

# **Economic Survey: India's GDP set to soar to seven per cent in 2024-25**

#### PTI NEW DELHI

India's GDP is likely to grow at 6.5 to 7 per cent in the current fiscal year amid global challenges which may impact exports, said Economic Survey 2023-24 tabled in Parliament on Monday.

The growth projected for 2024-25 is lower than the economic growth rate of 8.2 per cent estimated for the previous financial year.

The Reserve Bank has projected the GDP growth for the fiscal year ending March 2025 at 7.2 per cent. cent.

"...The Survey conservatively projects a real GDP growth of 6.5–7 per cent, with risks evenly balanced, cognizant of the fact that the market expectations are on the higher side," said the document tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament.

It said the domestic growth growth in 2023-24 despite global economic

Global agencies like IMF and performance. Improved balance ADB see India to grow at 7 per sheets will help the private sector cater to strong investment

demand. The Survey also added a note of caution saying "private capital formation after good growth in the last three years may turn slightly more cautious because of fears of cheaper imports from countries that have excess capacity

While merchandise exports are drivers have supported economic likely to increase with improving growth prospects in advance economies, services exports are



Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran addresses a Press conference after tabling of the Economic Survey 2023-24 in Parliament by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in New Delhi, on Monday

also likely to witness a further areas for further growth and uptick

A normal rainfall forecast by the India Meteorological Department and the satisfactory spread of the southwest monsoon thus far are likely to improve the agriculture sector's performance and support the revival of rural demand, it said. However, the monsoon season still has some way to go,

the Survev said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the Survey highlights the prevailing strengths of the economy and identifies

progress as "we move towards building a Viksit Bharat".

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran on Monday said a 7 per cent GDP growth rate, the upper end of the projection made in the Survey, is doable depending on monsoon and global financial risks.

The Economic Survey is an annual document presented by the Government ahead of the Union Budget to review the state of the economy.

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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla being greeted by TMC MP Shatrughan Sinha after the latter took oath as a member of the House during the first day of the Parliament Session, in New Delhi, on Monday

# **Temperatures sizzle** in LS over NEET

#### DEEPAK KUMAR JHA 📕 NEW DELH

The first day of the Monsoon cum Budget Session on Monday witnessed the ruling party and Opposition members face off over the NEET and NTA row with Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi demanding immediate resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan who in turn said he is on the post "at the mercy of his leader (Prime Minister Narendra Modi)" and that the Government is "collec-

tively answerable". Opposition current entrance examination "rubbish", Centre system asserted there have been no evidence of entrance exam paper leaks in last seven years. Rahul carried on with his scathing attacks. "It's obvious to the whole country that there is a very serious problem in our examination system. The Minister has blamed everybody except himself. I

understands the fundamentals of what is going on here," the Congress leader said.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said this Government will create new records in paper leaks. "Students across the country are protesting. Investigation is leading to revelations, arrests are being made. I have only one request, students will not get justice if this Minister continues," he said. In response, Pradhan said the

results have been made public as per the Supreme Court's directions. "I don't want to do but I have a list of how  $\mathbf{p}_0$ many paper leaks happened when Akhilesh was in charge (as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister)," he said. Hitting back, Pradhan said he has the support of the people in his constituency and does not need a certification of intelligence from anyone in Parliament. "Lies will not become truth if you shout. The country's don't even think he examination system has been

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before his dav A Government is to present its first Budget in the third term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined the agenda for this Session with an appeal to the Opposition to be constructive and a combative message saying some parties have practised "negative politics" and "misused" Parliament to hide their political failures. 'In a democracy, there should be no place for tantrums to silence the Prime Minister for 2.5 hours, stifling his voice. It is a cause for concern that there is no remorse or regret for such actions," the Prime Minister said. His remarks were an apparent reference to the incident in the last Session when Modi delivered his reply to the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address amid vociferous protests and sloganeering by the that Opposition was demanding that both MPs from Manipur be allowed to speak

Asserting that Parliament is not for 'dal' but for 'desh', Modi said people have given their verdict in the Lok Sabha polls and now all political parties must work orgether for the country for the next five years. "This Parliament is not for 'dal (party)' but for 'desh (country)' This Parliament is not limited to MPs but it is for 140 crore people of the country," the Prime Minister said. He appealed to MPs from all parties to set aside political difference and participate in discussions in a constructive



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the media on the first day of the Parliament Session, in New Delhi, Ranjan Dimri / Pioneer on Monday

"I want to tell all MPs, they may be of any party, that from January onwards we fought a pitched electoral battle, we conveyed to the people what we wanted to convey, some showed the way while others misled, but that period is over now. The people have given their verdict," he said.

"Now it is the responsibility of all elected representatives and of all political parties which have ought respective parties for the next five years, we have to fight for the country and strive for it," Modi said. The Prime Minister said the Union Budget, which will be presented on Tuesday, will set the direction for the journey of the next five years and lay the foundation for fulfilling the dream of 'Viksit Bharat' in 2047.

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# Ahead of Budget, PM Modi slams SC stays nameplate diktat Opposition attempt to drown his voice on Kanwar Yatra path

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

In an interim order, the Supreme Court on Monday stayed the directives issued by the Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand directing eateries along the Kanwar Yatra route to display names of owners, the staff and other details "to ensure... no confusion among kanwariyas" but said they will be required to display the kind of food they are selling to the Kanwariyas. The bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti passed the interim order while issuing notice to the Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh, where the



Superne Court

Ujjain municipal body has issued a similar directive, on a batch of petitions challenging the Government directives. The order comes amid an escalating row over the





Ranjan Dimri / Pioneer

or non-vegetarian. No one appeared for the State Governments in the apex court on Monday. The month of

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Under whose pressure was that Bill withdrawn. Was it due to the pressure of private medical colleges? And they are asking us questions" he said. Responding to the Opposition's allegations, the Minister said the NTA has conducted more than 240 exams and over 5 crore students have appeared in them

UGC-NET

called rubbish. There cannot

be a more unfortunate

statement by the Leader of the

Opposition. I condemn this,

said Pradhan in the thick of

storm ever since irregularities

in the NEET followed by

reported. A cornered Pradhan

then took a "remote control" jab — a swipe the BJP routinely

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Devotees arrive to perform 'Jalabhishek' ritual on the first Monday of Saawan month, at Kedar Ghat in Varanasi, on Monday

# **Bihar's demand for Special Status suffers setback**

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The NDA partner JD(U)'s "pressure" on Centre over demand of Special Status to Bihar came down crashing after the Government on Monday cited an inter-Ministerial group report prepared in 2012 to assert that a case for granting special cate-gory status to Bihar is not made out. The BJP's allies from Bihar demanded the status for the backward State.

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha on the first day of the Monsoon Session, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said Special Category Status was granted in the past by the National Development Council (NDC) to some States which were characterised by a number of features necessitating special consideration.

These included hilly and difficult terrain, low population density or sizeable share of tribal population, strategic location along borders with neighbouring countries, economic and infrastructural backwardness and non-viable nature of state finances, he said in reply to a question asked by JD(U) member Rampreet Mandal. The decision was taken based an integrated on



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar

consideration of all the factors listed above and the peculiar situation of a State, the Minister said.

"Earlier, the request of Bihar for Special Category Status was considered by an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) which submitted its Report on March 30, 2012. The IMG came to the finding that based on existing NDC criteria, the case for Special Category Status for Bihar is not made out," the Minister said. The Congress-led UPA was in

power at the time. JD(U)leader Sanjay Kumar Jha had voiced his party's demand for the status at an all-party meeting on Sunday.

MOHIT KANDHARI 🗖 JAMMU lose on the heels of the high-Clevel security review meeting, chaired by Army Chief General

strategy to flush out Pakistani terrorists occupying 'Jammu Heights', a heavily armed group of terrorists launched two more frontal attacks on an Army post and the house of the Shaurva Chakra awardee in the Gunda village of Khawas tehsil in the frontier Rajouri district in the wee hours of Monday.

entire security grid has been alerted to conduct a fresh audit of the security arrangements given the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Drass to participate in the Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations marking 25 years of Victory in the Kargil war. The Village Defence Group member Parshotam Kumar remained unscathed in the attack while one of his close relatives

firing incident. It is the first such attempt in recent months where terrorists brazenly targeted a member of the village defence guard. Official sources claimed the foreign terrorists were reportedly briefed about the presence of Shaurya Chakra awardee in the village and local over-ground workers must have shared the exact coordinates with the terrorists to target him. Kumar was bestowed the Shaurya

# Hot chase to neutralise Pak terrorists

Upendra Dwivedi to chalk out a Following these fresh attacks, the

received minor injuries during the



Army personnel during an encounter with terrorists in Gundha area of Rajouri district on Monday

Delhi. According to the citation, craft, he closed in on the terrorists "Last year in August 2023, Kumar, armed with an outmoded, inferior rifle had taken on two highly trained guerrilla warfare terrorists of the PAFF-Jaish, who were equipped with sophisticated assault rifles and grenades. Unmindful of his safety, he tailed g on Sunday. Chakra, the peacetime equivalent Unmindful of his safety, he tailed attack a hot chase was launched by Continued on Page 2 of war's Vir Chakra by the the two terrorists and (displaying) the joint team of security forces to

President of India on July 5 in New raw courage and excellent field and engaged them from a close distance. He maintained contact with the other till (security) forces closed in. His brave act led to the neutralisation of one foreign terrorist."

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Soon after thwarting the terror

track down the footprints of terrorists. Special forces were also inducted in the ongoing operations spread across the thickly forested area.

In a post on X, White Knight Corps said, "Terrorists attacked the house of a VDC at Gunda, Rajouri at 3.10 am. A nearby Army column reacted and a firefight ensued. In another update the White Knight Corps posted on X, "Indian Army acted on intelligence, anticipating the threat to a Village Defence Guard in a remote area in Rajouri - Reasi. Tactical teams swiftly intervened, ensuring no harm to the VDC member and his family Operations are continuing and a firefight is in progress".

Additional troops remained stationed in the area during the day to instil confidence among the fear-stricken residents.

The villagers also raised the demand to equip the local village defence guards with modern weapons to tackle the growing threat of terrorist violence in the remote areas of the Jammu region. To counter the growing threat of terrorism in the Jammu region the Indian Army has already inducted more than 3,000 troops and 500 para commandos to launch massive combing operations to neutralise Pakistani terrorists active in the area.

According to a preliminary assessment over 50 Pakistani terrorists have infiltrated inside the Indian territory to launch targeted strikes on the security forces.



Students and others are seen within the precinct of the Supreme Court during a hearing on a batch of petitions related to the controversy-ridden medical entrance exam NEET-UG 2024, in New Delhi on Monday Ranjan Dimri / Pioneer

#### SC asks IIT Delhi to examine issue of **NEET correct answer**

#### PTI NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Director, IIT-Delhi to set up a team of three experts that would go into a particular question of Physics asked in the NEET-UG 2024 examination and submit a report on the correct answer by Tuesday noon.

The top court's order to IIT Delhi to set up a team of three domain experts to examine the issue of the correct answer to a question came at the fag end of the day-long hearing on a batch of petitions including those which are seeking a re-test of the controversy-ridden NEET-UG on grounds of question paper-leak and other malpractices. A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud asked the petitioners seeking re-test to show with the help of data released by the National Testing Agency (NTA), which holds the examination, that there was a "systemic failure" in its conduct, and the paper leak was "widespread" and not restricted to Patna and Hazaribagh only. Continued on Page 2

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# MVA says Home Minister Shah's comments Fire breaks out in Naval frigate, one on Pawar and Thackeray unwarranted

#### TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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Aday after Amit Shah termed NCP (SP) NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar as "corruption ka sargana" (Godfather of corruption) and Shiv Sena (UBT) chief as "leader of Aurangzeb fan club", the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) leaders hit back at the Union Home Minister, saying that the latter's comments were "laughable".

Rubbishing Shah's comments against the two of its top leaders, the MVA leaders said that both Pawar and Uddhav were respected leaders and such remarks by the Union Minister Home were unwarranted.

NCP (SP) Working President and Pawar's daughter Supriya Sule said: "Such comments are laughable because it is the BJP-led NDA government that has bestowed the coveted Padma Vibhushan award on Pawar saheb considering the volume of work done by him in various fields of activity for the last 60 years"

Taking a dig at the Union Home Minister, Supriya said that when Shah was addressing the office bearers' rally in Pune, she saw BJP

leader Ashok Chavan in the same frame. "Ashok Chavan, was sitting behind him...so 90 per cent of the people who have been accused of corruption by BJP are in BJP today because of the washing machine...I have never said a

the pioneer

word about Chavan Saheb but it is the BJP which used to call him corrupt, but today he is part of the BJP," she said.

Shiv Sena (UBT) spokesperson and Uddhav's close aide Sanjay Raut also came out in defence of the Sena (UBT) chief. "Shah has described Uddhav ji as the leader of Aurangzeb fan club...but we are not part of the Jinnah fan club".

'We never went to Jinnah's grave in Pakistan and offered flowers or ate Nawaz Sharif's birthday cake in Pakistan. Basically, there is nothing wrong in taking the side of nationalist Muslims in the



country. Muslims have also contributed during the struggle of this country," Raut said

Raut was referring to veteran BJP leader L. K Advani's visit the Jinnah's grave in 2005 and Prime Minister's surprise airdash to Pakistan to greet his Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif on his birthday. It may be recalled that on June

4, 2005, Advani had visited the mausoleum of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan. In a press release issued on the same day, the BJP had quoted the following message written by Advani in the Visitors' Book at the Jinnah Mausoleum."There are many Jinnah

people who leave an inerasable stamp on history. But there are very few who actually create history. Quaide-Azam Mohammed Ali Jinnah was one such rare individual. In his early years, Sarojini Naidu, a leading luminary of India's freedom struggle, described Mr. Jinnah as an "Ambassador of Hindu-Muslim Unity".

"His address to the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan on August 11, 1947 is a classic, a forceful espousal of a Secular State in which every citizen would be free to practise his own religion but the State shall make no distinction between one citizen and another on the grounds of faith. My respectful homage to this great man," the BJP had quoted Advani as writing in the visitors' book at the Jinnah Mausoleum.

The second example that Raut alluded to was Prime Minister Modi's surprise visit to Pakistan on December 25, 2015 to meet and greet Nawaz Sharif on the latter's birthday. He was received by Sharif with a warm hug at the tarmac of Lahore airport, on his arrival from Afghanistan by a special Indian Air Force Boeing 737 plane. Modi later took a chopper to proceed to Sharif's Raiwind palatial residence in the outskirts of Lahore to celebrate the latter's birthday.

sailor goes missing

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A fire broke out onboard an Indian Naval Ship Brahmaputra, a multi-role Frigate, while she was undergoing refit at at Naval Dockyard in south Mumbai on Sunday evening. A junior sailor has been missing since the mishap and search is on

for him. The fire was brought under control by the ship's crew with assistance of firefighters from Naval Dockyard, Mumbai {ND (Mbi)} and other ships in harbour, on Monday morning After that, follow-on actions including sanitisation actions including sanitisation checks for assessment of residual risk of fire were

carried out. "Subsequently, in the carried out. in the ship afternoon, experienced severe listing to one side (port side). Despite all efforts, the ship could not be brought to the upright position. The ship continued to list further alongside her berth and is presently resting on one side," an Indian Navy spokesperson said on Monday evening. "All personnel have been

accounted for except one iunior sailor, for whom the



search is in progress. An inquiry has been ordered by the Indian Navy to investigate incident," the the spokesperson said.

Earlier in the morning, the spokesperson had said: "An indigenous frigate was involved in the fire. The fire was brought under control and no casualties have been reported in the incident".

According to the Navy spokesperson, the fire was detected by the ship's duty staff while carrying out routine maintenance work onboard the ship.

The ship's fire fighting team immediately commenced fire fighting action and was augmented by the fire brigade dockvard, from Naval Mumbai and other units in vicinity," the spokesperson added

#### INBRIEF

#### **COUNSELLING FOR LLM AT GNDU ON JULY 25, 26**

New Delhi: The Department of Laws, Guru Nanak Dev University has conducted LLM Joint Entrance Test on July, 18 and the entire staff worked under the instructions of Dean Academic. Head of the Department and Dr Meenu Verma. The Law Department, Guru Nanak Dev University is currently also conducting State Level Counselling for admissions to BALLB. As per the first counselling, 55 seats are filled (for Punjab quota - 32 General, 12 Scheduled Castes, 3 Backward Class. 1 PWD and for Outside Punjab quota - 3 General, 3 Scheduled Caste, 1 Backward Class). The second round of counselling is scheduled on 20.07.2024 as per the details given on punjablawadmissions.gndu.ac.in. Furthermore, the Department has total number of 26 dedicated faculty members.

#### **BHAIRABI-SAIRANG RAILWAY LINE GAME CHANGER**

Maligaon: Indian Railways is significantly contributing towards transformation of the north-

eastern states by executing several new railway line projects. The Bhairabi-Sairang New Line Railway Project to connect the capital of the north-eastern state of Mizoram to the rest of the country is one such project which is at an advance stage of completion. This project



once completed will be a game changer in terms of communication and commerce for the people of Mizoram. The economical and environment friendly railway services will have a positive impact or almost all development works in the state.

#### **RECORD POWER DEMAND IN PUNJAB MET**

Patiala: Puniab's Electricity and Public Works Minister, S. Harbhajan Singh ETO, today announced that Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) successfully met a record high electricity demand of 3666 lakh units in a single day on July 21, despite it being a Sunday. Maximum electricity was also supplied for agriculture. Previously, the highest demand of 3563 lakh units was met



The Economic Survey has

been prepared by a team of

Nageswaran. Some analysts

have termed the growth projection in the Survey as

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6.5 per cent to 7 per cent in FY24," he said.

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on June 26, 2024. Last year, the highest electricity demand of 3427 lakh units was met on September 9, 2023, and 3425 lakh units on June 23, 2023.

#### Literary critics cry unfair as Marxists disgrace Basheer From Page 1

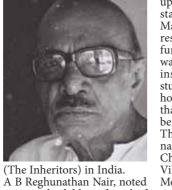
#### KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

¬he literature mafia in Kerala dominated by the ruling CPI(M) has its own system to determine the standard of novels, criticism and poems. The CPI(M) has set the benchmark of literature and only writers subscribing to the views of the Marxist ideology make it to the holy grail of literature, according to C K Anandan Pillai, chief editor, Sahitya Vimarsam, Kerala's lone literary magazine for criticism.

Septuagenarian Pillai is waging a battle against wheeler-dealers of Malayalam literature operating from Sahitya Academy at Thrissur

and Kerala State Language Institute Thiruvananthapuram, two establishments functioning as branch offices of the CPI(M). Pillai has put the Kerala Government and the State's Sahitya Akademy for violating all norms associated with the selection of books and authors for the coveted Vilasini Prize, the one of its kind award in India meant for the book on the comprehensive study of a

novel in Malayalam language. The award was instituted by MK Menon (1928-1993), veteran journalist-turnednovelist who is credited with writing the lengthiest novel



critic and a lifelong friend of M K Menon who helped the novelist to draft his Will, said that the latter never wanted the Akademy to name the award after him. "Menon was

the falling upset over standards of novels in Malayalam and wanted to resuscitate the same from further deterioration. He wanted an award to be instituted exclusively for studies on the best novel that hogs the public attention and that was how it came into being," Nair told The Pioneer. The Akademi changed the name of the award from O Chandu Menon award to Vilasini Award. Chandu Menon is rated as the first Malayalam novelist in language and Vilasini wanted to perpetuate his memory through this award. He along with Reghunathan

standards for the book to be considered for the award. Both Pillai and Nais said that the Marxist dons threw to the winds the qualifying marks set by Menon and this year's award was bestowed on P K Pokker for his collection of essays Basheer-The Creativity of Blue "Basheer may be Light". turning in his graveyard after hearing the news. We do feel that by honoring Pokker, the Sahitya Akademy has insulted and disgraced the memories of Basheer," said Reghunathan Nair. Writers who do not want their names tob quoted said that

this was how the Marxists take revenge on persons who do not sing peans to the.

"There is a character by name Chatthankeri Manakkal Sankaran Namboodirippadu in one of the novels authored Basheer. This Namboodirippadu has a lot of similarities with E M S Namboodirippadu, the former Marxist chief minister of the State. The comrades were waiting for a chance and they chose Pokker for this honor," said a known critic. Menon, whose pen name was Vilasini, wanted Kerala to have serious study on lead novels and he entrusted the Sahitya Akademy with the responsibility of awarding the best study on novels with a citation and prize money of Rs 50,000/.

## **Economic Survey...**

The document also provides an overview of the short-to-medium-term prospects of the economy

In a post on X, Modi said, "The Economic Survey highlights the prevailing strengths of our economy and also showcases the outcomes of the various reforms our Government has brought." 'It also identifies areas for

further growth and progress 'While 7 per cent is eminently doable, there are some risk factors given the way the as we move towards building a Viksit Bharat," the Prime monsoon has shaped up and Minister said. Nageswaran said, "We are not pessimistic. We actually are financial market risks are rising in the developed world

optimistic about growth. We with the spillover effects on India, and also the global are also mindful of the geopolitics environment," he said. challenges with regard to progress of monsoon."

Ahead of Budget, PM Modi slams Opposition... attempt was made to throttle the third term. The country is seeing this as a very proud event in the glorious journey of Indian democracy," he

# said.

# **Temperatures sizzle in LS over...**

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There is no evidence of the paper leak in the last seven years," he said, adding that the Centre's is "hiding nothing". As the opposition sought to overnment on the

wanted to speak but was disallowed and sooner the 2024-25 on Tuesday which entire Opposition members, will be the first Budget of the including from TMC and Modi government since the DMK, walked out of the NDA came back to power for House. Congress Deputy a third straight term. in the House G Leader Gogoi raised slogans her demanding the resignation of Pradhan. Speaking to media later Rahul said the opposition will keep raising the issue to build pressure on the government. Asked if he was satisfied with the minister's response in the House, Rahul said the minister should give an answer. "He spoke about the Supreme Court, he spoke about the prime minister, but perhaps he did not understand and was not able to tell what he was doing about it (NEET)."

The NEET exam issue came

up for discussion during the

Question Hour in the Lok

Sabha with several opposition

leaders, including the LoP,

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From Page 1 "How do you establish that the paper leak was all over India?" the CII asked. During the hearing, the bench, also comprising IB Pa

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the voice of the Government that had been ordained by 140 crore Indians to serve the the platform of Parliament country. For two-and-a-half for the next four to four-and- hours, attempts were made to Modi said his government is Ianuary scuttle the voice of the Prime 2029, when it will be an Minister, a practice which has no place in a democratic setup. What's more more disconcerting, however, is that they have no remorse over it," Modi said. Modi hoped that all MPs will contribute to the debate. He said there was nothing wrong with opposing views but it is the negative views that are wrong. The country does not need negativity, he said. "We have to take the country forward driven by the ideology of development and progress," Modi said. He also said that the Monsoon Session is an important destination in our democracy's proud journey. "It is a matter of immense pride for me as well as for all of our colleagues that after nearly 60 years a government has come back to power for the third consecutive time and has got the privilege of presenting the first Budget of

issue of paper leaks, Speaker Om Birla said it is not right to raise questions about all exams and members should discuss the need of developing a better examination system. The Central Bureau of

Investigation (CBI) is probing alleged irregularities in the medical entrance exam NEET and has lodged six FIRs. The NEET-UG is conducted by the National Testing Agency for admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in government and private institutions.

The Speaker stressed that there should be constructive discussions on the issue. If questions are raised about all examinations in the country, it have an impact on the Indian education system and perception about it around the world, he noted.

After Birla concluded his remarks, Rahul Gandhi Budget, surpassing the record of former Prime Minister Morarji Desai. The session is scheduled to have 16 sittings and is likely to conclude on August 12. Únion Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju said that this session will mainly be devoted to the

financial business relating to the Union Budget for 2024-25 which will be presented on July 23.

Late in the evening INDIA bloc leaders led by Congress held a meeting to decide and be united to carry on with their strategy to corner the Modi government on range of issues including the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand Government's order to display nameplates at eateries enroute Kanwar Yatra, rising cases of terror attacks in Jammu and compromise of various examination system including

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to the UPSC.

seventh consecutive Manoj Misra, took note of the submissions of some aspirants that a question of Physics had two correct answers and a set of examinees, who gave one particular answer out of the two correct ones, were awarded four marks.

> considered also submissions that there were three sets of aspirants, and one set got minus five for the correct answer, the second secured four marks for another correct answer, and the third group comprised those who skipped it for either want of knowledge or due to the fear of getting negative marks.

This would have a significant impact on the merit list of successful candidates, the bench was told.

The bench reproduced the controversial question in its order and said, "As indicated..., four options examination have failed.

to the ...Question, we are of the considered view that an expert opinion should be sought from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

'We request the Director at IIT Delhi to constitute a team of three experts of the subject concerned. The expert team constituted by the Director is requested to formulate its opinion on the correct option for the above question and to remit its opinion to the Secretary General of this Court, preferably by 12 noon on 23 July 2024," it ordered. It asked the SC's Secretary

General to communicate the order to the IIT Director for "expeditious steps"

The court made it clear that the order seeking the opinion of experts on a question would not mean the that pleas for cancellation of the

election year, you can go into the poll field, even make use of Parliament for it. Play the games you want to for those six months but till then, work for empowering the poor, farmers, youth and women by building a movement of people's participation to fulfil the dream of 2047," Modi said."I say with a lot of sadness that after 2014, some MPs were elected for 5 years, some for 10 years, but many MPs did not get a chance to talk about their constituency and share their views in Parliament because of the negative politics of some parties that misused Parliament to hide their parties political failures," he said. Modi urged all parties to give a chance to first-time MPs to speak in Parliament.

"You would have seen that in the first session of this Lok Sabha, an undemocratic

implementing on the ground the guarantees he has given to the people. "We are moving ahead with the aim of gradually realising the guarantees that I have been giving to the people of the country. This budget is an important budget of Amrit Kaal. We have got an opportunity of five years and this budget will determine the direction of our work for those five years and also lay a strong foundation for fulfilling our dream of a 'Viksit Bharat' in 2047, when we will celebrate 100th year

of Independence," he said. He highlighted that India is the fastest growing country among the major economies with about eight percent growth in the last three consecutive years. Today, opportunities are at the peak due to positive outlook, investment and performance. he said.

# SC stays nameplate diktat on Kanwar Yatra path

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The matter will be heard next on July 26. The Supreme Court was hearing a batch of pleas including those by TMC MP Mahua Moitra, academician Apoorvanand Jha and Moitra, columnist Aakar Patel, and NGO Association of Protection of Civil Rights challenging the directives. A large number of devotees travel from various places with 'kanwars' carrying holy water from the Ganga to perform 'jalabhishek' of Shivlings during the Hindu calendar month of 'Shravan'. Many believers shun consuming meat during the

month they consider holy. "Until the returnable date, having regard to the ... Akhilesh Yadav said "victory discussion, we deem it of harmony" should now be appropriate to pass interim the food sellers, hawkers etc may be required to display the kind of food they are serving to Kanwariyas but they must be not be forced to disclose the names/identities of the owners or employees," the bench said. Hours after the Supreme Court orders, the opposition parties welcomed the top court's order saying "victory of harmony" should now be

written on a new nameplate. Samajwadi Party chief Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said "victory written on a new nameplate. written: 'sauhaardmev jayate' (victory of harmony)." Reacting to the development, Congress' media and publicity department head Pawan Khera said, "We welcome the stay given by the Supreme Court on the completely unconstitutional orders by chief the Uttarakhand, Uttar indulging and Madhya unconstitutional measures," Pradesh Pradesh governments he said. At the outset, the

wherein they have asked all shop keepers, eateries and street venders to put their name and identity on boards outside especially during the Kanwar Yatra. This was unconstitutional and the Congress along with the entire opposition opposed "We hope his CMs don't defy him. Although the prime minister's position in his party is considerably weakened, we hope he partv retrieves that position and asserts himself and stops his

ministers

in

bench asked senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Moitra, if any formal order has been passed in the matter. Singhvi said a "camouflaged" order has been passed to display names of owners of eateries. He asserted the orders passed by the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments is "exclusion by identity" and against the Constitution. Senior advocate Chander Uday Singh, appearing for Association for Protection of Civil Rights, submitted that while the state authorities were claiming the order proposed voluntary compliance, it was being

enforced by coercion. "It is not based on any statutory backing. No law gives police commissioner power to do this," he asserted.

Asking Singhvi to desist exaggeration, the told him, "These from bench told him, orders have dimensions of safety and hygiene also." Singhvi said Kanwar Yatras have been going on for decades and people of different religious faiths-Islam, Christianity and Buddhism- have been helping Kanwariyas. He said many vegetarian hotels and restaurants being run by Hindus have Muslim and Dalit employees.

# **Bihar's demand for Special** Status suffers...

From Page 1 The Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), also a BJP ally, and the opposition RJD echoed the same demand at

the meeting. The JD(U), though, has already conveyed to the Centre that it is willing to settle for a special financial package in case the status cannot be granted to the state.

BID and the YSR Congress had made the same demand for Odisha and Andhra Pradesh respectively in the meeting. The Government has in the

14th Finance Commission report has ruled out the possibility of any more states being granted the status, which includes tax relief and higher central funding for the beneficiary states. RJD leader and Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Jha, while

past also argued that the

addressing on the first day of the Budget session in Rajya Sabha, reiterated demand of special state status and a special package for Bihar and asserted that he will keep asking for the same in Parliament and if need be on streets even.

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# Woman killed, 23 injured as bus rams into metro pillar

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45-year-old woman, who Awas the only bread earn-er of her family, was killed and 23 other passengers were injured when a DTC electric bus rammed into a metro pillar in west Delhi on

Monday morning. According to the police, a PCR call was received at 7.42 am at the Punjabi Bagh police station regarding a bus acci-dent near Shivaji Park Metro Station on Rohtak Road. DCP West Vichitra Veer said, "The concerned agencies promptly responded to the call. Upon arrival, it was found that a DTC electric bus, bearing number DL 51 EV 2862, plying on Route 939 between Mangolpuri and Anand Vihar, had collided with Metro Pillar 146."

He added that due to sudden braking, an auto-rickshaw, numbered DL 1RS 4417, also collided with the bus from behind. The accident has left a total of 24 passengers, including the driver and conductor, reportedly injured.

"About 14 passengers were shifted to Maharaja Aggarsen Hospital, while 10 passengers were taken to Acharya Bhikshu Hospital in Moti Nagar. Unfortunately, one



female passenger, aged approximately 45 years, was declared brought dead at Aggarsen Hospital. Another injured passenger, aged about 55 years, is currently in the ICÚ at Aggarsen Hospital," the DCP added.

Further, an FIR under sections 281 (negligent driving) and 125A (endangering the life of others) and section 106 (causing death by negligence) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) has been reg-

A DTC official, however, claimed that "the bus was running in its designated lane". "A motorcyclist and an auto rickshaw driver suddenly made a right turn. To avoid an accident, the bus istered in the matter at the

driver (of the DTC electric Punjabi Bagh police station. "PCR Van and emergency bus) also took a right turn but it ultimately hit the metro pilresponse vehicles had reached lar," the official said the spot within short time, for A senior police officer said

assistance and evacuation. A

crime team was called to the

spot for inspection. The rea-

son for the accident will be

established based on the

crime team's report and

mechanical inspection of the

vehicle," DCP Veer said.

bus driver and conductor have been recorded. "We are also recording the statements of passengers for more clarity on how the accident took place," the officer said. The police teams will also check the footage of the CCTV inside the bus and nearby area to know about the sequence of events.

A senior officer stated, "The bus driver, in his statement, claimed that he lost control over the vehicle when all of sudden a motorcycle and an auto rickshaw ahead of the bus took a sharp right turn. The driver told police that he tried to stop the vehicle to avoid any collusion."

A senior police officer said that teams have been formed to investigate the entire matter and efforts are on to get more details about the passengers.

"So far we know that the woman who died in the accident was the sole bread-earner of her family. Her family members are in deep shock, the officer said.

The police will also probe if the bus driver was over speeding or if there was any technical fault in the vehicle due to which it rammed with a metro pillar, the officer said.

# Moderate rain leads to waterlogging, traffic snarls

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Light to moderate rainfall lashed parts of the national Capital on Monday leading to waterlogging in different parts of the city and causing traffic snarls on the roads of traffic snarls on the roads of Delhi. Several low lying areas witnessed water logging including Kashmeri Gate ISBT, Najafgarh Phirni Road due to water logging at Dhansa Stand and Bahadurgarh stand, GTK Depot, NH-24 service lane which witnessing massive which witnessing massive traffic snarls. The Delhi traffic police issued

various advisories to the commuters regarding areas facing waterlogging issues which led to traffic congestions.

In a series of tweets made by the police department, it informed that traffic was affected at Najafgarh Phirni road, GTK road, New Rohtak road, Mundka and other areas of the city due to waterlogging caused by the rainfall and asked the commuters to plan

their journey accordingly. "Traffic is affected on Najafgarh Phirni Road due to water logging at Dhansa Stand and Bahadurgarh stand. Kindly plan your journey accordingly.



Traffic is affected on GTK Road in the carriageway from Azad pur towards Mukarba Chowk and vice-versa due to waterlogging near GTK Depot. Traffic is being diverted towards Wazirabad side. Commuters can take Road No. 51 to reach NPL side," it said on X.

It further stated, "Traffic is affected in both the carriageways of New Rohtak road due to waterlogging at Anand Parbat near Gali No.10. Traffic is affected on Rohtak Road in the carriageway from Nangloi towards Tikri Border and vice -versa due to sewer

5:30 pm in the evening Reacting to the news of waterlogging in parts of the city, Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva stated, "Only an bachdeva stated, Only an hour of rain this afternoon turned areas from Najafgarh to Chhatarpur and Narela to Badarpur into a state of water-logging and swamp-like con-ditions in unauthorized ditions in unauthorized colonies."

He further claimed that the problem is being faced by everyone alike in the city. "It's not just the residents of unauthorised colonies or slums who are troubled by the waterlogging; even residents of well-established colonies faced issues due to waterlogging in the internal streets," he claimed, adding that many underpasses, including Kishanganj, were submerged with just a little rain, and major intersections, including I.T.O., were waterlogged, causing traffic to come to a standstill.

'Delhi residents pray for rain all summer, but due to the negligence, incompetence, and corruption of the Kejriwal government, drains and sewers are not cleaned. As a result, as soon as it rains, Delhi residents start praying for the rain to stop," Sachdeva stated

#### Corruption alone has flourished under AAP rule: BJP 185 camps with amenities being

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 $D_{\rm Virendra\ Sachdeva\ on}^{\rm elhi\ BJP\ president}$ Monday claimed that the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal led AAP government is a government run by press conferences and under its rule only development of corruption has taken place in the city.

Hitting out at the Delhi government, Sachdeva alleged, "All AAP ministers, MLAs, councillors are accused of corruption and the Chief Minister, MPs, ministers, MLAs, councillors are going to jail. The entire Kejriwal government is stuck in the game of bail from jail, as a result development work is stalled." Delhi BJP chief called the promises made by AAP leaders of guarantees as 'false guarantees. He said that the same was made to Delhiites but



hasn't been fulfilled yet since promise of 2015 was free elec-2015. "AAP promised that 100 tricity for everyone but after schools will be opened every ten years, free electricity is year and instead, after 10 only the dream of an empty flat or a very small house. He claimed that the electricity bills of Delhiites are the highyears, not a single new school has been opened while two schools have been reduced compared to 2013. The elecest. "He promised free water tion promise of 2015 was to open 1000 Mohalla clinics for everyone but today, the poorest of the poor in Delhi is while barely 300 are open forced to provide water to his family at the rate of 30 rupees Further, he stated that the per bottle. Jal Board does not

provide water, and if it does, it is poisonous and dirty, which no one can drink," he said, adding that Kejriwal promised air and water pollution free Delhi.

"Despite Kejriwal's promises, today Delhi has been branded as the most polluted capital in the world. In the winter of 2023-24, the AQI has been above 400 and it is shameful that in July 2024, which was considered a month of mild pollution, the AQI is also registering above 160," he claimed.

South Delhi BJP MP Ramveer Singh Bidhuri said that whether it is Delhi or Punjab, aggression, deception, corruption have become the identity of AAP governments. "The Arvind Kejriwal government's disappointing performance on education, health, public transport, pollution control, free electricity

and water has disappointed the people of Delhi, while the corruption of his government has also disappointed the peo-ple of Delhi," he said.

Further, the senior party leader alleged that while BJP MLAs have raised issues like increasing pollution many times in the Delhi Assembly, the Kejriwal government, instead of discussing and bringing about improvements, has stopped us from speaking by throwing us out of the

Assembly. We will not let Arvind Kejriwal deceive the people of Haryana and will go to Haryana and run a public awareness campaign," Bidhuri asserted Moreover, Sachdeva claimed

that Delhi is groaning today, demanding change and demanding the resignation of Arvind Kejriwal's government

set up to welcome Kanwariyas: Atishi

overflow and potholes on

road between Rajdhani park

and Mundka. Kindly avoid

Mundka, Rohtak Road and

take alternate route accord-

Safdarjung, city's primary

weather station, recorded the

maximum temperature at 36.4

degrees Celsius, 1.5 degrees

above the normal. The mini-

mum temperature settled at

29.2 degrees Celsius, two

notches above the normal.

Despite a slight relief from the

muggy weather due to the

rain, humidity level was 84

per cent at 8:30 am in the morning and 91 per cent at

ingly.

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Delhi Revenue Minister Atishi on Monday announced setting up of 185 camps with amenities in the national Capital to welcome 'Kanwariyas'.

Senior AAP leader informed that around 15 to 20 lakh kanwars are expected to pass through Delhi who will be provided with Kanwar camps across the city, each equipped with high-quality waterproof tents, medical facilities, clean water, toilets, and furniture.

She stated, "The Kejriwal gov-ernment is setting up 185 Kanwar camps this year in Delhi. These include East Delhi, North East Delhi and Shahdara districts which are



Kanwariyas in Delhi. In such

a situation, maximum camps

are being set up here so that the

crowd can be easily managed

even after the arrival of a large

Atishi added that maximum 38

camps are being set up in

Shahdara district while 29, 22

and 19 camps are being set up

in North East, Central and East

number of Kanwariyas."

Delhi respectively. "There are 185 Kanwar shivirs being put up. We try to ensure the best arrangement. We are setting up waterproof tents complete with furniture and bedding. The camps also have medical facilities. These kanwar yatris walk barefoot, and since it is monsoon season, they are also prone to water-borne diseases. So medical facilities are also available at these camps," she

continued. The minister said Kanwars will start coming to Delhi after July 25, and the arrangements at the camps will be completed in the next couple of days. The Yatra commenced on the first day of Sawan (Shravan) on Monday and will culminate on August 2, as Ganga water will be offered to Lord Shiva.

NGT seeks NCRTC's response on concern Approach court if Centre acts against waqf properties: HC to Waqf Board

# that RRTS construction will uproot 40 trees

now," he claimed

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National Green Tribunal has sought a response from the National Capital Region Transport Corporation and others on a plea stating that the con-struction of the Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) tracks will uproot 40 trees. It also said that it was not possible to relocate the uprooted

trees The NGT was hearing a petition by Sidhartha Extension Pocket C Residents Welfare Association alleging that the construction of the 82.15 km semi-high speed rail corridor connecting Delhi, Ghaziabad and Meerut will uproot 40 trees, of which 25 were fully

grown.

In an order passed last week. a bench of NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava said that the plea raised a "substantial issue relating to compliance of the environmental norms and implementation of scheduled enactments.""Issue notice to the respondents (National Capital

Transport Region Corporation, Delhi Development Association and Municipal Corporation of Delhi)," said the bench also comprising judicial member A K Tyagi and expert mem-

ber A Senthil Vel. The matter has been posted on October 4 for further proceedings.

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 $T_{\rm Delhi}^{\rm he~High~Court~told~the}$ Monday that it can approach the court whenever the Centre takes any action against its properties in connection with the Central Redevelopment Project. Vista Justice Purushaindra Kumar Kauray observed that the project has received the Supreme Court's nod and asked the board to withdraw its petition filed in 2021, seeking directions for the preservation and pro-tection of six of its properties in the area. The senior counsel appearing in the court on behalf of the petitioner asserted that the waqf board was not saying that the "Central Vista project has to go", but was only seeking an assurance that it would not be dispossessed of its properties.



"Withdraw this petition. We do not want to complicate. As and when they take any action, you can come," the judge said. The court allowed the board to withdraw the petition with the liberty to file a fresh plea if required. The board moved the high

court in 2021 for the preservation and protection of six of its properties in the area in which the redevelopment work was

ongoing at that time, namely Masiid Zabta Gani at Mansingh Road, Jama Masjid at Red Cross Road, Masjid Sunehri Bagh Road Near Udyog Bhawan, Mazar Sunehri Bagh Road behind Motilal Nehru Marg, Masjid Krishi Bhawan inside the Krishi Bhawan com-pound and Masjid Vice President at the official residence of the Vice President of India

In December 2021, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had assured the high court that "nothing is happening" to the Delhi Waqf Board properties in the vicinity of the project and said that being a "long plan", the redevelopment had not reached the properties in question.

The high court had then adjourned the hearing, saying it had "full faith" in the solicitor general and turned down the petitioner's lawyer's request to take the statement on record.In December last year, the waqf counsel had claimed the waqi conner had canned that during the pendency of the proceedings, the mazar near the Sunehri Bagh mosque was demolished.

The Centre's counsel had, however, said the mazar was demolished by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and no action was being taken with respect to the properties.

prevent, control vector-borne diseases

MCD conducts special drive to

Claiming that the six properties in the redevelopment area "are more than an ordinary mosque and have a distinction attached to them", the Delhi Waqf Board has said in its petition that neither the British government nor the Government of India ever created any hindrance in the observance of religious practices at these properties, which were always preserved. "The waqf properties, subject matter of the present petition, are all more than 100 years old and are continuously being used for religious purpose. It is not the case that the government buildings were built first and thereafter, these properties came into existence.

To the contrary, these proper-ties were well in existence when the government buildings were constructed around them or in the vicinity," the petition filed through lawyer Wajeeh Shafiq has claimed.

# DMRC partners Airtel Payments Bank to promote digital ticketing

#### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

D<sup>elhi</sup> Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Metro Rail Monday announced its partnership with Airtel Payments Bank to extend a host of digital payment solutions to its commuters in a bid to intro-duce more digital ticketing solutions for the convenience of passengers.

In a statement by the Delhi Metro, it stated that the rights of maintenance and processing of digital payment solu-tions via the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) have now been accorded to the Airtel Payments Bank. "The Bank will now process NCMC card

transactions, issued by any bank, facilitating convenient

Airtel Payments Bank were

also unveiled.

The Delhi High Court on Monday pointed out severtravel on all lines of Delhi al mistakes in AAP leader Metro including Airport Somnath Bharti's petition chal-Express along with other open-loop transport systems nationwide," it read. lenging BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj's election in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls on grounds of alleged corrupt practices, and asked him to This announcement was made in a ceremony at the Delhi Metro headquarters file a corrected one. Justice Manmeet PS Arora said at the attended by DMRC Managing Director (MD) Dr. Vikas Kumar, MD and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of outset that there were a lot of typographical errors which made it difficult to understand the averments in the petition. Airtel Payments Bank Even the reference to respon-Anubrata Biswas, and other dents in the petition did not corsenior officials from both the relate with the respondents menorganisations. On this occationed in the memo of parties sion, Debit, Pre-paid NCMC and synopsis, the counsel said. enabled cards offered by The court gave Bharti 10 days to

file a corrected petition and list-

ed the matter for further hearing

HC points out several mistakes in AAP

on August 14.

When Bharti's counsel urged the court to issue notice to the respondents on the petition, the judge said, "There are too many mistakes. Correct the petition first. I can't issue notice like this. I will simply adjourn it. Please file a corrected petition." Both Bharti and Swaraj contested from the New Delhi Lok Sabha seat. While Bharti secured 3,74,815

votes, Swaraj got 4,53,185 votes as per the returning officer, the  $M_{\rm Delhi~(MCD)~conducted}^{\rm unicipal~Corporation~of}$ plea said. The petition, filed under under

Section 80 and 81 of the Representation of the People Act, alleged corrupt practices by Swaraj, her election agent and other persons.

Delhi BJP on Monday alleged that Bharti filed an election peti-tion just to be in news. Delhi BJP Spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said, "The adverse obser-vations of Delhi High Court on the election petition filled by MLA Somnath Bharti who unsuccessfully contested the recent loksabha election against the elected BJP candidate Bansuri Swaraj have shown that

Somnath Bharti is neither a

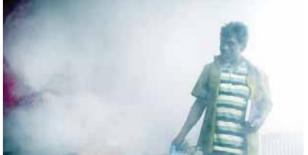
good public representative nor a

competent advocate."

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a special drive in all its zones in a bid to intensify its efforts across the city to prevent and control vector borne diseases. A senior official of the civic body said, "Several measures are being taken by MCD to control the diseases. Under this, a special drive has been conducted in all the 12 zones of MCD to check all MCD schools and other educational institutes for breeding of mos-

quitoes. He added that in this special drive, 2370 MCD schools and educational institutes have been checked. "The breeding of mosquitoes was detected in 360 places and destroyed then and



there. 235 legal notices and 67 prosecutions have been issued against the defaulters," the officer claimed.

During the special drive, all the head of the schools and educational institutes were advised to take preventive measures for the prevention and control of breeding of mosquitoes. "Vector Borne Diseases like

Dengue, Malaria and Chikungunya are transmitted through Aedes and Anopheles mosquitoes. These mosquitos breeds in the clean stored water i.e. drums, coolers, tin, flower pots, money plants, overhead tanks etc," he said, adding that this can be prevented very easily preventable by not allowing water stagnation at source.



leader's plea challenging Bansuri's election



# **Centre lifts ban on officials sporting RSS links, Congress fumes**

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

 $B^{\mbox{\scriptsize JP},\,\mbox{\scriptsize RSS}}$  and the Congress on Monday locked horns over the Centre's move to lift the ban on Government employees from participating in activities of the Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh (RSS) with the BJP and RSS saying the decision would strengthen the country's democratic system, the grand old party which had actually banned the organisation saying the order passed by the Narendra Modi Government has withdrawn an order which was in place even during Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's regime.

Several Opposition leaders also criticised the move. BJP

accused the earlier regimes of furthering their own political interests by imposing the ban

in the past. Union Minister Piyush Goyal said the Congress Government's decision in 1966 to ban Government employees from attending RSS activities was driven by political reasons. "Congress has always had a negative mindset for nationalist organisatons, and such a thinking has no place in the country," Goyal told the media. Opposition parties, which have the Modi criticised Government's decision to lift the ban, were only interested in appeasement politics and have displayed a negative attitude to Hindus, he claimed. Goyal



alist organisation whose members are full of patriotism. RSS spokesperson Sunil Ambekar said in a statement, 'The present decision of the Government is appropriate and strengthens the democratic system of India." RSS has been continuously involved in the reconstruction of the nation and service to the society for the last 99 years, he added. "Due to the contribution of the described the RSS as a nation-Sangh in national security,

unity-integrity and taking the society along during times of natural disaster, various types of leadership of the country have also praised the role of the Sangh from time to time.

Due to its political interests, the then Government had baselessly banned the Government employees from participating in the activities of a constructive organisation like the Sangh," the statement said. There have been multiple instances of the Government barring its employees in the past from associating with the RSS

BSP chief Mayawati termed the Centre's order removing the ban on the participation of Government employees in RSS activities a politically motivat-

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ed move to "appease" the organisation and demanded its immediate withdrawal.

"The Centre's decision to lift the 58-year-old ban on Government employees from attending RSS shakhas is a politically motivated move to appease the RSS rather than serving the national interest. This is to ease the tensions that intensified between the two after the Lok Sabha elections over Government policies and their arrogant attitudes," Mayawati said in a social media post.

Congress chief spokesman Jairam Ramesh slammed the central Government over the order as he first shared it issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension dated July 9 pertaining to the

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participation of the Government servants in the activities of the RSS.

"Sardar Patel had banned the RSS in February 1948 following Gandhiji's assassination. Subsequently, the ban was withdrawn on assurances of good behaviour. Even after this the RSS never flew the Tiranga in Nagpur. In 1966, a ban was imposed - and rightly so - on Government employees taking part in RSS activities," Ramesh said. AIMIM chief and MP

Asaduddin Owaisi hit back at the BJP for withdrawing the ban, saying that no civil servant can continue to be loyal towards the nation if they are a part of RSS, and the order goes against India's unity.

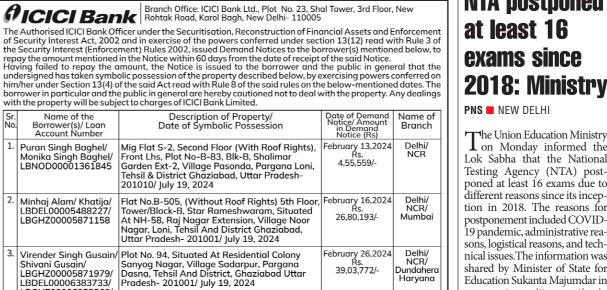
Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Priyanka Chaturvedi said that with the order, Government officers in the Enforcement Directorate, Income Tax Department, Central Bureau Investigation, Election Commission and other departments can "officially prove their Sangh credentials". "Such a shame, instead of aligning only to Bharat Mata's interests, the BJP is leading them towards keeping ideological interests first," Chaturvedi said. Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien said, "Are we sur-

prised that the Union Government has now revoked a 60-year ban on Government employees taking part in RSS activities?'

NTA postponed

BJP Lok Sabha member on ABJP LOK Saula ..... ment of an IAS officer as 'Foreign Secretary" by the Kerala Government was 'unconstitutional" and an 'encroachment" on the responsibilities of the Centre. Raising the issue in the Lok Sabha, BJP member P P Chaudhary said the Kerala Government order of July 15, appointing IAS officer K Vasuki as "foreign secretary" was a "blatant outreach". "Is the Kerala Government treating itself as a separate nation," Chaudhary said in the

Lok Sabha. The Kerala Government had on July 15 issued an order giving Vasuki, Secretary in the Labour and Skills Department, the additional charge of "the matters connected with External Cooperation". Chaudhary said external cooperation meant dealing with various nations, Indian embassies and missions abroad, functions that formed part of the Union List as per the allo-



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on Monday informed the Lok Sabha that the National Testing Agency (NTA) postponed at least 16 exams due to different reasons since its inception in 2018. The reasons for postponement included COVID-19 pandemic, administrative reasons, logistical reasons, and technical issues. The information was shared by Minister of State for Education Sukanta Majumdar in response to a written question in Lok Sabha asked by DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi.

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#### STATE BANK OF INDIA Home Lean Centre (HLC) C-59 Community Centre, Naraina Industrial Area Phase - 1, New Delhi-110028 DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURIT

INTERESTACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT') HOME LOAN OF MS. ANURADHA KHOSLA. Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred und Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Rules, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors Guarantors listed here under (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 day from the date of receipt of the said Notice, as per detail given below. The said Notice has either been returned undelivered by the post authorities or have not been acknowledged by the borrowers / mortgagors/ guarantors. Hence the Bank by way of abundant caution is effectin this publication of the demand notice. The undersigned has therefore, caused these Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last know addresses of the said Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors as per the said Act. Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersione and the said Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantors, may, if they so desire, collect the said copies from the undersigned on any working da during normal office hours. Against the above background, Notice is hereby given, once again, to said Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to pay to State Bank of India, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated here in below together with future lerest at contractual rates and rests from the dates mentioned below till the date of payment under the Loan & other documents. As securit for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged / hypothecated to State Bank of India by the respective borrowers. the said borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors fail to make payment to State Bank of India as aforesaid. Then State Bank of India shall procee against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act and Rules entirely at the risk of the said borrowers / mortgagor puarantors as to the costs and consequences. Further, attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (B) of the Section 13 of the Act. I respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. You are prohibited under the SARFAESI Act from transferring the secured asset whether by way of sale, Lease or other wise without the prior written consent of State Bank of India. Any person who contravenes or abete contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules shall be liable for imprisonment and/or fine as given under Section 29 of the Act.

Name and Address of	Details of the Security	Amount O/s as per	Demand
Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor	to be enforced	13(2) Notice	Notice Date
MS. ANURADHA KHOSLA	SUB LEASEHOLD RESIDENTIAL		Demand Notice
D/o VIRENDER KUMAR KHOSLA	APARTMENT NO.KLP015804, 18TH		Date
Flat No. KLP0151804 KALYPSO	FLOOR, HAVING AREA 244.01 SQ.MTRS.		22.07.2024
Tower KT-15 JAPEE GREENS WISH	WITH ONE COVERED CAR PARKING,	Thousand Eight Hundred	NPA Date
TOWN SECTOR-128, NOIDA,	TOWER KT-15, KALYPSO COURT,	Forty Four Only)	16.07.2024
	JAPEE GREENS WISH TOWN SECTOR- 128, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR (U.P.) ALONG WITH ONE COVERED CAR PARKING.	as on 22.07.2024 with accrued interest and other	Account Number 41428904915 41429061767 41394437263

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Asset Recovery Management Branch Plot no 8-B, First Floor, Rajendra Park Pusa Road : 011-40591567 (Ext-240) Phone E-Mail : delhiarm@ktkbank.com Website : www.karnatakabank.com : L85110KA1924PLC001128 New Delhi-110060 CIN SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower (s) and Guarantor ( that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Karnataka Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor on **05.06.2023**, will be sold on "As is Where is ", "As is What

is" and "Whatever there is" on 22.08.2024, for recovery of Rs.84,87,309.15 (Rupees Is and whatever here is on 22.08.2024, for recovery or Rs.84,07,303.15 (kuplets) Eighty Four Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Nine and Paisa Fifteen Only) i.e. Under PSOD Loan Account No.5537000600014201 along with future interest from 01.06.2024, i.e. Plus Cost, due to the Karnataka Bank Ltd, New Delhi G T Karnal Road Branch, No-6 Jain Colony, Veer Nagar, G T Karnal Road Delhi, the Secured creditor from (1) M/s Avon Elements Pvt. Ltd Represented by its Directors (i) Mrs. Neha Jain Wio Abhinav Jain, (ii) Mrs. Karuna Jain Wio Sandeep Kumar Jain, registered address: No.38/1, First Floor, Govindpuri, Opposite Kalkaji Bus Depot, Delhi 110007, (2) Mrs. Neha Jain W/o Abhinav Jain, (3) Mrs. Karuna Jain W/o Sandeep Kumar Jain, Both (2) and (3) are Residing at: House No.11, Second Floor, Veer Nagar

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Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Delhi- 110091./

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

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#### **Dams in Karnataka filled to** Three newly elected MLAs the brim due to torrential rain take oath in Himachal PTI BENGALURU

#### PTI SHIMLA

Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania on Monday administered oath to the three newly elected including legislators, including Kamlesh Thakur, the wife of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. The oath ceremony was conducted inside the House in the presence of the chief minister, leader of the opposition, cabinet ministers and other members.

The members who took oath included Congress MLAs Kamlesh Thakur from the assembly Dehra seat, Hardeep Singh Bawa from the Nalagarh seat and BJP legislator Ashish Sharma from the Hamirpur assembly constituency.

With the induction of the three MLAs, the House is complete with 68 members and the strength of Congress has risen to 40 while BJP has 28 members in the legislative

assembly. There is no independent MLA in the Vidhan Sabha for the first time in the history of Himachal Pradesh. Also, this is the first time a couple, CM Sukhu and his wife Kamlesh Thakur, are members of the same House.

The by-elections for the three seats — Dehra, Nalagarh and Hamirpur - were held on July 10 following the acceptance of the resignation of three independent MLAs,



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Sukhu hoped that the BJP

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"The people of the state have

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government through money

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to the BJP," the chief minister

The BJP forced the by-polls

the development agenda.

Congress

Hoshiyar Singh, K L Thakur opposition Jai Ram Thakur and Ashish Sharma. The three independents along with six Congress rebels had voted in favour of the BJP nominee Harsh Mahajan in the Rajya Sabha polls held on February 27. On March 22, the three

independent MLAs submitted their resignation and joined the BJP the next day However, their resignation

was accepted by the speaker on June 3. The three Independents were given tickets by the BJP from their respective seats but Ashish and created political turmoi Sharma was the only MLA to and as a result, the retain his seats while the other two lost the by-polls to imple Congress rivals.

Talking to the media persons here, CM Sukhu accused the imple BJP of hatching a conspiracy code to destabilise the government Reite by horse-trading. state In his response, leader of state

raise loans to pay the interest and instalment of loans taken by the previous BJP government headed by Jai Ram Thakur. He claimed that due to prudent policies of the

government, the financial condition of the state has improved by 20 per cent. Thakur said, "The BJP snatched the Rajya Sabha seat, Mandi Lok Sabha seat and three out of nine assembly seats increasing its tally in Vidhan Sabha to 28." "We accept the verdict of the people but the results would have been different if the three by-elections caused by the resignation of the Independent legislatures were held simultaneously with six bypolls and Lok Sabha polls," he said. Earlier, six assembly seats fell vacant following the disqualification of Congress rebels for defying the whip to vote in favour of the Congress

during the budget. These Congress MLAs had also voted in favour of the BJP candidate in the Rajya Sabha polls.



The coastal and Malnad region in the Western Ghats have been receiving incessant rains for the past 15 days due to which many rivers originating from here are in spate. According to the Karnataka State Natural

Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), the inflow of water in the Cauvery basin was 98,577 cusecs while the outflow was 70.645 cusecs.

The KSNDMC said the cumulative outflow since June 1, was 118.25 thousand million cubic (TMC) feet, while the outflow was 41.52 TMC ft. The Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) dam with a reservoir level of 124 ft presently has 123.2 ft water. As on Monday, the inflow was 60,016 cusecs and outflow 52,020 cusecs.

Other dams in the Cauvery basin namely Harangi, Hemavathi and Kabini are also filled to the brim. The rains in the Cauvery basin have been

received at a time when Karnataka was worried with the scanty rainfall and was gearing up for a legal battle with neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

Water The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee had directed Karnataka to release one TMC ft water to neighbouring Tamil Nadu till July-end. The Chief Minister convened an all-party

meeting on July 14 saying that it will not be able to meet the direction and was In a normal year, we have to release 40.14



preparing to approach the Cauvery Water Management Authority with a request that it will release 8,000 cusecs water and not 11,500 cusecs water, which is one TMC.

After visiting the KRS Dam, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar who holds the Water Resources portfolio, said the CWRC had directed the state to release 20 TMC water starting from July 11 till month-end.

The rain God is merciful to us and Mother Cauvery is flowing gently. Already 30 TMC water has flown to Biligundlu in Tamil Nadu at the Karnataka border. Our dams are completely full and we are releasing water," Shivakumar said. e also said that 51,000 cusecs water is

being released to Tamil Nadu.

TMC ft of water. Karnataka will be able to release the requisite water to Tamil Nadu. Shivakumar said. This apart, channels will be opened to fill 1,657 tanks in the

Cauvery basin. Dams in the Krishna river basin namely Bhadra, Tungabhadra, Ghataprabha, Malaprabha, Almatti and Narayanapura are almost filled up and water is being released from these dams.

These six dams have a gross capacity of 422.45 TMC while on Monday there was a storage of 312.96 TMC. Last year, the storage was 129.59 TMC water on this day.

Three hydel project dams Linganamakki, Supa and Varahi and Vani Vilas Sagar too are completely filled up.

The major dams in Karnataka with a gross water holding capacity of 895.62 TMC have gross storage of 615.20 TMC.

created political turmoil				
dget due to blementation of a model le of conduct, he added. terating the resolve of the e government to make the	माध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल मध्यप्रदेश भोपाल ई-मेल : mpbse@mp.nic.in, वेबसाइट : www.mpbse.nic.in फोन कार्या : (0755) 2551650, फैक्स : (0755) 2552061 ग्रांक/3006/क्रय/2024 भोपाल, दिनांक : 22.07.2024 निविदा आमंत्रण सचना	CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTICE NO. KYQ-CDO- 01-W-Bio-Inno-01 Tender Notice No. KYQ-CDO-01-W- Bio-Inno-01; dated: 18-06-2024 for the work of "Construction of 100 m3 capacity RCC inoculums Generation facility plant and operation of inoculums Generation plant, capacity of 100 m3 at Kamakhya Coaching Depot of Lumding Division for	R/0 H.No-22, Gali No-1, West Karawal Nagar, North East Delhi-110094 declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as Satish Singh and Sunita in my minor daughter namely Priyanshi aged 15 year in her school record. The actual name of mine and my wife are Satish Singh Baghel and Sunita Devi	PUBLIC NOTICE My client Monica Suri & Sanjeev Suri are the owners of Flat No. B1/912, Purvanchal Silver City Sector-Pi-II, Greater Noida, They have lost the original GPA, executed by them in favour of Shri Rajinder Puri, which was registered in Sub-Registrar, Faridabad on dated 09.04.2009 as Regd. Document No. 47, Book No, IV, Volume No. 1, on Page No. 12/34-36, the said GPA was used for registration of Sub-Lease
ased hov	nders are invited for supply of Tables and Benches for rious schools of Madhya Pradesh. Tender document is ailable on https://gem.gov.in. portant dates for Bid submission are as under:-	two years" closing on 08-07-2024 at 15:00 hrs. has been cancelled due to some technical reasons. Sr. CDO, Guwahati NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY "Serving Customers with a smile"	• accordingly.	Deed in their favour. Finder may contact at above address & Mobile No. 9911899114 Laxmi Advocate Regd. No. D/947/2017 Delhi High Court
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Pandikkad panchayat, ere the presence of bats has n detected.	hedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders e available on Noida Authority's official website: <u>ww.noidaauthorityonline.in</u> & <u>https://etender.up.nic.in.</u>		will be sold after 30 days from the date o f Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 ridabad)	
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# Nipah: Contact list of decease updated, more tests being c



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The number of people at risk for contracting Nipah in the contact list of the 14boy who lost his life

testing. "Out of the samples sent for testing, six of the persons have symptoms. Keral Three of them are on the was u secondary contact list Even

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to the rare infection, has been	though the parents of the	Sunday morning.	· · ·		SR.	NO. PARTICU	LAR	DATE	TIMES		PLACE
increased to 350, out of which	deceased boy do not have	Minister George said		required beautification in Water Works Compound Sector-	01	Exhibition of List of voters as req					Office of the Society &
101 are in the high-risk	symptoms, we have sent their	counselling will be given to		100, 29, 38 & Sewerage Pumping Station Sector-28, 38 &		Para(2) of rule 35 and objection of		19-07-2024	9:00 a.m.		e area operation of the sistant Registrar Co-
category, Health Minister	samples also for testing to rule	the friends of the deceased		S/F of Sewerage Flow meter at SPS-20, 28, 38, 31 & 33,		Voters will be submitted on the la Exhibition of Voter list in the office		to 26-07-2024	to 5:00 p.m.	operative Socie	ies, Gurugram Near
Veena George said on	out all possibilities," she said.	child to help them cope with		Noida. Cost Rs. 71.48 Lacs.		registrar, Coop. Societies Gurugr		20-07-2024	0.00 p.m.	John Hall Civil Lin	e, Gurugram rative Bank, Gurugram
Monday.	The health department said	his loss, and that their classes	2.	12/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (R/o Tube					10:00 a.m.	(3). Certuarouope	alive ballik, Gulugial II
The Kerala Health	two of the persons on the	will be held online.		Shaft, Bowl Assly. & Column Pipe for Tube-wells at	02	<ul> <li>Hearing of objection of the list as required under sub para(4)</li> </ul>		29-07-2024	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	ARCS Of	ice, Gurugram
Department is waiting for the	-			Sector-150, 168 & Kondli), Noida. (For Two Years).					10:00 a.m.	In the office of 4	ssistant Registrar,
test results of 13 people,	PUBLIC NOTICE		d i		03	<ol><li>Filing of Nomination Papers.</li></ol>		02-08-2024	to 2:00 p.m.	Co-operativeSo	cieities, Gurugram,
whose samples were sent to		PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Lales		Cost Rs. 30.35 Lacs.					,		Civil Line, Gurugaon
		Devi has acquired Property area measuring 52 so		14/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, M/o Sewerage (P/F	04	<ol> <li>Scrutiny of Nomination Papers</li> </ol>		05-08-2024	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m		Do
College virology laboratory	No. C-703 Vikash Puri Block-C	yds, out of Khasra No. 217, situated at Villag		Manhole cover frame, Sewer Cleaning and Sewer line	05	<ol><li>Display of List of Validity nomina</li></ol>	ted Candidates.	05-08-2024	4:00 p.m.		Do
	(C-793) New Delbi 110018	Surajpur Pargana, Dadri Tehsil and Distt., Gautan		repair work in Sector-20, 21, 25 & 26) Noida. (For Two	06	Withdrawal of Nomination Pap	per display of	09-08-2024	10:00 a.m.		Do
Institute at	Any person who has any objection	Budh Nagar, U.P vide Sale Deed dt. 02.06.202 executed by Mrs. Bala Devi, Now Mrs. Lalesh Dev		Years). Cost Rs. 45.49 Lacs.		list of candidates.			to 2:00 p.m.		
	regarding the Mortgage of the	is the undisputed owner of above said property.		16/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (Running,		7. Allocation of Symbols		09-08-2024	03:00 p.m.		Do
	aforesaid property in favour of Mr.	OR Anno norman ( firm / institution / normany basis	<b>1 *</b>		08	<ol><li>Display of List of contesting ca</li></ol>	andidates.	09-08-2024	04:00 p.m.		Do
<u>ATHE PIONEER A</u>		Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Propert		operation work at T.W. in Sec 145, 75 & UGR-75), Noida	09	3. Taking of poll, if necessary.		18-08-2024	08:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	In the premises attached.	as per list of booth
+ I ACCIETED	the date of the Notice in writing	by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement		(For Two Years), Cost Rs. 32.72 Lacs.	Note	:- (1) Election of the Managing	Committee o	f the sold coole			d of the Hervere
LASSIFIED	The said objection may be kindly	lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs		18/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, M/o Sewerage (P/F							
NN	east to the undersigned by your of	partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwis is hereby required to intimate in writing to the		Manhole cover frame, cleaning, M.S. Jall & Sewer line		perative Societies Act 1984 (2)			inders of normale mig		
	the Registered Post on the address	undersigned within 07 days from the date of		related work in Sector-21A Stadium), Noida. (For Two	Beju	ISomaia Vs. State of Haryana in			ar, Co-operative Socie		evender Beniwal)
CHANGE OF NAME		publication of this notice of his/her/their share of		Years). Cost Rs. 31.13 Lacs.				Assistant Registi	ar, co-operative Socie	ties, Gurugram,	Returning Oncer)
		claim, if any, with all supporting documents a below mentioned address. After expiration of		,			w Okhis	a Industi	rial Develop	ment A	uthority
I, Anil Kumar Badgujar S/o	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	notice period, the claims, if any, of such person	6.	<b>19/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25,</b> M/o W/s (Running,							
Shri Mangu Ram R/o House	C-401, FOURTH FIGOR, NITVARIA	shall be treated null and void and also treated a		Maintenance and Operation of Tube-wells (04 Nos.) and			ninistrative	Building, S	Sector-6, Noida	, G.B. Nag	ar (U.P.)
No. 133-134, Second Floor,		waived and not binding on our client. Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) H No. 26/161, Basement		UGR Sector-168, 150, VillKondli), Noida. (For Two		Web	site : www	w.noidaaut	horityonline.c	om	. ,
		Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi -110024		Years). Cost Rs. 65.43 Lacs.							
Block -E, Pocket-18, Sector -3			7.	20/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, M/o Sewerage (Desilting of				ENDER N			
Rohini Delhi-110085 have	NORTHERN	/8		Deep Sewer Line By Super Sucker Machine in Sector-88		E-Tender are invited fror					
changed my name Anil	TENDER N	NOTICE Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav		and Village-Yakubpur), Noida. Cost Rs. 65.16 Lacs.		s against which bids can b					
Kumar to Anil Kumar	Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Norther	rn Railway, Trainset Depot, Shakurbasti;				ntioned. The details and					,
	for and on behalf of President of India, invites under noted work.	s Geivi portai (nttps://gem.gov.in) for the	8.	21/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (R/o PVC Water		osite: www.noidaauthority				lease ensu	e to see these
Badgujar for all purpose.											
	Tender No. GEM/2024/B/5184026 dated 19	07 2024		Line in Sector - 22, 23, 24 and Village - Chaura,	wei	bsites for any changes/ an	nendments	& corrigendu	im etc.		
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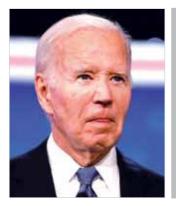
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#### -PAPER WITH PASSION-

# **Biden bows out**

Joe Biden opts out of the race to US presidential elections, endorses Kamala Harris to take on Trump

mid speculations about his health, Joe Biden has finally decided to withdraw his candidature from the US Presidential elections. In his place Kamala Harris, the US AVice President is likely to be the Democrat Candidate. It would be now Kamala vs Trump who is seeking re-election after he lost to Joe Biden in the previous election. President Biden, who will be 82 years old by the time of the election, cited personal reflection and a desire to pave the way for new leadership as the primary reasons for his decision. In his address from the White House he expressed confidence in Vice President Kamala's ability to continue the administration's agenda and lead the nation forward. President Biden stated that, after much thought and consideration, he and his wife believed it was time to pass the torch to a new generation of leadership. He mentioned that Vice President Harris had been by his side through the most challenging times of his presidency and that he had seen firsthand her dedication, intelligence, and unwavering commitment to



the American people. Kamala's candidacy is historic in many ways. If elected, she would become the first female president, as well as the first Black and South Asian American to hold the office. Harris, who has served as Vice President, has been a prominent figure in the administration, particularly in areas such as criminal justice reform, immigration, and climate change. However, Harris will face significant challenges as she navigates the primary race and potential general election campaign. She will need to address concerns from both progressive and moderate factions within the Democratic Party and present a compelling vision for the future to win over undecided voters. Her

campaign is expected to highlight the achievements of the current administration, including economic recovery efforts, the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, and initiatives aimed at promoting social justice and equality.

Joe Biden's decision is unprecedented as no presidential candidate have ever opted out so late. Two significant events might have influenced his decision. First, his lacklustre performance in the presidential debate led opponents to question his credentials to lead the country. Second, the assassination attempt on Trump has put him in the limelight and drawn widespread sympathy. These two incidents, though unrelated, may have compelled Democrats to consider other options. On the Republican side, the announcement has prompted a reassessment of strategies. With Biden out of the race, potential Republican candidates will now focus their efforts on countering Kamala's policies . Donald Trump, and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis are among those expected to vie for the Republican nomination. The coming months will reveal how Kamala positions her campaign, addresses the pressing issues facing the country, and seeks to build a broad coalition of support. Her candidacy opens a new chapter in American politics, one that could redefine the future of the Democratic Party and the nation.



# Tackling new wave of terror in Jammu



As administrative setups suffer, urgent and coordinated action is imperative to counteract these well-orchestrated threats and restore stability

here has been a spate of terror attacks in the Jammu Region in the last few months. These terror attacks clearly show that the enemy has changed its tactics to strike into regions that had otherwise become peaceful. After the revocation of Article 370, China and Pakistan felt rattled about the new dynamics. China then tried to capture territory in Leh and Galwan took place. We all know Galwan was a well-planned operation by the PLA. This led to the movement of Indian Army Troops from the hinterland particularly from the Jammu region. The void of boots on the ground

in near peace regions of Jammu has led to a vacuum as far as the intelligence network is concerned. Normalcy has to be maintained for some time, also with fewer boots in the Jammu Region the human intelligence that gets developed over some time gets depleted.

Most of the army posts in Jammu and Kashmir have an administrative setup based on locals. These locals provide fresh food, logistic support and other admirative material. Even in winter cut-off posts locals provide wood, and admirative backup in both Jammu and Kashmir. Now when troops are depleted all of a sudden, the intelligence gathering in the area dries up. It also leads to a shortage of earning opportunities for the locals making them more vulnerable to the lure of money to facilitate enemy design. This vacuum of this intelligence is being exploited by the enemy and make no mistake China is fully involved in helping Pakistan in this. The attacks are wellplanned and deliberate. Pakistan has started refuelling its Over Ground Workers in the Jammu region specifically.

There have been a lot of FIRs registered by the army against these OGWs over the years but little or no action has been taken on them. It's about time we took action against these FIRs. Special courts must be set up to fast-track

make hideous for terrorists during winter for them to come there and stay during summer. Once the men move out, there are a lot of women in the Doda area who help terrorists.

These women give food and information to the terrorists. The terrorists generally hide in Guwardi (resting place Gujjars make) and hideouts made during winters in higher reach-es of Doda and these women provide them food there. They also provide them with information about force movement and then help them go to the other side of the ridge.

Many women work for money yet others get physically involved with these terrorists. The army is not allowed to interrogate these women or to search them. Even after the AFSPA the rules to interact with women are very strict. If the soldiers try to check the movement details of these women, false FIRs are some-



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gate them. Also, a lot of dog squads could come in handy to chase away these women after smelling them.

Till 2003 special women police officers used to stay at far-off army posts in Doda, however as comparative normalcy returned the practice was let go. Special women units in city centres like Doda, Jammu, Udhampur etc could also help. Doda has also had a history of women moving as guides of terrorists. They provide them with local SIM cards which terrorists keep disposing of. The movement of forces from one place to another is also communicated by these OGWs. However, rape of these women by terrorists is not uncommon. One odd local terrorist generally accompanies these Pakistani terrorists to act as a physical guide.

Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir work together and police and army share infor-ARTICLE 370 HAS mation and intelligence, how-

ligence but not mix standard operating procedures which may be different for the two organisations.

Lungars of jawans of both forces must remain different at all times. Also, each piece of information and intelligence shared must be carefully corroborated by other sources independent of each other. It is also advised not to rush into situations based on half-corked information.

The encounters in Jammu region is an effort by the enemy to showcase that there is no region in Jammu and Kashmir that is peaceful. They want to also show that the revocation of Article 370 has made no difference to their effort to bleed India.

The entire effort of the enemy is hinged on Foreign Terrorists who are helped by local Over Ground Workers. Hoping fast action is taken against OGWs while the army eliminates these terrorists sent by Pakistan ever when two different organthe instructions of China (The author has firsthand isations share intelligence experience of encounters in chances of overlap and double Doda Forests for three long It will be prudent to share intelyears; views are personal)





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MADE NO DIFFERENCE cross increase.

#### rtists decorate a wall for the 46th Session of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, in New Delhi

# A silent revolution in mica mines of Jharkhand



The mica mines in Jharkhand's Koderma district are now free from child labour. This is a significant milestone in the region where child exploitation is rampant

strategy at a scale in the tar-

geted geography: Research: Data was gathered

to assess the problem and

plan their solutions. In 2019,

over 20,000 children, a major-

ity of them school dropouts,

were found working in mica

Participation: Children's

councils were formed to allow

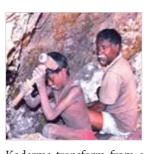
conducted on out-of-school

mines.

On the 5th of July, the Chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Priyank Kanoongo, declared that the mica mines in Jharkhand's Koderma district were free from child labour. NCPCR's announcement holds immense significance given that child labour in Koderma's mica mines has been an open secret for

decades. Despite the International Labour Organization considering mining and quarrying as hazardous work and one of the worst forms of child labour child labour continues to persist throughout the world, especially in the marginalised sector.

Children's small size makes them ideal for navigating the narrow caves and tunnels of mica extraction. In the wake of stringent environmental regulations including the 1980 Forest Conservation Act, legal mica mining paved the way for illegal trade thriving in Koderma and the rest of the mica belt looping through the dense forests of northern Jharkhand and southern Bihar. I've witnessed this journey up close. I've seen



Koderma transform from a district where every family's children were engaged in mica mining and collection to a district with all children from these mines enrolled in, and going to schools. Back in 2005, while searching for the children involved in mica mining and collection, I was

the participation of children in for a rude shock. in decision-making on issues The place resembled a paralthey were facing. This model lel universe—schools shut broke the systemic barriers of down for months, CRPF batoppression in access to rights and injustice. Hundreds of talions camping in schools, awareness programs were curfew-like atmosphere post 5 pm, no roads, mobile toworganised in mica mining villages to prevent child ers, electricity or tap water. I realised that the mica, which labour. Protection: Based on inforgave shimmer to our cars, cosmetics and electronic mation received from crediappliances, was coming from ble sources, children were a place, which was oblivious rescued from mines from to development and rights. time to time. Additionally, in Over the last 20 years, over 2019, the findings of a study

32,000 children identified as

working in mica mining and children were submitted to

collection, withdrawn from NCPCR. As a result, the work, enrolled and retained in stakeholders were able to schools through the efforts of monitor the school atten-NGOs under the Child dance of children to ensure Labour Free Mica banner. that rescued children were And over 22,000 in the last retained in schools and no two years alone. This monuchild was leaving school to work in mica mines. mental change was achieved by applying a multipronged

Partnerships: MoU with the Jharkhand state government, partnership with the NITI Aayog, local NGOs and NCPCR enabled the Child Labour Free Mica program to reach the farthest corners of the mica mining areas in Koderma.

Enhancing social security: People in mica miningdependent villages were connected to social security schemes. Labour cards were made for daily wage labourers; and people were linked with the public distribution system and pension schemes The above interventions, had following impact: 20,584 children withdrawn from labour and 30,364 children were enrolled in schools- Change is possible, the child labourfree mica program has proved

(The author is a child rights activist and founder of Just Rights for Children; views are personal)

#### LETTERS EEDITO

#### **STUDENT UNREST IN BANGLADESH**

Madam — The unrest in Bangladesh due to student protests is a matter of concern for India. Students from Dhaka University are outraged about the government's quota system in education. The dissatisfaction among locals from the Awami League is evident, with reports of killings in the Chittagong district. Quotas and reservations were initially tools to promote equity in society, but their continued existence raises questions about government accountability.

This issue is not unique to Bangladesh; India also has a complex reservation and quota system that makes it difficult for average students to access good education and job opportunities. Brilliant students succeed on their own merits, while others rely on quotas, leaving average students frustrated.

The governments of India and Bangladesh, along with other countries that adhere to quotas and reservations, need to address this critical issue to prevent future unrest among students. A number of Indian students are still to be evacuated. Their families are anxiously waiting any news about them as most communication channels are blocked. This situation not only highlights the immediate need for safety and support for the students by the Indian government

The international community, including neighboring countries like India, is closely monitoring the situation, recognizing the potential for wider regional implications. It is imperative that the Bangladeshi government takes swift and decisive action to address the students' concerns and restore normalcy to ensure the well-being and future of its young population.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

**POLITICAL AGENDAS: A REFLECTIONS** 

Madam — The All-Party meeting called by the ruling dispensation seems intended to push through its agenda for this

#### Mumbai's monsoon mayhem



espite the BMC's tall claims of rain readiness, waterlogging has been a persistent issue at focal points in Mumbai.

session of Parliament without opposition hurdles. Every party, state, and individual leader has a wish list. The former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, who previously demanded Special Category Status for the state before assuming office, was expected to achieve this goal with an absolute majority. However, to everyone's surprise, he never addressed this issue and focused instead on implementing Union government programs. Now, having lost power, he has again raised the issue of Special Category Status for Andhra Pradesh. People have come to understand the leaders and their parties; it is now up to the leaders to understand the people and their demands.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

#### **CELEBRATING INDIAN TENNIS LEGENDS**

Madam — It was a significant day at Newport, Rhode Island, as Indian tennis legends Leander Adrian Paes and Vijay Amritraj were inducted into the prestigious International Hall of Fame. Leander Paes, a Padma Bhushan and

Initial rains inundate low-lying areas and block vehicular traffic. creating chaos on the roads. The widespread presence of potholes on Mumbai roads and highways exacerbates the problem, keeping road users on edge. Subways suffer from poor lighting and potholes, adding to the fears of road users. Waterlogging, traffic snarls, train delays, and fallen trees worsen the situation. The lethargy of BMC workers is evident, and public miseries go unaddressed. It is so unfortunate that the authorities take people for granted and despite enormous resources at their disposal do not act in time. It is now up to the people to take precautions during the rains and help others to avoid mishaps. Helping each other during floods is a practical solution to the pressing problems faced by the people of Mumbai

C K Subramaniam | Mumbai

Padma Shri awardee, is renowned as one of the all-time great doubles players, holding the record for the most doubles wins in Davis Cup. His illustrious career includes eight men's doubles and ten mixed doubles Grand Slam titles. In 1999, he, along with Mahesh Bhupathi, became the first pair in the Open era to reach the finals of all four Grand Slams in men's doubles in the same calendar year.

Vijay Amritraj, a Padma Shri awardee, was inducted in the contributor category, recognizing his visionary leadership and transcendent impact on the sport. In 2022, Amritraj was honored in London by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and the International Tennis Federation for his lifetime contributions to tennis. Their achievements continue to inspire and shape the future of tennis. Kudos to both Paes and Amritraj for making India proud.

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# **FIRSTCOLUMN THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS**

It can liberate the mind from perpetual conflict and lead to inner peace



#### RAVI VALLURI

D ecall the iconic lines, of Amitabh Bachchan in the movie Deewar looks intently at the idol of Lord Shiva and says, "Bahut khush hoge tum!" Bachchan, in the movie, essayed the role of an atheist smuggler. However, eventually, in the final stages of his life, he surrenders to the Supreme Power and seeks forgiveness. True enlightenment is the art of living compassionately. The human mind and heart reach a point of inflexion where an act of pardon remains an inescapable reality

A prosaic individual might not be able to separate the chaff from the grain. His mind is full of antipathetic thoughts that he cannot transcend the barrier and is unable to exonerate anyone who has inflicted pain or hardship on him. The mind, full of gloom-ridden and obstructive thoughts cannot perceive the divinity in others. It remains perpetually in a state of conflict. Such an emotionally distraught person would castigate even angelic and divine figures out of callowness. Several organised and structured religions lay prominence on the art of forgiveness. If an individual does not rise to the sublime spheres of compassion and forgiveness, then he gets trapped in the whirlpool of cause and effect. The unabated Karmic cycle continues without any resolution.

The pivot is to fortify and protect the human mind to make it robust and compassionate. It attempts to extricate the self from the cause and effect of actions and even non-actions. Action and non-actions of humans indeed leave an indelible impression on the human mind. It would be perspicacious to pose as to how non-actions are also a kind of Karmic activity and in what manner it impacts the human mind and consciousness. Non-action in a way represents not taking up the gauntlet.Sage Ashtavakra, who authored the treatise, Ashtavakra Gita, posits a theory that an individual should break the bondage of guilt and anger to invoke the grace of remission. There is a poignant Zen story that explains the exemplary tenets of compassion and forgiveness. Aeons ago a Zen Master summoned his tutees in a Temple of Knowledge and asked them if they harboured the antipathetic emotion of hatred in their minds. "Yes!" exclaimed the disciples. The Master directed his disciples to place a potato each



in their bag and always travel with it as a reminder that despite the prac

# A blueprint for boosting rural economic growth



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India's rural sector stands at a pivotal juncture, poised for transformation through small-scale and green enterprises. It has potential to become India's growth engine



ndia's rural sector must be transformed for inclusive growth and sustainable development. This change relies on small-scale and green enterprises to boost the rural economy, empower women, and employ unskilled workers. By channelling resources such as the extra Rs 1 lakh crore RBI dividends into capital projects and innovative schemes, India can foster selfsustainability in rural areas, mitigate youth distress, and rejuvenate the demand side of the economy.

This comprehensive approach not only addresses immediate employment needs but also lays the foundation for long-term capital formation and environmental preservation.

Incorporation of small-scale and green industries as the engine of growth

Micro enterprises have always been the backbone of the Indian agriculture-based economy. These labour-intensive enterprises perfectly capture the unskilled and semiskilled manpower from the farming communities, therefore, creating employment and improving existence standards without much training. The development of nese industries generates a massive mul tiplier effect on the creation of other business lines that support them and the general economy. Green industries are therefore leading this change. Encompassing renewable energy, organic farming, and sustainable manufacturing, these sectors offer dual benefits: employment opportunities for production and environmental management. The establishment of green industries in the rural region targets to solve social problems like climate change and environmental degradation and at the same time create a sustainable means of living. This was done by allowing biogas and biofuel plants, solar energy farms, Ayurvedic and Unani medicine industries, and cooperative organic farming. These measures create employment, lessen the dependency on fossil energy and foster the preservation of the environment. Women empoerment Out of the total rural population of India, the female population is about 30 % which is a great unexplored talent pool. It is shown the pro-



preneurship in these women brings substantial socio-economic returns. Micro and sustainable industries remain essential in empowering women since they create employment, skills development, and business opportunities for women. Self-help groups, women-based cooperatives and micro enterprises are the best way to ensure women's productive participation in the rural economy. These initiatives exist in areas where women dominate including handcrafting, production in textiles, manufactur-ing of alternative/Ayurvedic products, processing of raw materials, farming organically, milk produc-tion, and food processing. Credit, training, and market linkages also enable women to set up and expand their businesses besides improving on household incomes and community development. Public private partnerships A Channel for Facilitating PPP for

**REGION TARGETS** TO SOLVE SOCIAL Rural Development PPP is a powerful platform for pooling resources and skills to promote rural devel-

and an environment for develop-

the growth process that need to be understood and analysed. To sum motion of employment and entreup, the provision of ?1 lakh crore RBI dividends for capital investments in the form of sustainable rural development plans provides a strong base. Construction of infrastructure such as roads, bridges, renewable energy facilities, and development of industrial estates can offer employment in the short run as well as in the long run spur economic development. À targeted investment can engage millions annually, thus erasing rural unemployment and distress to a large extent. In this way, employment of non-skilled and semiskilled people from rural areas is possible, and thus future generations are protected from unemployment migration to urban areas, and rural-urban disparity. The placement of rural youth through placement in local schools, hospitals, and government offices helps in the tackling of manpower issues leading to improved service delivery and wellare of the populace. Funding rural transformation opment. Thus, PPP models can ini-Funding the strategic rural development agenda calls for out-of-thetiate the development of small and green industries in rural areas box funding acquisition strategies to tap several sources of funds. To with the support of the government and private investors. The governthe Rs 1 lakh crore RBI dividends, ment can provide policy support contributions from CSR, and own finances of panchayats and municment and financial backing while ipalities, and specific cess on fuel, the private players bring in funds, income tax, and GST can be added. For example, the mandatory 25% contribution from CSR funds can be used to direct corporate money into rural development causes While a 0. 5% cess on luxury items, cars, aeroplane fares and GST can fetch a huge additional amount. However, it revealed that additional resources can be mobilized from the Skill Development Schemes (SKS) and hospital's SKS funds for support of wages in essential sectors. The introduction of a small cess on share trading can also pro-

a scheme in turn funding the rural employment programme per-

manently. Addressing rural unemployment

At the moment, unemployment has touched the figure of 8% in India. 1 per cent of the nation's unemployed populace is comprised of rural youth. If PM wants to bring the unemployment rate down to 6% and this is considered nearly equal to the employment rate observed in the developed countries, the scheme should ensure employment generation for at least 1 crore rural youth. The scheme should aim at offering low-wage employment to the increase in unemployment among the rural youthful population while at the same time ensuring that such employment offers incentives to make the youth stay in their given community without competing for skilled employment opportunities. This way the scheme means setting wages at ? 10,000 per month with 80:20 work distribution will

tice of meditation and breathing exercises their prana level was not high enough to expatriate hatred and inculcate compassion. The number of potatoes was to increase depending on the quantum of anger and would be directly proportional to the antipathy in their minds. Some young monks ended up carrying a bagful of potatoes, which over a period became malodorous. In sheer exasperation, the harried disciples sought refuge in the grace of the master to dispense away with the bag. The Zen Master guffawed and chided his students to abandon the negative trait of abhorrence from their minds, lest the malodour of these traits become a burden all through their lives. To lead a warm and healthy life, individuals should embark upon the path of forgiveness and compassion.

This suffuses the mind with immense strength and courage of conviction. It would be insightful for any individual to make positive affirmations, reinforcing love for every animate and inanimate object to build a divine society. Such affirmations would train the mind to remain unruffled and spread the quintessential gospel of forgiveness. Thereby humans would truly embrace fellow beings. If we construe the human mind to be the hardware, compassionate thoughts and forgiveness are part of non-negotiable software.

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#### PROBLEMS LIKE CLIMATE CHANGE

AND **ENVIRONMENTAL** DEGRADATION AND AT THE SAME TIME CREATE A **SUSTAINABLE** 

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technical expertise, and managerial skills. As per this model, to encourage rural development, a part of ?1 lakh crore RBI dividends can be spent to co-finance with private entities. It can be used to fund the development of industrial clusters, renewable energy projects, and training institutions with efficient implementation and compliance with social and environmental responsibility.

Capital formation and rural employment

These are two basic objectives of duce a fairly good revenue for such

sustain rural nousenoids income and at the same time does not hinder organised labour employers markets.

A Roadmap to rural rejuvenation Additional Rs1 lakh crore of RBI dividends coupled with idea capitalisms as sources of funding open the doors of a scheme that has the potential of providing a road map for rural rejuvenation. As a result, the small-scale industries, green industries, women and unskilled rural labour can make the scheme self-sustainable, reduce unemployment and bring a long-lasting impact on the environment. PPP and the focus on capital development will help the scheme to be sustainable and grow in scale, thus painting a better picture for rural Īndia.

(The writer is Chairperson of the National Unity & Security Council; views are personal)

# Bihar again misses out on Olympic representation

Bihar's chronic issues in sports infrastructure, funding mismanagement, and administrative neglect continue to hinder its representation on the global stage

Bihar is bereft of a berth in the Olympics again. By Gyan BhadraThe last week of this month is going to witness the glistening inaugural ceremony of the Olympic games of 17days duration in Paris. In its wake sports pundits in India are preempting and counting on their fingers the medal tally Indian athletes will bag for the country. However, at the time of writing this piece, the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs had put its imprimatur on the list of 117 athletes along with 140 supporting Staff. Now the question crops up: Is there any athlete from Bihar representing India in the Paris Olympics? The answer is a resounding "no". As in the Tokyo Olympics; so in the



GYAN BHADRA

Paris Olympics, there is no representation of Bihar's sportsmen. The reasons behind it are threefold. One, as far as sports infrastructure in Bihar is concerned, there is a lack of an adequate number of stadiums, sportsrelated training centres and the ablest guidance of coaches. The reasons could be attributed to the fact that government investment in the sports sector is abysmal-

assistance given to the Bihar government to the tune of 50.83 crores as part of the "Khelo India" scheme was seemingly not utilised for either the development of

infrastructure or the honing of skills of athletes in the state.

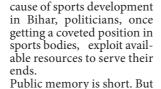
The patterns of allocation of funds to the sports sector are depressingly alarming. It has been observed that money meant for the overall growth of the sports sector is diverted as per the whims and fancies of politicians.

This invariably puts a toll on the sports industry which finds itself in a quandary and struggling always.Two, it goes without saying that the association of politicians with prominent sports bodly low. Even central financial ies is an age-old pastime. deeds heroes, espousing the

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Every politician worth its salt desires to be a member of sports bodies.

Whether it be BCCI or sports bodies at the state level, every political leader wants to usurp icing on the cake of huge funds invested in the sports bodies then how could Bihar be left behind? Instead of being



not so painfully short that it will forget the fact that former Chief Minister Lalu Yadav, when, at the helms of Bihar Cricket Association as President, did not do enough in the realm of training budding talents of Bihar. The lack of Lalu's political will to promote cricket could be gauzed by the fact that during his tenure as BCA president, no cricket player from Bihar had got a berth even in the Ranji Trophy squad; what to talk of big league matches at

sports pundits may arguably put a contention that during Lalu's tenure as BCA president, Bihar did not have a State Ranji Team as partition

of Bihar caused losses to Bihar concerning sports facilities. Jharkhand carried takeaways of a major chunk of sports facilities with itself. However, taking refuge in this excuse by sports pundits held no water for scores of young cricket players then. This is more so because, during that period, RJD was led by Rabri Devi at the helm of state affairs; and Lalu could have done a lot about setting up a proper state Ranji Team and appointing the ablest coaches to train state's cricket players.

an international level. Now Three, the role of the Bihar itself unable to organise

Olympic Association (BOA) in preparing athletes for the Olympic games leaves much to be desired. Going by records, BOA officials do not take the trouble to organise events and trials for grooming athletes to the level of world-level Olympic games. So it springs no surprise that no athlete from Bihar had figured in the list of 117 athlete-member teams for the Paris Olympics.

What is worse, there is a blame game between BOA and the state government over this sorry state of sports affairs. BOA puts the onus on the state government for sheer negligence about the lack of infrastructure and trained coaches.

This results in BOA finding

events at regular intervals. On the other hand, the state government absolves itself of essential responsibilities about BOA by saying that BOA is an independent entity and the government cannot interfere with its functioning.

In this ongoing war of attri-tion, budding talented athletes are the losers. Eventually, it could be summed up that the scheme "Medal Lao, Naukri Pao" may seem to be alluring to a large number of youth at first glance. However, due to the lack of necessary sports wherewithals in Bihar, the scheme would not cut much ice with scores of young talents. (The author is a columnist,

*views are personal)* 



# World leaders thank Biden for his 'global leadership'

#### PTI WASHINGTON

World leaders on Monday thanked him for his bold steps and global leadership during challenging times.Biden on Sunday announced that he is exiting the 2024 presidential race and backed his deputy Kamala Harris to be the Democratic Party's presidential candidate in the November 5 election. In a post on X, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said he respects President Biden's decision and looks for-ward to working together for the remainder of his term.

"I know that, as he has done throughout his remarkable career, he will have made his decision based on what he believes is best for the American people," said Starmer, who met with Biden this month in Washington. Former UK prime minister Rishi Sunak said in a post on X that he saw Biden's "love for America and dedication to service" firsthand while working with him. He also outlined some achievements between



Patricia Greene, of Washington, is photographed holding a sign thanking President Joe Biden near the White House in Washington, Sunday, July 21, 2024. Biden dropped out of the 2024 race for the White House on Sunday, ending his bid for reelection following a disastrous debate with Donald Trump that raised doubts about his fitness for office just four months before the election. AP/PTI

the US and the UK. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in a post on "The Australia-US Alliance"

desire to make the best possible political decision." Ukrainian President X thanked Biden for his "lead-Volodymyr Zelensky said his country is grateful to President

said

Biden for his "unwavering sup-port" for its fight for freedom, has never been stronger with our shared commitment to democratic values, internawhich, along with strong bipar-tisan support in the United tional security, economic pros-States, has been and continues perity and climate action for to be critical. this and future generations," he "Many strong decisions have

Canadian Prime Minister been made in recent years and Justin Trudeau thanked Biden they will be remembered as for being a "partner to bold steps taken by President Canadians - and a true friend". Biden in response to challenging times. And we respect today's tough but strong deci-"I've known President Biden for years. He's a great man, and everything he does is guided by his love for his country. As sion," he said on X. Zelensky said Ukraine will President, he is a partner to

always be thankful for Biden's leadership. "He supported our country during the most dramatic moment in history, assisted us in preventing Putin from occupying our country, and has continued to support us throughout this terrible war," he said. Taking to X, Israeli President Isaac Herzog described Biden as a "true ally of the Jewish people" and thanked him for his friendship and steadfast support for the Israeli people over his decades-

long career. "As the first US President to American with an Irish soul," visit Israel in wartime, as a

recipient of the Israeli Presidential Medal of Honor, and as a true ally of the Jewish people, he is a symbol of the unbreakable bond between our two peoples. I send him, @FLOTUS Jill Biden, and all his family, my warmest wishes from Jerusalem," Herzog wrote. Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant in a post on X said the US president's "steadfast backing, especially during the war, has been invaluable

The Biden administration has been one of the biggest supporters of Israel's war in Gaza since Hamas' October 7 attacks last year. But he has increasingly clashed with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over humanitarian aid and the mounting civilian death toll of the conflict.

Netanyahu, who is expected to visit Washington this week, has not yet given any statement on Biden's decision to withdraw from the presidential race. Irish Prime Minister Simon Harris called Biden "a proud and thanked him for his "glob-

al leadership" and "friendship". In a post on X, Ireland Foreign Minister Micheal Martin said he heard the news "with both sadness & admiration", describing Biden as an "abiding friend of Ireland". Martin said Biden provided "invaluable support for peace & prosperity on this island" and wished him the best.

New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon said in a post on X that "Biden has dedicated his life to public service, and that is something that deserves much respect." He thanked Biden for his "commitment to New Zealand" and said he looks "forward to working with him for the remainder of his presidency.

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk wrote on X that Biden had made difficult decisions 'thanks to which Poland, America and the world are safer, and democracy stronger.""I know you were driven by the same motivations when announcing your final decision. Probably the most difficult one," Tusk said

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro at a rally on Sunday said Biden made the "correct" decision and put his family and health first. He wished him 'health and a long life."South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's office said it does not wish to comment on domestic political situations in other countries, but added that the South Korean government "will continue to work closely with the US to further develop the South Korea-US global comprehensive strategic alliance". Biden's decision to nominate Harris, who is of both Indian and African origin, follows weeks of intense pressure from fellow Democrats after his disastrous presidential debate performance against his Republican rival and former US president Donald Trump

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last month. Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year. Democrats it's time to come together and beat Trump. Let's do this," Biden said in a post on X.

# Parts of Gaza humanitarian zone to be evacuated

#### AP DEIR A--BALAH

The Israeli military ordered the evacuation Monday of part of a crowded area in the Gaza Strip it had designated a humanitarian zone, saying it is planning an operation against Hamas militants there.

Thousands of Palestinians, many carrying backpacks and accompanied by children, walked down dusty roads under the scorching sun, navigating dilapidated cars with belongings tied on top. Many Palestinians have been uprooted multiple times in search of safety during Israeli's air and ground campaign."We do not know where we are walking, said Kholoud Al Dadas, as she clutched her children. "This is our seventh or eighth time we have been displaced. While we were sleeping in our homes, they started shooting at us, bombing from everywhere." Moments later, she collapsed in exhaustion.

The Israeli military said it is planning to begin an operation against Hamas militants who have embedded themselves in the area and used it to launch rockets toward Israel. The area

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Israeli Police and ZAKA emergency service work at the scene of an attempted stabbing attack at the entrance to Netiv Haasara, near the Gaza border in southern Israel on Monday AP/PTI

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Muwasi humanitarian zone in the southern Gaza Strip. Earlier this month, Israel estimated at least 1.8 million Palestinians are now in the humanitarian zone it declared, covering about 14 kilometres (8.6 miles) along the Mediterranean. That's the bulk of Gaza's 2.3 million popula-

month war against Hamas in Gaza has surpassed 39,000 Palestinians killed and 89,800 wounded. The ministry's count does not distinguish between combatants and civilians. The war began with an assault by Hamas militants on southern Israel on October 7 that killed 1,200 people, most of them civilians, and took about 250 hostages. About 120 remain held, about a third of them believed to be dead, according to Israeli authorities.

Canadians — and a true friend.

To President Biden and the

First Lady: thank you," Trudeau

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Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said, "I refrain

from commenting directly on

this issue because it involves

domestic politics in the US but

I recognise that President

Biden's decision is based on his

tograph of him with Biden.

Delicate negotiations continued for a cease-fire and hostage release, with US and Israeli officials expressing hope that an agreement was closer than ever. A negotiating team will be sent to continue talks on Thursday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said. Egypt, Qatar and the United States are pushing Israel and Hamas toward a phased cease-fire deal that would stop the fighting and free the hostages.

Netanyahu left Monday on a much-anticipated trip to the United States to meet with President Joe Biden, who on Sunday said he would not seek another term, and address

Congress. Netanyahu said that regardless of who becomes the next US president, "our enemies must know that Israel and the United States stand together tomorrow and always." He said he will thank Biden for more than 40 years of friendship, while pushing him for more support on certain issues. The Israeli military said it was continuing to operate in central and southern Gaza. At least 38 people were killed in the south-ern city of Khan Younis, according to hospital officials and a count of the bodies by an Associated Press journalist. One person was killed and three injured in a strike outside Al-Aqsa Hospital in the central town of Deir-Al-Balah, where many people have sheltered outside the facility

The Israeli military announced the deaths of two additional Israeli hostages, saying they believe Yagev Buchshtab, 35, and Alex Dancyg, 76, kidnapped on Oct. 7, were no longer alive, based on intelligence. Both were seen alive in Gaza by other hostages who had been released. Dancyg, a Holocaust educator, gave history lectures to hostages to pass

the time, according to the Hostage and Missing Families Forum.

Netanyahu has vowed to wipe out Hamas' military and governing capabilities and secure the return of the remaining hostages. Families of hostages and thousands of other Israelis have held weekly demonstrations to urge the prime minister to reach a cease-fire deal that would bring their loved ones home.

Also Monday, Israeli police said a Canadian citizen was killed after threatening Israeli security forces with a knife near the Gaza border. The Israeli military said the man drove to the entrance of an Israeli town close to the border, left his vehicle and approached security forces with a knife. The forces opened fire and killed the man. There were no other injuries. The attack took place at the entrance to the Israeli town of Netiv HaAsara, 300 metres (yards) north of the border. On Oct. 7, Netiv HaAsara was attacked and 20 residents were killed after gunmen passed over the concrete border wall using paragliders, according to Israeli military officials.

# Israel's Netanyahu treads carefully in Washington post-Joe Biden exit

#### AP JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu left for Washington on Monday, leaving behind a brutal war to make a politically precarious speech before the US Congress at a time of great uncertainty following Joe Biden's withdrawal from the presidential race. With efforts ongoing to bring about a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, rising concerns about the war spreading to Lebanon and Yemen, and the US in the midst of a dizzying election campaign, Netanyahu's speech has the potential to cause disarray on both sides of the ocean.

The risks only increased with Biden's decision Sunday to drop out of the race for president, especially since the choice of a replacement Democratic nominee - and the potential next American leader — are still up in the air.

Before stepping on the plane, Netanyahu said he would emphasise the theme of Israel's bipartisanship in his speech and said Israel would remain America's key ally in the Middle East "regardless who the American people choose as their next president".

Kamala Harris, who is seeking

the Democratic Party's presiden-

Netanyahu will deliver his con-

gressional address with an eye

on several audiences: his ultra-

nationalist governing partners,

the key to his political survival; the Biden administration, which

Netanyahu counts on for diplo-

tial nomination

"In this time of war and uncer-It is Netanyahu's fourth speech tainty, it's important that Israel's to Congress — more than any other world leader. During his ow that America and Israel stand together," he address, his far-right governing said, adding that he will meet partners will want to hear his Biden during his trip and thank resolve to continue the war and topple Hamas. him for his support for Israel. A person familiar with Biden's The Biden administration will look for progress toward the latschedule confirmed Sunday that the president will host Netanyahu at the White House. est US-backed cease-fire proposal and details on a postwar The official, speaking on condivision. Republicans hope tion of anonymity because they Netanyahu besmirches Biden and bolsters the GOP's hopedwere not authorized to comment publicly, said the exact timing of for perception as Israel's stalwart the meeting has not been estabsupporter. The war, which was sparked by lished because Biden is recovering from COVID-19. Hamas' Oct 7 attack on south-Netanyahu is scheduled to ern Israel, has tested Israel's ties with its top ally as never before. address Congress on Wednesday. He is also expected The Biden administration has to meet with Vice President



matic and military support; and Donald Trump's Republican Party, which could offer Netanyahu a reset in relations if he is reelected in November.

His words risk angering any one of those constituencies, which the Israeli leader cannot afford if he hopes to hold on to his tenuous grip on power. "There are a few land mines and

pitfalls on this trip," Eytan Gilboa, an expert on US-Israel relations at Israel's Bar-Ilan University, said before Biden's withdrawal. "He is thought of as a political wizard who knows how to escape from traps. I am not sure he still knows how to do that."

# convicted in secret trial

journalist

Washington (AP): A Russian court has convicted Alsu Kurmasheva, a Russian-American journalist for the US government-funded Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, of spreading false information about the Russian army and sentenced her to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years in prison after a secret trial, court records and officials said on Monday. The conviction in the city of Kazan came on Friday, the same day that a court in the Russian city of Yekaterinburg convicted Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich of espionage and sentenced him to 16 years in prison in a case that the US called politically motivated Kurmasheva, an editor for RFE/RL'was convicted of "spreading false information" about the military, according to the website of the SC of Tatarstan.

Kplans to "earn and win" the Democratic presidential nom-ination to defeat Donald Trump after President Joe Biden decided not to seek re-election, putting her on the path to become the first Black woman and first Asian American to lead a major political party's ticket.

PTI WASHINGTON

Vice President Harris, 59, said she was "honoured" to receive Biden's endorsement and voiced her appreciation for his extraordinary leadership as President of the United States and his decades of service to the coun-

"I am honoured to have the President's endorsement and my intention is to earn and win this nomination," she said in a statement on Sunday. The historic endorsement came after Biden, 81, announced Sunday that he is dropping out

of the race following weeks of disarray within the Democratic



with tent camps that lack san-

itation and medical facilities

and have limited access to aid,

UN and humanitarian groups

say. Families live amid moun-

tains of trash and streams con-

Gaza's Health Ministry said

the toll from Israel's nine-

My aim is to defeat Trump: Kamala

taminated by sewage.

presidential debate with his Republican rival and former president Donald Trump called into question his ability to win a second term and govern for another four years.

Despite Biden's backing, it remains unclear whether Harris will become the nominee, or what process the Democratic Party would take to select an alternative.

Democratic National Committee chairman Jaime Harrison said in a statement that in the coming days, the Party. Biden's disastrous first party will "undertake a trans-

date who can defeat Donald Trump in November."Though Biden's endorsement almost seals her position as the presidential nominee of her party, Harris still needs to get elected by the party's delegates during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago from August 19-22.Biden has won 3,896 delegates as against 1,976 required to win the party's presidential nomination.In a move that would give her access to the campaign funds, the Biden-Harris campaign amend-

parent and orderly process to win the delegate battle during move forward as a united the party convention.

ed filings with the Federal Election Commission to rename its principal committee and declare Harris a candidate for president.

Following Biden's decision, Harris, who has been serving as the US' first female, first Black and first South Asian vice president since 2021, immediately secured the endorsement of former president Bill Clinton, thus making it a bit easier for her to

people, I thank Joe Biden for his extraordinary leadership as President of the United States and for his decades of service to our country," she said.

Harris said over the past year, she has travelled across the country, talking to Americans about the clear choice in this momentous election."And that is what I will continue to do in the days and weeks ahead. I will do everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party and unite our nation- to defeat Donald Trump and his extreme Project 2025 agenda... We have 107 days until Election Day. Together, we will fight. And together, we will win," she said.Meanwhile, the "over-whelming majority" of state Democratic Party chairs have announced their support for Vice President Harris as their nominee for president, the Association of State Democratic

Committees (ASDC) said in a statement.

#### at care home in Croatia

Assailant kills

6, wounds 6

Zagreb (AP): An armed assailant entered a care home for older people in central Croatia Monday and opened fire, killing six people and wounding six others, police said. \Croatia's police chief, Nikola Milina, said five people died immediately, while one more person died in a hospital.

The suspect fled the scene, but the police soon caught him in a cafe near the facility in the town of Daruvar, he said.

The victims were five residents of the care home and one employee, Milina said. Police said they were informed of the attack on Monday morning.

The suspect is "under police supervision," said a statement by the regional police office.

stood staunchly beside Israel. But it has grown increasingly alarmed about the conduct of the Israeli military, the continued difficulties of getting humanitarian aid into Gaza especially after the short-lived US military pier off Gaza coast, as well as Israel's lack of postwar

plans and the harm to civilians

in Gaza.

# **Top Chinese university fires professor** after complaint of sexual harassment

Hong Kong (AP): A top Chinese university fired a professor on Monday, a day after a graduate student accused him of sexual harassment on social media in a rare public allegation and posted recordings as evidence, drawing wide-

spread support. The woman, who identified herself as Wang Di, said she is studying in a doctoral program at Renmin University of China's School of Liberal Arts. She posted a 59-minute video on Sunday on the Weibo social media platform in which she said her supervisor, an ex-vice dean and former Communist Party representative at the school in Beijing, physically and verbally abused her. She also said that for more than two years after she rejected him, he assigned her many tasks, scolded her and threatened that she would not graduate. She also posted audio clips which she said were evidence of the harassment. In one, a man could be heard trying to kiss a woman, who kept saying, "No, no, teacher." "At this moment, I can no longer endure it and have nowhere to retreat, so I am speaking out," she wrote. She demanded that the professor be punished and a new supervisor be appointed for her. She wore a mask in the video, but held up an identification card.Her post drew 2.2 million likes as of Monday evening, with many users leaving comments in support of the student. Renmin University said Monday it concluded that the complaints against the professor were true following an

investigation. In addition to

sacking him, it also revoked his party membership and reported the incident to authorities in accordance with the law, it said in a statement on Weibo.It said the academic had "seriously betrayed the original mission of teaching and educating" and that his acts violated party discipline and school rules. The professor did not immediately respond to a request for comment. After the university announced its decision, the woman's post on Weibo disappeared. The Associated Press does not

generally name people who say they are victims of sexual harassment unless they publicly identify themselves. In China, public accusations of sexual harassment have become rare in recent years fol-

lowing an uptick during a brief

swiftly snuffed out by the government. The ruling Communist Party views powerful social movements as a potential threat to stability and its hold on power. In June, a Chinese journalist who promoted women's rights

as part of the #MeToo movement was sentenced to five years in prison on charges of incitement to subvert state authority, according to her supporters.

#MeToo movement that was

In one of the most high-profile cases, former Chinese tennis star Peng Shuai disappeared from public view after accusing former high-level official Zhang Gaoli of sexual assault in 2021. Her accusation was quickly scrubbed from the internet and discussion of it remains heavily censored.

# UK to fast-track returns of illegal migrants to safe countries like India

#### PTI LONDON

The asylum applications of migrants entering the UK illegally from countries on its designated safe states list, including India, will be fast-tracked to deport them back speedily under new Labour government proposals.

UK Home Secretary Yvette Cooper has said she has begun the work to move staff from the previous Conservative-led government's now-abolished Rwanda scheme to a new Returns and Enforcement programme. In place of the policy of trying to fly out illegal migrants to the African country, the Home Office plans to increase the returns to the countries of origin, starting with an increase in raids on businesses employing illegal workers. "We are drawing up new plans for fast-track decisions and returns for safe countries," Cooper wrote in 'The Sun on Sunday'. "Most people in this country want to see a properly controlled and managed asylum

system, where Britain does its bit to help those fleeing conflict and persecution, but where those who have no right to be in the country are swiftly removed," she said. India was added to the UK's "Safe States" list last November, which would speed up the process of returning Indians who travel from the country illegally, as Home Office figures show asylum seekers from India have a very low acceptance rate. The number of Indians crossing the English Channel illegally via small boats into the UK surged briefly between September 2022 and March 2023 before falling to a "negligible proportion", according to the Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford. Vietnam and Albania are among the other countries on the safe list which will be targeted for speedier returns.

I was shocked to discover the Conservatives had 1,000 civil servants working on the Rwanda Partnership. Not any more. We've moved staff instead into

a new Returns and Enforcement programme to increase returns of those with no right to be here and to make sure rules are respected and enforced, starting with an increase in illegal working raids," said Cooper. "We've directed Immigration Enforcement to intensify their operations over the summer, with a focus on employers who are fuelling the trade of criminal gangs by exploiting and facilitating illegal working here in the UK – including in car washes and in the beauty sector," she said. It comes as the newly appointed minister announced the creation of a new Border Security Command in the days after Labour won a landslide victory in the July 4 general election.

Under the plans, a core team in the Home Office is establishing the remit, governance and strategic direction of the new command. Early legislation is being prepared to introduce new counter-terror style powers and stronger measures to tackle organised immigration crime.



# Internet down in B'desh despite calm

#### AP DHAKA

 $B_{\mathrm{internet}}^{\mathrm{angladesh}}$  remained without the government declared a pub-lic holiday Monday, as author-ities maintained tight control despite apparent calm following a court order that scaled back a controversial system for allocating government jobs that sparked violent protests.

This comes after a curfew with a shoot-on-sight order was installed days earlier and military personnel could be seen patrolling the capital and other areas. The South Asian country witnessed clashes between the police and mainly student protesters demanding an end to a quota that reserved 30% of government jobs for relatives of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's war of indepen-dence in 1971. The violence has killed more than a hundred people, according to at least four local newspapers. Authorities have not so far shared official figures for deaths. There was no immediate vio-

lence reported on Monday morning after the Supreme Court ordered, the day before, the veterans' quota to be cut to 5%. Thus, 93% of civil service jobs will be merit-based while the remaining 2% reserved for members of ethnic minorities as well as transgender and disabled people. On Sunday night, some student

protesters urged the govern-

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# AP/PT

Bangladeshi military forces soldiers put up barbed wires on a main street in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Monday, July 22

ment to restore internet services. Hasnat Abdullah, a coordinator of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, told the Associated Press that they were withdrawing their calls for a complete shutdown, which they attempted to impose last week. "But we are issuing an ultimatum for 48 hours to stop the digital crackdown and restore internet connectivity," he said, adding that security officials deployed at various universities should be withdrawn, student dormitories reopened and steps taken so stu-

dents can return to their campuses safely. Abdullah also said they wanted the government to end the curfew and ensure the country was back to normal within two days Students have also demanded some university officials to step down after failing to protect campuses. Sarjis Alam, another coordinator of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, said that they would continue with their protests if all their demands weren't met.

our movement like a coward," he added

Another key organiser of the student protests, Nahid Islam, told reporters that the internet shutdown had disrupted their ability to communicate and alleged that authorities were trying to create divisions among protesters. "I am mentally traumatised ...our unity is being destroved," he said.

The US Embassy in the capital Dhaka described Sunday the situation as "extremely volatile" and "unpredictable," adding that guns, tear gas and other weapons have been used in the vicinity of the embassy. They said the Bangladeshi army had been deployed and urged Americans to be vigilant, avoid large crowds and reconsider travel plans.

PTI ISLAMABAD

militants and foster economic

Ărmy spokesperson Lt Gen

Ahmad Sharif addressing a

press conference in Rawalpindi

talked about various pressing

issues, including the launch of

the operation. "A massive ille-

gal, political mafia rose to sab-

otage the operation and the first move of that mafia was to

make the operations controver-sial through false and fake

Referring to Pakistan's earlier

major military operations, Operation Zarb-e-Azb and

Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad,

which resulted in large-scale

displacements, a reporter

inquired if similar displace-

ments would occur during the

current operation, Azm-e-

This is not a military opera-

tion but a comprehensive

counter-terrorism initiative

aimed at fostering economic growth and stability," he said. He referred to the previous mil-

arguments," he said.

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growth and stability.

The protests have posed the most serious challenge to Bangladesh's government since Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina won a fourth consecutive term in January elections that the main opposition groups boycotted. Universities have been closed, the internet has been shut off and the government has ordered people to stay at home. Protesters had argued the quota system was discriminatory and benefited supporters of Hasina, whose Awami League party led the independence movement, and wanted it replaced by a merit-based system. Hasina has defended the quota system, saying that veterans deserve the highest respect regardless of political affiliation.

The main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party has backed the protests, vowing to organize its own demonstra tions as many of its supporters joined the student-led protests. The Awami League and the BNP have often accused each other of fueling political chaos and violence, most recently ahead of the country's national election, which was marred by a crackdown on several oppo sition figures.

important issue ... a joke because of our politics". The army spokesperson said the problem is that "we are sacrificing even very important issues on the altar of politics and Azm-i-Istehkam is one

# canard about counter-terror operation

such example of this". He also clarified that it was only The Pakistan Army on Monday said that an "organised political mafia" was for the purpose of "reinvigorat-ing the already in-place National Action Plan (NAP)", spreading misinformation which was launched in 2014 to about a planned new countereliminate militancy. terrorism operation, 'Azm-e-He said efforts already under-Istehkam', aimed to flush out

Pak Army says political mafia spreading

way would be "augmented" by law enforcement agencies empowered by effective legislation, as per the original announcement of the operation. The spokesperson said a "very strong lobby" did not want the objectives of the NAP to be fulfilled "because the stakes in (sabotaging) operation are very high and it's not based on any ideology but involves a lot of money

Pointing to the National Action Plan's 14 points, he said kinetic operations were "underway in a splendid manner" with "four to five operations underway every hour".

Sharif said the NAP decided in 2014 to set up Counter-Terrorism Departments at the provincial levels and they would be responsible for leading operations against terrorism. He said it was also decided to register all the religious seminaries but only 16,000 out of about 32,000 seminaries have been registered so far. Sharif said that so far, 22,409

intelligence-based operations itary operations and said, "Our issue is that we make every have been conducted against terrorists and their facilitators this year. He said 137 officers and soldiers died in these operations, while 398 terrorists were also killed, including 31 high-value targets.

The spokesperson said that

"digital terrorism" is active against the army and its leadership on social media, adding that militants involved in attacks on law enforcement agencies and "digital terrorists' have one thing in common and that is both targeting the army and its leadership.

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"Digital terrorists are using fake news to undermine the relationship between the army, the leadership of the army, the army and the people."

He said that "just as a terrorist tries to get his point across by holding a weapon, in the same way, a digital terrorist tries to get his point across by spreading anxiety through mobile phones, computers, lies, fake

news and propaganda". The spokesperson said that only law and punishment can stop digital terrorists, clarifying that if digital terrorists are not stopped, they will get more space. "Those illegal elements who want to make this country a soft state, we cannot

allow it," he added. Sharif said over 112 operations were being conducted daily by the military and law enforce ment agencies against terrorism

To a question about the Bannu protest case, he said that the protesters became violent, raised anti-state slogans and looted an army supply depot. He accused the provincial government of failure to stop the protesters. The spokesperson also talked about fake news and propaganda which was targeting the armed forces and other institutions of the state.

UAE sentences Bangladeshi nationals to prison over home govt protests AP DUBAI scale marches in several streets

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government jobs for relatives of

veterans who fought in Bangladesh's war of indepen-

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"We cannot step back from

candidate for prez election Colombo (PTI): A group of Tamil parties sans the main

party, ITAK, on Monday signed an agreement to field a common candidate for the presidential election to be held later this year. Last week, the election commission said that the date for the much-awaited presidential election in the island nation will be announced by the end of this month. Earlier this month, the election commission has indicated that the election is likely to take place on a date between September 17 and October 16. The leaders of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation (TELO), People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE), Tamil Progressive Alliance (TPA), Tamil National People's Front (TNPF), and Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) along with leaders of a civil group, People Association (TPCA) signed the agreement in Jaffna, sources said. However, the main Tamil party Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi (ITAK), which heads the umbrella group Tamil National Alliance (TNA), was not a party to the agreement, they said. The Tamils from the north and east regions have aligned historically with the opposition candidate in presidential elections since 1982

Acourt in the United Arab Emirates sentenced dozens decisions made by the Bangladeshi government," WAM reported. of Bangladeshi nationals to On Saturday, authorities in the prison, including three for life United Arab Emirates ordered imprisonment, over protests against their home governan investigation and an expement in the Gulf country, state dited trial of the arrested Bangladeshi nationals. media reported Monday. The protests in the UAE fol-lowed weeks of demonstra-

The Abu Dhabi Federal Court of Appeal on Sunday handed 10-year prison sentences to 53 Bangladeshi nationals and an 11-year term to another Bangladeshi national, in addition to the three life imprisonments, according to the stateowned Emirates News Agency, WAM. The court ordered the deportation of the Bangladeshis from the UAE following their prison terms.

The court heard a witness who confirmed that the defendants gathered and organised large-

charges, including "gathering in a public place and protesting of the UAE in protest against against their home government with the intent to incite unrest," obstructing law enforcement, causing harm to others and damaging property, according to WAM.

Bangladeshi nationals make up the UAE's third-largest expatriate community. Many of them are low-paid labourers seeking to send money back home to their families. The Emirates' overall population of more than 9.2 million is only 10 per cent Emirati.

Political parties and labour unions are banned in the UAE,

a federation of seven top court on Sunday scaled sheikhdoms. Broad laws back the controversial system, severely restrict freedom of in a partial victory for the speech and almost all major The UAE's attorney general's local media are either stateoffice on Saturday indicted the owned or state-affiliated Bangladeshis on several outlets.

### **School blown** up in Khyber **Pakhtunkhwa**

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government," he said

Police arrest PTI information secretary during raid

PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan police on Monday arrested jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's information secretary Rauf Hasan in a raid at the party's central secretariat here, stepping up the crackdown on the Opposition party. Initially, it was reported that PTI chairman Gohar Ali Khan was also arrested but Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) spokesperson Zulfi Bokhari rejected the report about Khan's arrest while confirming that Hasan had been arrested. It was not clear what are the

charges against Hasan who was also attacked by unknown

ers & important documents,"

left bruises on his face. The party also condemned the move through its official X account and lambasted the Islamabad police. "It's absolutely shameful how

Islamabad Police continues to completely mock and disregard every law in this country," the party said. "Law of the jungle is reigning over Pakistan!" PTI leader Khurram Sher

persons a few weeks ago that

Zaman claimed that police personnel were confiscating documents and equipment from the party's office.

We've been informed that they've locked staff in a room & waiting for [the] prison van to arrive & have taken comput-

he wrote on X. Earlier, SSP Hassan Jahangir Wattoo led the raid as the police encircled the PTI head-

quarters in the federal capital. The raid comes just days after PTI's international media coordinator Ahmad Waqas Janjua was arrested on Friday.

According to Bokhari, he was presented before the Anti-Terrorism Court in Islamabad which handed him over to police on a seven-day remand According to the charges, explosives were recovered from Janjua during his arrest and his links with banned organisations are to be investigated, police said in the court

towns further to the north.

Migrants trying to pass

through Mexico in recent years

have organised large groups to

try to reduce the risk of being

attacked by gangs or stopped by Mexican immigration officials

as they travel. But the caravans

tend to break up in southern

Mexico, as people get tired of

walking for hundreds of miles

Recently, Mexico has also made

it more difficult for migrants to

reach the US border on buses

Travel permits are rarely award-

ed to migrants who enter the

country without visas and

thousands of migrants have

been detained by immigration

officers at checkpoints in the

(kilometres).

and trains.

#### Peshawar (PTI): Unidentified militants blew up a government girl's school in a tribal district in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Monday, officials said. There was, however, no loss of life in the explosion. The militants blew up the Govt Girls Middle School in North Waziristan tribal district, bordering Afghanistan, on the intervening night of Sunday and

Monday, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Education Minister Faisal Khan Tarakai said. Seven rooms of the school were razed to the ground in the blast. A total of 255 girls were enrolled in the school Tarakai said the school would be made functional soon. "Such cowardly acts cannot deter our resolve of education promotion in tribal areas. Provision of education is the top priority of the

Among the group which signed the pact for a common Tamil candidate is the former northern chief minister CV Wigneswaran's TPA.

Wigneswaran, a former Supreme Court judge, was publicly endorsing incumbent President Ranil Wickremesinghe until Monday's signing of the agreement to field common candidate. Wickremesinghe as the thenopposition challenger at both the 1999 and 2005 presidential elections had received TNA backing. In 2005, a Tamil vote boycott led by the LTTE saw Wickremesinghe narrowly lose to the then-candidate Mahinda Rajapaksa.

after flooding, bridge collapse kill 25

#### AP BEIJING

Rescuers on Monday were searching for dozens missing after heavy rains caused flash flooding and a bridge collapse in different parts of China, killing at least 25 people. Flash flooding tore through a village in southwestern Sichuan province in the middle of the night Saturday, and rescuers said 10 people died and they were searching for another 29 missing. Days of heavy rain swelled the river that runs through the village of Xinhua in Hanyuan county. The water swept away 40 houses on the riverbank, according to local media, while also breaking bridges and cutting off roads.

In northwestern Shaanxi province, vehicles fell into a rushing river when part of a highway bridge collapsed late Friday, and state broadcaster May, 70 countries o CCTV reported at least 15 broke heat records.

AP 📕 LA MANILA deaths confirmed as of Monday. A photo released by China's

Xinhua news agency showed a section of the bridge snapped and folded at almost a 90degree angle into the rushing brown water below

Rescuers said Saturday some 20 cars and 30 people were missing. The collapse raised more questions about the safety of China's road and bridge infrastructure, which was built rapid ly in recent decades. A similar collapse in May in Guangdong province killed 36 people. Heavy rain and flooding pose a special risk to mountain roadways and highway bridges because of erosion, debris flows and landslides.

With climate change, the world is likely to face more extreme weather and climate events such as record heat and rainfall. This year, in just the first five days of May, 70 countries or territories

# Chinese-run online gambling outfits

 $P_{Jr.\ on\ Monday\ ordered\ an}^{resident\ Ferdinand\ Marcos}$ immediate ban on widespread and mostly Chinese-run online gaming operations in the Philippines accusing them of venturing into crimes, including financial scams, human trafficking, torture, kidnappings and murders.

Marcos also said in his stateof-the-nation address that the Philippines would press efforts to strengthen its defensive capability by forging security alliances with friendly countries to counter threats to its territorial interests in the South China Sea, adding that his country would only settle disputes through diplomacy. He made the remarks on the

territorial conflicts before legislators, top officials and diplomats at the House of Representatives after the worst confrontation between Chinese and Filipino forces in the disputed waters last month. Marcos' decision to ban the

Chinese-run online gambling outfits - estimated to number more than 400 across the Philippines and employing tens of thousands of Chinese and Southeast Asian nationals— came amid an ongoing government crackdown backed by Beijing. That led to the shutdown of

several sprawling complexes with dozens of buildings, where authorities suspect thousands of Chinese, Vietnamese and other nationals mostly from Southeast Asia have been illegally recruited and forced to work in dismal conditions.

Relatedly, Philippine senators have ordered the arrest of a town mayor in Tarlac province north of Manila who has failed to appear in public hearings where allegations against her were being investigated, including her alleged links to a large online gambling outfit near her townhall and suspicions that she hid her Chinese nationality fraudulently to be

able to run for a public office reserved only for Filipinos. The mayor, Alice Guo, has denied any wrongdoing but has been suspended from her post with her financial assets ordered frozen. Philippine senators say the massive online gambling industry has flourished largely due to corruption in regulatory agencies and payoffs to local officials.

'Disguising as legitimate entities, their operations have ventured into illicit areas furthest from gaming such as financial scamming, money laundering, prostitution, human traf ficking, kidnapping, brutal torture, even murder," Marcos said.

The grave abuse and disrespect to our system of laws must stop." Marcos ordered the government's gaming agency to wind down the operations of the so-called Philippine offshore gaming operators, or POGOs, by yearend, drawing loud applause from legislators and top officials.

# **leave southern Mexico** on foot for US border

AP CIUDAD HIDALGO

Hundreds of migrants from around a dozen countries left from Mexico's southern border on foot Sunday, as they attempt to make it to the US border.

Some of the members of the group said they hoped to make it to the US border before elections are held in November, because they fear that if Donald Trump wins, he will follow through on a promise to close the border to asylum-seekers. "We are running the risk that permits (to cross the border) might be blocked," said Miguel Salazar, a migrant from El Salvador. He feared that a new Trump administration might stop granting appointments to migrants through CBP One, an

their cases to officials.

The app only works once migrants reach Mexico City, or

"Everyone wants to use that route" said Salazar, 37

The group left Sunday from the

southern Mexican town of

Ciudad Hidalgo, which is next

to a river that marks Mexico's

Some said they had been wait-

ing in Ciudad Hidalgo for

weeks for permits to travel to

border with Guatemala.

states in northern Mexico.

centre and north of Mexico and bused back to towns deep in app used by asylum-seekers to the south of the country. Oswaldo Reyna, a 55-year-old enter the US legally — by getting appointments at US bor-Cuban migrant, crossed from der posts, where they make

Guatemala into Mexico 45 days ago and waited in Ciudad Hidalgo to join the new caravan announced on social media.

He criticised Trump's recent comments about migrants and how they are trying to "invade"

the United States. We are not delinquents," he said. "We are hard-working people who have left our country to get ahead in life, because in our homeland we are suffering from many needs."

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# In Kyiv, music fans rub shoulders with generals, artists

This year, Ukraine's largest I music festival struck a different chord. Gone were the international headliners, the massive performance halls and the hundreds of thousands of visitors

Instead, the country's most beloved local artists graced the stage this past weekend at the Atlas Festival. The stage was erected on a shopping mall parking lot, the only option that contained a shelter large enough to contain the 25,000 people that that organisers expected in the event of an air raid.

Carefree youth rubbed shoulders with hardened military

#### commanders and famous singers who crooned songs imbued with national pride. Music was the main draw, yes, but so was shattering the illusion that the capital is invulnerable to the bloody battles playing out hundreds of miles

separated from the life of the country. The country is at war. The core issues here should relate to the war," said Vsevolod Kozhemyako, a businessman and one of the founders of the 13th "Khartia" Brigade, now a part of Ukraine's National Guard and defending the frontline in Kharkiv.

should understand that they cannot live in a bubble," he said. And vet, a bubble is precisely how it feels to be in Kyiv, as the war approaches its third year. While Ukrainian soldiers are killed and wounded everyday along the snaking 1,000-kilo-

metre (620-mile) frontline in "Such kind of festivals can't be the east, the capital is a contrast with its bars and clubs filled with patrons. Every so often, Kyiv comes face to face with the war. Last week, a barrage of Russian missiles destroyed a children's hospital and a private clinic, in one of

"People who are still young and

caused by Moscow's targeted who don't join (the fight) destruction of Ukrainian energy generation at the height of a summer heat wave.

At every corner of the music festival - the first time it was held since Russia's full-scale invasion of the country in February 2022 - visitors were confronted with the inescapable reality that theirs is a country trapped in a bloody war of attrition. Festival organisers hoped to raise USD 2.2 million (2 million euros) to help soldiers purchase supplies on the front line.

In the mall's basement parking lot, various military units, from Khartia to the 3rd Assault, the deadliest attacks since the offered interactive games to lure donations, and possible full-scale invasion. Residents have grappled with power cuts recruits. First-person shooter game offered visitors a chance

to improve target practice by gunning down shadowy virtual infantrymen. At another corner, medics brandished severed plastic limbs and offered emergency medical training. The festival concluded Sunday with a much-anticipated performance from Serhii Zhadan and his band Zhadan and Dogs. Zhadan, a celebrated artist dubbed the poet of the Donbas, himself recently joined Khartia. "It's just a small break, an

opportunity to take a breath," said Zhadan, minutes before the crowd roared before he took to the stage. "The most important things, they are happening over there, at the front-

On stage, Zhadan starts with one of his most beloved songs "Malvi" or "Mallow". The crowd sings along with him, word for word. "But what can you do with my hot blood," they chant as one mass chorus. Who will come at us.

18-year old Viktoriia Khalis was excited to see his performance, she said. She had been to the Atlas music festival once before in 2021. The difference is stark, she said.

The main thing that has changed, unfortunately, now the festival is connected with donations," she said. But she also feels more connected to her homeland, somehow. "I feel this entire crowd is related to me. I feel unity."



#### Sensex, Nifty settle lower ahead of Budget **Economic Survey slams energy** PTI MUMBAI guzzling developed world Equity benchmark indices Esensex and Nifty ended lower on Monday, dragged resilient to global geo-political and economic shocks, it added.

NEW DELHI

On the one hand, developing nations are being forcefully nudged to sign up for climate commitments that they are not ready for, on the other hand, the developed world is in a mad 'Scramble for Africa' kind of rush to usher in the latest and the most expansive energy guzzlers like Artificial Intelligence ecosystem, the Government's 'Economic Survey 2023-24 has said.

"Even as the data centres are ramping up energy demand, cloud storage facilities, crypto mining, and AI are all expected to increase this exponentially." The report also took exception to the developed world's fancy to such energy demand driven technologies while planning to impose carbon taxes on carbon-intensive imports by the developing countries like India.

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further cautioned.

and undertake at countries, said the report.



paradoxically higher emissions. "Despite ambitious pledges by leading technology firms to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2030, their pursuit of AI dominance has resulted in a 30 per cent rise in emissions by 2023," the report This means that India not only

has to deal with climate change energy transition but also confront the protectionism of developed The European Union is on



standards, and help reduce emissions from imports. However, other nations, particularly developing countries, worry that this would harm their economies and make it too expensive to trade with the bloc.

According to a report by the independent think tank Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), CBAM will impose an additional 25 per cent tax on carbon-intensive goods, such as iron, steel, cement, fertilisers, and aluminium, exported from India to the EU. Based on data from the past

three years, this tax burden would represent 0.05 per cent

of India's GDP. "It would be a comedy if it were not real and tragic. Even as developed nations prepare to impose a carbon tax at the border on imports coming into their countries laden with carbon. they are ramping up energy demand like never before thanks to their obsession with letting AI guide, take over and dominate natural intelligence, the report said.

For instance, the report cited a broad estimate by the International Energy Agency which said that a single Chat-GPT search consumes 10 times more energy than a similar query on Google.

According to a research report published in April, Goldman Sachs analysts wrote that the demand for power in the United States would experience growth not seen in a generation, thanks to AI, and that "transmission, one of the major bottlenecks for clean energy transition, and the addition of data centres and Al could exacerbate this".

down by heavy selling pressure in Reliance Industries and Kotak Mahindra Bank ahead of the Budget.

Besides, a weak trend in global equity markets also hit investors sentiment, traders said.

Falling for the second day in a row, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 102.57 points or 0.13 per cent to settle at 80,502.08. During the session, it tanked 504 points or 0.62 per cent to 80,100.65

The NSE Nifty dipped 21.65 points or 0.09 per cent to 24,509.25. During the day, it dropped 168.6 points or 0.68 per cent to 24,362.30. Among the Sensex pack, Reliance Industries declined over 3 per cent after the company reported a 5 per cent drop in its June quarter

net profit Kotak Mahindra Bank also fell more than 3 per cent after its June quarter earnings failed to cheer investors.

CRR cut to help banks

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According to the Economic Survey, 2023-24 tabled in Parliament on Monday,

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NTPC, UltraTech Cement, HDFC Bank and Mahindra & Mahindra were among the gainers

HDFC Bank climbed over 2 per cent after the company's consolidated net profit grew 33.17 per cent to Rs 16,474.85 crore in the June 2024 quarter.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Shanghai settled lower, while Hong Kong

#### innovation and digitisation Further, Indian markets are

"Despite heightened geopolitical risks, rising interest rates and volatile commodity prices, Indian capital markets have been one of the best performing among emerging markets in FY24," the Economic Survey said.

Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.08 per cent to USD 82.53 a barrel.

Institutional Foreign Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 1,506.12 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

The BSE benchmark hit its new all-time high of 81,587.76 in the initial trade on Friday but failed to carry forward the winning momentum and tanked 738.81 points or 0.91 per cent to settle below the 81,000 mark at 80,604.65. Nifty tumbled 269.95 points or 1.09 per cent and ended at 24,530.90 after hitting its

fresh record peak of 24,854.80 during the opening bell on Friday.

# Rupee rises three paise to close at 83.67 against US dollar

#### PTI 📕 MUMBAI

The rupee consolidated in a narrow range to settle 3 paise higher at 83.67 (provisional) against the Àmerican currency on Monday, as crude oil prices and the US dollar retreated from their elevated levels.

Forex traders said the Indian rupee recovered from all-time low levels and traded in a narrow range as mixed-toweak domestic markets put downside pressure on the rupee. However, weak tone in the US dollar and a decline in crude oil prices cushioned the downside.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.66, and touched an intraday high of 83.65 and a low of 83.68 against the dollar during the trading session.

It finally settled at 83.67 (provisional) against the American currency, registering a gain of 3 paise from its previous close



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Friday, On the rupee depreciated 7 paise to settle at its all-time low of 83.70

against the US dollar. "We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on the weak tone in the global is expected to trade in a range markets and overall strength of Rs 83.20 to Rs 84.20, in the US dollar. Weak Asian Choudhary added. Meanwhile, the dollar index, currencies and a weak yuan may also support the dollar. which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of However, weakness in crude oil prices and FII inflows may support the rupee at lower levels," said Anuj Choudhary

104.22. Research Analyst at Brent crude futures, the

by

global oil benchmark, were trading marginally lower by 0.29 per cent at USD 82.39 per barrel.

On the macroeconomic front, India's forex reserves jumped by USD 9.699 billion to an all-time high of USD 666.854 billion for the week ended July 12, the RBI said on Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the kitty had increased by USD 5.158 billion to USD 657.155 billion, surpassing the previous high of USD 655.817 billion for the week ended June 7.

Paribas.Any intervention by In the domestic equity the RBI may also support the market, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 102.57 points or rupee. Investors may take cues from India's Union Budget. USD-INR spot price 0.13 per cent to settle at 80,502.08 points and Nifty dropped 21.65 points or 0.09 per cent to 24,509.25 points. Institutional Foreign Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets six currencies, was trading on Friday as they purchased shares worth Rs 1,506.12 lower by 0.17 per cent at crore, according to exchange data.

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owering the cash deposit L ratio or the proportion of deposits which banks are mandatorily required to park with the RBI will help the lenders facing low deposit growth, SBI Managing Director Ashwini Kumar Tewari said on Monday.

Conversations for such a cut are on, he told reporters here, clarifying that the country's largest lender does not need such a reduction as it is well placed on the

liquidity front. There has not been any formal request for a CRR cut made either, he added.

Speaking at an event organised by domestic rating agency Careedge, Tewari said, "We have to look at various avenues for helping tide over the challenge posed by lower deposit growth", and specifically mentioned a request to get bank deposits at par with capital market investments while referring bank, will be of help.

To a question on whether the bank has sought a CRR cut, continue to have. I don't think there is any move to do this at the moment". When asked if a CRR cut will help banks tide over the

it will help". The economy will need resources to help fund the growth, he said, adding that 90 per cent of all economic activity is funded by the banks.

SBI's statutory liquidity ratio investments or in government bonds are 2-3 per cent higher and hence, it may not benefit as much. But there are banks running credit deposit ratios of up to 90 per cent for whom the CRR cut, which expands the lendable resources for a



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Gold rises ₹100 on

PTI NEW DELHI

President Joe Biden's decision Gold prices rose by Rs 100 to Rs 75,650 per 10 grams campaign and endorse Vice President Kamala Harris in the national capital on prompted speculation on Monday due to increased whether it would benefit or buying by jewellers and a firm hinder chances of former President Donald Trump trend in the overseas markets. returning to the White House. However, silver prices plunged by Rs 600 to Rs As a result, the bulls of the US 91,000 per kg. In the previous session, it had settled at Rs dollar remained cautious and the commodity prices gained 91,600 per kg, as per the All India Sarafa Association. some traction.

Saturday, the precious metal rates had closed at Rs 75,550 per 10 grams.

Meanwhile, gold of 99.5 per cent purity also rose by Rs 100 to Rs 75,300 per 10 grams. It nad ended at per 10 grams in the previous session. Traders attributed the rise in gold prices to fresh demand by local jewellers and a firm trend in the international

Traders are now eagerly anticipating the release of several key economic indicators ahead of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) policy decision next week. Chainwal

his re-election

# jewellers' buying

growth: SBI MD to CRR and SLR.

he said, "We have not sought any formal dispensation, but it is a conversation we continuing wedge between the credit and deposit growth, he said, "Of course,

# Sebi returns draft IPO documents of recruitment solution provider Crizac

#### PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

 $S^{ebi\ has\ returned\ the\ draft}_{documents\ of\ student}$ recruitment solution provider Crizac Ltd, which was looking to float Rs 1,000 crore Initial Public Offering (IPO), an update with the markets regulator showed on Monday Monday.

The move might delay the Kolkata-based company's initial share-sale.

The proposed IPO was entirely an Offer For Sale (OFS) by promoters, Pinky Agarwal and Manish Agarwal, with no fresh issue component.

of equity shares worth Rs 841 crore by Pinky Agarwal and up to Rs 159 crore by Manish Agarwal, according to the offer document. The company filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) in April. According to an update on Sebi's website on Monday,

The OFS consists of the sale

the markets regulator returned the company's offer document on July 15 without providing reasons for the same. Crizac offers international student recruitment



global Canada, the Kingdom, to higher Ireland, of Republic of Australia and New Zealand. education in the United

has partnerships with leading universities in the UK and is a major player in student recruitment from India to the UK, holding a significant market share of about 13 per cent based on the number of Indian students pursuing higher education in the UK in 2023, the draft papers quoted a F&S report. Over the last three years, Crizac facilitated

enrolment applications from over 72 countries enrolment through its registered agents on its technology platform. It processed more

established than 3.82 lakh student applications and collaborated with over 140 global universities. Crizac's pro

Crizac's pro forma consolidated revenue from operations during the fiscal forma year 2023 jumped 79.5 per cent to Rs 472.97 crore from Rs 263.53 crore in the previous year. Besides, profit after tax grew 65.50 per cent to Rs 112.14 crore for the financial year 2023 from Rs 67.76 crore in the preceding fiscal. Equirus Capital and Anand Rathi Advisors are the book-running managers to the issue. lead

markets. The white metal has declined Rs 3,400 per kg in the past four sessions since July 18 when it had fallen by Rs 400 to end at Rs 94,000 per kg. Globally, Comex gold is trading higher at USD 2,451.70 per ounce, up by USD 4 90 per ounce from the USD 4.90 per ounce from the

revious close. "After a sharp pullback from all-time highs last week, Comex gold edged higher on Monday as US election uncertainty weighed on US dollar and treasury yields," Kaynat Chainwala, AVP of Commodity Research at Kotak Securities, said.

However, silver was marginally down at USD 29.25 per ounce in New York.

According to commodity market experts, traders also worried about slowing Chinese economic growth, geopolitical risks from the Russia-Ukraine war and the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East will benefit the safe-haven asset.

Further, traders are awaiting the upcoming release of the US Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) price index data on Friday for more cues about the US Federal Reserve's monetary policy path, which will provide which will provide directions for the bullion prices in the near future, they said.

# Cut import duty on smartphone components in Budget, Govt told

#### PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Economic think tank GTRI on Monday urged the Government to cut import duty on smartphone components in the Budget as it could lead to an increase in superficial assembly plants that rely heavily on imported parts.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget for 2024-25 tomorrow.

The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said the current schemes and tariff structure resulted in great success, and the current framework is also ensuring duty-free imports of components for exports.

"Do not cut import duty on smartphone components in this Budget. Removing tariffs could lead to an increase in superficial assembly plants that rely heavily on imported parts, contributing little to the local economy.

"Imported components and subassemblies account for up to 90 per cent of the bill of material value for an Indiamade phones," GTRI Founder Ajay Srivastava said. made Currently, import tariffs on the product is 20 per cent while duty on components range between 0 and 20 per cent. The Budget should maintain these tariffs for

several compelling reasons, he said. "Smartphone is the most celebrated success story pushed by PLI (production linked incentive) incentives

Inked incentive) incentives and a clever tariff arbitrage between these phones and its components," he added. India's production of this item has crossed USD 49 billion in FY24, and its exports grew from USD exports grew from USD 10.96 billion in FY23 to USD

15.57 billion in FY24, a growth of 42 per cent. Additionally, over 98 per cent



demonstrating the success of policies like the PLI scheme, The GTRI added that Indian manufacturers can import which offers a 4-6 per cent cash incentive on annual incremental production. No of smartphones sold in India are made locally, giving great results, it said.

necessary inputs or capital goods duty-free for manufacturing and exporting electronic items, Firms can also use the benefits from SEZs to imported kits and ex facilitated through schemes customs bond scheme for manufacture and export incentives disappear.

like Advance Authorisation, Export Promotion Capital Goods, Special Economic Zones (SEZs), and 100 per

duty-free imports without localisation requirements. "Apple, for example, through its contract manufacturers cent Export Oriented Units. Foxconn and Wistron, Firms can also use the benefits from SEZs to

2023, smartphones. Apple's iPhone production in India exceeded Rs 1 lakh crore (about USD 13.5 billion), with Rs 65,000 crore worth of exports," the think-tank soid tank said.

Schemes like SEZs thus allow import of all inputs at zero duty, thus making Indian competitive, it added. In FY24. electronic

In FY24, electronics imports crossed USD 83.92 billion, with components growing from USD 25.13 billion in FY23 to USD 34.36 billion in FY24, a 36.8 per cent increase.

It added that the high reliance on imported parts in local manufacturing suggests that cutting import duties would eliminate incentives to establish deeper

manufacturing operations in India, leading firms to assemble mobile phones from nearly complete imported kits and exit once

"Maintaining current import tariffs is crucial for sustaining the growth and depth of India's smartphone manufacturing sector. Reducing these tariffs could encourage short-term assembly operations over long-term, valuable manufacturing, undermining the industry's success and future potential," it said.

Srivastava said these tariffs are not just protective measures but catalysts for fostering a robust, selfreliant smartphone manufacturing ecosystem in India.

This ecosystem can compete globally while driving local employment and technological advancement, he added.

"Preserving these tariffs is essential for continuing the growth remarkable trajectory and nurturing the deep manufacturing capabilities of India's smartphone sector," he said.



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# Good for TRP but my relationship with Kohli is personal, declares Gambhir

#### PTI MUMBAI

India's head newly-appointed coach Gautam coach Gambhir on Monday declared that his much talked about relationship with batting mainstay Virat Kohli "is between the two of us and not for TRPs", asserting that they are going to be "on same page" in the coming times.

Gambhir and Kohli had not been the best of friends, something which was evident from the multiple confrontations between the two in the IPL. However, the duo will now be working together starting with the white-ball tour of Sri Lanka from July 27.

"Good for the TRP, but my relationship is not public. What kind of a relationship I share with Virat Kohli... I

think it's between two mature individuals," Gambhir said. Gambhir was addressing a press conference along with chief selector Ajit Agarkar ahead of India's tour of Sri Lanka where they will play three T20 Internationals and

as many ODIs. In the context of Kohli, Gambhir added, "On the field, everyone has got the right to fight for their own jersey and come back to a winning dressing room. "But at the moment, we're

representing India, 140 representing crore Indians and I'm sure we're going to be on the same page and try and make India proud. who Kohli. recently

announced retirement from the T20 International format, is part of India's ODI squad



against the island nation and ahead of that, the former India skipper has apparently communicated to the BCCI that he's ready to begin this new phase with a clean slate. Gambhir said the two share a very good relationship (with him) off the field.

"...And will continue to do that. But yes, to make it more public, what kind of a relationship... I think it's between two individuals. I've had a lot of chats with him We've shared (Kohli)... messages.

"Sometimes, just because we want headlines, it's not important. Right now, the most important thing is we both are going to be working extremely hard to make India proud. And that's our job." THE SUPPORT STAFF QUESTION: Former India

Gambhir-Agarkar in sync: Players won't be allowed

to pick and choose series for workload management

all-rounder Abhishek Navai and Netherlands batter Ryan ten Doeschate, who worked with Gambhir in the IPL 2024 during his stint as mentor of the Kolkata Knight Riders, are joining the Indian team coaching staff for the Sri Lanka tour.

Gambhir said the full details of his support staff will be known only after the Sri

Lanka tour. "Really happy with BCCI. They've agreed with most things I've asked for. The crux of the support staff will remain as they are.

"The rest of the staff will be finalised after the Sri Lanka tour. (For now) Abhishek and Ryan as assistant coach. T Dilip will continue as fielding coach. Sairaj Bahutule as interim bowling coach for the Sri Lanka tour

# We wanted someone who was likely to be available more often: Agarkar on Suryakumar as T20 captain

#### PTI MUMBA

 $F_{\rm dressing}^{\rm itness, \ feedback \ from \ the}_{\rm and}$ **F**dressing room and consistent availability swung the pendulum in Suryakumar Yadav's favour when it was decided to appoint him captain of the Indian T20 team ahead of Hardik Pandya, chief selector Ajit Agarkar said here on Monday.

Agarkar was addressing a media conference along with newly-appointed head coach Gautam Gambhir ahead of India's tour of Sri Lanka where the team will play three T20 Internationals and as many ODIs against the hosts starting July 27

"Why Surya was made captain? Because he is one of the deserving candidates. The one we know has been around the dressing room over the last one year, you get feedback from the dressing room a lot. He has got a good cricketing brain and he is still one of the best T20 batters in the world," Agarkar said during the joint press conference.

"You (would) want a captain that's going to be more likely to play all the games. We think he's a deserving candidate and hopefully we'll see over time how he develops into the role." The chairman of selectors said they wanted a captain with a proven fitness record and not someone who was prone to injuries as Pandya is believed to be.

"But in regards to Hardik (Pan) e's still important player for us and that's what we want him to be that player that he can be because those sorts of skill sets are very difficult to find what he has," Agarkar said. "Fitness, obviously, has been a challenge for him over the last few years and then it becomes a little bit more difficult for him and even as selectors," he said



overlooked, he retorted, "I was (a chance that) either of wasn't there when KL was superseded; I wasn't the them would have played all three games if we'd taken both. selector firstly. There's a big test season "We've got a little bit more time coming up where he's (Jadeja) now till the... Since I've come, there's been a 50-overs World

likely to feature in a lot of the Tests. I don't think three games Cup, almost followed by the would have mattered. We probably should

and see... I mean, this

to try and see... I mean, this time (in) T20 (against Afghanistan), frankly, when Hardik did get injured was a little bit of a challenge. "At that point, Rohit wasn't playing but was still around (and) made our life a lot easier that he could come and play. We don't want that situation going forward again," he continued. continued.

CHANCE FOR GILL TO FROM LEARN EXPERIENCE: Agarkar said the selectors wanted vicecaptain Shubman Gill to learn from the experience as well as from the senior players.

"Shubman is a guy that we feel is a three-format player and seems to have shown a lot of quality over the last year or so that we hear from the dressing room," he said

You try and have somebody who can also learn from a couple of the senior guys that are there.

"Surya in this instance or Rohit who's still around so we don't face the same challenges (that) suddenly (you are) trying to look for a captain in case there are injuries or loss of form somewhere," he explained.

"He's shown some decent leadership qualities. We want to try and get him the experience that he can put forward. There are no guarantees in life but at this point, that's the thought," he said.

BOWLING PACE COMBINATION IN

Gautam Gambhir's plain-Gspeak and Ajit Agarkar's lucidity is set to make for a heady combo as the new head coach and the chairman of selectors looked completely in sync while spelling out, in no uncertain terms, that days of cherry-picking series by citing workload management could be over.

They explained certain tough calls while in a few things, they were subtle yet said enough to allow people to read between

the lines. Physically, neither Gambhir nor Agarkar have an imposing presence but ask anyone in the periphery of Indian cricket and people will swear by the fact

that these are two individuals with sharp and informed takes, which don't change readily. As they put up a united front in first joint media their interaction, it was clear that they were ready to put their

money where their mouths were. Technically, it might seem that Agarkar enters his second year of chairmanship but perhaps

like Gambhir, this is also a fresh start in which the duo can create a road-map for the 2027 ODI World Cup.

So what was the biggest takeaway from the Gambhir-Agarkar joint press briefing ahead of the tour of Sri Lanka? Workload management seems to be the biggest one.

The prickly word in Indian cricl t will again dominate air space but this time, it is crystal clear that rules will be different for batters and bowlers. "I've said it before, workload management for someone like (Jasprit) Bumrah is important.



If you are a batter who is in good form, might as well play all the games," Gambhir was as straight as ramrod in his reply when asked about his take on the issue.

It was widely believed that both ODI and Test captain Rohit Sharma and team's premier batter Virat Kohli will skip the three games in Sri Lanka but their presence ultimately is an indicator that both the seniors will probably play as many series as possible. "Now that Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli will play only two formats, I expect them to be available for most games, Gambhir addressed the issue with a lot of clarity just like chairman Agarkar was up and ready to explain what went against Hardik Pandya, who was considered to be a natural successor to Rohit, at least in the T20 format.

'You (would) want a captain that's going to be more likely to play all the games," one could dn't get a more crysta

his gut feeling about the leadership qualities but also took the view of the change room.

"Why Surya was made captain? Because he is one of the deserving candidates. The one we know has been around the dressing room over the last one year, you get feedback from the dressing room a lot. "He has got a good cricketing brain and he is still one of the best T20 batters in the world,' Agarkar elaborated.

In the 27-minute media conference, one thing was reiterated time and again. Stars can no longer pick and choose. While acknowledging that a player of Pandya's skill-set is a rarity, Agarkar made it clear that the selection committee cannot be taken for granted. "Fitness, obviously, has been a challenge for him over the last few years and then it becomes a little bit more difficult for him and even as selectors," he

Gambhir might be perceived said. Agark as a 'My Way or query on KL Rahul being ignored for captaincy with man but his messaging was that he wants to be the agent similar eloquence. "I wasn't there when KL was happy superseded; I wasn't the selector firstly

Then there was the issue of Duleep Trophy and Agarkar was clear that if not all, most of the Indian

Test team contenders will be playing at least one match of the tournament before India's rare season of 10 Tests commences on September 19.

In case of Ravindra Jadeja, Agarkar was clear that the senior all-rounder wasn't dropped from the ODI team but his explanation did indicate that one might not see two players with pretty identical skill-sets in ODI set-

up. "It would have been really pointless to take both him and Akshar for this short series...So, no, not at all

dropped," he said on Jadeja. And then Gambhir had to address the elephant in the room - the conjectures about his relationship with Kohli, something the straight-shooter rejected as "good for TRP".

"We're trying to now, we've got a bit more time till the next T20 World Cup when we can look at a few things. It's not rushed at the moment.

"We want him to be, you know, as I said, he's an important player for us and hopefully his performances are more important - that was the thought behind it. The fitness is a clear challenge and we want someone who's likely to be available more often than not," Agarkar said.

As regards to former vice-captain KL Rahul being

Cup Fitness World concern, not just that, we also feel that Surya has the necessary qualities to be a good captain.

'Two years is a long time, so at least it gives us a bit more of a chance to try and look at some things differently. The main thing is we want guys who are available all the time. In this way, we also feel we can manage Hardik a little bit better," he said.

WAS NOT IADEIA DROPPED: Agarkar admitted the selection committee should have clarified that senior allrounder Ravindra Jadeja, who also retired from T20Is after the World Cup, was not "dropped".

"It would have been really pointless to take both him and Akshar for this short series. We know what Jaddu has done. He's had a terrific World Cup (T20). So, no, not at all

clarified that after the selection that he's not getting dropped. He's still within the scheme of things and very important as a player," said the former India bacer LEADERSHIP DOOR OPEN

FOR RAHUL, RISHABH, PANDYA: Agarkar said the door is not shut for the former deputies like KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant and even Pandya as far as leadership role is

concerned. We need to get him (Pant) back playing, that's the first thing. He's going to be a key to us as a player; hasn't had a lot of cricket. We'll see what he can

do," he said. 'We don't want to burden somebody again who's just coming back after over a year out of the game. KL has not been part of T20 now for a little while," he said. "We've got a chance to reset the

dropped," he said. "All options are open. But there button a little bit. We've got a bit more time to plan. We want

FUTURE nitted that while playing Tests in India the team may not need three seamers but going forward they will be discussing the fast bowling lineup too. 'Some of the guys, some of the fast bowlers are at the NCA. We hope that for the next

month or so, they'll be back up playing," he said. "I think he has (Mohammed Shami) started to bowl which is a good sign for us. (The)

19th September is the first Test That was always the goal," he added.

"We don't quite know whether that's the timeline at the moment. That I have to speak to the guys at the NCA but that's the aim.

"There are so many Tests coming in India; maybe you don't play three seamers in the eleven. But, going forward, there's a lot of cricket or Test cricket that's coming. We need some conversation around it, he said.

clear answer to a pointed question.

What was more refreshing was unlike that selection committee chairmen of the past, Agarkar just didn't go by

that keeps the dressing room And what qualifies as a happy

dressing room?

# Mumbai City FC sign Supratim Das for three years

#### PTI MUMBAI

Mumbai City FC on Monday announced the signing 19-year-old midfielder Supratim Das on a three-year contract which will keep him at the club till Indian Super League (ISL) 2027

Das is known for his technical abilities, game awareness and "excels at holding the ball under pressure and delivering incisive passes as a midfielder", the club said in a statement.

Das, who is from the Reliance Foundation Young Champs, played a crucial role in winning the sub-junior I-League title in the 2018-2019 season and 23 season. in their runner-up finish in the MFA He also participated in the Reliance



Super Division League during the 2022-

Foundation Development League 2022-23 and 2023-24 and earned qualification for the Premier League Next Gen Cup in 2023.

Das has been a part of the RFYC's exposure trips to Spain in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and to Japan earlier this year.

"The club is known for developing young talents and it is a fantastic opportunity for me to develop my skills and polish my talent at the top level," Das said. MCFC's head coach Petr Kratky said,

'We had our eyes on him for some time and are happy he has decided to join us. His vision, technical ability, and understanding of the game will benefit our team.'

# ominant India Women face Nepal, eye semifinal berth in Asia Cup

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uoyant India will look to Bextend their winning run and seal a semifinal berth when they face Nepal in their final Group A Women's T20 Asia Cup match here on Tuesday.

India registered convincing wins in their first two matches of the continental tournament, beating traditional rivals Pakistan and United Arab Emirates by seven wickets and 78 runs respectively to put one foot in the semifinals. Minnows Nepal hardly have

any time to recover from the thrashing they received at the hands of Pakistan in their previous outing on Sunday, the same day when the tournament's overwhelming favourites and defending champions India bulldozed the hapless Emirates side. While India are primed to

enter the last-four, Pakistan improved their net run rate with the comfortable win over

Nepal lifting them to the second spot in Group A. India will, however, not be bothered by how the other teams are doing and will look to sustain the momentum they have gained with two convincing victories heading into the semifinals.

India have flexed their muscles in both batting and bowling so far in the tournament, and are likely to continue in the same vein come Tuesday.

If the swashbuckling opening duo of Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma fired with the bat in the victory over Pakistan, after the bowlers' excellent display, skipper Harmanpret Kaur and Richa Ghosh led the show in the middle order middle-order in the hammering of the UAE. The big-hitting Ghosh,



especially, was in destructive mood as she carted 64 in just 29 balls while Kaur compiled 66 in 47 deliveries.

While Kaur played the anchor's role to perfection, it was Ghosh's blazing knock which helped India score their first-ever 200-plus total in T20Is.

As far as the Indian bowling is concerned, the likes of Renuka Singh, Pooja Vastrakar and Deepti Sharma have been doing a wonderful job of both containing runs and taking wickets.

Even Tanuja Kanwar, who was roped in as a replacement for injured off-spinner Shreyanka Patil, performed her duty with aplomb, giving away only 14 runs while taking a wicket in her full quota of four overs. The Indu Barma-led Nepal, which started the tournament with a historic six-wicket victory over the UAE, is well

aware of the task. They will certainly take confidence from their firstever win in the event but the Himalayan nation will need a lot more than that to even come close to challenging a dominant India.

#### **TEAMS:**

India (from): Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh (wk), Uma Chetry (wk), Pooja Vastrakar, Deepti Sharma, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh, D Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Tanuja Kanwar, Sajana Sajeevan.

Nepal (from): Indu Barma (C), Kajol Shrestha, Rubina Chettri, Sabnam Rai, Sita Rana Magar, Rajmati Airee, Puja Maĥato, Bindu Rawal, Roma Thapa, Mamta Chaudhary, Kabita Joshi, Kabita Kunwar, Dolly Bhatta, Kritika Marasini, Samjhana Khadka.





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