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**MOHIT KANDHARI** ■ JAMMU

Border Action (BAT), Team comprising battle-hardened terrorists and elite special forces personnel of the Pakistan Army, on Saturday violated the February 2021 ceasefire agreement by launching a deadly strike on one of the forward Indian posts. The attack resulted in the martyrdom of an Indian Army soldier and left four others injured along the Line of Control in the Kamakari sector of Macchal, located in North Kashmir's Kupwara district.

The BAT strike came mere hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued a stern warning, asserting that the Indian Army would crush all terror attempts with full force.

During the firefight, one of the foreign terrorists was also neutralised. Preliminary reports indicate that a two to three-member BAT team lobbed grenades and unleashed a barrage of indiscriminate gunfire on

the Indian troops. At least five soldiers were injured in the BAT action, with one soldier later succumbing to his injuries at the base hospital. The soldier who laid down his life in the line of duty has



been identified as Rifleman least 10 terror attacks in the Mohit Rathour.

took the oath of office for in the sacrifice of over a the third time, foreign dozen soldiers and nine terrorists have carried out at civilians in Jammu and

region. Since June 9, the day Modi These attacks have resulted

Kashmir. In the past week alone, three soldiers have lost their lives along the Line of Control in the Kupwara and Poonch districts. In a statement, a Srinagar-

based Defence Spokesman said, "Taking advantage of bad weather and poor visibility along Line of Control in Machhal Sector, a group of two to three armed

personnel crossed the LoC and fired on a forward Army post from a close range. Alert troops responded vigorously and in the ensuing exchange of fire,

one Pakistani intruder was killed along with the recovery of weapons, weapons, ammunition, and war-like stores. Identification and affiliation of this Pakistani national ascertained." In the past, similar attempts

by infiltrators, actively aided and abetted by the Pakistani Army, have sought to exploit the dense foliage and poor conditions. visibility However, these efforts have consistently, as they were today, been successfully thwarted and disrupted by the vigilant Indian forces. The Indian Army is firm in its resolve and commitment to maintain the sanctity of the Line of Control and

inimical designs of the Pakistan Army, spokesman added. Meanwhile, to further step up security across the Jammu region, the Union Government has reportedly decided to rush over 2,000

BSF jawans to be deployed in

defeat the nefarious and

the Samba sector to plug the routes of infiltration. The decision to "immediately" move the two units from the anti-Naxal operations grid to Jammu was taken in the wake of the recent spate of terror attacks

broader consensus emerged during recent highsecurity review

in the region.

meetings to bolster the antiinfiltration grid in the region. The Indian Army has already deployed more than 3,000 troops and 500 para commandos to flush out the foreign terrorists occupying

'Jammu Heights'. another development, Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday released sketches of the three terrorists responsible for the recent killing of four soldiers, including a Captain in Doda district, and announced a cash reward of ₹15 lakh on their heads.

Doda in Jammu region has been rocked by several terror incidents since June, which is being seen by security agencies as an attempt by Pakistan-based terror handlers to revive terrorism in the hilly district.

Releasing the sketches of three terrorists, a police Spokesman in Doda said they are moving in the upper reaches of the district, especially in Dessa forest where an Army Captain and three soldiers were killed in a gunfight during an antiterror operation on July 16. J&K Police announced a cash reward of ₹5 lakh on each of these three terrorists, the spokesperson said, appealing to the general public to provide information about them and assuring that the identity of the

informer will be kept a secret.

## **Setback for Vijay Mallaya**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Securities and Exchange Board of India has barred former liquor baron Vijay Mallya from accessing securities market for three years for routing funds to the Indian capital markets using his overseas bank accounts with UBS.

The regulator has also restrained Mallya from associating with any listed company, directly indirectly, for three years. Sebi's investigation is based on the findings of Financial Conduct Authority, its counterpart in UK, for the period from January 1, 2006 to March 31, 2008.

It had suo-moto taken up the instant matter for further investigation based on the findings in the communication from the Financial Services Authority (now known as Financial Conduct Authority and hereinafter referred to as 'FSA/FCA') to ascertain whether there was any routing of funds to Indian Securities Mallya, Chairman of the UB Group and individual controlling shareholder of United Spirits Limited ('USL') during the relevant period, through his bank accounts securities,



Securities Regulations, regulations 2006 to March 31, 2008.

('UBS') in violation of the provisions of the SEBI Act, 1992, SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Market) 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the 'PFUTP Regulations, 2003') and the rules and framed thereunder during the period from January 01, In its 37 pages order, the SEBI said the noticee (Vijay Mallya) is hereby restrained from accessing the securities market and further prohibited from

selling

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with associated securities market in any manner, for a period of three (3) years from the date of this order. "The noticee is further

restrained from associating himself with any listed company or proposed to be directly indirectly, for a period of three (3) year from the date of this order. Further, during the period of restraint, the existing of securities holding including the holding of units of mutual funds of the Noticee shall remain frozen," it said.

The investigation, prima facie, revealed that that the noticee had used a subaccount i.e. Matterhorn Ventures, a Foreign Institutional Investor (FII), as an investment vehicle to indirectly trade in scrips of his own group entities in India i.e. Herbertsons India i.e. Herbertsons Limited ('Herbertsons') and USL. Thus, the investigation revealed that the amounts paid to Matterhorn Ventures were routed by the Noticee by opening various beneficiary accounts with UBS and routing these through funds

accounts, indirectly, to the

Indian Securities Market.



## **Prime Minister Modi**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI** 

 $P_{\text{Modi is likely to visit}}^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}$ Ukraine next month, marking his first trip to the war-torn country since the conflict with Russia began two years ago. Following his Ukraine visit, Modi is also slated to travel to Poland, making it the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the country in over 40 years.

India and Ukraine are exploring the possibility of Prime Minister Modi's visit on August 23-24, sources said on Saturday. The proposed visit comes amid

renewed global efforts to bring peace to the eastern European nation, they added. Modi might visit Kyiv around Ukraine's National Day on August 24 and is expected to travel to Poland after concluding his trip to Ukraine, the sources said. the Prime Last month,

Minister held talks with President Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelenskyy on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Italy's Apulia. India and Ukraine are considering Modi's visit to Kyiv in the latter half of August, the sources said, noting that there is no final confirmation yet, as massive preparations in terms of logistics and related issues would be required.

During the meeting with Zelenskyy on June 14, Modi conveyed that India would continue to do everything within its means to support a peaceful resolution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict and emphasised that the path to peace is through "dialogue and diplomacy." Modi also told Zelenskyy that India believes in a "human-centric" approach to finding a solution to the conflict in Ukraine.

At the meeting, the Ukrainian president invited the Prime Minister to visit Kyiv.

#### **Mamata walks out, Nitish** skips NITI Aayog meeting

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The NITI Aayog meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, was marked by political fireworks rather than fostering the progression of boycott from governed by INDIA Bloc parties, with the notable exception of West Bengal.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee made headlines by walking out of the NITI Aayog meeting. Adding to the political drama was the conspicuous absence of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, whose party JD(U) is the second largest in Modi's NDA coalition at the Centre. Intriguingly, Kumar opted to stay in Patna, where he convened a meeting to discuss JD(U)'s prospects for the upcoming Assembly elections in neighbouring Jharkhand, in alliance with the BJP.

To begin with, Mamata claimed that she was unfairly stopped midway through her speech, despite being the sole representative of the Opposition. She said her microphone was switched off after five minutes, while other Chief Ministers were allowed to speak for longer duration.

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee interacts with the media after walking out of a Niti Aayog meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in New Delhi, on Saturday

"This is insulting. I will not attend any further meeting. I have come out boycotting the meeting. (Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister) Chandrababu Naidu was given 20 minutes to speak. The Chief Ministers of Assam, Goa, Chhattisgarh spoke for 10-12 minutes. I was stopped from speaking after just five minutes," Mamata told reporters after coming out of the meeting. This is unfair. I am the only one from the Opposition side. I attended this meeting

because of the greater interest that cooperative federalism should be strengthened," she added. However, PIB Factcheck, in a

post on X, said it is "misleading" to say Mamata's microphone was switched off. "The clock only showed that her speaking time was

over," it said. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman rejected her claim that she was unfairly stopped midway in her speech. "CM Mamata attended the NITI Aayog meeting. We all heard her. Every CM was given the allotted time and that was displayed on the screen which was present before every table...She said in the media that her mic was put off. That is completely false. Every CM was given their due time to speak...It's unfortunate that the Mamata has claimed that her mic was switched off which is not true...She should speak the truth behind this rather than again build a narrative based on falsehood," the Finance

## Team India's Olympic outfits become talk of virtual world

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

The official outfits for Team India at the Paris Olympics 2024 were unveiled last week, sparking considerable buzz. Designed by the renowned Indian fashion designer Tarun Tahiliani in collaboration with Tasva, these outfits sought to blend traditional Indian attire with a contemporary

However, the results were met with mixed reactions. Social media was ablaze with opinions following the opening ceremony late Saturday, as critics and supporters alike shared their thoughts on the distinctive attire. The men of Team India donned

matching saris, all meticulously designed in the vibrant colours of the Indian flag. The ensembles featured ikat-inspired prints and luxurious Banarasi brocade, intended to infuse a touch of elegance and sophistication. Tahiliani, a name synonymous with high fashion, said his goal was to honour India's rich cultural heritage while simultaneously appealing to an international audience at the Olympics. Despite his good intentions, the

outfits did not receive universal praise. Many netizens felt that the designs fell short of truly capturing the essence of Indian culture.

the designs as a "disgrace" to the elegant kurta bundi sets, while the rich heritage and culture of the women graced the event in country, calling them "cheap

Critics on social media labelled

perhaps too preoccupied with deserved. While the outfits were designs." Some netizens were

particularly disappointed with high-profile events to give the undoubtedly stylish, many argued Tahiliani, wondering if he was Olympic outfits the attention they

rich diversity of Indian textiles and craftsmanship that make Indian fashion so unique. Many people felt that more iconic

elements, like vibrant colours and intricate embroidery, which are often associated with traditional Indian attire, were overlooked.

These outfits are beautiful, but they feel like a missed opportunity to showcase the true depth of Indian culture on a global platform like the Olympics," one critic wrote. Others lamented the missed chance to highlight the rich artisanal value of India's textiles and sustainable practices that bind the country's diverse communities together. "It's sad that such a renowned designer couldn't create an outfit that represents India's vibrant culture. Sadly, this is such a failure." This whole situation

highlighted the tricky balance between innovation and cultural authenticity in fashion design, especially for an event as prestigious as the Olympics, where countries proudly present their unique identities.

Minister said.

As Team India geared up to take the world stage, the discussion about their outfits served as a reminder of how important it is to thoughtfully represent culture. In today's world, where cultural authenticity is increasingly valued, choosing Olympic attire was not just about looking good, it was about what these outfits said about the athletes and the nation they represented. Whether you loved or hated them,

the outfits certainly got people talking and that's what fashion is all about, isn't it?

## Murder accused absconding from Bengaluru caught

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

bsconding murder accused who killed his girlfriend's roommate in Bengaluru, Karnataka, was arrested by Bengaluru police from Raisen on Friday night.

The accused Abhishek Ghoshi is a resident of Begumganj in Raisen district.

He murdered the girl on July 23. The accused entered a girls' hostel in Bengaluru and stabbed the girl to death. The girl hailed from Bihar, CCTV footage of the incident has also surfaced, in which the accused is seen continuously attacking the girl. The accused suspected that his relationship with his girlfriend had been ruined

because of the girl. Abhishek came to Bhopal after killing the girl in Bengaluru. Bengaluru police reached Bhopal while tracing the location. From here the accused reached Begumganj in Raisen district. The police arrested him from Begumganj and brought him to Bhopal and from here they took him to Bengaluru.

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The victim, 24-year-old Kriti Kumari was a resident of Bihar

used to work as a sales marketing officer in a private mobile company in Bengaluru. She lived in a Bengaluru. She lived in a 10-day remand. PG hostel in Koramangala In the CCTV footage, the area. An unknown youth who came to the hostel on Tuesday night brutally mur-

Bengaluru to Bhopal. The entire incident has been recorded in the CCTV camera installed in the hos-

This incident occurred at 11 pm on July 23. In the CCTV footage, the accused was seen stabbing the girl. South East Division Bengaluru DCP Sara Fatima said that the accused Abhishek has done BSc graduation while living in Bhopal. He used to visit Bengaluru. He had a close relationship with the deceased's friend. The accused has been produced in the court and taken on

accused is seen entering the hostel. He reaches in front of the girl's room and dered her. After the incident, the accused fled from knocks on the door. After some time, as soon as the

gate opens, he pulls Kriti out into the corridor. Then a scuffle begins between the two. The accused grabs the woman by the throat and attacks her neck repeated-

The accused also attacks

her stomach and face. Leaving her bleeding, he runs away. Hearing the noise, other girls open the door and look outside, then go into the room. Kriti also pleads to another woman standing far away to save her, but due to fear she is unable to muster courage. After the attack, Kriti sits down covered in blood. She also screams for help. The mates of the PG hostel slowly open the door of their room, but no one can muster courage to help. They are also seen trying to make a phone call.

#### **Man caught for raping** his step-daughter

Bhopal: Bilkhiria police arrested a man who raped his 12year-old step daughter, victim was alone in the house, when the accused committed the

against the accused father in this case and took him into custody. According to the police, the 12year-old girl lives with her mother and her stepfather. Her father has died. On July 4, the girl was alone in her house, when her father forcefully caught her and raped her.

Not only this, he also threatened to kill her if she told anyone. The girl, who was scared of her stepfather, hid this matter from her mother for a long time. Later, when she started having stomach pain, she told the whole thing to her mother and reached the police station and registered a case.



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Anoop Nair, Senior Advocate,

High Court of M.P., Prof

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IIITDM, Ashit Srivastava,

Assistant Professor of Law

The conference concluded in

auspicious presence of Hon'ble Justice Vishal Dhagat, Judge,

High Court of M.P. While

delivering the valedictory address his Lordship's closing

remarks encapsulated the

discussions and insights gathered throughout the day,

#### Centre took 5 decades to realise its mistake: MP HC

**STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

adhya Pradesh high court has said that it took the Centre nearly five decades to realise its mistake of barring the government employees from participating in the activities of an 'internationally renowned' organisation like Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

A bench of the high court comprising Justices S A Dharmadhikari and Gajendra Singh observed that "The court laments the fact that it took almost five decades for the Central government to realise its mistake; to acknowledge that an internationally renowned organisation like RSS was wrongly placed amongst the banned organisations of the country and that its removal there from is quintessential.

Aspirations of many Central government employees of serv-

ing the country in many ways, therefore got diminished in these five decades because of this ban, which got removed only when it was brought to the notice of this court vide the present proceedings". The court's observation came on Thursday in response to a petition filed by a retired Central government employee Purushottam Gupta challenging the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules as well as the memorandum of the Centre that prevented partici-

pation of government employees in the activities of the Sangh. The bench referred to the absence of any reply filed by the Union government to the said effect (despite being inquired again and again). The court further observed that it was

compelled to believe that perhaps there was never any material, study, survey or report at the relevant point of time that made the ruling dispensation conclude that involvement and engagement of Central government employees even with the "apolitical / non-political activities of RSS" must be banned for maintaining India's "communal fabric and secular character". Citing different judicial prece-

dents in the backdrop of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, the bench said, "The coalesce of the afore quoted judgements is that whilst spelling out 'misconduct' under rule five of the CCS Rules, 1964, the Central government cannot behave as 'be all and above all'". The discretion to classify any organisation as 'don't join' organisation for Central government employees must therefore be clearly informed by rules of reason, fair

power, the court said. It should be guided by law not 'humour or preconceived prejudice against such nationally and internationally famed organisation", the bench said.

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to subjective opinions of those in

#### DNL University hosts successful national conference on Artificial Intelligence

PNS JABALPUR

harmashastra National Law University (DNLU) successfully hosted the National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Deep Fake, and Regulatory Mechanism for AI jointly organised with Law Commission of India on July 27, 2024, at PDPM IIITDM campus.

The conference was inaugurated in the gracious presence of Chief Guest, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Acting Chief Justice of High Court of MP while delivering the keynote address shared extensive experience and insight into the judicial implications of artificial intelligence set a profound tone for the conference. Hon'ble Justice Sachdeva highlighted how India hasn't brushed the tip of the iceberg when it comes to regulation or identifying the

implications of AI on the translating documents into society and different stakeholders especially judiciary. He highlighted various issues that the laws aren't equipped to tackle and adjudicate upon. He also stated that judges and legal field isn't ready for AI.

Earlier in the event, Prof Manoj Kumar Sinha, the Vice Chancellor of DNLU welcomed the dignitaries, guests and students. He stated how there has been lack of expertise while dealing with AI. He also stated that BCI wants Law Schools to introduce new subjects in line of Deep Fake' featuring eminent with National Education Policy to integration with technology and collaborate with all

stakeholders in legal field. Reeta Vasishta, ILS, Member Secretary Law Commission of India also addressed the gathering, appreciating the judiciary for integrating AI in their judicial system for

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regional languages, National Judicial Data Grid of SC with help of IT Ministry and probable questions such as whether it can influence human decision making, potential biases and challenges, and whether AI can replace human judgment.

The event featured a series of sessions covering a range of topics related to artificial intelligence, deep fakes, and the necessary frameworks. regulatory Prominent sessions included 'AI in context panelists such as Prof Anand Paliwal, Prof Raka Arya, Part-Time Member, LCI, Prof Pritee Khanna, Professor IN-charge IIITDM and Gargi Chakrabarti, Associate Professor DNLU and session on 'Legal Challenges

and India's approach towards

regulating AI & Future'

featuring renowned panelists as

St Mary's celebrates Parents Day with great zeal

providing a forward-looking perspective on the integration of AI in various sectors while maintaining ethical standards highlighting AI has intelligence but not wisdom and we should keep creativity to ourselves &

manual work to AI.

During the valedictory session, the welcome address was delivered by Prof Bhartendu K. Singh, Director of IIITDM,

stating that as a technology, design and manufacturing institute IITDM has been dealing with AI almost every day and perspectives from legal field through this conference will be helpful while

appreciating the interdisciplinary aspect of the conference followed by addresses from Hon'ble Justice K.T. Sankaran, Member of the Law Commission of India, who highlighted the effects of technology on society by taking us down a memory lane & how right to privacy has been in debate with newer technology.. The sessions were moderated by Manwendra Kumar Tiwari, Associate Professor of Law and Shashank Pathak, Assistant Professor of Law. Praveen Tripathi, Associate Professor of Law & Dean of Student Welfare and Prof Shailesh N. Hadli,

Commuters wade through a waterlogged road amid rain in Bhopal on Saturday

t Mary's Convent Sr. Sec. School, Tulsi Nagar celebrated Parents Day with great zeal and enthusiasm in the school campus here on Saturday. It is a unique tradition of the school celebrated every year in the last week of July. On this joyful occasion, a festive atmosphere was created by adorning the walls with colourful charts.

The parents were escorted to the venue by the school cabinet accompanied by the beats of the school band. The culpacked with vibrant and captivating dances, incredibly mellifluous musical performances, an eye opener skit and a heartwarming poem recitation that left the parents overwhelmed with emotions. Rev father Maria Stephen, the dean of the Bhopal deanery graced the occasion as the chief guest.



Akhilesh Jain, Secretary Mrs Lipika Chakravarty, Executive members Bhavna Thakur, Tribhuvan Sharma, Pankaj Kumar Goyal and parent representatives of all classes.

The chief guest in his address, emphasised the importance of a ĥarmonious parent child relationship. The Ex officio and

included Parents Teacher deep sense of appreciation for Association Ex officio Sanjay the school and the Teachers for for parents and elders and other family values in the students. The principal Rev Sr Maria Jagtap and the vice principal Anu Johnson expressed their sincere appreciation to all the parents who dignified the occasion with their presence. The celebration was a memorable experience.

#### Mela Samiti distributes school bags

vote of thanks.

Registrar DNLU delivered the

Bhopal: Bhopal Utsav Mela Samiti distributed school bags and other educational material to 250 students at Government Middle School Brizisia on Thursday.

On this occasion, the committee members said that they will provide full support to the students for education. They also gave information about the committee's ongoing work in the interest of the society.

The committee has promised to provide free rides and other programs to school children in the fair organized program was addressed by Block Academic Coordinator Upendra Kaushal, Sunil Jain, Ajay Sogani, Kamal Jain, Chandrashekhar Soni of the committee.

They congratulated the children and said that they should acquire a good education and bring glory to their school.

#### Incessant heavy rains disrupt normal life in the whole State

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

pell of heavy rainfall continued across the state, water bodies swell disrupting the normal life, alert of heavy rainfall has been issued by Met in the next two days. Heavy rains occurred in 20

districts including Bhopal and Indore. Due to heavy rains, the water level in the dams is continuously increasing.

Two sluice gates of the Machagora Dam Chhindwara were opened, 6 gates of the dam built on the Barna river in Raisen were opened. Its water will reach Sethani Ghat in Narmadapuram by 3 pm on Saturday night. This will increase the water level of Narmada by 3 feet.

On Saturday, heavy rains were witnessed in Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Betul, Mandla, Narsinghpur, Satna, Raisen, Shivpuri, Khandwa, Dhar, Tikamgarh, Jabalpur, Sagar, 4 inches of water fell in Narmadapuram, 3.9 inches of rain was recorded in Pachmarhi, 3.4 inches of water fell in Shajapur, 1 inch rainfall was witnessed in Guna, Seoni,

Chhindwara, Khargone. Meteorological Department has issued an

alert for heavy rain was issued 8 districts including Jha was cremated as per reli-Chhindwara. Senior Meteorologist said, monsoon activities will reduce in the state, but heavy rain will start again from July 28. Heavy

orange alert for heavy rain in Vidisha, Raisen, Harda, Betul,

Jabalpur and Balaghat in the next 24 hours. On Sunday, an

rain is expected in the northern part on July 29 and 30. The wall of a house collapsed due to rain in Sehore. Two women were buried in it. One woman came out by herself. The second woman could be pulled out after 6 hours by removing the debris with a JCB. She was taken to the hospital, where doctors declared

her dead. Due to heavy rains for the last one week, more water than average fell in the state. So far, the state has received 15.7 inches of rain, which is 1 percent more. The western part-Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Narmadapuram, Gwalior-Chambal division has received 4 percent more water than average, while the eastern part-Rewa, Sagar, Jabalpur and Shahdol division has received 1 percent less rain.

## Prabhat Jha's last rites performed in his native village

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

he mortal remains of former State President of Bharatiya Janata Party Madhya Pradesh and former MP Prabhat Jha were immersed in the five elements on Saturday afternoon

gious customs in his native village Koriahi, District Sitamarhi, Bihar. Late Prabhat Iha's eldest son Tushmul Iha lit the funeral pyre. Before this, the last journey of late Prabhat Jha started from his ancestral home. During this, hundreds of people gathered on the streets to have the last darshan and bid farewell to their beloved late Jha. The sky reverberated with slogans of Prabhat ji amar rahein. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's All India Executive Member Suresh Soni ji, BJP State President and MP Vishnudutt Sharma, State Incharge Mahendra Singh, State Organization General Secretary Hitanand ji, State Government Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya along with party officials, public representatives and common people participated in the last journey of their beloved leader late Prabhat Jha ji and bid him a tearful farewell. During this, thousands of state officials

of the party, public representa-



tives, officials of various societies including state government minister Nagar Singh Chauhan, Pradyuman Singh Tomar, Rakesh Shukla, former minister and MLA Usha Thakur, state vice president . Chaudhary Mukesh Chaturvedi, . Jeetu Jirati and MLA. Ashish Sharma were

Final farewell by paying floral tribute at Medanta HospitalThe mortal remains of former state president of Bharatiya Janata Party and former MP Late. Prabhat Jha were kept for final darshan at Medanta Hospital. Where the national officials of the party, state officials and thousands of workers paid floral tribute and bid a tearful farewell to former state president Late. Prabhat Jha ji. During this, RSS's All India Executive Member Suresh Soni, party's National Organization General Secretary B.L Santosh, National Co-Organization General

Secretary Shivprakash, Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav, BJP State President and MP Vishnudutt Sharma, National General Secretary Radhamohan Agarwal, State In-charge Dr Mahendra Singh, Co-In-charge Satish Upadhyay, Union Minister Durgadas Uike, State Government Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya, Pradumn Singh Tomar, Ramniwas Rawat, National Co-Media In-charge Sanjay Mayukh, State Vice President and MP Sandhya Rai, MP Sumitra Balmiki, State President of Mahila Morcha and MP Maya Narolia, State Minister Rahul Kothari, State Media In-charge Ashish Usha Agarwal along with party leaders and workers paid their last respects to him.

Former State President and MP Late Prabhat Jha passed away on Friday at Medanta Hospital in Delhi. All India Executive Member of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, . Suresh Soni, BJP State President and MP. Vishnudutt Sharma, State Incharge Mahendra Singh, State Organization General Secretary Hitanand, State Government Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya, Nagar Singh Chauhan and other party officials brought his body by a special plane to his native pĺace in Biĥar on Saturday, where he was cremated.



BJP State President VD Sharma pays tributes to the mortal remains of senior BJP leader and former Rajya Sabha MP Prabhat Jha at Medanta hospital in Gurugram on Saturday.

#### Incense stick factory of Cong leader catches fire

**Bhopal:** A fire broke out late at night in the incense stick factory of Congress leader Govind Goyal located in Lambakheda on Berasia road in the state cap-

As soon as the news of the fire broke out, fire brigades from Gandhinagar, Chhola, Kabadkhana and Fatehgarh fire stations reached the spot and controlled the fire.

An incense making factory caught fire on Friday night. This factory is owned by Madhya Pradesh Congress's senior leader Govind Goyal. The factory is in Lambakheda on Berasia Road which sud-

denly caught fire late at night. As soon as the news of the fire was received, fire brigades from Gandhinagar, Chhola, Old categorised market and

Fatehgarh fire stations reached the spot and controlled the fire. The incident is said to have happened at 3 in the night. The reasons for the fire could not be revealed. Municipal Corporation's fire fighter Pankaj Yadav said that some two-wheelers were also kept in the factory, which escaped from getting caught in the fire.

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## **NCRTC** introduces new features in RRTS Connect App

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⊣he National Capital Transport Region Corporation (NCRTC) has introduced new features in the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Connect application, including ticket booking, live train tracking, and station navigation.

According to the statement, the NCRTC has rolled out new updates to the RRTS Connect app, making travel on Namo Bharat trains smoother and more convenient. Available on Google Play and the Apple Store, the app now includes many new features alongside ticket booking, ensuring a more comfortable journey for passengers on the country's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Corridor, it said.

"Passengers can book their journey tickets under the 'plan

**Available on Google Play and the** Apple Store, the app now includes many new features alongside ticket booking, ensuring a more comfortable journey for passengers on the country's first Regional Rapid **Transit System (RRTS) Corridor** 

your journey' option on the app, with payments accepted via UPI, debit or credit card, and net banking. Users can also access their transaction history to review details about their previous journeys and downoad invoices," it read.

"NCRTC has introduced a live train tracking feature that shows passengers the real-time status and tracking of Namo Bharat trains available at their station in the next 30 minutes. Additionally, it provides information about the next station

in the direction of Delhi or Meerut, the distance to it, and the estimated arrival time. The app also offers a complete timetable of train services, including start and end times for all days of the week," the statement said.

The feeder bus services feature on the app provides comprehensive information about bus stops near the starting point of the journey and the nearest available RRTS station, including bus arrival and departure times for better travel planning,

Drawing, painting

Mhow: Army Public School,

Mhow had organized an Inter

School Drawing and Painting

competition on the occasion of

Silver Jubilee of "Kargil Vijay

Diwas" on July 26,2024. There

were eleven schools from

Mhow that participated in this

competition which is been

organized since past four years.

There were two category for the

competition according to the

age group. Group A was of

Middle category and Group B

Name of Borrower/

Guarantor / Co-Borrower

competition

Additionally, the RRTS passengers can book bikes, autos, and cabs at stations through a link to the Rapido app, allowing easy ride booking. These

features effectively address the crucial need for last-mile connectivity, it said. The station facilities option provides extensive information to enhance your travel

experience. It displays the name and location of the nearest RRTS station, along with key nearby landmarks. Details on drinking water and restroom availability, entry and exit gate status, and which gates are open for passengers are also included, the statement said. The app provides platform information, train directions, and the operational status of lifts and escalators. Additionally, it offers parking

information, showing the num-

was of Senior category. There

were total sixty three partici-

pants in both the categories.

Both the revered judges Dr.

Sonali Jain and Mr. Rajesh

Hirve were from the art field.

The overall incharge of the

event was Mr. Ganesh Marathe,

the art teacher. Brig. Sunil D.

Fadatare, Chairman, APS

Mhow graced the occasion as

a Chief Guest. He appreciated

the paintings of the students

and encouraged them to excel

The winners of Group A were:-

Sonakshi Verma (Mount Litera

in their art.

ber of two-wheeler and fourwheeler parking spaces available. The app includes the complete station layout design of the platform and concourse levels, making navigation and planning easy, it stated.

Furthermore, the contact number for the station control room is provided in the app. Passengers can contact the control room for assistance or send WhatsApp messages for help or suggestions. The app also provides information about major attractions near RRTS corridor stations and includes a system map for passengers to learn about all the stations on the corridor, it said. The lost and found feature on the app lists all recovered items, along with the date, time, and station where they were found, and includes the procedure for recovery, the statement added.

Zee School), Umang Bombole (Chameli Devi Public School) Consolation: Naman Yadav (Chameli Devi Public School) Consolation: Tanmay Patil (Sri Sai Academy). The winners of Group B were:- Vedant Pirolkar(St.Francis HSS), Ananya Maheshwari (Fountainhead Int. School) 3. Anushka Yadav(Sri Sai Academy), Consolation: Aayesh Farooqui (St.Mary's H. S. S.), Consolation: Abhiraj Kumar Ram (St. Francis H. S. S.). The winners were accord-Anshika Rajput (PM Shri KV), ed with certificates and

awards. The Chairman Brig

Sunil D. Phadatare, the Principal PK Tiwari, the Vice-Principal Mr. SK Choudhary and the entire staff wished good wishes to the participants.

On the same day, with heavy heart APS, Mhow bids farewell to Ex-Chairman Brig A Sridhar. His amazing and successful tenure of one and half year has been completed. Kalpana Srivastava conduted the programme on the behalf of entire staff. The cultural event was presented by teachers. The Principal PK Tiwari has given farewell speech.



E-Tender Notice No. JHS-N-W-36-24

**Description of Secured asset** 

(Immovable Property)

Date of

Symbolic

Possession

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and behalf of President of India invite open Tender through Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.

E-Tender No.: JHS-N-W-36-24, Description of work: Orai-Construction of 16 Beds RPF barrack at RPF Post Orai.

Approx Cost : ₹ 18,78,600.19 Earnest Money : ₹ 37.600/-

Cost of Tender Form : NIL Opening of tender: 21.08.2024 Time 15:00

Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance: 06 Months

Tender on line can be submitted upto 15.00 hrs on 21.08.2024. • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in. (NORTH CENTRAL RLY/JHANSI DIVISION-S-AND T) 1315/24 (MG



#### HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

1. Demand Notice issued Date

3. Amount Due as on Notice Date

2. Loan Account No,

Corporate Office: 167-169, 2nd floor, Near Little Mount Metro Station, Saipet, Chennai - 600015 HOUSING FINANCE Regional Office - 101-B, ist Floor, NRK Business Park, Vijaynagar, Indore(MP) - 452010

#### Appendix IV: Symbolic Possession NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (s) issured by Authorized 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 here by given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described here in 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 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 change of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon

Mr. AMAR SINGH (Borrower) Mrs. SIMA BAI (Co-Borrower)	I. Issuance Date - 27-03-2024     E. MP/UJJ/BDGR/A000000158     Total Amount Due - Rs. 4,66,714/- (Rupees Four Lacs Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Only)	House No.35, Village Gidbheli, P.H.No.34, Tehsil Tal, District Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, India – 457118 Total Area: -52.97 Sq. Mtr.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - Plot Of Bhagirath, West - Own Land, North - Plot Of Pratap Singh, South - Road	
Mr. BHARAT SINGH (Borrower) Mrs. GITA KUNWAR BAI (Co- Borrower)	I. Issuance Date - 26-03-2024     MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001066     Total Amount Due - Rs.10,26,732/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two Only)	Gram Panchayat H.No. 868/4, P.H.No.26, Gram-Nanded, Teh - Tarana/Makdon, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India – 456668 Total Area – 2304 Sq.Ft.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - Own House, West - Common Passage, North - House Of Kailash S/o Bhagirath, South - House Of Bahadur Singh	27/07/2024
Mr. DEEPAK RAWAL (Borrower) Mrs. NANDNI W/o DEEPAK (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 26-03-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001092 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.5,91,288/- (Rupees Five Lacs Ninety One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight Only)	A House No 28, P.H.No. 47, Situated At Village Bhukhiltawarpur, Tehsil Tarana, Govt School, Rural, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India – 456661 Total Area – 90.30 Sq. Mtr.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - House Ofmahesh Rawal, West - Common Passage, North - Purchased House Of Dinesh Rawal, South - House Of Subhash Sharma	22/07/2024
Mr. NARENDRA SINGH RATHORE (Borrower) Mrs. SAGAR BAI (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 26-03-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001054 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,58,944/- (Rupees Six Lacs Fifty Eight Nine Hundred Forty Four Only)	HN - 236/1, P.H. No 18, Village - Sagvali, Tehsil Mahidpur, Ujjain, Rural, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India – 456440 Total Area:-1402 Sq. Ft.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - Agriculture Land Of Puralal, West - Common Road, North - Common Road & House Of Raghunath, South: House Of Chainsingh	27/07/2024
Mr. PRABHU MALVIYA (Borrower) Mr. REENA MALVIYA (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 08-04-2024 2. MP/UJJ/BDGR/A000000015 & CO/CPC/CP0F/A000002429 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,12,195/- (Rupees Six Lacs Twelve Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five Only)	Property Situated In Plot No. 32, Ward No. 3, Gram Panchayat Kawadi, P.H.No.17, Tehsil & District Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, India - 455227 Total Area - 2000 Sq. Ft  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - House Of Kalabai, West - House Of Mangilal, North - Road, South - Field Of Komal Prasad	27/07/2024
Mr. RAMESHCHAND MAKWANA (Borrower) Mrs. SURAJ BAI (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 26-03-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000917 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 5,10,141/- (Rupees Five Lacs Ten Thousand One Hundred Forty One Only)	Gram Panchayat House No.167, Situated At Village Dunalja, P.H.No.38, Tehsil Badnagar, Durga Mandir, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India – 456337 Total Area :- 954 Sq. Ft.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - House Of Balaram, West - Common Passage & House Of Dinesh, North - Common Road, South - House Of Dinesh	26/07/2024
Mrs. SANTOSH BAI (Borrower) Mr. BALA PARMAR (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 26-03-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A00000983 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 7,95,446/- (Rupees Seven Lacs Ninety Five Thousand Four Forty Six Only)	A House No 202/2, P.H.No.47, Situated At Village Bhukhi Itwarpura, Gram Panchayat Kavlikheda, Tehsil Tarana, District Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456661 Total Area :- 115.19 Sq. Mtr.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - Plot Of Nirbhay, West - Common Passage And House Of Chander, North - House Of Tejuram, South - Common Passage	23/07/2024
Mr. VASUDEV MANGILAL (Borrower) Mrs. NEHA CHOUDHARY (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 26-03-2024     2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000913     3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 5,28,698/- (Rupees Five Lacs Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Eight Only)	Bhawan Krmak 142, Ganvadi, Gowdi, Narwal, Gram Gaowdi, P.H.No.76, Shree Dev Narayan Mandir, Urban, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India – 456664 Total Area:- 1848 Sq. Ft.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - Ajad Patel, West - Road Of Colony, North - Suresh Chaudhary, South - Madanlal Malviya	26/07/2024
Mr. INDARLAL MOHANLAL (Borrower) Mrs. MAMTA BAI (Co-Borrower)	I. Issuance Date - 07-03-2024     MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000647     Total Amount Due - Rs. 5,09,487/- (Rupees Five Lacs Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Seven Only)	House No. 7, Gram Kalmoda, Patwari Halka No.63, Tehsil Badnagar, District Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456222 Total Area – 825 Sq. Ft.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - Common Road, West - Common Road, North - House Of Tolaram, South - House Of Tolaram	24/07/2024
Mr. PRIVIN SHARMA (Borrower) Mrs. TEENA SHARMA (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 26-03-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A00000862 & MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001522 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.12,01,430/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Only)	A South Part of Plot No.82, Situated Prem Residency, Village Hamukhedi, Tehsil and Dist. Ujjain , Madhya Pradesh, India – 456010 Total Area 102.26 Sq. Mtr Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - Colony 's Boundry Wall, West - Road Of Colony, North - Plot No. 83, South - Plot No. 81	24/07/2024
Mr. KEDAR BAIRAGI (Borrower) Mrs. PINKI BAIRAGI (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 28-03-2024     2. MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000017     3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 8,41,413/- (Rupees Eight Lacs Forty One Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen Only)	Mukesh, South - House Of Kamal	23/07/2024
Mr. VIVEKKUMAR (Borrower) Mrs. PURNIMA NAGAR (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 08-04-2024 2. MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000046 & CO/CPC/CPOF/A000002330 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,55,265/- (Rupees Six Lacs Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Five Only)	North Part of House No.191, Shivansh Paradise, Agar Road, Ujjain (MP), Shivansh Paradise, Agar Road Ujjain, RD Gardi Medical College, Metro, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456001 Total Area - 46.48 Sq. Mtr.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - House No. 198, West - Colony Road, North - House No. 192, South - Part Of House No. 191	23/07/2024
Mr. PRIYANKA THAKUR (Borrower) Mr. DEEPAK THAKUR (Co-Borrower 1) Mrs. TULSA BAI THAKUR (Co-Borrower 2) Mr. MANGU SINGH THAKUR (Co-Borrower 3)	I. Issuance Date - 28-03-2024     MP/KHA/KHWA/A000000037     Total Amount Due - Rs. 10,16,931/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty One Only	Property Situated at, PH. No. 01, Gram Panchayat - Dhangaon, Village Dhangaon, Tehsil & Distt. Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh, India - 450001, Measuring 142.75 Sq. Mtr.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - Road, West - House Of Prahlad, North - House Of Bacchu Singh, South - House Of Kamal	23/07/2024
Mr. MAHENDRA CHOUDHARY (Borrower) Mr. KARTIK CHOUDHARY (Co-Borrower) Mrs. SANTOSHBAI CHOUDHARY	1. Issuance Date - 28-03-2024 2. MP/KHA/KHWA/A000000061 & MP/KHA/KHWA/A000000271 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 30,07,849/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Nine Only)	Property Situated At, Barwaha, Ward No.11, Adarsh Colony Barwaha, Th. Barwaha Distt. Khargone (MP), Barwah, Distt Khargone (MP), Urban, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India - 451115, Makan/ Bhumi Kramank -274 Measuring 1000 Sq.Ft.  Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - House Of Tarachand, West - House Of Radheshyam, North - House Of Hemraj & Other, South - Colony Road	23/07/2024

#### 3 from Bhopal bag podium positions

DSP Rail Bittu Sharma Bhatele in a prize distribution ceremony during 53rd district

level Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan sports competition at KV-3 in Bhopal on

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

ut of the four participants from Bhopal in the Monsoon Rally held in Nashik, Maharashtra, three bagged podium positions while Mohammad Anees came first in the scooter class, the city's wellknown rider Muzaffar Ali got second place while driving in the private class. Apart from this, Anwar got

third place while driving in the Kinetic category. Well-known rider Asif Ali got fourth place in the manufacturer category. Asif Ali's car stopped in the first lap. In this competition, the city's rider Muzaffar Ali reported illness while driving. He said that due to which he was vomiting continuously.

After which he drove the car even in this condition and got second place in the private rider category. Asif Ali's car stopped in the first lap.

However, he restarted the vehicle in the second lap and converted it into the fastest lap. But it did not help.

Four riders from the capital participated in Maharashtra's famous rally 'Monsoon Rally 2024'. This year more than 100 riders from all over the country are participating in this compe-

In this competition held in Nashik, all the three riders from the city said that the track of this rally organized by Sportcraft Club is said to be very difficult. Muzaffar Ali said that the track is quite challenging, it has many types of curves, mud. In which braking and speed have to be taken care of a lot, due to which we came here many days ago, we were constantly racking the track so that we can perform well in the final, and its result is also out today.

Muzaffar Ali got second place in the private class category. Participating in this competition for eight years

Syed Asif Ali has been particiabout eight years. He is driving here in the four-stroke manufacturer category. Which is the up to 210 cc category. Asif was earlier the overall champion in 2021, while he has also been second and third in 2021 and

Apart from this, Muzaffar Ali will drive in the up to 210 cc four-stroke private class. He has reached there with TVS Intorq and has been practicing for two days. Last year Muzaffar was second overall, before this he has been a champion three times in this competition.

#### NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 01/2024-25 E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, Senior Material Manager, North Centra

Railway, Jhansi, invites the E-Procurement tender for following item

Tender No. 54245288 Qty. 01 Nos. Tender Closing/Opening Date. 20.08.2024 Brief Description: Supply, commissioning and Installation of Multimedia Projecto as per attached specification.

Note: • The complete information of above E-Procurement is available or IREPS website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in 1308/24 (C) v.in 🗵 @ CPRONCR

## NATIONAL APTITUDE TEST IN ARCHITECTURE



#### IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE **CONDUCT OF ADDITIONAL TESTS FOR NATA 2024**

The Council of Architecture has decided to conduct additional tests for NATA 2024 on 10th & 24th August, 2024 (in two sessions) in order to provide more opportunity to eligible aspirants for admission to 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. degree programme.

The candidates qualifying in the above tests shall be considered for admission only against the vacant/ unfilled seats in the programme available at various Institutions. Centralized Admission counselling process in the states shall continue as per their respective schedules.

Registration shall commence from 28.07.2024. For further details on registration and NATA 2024, please visit the NATA website www.nata.in,

**New Delhi** July 28, 2024

Registrar

Place : Ujjain, Date : 28/07/2024

Mr. RADHESHYAM DULERA 1. Issuance Date - 08-04-2024

2. MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000026 &

3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,22,971/- (Rupees Six Lacs Twenty

3. Total Amount Due - 8,25,514 (Rupees Eight Lakh Twenty

Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy One Only)

Five Thousand Five Hundred and Fourteen Only)

CO/CPC/CP0F/A000000644

1. Issuance Date - 08-04-2024

2. MP/HBD/HOSH/A000000032

(Co-Borrower)

Mrs. MAMTABAI (Co-Borrower)

Mr. Sharad Dubey (Borrower)

Mrs. Shobha Dubey (Co-Borrower)

(Borrower)

STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS Borrower(s)/Guarantor's are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time herein after by way of public aution/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest) Enforcement Rules, 2002. Authorised Officer Mobile No.- Vaibhav Shrivastav - 7987969803, Rajesh Chakotiya - 84355 71111, Aishwarya - 90246 08717, Sitaram Prajapati - 95845 67867, Ankita Patil - 77230 55195,

456440 Total Area -1064 Sq Ft.

456668. Total area -675 Sq.ft

Gram Panchayat House No.160, Gram Bardiyason, Ward No.17, P.H.No.67, Thesil and District

Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh, Gram Bardiyason, Ram Mandir, Urban, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India

Boundaries As Per Registered Sale Deed - East - Common Road, West - House Of Devilal As

Description of The Property (With Boundaries) Ward No.1, Khala Gali, Kasba Khategaon, P.H.N.37,

Vikash Khand Khategaon, Distt-Dewas, Rural, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, India - 455336 India

Boundaries - East - Remaining Land Of Seller & House, West - House Of Mrs. Chandrakanta W/o Mr Laxmi Narayan Soni, North - Road, South - Godown Of Mr. Mukesh Goyal

Common Road, North - Own Plot As House Of Kishore, South - Plot of Anandilal

Authorised Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

27/07/2024

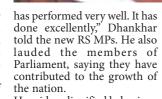
26/07/2024

## **Emergency a dark period: Dhankhar**

Describing Emergency as a "painful, dark" period, Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday said if that period is ignored the Parliament has done well. Addressing new MPs of the Rajya Sabha at an orientation programme here, Dhankhar said, "There has been only one painful, heart wrenching dark period and that was when Emergency was declared." During the period, the

Constitution was reduced to just a paper, he said.

"It was shredded and leaders were jailed. MISA (Maintenance of Internal Security Act) became a draconian word. One of the senior politicians of the country, Lalu Prasad Yadav, was so moved and touched by the atrocities of the Emergency that he named his child Misa," he said. Misa Bharti was a member of Rajya Sabha and is currently a Lok Sabha MP."That was the sentiment. If we ignore that



He said undignified behaviour during House proceedings to score a political point is a blow to the spirit of democracy.He also lamented that members these days are not willing to listen to the views of others. 'You are free to disagree with the views of others. To ignore the other point of view is not part of parliamentary practice," Dhankhar told new Rajya Sabha members at an orientation programme.

media statements immediately after leaving the House and use social media to grab eyeballs."Members come a minute before their speech and leave immediately. Your presence is not there that you adopt a hitand-run strategy," he said. Dhankhar said Parliament has

been a citadel of constitution-

values and liberties. At times, there have been issues, but House leaders have shown the way using wisdom, he added. "But the situation now

Undignified behaviour is being used as a political weapon, which is a blow to the spirit of democracy," he told the mem-

## Modi, Shah laud CRPF role on raising day

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday praised the role of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on the occasion of its raising day. Modi lauded the CRPF's unwavering dedication and relentless service to the nation on the force's raising day on Saturday.

The CRPF is the country's largest organisation of its kind under the Union Government and is primarily engaged in counter-insurgency work in coordination with states. It is the country's premier central police force, entrusted with maintaining internal security. It was originally established as the Crown Representative's Police on July 27, 1939.

"My greetings to all CRPF personnel," Modi said in a social media post. "Their unwavering dedication and relentless service to the nation are truly commendable. They have always stood for the highest standards of courage and commitment. Their role in keeping our nation safe is also paramount," the prime minister added in the post.

Home Minister Shah greeted CRPF personnel and their families on the occasion of the force's raising day, saying its brave soldiers exerted all their might for National security without ever caring for their lives and emerged victorious

"Greetings to CRPF personnel and their family members on their Raising Day. Since its inception, the @crpfindia has taken National security as its mission," Shah said in a social media post.

The brave soldiers of the force have exerted all their might to accomplish this goal without ever caring for their lives and have emerged victorious every time. I bow to the martyrs of the CRPF who laid down their lives in the line of

## Treatment meted out to Mamata Hepatitis B leads to severe illness, deaths due to liver cancer: Experts unacceptable, says Congress

PNS NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday said the treatment meted out to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at a NITI Aayog meeting here was "unacceptable". The Opposition party's

scathing criticism of the Government think tank came after Banerjee walked out of the 9th Governing Council meeting of the NITI Aayog, claiming she was unfairly stopped midway through her speech. The Government rejected Banerjee's charges, saying the time allotted to her for speaking at the meeting was over. The Congress alleged the Niti Aayog has functioned as a "drumbeater" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was chairing the meeting, since it was set up 10 years ago.

The meeting was boycotted by



Congress party Chief Ministers over alleged discrimination against non-NDA-ruled states in the Union Budget.

Congress general secretary incharge communications Jairam Ramesh said, "Since it was established ten years ago, NITI Aayog has been an attached office of the PMO and has functioned as a drumbeater for the non-biological PM."

It has not advanced the cause of cooperative federalism in any manner, he said.

"Its functioning has been blatantly partisan, and it is anything but professional and independent," Ramesh alleged. "It muzzles all divergent and dissenting viewpoints, which are the very essence of an open

democracy.

Its meetings are a farce to be reckoned with." Its treatment of the West Bengal CM today, although typical of the NITI Aayog, is "unacceptable", Ramesh said in a social media

Despite being preventable and treatable, chronic hepatitis B and C has respectively afflicted approximately 40 million and 6 to 12 million people in India with specific regions, including Ladakh, Arunachal Pradesh, and several tribal belt areas showing notably higher prevalence rates, experts said on the eve of the World Hepatitis Day on Saturday.

These chronic infections, particularly hepatitis B, are leading to severe illnesses and deaths due to liver cancer, cirrhosis, and liver failure.

The WHO 2024 Global Hepatitis Report highlights India as one of the nations with the highest global burden of hepatitis B and C.

In Southeast Asia, almost 75 per cent of liver cirrhosis cases are attributed to hepatitis B and C infections, according to the WHO. On the eve of World

Hepatitis Day, the WHO issued a critical call for Southeast Asian countries to intensify their efforts in providing universal access to the prevention, vaccination, diagnosis, and treatment of viral hepatitis B

Dr Saima Wazed, the WHO's Regional Director for Southeast Asia, stressed the urgency, stating, "We have the knowledge and tools to prevent, diagnose, and treat viral hepatitis, yet people with chronic hepatitis B and C are still waiting to access the services they need. We need to accelerate efforts to deliver equitable services closer to communities, at the primary healthcare level."

In India, Dr Apurva Pande, consultant in Gastroenterology Hepatology Department at Fortis Hospital Greater Noida, highlighted the local situation, saying, "Hepatitis B and C are among the most com-



Dr Pande said hepatitis B infection is more prevalent in regions such as Ladakh (12.7 per cent), Arunachal Pradesh

(21.2 per cent), and the Nicobar Islands (23.3 per cent), including the Shompens (37.8 per cent) and Jarwa (65 per cent) tribal communities. Conversely, hepatitis C is more widespread in northeastern India, among tribal populations, and in Punjab. Dr Praveen Kumar, CEO of

Fortis Hospital Greater Noida, pointed out that "Symptoms of hepatitis can include fatigue,

fever, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and jaundice (yellowing of the eyes and skin). If you experience any of these symptoms, it is crucial to consult a doctor."

Dr Shiv Kumar Sarin, Director and Chancellor of the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) in Delhi, emphasised the importance of hepatitis prevention and combating associated stigma. "The theme for this year, 'It's Time for Action, underscores the urgent need for enhanced prevention, diagnosis, and treatment strategies," he stated.

The institute also organised events aimed to educate school children about hepatitis and its

There are five main strains of the hepatitis virus — types A, B, C, D, and E. While they all cause liver disease, they differ in transmission modes, illness severity, geographical distribution, and prevention meth-



#### Bengal CM's act at NITI Aayog meet planned: BJP

PNS NEW DELHI

The BJP took a swipe at West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for walking out of a NITI Aayog meeting here on Saturday, and said it was premeditated and aimed at

grabbing headlines. BJP General Secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh said, "It is very easy to grab headlines in our country. First, tell I am the only 'Opposition CM' attending Niti Aayog meeting. Come out & tell 'I boycotted since mic was switched off'. Now whole day TVs will display the same. No work. No discussion. That's Didi to you." Banerjee walked out of the meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi claiming that she was unfairly stopped midway in her speech, despite being the sole representative of the opposition. The Government, however, rejected her claim and said her speaking time was over.

The BJP's IT department head Amit Malviya alleged that Banerjee's walkout from the meeting was premeditated and for the cameras. In a social media post, he said:

"It is sad to see a Chief Minister reduce serious issues of governance to theatrics. People of West Bengal are suffering as a consequence of her confrontational politics.

Malviya also posted a journalist's comments prior to the meeting that there is a view that chief ministers like Banerjee and Hemant Soren, both from the Opposition camp, may

## SC to hear ED plea challenging HC's order granting bail to CM Hemant Soren

The Supreme Court is scheduled to ▲ hear on July 29 an Enforcement Directorate plea challenging the Jharkhand High Court's order granting bail to Chief Minister Hemant Soren in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam. A bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V

Viswanathan is scheduled to hear the federal agency's plea against the June 28 order of the high court.

Soren, the Executive President of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), had resigned as Chief Minister shortly before the ED arrested him on January 31 in the case. After coming out of jail on bail in the case, he took oath as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand on July 4. Earlier during the hearing in the high court, the ED's counsel had argued that if Soren was released on bail, he might commit a similar offence and referred to cases against ED officers in the SC/ST police station.



"Though the conduct of the petitioner has been sought to be highlighted by the Enforcement Directorate on account of the First Information Report instituted by the petitioner against the officials of the ED, but on an overall conspectus of the case, there is no likelihood of the petitioner committing a

similar nature of offence," the high

court had said. The single-bench order had also mentioned that the consequence of the findings recorded by the court "satisfies the condition as at section 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 to the effect that there is reason

guilty of the offence as alleged". Soren's lawyer had argued strongly for his bail, contending that he was falsely implicated in a criminal case by the central agency.

The ED, opposing Soren's bail plea, had alleged that he misused his position as the Chief Minister to "unlawfully" acquire 8.86 acres of land in the Bargain area in the state capital.

The agency had claimed that during the probe, Soren's media consultant Abhishek Prasad admitted that the JMM leader instructed him to manipulate official records to change the ownership details of the plot.

The ED had also claimed that the original owner of the land, Raj Kumar Pahan, had tried to lodge a complaint when his land was usurped but it was never acted upon.

Soren had been summoned multiple times by the ED before he was questioned at his residence and subsequently arrested on January 31.



risk, says study PNS NEW DELHI

Children are nearly twice as likely to develop type 1 diabetes (T1D) if their father has the condition compared to if their mother has it, a groundbreaking research, the largest of its kind has said.

To be presented next month at the Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD), this research uncovers significant insights into the genetic and environmental factors influencing T1D risk.

It suggests that exposure to T1D in the womb confers longterm protection against the condition in children with affected mothers relative to those with

have suggested that maternal type 1 diabetes is associated with relative protection against type 1 diabetes in offspring during early life.

ative maternal protection from type 1 diabetes is confined just to childhood. We were also interested in what might be responsible for the effect."

To find out more, Dr Allen, Professor Richard Oram, of the Department of Clinical and Biomedical Sciences, University

Sweden and US performed a meta-analysis of data from five studies (BOX, Better Diabetes Diagnosis, TrialNet Pathway to Prevention Study, Type 1 Diabetes Genetic Consortium and StartRight) that contained information about individuals with T1D and their parents.

The analysis involved 11,475

individuals with T1D who were

diagnosed when they were between 0 and 88 years old. The results show they were almost twice as likely (1.8 times more likely) to have a father with T1D as a mother with the condition. This was the case for individuals who were diagnosed with T1D in childhood (=18 years) and as adults (>18 years). Individuals with mothers with T1D were diagnosed at a similar age to those with fathers with T1D."Taken together, our findings suggest the relative protection associated with having a mother versus father with type diabetes is a long-term effect that extends into adult life," said Dr Allen.The researchers also used a genetic risk score that takes into account more than 60

> fathers. Individuals with mothers withT1D had similar scores to

However, the timing of the parent's diagnosis was important. An individual was only more likely to have a father, rather than a mother, with T1D, if the parent was diagnosed before the individual was born, said the

## Indian astronaut will travel to International Space Station

PNS NEW DELHI

One of the four Indian astronauts undergoing training for the Gaganyan mission will travel to the International Space Station as part of a collaborative effort with NASA, Union Minister Jitendra Singh has informed the Lok Sabha.

In a written reply, Singh said NASA has identified a private entity Axiom Space and ISRO had signed a Space Flight Agreement with the American firm for the joint mission to the International Space Station

During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US last year, President Joe Biden announced that India and the US were collaborating to send an Indian astronaut to the ISS in 2024.

India's Astronaut Selection Board had selected four astronauts from the group of test pilots from the Indian Air



Force for the Gaganyaan mission, India's first human space flight planned to take place next

"All four astronauts have undergone training on a spaceflight basic module in Russia. Currently, astronauts are undergoing training at ISRO's Astronauts Training Facility (ATF) in Bengaluru for the Gaganyaan Mission," Singh said.

three semesters of the Gaganyatri training programme have been completed while independent training simulators and static mockup simulators have been realised.

Sharing an update on the

Gaganyaan mission, Singh said

Singh said designs of the crew module and service module The minister said two out of structure have been completed and various parachute systems have been tested through integrated main parachute airdrop test and rail track rocket sledge

The ground test programme towards human rating of the Crew Module Propulsion ground testing of propulsion System has been completed systems stages, including solid, and the Service Module

liquid and cryogenic engine,

towards human rating of the

launch vehicle has been com-

pleted. Design and realisation of

five types of crew escape system

solid motors has been com-

system and parachute deploy-

ment has been successfully

accomplished, he added.

pleted, he said.

Propulsion System test programme is nearing completion, the minister told Lok Sabha. He said characterisation of the

Thermal Protection System has been completed. Critical ground facilities such as

The Union minister said static testing of all five types of solid Orbital Module Preparation motors too has been complet-Facility (OMPF), Astronaut ed. Also, the first Test Vehicle Training Facility (ATF) and Oxygen Testing Facility have been operationalised and works mission (TV-D1) for performance validation of crew escape on the Mission Control Centre (MCC) facilities and establishment of Ground Station networks were nearing completion, Singh said.

The minister said solid and liquid propulsion stages of human-rated launch vehicle was ready for flight integration and the C32 cryogenic stage was nearing completion.

The crew module and service module structure realisation has been completed and flight integration activities were in of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, progress, he added. UK, and colleagues in the UK,

affected fathers. "Individuals with a family history of type 1 diabetes are 8-15 times more likely to develop the autoimmune condition - however, studies have shown the risk is higher if the affected relative is the father rather than the mother. We wanted to understand this more," said Dr Lowri Allen, Lead Researcher, Diabetes Research Group, Cardiff University. He added, "Previous studies

We wanted to know if this rel-

those whose fathers had T1D, suggesting their relative protection against T1D wasn't due to the genes they had inherited.

different genes known to be

associated with T1D, to compare the inherited genetic risk of T1D in individuals with affect-

mothers

## Israeli airstrike hits school Kamala Harris officially declares in Gaza, killing at least 30

(GAZA STRIP)

sraeli airstrikes hit a school and a hospital in central Gaza on Saturday as the country's negotiators prepared to meet international mediators to discuss a proposed cease-

At least 30 people sheltering at a girls' school in Deir Al-Balah were taken to Al Aqsa Hospital and pronounced dead after a strike that Israel's military said targeted a Hamas command and control centre used to store weapons and plan attacks. Gaza's Health Ministry said 11 people were killed in other strikes on Saturday.

Israel's military ordered the evacuation of a part of a designated humanitarian zone in Gaza ahead of a planned strike on Khan Younis on Saturday, as the country's negotiators prepare to meet international mediators to discuss a proposed cease-fire.

The evacuation order is in response to rocket fire that Israel said originated from the area. The military said it planned an operation against Hamas militants in the city, including parts of Muwasi, the crowded tent camp in an area where Israel has told thousands of Palestinians to seek refuge throughout the war.

The planned strike comes a day before officials from the US, Egypt, Qatar and Israel are scheduled to meet in Italy and discuss the ongoing hostage and cease-fire negotiations. CIA Director Bill Burns is expected to meet Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed Bin Abdul Rahman al-Thani, Mossad director David Barnea

and Egyptian spy chief Abbas Kamel on Sunday, according to officials from the US and Egypt who spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorised to discuss the plans. It's the second evacuation order issued in a week that has included striking part of the humanitarian zone, a 60square-kilometer (roughly 20square-mile) blanketed with tent camps that lack sanitation and medical facilities and have limited access to aid. United

Nations and humanitarian

groups say. Israel expanded

the zone in May to take in peo-

ple fleeing Rafah, where more

than half of Gaza's population

at the time had crowded. According to Israeli estimates, about 1.8 million Palestinians are currently sheltering there after being uprooted multiple times in search of safety during Israel's punishing air and ground campaign. In November, the military said the area could still be struck and that it was "not a safe zone, but it is a safer place than any other" in Gaza.

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees, known as UNRWA, said it was increasingly difficult to know how many people would be affected by the evacuation order because those sheltering under there were constantly being displaced. "Referring to the orders as

evacuation orders don't do any justice to what this means," said Juliette Touma, the agency's director of communications. "These are forced displacement orders. What happens is when people have these orders, they have very little time to

# candidature for US presidency

Vice President Kamala Harris on Saturday officially signed her forms, declaring her candidacy for the post of President of the US and voiced confidence that she would win the high-stakes election on November 5.

Today, I signed the forms officially declaring my candidacy for President of the United States. I will work hard to earn every vote," 59-year-old Harris, who is of Indian and African origin, said on X.

"In November, our people-powered campaign will win," the presumptive Democratic Party candidate said, referring to her electoral battle with former president and the Republican Party's nominee Donald Trump. Harris launched her presiden-

tial campaign last Sunday, hours after President Joe Biden, 81, withdrew from the race for a second term. She is, however, yet to be officially declared as the presidential candidate by the Democrats.

If elected on November 5 to succeed President Biden, Harris the daughter of a Jamaican father and an Indian mother would not only be the first woman, but the first Indian-American, the first Asian, the first Black woman and the first person of Jamaican descent to ascend to the office.

Meanwhile, no Democrats have announced their candidacy for the presidential race. Harris has secured endorsements from more than 40 state delegations, surpassing the number of delegates she will need to win the nomination and if that support holds,

Democrats will officially nominate her for president during a virtual roll call vote early next month.

Under new rules adopted by the Democratic National Committee on Wednesday, the nominee will be selected as soon as August 1, and the candidate has until August 7 to party will meet for its convention in Chicago starting August

Harris, who was a senator from California before she was elected vice president, quickly hit the campaign trail with events in Wisconsin, Indiana and Texas. Her campaign said it raked in more than USD 130 million since she officially joined the White House race. The endorsement comes as 'Harris for President' kicks off a 'Weekend of Action' marking 100 days until Election Day (on

November 5). With over 1,70,000 volunteers and 2,300 events across the battleground states, Team Harris is making its case to the voters who will decide this election about the fundamental choice they will face this November at the ballot box.

## Orban warns of EU's demise, backs Trump in anti-Western speech

**AP** ■ BAILE TUSNAD (ROMANIA)

Hungary's nationalist Prime Minister Viktor Orban said on Saturday that the European Union was sliding toward oblivion in a rambling anti-Western speech in which he warned of a new, Asia-oriented "world order" while throwing his support for Donald Trump's US presidential bid

"Europe has given up defending its own interests," Orban said in Baile Tusnad, a majority-ethnic Hungarian town in central Romania. "All Europe is doing today is following the US's pro-Democrat foreign policy unconditionally ... even at the cost of self-destruction.

"A change is coming that has not been seen for 500 years. What we are facing is in fact a world order change," he added, citing China, India, Pakistan and Indonesia as becoming the "dominant centre" of the world. Orban also alleged that the US was behind the 2022 explosions that damaged the Nord Stream gas pipelines built to carry gas from Russia to Germany, calling it "an act of terrorism carried out at the obvious direction of the Americans". He didn't offer any evidence to back up the

The far-right leader's remarks come amid growing criticism from his European partners after he embarked on rogue 'peace mission" trips to Moscow and Beijing earlier this month aimed at brokering an end to Russia's war in

Ukraine. Orbán is widely considered to have the warmest nation-state" and rehashed a relations with the Kremlin among all EU leaders.

On Ukraine, Orbán cast doubt on the war-torn country becoming either a member of NATO or the EU. "We Europeans do not have the money for it. Ukraine will revert to the position of a buffer state," he said, adding that international security guarantees "will be enshrined in an agreement between the US and Russia"

Throughout Russia's full-scale war in Ukraine, Orbán has bro-ken with other EU leaders by refusing to provide Kyiv with weapons to defend against Russian forces and has routinely delayed, watered down, or blocked efforts to send financial aid to Kyiv and impose sanctions on Moscow. Orbán typically uses the annu-

Tusvanyos Summer University platform in Romania to indicate the ideological direction of his national government and to deride the standards of the EU bloc, which Hungary joined in 2004. Hungary currently holds the EU's rotating presidency, during which Orbán has made a Trumpian vow to "Make Europe Great Again" and has openly endorsed Trump's candential election. Orbán visited Trump twice this year at the former president's beachside compound in Mar-a-Lago. Orbán said on Saturday that

Trump's bid for re-election people back from a post-

nationalist liberal state to a slew of conservative tropes that Trump is being penalised unfairly to prevent his electoral bid. "That is why they want to put him in prison. That's why they want to take away his assets. And if that doesn't work, that's why they want to kill

him," Orbán said, referring to

an assassination attempt on

Trump at a Pennsylvania rally

this month. Orbán's remarks on Saturday aren't the first time he's used the festival in Transylvania to stir controversy. In 2014, Orban declared for the first time his intentions of building an "illiberal state" in Hungary, and in 2022, he sparked international outrage after he railed against Europe becoming a "mixed race" society. He doubled down on his long-held anti-immigration stance on Saturday, saying it is not an answer to his country's aging population.

There can be no question of a shrinking population supplemented by migration," he said in his Saturday address. "The Western experience is that if there are more guests than owners, then home is no longer home. This is a risk that should not be taken?

The EU's longest-serving leader, Orbán has become an ulists for his firm opposition to immigration and LGBTQ+ rights. He has also cracked down on the press and judiciary in Hungary and been accused by the EU of violating aims "to pull the American rule-of-law and democracy standards.

#### Jamaat-e-Islami's protest against power price, tax hike continues

PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's rightwing Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) on Saturday vowed to continue its protest in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi as the party's sit-in entered the second day to press the government to reduce electricity price and taxes on the salaried class. The party for the second day on Saturday held the protest to hold a rally at the D-Chowk in Islamabad.

The JI drive was, however, stopped by police. The party later changed its plan and announced holding a sit-in at three places, including Murree Road and Chungi No 22 in Rawalpindi and H-8 Bridge Islamabad.

JI chief Hafiz Naeem addressed the participants camping on the Murree Road, the main artery of the garrison city connecting it with Islamabad, and vowed to continue the sit-in till the demands were accepted.

"Our demands are simple and we want the government to give relief to the masses," he said adding that the party was aware of difficulties but was sure that the issue of power tariffs could be addressed. He said the protest would continue until its key demands were met, elaborating that renegotiations be held with the Independent Power power companies considered the main cause of the exorbitant rise in the electricity bills. Naeem also expressed willingness

to talk with the government if the latter showed seriousness in addressing the issues highlighted by the II.

## Trump continues to target Harris

**PTI** WASHINGTON

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m amala\ Harris\ will}$  be the "most extreme radical liberal president in American history" if she is elected, Donald Trump has said, as he intensified his attacks on his Democratic rival in the presidential polls in November.

Vice President Harris, 59, is the new presidential candidate of the Democratic party after incumbent President Joe Biden, 81, withdrew from the race. Trump, a former US president and the 2024 Republican presidential candidate, painted Harris as an overly liberal on immigration and abortion and called her a "bum" in a speech to a gathering of religious conservatives.

"She was a bum three weeks ago. She was a bum. A failed vice president and a failed

administration with millions of people crossing, and she was the border czar," Trump said in a speech at Turning Point USA's "The Believers Summit," in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The 78-year-old former president called her the most incompetent, unpopular, and far-left vice president in American history "If Kamala Harris gets in, she

will be the most extreme radical liberal president in American history...As a Senator, Harris was ranked number one most far-left Democrat in the entire Senate, and that includes Bernie Sanders," Trump said, Harris will appoint hundreds of

extreme far-left judges to forcibly impose crazy San Francisco liberal values" on Americans nationwide, he alleged, invoking the spectre of

San Francisco — a liberal city long used as shorthand by conservatives eager to denigrate Democrats. Our task is to defeat socialism.

to defeat Marxism, communism, to defeat the cartels and the criminals and the human traffickers, trafficking women. That means defeating Kamala Harris in a landslide. We want a landslide this November. We want something too big to rig," he said.

Trump said Harris supports free government healthcare for illegal aliens, abolishing the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, decriminalising illegal immigration and mass amnesty for illegals, he said, adding she wants to outlaw private health insurance and defund the police. "Border Czar Harris will let

murderers, child predators,

and bloodthirsty rapists and drug dealers charge across our borders by the tens of thousands a day. I will throw the killers, criminals, and illegal aliens and gang members the hell out of our country," he

In a statement later, Harris for President spokesperson James Singer said in his speech Trump couldn't pronounce words, insulted the faith of Jewish and Catholic Americans, and lied about the election (again). He plans to fill a second Trump term with more criminals like himself, Singer said.

"America can do better than the bitter, bizarre, and backwardlooking delusions of criminal Donald Trump. Vice President Kamala Harris offers a vision for America's future focused on freedom, opportunity, and security," he said.

## **US, China air global differences**

AP VIENTIANE (LAOS)

The United States and China on Saturday renewed their mutual grievances as Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his Chinese counterpart held their sixth meeting since last year amid an uncertain political situation in the US and growing concerns about China's increasing assertiveness in Asia

Blinken and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met for roughly an hour and 20 minutes on the sidelines of an annual Southeast Asian regional security forum in Vientiane, Laos, at which tensions between China and US ally Philippines over disputes in the South China Sea were a prime focus of discussion.

State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said Blinken and Wang had had "an open and productive" discussion but had not reached any significant agreements on the issues that divide them most in the Indo-Pacific, Europe and the Americas

"The United States will continue to take necessary actions to safeguard our interests and values, and those of our allies and partners, including on human rights," Blinken told

Wang, according to Miller. Blinken "made clear that the United States, together with our allies and partners, will advance our vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific," he said, highlighting recently aggressive Chinese actions toward Taiwan, the self-governing island that Beijing claims as part of the mainland and has vowed to eign ministers before his meeting with Wang. "We applaud



The top US diplomat also scolded China for "destabilizing actions in the South China Sea" and "affirmed the United States' support for freedom of navigation and overflight and the peaceful resolution of disputes, consistent with international law," Miller said.

However, Blinken also praised China and the Philippines for concluding an agreement earlier this week that allowed the Philippines on Saturday to make a supply trip to the disputed area without having to confront Beijing's forces, the first such trip since the deal was concluded.

We are pleased to take note of the successful resupply today at the Second Thomas Shoal," Blinken told Association of Southeast Asian Nations forthat it continues going forward?

Prior to the deal, tensions between the Philippines and China escalated for months, with China's coast guard and other forces using powerful water cannons and dangerous blocking maneuvers to prevent food and other supplies from reaching Filipino navy personnel.

Still, Blinken, who will be in Manila next week as part of his current six-country tour of Asia, also deplored China's escalatory and unlawful" actions taken against the Philippines in the South China Sea over the last few months." In his meeting with Wang, Blinken also re-raised deep US and European concerns about China's support of Russia's defense industrial sector that Washington and capi-

tals in Europe believe Russia is using to ramp up the production of weapons for use in its war against Ukraine.

Blinken "made clear that if (China) does not act to address this threat to European security, the United States will continue to take appropriate measures to do so," Miller said. Since that warning was first issued more than a year ago, the sanctions on more than 300 Russian and Chinese firms

engaged in the trade. Asked whether the Chinese had responded to those sanctions in the way the US and its allies would like, a senior State Department official replied: "Not enough. Not enough that our concerns have been put to rest." The official spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity to discuss the pri-

vate diplomatic meeting. Blinken's Asia trip was announced just hours after President Joe Biden said he would step down as a candidate in November's election in favor of Vice President Kamala Harris. Although the senior official said the shake-up had not come up in Saturday's meetings, he said Blinken had pointed out to Wang that Harris had experience with China and had met Chinese President Xi Jinping in

Bangkok in 2022.

The official said Blinken referred to the Biden-Harris administration's desire to keep relations with China on a positive track and noted that while "he has mentioned her before, obviously there's a different context now."

#### Morari Bapu to recite Ram Katha at United Nations

**PTI** ■ WASHINGTON

Indian spiritual leader Morari Bapu will recite Ram Katha for the first time at the UN headquarters in New York to spread the timeless relevance of the Ramcharitmanas, one of the most revered Hindu scrip

The Ramcharitmanas carries a

global message, transcending

religious and cultural bound aries, Morari Bapu, who has been reciting Ram Kathas for over sixty-five years drawing from Vedic Sanatana Dharma "It speaks to the universal val-

ues that are needed in today's world-truth, love, and compassion," he told PTI in an interview.

"Recitation of Ram Katha at the UN is a divine grace and a step towards global harmony," he said on the eve of the start of the nine-day recitation of Ram Katha at the Delegates Dining Room at the UN Headquarters in New York

This is the first time that Ram Katha is being organised at the United Nations headquarters in New York, said Morari Bapu, noting that this is a dream come true.

Morari Bapu, 77, so far has conducted Ram Kathas in numerous cities and pilgrimage sites across the world, includ ing Sri Lanka, Indonesia, South Africa, Kenya, the United Kingdom, the United States, Brazil, Australia, Israel, and

## Mexican kingpin's arrest likely to set off violent power struggle

AP MEXICO CITY

new era is coming for Anew era is coming.

Mexico's powerful Sinaloa cartel in the wake of the capture by US authorities of Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, the last of the grand old Mexican drug traffickers.

Experts believe his arrest will usher in a new wave of violence in Mexico even as Zambada could potentially provide loads of information for US prosecu-

Zambada, who had eluded authorities for decades and had never set foot in prison, was known for being an astute state's capital.

operator, skilled at corrupting officials and having an ability to negotiate with everyone, including rivals

Removing him from the criminal landscape could set off an internal war for control of the cartel that has a global reach as has occurred with the arrest or killings of other kingpins and open the door to the more violent inclinations of a younger generation of Sinaloa traffickers, experts say

government deployed 200

members of its special forces

Friday to Culiacan, Sinaloa

tance". With that in mind, the Mexican

There is "significant potential for high escalation of violence across Mexico", said Vanda Felbab-Brown, a senior fellow in the Strobe Talbott Center for Security, Strategy and Technology at the Brookings Institution. That "is bad for Mexico, it's bad for the United States, as well as the possibility that the even more vicious (Ialisco New Generation cartel) will rise to even greater impor-

For that reason, Zambada's arrest could be considered a "great tactical success", but strategically problematic, Felbab-Brown said.

## TikTok collected US user views on issues like abortion, gun control

**AP** WASHINGTON

In a fresh broadside against one of the world's most popular technology companies, the Justice Department late Friday accused TikTok of harnessing the capability to gather bulk information on users based on views on divisive social issues like gun control, abortion and religion.

Government lawyers wrote in a brief filed to the federal appeals court in Washington that TikTok and its Beijing-based parent company ByteDance used an internal websuite system called Lark to enable TikTok employees to speak directly with ByteDance engineers in China. TikTok employees used Lark to send sensitive data about US users, information that has wound up being stored on Chinese servers and accessible to ByteDance employees in China, federal officials said

One of Lark's internal search tools, the filing states, permits ByteDance and TikTok employees in the US and China to gather information on users' content or expressions, including views on sensitive topics, such as abortion or religion. Last year, the Wall Street Journal reported TikTok had tracked users who watched LGBTO content through a dashboard the company said it had since

The new court documents represent the government's first major defense in a consequential legal battle over the future of the popular social media platform, which is used by more than 170 million Americans. Under a law signed by President Joe Biden in April, the company could face a ban in a few months if it doesn't break ties with ByteDance.

The measure was passed with bipartisan support after lawmakers and administration officials expressed concerns that Chinese authorities could force ByteDance to hand over US user data or sway public opinion towards Beijing's interests by manipulating the algorithm that populates users' feeds. The Justice Department warned, in stark terms, of the potential for what it called "covert content manipulation" by the Chinese government, saying the algorithm could be designed to shape content that

users receive. "By directing ByteDance or TikTok

to covertly manipulate that algorithm; China could for example further its existing malign influence operations and amplify its efforts to undermine trust in our democracy and exacerbate social divisions," the brief states.

The concern, they said, is more than theoretical, alleging that TikTok and ByteDance employees are known to engage in a practice called "heating" in which certain videos are promoted in order to receive a certain number of views. While this capability enables TikTok to curate popular content and disseminate it more widely, US officials posit it can also be used for nefarious purposes. Justice Department officials are asking the court to allow a classified version of its legal brief, which won't be

accessible to the two companies. Nothing in the redacted brief "changes the fact that the Constitution is on our side," TikTok spokesperson Alex Haurek said in a statement. "The TikTok ban would silence 170 million Americans' voices, violating the 1st Amendment," Haurek said. "As we've said before, the government has never put forth proof of its claims, including when Congress passed this unconstitutional law. Today, once again, the government is taking this unprecedented step while hiding behind secret information. We remain confident we will prevail in court." In the redacted version of the court

documents, the Justice Department said another tool triggered the suppression of content based on the use

in China, where the company operates a similar app called Douyin that follows Beijing's strict censorship rules. But Justice Department officials said other policies may have been applied to TikTok users outside of China. TikTok was investigating the existence of these policies and whether they had ever been used in the US in, or around, 2022, officials said. The government points to the Lark data transfers to explain why federal officials do not believe that Project Texas, TikTok's USD 1.5 billion mitigation plan to store US user data on servers owned and maintained by the tech giant Oracle, is sufficient to guard against national security concerns.

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the tool applied to ByteDance users

## **Govt to decide on sugar MSP** hike in coming days: Food Secy

The government is likely to take a decision on decision increasing the minimum selling price (MSP) of sugar within the next few days, Union Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra said on

Speaking on the sidelines of a conference organised by All India Sugar Trade India Sugar Trade Association (AISTA), Chopra said, "We are discussing the MSP (proposal). In the coming days, we will

coming days, we will hopefully take a call."
MSP of sugar has remained unchanged at Rs 31 per kg since 2019, despite annual hikes in the fair and remunerative price (FRP) paid to sugarcane farmers.

Industry bodies, including National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories (NFCSF), have urged the government to raise the MSP to at least Rs 42 per kg to help mills sustain operations amid rising production costs.

Chopra noted that sugar production for the 2024-25 season (October-September)



evaluate water requirements

for ethanol production from

suggesting that ethanol from

sugarcane may require less

water than ethanol from

Meanwhile, G20 Sherpa

Amitabh Kant on Saturday advocated for a "long-term

predictability and consistency

policy" for the sugar sector, which he said would be

crucial in making India a

developed economy by 2047.

Kant's comments come as the

industry presses for lifting a

export ban and

findings

various feedstocks,

preliminary

maize and rice.

looks promising, with the area sown to sugarcane increasing to 58 lakh hectare so far from 57 lakh hectare during the same period last

For the 2023-24 season, sugar production is estimated at 32 million tonne, lower than 32.8 million tonne in the season, sufficient to meet the domestic demand of 27 million tonne.

Earlier, addressing the event, the food secretary also mentioned that agriculture ministry conducting research

increasing the minimum selling price of sugar in line with cane prices, among other demands.

"I totally agree that we need a long-term predictability and consistency of the policy. Otherwise, it will be difficult for the sector," Kant said at a conference organized by All India Sugar Trade Association (AISTA). Highlighting the sector's importance, Kant noted that sugar contributes 1.1 per cent to the country's GDP and plays a pivotal role in and plays a pivotal role in reducing crude import bills, energy transition, promoting circular economy, achieving emissions.

"The sugar industry will be a major driver to make India a developed economy 2047," he added.

Kant urged the industry to diversification explore beyond ethanol and invest in research for developing high-yielding, low waterconsuming cane varieties, given India's limited water resources compared to the top producer Brazil.

## India steel production to cross 300MT by 2030: Official

 $E_{\text{steel}}^{\text{expressing optimism in}}_{\text{demand amid headwinds, a senior central government official said on}}$ Saturday that the domestic production is likely to cross 300 million tonnes by 2030. The ministry also does not foresee any hurdles in capacity addition due to decarbonisation efforts in the steel sector and will soon release a draft roadmap seeking public opinion to reduce the carbon footprint in the steel sector, which accounts for 12 per cent of total emissions, Secretary Nagaendra Nath Sinha said.

'The current steel demand remains strong infrastructure push from the government and expecting a growth of about 10 per cent. The GDP is also growing robustly, and with continued emphasis on infrastructure from both government and private sectors, steel demand will continue to stay strong, Sinha said, while addressing members of the Bharat Chamber of Commerce



Finished steel output during 2023-24 was 138.5 million tonnes, up 12.4 per cent yearon-year. To achieve 300 million tonnes of installed capacity, a CAGR of 12 per cent would be required.

From January to April 2024, steel production was 49.5 million tonnes, a jump of 8.5 per cent, BCC president N G Khaitan said.

Sinha also stated that some steel makers were not reporting production and sales data accurately, and the ministry feels there are gaps. He urged companies to report correctly to support policy

The steel makers complain of several headwinds like iron ore shortage, cheap steel imports and

shortcomings. The steel makers of eastern India raised serious concerns about iron ore shortages in the sector and suggested several steps to address the 53 million tonne iron ore shortage in the Indian steel industry.

Asked about steel import concerns from the industry, Sinha said imports in quantity are only 5 per cent of consumption, but there are complaints about hot-rolled coil from Vietnam, which the

Directorate General of Trade Remedies, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry,

about decarbonisation roadmap, Sinha said the government had set up 14 task forces on and, after interministerial discussions, the report will be released for public feedback soon. The roadmap focuses on increased hydrogen use in the steel industry and carbon capture,

among others. The short-term target for the government aims at about a 20 per cent reduction in carbon intensity. Currently, the average carbon intensity is 2.5 tonnes per tonne of steel

production. consortium has been planned with labs, IITs primary and secondary steel makers, and equipment makers to develop indigenous

green technology. Sinha stated that the steel ministry has written to the Finance Ministry to support keeping Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd as a "going concern" during times of crisis so it does not lose its

## About 151 GW renewable capacity under implementation in India: Minister Pralhad

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Renewable energy projects of about 151 GW capacity are under various stages of implementation in the country, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has said. The Minister for New and

Renewable Energy further said that around 76.42 GW of renewable energy capacity will be operationalized in next 3-4 years.
"The government is taking

several initiatives prioritise renewable energy. renewable projects are being implemented, and 76.42 GW will be operationalized in 3-4 years," he said addressing a session at 'Mercom India Renewables Summit 2024' in the national capital on Friday. The tendering process for 76.42 GW capacity of projects has already been



2.5 times from 76 GW in 2014 to more than 195 GW as of June 2024, Joshi said. The solar power capacity witnessed a steep jump from just 3 GW in 2014 to more than 85 GW now while capacity power increased from 21 GW to more than 46 GW, the minister added.

bidding recent completed, the minister trajectory has been a great of growth and becomes one capacity has increased over their targets and start added.

mandating through PPA/PSA signing, as a part of the trajectory, we will witness a significant increase in installations in the coming years," Raj Prabhu, CEO of Mercom Capital Group said.

The installations are poised to take off in a big way starting this year as the market enters the next level initiative. If government of the top three solar

## Himachal to develop ₹350-cr medical devices park with own resources

PTI ■ SHIMLA

The Union government I would have no stake in Rs 350-crore Medical Device Park coming up at Nalagarh in Solan district as the state government has decided to construct the park from its own resources and return Rs 30 crore received from the centre, according to a release. The decision has been taken in the interest of the state.

The project would come up in over 265 acres of land and in case Rs 30 crore received from the centre was not returned. the land would have been provided to industrialists at the rate of Re 1 per square meter, electricity at Rs 3 per unit and water, maintenance and warehouse facilities, free of cost for ten years, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said.

The state government has so far spent Rs 74.95 crore for the project, a statement issued here on Saturday said.

commissioned would accrue benefits amounting to Rs 500 crore from the sale of land and other resources in the next five to seven years, he The state government will take a loan from SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank

bindings, the government has decided to build the Park by

itself as the project when

of India) under the cluster development scheme for the construction of the medical device park and with restructuring of the project, 25 per cent of the land will be state and steering out of the medical device industries and statement added.

PepsiCo India revenue in April-December 2023 at ₹5,954 cr

75 per cent for other strategic industries, he said.

The industrial park will be developed as a modern industrial hub which will become a perennial source of income for the along government economic development and better infrastructure in the coming years, he said.

also the state government had decided not to take help from any private agency in the Bulk Drug Park being built at Haroli of Una district and the government will provide Rs 1,000 crore

## GMDC Q1 profit falls 16% to ₹184 cr

Gujarat Mineral De velop ment Corporation (GMDC) has reported 15.8 per cent decline in consolidated profit at Rs 184.05 crore for the quarter ended June 30,

The company had logged a profit of Rs 218.70 crore in the year-ago peri GMDC said in a filing. However, income during April-June FY25 increased to Rs 877.90 crore from Rs 826.77 crore in the year-

ago period. total lignite production during the quarter increased to 22.96 lakh tonne from 18.27 lakh tonne in the year-ago period. Revenue from thermal projects increased to Rs 28 crore as against Rs 17 crore in March quarter

to Rs 40 crore in Q1FY25 compared to Rs 24 crore

in Q4FY24. In a statement, GMDC Director Managing Roopwant Singh said April-June proved to be a pivotal quarter for the company whose strategic initiatives paid off with a

from operations. GMDC is the country's second-largest ligniteproducing company and Revenue from wind of lignite.

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## PNB records its highest ever quarterly profit of ₹3,252 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $P_{(\text{PNB})}^{\text{unjab}}$ National Bank Saturday reported its highest ever quarterly standalone profit at Rs 3,252 crore in April-June FY25 helped by decline in bad loans and improvement in interest income.

The state-owned bank had

posted a net profit of Rs 1,255 crore in June quarter FY24. This is the highest ever quarterly profit recorded by the bank on account of improvement in various parameters, including net interest income, recovery and CASA, Managing Director Atul Kumar Goel said.

Total income in the quarter rose to Rs 32,166 crore from Rs 28,579 crore in the same period a year ago.

The lender's interest income also increased to Rs 28,556 crore from Rs 25,145 crore in the same quarter a year ago, as per a regulatory filing. Net Interest Income (NII)

increased to Rs 10,476 crore in Q1 FY25 from Rs 9,504 crore earlier, showing an improvement of 10.23 per

Gross Non Performing Assets (NPAs) declined to 4.98 per cent of gross advances by June 2024 from 7.73 per cent in the same quarter a year

Similarly, net NPAs declined to 0.60 per cent from 1.98 per

As a result, provisions for bad loans came down drastically to Rs 792 crore in April-June FY25 as against Rs 4,374



crore in the year-ago period. Provision Coverage Ratio improved to 95.9 per cent as of June 2024 from 89.83 per cent a year ago

On a consolidated basis, the bank reported a net profit of Rs 3,976 crore in the quarter under review as against Rs 1,342 crore a year ago.

The consolidated financial result of the bank comprises five subsidiaries and 15 associates.

The capital adequacy ratio of the bank improved to 15.79 per cent at the end of June 2024 compared to 15.54 per cent in the year-ago period. With improvement in capital position, Goel said, the bank has decided to cut the proposed share sale size through Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) to Rs 5,000 crore from an earlier estimate of Rs 7,500

Asked when the capital will be raised, he said the bank is evaluating the opportune time for that.

Besides, he said, the board has given approval to raise Rs 7,000 crore from Tier I bonds and Rs 3,000 crore from Tier II bonds to fund business



Rs 5,954.16 crore and profit was Rs 217.26 crore, according to financial data business accessed intelligence platform Tofler. Total income, which also includes other income, was at Rs 6,094.70 crore in the nine-month period. The company has changed

Pepsico India Holdings' revenue

April-December 2023 was at

operations during

revenue

its financial year from April-March to January-December, hence it has come out with three quarters results of 2023. It follows the calendar year as financial year from January 2024. During the nine months, its

revenue from sales in the domestic market was at Rs 5.533.63 crore. Exports contributed Rs 266.19 crore to the total revenue of the company, which is not a publicly listed entity.

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Revenue from the snacks business in which it operates with brands including Kurkure, Lays, Doritos and Quaker was at Rs 4,763.29 Pepsico India's revenue from the beverages business in which it operates with fizzbased drinks and juices with brands such as Pepsico, 7up, Tropicana, Gatorade was at Rs 1,036.53 crore for the nine months.

Advertising promotional expenses in April-December 2023 were at Rs 694.52 crore. On the results, a PepsiCo India Spokesperson said: "In this 9-month period compared to the earlier 12-

month period, PepsiCo India delivered resilient topline performance amid external challenging environment.

"Demand for our brands remained robust backed by strong marketing campaigns, marketplace execution, and consistent focus on end-toend productivity.

'We remain committed to our growth in India and continue to invest behind our brands and marketplace infrastructure to build scale while maintaining margins in what will remain a highdemand market for many

For financial year 2022-23, which was of 12 months, PepsiCo India's revenue from operations was at Rs 8,203.19

crore and its total profit was at Rs 267.43 crore. Total income was Rs 8,302.34 crore.

Earlier this month, during an investors' call, PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Ramon Laguarta said India is a "high demand market", where it is investing to scale up the infrastructure.

The company is investing in the brands to build up scale to capture the growth opportunity, he had said.

"We continue to see a lot of growth in many parts of the AMESA( Africa, Middle East & South Asia) region, in particular India is a big growth space for us and it's an investment area for sure," Laguarta had said. In the second quarter (AprilJune) of 2024, its global parent company PepsiCo logged double-digit growth in beverages volume and convenience foods unit volume in the Indian market. For the first quarter(January-March), the New York-headquartered

multinational reported a "high single-digit growth" in its beverage unit volume and a a "double-digit growth" in convenient foods business in the Indian market.

PepsiCo entered India in 1989 and has grown to become one of the largest MNCs engaged in the business of manufacture and trading of aerated and nonaerated beverage products, juice and juice-based drinks and packed food products.

## Budget important step towards building new India: MoS Pankaj

Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary on Saturday said that this year's budget is an important step towards building a new India, and is dedicated to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Chaudhary, who was in

Gorakhpur on Saturday, in a post on X in Hindi, said, "Addressed the media friends in a specially organized press conference on Budget-2024 in Gorakhpur. This budget is an important step towards building a new India. It is dedicated to the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji and building a new India."



Speaking with reporters at the Circuit House, Chaudhary emphasized that this year's budget has been crafted by keeping the interests of the citizens in mind. "GST has been reduced, and

significant relief has been provided in the tax slabs," he said. The 2024-25 budget aims to transform India into a developed nation by 2047, focusing on four key areas: women, the poor, farmers,

dedicated to employment and business. It is designed to boost GDP growth and create job opportunities, while also further developing the education sector. This year's budget is inclusive of all regions and sections of society," he said. On the comparison between Bihar and Uttar Pradesh,

This budget is entirely

Chaudhary criticized the opposition for not highlighting the positive aspects. 'The overall budget has been

increased, including the Railway Budget. opposition should acknowledge improvements," he said. He assured that Uttar Pradesh

has received a significant budget allocation when analysed department-wise.

The Union minister reiterated that the budget has been increased across various sectors, including agriculture, education, and the military, reinforcing the government's commitment comprehensive development.

MP Seven-time Chaudhary, who took oath as minister of state for the second time in the new BJPled NDA government, started his political career as a corporator of the Gorakhpur Municipal Corporation in Pradesħ. Uttar Chaudhary currently Maharajganj represents

constituency in the

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#### IFB Industries Q1 revenue up 16.9%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

IFB Indu Industries Ltd on LSaturday reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 37.54 crore for the first quarter ended in June 2024, helped by the engineering and home appliances business. The company had posted a consolidated net loss of Rs 0.62 crore in the April-June quarter a year ago, according to a regulatory filing from IFB Industries. Its revenue from operations

was up 16.87 per cent during the quarter under review. It was Rs 1,085.91 crore in the year-ago period. Total expenses of IFB Industries in the June quarter were up 12.24 per cent to Rs 1,222.14 crore.

## MANU SETS SIGHTS ON OLYMPICS GLORY, STORMS INTO 10M AIR PISTOL FINALS

PTI CHATEAUROUX/PARIS

Manu Bhaker made a statement of intent by storming into the 10m air pistol finals on a day when most of her compatriots endured a forgettable outing at the shooting range before shuttler Lakshya Sen and Harmeet Desai dazzled on debut in India's sedate start at the Olympic Games on Saturday.

Bhaker, who is competing in her second Olympics, seemed determined to wipe off the memories of her tearful past outing as she qualified third for the 10m air pistol women's final which will be held on Sunday afternoon at the Shooting Chateauroux Centre.

The shooters have drawn a blank at every Olympics after 2012 and the apprehensions began to set in early for this one too before Bhaker decided to take control.

The 22-year-old, who hails from Jhajjar in Haryana, shot 580 in the qualifications in Hungarian Veronika Major claimed the top spot with a score of 582. The other Indian in the field, Rhythm Sangwan, ended 15th with an underwhelming 573. Bhaker, who was in control for the major part of the one hour 15 minute session, will have to maintain the same composure in the all-important final.

India has not won an Olympic medal in shooting since 2012



and Bhaker is well placed to end that lean run.

Standing at a Bhaker's personal coach Jaspal Rana could not stop his tears before saying that the job was only half done. "What happ

happened today doesn't matter anymore. We start afresh," he told PTI before pointing out the heat factor at the range with the air conditioning not being the most effective.

"She needed to take time and

drink a lot of water as it was hot," he added. At the other end of the

spectrum was Sarabjot Singh,

Olympic cyclists criticise streets of Paris

who felt the pressure on his Games debut to narrowly miss out on a final berth in the men's 10m air pistol. Both he and Arjuna Singh Cheema showed promise before finishing ninth and 18th with scores of 577 and 544

respectively. Germany's Robin Walter, who

South African expert Nick

Floros, who also designed the

mountain bike venue for the 2016 Rio and 2020 Tokyo

Games, and features man-

made jumps and rock gardens

Coach Samresh Jung tried to

also shot 577, grabbed the last qualifying spot after managing to shoot one inner 10 (X) more than Sarabjot's leaving the Indian heartbroken.

console him but Sarabjot knew he had missed the opportunity of a lifetime.

Olympic medalist and the

"If you go fast it's super slippery. I hope the gravel still

goes a bit to the side and makes

it less loose everywhere. You

can feel there was no mountain

biking before and it's 100%

man-made, like we saw in

"It could be a bit more natural,"

Schurter acknowledged, "but

champion in Rio.

London and in Rio.

As many as 17 out of the 21 Indian shooters here are competing in the Olympics for the first time and are bound to feel pressure despite the best possible preparation.

"There are only two types of people who don't feel pressure. One are the dead and others are fools. He is neither dead nor a fool," said Jung who expects Sarabjot to bounce back in the mixed team event. At the rifle range, Indians were eliminated from the 10m mixed team qualifications. Ramita Jindal and Arjun Babuta finished sixth with a total score of 628.7, while Elavenil Valarivan and Sandeep Singh ended 12th

with an aggregate score of

Name of Borrower(s)/

Mortgagors(s)/ Guarantor(s)

SEN AND DESAI ADD SHEEN IN EVENING: Sen, who worked on his frontcourt alertness and closing stage composure, in the buildup to the Games, gave a demonstration of the improvements in the match against Cordon. The Indian was unnerved despite conceding a big lead in the second game and staved

off four match points before sealing the deal against the reigning Pan American champion in 42 minutes. The gold-medallist from the 2022 Commonwealth Games will face Julien Carraggi of Belgium on Monday in his

second group match. In table tennis, Desai had no trouble in getting the better of the world, in a one-sided preliminary round match that lasted exactly 30 minutes.

The 31-year-old from Surat, who was part of the side that clinched the team gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in 2018 and 2022, is an established name in the Indian TT circuit.

He has been toiling for many years in his quest to compete at the Olympics, having played in all other top global

competitions. PANWAR MOVES TO REPECHAGE IN ROWING: India's lone rower at Games, Balraj Panwar moved to the repechage after finishing fourth in heat 1 of the men's singles scull competition.



Appendix-IV-A

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#### [See provisio to rule 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on due to the Union Bank of India Secured Creditor from below mentioned borrowers & Guarantor details are hereunder

**Description of Property of Borrower** 

1.Mr Shoeb Khan S/o Mr Vahid Khan 2. Mrs Shamim Bano Khan W/o Mr Vahid Khan Address of all : Khedipura New Aabadi Colony Ward No. 02 Harda Dist Harda,M.P-461331	All the piece and parcel of Diverted residential land admeasuring area 500 sq.ft. Kh No. 120/77, at present New Diverted Residential Land KH. No 120/196,120/212 situated at Khedi Mehmudabad Ph No 09 Ward No 02 Chandra Shekhar Aajad Ward, Nai Abadi, Vashishtha Colony, Teh. Harda & Dist Harda- 461331 Owners: Mr Shoeb Khan and Mrs Shamim Bano Khan Boundaries: North: Property of Shri Mubeen Khan, South: Colony Road, East: Property of Shri Naseer Khan West: Colony Road	6,51,100/- ₹ 65,110/- Symbolic Possession	₹ 4,16,561.84 as per demand notice dated 20-07-2023 + Interest & Other charges		
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#### Borrowers : 1. Shri Pradeen Mishra

S/o Balmik Mishra 2. Shri Asish Dubey S/o Laxman Prasad

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing survey number 198/109 (Old Khasra No 198/36) area 1200 Sq. feet situated at Mouja Banwari P H No 35, Tehsil Pipariya Dist. Hosangab ad (MP) Owner Name: Pradeep Mishra S/o Balmik Mishra, Boundaries: North: Plot of Manoj Verma

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14-08-2024, 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. (With 10 minutes unlimited auto extension) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India Secured Creditor's

ebsite i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in & https://ebkray.in For Registration and Login and bidding Rules visit https://ebkray.in Date: 26.07.2024,Place: Bhopal



 $R^{\text{emco}}_{\text{unimpressed}} \text{ Evenepoel } \text{ was} \\$ roads that Olympic cyclists had to cover in the time trial through Paris on Saturday, while Nino Schurter was just as the man-made mountain bike

course in nearby Elancourt Evenepoel, fresh off his thirdplace finish in the Tour de France, described the first and last five kilometres of the time trial as bad roads being made worse by the rain, which made for a damp opening ceremony on Friday night and continued into Saturday when the start of skateboarding had to be postponed due to the weather. The time trial began upstream

#### WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

**E-TENDER NOTICE** experienced contractor by the undersigned for and on behalf of the (1) Tender No.: ELECT-GEN-BPL-T Dismantling, Shifting, Assembling and Commissioning of existing 02 Nos Escalators with 03 years Comprehensive AMC. Completion Period: 30 Days Estimated Cost ₹ 7058632.64/- Earnest Money ₹ 141200/- Date and Time for closing Tender No.: ELECT-GEN-BPL-T-40 Division- Improvement of electrica installation of rest houses an staf quarters/colony (RH NYET, PYET RKMP, BPL, BINA, GUNA) Part (B) Provision of one bay COP at NSGcategory stations in BINA-HBD section. (Electrical work) Completion Period: 3 Months Estimated Cost 4683266.41/- Earnest Money ₹ 93700/- Date and Time for closin of tender: 14.08.2024 at 11.00 hrs The details of complete tende documents and its related information may be seen at https://www.ireps gov.in and notice board of this office Manual offer, for above said tender i not acceptable and if any manual offe submitted, will not be considered Corrigendum / Updating, if required will be uploaded on website, it may be seen at above said URL and notice board of this office, till the date o closing of tender. If cost of tender i above ₹50 lakhs then as per para 10 of GCC eligibility criteria will be applicable. Before participation in tender, contractor must first read this condition. Documents for same should be uploaded on the IREPS website, by the contractor. Uploaded documen

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from the Eiffel Tower on the Esplanade. It covered 32.4 kilometres (19.8 miles) past Place de la Bastille and through the Polygone de Vincennes, before finishing at the gilded Pont Alexandre III bridge over the Seine River. "Quite some Evenepoel acknowledged, "but the road surface is pretty bad in the beginning and in the end. So, that might be a problem if you have black spots in front of your eyes in the last kilometres. It's not so nice." The Belgian is the reigning time trial world champion and won the first of two-time trials during the Tour de France.

Meanwhile, at Elancourt Hill about 40 kilometres (24.8 miles) outside of Paris, the Olympic mountain bike course was carved through the site of a former sandstone turned-landfill.

It was regenerated into a park in the 1980s, and one of the highest points in the region now offers sprawling vistas of the Eiffel Tower, La Défense and the forests around Paris. The course was designed by

**Account Name** 

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The borrower/s in specific and interested bidders,in general, are hereby informed that on account of non-repayment of the Banks due by the borrowers as under despite the payment notice and recall/auction notice issued by the Bank, the gold ornaments pledged with the bank security by the respective borrowers for the loan avalled by them will be sold in public http://csbgold.auctiontiger.net on 05th August 2024 at 10,30 AM. The auction may be adjourned to any other later date at the discreation of the bank upon publication of the same in the Bank's notice board. The borrowers are hereby further inform that the gold ornaments will be disposed of by private sale if the public auction is not successful and if there is a further balance to be recovered thereafter, legal action will be initiated against the borrower/s for recovery of the Client No.of ID Acc. Bal. Outstanding as on 24/07/2024 (grams)

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2	Rohit Bhilware	4565781	2	86248.56	18.98			
3	Shariq Ali	4436602		56010.67	14.5			
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4	Ankit Patidar	7692486	2	1638383.33	329.35			
5	Arjun Rajak	4768779	3	953799.95	185.14			
6	Ashvin Nahta	4570166	3	261299.03	58.04			
7	Chhote Lal Namdev	7844254	1	2552589.05	509.9			
8	Laxman Singh Meena	4651123	1	92359.49	19			
9	Nitesh Jat	4755802	1	82187.74	17.1			
10	Pankaj Vishwakarma	4643529	1	100910.89	20.87			
11	Piyush Malviya	4774812	1	22738.59	4.9			
12	Ram Narayan Sen	4768058	1	51889.12	10.8			
13	Sankalp Singh Baghel	7756505	1	2726801.83	544			
14	Shahnaz Khan	7703223	2	515540.99	104.24			
15	Tanveer Akhtar Khan	7811128	1	2717871.13	543.4			
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18	Yogesh Prajapati	4546006	1	93211.51	21			
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22	Abdul Salim	4595517	1	210403.66	41.81			
23	Mukesh Gupta	7718432	2	134070.63	27.76			
24	Rashid Khan	4592926	1	58140.28	11.65			
25	Ravindra Choudhry	4713610	2	130378.84	28.88			
26	Sanjay Kumar Sachdev	4460645	2	205420.29	50.79			
27	Saurabh Singh Rajput	7824871	1	32975.44	6.85			
28	Sumit Singh	7833483	1	732110.07	153.71			
29	Sunil Jeewnani	4772910	1	17879.19	3.82			
30	Suresh Kumar Kori	4740875	1	32945.19	7.55			
31	Vipendra Tamiya	4759151	2	52544.74	10.61			
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34	Shalik Kumar Chandrayanshi	4752053	1 2	52460 83	13.65			

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in general it's nice. said Schurter, a three-time बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

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"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets

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	S. No.	of Branch	Name & address or Borrowers / Guarantors	Total Dues	Description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any name of Property Owner / Nature of Possession	Time of E-auction	EMD Bid Increase amt.	Posession Constructive/ Physical	Inspection Date & Time
on on one	1	ROSARB Jabalpur	M/s Sahkar Developers Pvt. Ltd. Through its directors  1. Pradeep Kumar Mathur  2. Sunita Mathur  Address: - Patni Complex, Chhindwara (M.P.)  480001  Mr. Pradeep Kumar Mathur (Guarantor)  Address: - Ward no. 39, Vivekanand Colony 43, Sai Mahima, Nagpur Road, Chhindwara (M.P.)  480001  Mr. Suraj Sakharkar (Guarantor)  Address: -58, Usman Layout, Gopal Nagar, 3rd  Bus stop, Nagpur (Maharashtra)	Rs. 59,27,037.73/- + interest and charges	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Commercial Shop situated at Khasra No. 62/1, portion admeasuring 1465 sq.ft. 1st floor, PH No. 22/19, Patni Complex, Parasiya Road, Chindwara in the name of Sahkar Developers Pvt. Ltd.  Boundaries: North - Parasiya Road after Balkani South - Shriram Finance & Others shop East - Colectrate Road after Balkani, West - Other shops & Complex open land after Balkani	21/08/2024 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	Rs. 89,66,700/- Rs. 8,96,670/- Rs. 10,000/-	Symbolic	14/08/2024
ic all ed ded ed	2	ROSARB Jabalpur	Borrower-M/s Pramod Electricals (Partnership Firm) Address: Indra Ward, Ganiyari Waidhan, Singrauli (M.P.) 486886 Mr. Pramod Kumar Singh (Partner & Guarantor) Address:-Barwani, Beena Project, Sonbhadra, (U.P.) 231216 Mrs. Sinu Kumari w/o Mr. Chandramohan Gupta (Partner & Guarantor) Address:-Ganiyari, Waidhan (M.P.) 486886 Mr. Jiya Lal Shah s/o Dadu Shah (Guarantor) Address: - 188, Village - Devra, Tehsil - Singrauli, District - Singrauli (M.P.) 486886	Rs. 89,36,757/- + interest and charges	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Land having Khasra No. 1197/1 (old) 1197/3 (new) area 0.218 hect. (23465 sq.ft.) at village-Ganiyari , District – Singrauli (M.P.) Favoring to Jiya Lal Shah s/o Dadu Shah, Village – Ganiyari, District – Singrauli (M.P.)  Boundaries:- North – Land of Rahul Singh, South – Govt. Land, East – Road, West – Govt. Land	06/09/2024 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	Rs. 90,00,000/- Rs. 9,00,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	Physical	31/08/2024
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3	ROSARB Jabalpur	1. M/s Krishna Construction Company (Partnership Firm) Address: - Reg. Office at MIG-23, Headgewar Nagar, Huzur, Rewa (M.P.) 486001 2. Mr. Ram Niwas Gautam (Partner) 3. Mr. Arunendra Kumar Gautam (Partner) 4. Mr. Hinchlal Gautam S/o Shri Ramkishore Gautam (Guarantor) 5. Mrs. Archana Gautam W/o Ram Niwas Gautam (Guarantor) All above 2 - 5 residing at Address: -R/o at Plot No. 178, Sector no. 05, Block No. B-19, Anantpur Grih Nirman Samiti, Shriyut Nagar, Tehsil - Huzur, Distt Rewa (M.P.) 486001	Rs. 1,27,91,716.22 + interest and charges	All the part and parcel of the property situated at Zone No. 01, Block No. A, Plot No. 19, Area - 30 x 40= 1200 sq.ft. i.e. 111.524 Sq.Mt. at Anantpur General No. 28, Patwari Halka Boda, Ward No. 10, Rl Circle Rewa, Tehsil - Huzur, - Rewa (M.P.) stood in the name of Archana Gautam W/o Shri Ram Niwas Gautam.  Boundaries - North - Plot No. 20, South - 15 Ft. proposed wide road, East - Plot No. 18, West - Plot No. 21  Equitable Mortgage of Residential Building thereon situated at Plot No. 178, Sector No. 5, Block No. B-19, area 40x60 = 2400 sqft i.e. 223.048 sq mtr. at Anantpur General No. 28, Patwari Halka Boda, Ward No. 10, Rl Circle Rewa, Tehsil - Huzur, Distt Rewa (M.P.) stood in the name of Hinchlal Gautam S/o Shri Ramkishor Gautam  Boundaries - North - 30ft Wide Road, South - Plot No. 258, East - Plot No. 177, West - Plot No. 179	06/09/2024 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	Rs. 21,60,000/- Rs. 2,16,000/- Rs. 10,000/- Rs. 99,27,000/- Rs. 9,92,700/- Rs. 10,000/-	Symbolic	31/08/2024
5	4	ROSARB Jabalpur	Mrs. Vandana Dwivedi W/o Late Mr. Mordhwaj Dwivedi (Legal Heir of Late Mr. Mordhwaj Dwivedi)	Rs. 96,86,285.26	EM of Immovable property House no. MIG, -10, Area - 1582.87 sq.ft. Situated at Jaiprakash Nagar, Behind P.K. School, Urrahat, Rewa,	06/09/2024 2.00 pm	Rs. 75,00,000/- Rs. 7,50,000/-	Symbolic	31/08/2024

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## In most heated of times, exhale, take a step back: Dravid's message to Gambhir

Pormer India coach Rahul
Dravid passed a lead to
his successor Gautam Gambhir in taming the tough situations he is bound to encounter - "exhale, take a step back", a message that left the latter "emotional."

Dravid vacated the hot seat after India's triumph in the T20 World Cup in the Americas last month, and Gambhir took over the reins of the team from the on-going whiteball tour to Sri Lanka.

"From one Indian cricket coach to another, one last thing. In the most heated of times, exhale, take a step back. I wish you the very best Gautam. I am sure you will take the Indian team to even greater heights," Dravid said in a video posted by BCCI on its 'X' handle

Dravid's dry wit came to the fore even amidst that touching

"Even if it's difficult for you, crack a smile. Whatever else happens, that will shock people," he said, eliciting a wide smile from Gambhir.

Gambhir sounded moved thanking predecessor for the wise words "I don't get too emotional but I think this message actually

which normally I shouldn't.

But it's a great message.
"It's massive shoes that I can hopefully fill. Hopefully, I can do that with absolute honesty. transparency and hopefully, I can make the entire nation and more importantly, the person I have always looked up to - Rahul Bhai - proud," he

Dravid was certain that Gambhir, who carried a neversay-die attitude in his playing days, will bring his fighting qualities to the coaching job as

"As your teammate, I saw you giving it your all on the field. As your batting partner and fellow fielder, I saw your resilience and refusal to surrender. Across many IPL seasons, I noted your desire to win, your assistance to younger players and your drive to extract the best out of your team on the field.

"I know how dedicated and passionate you are about Indian cricket and I am sure you will bring all these qualities into the new job," he

The 51-year-old, however, offered a word of caution to his one-time teammate about living under constant scrutiny. "As you know, the expectations will be high and the scrutiny



reminding that there will be overwhelming support for him from all quarters.

"But even in the worst of times you will never be alone. You will have the support of the players, your support staff, the leaders of the past, the management and never forget for whom you play - for fans who are very demanding but will always be behind the

Dravid hoped that Gambhir will have a fully-fit squad to work with, and will have the assistance of fortune in crunch

'I also hope that you will also have the availability of fully fit players in every squad. Good luck with that. I also wish you a little bit of luck, as you know that all of us coaches need to make us look that little bit wiser and smarter than we actually are," he noted.

The former Indian captain also urged Gambhir to forge a strong bond with the team members - something he managed to do during his

"Hello Gautam, and welcome to the most exciting job in our world, as coach of the Indian cricket team. It's been three weeks since I ended my stint with the Indian team in a manner that was beyond my

unforgettable evening in

Mumbai. "More than anything else I will cherish the memories and friendships I made in my time with the squad. As you take over the role of India coach, it's

added Gambhir imbibed Dravid's words in their true sense, and said he has not seen a more "selfless" servant of Indian

what I wish for you as well," he

cricket. 'I don't know how to react because this message means so much to me. The reason is not because it comes from the person who I have succeeded but from a person who I have always looked up to when I was playing.

"I have always felt that and I said it in a lot of my interviews - I think the most selfless cricketer I have actually ever played with. Rahul bhai has done anything and everything Indian cricket needed."

Gambhir said Dravid's association with Indian cricket is a text book for others to learn from.

"I think there is so much to learn from, not only for me but for the next generation and the current generation as well. That's how important Indian cricket is, not me, not

# Kevin hopefully will play for US in | Great Britain rides strong effort of Olympic veterans its Olympic opener against Serbia | to early lead in men's gymnastics qualifying

 $T^{\text{here is hope that Kevin Durant will}}_{\text{play for the US in its Olympic opener}}_{\text{against Serbia on Sunday, which means}}$ the men's national team may have 12 players available for the first time this summer. That is unless something else

The Americans open their path toward what they hope is a fifth consecutive Olympic gold medal when they take on three-time NBA MVP Nikola Jokic and World Cup finalist Serbia in the opener for both teams at the Paris Games.

Durant missed all five exhibition games the US played coming into Paris because of a calf strain, and coach Steve Kerr stopped short of definitively saying Saturday that he is in the line-up for the

"Hopefully," Kerr said. Durant was on the floor for practice, while presumed starting centre Joel Embiid was not because of

Kerr said he didn't expect Embiid to miss Sunday's game. "I'm confident we'll have everybody ready tomorrow," Kerr said.

There have been signs in recent days that USA Basketball expects Durant - a threebecome the first player who can say he's a four-time Olympic men's basketball champion - will be ready to go.

First, it didn't replace him on the roster. Second, it released clips of a Thursday scrimmage where Durant was active and even had a reverse dunk (plus got dunked on by Anthony Edwards, who idolizes him). And third, Kerr insisted earlier in the week that he wasn't concerned about Durant's status.

"We'll see how things go in practice today," Kerr said Saturday. "So far, so good. He came through the scrimmage two days ago pretty well?

The team convened for its first summer practice in Las Vegas on July 6, about a week and a half after Durant strained the

He couldn't participate in practices there, didn't play in the first exhibition win over Canada before the Americans left for their overseas legs of the pre-Olympic tour and



then the waiting game was on.

Durant did some on-court work in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, but missed two more exhibitions there against Serbia and Australia.

He did more work in London but missed the two exhibitions the US played there against South Sudan and Germany as well. He said he made the best of the situation. I haven't played yet, but just being on the sideline, on the bench, I've got more energy than I've had in the past. I hate not playing, but just watching these guys, how they operate, it's just been incredible."

In Olympic play, Durant has been

incredible as well.

Before Durant came along, Adrian Dantley had the highest scoring average for a US men's player in an Olympic tournament; he averaged 19.3 points at the 1976 Montreal Games

That's now fourth on the single Olympics US list behind Durant's 20.7 points per game at the Tokyo Games three years ago, Durant's 19.5 points per game at the 2012 London Games and Durant's 19.4 points per game at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro

He has scored 435 points in Olympic play, the most in US men's history, 99 more than Carmelo Anthony. He is third in rebounds for the U.S. Men with 118, seven behind

Anthony and six behind David Robinson. He is the all-time US men's leader in Olympic 3-pointers made with 74 and the all-time leader in free throws made with

"Instant impact, Instant impact," U.S. Forward LeBron James said when asked about what Durant would add to the mix when he returns.

practice. Obviously, his wind, his rhythm is going to continue to come, but to be able to get him back, it makes a huge impact for

And, if all that wasn't enough, there's this: The US is 21-1 in Olympic games with Durant in the line-up, and he's won a pair of NBA championships with Kerr during their three seasons together with the Golden State Warriors.

"I know how hard he works because I've seen it up close and personal for three years, and I know the level that he's trying to get to competitively to be his best self and why he is the all-time leading scorer in (U.S.) Olympic history," Warriors guard and first-time Olympian Stephen Curry

'So, you thrive off of that, that preparation to give you confidence that says Hey, we're here for business, but we're also here to continue to learn from each other.

Great Britain surged to an Gearly lead during men's gymnastics qualifying, posting a team total of 256.561 to finish ahead of the United States in the first of three subdivisions Saturday.

The Americans, who finished third at the 2023 world championships ahead of Great Britain, dealt with issues on the high bar and pommel horse to finish second at 253.229. The US arrived in Paris believing it had a legitimate chance to medal in the team

competition for the first time since earning a bronze in Beijing 16 years ago. There is work to be done after the British put on a largely

mistake-free clinic across six rotations. Jake Jarman (84.897) and Joe



Fraser (84.666) posted the top all-around scores and six-time Olympic medalist Max Whitlock provided a jolt with an electric pommel horse routine - his signature event that left the 31-year-old looking relieved. Whitlock's 15.166 trailed only American Stephen Nedoroscik, a

specialist whose 15.200 likely earned him a spot in the event finals and gave his teammates some early momentum.

It didn't last. Brody Malone, who returned from a horrific leg injury to win his third US championship in June, fell twice on a high bar and once on a pommel horse to scuttle

his chances of returning to the all-around finals. Instead, Frederick Richard and

Paul Juda will represent the Americans. While Richard who earned bronze in the allaround at the 2023 world championships - is expected to advance, Juda's performance is a bit of a surprise. The 23-year-old - who unabashedly broke down in

tears after being named to the

five-man Olympic squad -thrust his arms into the air after his dismount on floor exercise. His all-around total of 82.865 was fourth among early qualifiers, trailing only Richard (83.498), Jarman and Fraser. Qualifying continues later Saturday, with longtime rivals and gold medal favourites Japan and China competing in second

## Landale scores 20 points, Australia powers past Spain 92-80 to open Olympic basketball tournament

**AP** ■ VILLENEUVE-D'ASCQ (FRANCE)

Jock Landale had 20 points and nine rebounds, and Australia beat Spain 92-80 Saturday to open the group stage of the Olympic basketball tournament in Lille. Patty Mills added 19 points and Josh Giddey contributed 17 to lift Australia to victory in Group A, including Greece and Canada. Australia next meets Canada on Tuesday while Spain will face Greece. Australia led by as many as 14 points before Spain surged and used a 9-0 run to

take its first lead of the game, 56-54, in the third quarter. The Aussies responded with a 15-4 spurt to close the period and never trailed again. Santi Aldama finished with 17 points for

Spain. Sergio Llull added 17 for the Spaniards, who connected on 12 3pointers, but shot 39% overall from the



field for the game at Pierre Mauroy Stadium.

Australia established its presence in the paint early, scoring 42 in the paint for the game and holding a 46-34 rebounding The Aussies led 49-42 at halftime. Australia sprinted out to a 31-17 lead, with Jock Landale scoring eight early points. Spain then used a 10-0 run that started late in the first quarter and continued into the second to get back in the game. The Aussies' momentum also was

disrupted by a heated exchange late in the first quarter. With 2:13 remaining in the period, Spain's

Usman Garuba set a hard screen on Australia's Josh Green, sending him stumbling backwards.

Green took exception and got in Garuba's face. Garuba slapped Green's hand away and Will Magnay stepped in to defend his teammate, prompting Garuba to shove

Referees reviewed the incident and accessed double unsportsmanlike fouls on Garuba and Magnay.

## Swiatek starts 2024 Olympics tennis event with win at site of her French Open triumphs

**AP** ■ PARIS

ga Swiatek shook off a bit of a dip in the first round of the Paris LOlympics tennis competition and grabbed the last four games to beat Romania's Irina-Camelia Begu 6-2, 7-5 on Saturday under a closed roof at Roland Garros, the site of the No. 1ranked Polish player's four French Open titles.

Swiatek, who won a third consecutive championship at Court Philippe Chatrier just seven weeks ago, got broken in that same stadium to trail 5-3 in the second set before getting back to her usual clay-court expertise. She wrapped up the victory by breaking at love when Begu double-faulted on the last point.

Day 1 of tennis began with showers that might have contributed to slow lines for umbrella-toting spectators at the facility's security checks near entrances and postponed by hours the start of matches at the 10 courts without retractable roofs.

It's a good thing the French tennis federation built a pair of covers recently: 15,000-capacity Chatrier added one in 2020, and the second-



Suzanne Lenglen, has one as of this

Italy's Jasmine Paolini, who was the runner-up to Swiatek at the French Open in June and to Barbora

ago, was the first tennis player to win a match at these Summer Games,

sport scheduled to play later Saturday were reigning French Open and Wimbledon champion Carlos Alcaraz - facing Lebanon's Hady Habib in singles in the afternoon and pairing with Spanish teammate Rafael Nadal in doubles at night - along with 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic of Serbia and four-time major champion Naomi Osaka. Nadal has won a record 14 of his 22

Slam titles at Roland Garros and owns Olympic gold medals in singles and doubles. He carried the torch and rode on a boat in the Seine River with retired tennis star Serena Williams during the drenched opening ceremony Friday night.

Coco Gauff, the female flag bearer for the United States on Friday, was slated to make her Olympic debut Saturday with Jessica Pegula in doubles.

Gauff won the French Open doubles title with Katerina Siniakova of the Czech Republic last month and the US Open singles trophy last September.

+Three years ago, Gauff missed the eliminating Romania's Ana Bogdan 7-5, 6-3 at Lenglen. Tokyo Games after testing positive for COVID-19 right before she was supposed to fly to Japan.

## Honda India riders impress in Asia Road Racing Championship

PTI ■ LOMBOK (INDONESIA)

The riders of the IDEMITSU Honda Racing India team impressed in Race 1 of Round 4 of the 2024 FIM Asia Road Racing Championship in Indonesia on Sunday

on Sunday.

The Indian duo of Kavin
Ouintal and Mohsin Paramban completed the race with determination and consistency at Pertamina Mandalika International Circuit.

Starting strong from the 27th position on the grid, Chennai's 19-year-old rising star, Kavin Quintal, swiftly moved up after the first lap and maintained consistency throughout the race.

Leveraging his experience and executing strategic moves effectively, he gave tough competition to international riders and continued to elevate his performance despite an injury. He finished



a total time of 18:37,226. Kavin's teammate, Mohsin Paramban from Mallapuram, started the race from 21st on the grid and delivered a good performance on international

He maintained consistency throughout the race, navigating the track and crossing the chequered flag at 22nd position with a total time of 18:44.784.

Both the riders, however, the race at 19th position with could not secure any points

for the team in Race 1 of Quintal, "I began this round

on a strong note, but yesterday's crash and my subsequent injury disrupted my plans for the race. Despite the tough competition, I'm pleased that we performed well and made no mistakes today. "Having recovered well, I'm

optimistic about securing better results and earning points for the team in tomorrow's race." Paramban added, "Today's

round was quite challenging, and my focus was on maintaining consistency throughout the race. I managed to hold my position and stay focused.

Taking the lessons learned, I will be pushing harder tomorrow to achieve better results. Working closely with our instructors, we will refine our strategies to compete effectively and secure a better position for the team."

# the pioneer

"It is not part of a true culture to tame tigers, any more than it is to make sheep ferocious"



Image Source: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on X post

INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY

Forests, which are essential carbon sinks and wildlife habitats, play a crucial role in combating climate change. Strengthening tiger conservation programs is vital to protect their ecosystems, benefiting both tigers and humans, writes BK SINGH on the eve of **International Tiger Day** 

cientific studies have

consistently brought out that the planet Earth is warming at a faster pace than ever before. The report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned of the consequences of frequent and destructive climatic catastrophes if the global rise in temperature is not contained within 1.5 degrees Celsius concerning pre-industrial (1850–1900 levels). Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) dealing with the European Union's 'earth observation program' launched in January 2023, has recently taken stock of the project and found that June 2024 marks the 13th month of global temperature at 1.50 C above pre industrial levels. The monthly average surface air temperature from June 2023 to June 2024 was 16.660C and was .760C higher than the average for 1991-2020 and 1.640C above pre industrial 1850-1900 levels. So far 2023 has been the warmest year on record, but 2024 is on

course to break this. We are left with no option but to transition away from fossil fuel consumption and develop renewable energy with speed and scale. Forests are the biggest carbon sink that can suck CO2 emitted into the atmosphere due to industrial activities and fossil fuel burning. It is the home of wild animals. Forests not only provide food and shelter to wild animals but also provide a series of ecological services necessary for the survival of mankind. Tiger is at the apex of wild animals. If a tiger is saved, other wild animals and the forests are secure. Project Tiger was launched in India in 1973 by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi covering nine tigerbearing areas extending over 16338 sq km of good quality forests across the country namely Corbett, Kaziranga, Melghat, Bandipur etc. Since then many more areas have been added to the list and by now there are 53 Tiger Reserves (TRs) in India. To commemorate 50 years of Project Tiger an international conference was held at Mysuru on 9th April 2023, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The most important takeaway of the conference was the launch of the international big cat alliance to protect seven species namely tiger, leopard, jaguar, lion, snow leopard, puma and cheetah worldwide. Among 94 member countries harbouring these species, the Ministers from India, Ārmenia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Suriname, Tanzania, Vientiane, and Vietnam presented the status of conservation of big cat species in

their country. They also pledged

to conserve the species. Forests

and wildlife have a symbiotic

relationship and both cannot

survive without the other.



PROJECT TIGER WAS LAUNCHED IN INDIA IN 1973 BY THE THEN PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI **COVERING NINE TIGER-**BEARING AREAS **EXTENDING OVER** 16338 SQ KM OF GOOD **QUALITY FORESTS** ACROSS THE COUNTRY NAMELY CORBETT, KAZIRANGA, MELGHAT, BANDIPUR ETC. SINCE THEN MANY MORE AREAS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE LIST AND BY NOW THERE

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In this long journey of 50 years, the Project tiger coverage has been increased from 9 to 53 sites. The area under Project Tiger management has also been increased from 16338 sq km to 75000 sq km. Though tiger security was the focus in all 53 tiger reserves of the country, aggressive activities of interstate poaching gangs who killed tigers at will and decimated tigers from many reserves namely Sariska (Rajasthan), Panna (Madhya Pradesh), Buxa (West Bengal), Namdapha and Kamlang (Arunachal Pradesh) and Dampa (Mizoram). Project Tiger was revamped when the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was brought in 2006 and enabling provisions were made in the Wildlife (Protection) Act through amendment. A robust methodology for All India Tiger estimation was developed by our Scientists at the Wildlife Institute of India and experts from NTCA and used for tiger estimation in the same year. First firstever exercise was carried out in all forest areas of the country, which revealed that India had 1411 tigers in the wild. Thereafter the estimation was repeated every four years that was in 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022 which brought out the tiger numbers as 1710, 2226, 2967 and 3682 respectively.

n increasing trend in tiger Anumbers has been noticed, but the most worrying part that surfaced was the shrinkage in the areas of tiger occupancy. Though the recovery of tigers has grown from 1411 to 3682, the area of its occupancy has declined. From 92,000 sq km area in the first cycle of estimation in 2006, it has been reduced to 88,000 sq km in the fourth cycle in 2018. Despite all stringent measures the fragmentation of habitats and encroachments in forest lands have continued resulting in the loss of tiger-occupied areas. The western Ghats landscape itself has lost 527 sq km of tiger occupancy in four years between 2014 and 2018. North northeastern part of the country has lost more than 6000 sq km area under tiger occupancy in this period.

Survey of India biannual report, which was last published in 2021 has assessed the change in forest cover of all tiger reserves over a decade (from 2011 to 2021). The report brings out that the forest cover has decreased by 22.62 sq km (0.04%) in this period. Twenty tiger reserves have gained in forest cover, while the remaining 33 have lost. While Buxa (West Bengal, Annamalai (Tamil Nadu) and Indravati (Chhattisgarh) have gained, Kawal (Telangana), Bhadra

(Karnataka) and Sunderbans (West Bengal) have

The latest tiger estimation report about the Western Ghats landscape reads, "Majority of tiger populations remain stable and some have declined, a significant reduction of tiger occupancy has been observed throughout the landscape." Central Indian Highlands and Eastern Ghats landscape are reported to have added tigers but several threats are looming large; The report adds "High concentration of mining activity poses a significant challenge to conservation. The forests of this region are under threat from various activities, despite their high biodiversity and conservation significance. - Tiger occupancy declined in states of Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Telangana." The description from the north eastern landscape is no different. It indicates some major threats the region is facing "The landscape has experienced extensive change in landuse patterns in the past, leading to severe loss of natural habitat." Overall, the report is positive about the increase in tiger numbers from 2967 to at least

3167; the loss in the Western Ghats

landscape has been wiped out by the gains in the central Indian landscape. Human-carnivore conflict is prevalent in several landscapes, especially where buffer forests are disturbed due to human and livestock presence. When an area of occupancy decreases and the number increases, tigers are bound to stray outside the reserve and come in conflict with humans. Forest department faces challenges across the tiger landscapes; the conflicts can disturb the relationship with communities. The country should pledge to focus on conservation even outside tiger reserves. Diversion of natural forests, whether inside or outside the tiger reserve is detrimental to conservation. There is a mechanism for paying

compensation for the loss of human life as well as livestock, but the community has to be taken in confidence.Losing tigers would mean losing tree cover and vice versa. Loss of forest cover is the loss of sink for Carbon dioxide and further warming of the planet.

The writer is retired Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Karnataka; views are personalK



# RICH LEGACY OF INDIA'S TIMELESS CUISINE

With global trends and multinational narratives challenging the nutritional value of traditional Indian dishes, it is crucial to preserve the unique flavours and benefits that define Indian cuisine, writes ANIL RAJPUT

ir, water, and food are essential for life, and in India, they have had a revered status from the beginning of civilisation. In this article, I will focus on the third—Indian Food and cuisine! The history and deep connection of Bharat with food are perhaps among the oldest in the world; it is actually timeless. The people of early Vedic civilisations in India were nomadic pastoralists who practiced elaborate rituals to placate their gods. Agni, the god of fire, was considered

which the gods ate their sacrifices, and one of his favourite foods was ghee (clarified butter), which remains popular to this day. The Indus Valley Civilisation that spanned from 3300 BCE to 1300 BCE was known for barley, millet, ragi, amaranth, wheat, sorghum, rice, as well as oilseeds such as sesame, linseed, and mustard.

the mouth through

The traditional Indian palate has evolved over centuries and includes the traditional Ayurvedic way of living, which is a 6000-year-old healthcare system and lays special emphasis on Ahara (diet) and Anna (food) as means of good life, health, and wellness. One of the fundamental teachings of Ayurvedic tradition is that everything in the universe is composed of five elements earth, water, fire, air, and ether (space)—and the tastes are no different; each taste contains all five elements, with each taste predominantly composed of two elements. There are six such tastes: Sweet (Madhura)—Earth and water, Sour (Amla)—Earth and Fire, Salty (Lavana)—Water and Fire, Pungent (Katu)—Fire and Air, Bitter (Tikta)—Air and Ether, Astringent (Kashaya)—Air and Earth. In addition, Ayurveda describes foods as sattvic (pure or balanced), rajasic (active or increasing the energy of the body), and tamasic (heavy or reducing the energy of the body).

The Sanskrit grammarian (6th-5th century BCE), describes three categories of food: meat, lentil-based soup, and vegetables. Chanakya's Arthasastra, a manual on how to run a kingdom that may date in part to the 4th century BCE, elaborately describes how certain foods are to be prepared, most of them

Foreign invasions have had a profound impact on Indian food. When Alexander came to India in 350 BCE, several parts of the country were introduced to fresh herbs like mint, coriander, oregano, and essential oils like olive oil. The Turk-Mongol conqueror Timur brought the precursor of Biryani when he arrived at the

frontiers of India. The biryani, a celebratory meal made using meat, rice, yogurt, onion, and spices, originated in Persia but evolved in India during this era. Biryani now has multiple variants across the country, with the most popular ones credited to the Mughals and the nizams of Hyderabad. The Islamic conquest of India also introduced fruits such as apricots, melons, and plums, as well as a rich gravy style of cooking. Kebabs cooked over coals and pilaf became

popular during this period and are still classified as Mughlai cuisine in present-day To the east, in West Bengal

and Odisha, the amount of spice used in cooking decreases, and the use of mustard oil is more

common. There is much importance given in this region to 'Shadrasa' or the six basic flavours in Ayurveda, with particular emphasis on tikta (the bitter taste). The cuisine of northeastern India is ricebased—rice is grown on terraced fields in the region's hilly terrain—and freshwater fish appears in many dishes, as does pork, mutton, and chicken. This reflects the cohesive nature of Indian regional cuisines, where the use of local ingredients and



## A Pillar of Corporate Leadership

ANIL RAJPUT'S leadership journey, marked by strategic roles and impactful projects, showcases his deep understanding of finance, policy matters, and stakeholder management

nil Rajput serves as a Member, Corporate Management Committee and Head of Corporate Affairs at ITC Limited, a leading Indian conglomerate with diversified presence in FMCG, hotels, information technology, packaging, paperboards and

Anil Rajput joined ITC in 1976, and in the course of last 48 years, he has held various positions in the organisation. Starting his career in the finance function, he was seconded to International Travel House Limited in 1983 as part of the start-up team. During his tenure with International Travel House

of dishes from different

perfection.

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In southern

staple food, and it is

eaten with sambhar,

India, rice is the

a watery stew comprising lentils,

tamarind, and

vegetables. Many fruits and vegetables are pickled and

Limited, he assumed the charge of General Manager-Travel at the age of 27 and laid a strong foundation for its domestic network across India.

Upon completion of his secondment in International Travel House Limited in 1989, he was assigned the responsibility in ITC's Hotels Division as Divisional Project with the Hotels Division, he was tasked with the critical functions of finance, projects and development. He has been closely associated with iconic hotel projects like ITC Grand Maratha, Mumbai, ITC Sonar Bangla, Kolkata and ITC Grand Central, Mumbai. In the year 2003, he held the position of Vice-President – Project

consumed with meals, and

coconut oil and gingelly (sesame) oils are used as the mediums for

cooking. Seafood is common

along the coast, along with high

sugar and salt content, which is

scientifically supported due to the high humidity and the

excessive perspiration in these

regions. Within southern India,

there are also diverse cuisines-

resulting loss of body fluids from



Finance & Development, before he moved to ITC's Corporate Affairs function as Vice President, Corporate Affairs.

Anil Rajput has been heading the Corporate Affairs Division since 2007. He is the

ITC to be designated as its President. With a keen global perspective, clear and deep understanding of policy matters, he is highly attuned to the developments, nuances and impact of regulatory and policy issues. Over the years, he has forged effective and strategic relationships with key stakeholders in the media and the industry

In his capacity as President, Corporate Affairs he also represents the organisation in all major industry Chambers of the country like CII, FICCI, ASSOĆHAM, PHD, and International Chamber of Commerce. He is on the

Executive Committee of FICCI, ASSOCHAM, and PHD and he chairs/co-chairs various sectoral committees in these chambers. He holds the Membership of Academic / Professional organisations such as FMS and Skal International. He is a Non-Official Member of the Managing Body of the Indian Branch) and Secretary, Cuisine India Society.

He is also a Non-Executive Director on the Board of International Travel House, a subsidiary of ITC Ltd, engaged in the Travel & Tourism Business, since May 2000. Anil Rajput is an alumnus of Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University.



change within the state as well, and we find the increased consumption of millets and groundnuts in inland areas instead of rice and coconut. Further north, Gujarat is predominantly vegetarian, and most dishes have some sweetness due to the use of sugar. This is quite unique to the state and indicative of the sheer variety and changes.

first corporate affairs chief of Andhra, Tamil, Chettinad, Kerala, and Mangalore, among others. Each region cooks sambhar differently and uses different varieties of rice. Tamil cuisine classifies food into six

aspires to include each taste in every main meal. The west coast of India has its own distinct cuisines. In Goa,

tastes—sweet, sour, salty, bitter,

pungent, and astringent—and

rice and fish are staples. Goan Hindu cuisine is less spicy and includes many vegetables, though little onion and garlic. Portuguese cuisine in Goa includes meat and uses a vinegar-based gravy (vindaloo) for many dishes. The arrival of New World vegetables by way of the Portuguese in the 16th century resulted in further changes to Índian cuisines. They

introduced chilies, tomatoes,

potatoes, and peanuts, and brought beans, corn, cashews, peppers, and more from the Americas. Vinegar, which is used to season achaar and chutneys, was also introduced by them in India.

In coastal Maharashtra, fish and rice are quite common, Mutton Kohlapuri is famed, and then there is the legendary Pav Bhaji. Things



Pawan Soni Food critic and founder of the Big F Awards

## A CULINARY SYMPHONY

CHEF PRATEEK SADHU and CHEF MANISH MEHROTRA Shine at Indian Accent Pop-Up

had long yearned to savor Chef Prateek Sadhu's cuisine, which I had heard so much about. However, during my brief visit to Mumbai, I only had time for lunch, and his ingredient-driven restaurant, 'Masque,' was only open for dinner. Later, I learned about his new restaurant. 'Naar'-meaning fire in Kashmirinear Kasauli, where all dishes are cooked over a wood

fire, symbolising the

deliver something

Chef Manish Mehrotra, a

household name, has given

extraordinary.

Chef Prateek and Chef Manish, I immediately said yes with great excitement. The event was graced by many luminaries from the culinary world, including Vir passion of the entire team to Sanghvi, Rocky Mohan,

with whom I had the

pleasure of sharing a table

India a strong contender in

with Indian Accent. So, when

Rohit Khattar, the media-shy

promoter of Indian Accent

restaurants, invited me to a

unique pop-up at Indian Accent

featuring both

and other popular

Asia's 50 Best Restaurants

exquisite courses we standout dishes: SADHU: This fluffy Rocky Singh, and Sourish da



arrived.
While I could detail the 12 enjoyed, I'll focus on a few DIRTY TOAST BY CHEF fermented wheat bread topped with trout, flavoured with Kashundi and perhaps a



hint of ketchup, was both comforting and gourmet. GHEE LAMB BY CHEF MEHROTRA: This dish exemplified the principle that less is more. The best meat from the shank was cooked with just four ingredientsghee, salt, red chili, and garlic. The result was a flavour explosion, and I



Karnataka's byadgi chili, it

boasted vibrant color and

flavour without being overly

spicy, and was served with

dried shrimp poppadom for

PAHADI PORK BY CHEF

an added crunch

ratio and was my overall favourite. The handmade noodles called sundar-kala were also delightful. Each course was expertly paired with wine, and the desserts, such as the classic Kashmiri shufta served like a better meat. LEMON CRAB BY CHEF MEHROTRA: Cooked with

pinwheel paneer, were equally delicious.
Unfortunately, the pop-up

SADHU: This dish, served

featured a perfect fat-meat

with bakharkhani, white

butter, and fermented

bamboo shoot pickle,

is already over. It was priced at Rs. 9800 per person for both vegetarian and nonvegetarian offerings. The food was so exceptional that I am already planning a visit to Naar to enjoy a meal in its serene environment.











## A DAZZLING DEBUT IN THE WORLD OF KUCHIPIINI

the pioneer

Aadya Gupta's breathtaking Kuchipudi debut, Rangapravesham, showcased her years of dedication and passion. Guided by the esteemed Drs. Raja Radha Reddy and Guru Kaushalya Reddy, Aadya's performance beautifully highlighted her mastery of the classical art form, illustrating her journey from student to accomplished dancer, writes SAKSHI PRIYA

Auditorium, they are immediately transported into the heart of a spellbinding Kuchipudi recital Rangapravesham. cherished milestone, marking a dancer's formal debut, was brilliantly embodied by Aadya Gupta. Under the esteemed guidance of Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awardees Drs. Raja Radha Reddy and Guru Kaushalya

one steps into Reddy, Aadya's performance was a radiant showcase of her dedication and passion. Her recital not only highlighted years of rigorous training but celebrated remarkable journey from an earnest student to a

> The evening was more than just a performance; it was a celebration of art and tradition that captivated everyone present. The audience's presence in the hall was a tribute to the enduring

consummate performer.

appreciation for Kuchipudi, as people from all age groups came together to admire the rich heritage of this classical dance form. The non-stop applause and standing ovation from the audience, spanning from children to elders, underscored the universal appeal and excellence of Aadya's performance. This enthusiastic response highlighted not only her individual talent but also the remarkable mentorship of her

evening's celebration enhanced by a meticulous attention to detail in every aspect performance. The light design added a captivating depth to the experience, enhancing the emotional impact of the dance. The costumes and makeup, elegant and alluring, played a crucial role in bringing the traditional essence of Kuchipudi to life, ensuring that each movement was complemented by its visual presentation.
A particularly magical aspect of the performance was the live orchestra,

whose contribution was essential to the recital's success. The musicians created a soothing and heavenly auditory experience, particularly in the Raga Ragamaalika, which accompanied the piece "Chhaap Tilak Sab Cheeni." The harmonious balance and deeply devotional quality of the music elevated Aadya's performance, creating a rich, immersive experience that resonated deeply with the audience. The symbiotic relationship between the dancer and the musicians underscored the true essence of classical performance, highlighting the integral role of live music in enhancing the beauty and emotional depth of the dance.

The program featured a range of pieces that demonstrated Aadya's mastery over Kuchipudi's expressive depth and technical brilliance. She began with 'Shree Venkateshwara Stothram," a devotional piece that set a serene tone for

the evening. This was followed by "Jatthikattu" in Raag Maand and Taal Khanda Chapu, a dynamic dance that showcased her precision and rhythmic mastery. One of the highlights evening's "Bhamakalapam," a narrative dance that vividly portrayed Satyabhama's intense love for Krishna. Aadya's nuanced performance captured the emotional complexity of the character, showcasing her ability to convey deep emotions through her dance. Her rendition of "Chhaap Tilak Sab Cheeni," a poem by the 14th-century Sufi mystic Amir

Khusro, was another standout, blending romantic and devotional themes in a mesmerizing performance. The recital concluded with "Tarangam," a traditional Kuchipudi piece celebrating Lord Krishna's childhood stories. Aadya's skillful execution of

on a brass plate was breathtaking display of virtuosity command over the dance form. Drs. Raja and Radha Reddy, along with Kaushalya Reddy, Kaushalya have played a pivotal role in promoting Kuchipudi globally. Their u n i q u e Their choreographic style and ability to blend tradition modern sensibilities have garnered them numerous accolades. Natya

intricate footwork

founded in 1976, stands as a testament to their dedication and vision, nurturing countless dancers over the years.

Aadya's journey, shaped by the disciplined and compassionate guidance of her Gurus, reflects the transformative power of Kuchipudi. The institute's focus on technical precision and emotional depth has enabled her to perform on prestigious platforms across India. This debut marks not just an achievement but a new beginning for Aadya, promising greater heights in her dance journey.

Aadya Gupta's Rangapravesham was a radiant celebration of her talent and dedication. The performance, accentuated by beautiful lighting, elegant costumes and a supportive audience, was a seamless

blend

brilliance and emotional depth. The live orchestra's contribution added a magical dimension, making the evening an immersive experience beautifully highlighted the essence of Kuchipudi. overwhelming

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technical

appreciation from attendees, coupled with the meticulous execution of every element of the recital, left a lasting impression. With the unwavering support of her family, friends and mentors, Aadya is poised to achieve even greater success in her future



## **Celebration of Connection**

M-tastic's inaugural Mother & Kids Exhibition offers a perfect blend of quality shopping and interactive fun. This vibrant event celebrates the special bond between mothers and children, featuring curated products and engaging activities that create unforgettable family moments, says TEAM AGENDA



n a world where family moments meet unforgettable experiences, LM-tastic's inaugural Mother & Kids Exhibition has set a new benchmark for joy and connection. This enchanting event celebrates the special bond between mothers and their children, blending quality shopping, imaginative play and creative activities into a magical experience for families. Founded by Suryashi Juneja and Surbhi Sachdeva, the exhibition reflects their combined expertise and passion. Suryashi, a seasoned chartered accountant with a background in logistics, and Surbhi, who holds dual MBAs and extensive corporate experience, have crafted an event dedicated to enhancing family life. Their goal is to bridge the gap between emerging homegrown brands and discerning parents, providing a premier platform for quality brands and enthusiastic parents to connect and discover.

The exhibition features a curated selection of products catering to every child's needs. Visitors are greeted with chic clothing, imaginative toys, innovative educational tools and stylish accessories. Highlights include the Norah Kids Collection and PNK by

Isha Arora, which offer adorable pink dresses capturing the essence of childhood wonder. Tiny COCO adds to the excitement with its chic finds for little minds, appealing to both children and their parents. Beyond shopping, the event is a celebration of creativity and fun. Children can participate in art workshops, science experiments, dynamic STEM projects and cupcake decorating. Face painting, gel nail art and a dedicated play area provide endless entertainment, while older kids enjoy exciting games. The creative free art corner stands out, allowing children to express their artistic talents and share special moments with their families. Seeing their faces light up with joy and concentration highlights the simple yet profound pleasures of childhood.

A standout feature is the face painting, adding a special touch of joy to the event. Children and mothers are thrilled to see their favourite stars and characters come to life with vibrant designs. A particularly heartwarming sight was a little girl with a doll painted on her face in sparkling glitter, capturing the fun and creativity that define the exhibition. The event also includes

free nail art by the talented Vaishali

Nagpal. Her decision to offer this service at no charge underscores the significance of such exhibitions in providing small businesses with a valuable platform. Vaishali's work adds glamour to the day and highlights how events like M-tastics play a crucial role in supporting the visibility and growth of emerging brands. This commitment enriches the experience for all attendees.

Another highlight is the variety of stalls. Rakhi stands by a motherdaughter duo buzzing with activity as children eagerly choose their favourite designs, reflecting the creativity and personal touch of the event. The Ritwik Collection, featuring handmade tote bags and file folders crafted by a mother-son duo, exemplifies collaborative creativity and practical products from small businesses. M-tastic's dedication to a holistic experience is evident in its food offerings. Healthconscious parents will appreciate the homemade bakery items and granola bites from Pinks & Grumps, crafted without preservatives. Sanchita's Gourmet Medleys provides a selection of additive-free snacks, including Nutri Hexas cheese basil crackers and Millet Murukku. This focus on wholesome, artisanal products underscores the organizer's commitment to creating a nurturing environment for families.

In essence, M-tastic's Mother & Kids Exhibition resonates with laughter, joy and discovery. It has set a new standard for family-centric celebrations and illuminated the beauty of shared experiences. Families leave with hands full of delightful finds and hearts brimming with cherished memories, experiencing a renewed sense of wonder and connection. M-tastic's dedication to thoughtful curation and the joy of family moments ensures that this exhibition will be remembered as a radiant chapter in

the story of family celebrations.

## Discover the Depths of Abstraction

Tarangini

Tejinder Kanda's latest exhibition is a vivid exploration of the human psyche, inviting viewers to delve into the realm of self-discovery through a mesmerising display of abstract artistry

BY **TEAM AGENDA** 

ejinder Kanda's latest ■ the Shridharani Art Gallery, is a profound exploration of the human psyche through abstract art. Kanda, a celebrated contemporary artist known for his evocative and thoughtprovoking pieces, continues to push the boundaries of abstraction with this new series. The exhibition features 32 artworks, each painted with acrylic on canvas, offering viewers an opportunity to engage with art that is both visually stunning introspective. and deeply

Kanda's work in this exhibition showcases a mastery of abstract techniques, utilising impasto methods and a vibrant palette to create canvases that evoke a powerful emotional response. The use of impasto techniques adds a tactile dimension to his work, inviting viewers to experience the paintings not just visually, but almost physically. This adds depth and complexity, drawing the audience into the layered and textured world Kanda creates. The swirling strokes and tonal gradations are reminiscent of the Abstract Expressionist movement, echoing the work of artists like Jackson Pollock and Mark Rothko. However, Kanda's approach is distinct in its exploration of the "unidentified and unknown," pushing beyond the traditional confines of abstraction.

Kanda's versatility as an artist is evident in his wide range of influences and mediums. While this exhibition focuses on acrylic paintings, Kanda's artistic practice extends to vibrant silk-screen prints and ceramics, showcasing his ability to adapt and explore various forms of artistic expression. This diversity is a Kanda's monument to commitment to exploring the creative process in its many facets, providing a richer context for understanding his work. It also speaks to his broader artistic philosophy that art is not confined to a single medium or style, but is a continually evolving

dialogue between artist, material,

and audience.

also incorporates pinks, pastels

and yellows, which are traditionally seen as more

feminine colors. However, Kanda

employs them with a vigorous

application and powerful strokes

that inject a masculine energy

into his paintings, subverting

traditional color associations.



















This interplay of color and The palette in "In-Within" is technique creates a dynamic notably varied, ranging from earthy tones of reds and browns tension in the artwork, allowing viewers to experience a range of to cool blues, purples and greens. emotions from calmness and This wide spectrum of color not only reflects Kanda's skillful use of contentment to intensity and excitement. color theory but also the emotional depth of his work. He

One of the most compelling aspects of Kanda's work is his ability to capture the passage of time and emotion. The fluid application of watered-down acrylics allows him to layer colors in a way that reflects his emotions and thoughts at the moment of creation. This technique gives his work a sense of immediacy and authenticity, inviting viewers to

connect with emotional journey. It's as if each painting captures a fleeting moment in Kanda's personal exploration of his own psyche, offering a glimpse into his inner world.

The exhibition is curated by Georgina Maddox, who highlights the transformative power of abstraction in Kanda's work. Maddox emphasises how abstraction goes beyond the physical realm, allowing viewers to connect with the intangible essence of the world. In this regard, Kanda's work invites the audience to engage in a shared journey of self-discovery. His art dissolves the boundaries between the physical metaphysical, revealing the true essence of the human experience. In "In-Within," Tejinder Kanda offers more than just an art exhibition; he provides a profound and introspective experience that invites viewers to look beyond the surface and engage with the deeper layers of meaning and emotion embedded in his work. This series represents a significant milestone in Kanda's artistic journey, as he delves into the depths of his psyche, translating translating his internal exploration into a visually stunning and emotive body of work. The exhibition is a tribute to Kanda's skill and creativity, offering a compelling exploration of the human condition that is both intimate and universal. "In-Within" offers a unique opportunity to experience the transformative power of abstract art in a profoundly personal and meaningful way.







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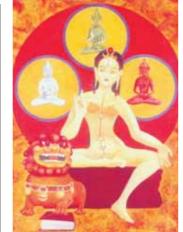




#### ARIES March 21-April 19

This week, you may sense a feeling of constraint or restriction in your enthusiasm and energy. External influences might be causing you to perceive barriers that don't actually exist. It's advisable to approach situations with care and thoughtful planning. Stay alert to any misleading situations and steer clear of unneeded risks. Employ your sharp intellect and adaptability to tackle challenges effectively. Remember, obstacles are just temporary hurdles. This period calls for using your inherent resourcefulness and flexibility to navigate through any difficulties and liberate yourself from any self-imposed limitations. Focus on being proactive yet thoughtful to accomplish your objectives during this time. Embrace patience; it will be your ally in turning challenges into stepping stones for success.

Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Monday



#### **LEO** July 23-Aug 22

This week, your creative energies and nurturing spirit are heightened, making it an ideal time for artistic projects and deepening relationships. Express your true self and foster meaningful connections with those close to you. This period brings a surge of abundance and creativity, highlighting growth in both personal and professional spheres. Embrace your innate ability to lead with kindness and generosity. This is a moment to appreciate your accomplishments and take pride in what you have created. Prioritize self-care and engage in activities that enhance your well-being. This season in your life is marked by a significant boost in confidence and energy, empowering you to excel in various pursuits and make a positive impact.

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Saffron Lucky day Sunday



#### **SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

This week, you may encounter challenges or unexpected setbacks. The universe is encouraging you to stay strong and keep going. When facing obstacles, draw on your innate ability to adapt and find creative solutions. This period calls for courage and a readiness to explore new territories. Embrace these tests as opportunities to strengthen your resolve and assert your convictions. Your natural curiosity and eagerness to learn will guide you through any difficulties. Let this time be a lesson in growth and discovery, as you harness your inner strength to navigate through any adversities that come your way. Embrace this journey with an open heart and mind, ready to learn from each

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Green Lucky day Thursday



#### **TAURUS** April 20-May 20

This week brings a strong focus on self-reflection. While reminiscing about the past can offer valuable insights, it's crucial not to get lost in thoughts of what might have been. You might find yourself feeling somewhat disconnected or unsatisfied with where you are right now. It's essential to take this time to evaluate your ambitions and desires, as there's possibly a deep-seated yearning for more meaningful experiences. Avoid focusing too much on perceived deficiencies, which can obscure potential avenues for personal development and appreciation. Instead, stay engaged with the present. Finding joy in your current situation and exploring creative pursuits or rekindling connections with close ones could spark fresh motivation and emotional enrichment. Be open to new possibilities that may emerge, inviting transformative experiences into your life.

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Denim Blue Lucky day Wednesday



#### VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week presents a challenge to your meticulous planning and dedication. You may face unexpected delays or setbacks that test your ability to stay on track. Despite these obstacles, it's crucial to maintain your focus and adjust your strategies accordingly. You might find yourself managing multiple tasks and feeling overwhelmed by responsibilities. To prevent burnout, prioritize your workload and consider delegating tasks where possible. Patience and persistence are essential as you navigate this period. Setting achievable goals and pacing yourself will help conserve your energy. Don't hesitate to seek support from colleagues or friends, as collaborative efforts can significantly ease your burden. Staying organized and communicating effectively will be key in overcoming these challenges.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Pink **Lucky day** Saturday



#### CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, your drive for achievement is exceptionally strong. You'll find yourself encouraged to take decisive  $% \left( x\right) =\left( x\right) +\left( x\right)$ steps toward your objectives, infused with an energy and zeal that will fuel your pursuits. This is an excellent time to embrace new opportunities and invest your efforts in inventive projects. The groundwork you lay now promises to yield fruitful outcomes. Trust your intuition and make courageous moves to turn your aspirations into reality. Focus on meticulous planning and maintaining self-discipline; these will be your keys to enduring success in your ventures. Stay committed, and watch as your efforts gradually lead to significant achievements. Remember, perseverance is essential, as the most rewarding accomplishments often require sustained effort.

Lucky number 23 | Lucky colour Lemon Lucky day Tuesday



#### **GEMINI** May 21-June 20

This week calls for careful decision-making as you might find yourself drawn toward quick fixes or unhelpful attachments. The current cosmic setup might challenge your resistance to immediate pleasures, emphasizing the importance of choices that support your future aspirations. Resist the urge to fall into old habits or behaviors that obstruct your progress. It's crucial to address any deep-seated fears or restrictive beliefs that may be limiting your growth. Avoid excessive indulgence in physical comforts or negative thinking. Try to channel this energy to productive projects and chores. Communication is also key this week; speak thoughtfully and aim for clear, effective exchanges to navigate through potentially intense discussions.

.ucky number8 | Lucky colour Lilac



#### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, you may encounter some challenging interactions that could test your diplomatic abilities. It's a time when differing views might surface, prompting the need for thoughtful negotiation and tactful communication. To keep the peace and ensure all parties feel valued, it's essential to listen actively and propose solutions that accommodate diverse viewpoints. Such an approach not only fosters mutual respect but also enhances your ability to navigate through disagreements without compromising the respect between all involved. Embrace these moments as opportunities for growth, allowing you to refine your skills in mediating and creating cohesive environments. This approach will help maintain a sense of balance and respect in all your interactions.

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Wednesday



#### **AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

This week focuses on cultivating tranquility and a sense of security. It's an excellent time to foster your personal connections and ensure your living space is a haven of comfort. Engage closely with your friends and family, showing gratitude and relishing quiet, serene moments together. You might find that your support network is particularly uplifting now, contributing to a nurturing environment. Take a moment to recognize the positive aspects of your life and commemorate your accomplishments with those close to you. This period is ideal for reinforcing relationships and creating cherished memories. Trust your inner feelings and emotional perceptions to quide you in your social exchanges. helping you to strengthen your bonds with important people in your life.

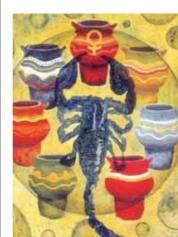
Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Red Lucky day Friday



#### CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, your intuitive senses are exceptionally acute. Embrace your profound emotional insight and heightened sense of justice. Current influences favor straightforward communication and assertive actions It's a prime moment to advocate for your values and defend your positions. You'll find that clarity comes easily now, enhancing your ability to navigate complex issues and generate innovative solutions. Your knack for dispelling ambiguity and viewing situations from new angles is amplified. Take this chance to speak up boldly and share your thoughts with conviction. As you navigate through the week, rely on your inner guidance to ensure your choices resonate with your core emotional desires. Your inner wisdom will lead you towards positive life.

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Emerald Green Lucky day Friday



#### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week is cantered on deep personal reflection and embracing solitude. Current celestial alignments prompt a journey into your own feelings, urging you to connect deeply with your inner guidance. Dedicate moments for personal introspection, perhaps through journaling, as this process will help refine your clarity and vision. Trust your internal compass to guide you through any uncertainties or decisions that arise. Prioritize self-care and take some time to think about your goals. Give yourself the space to recharge and connect with your true desires. Use this period as a chance for meaningful self-discovery. This period is marked by significant personal transformation, encouraging you to welcome change and let go of any old patterns or beliefs that hinder your progress

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Gold Lucky day Saturday



#### PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week focuses on finding peace and stability. Planetary influences encourage nurturing your relationships and creating a sense of comfort at home. Connect with loved ones, express appreciation, and enjoy moments of tranquillity. You may find yourself surrounded by supportive friends or family, fostering a positive and nurturing atmosphere. Take time to appreciate the blessings in your life and celebrate achievements with those close to you. It's a favorable period for strengthening bonds and creating lasting memories. Trust your intuition and emotional insights to navigate social interactions and deepen connections with those who matter most. This is an ideal time to focus on building harmonious relationships and cherishing the warmth and support of your loved ones.

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Teal ucky day Monday

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m?' is supposedly indivisible but said to have in its womb three modes of Shakti - Sata, Rajasa, and Tamasa', and so termed as Shakti-trinity. Each of them is marked with individual specific functional aspects of creation process. They are also identified with attributes manifested in human beings. It doesn't mean that Om split into three different modes. Om sound corresponds to causal stress arising at primordial source, which when gravitated, three different energy variants inherent with the primordial source got excited. The word Shakti need not be mistaken as being synonymous with energy as we understand in modern sense. Here, it is worth adding that mechanically excited energy does not have a drive of its own. It will move the way it gets directed. Shakti on the contrary, is believed to be a self-intelligent force, which involuntarily subscribes to self-evolved design parameters underlying the making of this world. It is in this sense that Shakti is perceived as selfconscious enough to follow nature driven design parameters. Had it not been true, a dynamic world would not

have spontaneously come into being, which has been doing its rounds in an orderly fashion since time immemorial, and with absolute precision. And all through its run, the forces in play remain in perfect harmony and balance. We call Sata, Rajasa, and Tamasa, as three modes of Shakti. They are marked with three functional aspects of the world process. The three, working in unison, excited a creation chain that progressively evolved into the manifest plural world. Self-intelligent that they supposedly are, led them get drawn towards each other to carry forward the creation chain.

It is pertinent to note here that though the three are believed to be marked with varying attributes, they do not have any relevance in isolation. They carry meaning only when acting in support of each other as a collective organism to carry forward the creation chain. Though at different stages of evolutionary chain, the attribute of one or the other may be prominently in evidence, but simultaneously the other two would be playing a supportive role from the background. As per the second law of

## Three dimensions of 'Om?'



thermodynamics, once there is entropy (disorder), it multiplies. So, following causal stress (disorder) at the primalsource, energy trinity got excited. That followed random mutation of the three modes of energy, which led to emergence of voluminous streams of

differentiated energies. Evolved thus, step-by-step, the corporeal world of forms and names together with all dynamic mechanisms' operative in between. And since matter and energy are inter-convertible, so has the world with form and name come out of forces in play in the world process. Here, it may not be out of place to draw a parallel between emergence of three Shakti variants and the nuclear fission process. Following nuclear fission, each nuclei of a radioactive substance splits into three and then multiply in geometric progression. It sounds reason, if we hypothesise that the Big-Bag event would be nothing short of nuclear reaction type of an event. Even the issuance of energies with a roaring Hum? sound as described in Indian scriptures should also fall in the same category. Inferential logic would suggest that it

would be quite fair to hypothesize the Primal-Source as the self-intelligent 'Energy-Whole'. The issuance of the inlaid constituents set into motion the creation chain, which finally culminated in the manifest plural world. Premise on which the shakti-trinity

stand. Out of the above three Shakti variants, Sata (the eternal reality) supposedly carries in its womb the seeds of creation - the radical potential to manifest into a world with form and name. Rajasa is said to be the activating force, which

stirs up the seeds of creation. Tamasa, with its inherent sense of inertia has the capacity to bind whatever is subtle within the limitation of form. On this strength, it holds on what Rajasa stirred up, and then objectifies them into formexistence with name. It is something like forces of two opposite polarities such as male and female principles converging for the sake of creation. Sata, further lends support to provide temporary stability to the objectified form-existence, which could be captured by our cognitive instruments. Here again, the convergence of the three Shakti variants, provides the ground necessary for us to have a feel of the presence of "The fundamental element of Consciousness" in the form of life sparks available to all dynamic existences. The Shakti variants, thus, serve as three aspects of creative intelligences of nature, vital to carry forward the world process. The issue continues.....

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