eurocentric narratives but embraces a diverse global perspective, which plays a crucial role in shaping cinema perceptions and adding a soft touch to global power dynamics. The importance of cinema in geopolitics has traditional distribution.

grown significantly over recent years, with governments increasingly funding film projects that reflect their national interests and cultural heritage. Many countries use their film industries as a powerful tool for soft power to shape their global impression.

The impact of movies is greatly amplified by their ğlobal presence, thanks to the rise of streaming services that have revolutionised film distribution, making it easier for films from smaller markets to reach a worldwide audience. Platforms such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Hulu have democratised access to movies from various countries, allowing filmmakers worldwide to showcase their cultural stories without relying on

Cinema transcends power structures by influencing public opinion and shaping international policies through its captivating narratives. Movies serve as platforms for discussions and political analysis, sparking conversations that can drive societal transformation. Filmmakers and actors act as ambassadors with significant sway, using their works to facilitate cultural exchange and international conversations. Cinema has become a platform for new ideas and concepts, driving integration through International Film Festivals. The role of cinema in today's world is incredibly significant. It serves as a diplomatic tool and a compelling medium to communicate ideas through storytelling, influencing international relationships. Beyond its audience, cinema has a far-reaching impact on global leaders, policymakers, and communities worldwide. It acts as an envoy, spreading messages of peace, empathy, and solidarity through engaging stories that mirror the complexities of human life. There is no doubt that cinema now transcends entertainment in contemporary society. Nations are recognising the power of cinema as a tool to promote their agendas and perspectives on the world stage, underscoring its importance in diplomacy.

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'I'm supposed to be dead'

TRUMP REFLECTS ON ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

PTI MILWAUKEE

Donald Trump has said he is "supposed to be dead" after the assassination attempt on him at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania, calling the incident a "surreal experience?

experience." In one of his first interviews since the incident, the 78-year-old former president told conser-vative US media that he felt that he had been saved "by luck or by God". "T'm not supposed to be here, I'm supposed to be dead," the former US president said, speaking to the New York Post while en route at the exact right time and in just the right amount," he said, adding that the bullet that grazed his ear could have easily killed him. "I'm supposed to be dead, I'm not supposed to be here," he said. He called the entire inci-dent a "surreal experience." A spectator was killed in the attack, while two other people were seriously injured. The 20-

to Milwaukee for the Republican National Convention starting on Monday which will nominate him as the party's candidate for the

November 5 presidential election. "The most incredible thing was that I hap-pened to not only turn [my head] but to turn at the exact right time and in just the right

year-old gu nman, who also died, has been named as Thomas Matthew Crooks. Trump wore a white bandage that covered his

right ear but his aides did not allow any photographs to be taken, said the Post. "The doctor at the hospital said he never saw anything like this, he called it a miracle," Trump added. "By luck or by God, many peo-ple are saying it's by God I'm still here." Trump also addressed the photos of him rais-ing his fist and saying "Fight!" as he had blood or his face.

on his face. "A lot of people say it's the most iconic photo they've ever seen," Trump said. "They're

to have an iconic picture." Trump told the paper he wanted to keep

right and I didn't die. Usually, you have to die

speaking following the shooting but the Secret Service insisted he go to the hospital. "I just wanted to keep speaking, but I just got shot," he said. Trump also said he appreciat-ed the call he received from President Joe Biden, also expected to be his rival in the elec-tion, according to the Post, calling it "fine" and "warw pice" "very nice."

The paper reported that Trump suggested the campaign between him and Biden, a Democrat, could be more civil from now on.

Biden calls for national unity, says time to 'cool down'

PTI MILWAUKEE

US President Joe Biden on Sunday urged citizens to unite in the hour of crisis when a failed assassination bid was made on his predecessor Donald Trump and said it was time to "cool down" political rhetoric in the country.

In a prime-time national address from the Oval Office, "I want to speak to you tonight about the need for us to lower the temperature in our politics and to remember, while we may disagree, we are not enemies we are neighbours, friends, coworkers, citizens, and most importantly, we are fellow Americans."

Calling for national unity, he said, "We must stand together". "Yesterday's shooting at Donald Trump's rally in Pennsylvania calls on all of us to take a step back, take stock of where we are and how we go forward from here," he said.

The President spoke for the third time in less than 24 hours after Trump was shot at during an election rally in

Pennsylvania. Biden said the motive of the shooter is not known yet. "We don't know his opinions or affiliations. We don't know whether he had help or support or if he communicated with anyone else. Law enforcement professionals, as I speak, are investigating those questions." "A former president was shot and an American citizen killed for simply exercising his freedom to support the candidate of his choosing. We cannot... *ie* must not go down this roa



answer," he said. 'There is no place in America for this kind of violence, for any violence ever. Period. No exceptions. We can't allow this violence to be normalised," he said.

Disagreement is inevitable in American democracy, he observed. "Political rhetoric in this coun-

Political rhetoric in this coun-try has gotten very heated. It's time to cool it down. We all have a responsibility to do that," the President said. "It's part of human nature that politics must never be a little battlefield, or God forbid, a killing field. I believe politics ought to be an arena for peaceought to be an arena for peace-ful debate, to pursue justice and to make decisions guided by the Declaration of

tion," he said.

the passions become. This

place is an added burden on each of us to ensure that no matter how strong our conviction was never descending into violence," he added.

In a passionate appeal to the nation, Biden said, "Let's remember here in America, all unity is the most elusive of gold goals right now. Nothing is more important for us now. And standing together. We can do this?

"We must be an American democracy. where arguments are made in good faith.... where the rule of law is respected and where decency, dignity and fair play aren't just quaint notions but living breathing realities?

"We owe that to those who Independence in our constitu- come before us, those who gave their life in this country "We stand for an America not and we owe that to ourof extremism of fury, but of selves..... Let's remember we decency and grace. All of us are the United States of America. There is nothing beyond our capacity. When we do it. Together," Biden said.

Anger and anxiety loom over the Republican convention

AP MILWAUKEE

Donald Trump's campaign chiefs designed the convention opening this week to feature a softer and more optimistic message, focusing on themes that would help a divisive leader expand his appeal among moderate voters and people of colour. Then came a shooting that rat-tled the foundation of

American politics.

Suddenly, the Democrats' tur-moil after the debate, the GOP's potential governing agenda and even Trump's criminal convictions became secondary to fears about political violence and the country's stability. The presumptive Republican nominee and his allies will face the nation during their four-day convention in Milwaukee unquestionably united and ready to "fight", as the blood-ied Trump cried out Saturday while Secret Service agents at his Pennsylvania rally rushed him to safety.

Anger and anxiety are coursing through the party, even as many top Republicans call for calm and a lowering of tensions

Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, known for his sunny and optimistic vision of Republican politics, suggested online the attempted assassination had been "aided and abetted by the radical Left and corporate media incessantly calling Trump a threat to democsts or wo



more somber tone during a Sunday appearance on NBC. "We've got to turn the temper-

ature down in this country," Johnson said. "We need leaders of all parties, on both sides, to call that out and make sure that happens so that we can go forward and maintain our free society that we all are blessed to have."

There are no changes yet to the convention programme

In an interview on Sunday, Republican Party chairman Michael Whatley said the convention's programming wouldn't be changed after the shoot-The agenda he said wil

Trump's plans to lift everyday working Americans. We have to be able to lay out vision for where we want to take this country," he

said. Whatley said the central message would have little to do with President Joe Biden's political struggles, Trump's griev-ances about the 2020 election or the ex-president's promises to exact retribution against political enemies.

We are going to have the convention that we have been planning for the last 18 months," he said. "We are a combination of relieved and

Many anti-abortion advocates strongly opposed the Trump campaign's rewriting of the platform. But after the shooting, at least one major religious conservative said he wouldn't press to reverse the committee's decision.

"More divisiveness would not be healthy," said Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council.

Perhaps most importantly, Trump will use the convention to unveil his choice for vice president, which could come as Republicans believe the pick will take on more importance than it would have otherwise given the new threats to Trump's life.

His top three contenders are North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, Ohio Sen. JD Vance and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, all expected to speak this week. Despite a contentious primary season, any lingering tensions appear to have been set aside. Former rivals Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and Nikki Haley, the former United Nations ambassador, are expected to speak at the convention on Trump's

behalf. Veteran Republican pollster Frank Luntz said the shooting ensured the GOP is united and motivated behind Trump, a dynamic he said will be on display all week in Wisconsin. "Every single Trump support-er will now be a Trump voter," Luntz said. "The average Frump voter i so anory at wh just happened. They were angry before this, and now they're furious."

in America. We've travelled before throughout our history. Violence has never been the

now face atomic testing as the election approaches. The higher the stakes, the more fervent Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson, another likely convention speaker, offered a

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feature more than 100 speakers grateful that the president is Court overturned Roe v. Wade going to be here and is going to

Supreme and ended a federally guaranteed right to abortion.

Beyond voting to formally give

Trump the nomination, elect-

Trump the nomination, elect-ed delegates from across the nation will update the GOP's policy platform for the first time since 2016. The scaled-down platform proposal — just 16 pages with limited specifics on key issues, includ-ing abortion — reflects a desire by the Trump campaign to avoid giving Democrats more material on a key campaign

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The platform approved by a

committee last week doesn't include an explicit call for a

national abortion ban, two

years after the US

issue.

'Gunman acted alone; being probed as act of domestic terror'

PTI MILWAUKEE

The gunman who shot at former president Donald Trump during an election rally in Pennsylvania on Saturday appears to have acted alone, according to the FBI, which is investigating it as a potential "domestic terrorism" act.

The gunman has been identified as Thomas Matthew Crooks (20)

"At this point in the investigation, it appears that he was a lone actor, but we still have more investigation to go," said Robert Wells, the executive assistant director of the FBI's National Security Branch. The FBI, he said, is investigat

ing this as an assassination attempt," and also as a "potential domestic terrorism act." The counterterrorism division and criminal divisions are working jointly together to determine the motive, he added. The FBI is leading the investigation into the assassination attempt of Trump at an election rally in Pennsylvania. Trump was hit with a bullet that pierced the upper part of his right ear. He is now safe and is continuing with his schedule that includes travelling to Milwaukee to attend the Republican National Convention, which would formally nominate him as the party's presidential nominee

against incumbent Joe Biden.

The shooter may be deceased. but the investigation is very much ongoing. And, because of that, we are limited in what we say at this point," FBI Director Christopher Wray said. "What we witnessed yesterday was nothing short of an attack on democracy and our demo-

cratic process," he told reporters at a news conference in Washington DC. According to an FBI official,

the investigation into the gun-man at Donald Trump's rally Saturday has not yet turned up any mental health issues, threatening posts or other motives, but cautioned it was still early. The shooter, as per FBI, used an AR-style rifle chambered in 5.56mm, a common calibre for such weapons. The New York Times said authorities were scouring the gunman's social media and other property as they sought to determine a motive for the

attack. Biden is likely to address the nation at 8 pm from the Oval Office. He will give "a forceful and needed address to update the nation on the horrifying attack on Donald Trump and the need for every American to come together to not just condemn, but put to an end political violence in this country once and for all," a campaign official told the daily.

Rescuers in Nepal recover 11 bodies

AP KATHMANDU

Rescuers in Nepal have recovered a total of 11 bodies from the Rriver that two buses full of people were swept into by a landslide, officials said Monday

Rescuers found the bodies in different spots along the riverbanks as they searched for the missing buses and some 50 people who were on board

Government administrator Khima Nanda Bhusal said seven bodies were identified and relatives contacted. Three of the dead are Indians and the remaining four are Nepali nationals.

He said four more bodies were also recovered from the river, but because they haven't been identified, it was unclear if they had been on board the buses. "We will continue the search as long as it is needed and have no plans to give up. We will work until all of them are found," he said.

The buses were on the key highway connecting Nepal's capital to southern parts of the country when they were swept away Friday morning near Simaltal, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) west of Kathmandu. Three people were ejected from the buses and were being treated in a nearby hospital.

AP BEIJING

hina and Russia's naval ✓ forces on Sunday kicked off a joint exercise at a military port in southern China on Sunday, official news agency Xinhua reported, days after NATO allies called Beijing a "decisive enabler" of the war in Ukraine.

The Chinese defense ministry said in a brief statement forces from both sides recently patrolled the western and northern Pacific Ocean and that the operation had nothing to do with international and regional situations and didn't target any third party. The exercise, which began in

Days after NATO allies called Beijing a Ukraine war enabler, China, Russia start joint naval drills

Guangdong province on Sunday and is expected to last until mid-July, aimed to demonstrate the capabilities of the navies in addressing security threats and preserving peace and stability globally and regionally, state broad-caster CCTV reported

Saturday, adding it would include anti-missile exercises, sea strikes and air defense. Xinhua News Agency report-ed the Chinese and Russian naval forces carried out on-map military simulation and tactical coordination exercises after the opening ceremony in the

city of Zhanjiang. The joint drills came on the heels of China's latest tensions with NATO allies last week. The sternly worded final communiqué, approved by the 32 NATO members at their summit in Washington, made clear that China is becoming a focus of the military alliance, calling Beijing a "decisive enabler" of Russia's war against Ukraine. The European and North American members and their partners in the Indo-Pacific increasingly see shared security concerns coming from Russia and its Asian supporters, especially China.

In response, China accused NATO of seeking security at the expense of others and told the alliance not to bring the same "chaos" to Asia. Its foreign

ministry maintained that China has a fair and objective stance on the war in Ukraine. Last week, a US Coast Guard cutter on routine patrol in the Bering Sea also came across several Chinese military ships in international waters but within the US exclusive economic zone, American officials said. Its crew detected three vessels approximately 124 miles (200 kilometers) north of the Amchitka Pass in the Aleutian Islands, which mark a separation and linkage between the North Pacific and the Bering Sea. Later, a fourth ship was spotted approximately 84 miles (135 kilometers) north of the Amukta Pass.

China's Communist Party begins key meet to stem economic slowdown

PTI BEIJING

China's GDP dipped to 4.7 per cent in the second quarter, the government said on Monday, as the ruling Communist Party began a key meeting stated to be a defining moment for President Xi Jinping's leadership to revive the world's second-largest economy.

The four-day meeting called the 'Third Plenum' is being attended by 376 full and alternate members of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee to primarily examine issues related to comprehensively deepening reforms and advancing China's modernisation to work out a course correction for the economy plagued by deepening demographic crisis, sluggish

growth and mounting local government debts.

Kicking off the meeting Xi 71, who is also general secretary of the party, delivered a work report and expounded on a draft decision of the CPC Central Committee on further comprehensively deepening reform and advancing Chinese modernisation, the official media reported.

The meeting, however, began here on a disappointing note for the party leadership as the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) announced the GDP for the second quarter expanded by 4.7 per cent well below the 5.3 per cent annual pace of growth in the first quarter of the year.

The silver lining for the CPC, which is searching for a new set of reforms to shake off the post-

COVID lockdown blues, the economy posted a five per cent growth in the first half, within the range of the official growth target fixed for the vear.

'The current external environment is complicated, while domestic demand remains insufficient. We still need to consolidate the foundation for economic recovery," the NBS

said on Monday. While the third plenum of the CPC was regarded as important to set the reform agenda for the next decade, the meeting was seen as a defining moment for Xi, who is into the unprecedented third five-year term as the economy was unable to shake off its slowdown mode resulting in a sense of unease about the recovery in the near future.

presided over a host of meetings to set the tone for the key plenum and chart the direction for the nation's future reform highlighting that "the furthering of reform must focus on refining and developing the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and advance modernisation of the country's governance system and governance capacity".

A readout of a key party meeting presided over by Xi in February said: "Reform measures need to be sharply focused, targeting the most pressing problems. Reform efforts must be substantial and impactful."

The event could be the most important "defining moment" of President Xi Jinping's rule since a similar gathering in Ahead of the meeting, Xi 2013 that set out his vision for

reforming the country, a political researcher from Tsinghua University, who requested anonymity, told the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post.

He said the watershed third plenum would be used by the party elite to review achievements under Xi's leadership and lay down plans to hit goals set for 2035, "which will lay the groundwork for the President's grand legacy of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation by 2049"

The plenum is also taking place at a time when China, struggling with various curbs and sanctions from the US and the EU, especially its high-tech products, is trying to assure both foreign business and the private sector at home about the country's economic prospects to

attract investments. Neil Thomas, a fellow for Chinese politics at the Asia Society Policy Institute's Centre for China Analysis, said Xi would use the plenum to advance his existing agenda focused on party control, technological self-reliance, financial de-risking, social welfare, and supply-side industrial policy. But the political challenges of economic pessimism could lead to some very modest 'positive surprises', he told the Post.

The most intriguing new signals ahead of the plenum suggest the possibility of more pro-business policies in hi-tech domains, although Xi does not want to unleash entrepreneurs and markets but rather harness them to develop technology and boost manufacturing, he said.



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Pak govt's bid to ban party act of desperation: Imran

PTI ISLAMABAD

ailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf on Monday reacted sharply to the government's decision to ban the party, saying the move came "out of desperation" and is a "sign of panic" within the federal administration. The Pakistan government announced that it would ban the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party for its alleged involvement in anti-state activities and slap cases against him and two of his senior party colleagues for treason.

Khan, 71, faces over 200 cases, has been convicted in a few of them, and is currently lodged at the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi. "The federal government has decided to ban PTI as a political party. Reasons cited by the information minister are the cipher case and the US Congressional Resolution on electoral rigging and politically motivated cases with no merit in sight. The PML-N is shooting its own foot for these reasons," the PTI said in a statement.

The PML-N — Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz — is run by Khan's arch rival Nawaz Sharif and is a major coalition partner in the ruling dispensation headed by his younger brother Shehbaz Sharif.

The PML-N is shooting its own foot for these reasons because Khan has been acquitted in a cipher case and the US congressional resolution points out the ordeal a political party has to face over the period of a few months," the PTI statement added.



Senior PTI leader Senator Ali Zafar told Geo News that the federal government was attempting to ban the party "out of desperation" as the Supreme Court had ruled in its favour in the reserved seats case and said that his party would not allow the decision's implementation "even for a second" as it is against the law of the land.

He was referring to the key judgment of the Supreme Court last week that declared that Khan's PTI was eligible for the seats reserved for women and minorities in the national and four provincial assemblies. If allotted thus, the PTI will become the largest party in the National Assembly with 109 seats.

"The government doesn't realise, the UN resolution wasn't a bilateral agreement but an independent observation made by a

charter, Pakistan is a part of. Pakistan is a signatory of the UN and therefore any provocative comments could lead to Pakistan losing its membership," the party added. The PTI statement also pointed out that the Information Minister Attaullah Tarar, who announced the government decision at a press conference, ignored all questions regarding the US and the UN working group observations, "maybe because he's either unaware of its implica-tions or just doesn't have a clue."

"And this is a sign of panic as they have realised the courts can't be threatened and put under pressure. So they will try to move under the cabinet," it said, adding, Since no judge is willing to give in to blackmail or pressure, I have been saying for a while now we are under a soft mar-tial law and this move only proves our point further." The party also issued a longish statement on its X handle.

Khan has already claimed the February 8 general elections to have witnessed the Mother of All Rigging' and called his rivals the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) as "mandate thieves.

In the election, both PML-N and PPP individually won fewer seats than 92 won by independent candidates backed by Khan's PTI. The two parties entered into a postpoll alliance under which the PML-N got the prime minister's post and the chief ministership of Punjab province while the PPP got the presidential post and the chief ministership in Sindh province.

KP Sharma Oli sworn in as Nepal's PM for 4th time

PTI 📕 KATHMANDU

P Sharma Oli on Monday K^P Sharma Oli on Monday was sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister for the fourth time to lead a new coalition government that faces the daunting challenge of provid-ing political stability in the

Himalayan nation. The leader of Nepal's largest communist party was appointed as prime minister on Sunday by President Ram Chandra Paudel to lead the coalition government with the Nepali Congress (NC), the largest party in Parliament, apart from

other smaller parties. Oli, 72, succeeds Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', who lost the vote of confidence in the House of Representatives (HoR) on Friday, leading to the formation

of the new government. Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML), Oli was sworn in by President Paudel at Shital Niwas, the main building of Rashtrapati Bhawan at a ceremony that was delayed by more than half an hour.

According to the news portal MyRepublica, the swearing-in ceremony was delayed due to the failure of the Nepali Congress to finalise the names



Outgoing Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal (left) congratulates newly-elected Prime Minister Khadga Prassad Oli (right) after the oath of office at the Presidential residence in Kathmandu on Monday. AP/PT

eight, excluding the Prime of its ministers to join the Minister, from the CPN-UML, government amid disputes within the party. Party and one from the

The President also administered oaths to the two Deputy PMs – Prakash Man Singh and Bishnu Paudel – and 19 other ministers. Singh would also look after the Urban Development Ministry while Vishnu Prakash Paudel would look after the Finance Ministry. Arzoo Rana Deuba, wife of Nepali Congress President Sher Bahadur Deuba is the Foreign Minister in the cabinet.

of Nepal, according to a notice issued by the President's Office. There are 10 cabinet ministers On Friday night, Oli had staked from the Nepali Congress;

"War is mathematics?

his claim to become the next Prime Minister with the backing of NC President Deuba and ing of NC President Deuba and submitted the signatures of 165 House of Representatives (HoR) members — 77 from his Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) party and 88 from the Nepali Congress. (NC) (NC)

Oli will now need to secure a vote of confidence from Parliament within 30 days of appointment, which he is likely to secure easily as the minimum number to form a government in the 275-strong HoR is just 138.

Prachanda faced the vote of confidence as earlier last week, Oli's party withdrew its support to that coalition and inked a new seven-point deal with Deuba to form a new coalition government. According to the July 1 deal between NC and CPN-UML, the two parties will lead the government on a rotational basis until the next general elections scheduled for 2027.Oli served as Nepal's prime minister from October 11, 2015, to August 3, 2016 and then, from February 5, 2018, to July 13, 2021. He continued to serve from May 13, 2021, to July 13, 2021.

Pakistan govt files review petition against allotting reserved seats to Imran's party

PTI ISLAMABAD

The ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party-led government on Monday filed a review petition in the Supreme Court against its decision to allocate reserved seats to jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party.

A 13-member full court in a key judgment on July 12 ruled that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was eligible for the seats reserved for women and minorities in the National Assembly and provincial assemblies

The case gave a major boost to PTI and its founder Khan while

the government criticised the apex court and decided to chal-PTI have declared themselves independent in the papers.

lenge it. Γhe PML-N in the review petition took the stand that the July Following the ruling, PTI will become the largest party in the National Assembly as its seats will 12 decision of the Supreme Court regarding specific seats likely soar from 86 to 109, after is against the law asking indeit gains 23 reserved seats, pendent members to join a Pakistani media reports said. political party within 15 days. In the review petition, the PML-N stated the PTI had not request-It has been argued in the petition that the Constitution and ed for specific seats while the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC), law are clear that independent candidates can join a political which had filed the petition, was party within three days. It is also mentioned in the peti-

a separate political entity. It further contended that the independent candidates have already joined the Sunni Ittehad Council and as per the July 12 decision, the members In this review appeal, it has who were declared as part of been requested that the

Supreme Court should review the decision of the specific seats and suspend the July 12 decision pending the decision

on the review application. The latest development comes as Information Minister Atta Tarar dropped the bombshell about banning the PTI, creating political uncertainty which may further exacerbate the economic situation of the country. Tarar in the controversial move announced the government will ban jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's the arguments of the parties while giving the decision in party for its alleged involvement in anti-state activities and slap cases against him and two of his senior party colleagues for treason.

Ukrainian startups create low cost robots to fight Russia

AP NORTHERN UKRAINE

Struggling with manpower shortages, over-whelming odds and uneven internation-al assistance, Ukraine hopes to

find a strategic edge against Russia in an abandoned warehouse or a factory basement.

An ecosystem of laboratories in hundreds of secret workshops is leveraging innovation to create a robot army that Ukraine hopes will kill Russian troops and save its own wounded soldiers and

civilians. Defense startups across Ukraine - about 250 according to industry estimates — are creating the killing machines at secret locations that typically look like rural car repair shops.

Employees at a startup run by entrepreneur Andrii Denysenko can put together an unmanned ground vehicle called the Odyssey in four days at a shed used by the company. Its most important fea-ture is the price tag: USD 35,000, or roughly 10 per cent of the cost of an imported model.

limits. We understand that we cannot spend a lot of human lives," said Denysenko, who heads the defense startup UkrPrototyp.

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Outgoing Prime Minister

Prachanda was also present at

the ceremony, which was

attended by foreign diplomats

Earlier on Sunday, President

Paudel had appointed Oli as the

new Prime Minister under Article 76-2 of the Constitution

and other dignitaries.

the government.

One of its drones, the car-sized Odyssey, spun on its axis and kicked up dust as it rumbled forward in a cornfield in the north of the country last month.

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Anti-terrorism court indicts ex-Pak foreign minister Qureshi in May 9 violence case

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favour of the PTI.

PTI LAHORE

n anti-terrorism court here Aon Monday charged top Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader and former foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi in a case involving the burning down of a police station during the May 9 violence last year. Oureshi, 68, who was brought to Kot Lakhpat jail here from Adiala jail in Rawalpindi under tight security, has several cases related to May 9 violence, including arson, filed against him at the Shadman police station, Geo News reported.

The court had summoned Qureshi to initiate indictment proceedings against him and ordered him to present witnesses in the next hearing scheduled for July 22.

The indictment of Qureshi came hours before the Pakistan government announced its decision to ban Khan's PTI for its alleged involvement in anti-



state activities

The Lahore police had registered a case against several leaders and activists of the PTI on the charges of attacking and burning down the Shadman police station during the May 9 riots following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan by the Rangers in an alleged corruption case.

related to the May 9 violence have been lodged against Qureshi in Lahore alone. Qureshi has been in prison since he and Khan, 71, were sentenced by a Pakistani court to 10 years in jail for violating the Official Secrets Act by making a diplomatic cable public when the PTI founder was in power.

Besides this case, multiple cases Though the Islamabad High

Court (IHC) on June 3 acquitted Khan and Qureshi in the Cipher case, suspending their 10-year sentence, the two remain in jail as they are named in multiple cases in connection with the May 9 violence across Pakistan.

Qureshi was earlier this year indicted in eight more cases related to the May 9 violence. The May 9 riots were triggered across the country after 71year-old Khan was arrested by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in the 190-million-pound corruption case. He is currently facing over 200 cases and has been in jail since August last year.

Hundreds of PTI workers and senior leaders were put behind bars for their involvement in violence and attacks on military installations, including the Jinnah House, ISI building in Faisalabad and General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi, last year on May 9.

Associated Press not publish details of the location to protect the infrastructure and the people working there.

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The site is partitioned into small rooms for welding and body work. That includes making fiberglass cargo beds, spray-painting the vehicles gun-green and fitting basic electronics, battery-powered engines, off-the-shelf cameras and thermal sensors.

The military is assessing dozens of new unmanned air, ground and marine vehicles produced by the no-frills startup sector, whose production methods are far removed from giant Western defense companies

A fourth branch of Ukraine's military — the Unmanned Systems Forces — joined the army, navy and air force in May. Engineers take inspiration from articles in defense magazines or

online videos to produce cut-price platforms. Weapons or smart components can be added later. "We are fighting a huge country, and they don't have any resource

World's rarest whale may have washed up on NZ beach

The spade-toothed whales are the world's rarest, with no live sightings ever recorded. No one knows how many there are, what they eat, or even where they live in the vast expanse of the southern Pacific Ocean. However, scientists in New Zealand may have finally caught a break

The country's conservation agency said Monday a creature that washed up on a South Island beach this month is believed to be a spade-toothed whale. The fivemeter-long creature, a type of beaked whale, was identified after it washed ashore on Otago beach from its color patterns and the shape of its skull, beak and teeth

"We know very little, practically nothing" about the creatures, Hannah Hendriks, Marine Technical Advisor for the Department of Conservation, told the Associated Press. "This is going to lead to some amazing science and world-first information."

If the cetacean is confirmed to be the elusive spade-toothed whale, it would be the first specimen found in a state that would

permit scientists to dissect it, allowing them to map the relationship of the whale to the few others of the species found, and learn what it eats and perhaps lead to clues about where they live.

Only six other spade-toothed whales have ever been pinpointed, and those found intact on New Zealand's North Island beaches had been buried before DNA testing could verify their identification, Hendriks said, thwarting any chance to study them.

This time, the beached whale was quickly transported to cold storage and researchers will work with local Maori iwi (tribes) to plan how it will be examined, the conservation agency said.

New Zealand's Indigenous people consider whales a taonga — a sacred treasure — of cultural significance. In April, Pacific Indigenous leaders signed a treaty recognizing whales as "legal persons," although such a declaration is not reflected in the laws of participating nations. Nothing is currently known about the

whales' habitat. The creatures deep-dive for food and likely surface so rarely that it has been impossible to narrow their loca-



tion further than the southern Pacific Ocean, home to some of the world's deepest ocean trenches, Hendriks said. "It's very hard to do research on marine mammals if you don't see them at sea," she said. "It's a bit of a needle in a haystack. You don't know where to look.

The conservation agency said the genetic testing to confirm the whale's identification could take months.

It took "many years and a mammoth amount of effort by researchers and local people" to identify the "incredibly cryptic" mammals, Kirsten Young, a senior lec-

turer at the University of Exeter who has studied spade-toothed whales, said in emailed remarks.

The fresh discovery "makes me wonder - how many are out in the deep ocean

and how do they live?" Young said. The first spade-toothed whale bones were found in 1872 on New Zealand's Pitt Island. Another discovery was made at an offshore island in the 1950s, and the bones of a third were found on Chile's Robinson Crusoe Island in 1986. DNA sequencing in 2002 proved that all three specimens were of the same species — and that it was

one distinct from other beaked whales. Researchers studying the mammal couldn't confirm if the species went extinct. Then in 2010, two, whole, spade-toothed whales, both dead, washed up on a New Zealand beach. Firstly mistaken for one of New Zealand's 13 other more common types of beaked whale, tissue samples taken after they were buried - revealed them as the enigmatic species.

New Zealand is a whale-stranding hotspot, with more than 5,000 episodes recorded since 1840, according to the Department of Conservation.

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WPI inflation surges to 16-month high in June

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Wholesale inflation in the country surged to a 16-month high of 3.36 per cent in June on account of rise in prices of food articles, especially vegetables and manufactured items.

fourth This was the consecutive month when witnessed inflation an upward journey. The wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation was 2.61 per cent in May. It was (-) 4.18 per cent in June 2023.

Wholesale inflation had touched a high of 3.85 per cent in February 2023. "Positive rate of inflation in

June, 2024 is primarily due to increase in prices of food articles, manufacture of food products, crude petroleum & natural gas, mineral oils, other manufacturing etc," the Ministry of Commerce & Industry said in a statement on Monday.

As per the data, inflation in food articles rose 10.87 per cent in June, as against 9.82 per cent in May.



from 32.42 per cent in May. Onion inflation was at 93.35 per cent, while potato was 66.37 per cent in the month under review. Pulses inflation rose 21.64 per cent in June. During the month, inflation in other food items like fruits stood at 10.14 per cent, cereals at 9.27 per cent, and milk at 3.37 per cent.

The upmove in the WPI

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major segments except fuel and power, ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said. Looking ahead, she said, the headline WPI inflation is expected to dip to about 2 per cent in July 2024, driven by a favourable base, as well as some cooling in global commodity prices. With regard to oil prices,

she said, the average price Inflation in vegetables was inflation in June 2024 was of the Indian basket of 38.76 per cent during June, up broad-based, driven by all the crude oil has been quite

company said.

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Foundation (DMF), and other

In the past five years, the company said it has paid Rs

16,350 crore in government royalties, Rs 10,100 crore as

corporate income tax, Rs

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as indirect taxes.

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volatile in July 2024 so far, on the back of supplydemand mismatches, witnessing a month-on-month rise (USD 86.6/bbl up to July 11).

Higher crude oil prices might exert an upward pressure to the headline WPI inflation in the ongoing month, she added. In the fuel and power basket, inflation stood at 1.03 per cent, marginally lower than 1.35 per cent in

However, price rise in crude petroleum & Natural gas was in double digit at 12.55 per cent during the month. In manufactured products, inflation was at 1.43 per cent in June, higher than 0.78 per cent in May.

The rise in June WPI was in line with the retail inflation data for the month. Retail inflation rose to a four-month high of 5.1 per cent in June, data released last week showed.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mainly takes into account retail inflation while framing the monetary policy.





Barthwal said going by the

current trend, the country's

total exports of goods and

services may cross USD 800

During the first quarter of

2024-25, the exports of

billion this fiscal.

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23.78 billion.

PTI NEW DELHI

Tndia's merchandise exports Lin June increased 2.56 per cent to USD 35.2 billion from USD 34.32 billion in the yearago month, according to government data released on Monday.

Imports rose by about 5 per cent to USD 56.18 billion in June against USD 53.51 billion a year ago. The trade deficit, or the gap between imports and exports,

during the month under review stood at USD 20.98 billion. Commerce Secretary Sunil cent to USD 172.23 billion. Sai Life Sciences files IPO papers with Sebi

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Private equity major TPG Capital-backed Sai Life Sciences has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO).

The company's proposed IPO comprises fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 800 crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of 6.15 crore shares by

promoter, investor shareholders and other shareholders, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).

Under the OFS, one of the promoter entities -- Sai Quest Syn Pvt Ltd -- and investor shareholders -- TPG Asia VII SF Pte Ltd, HBM Private Equity India -- will partly offload their respective stakes.

goods and services stood at about USD 200 billion, he At present, Sai Quest Syn holds 5.61 per cent stake in the company, TPG owns India's merchandise exports rose by 9.1 per cent to USD 39.69 per cent shareholding and HBM Private Equity 38.13 billion in May, even as India has 5.5 per cent stake. the trade deficit widened to a Of the IPO proceeds, funds to the tune of Rs 600 crore will seven-month high of USD be used for debt payment and a portion will be used for Exports during April-June this fiscal increased 5.84 per cent to USD 109.96 billion, corporate general purposes, the draft papers filed on Friday showed.

bankers to manage the company's IPO. The Hyderabad-based Sai Life

Hindustan Zinc contributes Imports from Bangladesh aggravate jute sector crisis: Stakeholders ₹13,195 cr to exchequer in FY24 PTI 📕 KOLKATA

PTI 🗖 NEW DELHI

Vedanta group firm Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL) on Monday said it has contributed Rs 13,195 crore to the exchequer in the last financial year, representing about 46 per cent of its total revenues

In FY 2023-24, Hindustan Zinc's total contribution to the exchequer stood at Rs 13,195 crores, the Vedanta group firm said in a regulatory filing. With this, HZL's cumulative

contribution to the exchequer over the past five years stood at Rs 77,803 crore.

"As our businesses grow, so will these numbers. At Hindustan Zinc, we are committed to continuing to do business with a purpose in underlines Hindustan Zinc's a manner that is sustainable, commitment to the state's



transparent and creates value for all our stakeholders," Hindustan Zinc Chairperson Priya Agarwal Hebbar said. Over the past five years, that company has consistently contributed an average of approximately Rs 3,250 crore per year to Rajasthan in the form of royalties, contributions to the District Mineral Foundation (DMF),

and other levies. "This substantial contribution



In a letter to the textile minister, the Jute Balers' Association has raised concerns over the "unregulated import of raw jute" from the neighbouring country and "low orders" for mills have led to a severe payment crisis for domestic raw jute suppliers. Indian Jute Mills Association

18,008 crore as corporate dividend and Rs 26,384 crore has also raised concerns over Hindustan Zinc Limited, a the issue and sought Vedanta Group company, is intervention from the central the world's second-largest and state governments to tide over the crisis. third-largest silver

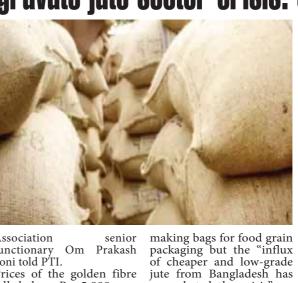
A meeting between the industry stakeholders and the

ministry is expected later on Monday, an official said.

The balers' association, which has been serving the sector for over 115 years, outlined the critical issues threatening the industry's survival. "Despite a bumper crop year

in 2023-24, where domestic supply was sufficient, mills have continued to import large quantities of raw jute from Bangladesh. In June 2024 alone, 73,000 bales, or 22 per cent of the total 3,34,000 bales, were bales, Balers' imported," Jute Association secretary Pulak Jha said in the letter.

There is an opening stock of 3 million bales of raw jute for the jute season as of July 1, 2024, and the new crop is also around the corner. These factors caused prices to plummet below the minimum support price (MSP)," Jute Balers'



Association senior Om Prakash functionary Soni told PTI.

Prices of the golden fibre fell below Rs 5,000 per quintal, while the minimum support price (MSP) is Rs 5,335 per quintal for the 2024-25 season, he said. There has been a bar on the

ssues, payments suppliers are delayed, hindering their ability to purchase fresh jute from farmers. This has use of imported jute in



The association called for a rigorous crackdown on illegal jute imports and a reaffirmation commitment to lawful

practices. The future of millions of livelihoods is at stake," the said, letter urging immediate government intervention to curb the menace of "unregulated imports" and address the issue of reduced orders

Automobile retail

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"With mills facing liquidity

industry stakeholder said.

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Cardiac ward | Induction ceremony

inaugurated PNS NEW RAIPUR

In a significant step to help children born with congenital heart diseases from economically weaker sections of society, REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, inaugurated the "REC Gift of Life-Cardiac Ward" at the state-of-the-art Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital in New Raipur.

Vivek Kumar Dewangan, Chairman and Managing Director, REC Ltd inaugurated the "REC Gift of Life- Cardiac Ward" in presence of distinguished guests, hospital management, doctors medical staff, patients and their family members, and senior officials from REC

for 2024 freshers held

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PNS CHENNA

Tt was a field day for first year students of Allied Health Sciences and Health Sciences Colleges when they received a warm welcome during an induction ceremony at Kattankulathur near Chennai today. N Ram, Director, The Hindu

Group said learning always is a must to stay updated in one's field of study. Skills have to be constantly upgraded. He was the chief guest at the ceremony held at Dr T P Ganesan Auditorium on SRMIST premises Kattankulathur at near Chennai. They must also have good conduct and humbleness, as these are very essential while interacting with the patients, he said.



Showering praises on SRMIST, N Ram said the institution has a very robust entrance exam system designed to intake students into various courses. The entrance exam can be said to be an ideal one as it is designed taking into view all streams in school education in India. 'Colleges of Allied Health Sciences and Health Sciences

have over 100 courses and have an enrolment of 1500 students

Govt aims to cover 25% of kharif paddy area with climate-resilient seeds

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Tn a bid to combat the growing challenges posed by climate change, government is targeting to bring 25 per cent of the total kharif paddy area under climate-resilient seeds, a senior agriculture ministry official said on Monday.

The move comes as erratic rainfall patterns have become increasingly common in recent threatening vears, rice production in the country. India, the world's secondlargest rice producer after China, cultivates paddy on over 410 lakh hectares during the kharif season.

Speaking on the sidelines of ICAR's 96th Foundation and Technology Day celebrations, ICAR Director General



Himanshu Pathak said, "While we have achieved 75 per cent coverage of climate-resilient seeds in wheat cultivation, the adoption in paddy is still limited."

Pathak revealed that ICAR has developed paddy seeds resistant to drought and lodging. These seeds were sown in 16 per cent of the total paddy area during the 2023 kharif season.

"For the ongoing kharif season, we aim to increase this

sales up 9% in coverage to 25 per cent," he added. April-June: FADA

The push for climate-resilient seeds comes at a crucial time. Research studies indicate that climate change could reduce rice yields in India by 3-5 per cent under a medium emissions scenario, and up to 31.3 per cent by 2030 under high emissions.

estimated India's rice production for the 2023-24 crop year (July-June) stands at 136.7 million tonne. The top rice-producing states include West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh.

Pathak attributed the record wheat output of 112.9 million tonne in 2023-24 to the widespread use of climate-8,97,361 units a year ago. resistant seeds, despite weather aberrations



promising, largely due to the emerging performance in rural areas, although these are early trends," Singhania said.

The segment also faced

significant challenges from

extreme heat and the election

period, resulting in 13 per cent reduction in walk-ins in the showrooms during May

Three-wheeler sales rose 11.36 per cent to 2,72,691

units in the first quarter from 2,44,878 units in the same

and June, he stated.

"Despite strong bookings and customer flow, high competition, excess supply and discounting presented challenges for sustained growth in the PV segment," FADA President Manish Raj Singhania said in a statement. Dealers reported significant impacts from elections, extreme heat and market liquidity issues, he noted. The extreme heat led to 18 per cent drop in showroom

walk-ins in May, with inventory levels reaching an all-time high of 62-67 days by the end of June, Singhania The two countries are also said.

availability and substantial aimed discounts at stimulating demand, market sentiment remains subdued due to the extreme heat and delayed monsoons, resulting in 15 per cent fewer walkins," he added.

up 12.56 per cent as compared with 40,46,169 units in the year-ago period. "The recovery in the twowheeler segment is

period last fiscal. Commercial vehicle retail sales witnessed marginal increase at 2,46,513 units as against 2,44,834 units earlier. "Commercial vehicle vehicle segment experienced a slowdown due to the elections and a pause in infrastructure projects. In April, elections dampened sentiment, causing delays in expansion Additionally, plans. limited

financing options and regional challenges, such as water scarcity, further impacted performance," inpacted performance," Singhania said.

Tractor retail sales declined 12.44 per cent to 1,97,719 units from 2,25,818 units a year ago.

Next round of talks for proposed trade, investments agreement between India, EU likely in September

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 $S^{enior\ officials\ of\ India\ and}_{the\ 27-nation\ European}$ Union (EU) are expected to hold the next round of talks for the proposed free trade agreement, which aims at boosting commerce and investments, in September, an official said.

in the Joint Secretary Department of Commerce Darpan Jain said that the eighth round of talks was concluded on June 28. He said that discussions were held on all 21 chapters in the meeting and progress was made in number of areas such as government procurement, digital trade, goods, and market access. "We plan to hold more inter-

sessional meetings in July and August and we intend to have another round (of talks) in the last week of September," Jain told reporters here. On June 17, 2022, India and the EU formally resumed negotiations on the proposed agreement, after a gap of over eight years. They are negotiating Trade and Investment Agreement, and a pact on Geographical Indications (GI). started India had

negotiations for a trade pact with the EU in 2007, but the talks stalled in 2013 as both such as government sides failed to reach an procurement, digital trade, agreement on key issues, including customs duties on

automobiles and spirits and movement the professionals

The trade agreement with the EU would help India further expand and diversify its exports of goods and services, including securing the value chains.

India's merchandise exports to EU member countries have increased to USD 75.92 billion in 2023-24 from USD 74.83 billion in 2022-23. Imports also rose to USD 59.38 billion in 2023-24 from USD 61 billion in 2022-23. The EU accounts for over 17 per cent of India's total exports and about 8.8 per cent of the country's total imports.

Talking about the proposed that worked for both sides.

trade pact with the UK, another official said that with the new government taking charge in Britain, the two countries will take forward the negotiations.

The official said the new government in the UK will

look into the agreement. The India-UK talks for the proposed free trade agreement (FTA) began in January 2022. The 14th round of talks stalled as the two nations stepped into their general election cycles. newly-elected Britain's Minister Prime Keir Starmer spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently and said he stood ready to conclude an FTA

The two leaders agreed to more opportunities for UK work towards the early services in Indian markets conclusion of a mutually beneficial India-UK FTA. There are pending issues in both the goods and services

sectors. The Indian industry is demanding greater access for its skilled professionals from sectors like IT and healthcare in the UK market, besides market access for several goods at nil customs duty.

is seeking a significant cut in import duties on goods such as scotch whiskey, electric vehicles, lamb meat, chocolates and certain

segments like

services,

telecommunications, legal and financial services (banking and insurance).

"Despite improved product

Two-wheeler retails stood at 45,54,255 units in April-June,

negotiating a bilateral investment treaty (BIT). There are 26 chapters in the agreement, which include goods. investments and intellectual property rights. The bilateral trade between India and the UK increased to USD 21.34 billion in

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On the other hand, the UK 2023-24 from USD 20.36 billion in 2022-23. The Labour Party's election manifesto for the recent

confectionary items. polls also committed to Britain is also looking for clinching the deal.



ARGENTINA WINS RECORD 16TH COPA AMERICA TITLE, BEATS COLOMBIA 1-0 AFTER MESSI GETS HURT

AP MIAMI GARDENS (USA)

rgentina won its second straight Copa America championship, A copa America championemp, overcoming Lionel Messi's second-half leg injury to beat Colombia 1-0 on Lautaro Martínez's 112th-minute goal.

Messi appeared to sustain a noncontact injury while running and falling in the 64th minute and covered his face with his hands as he sat on the bench and sobbed on Sunday night.

Martínez later ran to that bench to hug his captain after the goal that propelled Argentina to its record 16th Copa title. In a match that started 1 hour, 22 minutes late because of crowd trouble at Hard Rock Stadium, Argentina won its third straight major title following the 2021 Copa America and 2022 World Cup and matched Spain, which won the 2008 and 2012 European Championships around the 2010 World Cup World Cup.

Argentina also stopped Colombia's 28game unbeaten streak dating to a February 2022 loss to the Albiceleste. Martínez entered in the 97th minute and scored from Giovani Lo Celso's perfect through pass. Just inside the penalty area, Martínez sent a rightfoot shot through the upraised arms of sliding goalkeeper Camilo Vargas for his 29th international goal, his

tournament-high fifth. Making his 39th and possibly last Copa America appearance at age 37, Messi had one goal in the tournament. He went down after an ankle was stepped on in the first half but remained in the game.

England striker Harry Kane Efinished Euro 2024 in a six-

way tie for the Golden Boot top

scorer as his team lost the final

2-1 to Spain. It was another individual accolade for a player yet to win a major trophy for

club or country. Kane ended the tournament

tied on three goals with Spain midfielder Dani Olmo, Germany midfielder Jamal

Musiala, Netherlands forward Cody Gakpo, Slovakia winger

Ivan Schranz and Georgia

Kane has now been a runner-

up in back-to-back European

Championship finals after England's loss to Italy three

years ago, and a runner-up in

one Champions League final

and two English League Cups.

He's won a string of individual

awards, including Bundesliga

striker Georges Mikautadze.

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The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner looked to the bench as soon as he fell to the field in the second half. appearing to know his tournament was over. He took off his right boot as he walked off and slammed it frustration, and his ankle appeared to swell

The start was delayed from 8 p.M. EDT to 9:22 p.M. Because of crowd control issues outside the stadium, including troves of fans breaching security gates at a venue to be used for

the 2026 World Cup. Days after Uruguay players were involved in a brawl with Colombia fans following their semifinal match in Charlotte, North Carolina, video showed fans climbing fences and railings to get inside the championship match, with officials unable to keep track of who had purchased tickets and who didn't. Colombia was more aggressive and forced goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez to make four saves in the first half, but Argentina began to threaten more in

the second.

Nicolás Tagliafico thought he scored in the 75th minute but was ruled offside. Nicolás González, who replaced Messi. Was stopped by Vargas in the 95th minute.

Numerous players lost their footing during the second half of Sunday's match. The grass was heavily watered with sprinklers following the halftime performance by Colombian pop star Shakira, which caused an extended halftime break

England's Harry Kane and Spain's Dani Olmo end Kate, the Princess of Wales, hands Euro 2024 in 6-way tie for Golden Boot top scorer Carlos Alcaraz his Wimbledon trophy in rare appearance for her

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Khanded Carlos Alcaraz the champion's trophy after the Wimbledon men's final at the All England Club in only her second public appearance since announcing she was diagnosed with cancer. Kate, wife of heir to the throne Prince William, was greeted by a standing ovation when she arrived in the Royal Box at Centre Court on Sunday to watch Alcaraz's victory over Novak Djokovic. After leaving the court following the trophy ceremony, the princess and Alcaraz had a conversation in a room inside the tournament's main stadium. "You played so well," Kate told him. "Enjoy the win." Earlier, Kate - wearing a purple dress, one of Wimbledon's official colors -



her in good health; she seems to be in good health," Djokovic said at his postmatch news conference.

"That's obviously very positive news for everyone in this coun-try, but also for Wimbledon."

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Kate and her 9-year-old daughter, Princess Charlotte, got to the site of the grass-court Grand Slam tournament in southwest London in a motorcade about a half-hour before the final was scheduled to begin. They went to a terrace at the club that is connected to the main stadium multicultural by a pedestrian walkway and reflects Spain's changing greeted several people, including demographics. 2021 U.S. Open champion Yamal's mother is from Equatorial Guinea and his Emma Raducanu and other young British tennis players. father is from Morocco, while Also in the Royal Box for the the 22-year-old Williams has final were Kate's sister, Pippa Ghanaian parents who made Matthews, actors Tom Cruise the long journey to Europe and Benedict Cumberbatch and looking for a better life. To several past Wimbledon chammake it to Spain, they had to



Spain wins record fourth European Championship title by inflicting another painful loss on England

Spain is the king of Seuropean soccer for a record fourth time. For England, it's another agonizing near-miss in the team's decadee to team's decades-long tale of underachievement.

Completing a tournament the team dominated from start to finish, Spain beat England 2-1 in the European Championship final on Sunday with Mikel Oyarzabal the unlikely match-winner in the 86th minute.

Oyarzabal, a backup striker who came on as a substitute for captain Alvaro Morata, slid in to poke home a left-wing cross by Marc Cucurella, instante at the grant of Berlin's just when the game at Berlin's Olympiastadion seemed destined for extra time. England, the birthplace of soccer, is still without a major title in the men's game ginge

soccer, is still without a major title in the men's game since winning the 1966 World Cup and its players watched on forlornly as Morata raised aloft the silver trophy to backdrop of confetti and fireworks inside the stadium built for the 1936 Olympics. Add 2024 to the titles won by Add 2024 to the titles won by Spain in 1964, 2008 and 2012. "Here we are, champions of Europe," said Nico Williams, whose opening goal for Spain in the 47th minute was canceled out by England substitute Cole Palmer in the Substitute Cole ranner in the 73rd. "We are thrilled and hope this can keep going and we can go for the (2026) World Cup." Lamine Yamal, the prodigy who turned 17 on Saturday and is the youngest player to

and is the youngest player to have appeared at a European Championship, set up Williams' goal with an inside run before passing across the face of the area. The two wingers have become the ster boys of exciting

team

that

"My parents have suffered a lot to get here. They are the ones who have suffered the most and they have instilled this cort of respect and levalty in sort of respect and loyalty in me," he said. "I'm really happy because we are making history. Unlike his brother Inaki, who is a Ghana international, Nico chose to play for Spain and will now be regarded as a national hero there. Spain is back as a major player in senior soccer after winning both the Women's World Cup - also against England - and the men's UEFA Nations League in 2023.

Since 2001, Spanish men's

consecutive major finals in

club and international soccer.

"I said before the tournament, nobody can hang with us,

Williams said. Spain won all

seven games at this European

unprecedented feat - and

broke the record for goals scored in a single tournament,

There were joyous scenes after the final whistle, with defender

Dani Carvajal piled on by

jubilant teammates after

slumping to the ground. Spain coach Luis de la Fuente was thrown into the air by his players. Both Cucurella and

Yamal led Spain's players in jumping over the advertising

boards to reach the red-and-

yellow-clad Spanish fans in the

This is the best (birthday) gift

I could have asked for," Yamal

said. "It is a dream come true."

After getting his medal, the

teenager turned and shook his

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stadium's east end.

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and his team mates were wearing Spain jerseys with "Kings of Europe" and the

number "4" on the back. Meanwhile, fans who had watched the game on a big screen in Madrid celebrated wildly, chanting "champions, champions" in Spanish. It was a great sporting day for the nation, with Carlos Alcaraz winning the Wimbledon men's singles title for a second straight year hours before the Euro 2024 final. As for England, the men's team has now lost back-to-back Euro finals - it was defeated in a penalty shootout by Italy on home soil in the final in 2021 and this was another painful loss for a team that will have gone six decades without a major title by the next World

Cup. England's women have been more successful, though, winning the European Championship in 2021 and reaching the World Cup final two years later.

"This time it just wasn't meant to be," Prince William, who attended the final alongside other dignitaries including Spain's King Felipe, wrote on social media. "We're all still so

proud of you." It was the fourth straight game that the English came from behind since the group stage, but their resilience wasn't rewarded this time.

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top scorer last sea Munich, but the German club had its first season without a trophy since 2012.

"It's an opportunity missed. It's not easy to get to these finals,' Kane told British broadcaster ITV of England's loss to Spain. "It takes unbelievable resilience and character to get to where we are but ultimately you take the opportunity when it comes and we haven't done it again. It's extremely painful, it's going to hurt for a long, long time."

Kane is one of four men's players to have been top scorer both a European Championship and a World Cup, something he achieved in 2018.

Olmo's main contribution to Spain's win in the final was defensive, as he cleared Marc

Simón said was our planned defense for him to protect that post, but he remembered to do just that and cleared it off the line. It was

Guéhi's header off the line to change

keep his team in the lead late

"I told him that he is my top

on

incredible. For Olmo, being joint top scorer at Euro 2024 is a moment in the spotlight for a player who has faced repeated injury setbacks. He took an unorthodox path to the top of

when Spain's Fernando Torres European soccer, leaving took the prize. At the time, the Barcelona's renowned youth tiebreaker was which player had played the fewest minutes. academy at the age of 16 in 2014 and making his pro debut If that had applied at Euro with Croatian club Dinamo Zagreb. He's played in Germany with Leipzig since 2019.

2024, the award would have gone to Slovakia's Schranz. **UEFA** named Spain midfielder Rodri its player of the UEFA allowed multiple players tournament and Spain forward to share the Euro 2024 top Lamine Yamal, who turned 17 on Saturday, was the young scorer award if they scored the same number of goals, in a player of the tournament

scorer because his save counts and Czech striker Patrik Schick

as a goal for me," goalkeeper both had five goals but

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three goals.

med the winner because he had an went from the stands down to assist and Schick had none. the playing surface to present the trophies, part of her duties as Under the old system, Olmo would have won the tiebreaker patron of the All England Club, with two assists, the most which hosts the annual tournaamong the players tied on ment

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tournaments. At the last men's

European Championship,

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo

The last time that three goals

proved enough to win the

Golden Boot was at Euro 2012,

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She shook hands with some of the ball kids who worked at the tournament, then exchanged words with both players and applauded for Alcaraz after givpions, including Rod Laver, Andre Agassi and Stefan Edberg. ing him the winner's trophy for the second year in a row.

"It was, of course, a privilege to be in her presence again. I've said to her that it is very nice to see

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ride on the back of a crowded

truck and walk barefoot

में शिवकली (Shivkali) पत्नि मैं हरिभान लोधी सर्वसाधारण को तहसीलदार सिंह सिकरवार सर्वसाधारण को सुचित करती हुँ कि मेरा पूर्व का नाम शिवकमारी देवी (Shivkumari Devi) था जे मेरे पति की भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम की पॉलिसी के नॉमिनेशन (उत्तराधिकारी) में लिखा गया है। जबकि वर्तमान एवं भविष्ठ में मैं शिवकली पत्नि तहसीलदार सिंह सिकरवार के नाम से जानी पहचानी एवं पुकारी जाती हुँ एवं जाऊँगी। जो मेरे आधार कार्ड, वोटरकार्ड, बैंक खाते एवं अन्य प्रपत्रे में लिखा गया है शिवकुमारी देवी एवं शिवकली दोनोम मेरे ही नाम है। अत: मेरे पति की भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम की पॉलिसी के नॉमिनेशन (उत्तराधिकारी) मे मेरा नाम शिवकुमारी देवी के स्थान पर शिवकली लिखा एवं पढ़ा जावे। आमजन एवं सर्वजन सूचित हो। पूर्व नामः शिवकुमारी देवी

नया नामः हरिभान लोधी Haribhan Lodhi पुत्र श्री ब्रजेश लोधी Brajesh वर्तमान नामः शिवकली पत्नि Lodhi ऍवं माता उर्मिला लोधी Urmi-तहसीलदार सिंह सिकरवार ग्राम द्विया गजन पोस्ट द्विया जगन पता :- 55 ग्राम रमटा पोस्ट रिदौली अटेर जिला भिण्ड म.प्र

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tongue out and showed off a Vinod Agrawal Chhatarpur Madhya Pradesh beaming grin. By then, Yamal

stuck his

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मैं राहल कुमार (Rahul Kumar) पुत्र मैं दमनिक परिहार Dumnika Pari संतोष कुमार सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करता हुँ har सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करती हूं की मेरे सभी शासकीय/ अर्धशासकीय/अन्य कि मेरा पुर्व का नाम करतार सिंह (Kartar दस्तावेजों में मेरा नाम दुमनिक परिहार Singh) था जो मेरी भारतीय जीवन बीमा Dumnika Parihar है जो की सही है। निगम की पॉलिसी में लिखा गया है। जबकि गरंत त्रूटि से आधार कार्ड में मेरा नाम वर्तमान एवं भविष्य में मैं राहुल कुमार पुत्र अनीता अंकित हो गया है। जो कि गलत संतोष कुमार के नाम से जाना पहचाना एवं है दुमनिक परिहार और अनीता एक ही पकारा जाता हूँ एवं जाऊँगा। जो मेरे आधार व्यक्ति के नाम है जो मेरे स्वयं के हैं, इस कार्ड, बैंक खाते एवं अन्य प्रपत्रों में लिखा प्रकाशन के बाद मुझे दुमनिक परिहार गया है करतार सिंह एवं राहुल कुमार दोनों मेरे Dumnika Parihar पत्नी श्री मनोहर ही नाम है। अत: मेरी भारतीय जीवन बीमा परिहार के नाम से ही जाना, पहचाना निगम की पॉलिसी में मेरा नाम करतार सिंह लिखा, पढ़ा एवं पुकारा जाए। के स्थान पर मेरा नाम राहुल कुमार लिखा एवं गलत नाम: अनीता Anita पत्नी श्री पढ़ा जावे। आमजन एवं सर्वजन सूचित हो। मनोहर परिहार

सही नामः दुमनिक प्रिहार Dumnika Parihar पत्नी श्री मनोहर परिहार नया नामः राहुल कुमार पुत्र संतोष कुमार ग्राम दिवडिया जिला-सीहोर म.प्र पता:- वार्ड नं. 15 गोरमी भिंड म.प्र.

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See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

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Proclamation is hereby made that the said Murli & Rainaht & Dev & Jeete & Lakhan & Shivraj & Kabul & Birjit accused of FIR No. 1026/20, U/s 380/457/411/34 IPC P.S.: Khyala Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.08.2024.

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Athletics biggest gainer in Govt funding for Paris Olympics preparations

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One Olympic medal is all it takes to raise the profile of a sport and if the colour happens to be gold, it is just icing on the cake.

Ask the practitioners of trackand-field disciplines in India, who were the biggest beneficiaries of government funding in this Olympic cycle after javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra's top finish in the Tokyo edition three years ago. According to official data from the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), which is available with PTI, the government has spent a whopping Rs 96.08 crore for athletics.

It's the biggest chunk in the close to Rs 470 crore which has been spent on India's preparation for the Games this time across 16 disciplines. In the previous Olympic cycle, athletics received Rs 5.38 crore from TOPS funds.



28-member Α strong contingent, led by Chopra, will represent Indian athletics at the Paris Games starting July 26 where the country's overall representation will stand at 118

The full details of the funding for Tokyo preparations are sketchy but sources say the expenditure this time is substantially higher keeping in mind higher expectations after the seven medals achieved last time.

The country's shuttlers were the second biggest gainers, receiving Rs 72.02 crore followed by boxing (Rs 60.93 crore) and shooting (Rs 60.42 crore).

badminton quotas for Paris, which includes two-time medallist PV Sindhu (women's singles), HS Prannoy and Lakshya Sen (men's singles) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty (men's doubles) and Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto (women's

doubles). Hockey, in which the bronze medallist Indian men's team will compete to match or better the Tokyo performance, received funding of Rs 41.29

crore in the last three years, while archery got Rs 39.18 crore from the government. The wrestlers received Rs 37 crore funding, weightlifting got Rs crore.

Equestrian received the financial support -- little than Rs 95 lakh, while got Rs 1.67 crore, follow golf (Rs 1.74 crore), row 3.89 crore), swimming crore), sailing (Rs 3.78 India secured a total of five and judo (Rs 6.3 crore).

सूचित करता हूं की मेरे सभी शासकीय, नाम परिवर्तन अर्ध-शासकीय, अन्य दस्तावेजों में मेरा नाम मैं शेर सिंह आत्मज श्री हेमराज हरिभान लोधी पुत्र श्री ब्रजेश लोधी एवं माता सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करता हूं कि उर्मिला है। परंतु मेरे कुछ शैक्षणिक दस्तावेजों मेरा नाम शेर सिंह है जो मेरे सभी में त्रुटि से मेरा नाम हरिभान पल पुत्र ब्रजेश शासकीय अर्ध शासकीय दस्तावेजों में अंकित है। किंतु मेरे आधार कार्ड में पल माता सरोज पल अंकित हो गया है जो त्रुटि से शैलेन्द्र मीणा आत्मज श्री कि गलत है। इस प्रकाशन के बाद मझे सभी रघुवीर सिंह मीणा अंकित हो गया है शासकीय अर्धशासकीय एवं अन्य दस्तावेज जो कि गलत है। इस विज्ञप्ति के में मुझे हरिभान लोधी पुत्र श्री ब्रजेश लोधी उपरांत मुझे सभी शासकीय अर्ध एवं माता उर्मिला के नाम से ही जाना शासकीय एवं अन्य दस्तावेजों में शेर पहचाना, लिखा, पढ़ा एवं पुकारा जाए। सिंह के नाम से ही जाना पहचाना. पुराना नाम्: हरिभान पाल Haribhan लिखा पढा जाए। Pal पुत्र ब्रजेश पाल Brajesh Pal माता

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REMEMBER THEIR FACES: KOHLI SAYS GOOD LUCK TO INDIA'S OLYMPIC-BOUND ATHLETES

ndian cricket's reigning superstar Virat Kohli has urged the nation to get behind its Ölympic-bound contingent, asking the fans to join him in supporting the athletes as "they inch closer to the podium with dogged determination" in the quadrennial showpiece starting July 26 in Paris.

In a little over a minute long video post on social media, featuring some Paris-bound athletes like javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and boxing hope Nishant Dev, Kohli said it is time for India to be recognised as a global sporting powerhouse.

"There was a time when the world could only think of India as a land of snake charmers and elephants. Over time, that has changed. Today we are known to the world as the largest democracy, a global tech hub," he said.

"We are known for cricket and Bollywood, for start-up unicorns and as the fastest growing economy in the world. So, what is the next big thing



more gold, more silver and more bronze," he added.

for this great nation? Well, that will be He then went on to address Indian would be aiming to better the sports fans, asking them to support country's best ever performance of from Chopra, who scripted history the 118-strong group of athletes, who seven medals achieved in the previous with his javelin throw gold in Tokyo.

Games in Tokyo

"Our brothers and sisters are headed to Paris, hungry for medals. A billion of us will be watching them nervous and excited as our athletes set foot in the tracks and fields and courts and rings

rings. "Every neighbourhood, every corner of India will hear a chorus of voices chanting 'India, India'. Join me in remembering their faces as they inch closer to the podium with the dogged determination of waving the Tiranga with pride. Jai Hind and good luck India," Kohli, who is currently in London on a break after India's T20 World Cup triumbh in the Weet World Cup triumph in the West Indies last month, said in his

monologue. Most of the Indian competitors are currently training abroad and will head to the French capital from their respective bases.

India's medal hopes will rest on shooting, badminton, wrestling, and boxing aside from the expectations of a second successive podium finish from Chopra, who scripted history



It is good thing that everyone performing: Gill on competition for openers' slots

PTI HARARE

The competition for the openers' slots has intensified following India's T20I series win in Zimbabwe and for contender Shubman Gill, that can only be a "good thing"

Gill, who is expected to open alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal in the three T20Is in Sri Lanka later this month, was the leading run getter in the five-match series in Harare. He was not part of the T20 World Cup squad in the USA and the Caribbean.

For the major part of the series, India played as many as four openers in the playing eleven and all of them did well including Gill, Jaiswal, Abhishek Sharma and Ruturaj Cailwad Gaikwad.

Gill captained India's second string team and played as an opener in all the five matches with Jaiswal joining him at the top from the third game onwards.

For the first two games, he opened with Punjab teammate Abhishek Sharma who scored a hundred and a fifty in his debut series. Among the four openers, Gill had the lowest strike rate, 125.92, compared to Jaiswal's 165.88, Gaikwad's 158.33 and Abhishek's 174.64. "It's a good thing that everyone's performing. It shows that everyone is hungry and nobody is ready to take it easy. For any country or board, that's always a good thing," said Gill on Sunday referring to

the openers. Following the retirement of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli from T20Is, the selectors will have a problem of plenty when it comes to picking the openers for the Sri Lanka series. the "Anyone who got

opportunity grabbed it with both hands. The openers to bowlers to all-rounders to spinners, everyone made a mark and I think the selectors have now seen everything and it's up to them to name the squad for the next series," he said after India's 4-1 series win

over Zimbabwe. On captaining the team through the series, Gill said he enjoyed every bit of the challenge.

"One thing about captaincy I feel is how much confidence you can show in your players. I try to do that and make them believe that if you try and execute the plans, the results will always follow," Gill said.

"After losing the first match, we were under a bit of pressure. It's not easy to play back to back games and the series was planned in a way that there were two back-to-back games,

a couple of days rest and then again back-to-back games. "It's never easy playing a series like that but I think the way we

came back after losing the first T20I was really remarkable." India bounced back to win the series 4-1 after losing the

opener. "Seeing everyone hungry and so quickly adapting to the situation and assessing the conditions was truly spectacular to watch," said Gill. With the ball moving around in the powerplay, the opener thought it was important to be a little cautious early in the

innings. "I think, as per the conditions of the wicket, there were some challenging conditions, especially in the powerplay, the ball was always doing something or the other. As an opening batter, my focus was to see out 4-5 overs and not concede any wicket," he added.

Our planning is that he will not be there in Pakistan: Bailey on Warner in Champions Trophy by, his legacy of what he has done for

PTI SYDNEY

ustralian national selector AGeorge Bailey has said that the national team plans to move on from the recently-retired David Warner despite the southpaw's desire to be considered for the Champions Trophy in Pakistan next year.

The 37-year-old Warner retired from international cricket following the T20 World Cup in the Americas last month, where the Aussies failed to progress beyond the Super 8 stage. However, he had insisted that he will keep the door open for a return for the Champions Trophy, a One-Day International format ICC event.

"Our understanding is that David is retired, and [he] should be commended on what has been an incredible career across all three formats. Certainly, our planning is that he won't be there in Pakistan,' Bailey was quoted as saying by ESPNCricinfo.

Warner had a decent run during the T20 World Cup, finishing as the side's

second-highest run-scorer, after Travis Head

On his remarks on making a comeback during the Champions Trophy, Bailey said that Warner might be "stirring the pot",



with the team planning "to transition to Ι some different players". Bull's

"You never know when Bull's joking...think he's just stirring the pot a bit. He's had a wonderful career, can't celebrate it enough, and think as time goes Australia and we reflect back on that, the legend of a player is only going to continue to grow," added Bailey.

"But, as far as this team goes and the journey to transition to some different players, in his case across all three formats, it's going to be exciting.'

The Australians will have a young squad during their upcoming tour of the United Kingdom, which includes limited-overs meetings against

limited-overs meetings against Scotland and England. With the likes of Matthew Wade, Mitchell Starc and Glenn Maxwell missing out, Bailey said the Kangaroos might see a more youthful squad going forward, with an eye on the next T20 World Cup in 2026 2026

"I don't think there's anyone who's not there that we've put a line through permanently besides David (Warner). This is the way we are going with this squad," he continued. "The next T20 World Cup is 2026, so

imagine there may be some more changes than what we are seeing in this squad. But specifically, to those guys (Starc and Maxwell), no we haven't had any conversations about where they think their T20 journey may finish



India captain Rohit Sharma says he will continue to play Test and ODI cricket "at least for a while" after ending his T20 international career with a World Cup win last month. Rohit has been on a break since the title win in the West Indies

and is set to miss the limitedovers tour of Sri Lanka later this month, which includes three ODIs. "I just said it. I don't look that

far ahead. So clearly, you will be seeing me play at least for a from 159 matches, having while," the 37-year-old said at an event here on Sunday night. fifties.

His statement was reiteration of a position he made clear after announcing his T20 retirement after the final in the West Indies in which India defeated South Africa by seven

Earlier this month, BCCI secretary Jay Shah had confirmed that Rohit will captain India in the ongoing World Test Championship cycle and the Champions Trophy next year in February-March.

Rohit had led India in the 2022 T20 World Cup where the team was ousted in the semifinals by eventual champions England.

A year later, India reached the final of the 50-over World Cup at home under his leadership, but succumbed to Australia in summit clash at

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Rohit says he will

continue to play Tests and

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Cummins to miss Australia's limited-overs cricket tour to **England and Scotland**

AP MELBOURNE

World Cup-winning skipper Pat Cummins will be rested for Australia's upcoming limited-overs tour to Britain and Mitchell Starc will miss the Twenty20 portion of the trip as part of a workload management program.

Australia is scheduled to play three T20s against Scotland and five one-day internationals against England in September. Cricket Australia said Cummins' absence was part of a "pre-planned, long-term load management strategy" as part of preparations for the Champions Trophy next year. Mitchell Marsh, who led Australia at the recent T20 World Cup in the United States and Caribbean, will be captain for the tour.

Veteran opener David Warner has retired and wicketkeeper Matthew Wade wasn't selected, with selectors looking at the future.

Young batter Jake Fraser-McGurk was included in both the ODI and T20 squads after being a designated traveling reserve for the T20 World Cup. "This tour gives us a great opportunity to bring in some new players in the absence of David Warner and Matthew Wade, as well as giving some senior players time to prepare for the home summer and a busy first half of next year," George

Bailey, Australia's selection chairman, said.

The likes of Fraser-McGurk, Spencer Johnson, Xavier Bartlett and Aaron Hardie "are exciting prospects to join the likes of Cameron Green, Nathan Ellis and Josh Inglis in the white ball setup," Bailey said. "With the Champions Trophy next year ... There has been a lot of planning

invested into these next six months. "That has included gradual inte-

gration of new players into our white ball squads who have earned international opportunities via excellent form. Australia is the World Cup

champion in the 50-over format and holder of the World Test Championship title, but didn't reach the semifinals of the T20

World Cup. **T20 squad:** Mitch Marsh (cap-tain), Xavier Bartlett, Cooper Connolly, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Cameron Green, Aaron Hardie, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Spencer Johnson, Marcus Stoinis, Adam Zampa. **ODI squad:** Mitch Marsh (captain), Sean Abbott, Alex Carey, Nathan Ellis, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Aaron Hardie, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Marnus Labuschagne, Glenn Maxwell, Matthew Short, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Adam Zampa.

Mental conditioning camp ahead of Paris Olympics will help India handle pressure better: Abhishek

PTI NEW DELHI

Indian men's hockey team forward Abhishek feels the mental conditioning camp the players underwent at renowned adventurer Mike Horn's base in Switzerland ahead of the Paris Olympics has helped them prepare for highpressure situations.

The Indian team has completed a three-day mental conditioning camp at Horn's base and are slated to play a

few practice matches in the Netherlands before making their way to Paris Games. The expectations from the team will be high after India's bronze medal win at Tokyo Olympics. India will start their Paris Olympics campaign against New Zealand in their first Pool B match. After months of focusing on the physical aspect of the game, this camp is exactly what we needed," Abhishek said in a Hockey India release. "The team has been spending time



connecting on and off the field, improving our bond and learning to handle high-pressure situations better," he said. Abhishek, who has played 74 matches

for India since his international debut in 2022, is set for his maiden appearance at the Olympics. "Ever since I was 14, it has been my dream to play for India in the Olympics." Abhishek asserted that he is someone who doesn't buckle under pressure. "The pressure in big tournaments

doesn't deter me or change my approach. I just try to execute on the pitch," he said.

For Abhishek, playing for India in the Olympics will be an achievement which is far beyond what his family had thought.

"When I started doing well in hockey, the most we expected was a government job. Seeing me reach this level is thrilling for them. My brother, especially, has always been my biggest supporter," he said.

Indian cricket has lot of depth but transition should be gradual: Vikram Rathour

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

 $O_{\rm Vikram}^{\rm utgoing \ batting \ coach} \ {\rm Knows}$ that a tough transition period awaits India in the near future but having worked with the available talent pool, he feels the side is well-equipped to handle the phase provided it unfolds in a "controlled and

gradual manner". While Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma will still play ODIs and Tests for now, India will have to grapple with the transition phase in another couple of years when they move towards

the last phase of their respective careers? "It is never going to be easy to

replace people of Rohit and Virat's calibre," Rathour, also a former selector, told PTI in an exclusive interview.

"The recently-concluded series against Zimbabwe (on Sunday) gave us some glimpse into how the T20 team will look like in future. But we still have a few years in Test and ODI cricket to get to that point," said one of the key members of Rahul Dravid's coaching team.

Having served as both national

selector and one of the coaches of the senior team, Rathour has an inside view of Indian cricket's talent pool and he finds it reassuring.

'I won't be too concerned about it. We have a lot of depth in Indian cricket. There are lots of very talented and skilful players who are coming through the system. The only thing we need to make sure is the transition is done in a controlled manner. It needs to be gradual.

He feels that by the time, Rohit and Kohli bid adieu to all formats, the younger stars would be well-settled, forming the nucleus for the next 10 years.

"I am hoping that by then, players like Shubman Gill, Rishabh Pant, Yashasavi Jaiswal, Dhruv Jurel to name a few, would establish themselves and will make the transition smooth.

"In ODIs also, we have experienced players like Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul and Hardik Pandya to take over," Rathour said in a confident analysis.

Just as Kohli and Rohit carried



Punjab skipper said.

India's batting on their backbone of Indian batting in shoulders for more than a decade, the next decade could well belong to Gill and Jaiswal. "There are many exciting players coming through but these two are equipped to play all three formats for a long time. They are going to be the statement does carry weight.

"When I see him (Rinku) bat in nets, I can't find any technical reasons why Rinku cannot be a Test batter. I successful understand he has made his name as a terrific finisher in T20 cricket but if you look at his first-class record, he is

averaging in high 50s. "He (Rinku) is also blessed with a very calm temperament. So all these factors indicate that if given an opportunity, he can develop into a Test cricketer,"

Rathour said. "ALWAYS TOLD VIRAT TO "ALWAYS TOLD VIRAT TO BELIEVE IN HIS METHODS": One question that Rathour would face at every second press conference during his tenure was Kohli's extended lean patch after the 2019 World Cup and he maintained it was a "phase that everyone has to go through". everyone has to go through". "There were no technical issues

there were no technical issues that we worked on specifically during this phase. The constant messaging to him was years to come," the former Rathour was a good sounding to keep working hard and believe in his methods. Eventually he came back stronger and an even better board for Dravid in the last three years and when he says that Rinku Singh would make a good Test batter, the player," he said. RAHUL GAVE US SPACE

AND HONEST FEEDBACK" Rathour and Dravid made their Test debuts in the same series against England in 1996 and have played against each other in domestic cricket even before that.

A three-decade relationship helped when they came together as back-room staff.

"Rahul is the best coach that I have worked with, who gives you lots of space to work, is open to suggestions and will provide you an honest feedback. "One of the first discussions we had was about changing the batting template in T20 cricket. We agreed that we needed to bring in more intent and aggression in our batting approach," he revealed. Rathour said a case in point was Axar Patel, who fixed their

problem of a decent batting option at number eight. "That made a massive difference and gave the batters in top order lot more freedom to bat.

Axar was always a good batter and all he needed was opportunity to express himself "uncomplicated technique".