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INDIA LIFTS DREAM WORLD CUP JD(U) invokes Bihar



m India erupts in celebration after South Africa's Reeza Hendricks, right, leaves the field after losing his wicket to India's Jasprit Bumrah, centre, with his arms raised, during the ICC Men's T20 World Cup final cricket match between India and South Africa at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados, on Saturday

PTI BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS)

On an emotion-filled day, India ended their years' wait for a global trophy, overcoming South Africa, who chocked at the business end of the match by seven runs to emerge champions in the T20 World Cup here.

It was India's second T20 World Cup victory after they had won it in 2007 under the legendary MS Dhoni in South Africa, and first since winning the Champions Trophy in

Star batter Virat Kohli, who was an upcoming cricketer 17

years ago, made his first fifty of this tournament in the final — a classy 76 off 59 balls with six fours and two sixes that carried India to a competitive 176 for

Then the Indian bowlers, led by Arshdeep Singh (2/20) and Jasprit Bumrah (2/18), worked their magic as they did throughout this tournament, limiting South Africa to 169 for eight to propel India to their second T20 World Cup. There were pockets of fight from the Proteas, who were playing in their maiden World

Cup final. Heinrich Klaasen threatened three.

India with a 52 off 27 balls (2x4, 5x6) but Hardik Pandya (3/20) snatched the crucial wicket to bring the game decisively in favour of India.

But a large chunk of the credit should go to Kohli for anchoring the innings and pushing India to a fighting total.

He completed his fifty in 48 balls, but the knock was what precisely India needed the early dismissals of skipper Rohit Sharma (9), Rishabh Pant (0) and Survakumar Yadav (3), which had reduced India to a worrying 34 for However, Kohli had an able partner in Axar Patel (47, 31 balls, 1x4, 6x4) during the fourth wicket alliance that produced precious 72 runs to ease the early nerves. After the run-out of Axar, who

took on SA bowlers bravely, another left-hander Shivam Dube (27 off 16 balls, 3x4 1x6) gave some late steam to Indian innings.

Brief scores: India: 176/7 in 20 overs (Virat Kohli 76, Axar Patel 47; Keshav Maharaj 2/23) beat South Africa: 169/8 in 20 overs (Henirich Klaasen 52, Jasprit Bumrah 2/18, Arshdeep Singh 2/20) by 7 runs.

Package Bond

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The Janata Dal (U), a major partner in the NDA Government at the Centre, on Saturday urged the Central Government to consider either special category status or a special package for Bihar underlining the party's important role in the formation of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Government.

The party's national executive meeting held in the national Capital flagged price rise and unemployment as "burning issues", as its political resolution expressed the confidence that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Government would take more effective steps to handle them. In the meeting chaired by JD (U) president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, the party appointed Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Kumar Jha as its working president since he enjoys good rapport with the BJP leadership and is considered to be very good at crisis management.

Meanwhile, Congress took the opportunity to ask JD (U) to pass a Cabinet resolution for the special status in Bihar where it's in alliance with the BJP and simultaneously hoped that another major partner of NDA, TDP, too would gather courage to press demand for a special package.



Executive Meeting in New Delhi on Saturday

JD (U) was part of Congressled INDIA Bloc before the Lok Sabha polls while TDP was looking for a Third Front until it joined hands with BJP. The JD (U) resolution called for extensive probe into paper leak cases to ensure stringent action against the guilty and maintain the credibility of central competitive exams.

There is also a need for Parliament to enact a strong law against leaks examination papers," added.

The JD (U)'s decision to include a special package as an alternative to its historical push for special category status for Bihar marked a pragmatic climbdown as the Modi Government had cited 14th Finance Commission's report to rule out special category status for any more states.

Pyar se Parosa

Kumar's decision to appoint his confidant Jha as the party's working president, a position not held by anyone, gives ample hint of his inclination to maintain better coordination with the BJP and drive a helpful bargain as Jha has good ties with the party's national leadership. A former Minister in Bihar,

Jha was originally in the BJP and served as its link with Kumar before crossing over to the JD (U).

Seen as competent, likeable low-profiled, and Mithilanchal leader has long been a trusted aide of his ageing mentor who has burnt his fingers in the past due to shifting loyalties of his ostensibly reliable reliable colleagues, including former JD(U) president RCP Singh, now in the BJP.



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Fresh dates for UGC NET

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 $A^{\text{mid a raging row over}}_{\text{alleged irregularities in}}$ the conduct of competitive exams, the National Testing Agency (NTA) has released fresh dates for cancelled and postponed examinations, announcing the UGC-NET will now be held from August 21-September 4. The University Grants Commission-National

as the Education Ministry received inputs that the integrity of the exam was Union compromised. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the question paper was leaked on the darknet and

Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) was cancelled a day after

being conducted on June 18

circulated on the Telegram app. The matter is being probed by the CBI. The UGC-NET is a test to the award of

determine the eligibility for Research Fellowship, for appointment of assistant professors and admission to PhD courses.

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Tragedy hits Army in Ladakh

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A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) and four other soldiers returning from a military training exercise were reportedly swept away by a flash flood while crossing the Shyok river near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Nyoma-Chushul Ladakh Saturday early

morning.
The soldiers, belonging to the field artillery unit, were crossing the river bed in a T-72 Tank at the time of the incident.

Due to the sudden rise in water levels, the soldiers could not move out of the tank which was stuck in the river bed and were swept away by strong currents. Rescue teams were rushed to the location but they failed to save them.

The soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty have been identified as Ris MR K Reddy, Dfr Bhupender Negi, LD Ekeidaung Teibam, Hav Subhan Khan (6255 Fd workshop) and Cfn S Nagraju.

In a post on X, Fire and Fury Corps said, "GOC Fire and Fury Corps and All Ranks salute the Barry Land salute the Bravehearts who made supreme sacrifice, in the line of duty in Ladakh on 29 Jun 24 and offer deep condolences to the bereaved families in this hour of grief." "Rescue teams rushed to the location but due to high water level and strong currents the rescue mission didn't succeed and the tank crew lost their



regrets the loss of five brave personnel while operationally deployed in eastern Ladakh. Rescue operations are still underway," the post explained.

Earlier, on August 19, 2023, a JCO, along with eight other soldiers, lost their lives when an Army truck they were travelling in veered off the road and plunged into a deep gorge near Kiari in Leh

Since the May 2020 stand-off between the Indian and Chinese troops several soldiers of the Indian Army have sacrificed their lives during operational duties in the region.

Even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and

military parleys, the stand-off continues in the cold desert The Indian Army being region.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh expressed grief unfortunate over the accident.

In a post on X, the Defence Minister said, "Deeply saddened at the loss of lives of five of our brave soldiers in an unfortunate accident while getting the tank across a river in Ladakh. We will never forget the exemplary services of our gallant soldiers to the nation. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved heartfelt families. The nation stands firm with them during this hour of grief."

president Congress Mallikarjun Kharge said he was deeply distressed by the news of the accident and the loss of lives

According to police, the chase

reported along LoC

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The firing from across the

Exchange of fire

A brief exchange of fire was Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, official sources said on Saturday.

border was reported on a forward Indian post in Krishna Ghati sector late Friday night, prompting retaliation by the Army troops guarding the LoC the sources said. They said there was no casualty in the firing, which lasted for a brief period. The vigil was intensified to ensure that there is no infiltration by terrorists.

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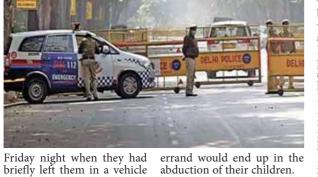
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Delhi siblings rescued Bollywood style

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Two siblings, aged three I and eleven, kidnapped from Laxmi Nagar on Saturday by a man posing as a parking attendant, were rescued after a dramatic three-hour car pursuit by the Delhi Police, straight out of a Bollywood thriller. daring rescue unfolded as officers chased the suspect across the city, ultimately saving the children.

The suspect, who demanded a staggering ₹50 lakh ransom while they stepped into a from the parents, had abducted the children on nearby confectionery shop. involving around 20 police Little did they know, their vehicles culminated in the



kidnapper abandoning the car with the children inside before escaping. The vehicle eventually found abandoned in the Samaypur Badli area after a relentless pursuit spanning approximately 100 to 150 kilometres. Deputy Commissioner of

Police (East) Apurva Gupta reported receiving about the information kidnapping at 11:30 pm on Friday. The children's father informed the police that they were sitting in the car in front of Hira Sweets shop on Vikas Marg in the Shakarpur area.

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Chief Minister addresses public meetings in Amarwada

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

hief Minister Mohan Yadav addressed public party candidate Kamlesh Shah in Śingodi and Harrai of Amarwara assembly on Saturday. He said that during the Lok Sabha elections, people used to say that Chhindwara is a stronghold of Congress. We used to say that this is not a stronghold but a mess.

Those who talked about the Chhindwara model of development used to fly in airplanes. They used to stay in the air, did not land on the ground. They kept talking about the Chhindwara model for 40 years, but Singodi Nagar Parishad could not be formed. College could not be opened here. Irrigation arrangements were not made for the farmers. People

living in the submerged area did not get compensation, then what kind of Chhindwara

Yadav said that how important is the place of education in life, this was told by our Lord Shri Gopal Krishna ji 5000 years ago. He came to Mathura and killed Kansa, but did not sit on the chair. He handed over the throne to Maharaj Ugrasen and came to Ujjain to study.

When education was so important at that time, then why not today? Why should there not be a college here. Congress people kept winning elections from here, but neither gave a college nor a municipal council. I don't know why these people contest elections. They built the dam, but did not give compensation to the people of the submerged area. But you don't worry, we will do all those works that the

Congress people did not do. Municipal council will also be formed, college will also be opened.

People of the submerged area

will get compensation, this is our guarantee. When we chant the name of God, Congressmen get fever. But we will also build Hanuman Lok of Hanuman ji in Jam Sanwali. We will arrange for drinking water and irrigation in Amarwara and Harrai through the river link project. The Patalkot area here is famous for herbs. We will set up cottage industries based on those herbs. The government will buy forest produce like pickles, Harra-Baheda at the support price. Our central government has declared support price for 14 crops. But we will also buy grains like Kodo-Kutki at the support price. First

we will buy it at the rate of 4200,

then 5000 rupees per quintal. pendence, Prime Minister Shri We have also increased the Narendra Modi's government rate of collection of tendu has given a place to the post of leaves.BJP respects tribal war-President to Draupadi Murmu, riors, Congress insults a tribal sister from a common themChief Minister Mohan family. But look at the mentality of the Congress people, just Yadav said that Congress people kept asking for votes in tribal areas for 70 years. But they two days ago they have reinducted Sam Pitroda into the party, who had insulted our never remembered Lord Birsa Munda. BJP honoured tribal tribal brothers. warriors by celebrating Lord Birsa Munda's birth anniver-

He called them black and African. Congressmen should apologize for this thinking of Our government held the first theirs. They discriminate on cabinet meeting in Jabalpur to honour Rani Durgavati. the basis of skin color. This was an insult to the tribals and the Recently it was her Martyrdom country will never forgive Congress for this. Chief Minister Day and our government has Dr. Yadav, while addressing the announced to name Jabalpur Airport after her and give a reward of Rs 5 lakh in her name public meeting, said that the Congress people fooled the pubto preserve her memories. Her lic for decades. They told many glorious past will be included in lies, God knows what all. Due to the school curriculum. He said that, the condition of Congress that for the first time after indehas become like this.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav in a road show during an election campaign in support of BJP candidate Kamlesh Shah for Amarwara by-poll in Chhindwara district Madhya Pradesh on Saturday

To create awareness World Vitiligo Day observed at AIIMS

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

IIMS Bhopal observed World Vitiligo Day with great enthusiasm and purpose today. The event aimed to raise awareness about vitiligo, a condition that causes the skin to lose its natural color, resulting in white patch-

Speaking as the chief guest, Professor (Dr) Ajai Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, emphasized the importance of understanding and treating vitiligo. "Anyone can suffer from vitiligo, but the process of color change can be stopped and slowed down through treatment. The skin color can also return to a great extent," he stated. He also highlighted the mental stress patients face due to societal misconceptions about the condition. "We need to empower patients mentally as well. This



disease changes the skin's color into spots, and the colorless areas usually grow larger over time. It is crucial to contact a doctor immediately when

symptoms appear." Department Dermatology at AIIMS Bhopal organized the program in collaboration with the Department of Biochemistry and Community and Family Medicine. For the past month, a series of awareness activities took place in the regions of Bhojpur, Dhamdhus'ar, Bangrasia, and Chiklod. These activities included street plays, poster-making, and patient counseling sessions to educate the public about vitiligo. On the concluding day, patients and their families visiting AIIMS

Bhopal were further

informed about vitiligo through street plays. Additionally, a painting competition was held, and the winning participants were awarded for their creativity and efforts. AIIMS Bhopal remains committed to spreading awareness and providing support to vitiligo patients, ensuring they receive the necessary treatment and mental

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sary as Tribal Pride Day.

Strong monsoon activity was seen in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday. Heavy rains occurred in many districts including Bhopal. Three people died due to lightning in Rewa. Roads were flooded after heavy rains in Indore. There is a long jam at many places.

Meanwhile, Mandla, Dhar, Narmadapuram, Pachmarhi, Ratlam and Ujjain also received rain. One and a quarter inch rain recorded Malajkhand and Seoni of Balaghat, one inch in Umaria and Khajuraho. The Meteorological Department has issued an alert of heavy rain in many districts in the next few

Heavy rains continued in



Bhopal from Saturday afternoon onwards. Heavy rains occurred in many areas including MP Nagar, Tulsi Nagar, New Market, Kolar, Raisen Road. 1 inch of rain was recorded in one day. The Meteorological Department has issued an alert of heavy rains for the

In Indore, torrential rains on Saturday afternoon have drenched the city. When the rain started with strong winds, the roads were flooded. Power went out in some areas. In about 40 minutes of heavy rain, 15 MM (more than half an inch) of water fell. This caused waterlogging

Heavy rains witnessed in many districts including Bhopal and indore, more rains on cards

in many areas including Khajrana Square, AB Road BRTS, Canada Bypass Square, Gokul Nagar. There is a long jam at many places.

Heavy rain has continued in Bhopal since Saturday afternoon. Heavy rain occurred in many areas including MP Nagar, Tulsi Nagar, New Market, Kolar, Raisen Road. Light rain occurred at many places. The city has received 1 inch of rain in a day. The M e t e o r o l o g i c a l Department has issued an alert of heavy rain for the next 3 days. It has been raining in the city for the last 9 days.

The rain in June has broken the record of 2 years. So far 8.9 inches of water has fallen, which is 2 inches more than last year. At the same time, the highest rainfall has occurred for the third time in 10 years. Heavy rain will continue on Sunday as

In such a situation, the record of the year 2021 is likely to break. This year 10.5 inches of rain was recorded. It has been raining in Bhopal since June 21. It rained for 9 consecutive days. Due to this, the rainfall figure has increased and the average rainfall amount of June has also been full.

Meteorological Department has also issued an alert of heavy rain for the next 4 days i.e., June 30, July 1, 2 and 3. Heavy rain is expected on Sunday.

There is an orange alert for rain on June 30 and July 1. Heavy rain may also occur on July 2. Due to rain, day and night temperatures may drop.

tographs with the families.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav poses for a group photo graph with the police personnel who got out-of- turn promotion during a programme in Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh on Saturday.

Police have demonstarted valor in eradicating Naxalism: CM

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

hief Minister Mohan Yadav stated that nature √has blessed Balaghat, and Naxalite activities will not be tolerated in such a paradise. On April 1 this year, in the Pitkona area of Lanji, Hawkforce and Police Personnel set an example by demonstrating their bravery and courage in uprooting Naxalism.

Yadav honored 28 soldiers for their valor by placing ribbons and stars on their shoulders and granting them out-of-turn land, rich in wealth, grains, and paid floral tributes at the Shaheed Smarak in Police Lines and, along with public representatives, planted a Bel Patra

sapling. Chief Minister Yadav, addressing the Police Department's investiture ceremony in Balaghat on Saturday, declared that today is a historic and



proud day for India. It is a day to honor the soldiers who have demonstrated bravery, courage, and valor. Naxalite and Maoist forces have long targeted this police action taken against these forces on April 1, 2024, was a significant blow. The ceremony was organized to grant out-of-turn promotions to Hawkforce and police person-

far on Naxalite activities, Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that in

the last 5 years, Hawk Force and police personnel have killed 19 Naxalites carrying rewards worth Rs 3 crore 5 lakh in various states. This program is also a day to remember and honor those soldiers who have sacrificed their lives while on duty. Also, out-of-turn promotions will be made. The government stands with all those who have brought glory to the state. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav stat-

ed that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has emerged as the third country in the world mies both within and beyond its borders, following the footsteps of Israel and America. After the program, Chief Minister Dr. Yadav spent time with the families of the police personnel and their children.

During the programme, Superintendent of Police Sameer Saurabh gave an outline of the event in his welcome address. Also, Director General of Police Sudhir Saxena explained in detail about the Naxalite incident that took place in Lanji on 1 April 24. He said that for the first time in 32 years, major action was taken in retaliation on April 1, in which two hardcore Naxalites were killed. Deadly weapons like AK-47 rifles were confiscated.

Local MP Smt. Bharti Pardhi, Katangi MLA Gaurav Pardhi, Baihar MLA Sanjay Uike, Paraswada MLA Madhu Bhagat, Baraseoni MLA Vicky Patel, former minister Gaurishankar Bisen, Ramkishore Kavre and Municipality Chairperson Bharti Surjit Thakur and others

He sought blessings from the Regarding the action taken so were present in the investiture parents and grandparents of the ceremony of Hawkforce and soldiers and posed for phopolice personnel. Safety manual available for MP Transco employees

MoU signed between 2 institutions working in the field of culture

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

emorandum Understanding **IV** Lbetween Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi and Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Bhopal has been signed by Sachidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi and Professor Amitabh Pandey, Director, Indira Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Bhopal. Through this MoU based on the principle of equality equity reciprocity and mutual benefits IGN CA and igrms hereby agree to explore the following avenues of academic research collaboration.

Accordingly collaborative research projects in the domain of art and culture of India.faculty and students exchange programmes for the purpose of teaching Research and field study skill development, etc. To jointly Organize exhibition workshop seminar symposium conference on various aspects of art and culture of India.To jointly organize cultural events to provide a platform and reorganization for The Artists and performers.mutual access to

In collaboration with igrms for a period of 5 years IGNCA seeks to enhance. It's network with like minded institutions contribute to the promotion of study in the broad discipline of Social Sciences Humanities culture heritage and traditional art and other allied areas among the young research scholars and faculty and engage with them for a meaningful dialogue on the nature of wrk ignca seeks to promote.

library and archival resources.

Development of digital

resources and joint Publication

The functioning of these two institutions is as follows.Ignca is an academic and cultural research institution. It has in its mandate the objective to pursue studies on culture and arts from a Holistic perspective igrms is working in the domain of preservation and propagation of various Indian culture aspects through its activities. The Museum is first of its kind in India and known for displaying several ethnographic cultures and one place in a Holistic way with 10 open air and one indoor exhibition.

Minor girl raped, accused at large

Bhopal: Nishatpura police have booked the accused for sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl, the accused lived with the girl's mother. The accused raped the minor when her mother was not at home

The police have registered a case against the accused and started investigating the matter. The search for the accused is

Nishatpura police station said that the 14-year-old minor lives with her mother and brothers in Karond area. The girl's father was living separately from the family for the past many years. The girl's mother was acquainted with the accused for many years. He was an acquaintance for a long time and started liv-

ing with the girl's mother. The police said that the girl's mother suffers from some disease due to which she had to get blood transfusions. In the month of March, her health deteriorated and she was admitted to a private hospital. During this time, the victim used to stay alone at home and used to cook food and send it to the

hospital. One day the accused came home and found the victim alone at home. The accused took advantage of the situation and raped the minor.

3-member AICC panel to review recent debacle in Lok Sabha polls

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three-member Congress committee on Saturday Acommittee on Sauruay arrived in Bhopal on a two-day visit to review the recently concluded Lok Sabha poll debacle of the party. The committee comprises

Prithiviraj Chawan, former Maharashtra Chief Minister; Saptagiri Shankar Ulka, former Odisha MP; and Jignesh Mewani, Gujarat MLA.

After a brief welcome ceremony by the state Congress unit at party headquarters in Bhopal, the committee started the process of one-to-one meetings with party leaders.

MP Congress Chief Jitu Patwari left the party headquarters soon after having a closed-door meeting with the committee. The committee will also investigate the role of Jitu Patwari, especially after the Congress Indore candidate Akashay Kanti Bam withdrew his nomination papers at the last minute.

The high command has also tasked the committee to find out reasons why several party leaders, including some sitting MLAs, had switched to BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha elecThe committee visit comes at a crucial time as a major reshuffle of **Congress' state** unit is on the cards

Sources said that the role of senior party leaders including two former Chief Ministers Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh along with other senior Congress leaders like Ajay Singh (Rahul), Arun Yadav, Kamaleshwar Patel, and Kantilal Bhuria will also be investigated. The committee will also visit different parts of the state and hold meetings with senior leaders, district heads and candidates of the Lok Sabha elections. The committee visit comes at a crucial time as a major reshuffle of Congress' state unit is on the cards, and the final report will hold significance.

Congress lost all 29 Lok Sabha seats to the BJP in the state. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the party won only one seat and also suffered a humiliating defeat in the Assembly elections held in November last year.



PNS JABALPUR

Pradesh adhya Power Transmission Company (MP Transco) has taken another step towards maintaining its zero accident target, under which a safety manual has been implemented in the company. In this manual, the methods to follow the guide lines to be adopted for maintenance work in trans-

mission lines, substations etc. with complete safety, vigilance and awareness have been explained point wise. In preparing this manual, The team of engineers Mr. Atul Nabar, Mr. Deepak Kumar, Mr. Chandrakant Srivastava and Mr. Iitendra Tiwari contributed under the direction of M.P Transco Chief Engineer Praveen Gargava. This manual has been prepared in both digital and print versions. In speech M.P. Transco's Managing Director Er. Sunil Tiwari expressed hope that this manual will prove to be very useful in maintaining the company's zero accident target. He said that there is nothing more important than human life. Therefore M.P. Transco's maintenance team performs its work adhering to the highest standards of safety.

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The govt is equally and fully committed to all sectors: CM

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav, addressing farmers ⊿at the Shri Anna Mahotsav and Kisan Samman Ceremony held under the Rani Durgavati Shri Anna Promotion Scheme, emphasized that Millets is an integral part of our cultural heritage. He highlighted Balaghat district's unique identity in Millets production, noting its 3,000-year history of Kodo cultivation.

Yadav stated that the government is actively working on increasing the production and value addition of millet crops. To support Kodo-producing farmers, the state government provides an additional grant of Rs 1,000 per quintal. He reiterated the government's unwavering commitment to equal development across all sectors,

rapidly throughout the state. Yadav announced that the Central Government has set a support price of Rs 4,290 for Kodo this year. He noted that the efforts of the government and the Millet Mission have led to an increase in the cultivation area of Millet crops. Previously, Millets were grown on 10,000 hectares in Balaghat district, but due to the growing interest of farmers, the target is now to expand this area to 15,200 hectares. Balaghat plays a significant role in contributing to the country's total cultivation area of one lakh hectares. To economically empower farmers,

the Central Government pro-

vides Rs 25,000 crore annually

to 80 lakh farmers under the

Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme.

Additionally, the Madhya

Pradesh government transfers

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ensuring that progress continues accounts of eligible farmers year under the Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav emphasized that, in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, efforts are underway to increase farmers' incomes.

Yadav said that Balaghat is a district rich in forest and mineral resources. Here minerals like manganese, dolomite, and copper are in abundance along with the flowing nectar of Wainganga. GI tagged Chinnor rice is the heritage of the district. He said that Naxalite activities will not be tolerated under any circumstances in such a land. 28 soldiers who played an important role in the security and peace of the country were honored today. The government stands with such brave soldiers. Prime Minister Modi's government has put an end to Naxal activities in

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that along with providing food, farmers will also become producers of electricity. By promoting solar energy, farmers will be motivated to produce electricity from solar energy. He said that remarkable work has been done towards conservation of water structures in Balaghat district. All these works will be documented. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that no negligence will be tolerated in the matter of conservation and promotion of Bovines. Recently, 7500 cows have been freed in the state and 1000 people who were transporting them have been arrested. He said that in the direction of conservation and promotion of Bovines, grazing land in the state will now be freed from encroachment. Construction of cow shelters will be encouraged in Gram

The Chief Minister highlighted that Ayushman cardholders needing treatment in another city will now have access to a free air ambulance service, complete with a doctor, nurse, and advanced medical equipment. Additionally, those without Ayushman cards can avail of this service at concessional rates. He further mentioned that air taxi services have been initiated in cities like Jabalpur, Gwalior, and Rewa, and will soon expand to smaller cities with airstrip facilities.Dr. Yadav also stated that Regional Industry Conclave will be held in Jabalpur on July 20, which is expected to boost regional development and create employment opportunities. Furthermore, the Religious Endowments Department will identify and develop religious sites associated with Lord Ram and Krishna into pilgrimage destinations.



BJP MP Alok Sharma plants a sapling under PM Modi's programme 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' in Bhopal on Saturday

Rs 12,500 crore directly to the Union Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan being garlanded during a programme in Mandideep, district Raisen at his Lok Sabha constituency, Madhya Pradesh on Saturday.

Vaishali river restoration campaign commences

Gwalior: Restoration campaign of Vaishali river (Murar), which has turned from a river into a drain and is pleading for its existence, will start from July 3. This decision was taken at a meeting held today in the presence of saints. A special meeting was organized

under the leadership of saint society in Goyal Vatika Huravali on Saturday to workout an action plan for the restoration of the river.

During the meeting, the saints gave blessings and appealed to the people of all sections of the society to unite and make this holy and human life related campaign meaningful and successful. Mahamandaleshwar Ramdas Maharaj said that uninterrupted flow of river is necessary for

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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On Behalf of The President of India, The Divisional Railway Manager,

human life. Ram Bhushan Das Maharaj of Kheneta Dham said that the condition of rivers in India is deteriorating day by day, which is not good for the future. He added that cleaning the river is good for the society. Therefore, we all have to come forward and save the existence of the river. Haridas Nagaji Maharaj of Jaderua Dham said that rivers have great importance in Indian culture and religion. Saint Kripal Singh Maharaj said that along with humans, animals also get life from rivers. He further said that it is our moral duty to save the river, so that the environment and aquatic environment remains pleasant. Along with the saints, people of all the society should do

Shramdaan together. Sant Santosh Guru said that mind and money.

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when a man moves towards doing charity, his nature moves towards divinity. The resolution to restore the river, which is yearning for existence, to its original form will be fulfilled only with social participation. Premanand Maharaj of Laltipara Gaushala said that in the modern environment, people are forgetting their culture, civilization and traditions. River is like a mother. It should be respected. Human life exists only when the river is alive.

Saint Gopal Sharan said that the resolution taken for the restoration of Murar river is excellent. He added that he himself will join in this campaign. He concluded by saying that from cleaning to planting trees, he will cooperate in every possible way with body,

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MBA student from Gwalior sexually assaulted in Chunabhatti

Bhopal: Chunabhatti police have booked a youth for sexually assaulting an Gwalior based an MBA student.

Panchayats.

On the complaint of the student, Chunabhatti police has registered a case of rape against the youth.

The student met the accused six months ago during a train journey. Then both of them started talking by sharing mobile numbers with each other.

Chunabhatti police said that an MBA student living in Ayodhya bypass area has lodged a complaint against Gwalior resident Shubham Dubey. The accused youth called the student to a hotel located in front of Bansal Hospital in Shahpura two days ago to meet. When the student protested against the molestation, the youth beat her up. Also, he blackmailed her by threatening to commit suicide by jumping from the roof of the hotel and committed the rape. On Friday, the student came to the police station and complained about Gwalior resident Shubham. After this, a case of rape has been registered against Shubham.

Chunabhatti police station incharge Bhupendra Kaul Sidhu said that the MBA student had gone to Mathura with her family six months ago. Here, while boarding the train at the railway station, the student got separated from her family. In a hurry, she entered the second bogie of the train and her family entered the other coach. The student did not have a

mobile phone till then. Due to this, she asked for help to make a call to her family from the mobile phone of the youth (Shubham) traveling in to be with her family.

the train. Shubham allowed the student to make a call on his mobile. After this, Shubham started talking to the student by making different excuses. After some time, both of them became friends.

The police said that after the train left Mathura, when the train stopped at the next stop, she went to the reserved seat

WESTERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION FOR THE CONTRACT OF LEASING OF PARCEL SLR E-auction for the contract to lease out parcel SLR in trains originating from Mumbai Division has been invited. The catalogue has already been published on IREPS website, the details are furnished as under: Type of contract: Parcel, Catagory: Parcel SLR, Contract period: 2 years.

Lot	No.
22945-SLR-R1-MMCT-OKHA-24-1	22921-SLR-R1-BDTS-GKP-23-1
22917-SLR-F1-BDTS-HW-24-2	19037-SLR-R1-BDTS-BJU-24-1
22945-SLR-F1-MMCT-OKHA-24-1	

2. Auction catalogue no.: MMCT- PLS-24-22					
Lot No.					
2490-SLR-R1-DDR-BKN-24-1	14808-SLR-R1-DDR-JU-24-1				
2935-SLR-R1-BDTS-ST-24-1	12989-SLR-R1-DDR-AII-24-2				

Date & Time of e-Auction: e-auction for lot will start at 12.00 hrs on 09.07.2024. Initial cooling period is 30 minutes. Note: Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction leasing module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in).

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE **OF ACCUSED PERSON**

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Shivraj S/o Kailash, Jan Bahadur S/o Gopal, Dev S/o Chattar Singh, Jite S/o Aakash, Sita Ram S/o Kanhaiya, Birjeet Singh S/o Bhim Singh, Aryaman S/o Shankar R/o Vill, Bilakhedi, Distt. Guna, Madhya Pradesh, Yuvraj S/o Gopal R/o Patel Colony, Distt. Guna, Madhya Pradesh, Murali S/o Manohar R/o Vill. Gadha, Distt. Guna, Madhya Pradesh, Rajnath S/o Sethi R/o Vill. Sevda, Distt. Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh & Lakhan S/o Ram Prasad R/o Vill. Sevada, Distt. Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 956/2020, U/s 392/395/412/34/ IPC P.S.: Punjabi Bagh Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Shivraj, Jan Bahadur, Dev, Jite, Sita Ram, Birjeet Singh, Aryaman, Yuvraj, Murali, Rajnath & Lakhan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Shivraj, Jan Bahadur, Dev, Jite, Sita Ram, Birjeet Singh, Aryaman, Yuvraj, Murali, Rajnath & Lakhan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Shivraj, Jan Bahadur, Dev, Jite, Sita Ram, Birjeet Singh, Aryaman, Yuvraj, Murali, Rajnath & Lakhan accused of FIR No. 956/2020, U/s 392/395/412/34/ IPC P.S.: Punjabi Bagh Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 31.07.2024. By Order

DP/8285/WD/2024 (Court Matter)

Sh. Satvir Singh Lamba, ASJ/Special Judge (NDPS) 1st Floor Room No. 132 Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

28/06/2024

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

19037-SLR-F1-BDTS-BJU-24-1

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

Appendix IV : Symbolic Possession NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (s) issured by Authorized Officer of the Company to the Borrower(S) / Guarantor(S) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice here by given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the change of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

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Change of Name Before Marriage My name	Name of Borrower/ Guarantor / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice issued Date Loan Account No, Amount Due as on Notice Date	Description of Secured asset (Immovable Property)	Date of Symbolic Possession
as FATEMA ABBASBHAI TTARWALA D/O ABBAS HAI ATTARWALA. Written on y previous Passport. After	Mr. BHAGVAN SINGH (Borrower) Mrs. SHIPRA BAI (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date:-26/03/2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001195 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 5,90,450/- (Rupees Five Lacs Ninty Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Only)	House No 31/1 Situated At Village Lalakheda Phno 50 Tehsil Tarana / Makdone Dist. Ujjain, Tehsil - Tarana (Makdone), Near By Tejaji Mandir, Rural, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India – 456661 Total Area - 351.35sq.mtr. Four Boundaries - East: House of Balu and vacant land, West: Open land of Meharwan, North: Field of Bhagwan Singh, South: Common road	28/06/2024
larriage, I have changed my ame. My new name is now nown as FATEMA ALI W/O AHIR ALI. Address H.No.10, posite Gas Adalat, Near lahidiya School, Fatehgarh, hopal (M.P.) 462001 Name Amendment I, ASMA SHEIKH, wife of arid Sheikh, resident of A-19,	Mr. Dharmendra Prajapati (Borrower) Mrs. Bulbul Prajapati (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date:-07/03/2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000616 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.6,48,451/- (Rupees Six Lacs Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty One Only)	House No 47, PH No 62, gram panchayat kothadi, Banyakhedi, tehsil- Badnagar, Ujjain , Madhya Pradesh , India – 456337 Total Area – 89.1869SQ.mtr. Four Boundaries - East - Govt. Land, West - Common Road, North : House Of Suresh, South : House Of Jagdish	27/06/2024
	Mr. HOKAM SINGH (Borrower) Mrs. SUSHILA BAI (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date:-26/03/2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000972 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 5,47,729/-(Rupees Five Lacs Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine Only)	A House No. 14, Situated At Village Bagoda, P.H.No. 37, Gram Panchaat Bagoda, Tehsil Tarana, Distt. Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India – 456665 Total Area: -96.61 Sq. Mtr. Four Boundaries - East - Plot Of Karan Singh, West - Common Passage, North - Plot Of Kalu Singh, South - Plot Of Lakhan Singh	28/06/2024
busing Board Colony, Behind TVS Showroom Koh-e-Fiza, nopal, PIN 462001, Madhya adesh, India, mistakenly had ritten my name as Sheikh sma in my passport. Presently,	Mr. ISHAWAR LAL (Borrower) Mrs. Sangeeta Bai (Co Borrower)	Issuance Date: - 26/03/2024 MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001166 Total Amount Due - Rs. 5,63,889/-(Rupees Five Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Nine Only)	A HOUSE/PLINTH NO 538 SITUATED AT VILLAGE TUKRAL, janpad panchayat tarana PHNO 07 & NEW PHNO 20 TEH TARANA DISTRICT UJJAIN , TEHSIL TARANA DIST UJJAIN , NAV DURGA NAGDEV MATAKHEDA MANDIR , Rural , Ujjain , Madhya Pradesh , India - 456665 Total Area -1564 sq.ft . Four Boundaries - East : common Passage, West : House And Land Of Bahadur Singh, North : Plot Of Atmaram, South : Common Passage	28/06/2024
am correcting the mistake and aking my name as Asma neikh, wife of Farid Sheikh as ar all my documents- Aadhar ard, PAN card, driving licence	Mr. Ramesh Chandra (Borrower) Mrs. Bhuri Bai (Co Borrower)	Issuance Date:-23/03/2024 MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000722 Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,85,066/-(Rupees Six Lacs Eighty Five Thousand and Sixty Six Only)	Gram Panchayat H.no.651 Situated At Village Nanded, P.h.no.26 Tehsil Tarana Makdone District ,urban , Ujjain , Madhya Pradesh , India – 456668 Total Area – 3096 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East : Common Road, West : House Of Nirbhaya Singh, North : House Of Anandilal, South : Empty Land Of Krishna Chouhan	27/06/2024
nd Voter Card. I should be con- dered as Asma Sheikh, wife of arid Sheikh from today awards.	Mrs. SANGITA BAI (Borrower) Mr. GORDHAN LAL (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date:-23/03/2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000783 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,65,972/- (Rupees Six Lacs Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two Only)	Gram Panchayat H.No.128, Gram Lodh Patwari Halka No. 01, Thesil Tarana, District – Urban - Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456668 Total Area – 275.922 Sq.Mtr. Four Boundaries - East - Common Road, West - House Of Jagdishchsndra, North - Common Road, South - House Of Arvind	28/06/2024
Road Branch: ppal Securitization and Reconstruction powers conferred under Section emand notice on date 01.03.2024 ntioned in the notice plus interest in to the borrowers/guarantors in of the properties described herein with rule 8 of the said rules on this	Mr. Shree Ram (Borrower) Mrs. Mira Bai (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date:-23/03/2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000655 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 8,45,876/-(Rupees Eight Lacs Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Six Only)	Plot No. 01 Situated at village Narelakalan , PHNO.63, Tehsil badnagar District Ujjain M.P., India - 456337 Total Area – 137.8681 sqmtr Four Boundaries - East: House Of Narendra Singh, West: Common Road, North: House Of Bharat Singh, South: Common Road	27/06/2024
	Mr. SUNIL KUMAR (Borrower) Mrs. RAJU BAI (Co Borrower) Mr. BALKRISHNA LALU JI (Co Borrower)	I. Issuance Date:-23/03/2024 MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000571 Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,04,418/-(Rupees Six Lacs Four Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Only)	Property Situated At Makan Kramank 219/1, Gram Kanardi, P.H.No.24, Tehsil-Tarana, District Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India – 456770 Total Area – 2025 Sq. Ft. Four Boundaries - East - House Of Mahesh Ji, West - Common Road, North - Common Road - South - House Of Bhagirathji	28/06/2024

पत्रांकः झाँसी/एस/106/प्रेस विज्ञप्ति दिनांकः 27.06.202 Fari Hou PUBLIC NOTIFICATION CI "It is notified for the information of general public that regarding Bho Commisining of double line between TEHARKA-MAURANIPUR Pra writ section, high speed trail test has to be conducted in this section Asn on 28.06.2024, 29.06.2024 & 30.06.2024 Common public, an vehicle drivers, farmers and the cattle grazers of this area are mal informed not to let their cattle come close to the railway track, to She use ROB and RUB to cross the railway track and to take all рег necessary precautions. If any accident takes place on the rail card line, railway administration will not be responsible. and Sr. Divisional Safety Officer side 1120/24(A) Jhansi Far onw Hoshangabad R Punjab & Sind Bank POSSESSION NOTICE Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank under the S of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of c 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a den calling upon the below mentioned borrowers and guarantors to repay the amount menti thereon and other charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers/quarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given particular and public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic posse below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 28th day of June 2024 Mr. TEJAARAM S/O NARAYAN 1. Issuance Date: - 25/03/2024 A House No 24A, Situated At Village Devikheda P.H.No.22, Tehsil Tarana Dist. Ujjain 28/06/2024 The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the M.P., Near By Hanuman Mandir, Rural, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456661 Total 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001233 properties mentioned below and any dealing with the said properties will be subject to the charge of **Punjab & Sind Bank**, **Hoshangabad Road Branch**, **Bhopal** for an amount mentioned against the names of the borrowers/guarantors below and Area - 87.839sq.mtr. Mrs. PREM BAI (Co Borrower) 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6.33.679/ interest & charges applicable thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Four Boundaries - East : House Of Ambaram, West : Lane, North : House Of Kailash (Rupees Six Lacs Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Nine Only)

Mrs. ANITA W/o KAMAL

MALVIYA (Co Borrower)

Mr. KAMAL S/o OMPRAKSH

(Borrower)

1. Issuance Date: - 26/03/2024

2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001164

3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 7,48,649/-

(Rupees Seven Lacs Forty Eight

Thousand Six Hundred Forty Nine Only)

Name of Borrowers Amount as per demand Notice **Description of Properties** & Guarantors Borrower: 1. M/s Kusum Network (Prop. Kamal Kishore Arya) 49,20,396/ Add. Shop No. L-7 Shristi Complex Plus interest MP Nagar Zone 1, Bhopal, M.P.- 462011

2. Mr. Kamal Kishore Arya S/o Gaya Prasad Arya ortgagor/Guarantor: 3. Mr. Gaya Prasad Arya Address 2 & 3: R/o House No. 391 A sector, Gopal Nagar Khajuri Kalan Bhopal, (M.P.)- 462021

Date: 28-06-2024, Place: Bhopal

01.03.2024 & other charges

Residential Plot No 391-A, Part of khasra No. 13, 18, 16, 904/16/2 & 8/2, Gopal Nagar, village Khajuri kalan Ward No. 61, (New), Tehsil-Huzur Dist-Bhopal Property bounded as : North: 25 Ft

Wide Road, South:Plot No. 390, East Plot No. 392, West: Plot No. 405

Authorised Officer, Puniab & Sind Bank

Borrower(s)/Guarantor's are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time herein after by way of public aution/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest) Enforcement Rules, 2002. Authorised Officer Mobile No.-Vaibhav Shrivastav - 7987969803, Rajesh Chakotiya - 84355 71111, Aishwarya - 90246 08717, Sitaram Prajapati - 95845 67867, Ankita Patil - 77230 55195, Govind - 8962816436

A House No. 139/1 Situated At Village Harsodan, P.H.No.52 of Property: Tehsil and Distt.

Four Boundaries - East - House Of Babulal and Bhagwan Singh, West - Common

Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456661. Total Area 328.40 Sq.ft

Passage, North - House Of Rajaram, South - Lane and Field of Dinesh

Authorised Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited Place: Ujjain, Date: 30/06/2024

STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS

Leaders condole death of five PM greets soldiers in Ladakh flash flood

sunday pioneer

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday expressed sadness over the death of soldiers in a flash flood in Ladakh and said the entire country is with their families. Five Army personnel, including a junior commissioned officer, drowned when their T-72 tank sank due to flash floods in the Shyok River near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Nyoma-Chushul area in Ladakh during an exercise early Saturday.

"I am saddened by the news of the accident during the military exercise in Ladakh I express my condolences to the

families of the brave soldiers who lost their lives in this acci-

The whole country is with the families of the brave soldiers," Shah said in a social media post

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra expressed sorrow at the death of five soldiers who



drowned when their T-72 tank sank due to a flash flood in the Shyok river in Ladakh on er in saluting the exemplary service of our valiant soldiers,"

'Deeply distressed at the loss of lives of five Indian Army bravehearts, including a JCO (junior commissioned officer), while getting a T-72 tank across a river in Ladakh," Kharge said in a social media post.

"Our heartfelt condolences to the families of the Army personnel who fell victim to this painful tragedy. In this hour of grief, the nation stands togeth-

The five Army personnel, including a junior commissioned officer, drowned when their tank sank in the Shyok river near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Nyoma-Chushul area of Ladakh. Rahul Gandhi, the leader of

opposition in the Lok Sabha,

death was extremely sad.

"The news of the martyrdom of five Indian Army soldiers in an accident during a military exercise of a tank crossing a river in Ladakh is extremely sad," he said in a post in Hindi on X. "While paying my humble tribute to all the martyred soldiers, express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. We stand with them in this hour of grief. The country will always remember their dedication, service and sacrifice," he said in a post.

Priyanka Gandhi also expressed her condolences to the families of the five soldiers. "The news of the martyrdom of five army soldiers in the sudden flood ... in Ladakh is extremely sad.

May God grant peace to the departed souls. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families," she said in social media post in Hindi. "The country will always

remain indebted to our brave soldiers and their families for this supreme sacrifice," she

Amarnath pilgrims

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday greeted pilgrims on the start of the Amarnath Yatra, saying the 'darshan' of Lord Shiva is known to infuse immense energy in his followers. The annual Amarnath Yatra

began early Saturday as the first batch of pilgrims left the twin base camps in Baltal and Nunwan to start their journey to the 3,880 metre-high cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

"My heartfelt best wishes to all pilgrims on the commencement of the holy Amarnath

This yatra associated with the darshan of Baba Barfani infuses immense energy in the devotees of Lord Shiva.

May all devotees prosper with his blessings. Jai Baba Barfani," Modi said in a post on X in Hindi.

The 52-day pilgrimage will conclude on August 19. In his message, added.

India, Qatar to review bilateral ties during Jaishankar's visit

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

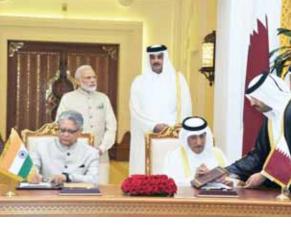
India and Qatar will review the entire spectrum of their bilateral ties during External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit there on Sunday.

He will meet Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said here on Saturday. Incidentally, Jaishankar's visit

comes four-and-half months after Qatar released eight former Indian Navy personnel, who were sentenced to death after being arrested in August

India and Qatar share historic and friendly relations which are marked by regular exchange of high-level visits. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited Qatar on February 14-15 and held discussions with Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, MEA said while giving details of Jaishankar's visit.

Jaishankar's visit will enable both sides to review various



aspects of bilateral relations political, trade, investment, including political, trade, energy, security, cultural and investment, energy, security, people-to-people as well as the cultural and people-to-people regional and international as well as the regional and issues of mutual interest". international issues of mutual India and Qatar are looking at interest."During the visit, he broadbasing trade basket with will meet the Prime Minister a view to link it to regional and Foreign Minister of Qatar Sheikh Mohammed bin It is expected that Jaishankar

and Al Thani would also deliberate on the overall situation in West Asia against the backdrop of Israel's continuing military offensives in Gaza.

India's Shivalik to take part in world largest naval exercise

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $\mathbf{I}^{ ext{ndian multi-role stealth}}_{ ext{frigate INS Shivalik, mission}}$ deployed in South China Sea and North Pacific Ocean, has reached Pearl Harbour in Hawaii to take part in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, which is 'world's largest naval exercise," navy said here on Saturday.

It spans six weeks and navies from 26 countries will take part in the mega drill.

Giving details, officials said the Indian warship sailed into Pearl Harbour on Thursday on completion of JIMEX 24, a bilateral exercise between India and

The harbour phase of the exercise from June 27 June to July 07 will see participation in multiple symposiums, exercise planning discussions, sports competitions and reciprocal deck visits.

The sea phase of RIMPAC – 24, divided into three sub-phases



will witness ships undertaking basic and advanced level integration exercises during the first two sub-phases.

The event will conclude with a theatre level large force tactical

The exercise will witness the participation of an Aircraft Carrier Battle Group, submarines, maritime reconnaissance aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, remotely piloted surface ships and also an amphibious force landing operations including joint operations with special forces of multinational navies. RIMPAC-24, spanning over

six weeks of intense operations and training is aimed at enhancing interoperability and building trust among the navies of friendly foreign countries. Led by the US Navy, approximately 29 countries are participating in the current edition of the multi-dimensional exer-The world's largest interna-

tional maritime exercise, RIM-PAC-24 provides a unique training opportunity while fostering and sustaining cooperative relationships among participants, critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security of world's oceans.

INS Shivalik's participation in RIMPAC-24, 9,000 Nautical Miles away from Indian coast stands testimony to the Indian Navy's capability to operate in any part of the world.

The ship is an indigenously designed and built 6,000 tonnes guided missile stealth frigate.

Heavy to very heavy rainfall predicted for NW, NE India

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall in northwest and northeast India over the next four to five days.

A low-pressure area is currently situated over the northwest Bay of Bengal, adjoining the north Odisha-Gangetic West Bengal coasts, the weather office said.

Cyclonic circulations have formed over northeast Rajasthan, east Uttar Pradesh bordering Bihar, and northwest Uttar Pradesh at lower tropospheric levels, it added. An east-west trough extends

from northwest Uttar Pradesh to the low-pressure area. Due to these weather systems, isolated heavy rainfall is expected in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar

Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and



Rajasthan from June 29 to July 3, the IMD said.

Chhattisgarh, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Odisha are likely to receive heavy rainfall on June 29-30, and Bihar from June 30 to July 2.

The IMD has also predicted very heavy rainfall in isolated areas in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, east Rajasthan, and west Madhya Pradesh during this period

In the northeast, a cyclonic circulation over northeast Assam will bring light to moderate rainfall, thunderstorms, lightning, and isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall to Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland,

Mizoram, and Tripura over the next five days.

Manipur,

Isolated extremely heavy rainfall is expected in Arunachal Pradesh on June 29-30 and in Assam and Meghalaya on June

The Met office also predicted isolated heavy rainfall for Saurashtra, Kutch, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and coastal and south interior Karnataka from June 29 to July 1. Gujarat, Goa, and central

Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al

Thani," MEA said.It said the

visit would "enable both sides

to review various aspects of

bilateral relations, including

Maharashtra are expected to receive heavy rainfall from June 29 to July 3, with isolated very heavy rainfall in Konkan, Goa, and central Maharashtra from June 30 to July 3.

The IMD also said the southwest monsoon has further advanced into the remaining parts of east Uttar Pradesh and some areas of west Uttar Pradesh on Saturday. Conditions are favourable for the monsoon to advance into more parts of west Rajasthan, Haryana,

Chandigarh, Punjab, and the remaining areas of west Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu over the next two to three days, it added.

Apart from its strategic impor-

tance, these developments

mark a crucial step in improv-

ing regional connectivity and

Canopy at Rajkot Airport collapses



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After the tragic airport canopy collapse in Delhi that claimed a life and injured many, a canopy at the Rajkot International Airport in Gujarat has also collapsed due to heavy rain on Saturday. The canopy was placed at the passenger pickup and drop area outside the airport terminal. No injuries have been reported so far.

spot of the canopy collapse. This marks the third such occurrence in a short span, raising concerns over airport infrastructure resilience in extreme weather conditions. In a post on X, the Rajkot airport authorities said that water

A video on social media

accumulation was observed on the city side of the canopy at the terminal building at 11.40 am due to heavy rains. "As we came to know about it we gave the information to the civil works department and the area beneath was cordoned off," said Rajkot International

Airport in the post.

The international airport is located at Hirasar, about 30 km from Rajkot city. "Around 11.55 am, more water accumulated on the canopy amid heavy rains, due to which the canopy fabric got torn and fell. No casualties were reported in the incident. The airport civil team is removing the (damaged) canopy," they added.

Early Friday morning, heavy

rains led to a canopy collapse at Delhi Airport's Terminal 1, injuring six individuals who were subsequently rescued and hospitalised, as reported by Delĥi Fire Services. As a safety measure, all departures from Terminal 1 were temporarily suspended, and check-in counters closed. The Delhi Police also registered a first information report (FIR) under Sections 304A (death by negligence) and 337 (causing hurt by an act of endangering life or personal safety of others) of the Îndian Penal Code (IPC) in connection with the Terminal 1 collapse. In a separate incident, a section of the tensile roof canopy at Dumna Airport's newly expanded terminal in Jabalpur collapsed on Thursday following heavy rains. The incident, which

damaged a parked government

official's car, has led to allega-

tions of corruption from the

opposition Congress. The air-

port was inaugurated by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi just

three months ago.

Modi to release three books on Venkaiah today



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 $P_{\text{Modi will release three}}^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}$ books on former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on his 75th birthday on Sunday.

The event is scheduled to take place at the Anvaya Convention Centre in Gachibowli, Hyderabad, and Modi will release the books via videoconferencing, a statement said. Among the books the Prime Minister will release are a biography of the former Vice President titled "Venkaiah Naidu - Life in Service", authored by S Nagesh Kumar, former Resident Editor of The Hindu's Hyderabad edition, and "Celebrating Bharat -The Mission and Message of

Shri M Venkaiah Naidu as 13th Vice-President of India" -- a photo chronicle compiled by his former secretary IV Subba Rao.

The third book is a pictorial biography in Telugu titled "Mahaneta - Life and Journey of Shri M Venkaiah Naidu", authored by Sanjay Kishore, the statement said.

Air connectivity to Andaman and Nicobar gets boost

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Giving a boost to air connectivity to Andaman and Nicobar, an Air India flight made a successful night landing at Port Blair Airport, an official statement said.

The Air India Airbus A321 with 68 passengers on board landed at INS Utkrosh on Friday evening. INS Utkrosh is under Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) and it is

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The Union government has approved a 40 per cent

hardship and risk allowance for

National Disaster Response

Force (NDRF) rescuers, keep-

ing in mind the tough opera-

tions undertaken by them,

Union Home Minister Amit

Shah announced on Saturday.

He said this while welcoming

a 35-member expedition team

of the NDRF that recently

scaled the 21,625-foot-high Mt

Manirang in Himachal

"The government has approved

a 40 per cent risk and hardship

allowance for NDRF personnel

only yesterday. This has been a

All the 16,000 personnel of the

force will benefit from this,"

Shah said after welcoming the

expedition named 'Vijay'. Officials said this allowance

would be granted over and

above salaries. Special forces

like the National Security

Guard (NSG) and the Special

Protection Group (SPG) get a

25 per cent hardship allowance

owing to the special charter of

long pending demand...

Pradesh.

of Veer Savarkar International

Airport in Port Blair. A statement issued by the Andaman and Nicobar Command said,

"The aircraft left Kolkata around 5.40 pm and landed successfully in Port Blair at 7.34 pm. The aircraft proceeded towards Veer Savarkar International Terminal to disembark passengers.'

"This successful night landing marks a significant step located on the same premises towards enhancing air con-

their duties. This is the second

mountaineering expedition

The team was flagged off on

June 1 from here. Mt Manirang is located along the

border of Kinnaur and Spiti districts of Himachal Pradesh.

Shah said the government has

also decided to make sports a

"culture" for the various

Central Armed Police Forces

(CAPFs) and special organi-

It has been decided that at

least one team from these

forces will mandatorily par-

ticipate in international and

sations like the NDRF.

undertaken by the federal con-

tingency force.

40% risk allowance for NDRF rescuers



nectivity to Andaman and Nicobar Islands, benefiting

national tournaments, he

"A committee under the chair-

manship of the director of the

Intelligence Bureau has been

constituted and a roadmap has

been prepared. We will soon

present a new model," the

Shah also underlined that

forces like the NDRF should

ensure that the policy of "zero

casualty" during disasters is fol-

lowed and no lives are lost dur-

'We have come a long way...

The government under Prime

Minister Narendra Modi has

been working on the concept

added.

minister said.

ing calamities.

islanders and boosting tourism. This landmark event was made

of zero casualties during dis-

of the NDRF and state disas-

ter response forces by allo-

cating Rs 2 lakh crore during

2014-24 as compared to Rs

66,000 crore during 2004-14.

He complimented the NDRF

team for the successful expe-

ing. The NDRF was raised in 2006

as a federal contingency and

disaster response force and at

present, has a strength of more

than 18,000 men and women

rescuers deployed across the

accidents among others.

and 28 RRCs.

tions.

possible through consistent efforts by the Indian Navy, Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) over the past few years," it said. The statement said AAl upgraded the Instrument Landing System (ILS) to CAT-I in Veer Savarkar International Airport to accommodate the anticipated increase in tourist

"Utkrosh Airfield is fully capable of handling both day and

strengthening the 'Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik' (UDAN) scheme," said a senior Andaman and Nicobar Command official. He urged private airline operators to avail maximum utilisation of the night landing and takeoff facility at the Port

Blair airport.

night operations.

India presents action

cooperation under the Colombo Process, a regional out the plan while chairing a meeting of the grouping in

ship by including new nations

Muktesh Pardeshi, Secretary (Consular-Passport-Visa Division) in Ministry of External Áffairs, delivered the special address at the meeting.

"He emphasised India's com-

an action plan for the next two years, focusing on key priorities and initiatives to further strengthen the Colombo Process," it said. In May, India assumed the

for the first time since its inception.

"The Process continues to play a pivotal role in enhancing regional cooperation on migration issues, and with India's

leading role, there is a renewed commitment to engaging all member states actively, improving migration governance, and fostering safe, orderly, and regular migration for organised overseas employment," the ministry said in a statement.

plan at Colombo Process asters for the last 10 years," he PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Shah said his government has allocated higher funds for capacity building and training NEW DELHI

India has presented an action plan focusing on several of its priority areas for regional consultative forum comprising 12 Asian nations. India rolled

as members and observers.

country as part of 16 battalions mitment to advancing the objectives of the Colombo It undertakes operations to mitigate and combat man-Process and enhancing colmade and natural disasters like laboration among member earthquakes, floods and train states," the ministry said. "India presented an outline of



chair of the Colombo Process

dition, saying such exercises will boost the force's capabil-Geneva on Friday. In the meeting, India listed a range of its priorities that ities and morale and it will be able to do better during disincluded reviewing the finanasters and accident operacial sustainability of the Colombo Process and broad-Shah cautioned the rescuers that they should not rest on ening the grouping's membertheir laurels but keep improv-

Iran goes to a runoff election between US media expects Biden to reformist Pezeshkian, hard-liner Jalili

Iran will hold a runoff presidential election to replace the late hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi, an official said Saturday, after an initial vote saw the top candidates not securing an outright win.

The election this coming Friday will pit reformist candidate Masoud Pezeshkian against the hard-line former nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili.

Mohsen Eslami, an election spokesman, announced the result in a news conference carried by Iranian state television. He said of 24.5 million votes cast, Pezeshkian got 10.4 million while Jalili received 9.4 million. Parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf got 3.3 million. Shiite cleric Mostafa Pourmohammadi had

Iranian law requires that a winner gets more than 50% of all votes cast. If not, the race's top two candidates will advance to a runoff a week later. There's been only one runoff presidential election in Iran's history: in 2005, when hard-liner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad bested former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Eslami acknowledged the country's Guardian Council would 'need to offer formal approval, but the result did not draw any immediate challenge from contenders in the race. As has been the case since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, women and those calling for radical change have been barred from running, while the vote itself will have no oversight

from internationally recog-

There had been calls for a boycott, including from imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi. Mir Hossein Mousavi, one of the leaders of the 2009 Green Movement protests who remains under house arrest, has also refused to vote along with his wife, his daughter said.

There's also been criticism that Pezeshkian represents just another government-approved candidate. In a documentary on the reformist candidate aired by state TV, one woman said her generation was "moving toward the same level" of animosity with the government that Pezeshkian's generation had in the 1979 revolu-

Raisi, 63, died in the May 19 helicopter crash that also killed

the country's foreign minister and others. He was seen as a protégé of Iran's Supreme Leader Avatollah Ali Khamenei and a potential successor. Still, many knew him for his involvement in the mass executions that Iran conducted in

that followed protests over the death of Mahsa Amini, a young woman detained by police over allegedly improperly wearing the mandatory headscarf, or hiiab. The voting came as wider ten-

sions have gripped the Middle East over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip. In April, Iran launched its first-ever direct attack on Israel over the war in Gaza, while

in the region — such as the

1988, and for his role in the

bloody crackdowns on dissent

militia groups that Tehran arms

Yemen's Houthi rebels — are engaged in the fighting and have escalated their attacks. Meanwhile, the Islamic **PTI** ■ WASHINGTON

Republican rival.

November 5.

Aday after Joe Biden's dismal showing at the first presi-

dential debate against Donald Trump, leading US media out-

lets have commented that the incumbent US President

should leave the race for the

White House for the future of

American democracy and prevent a second innings for his

Biden, seeking a second term in the White House, stumbled

and fumbled during the tele-

vised presidential debate with

his predecessor Trump on Thursday night in Atlanta, set-

ting off alarm bells among top

Democrats about whether the 81-year-old president can stay

atop the gruelling months ahead of the elections on

ions as well as memes on social

The New York Times Editorial

Board on Friday went on to say how President Biden has

repeatedly and rightfully described the stakes in this November's presidential elec-

tion as "nothing less than the

future of American democra-

cy" and how Trump has proved

himself to be a significant jeopardy to that democracy and

someone who has "systemati-

cally attempted to undermine

Mr. Biden has been an

admirable president. Under

his leadership, the nation has

the integrity of elections."

AP KYIV (UKRAINE)

Ten Ukrainian civilians held prisoner for years by Russia

arrived in Kyiv overnight

Saturday after the mediation of

the Vatican, Ukraine President

They were freed Friday. Some

had been captured years before

Among those freed was Nariman

Dzhelyal, deputy head of the

Mejlis, a representative body of

Crimean Tatars that was relocat-

ed to Kyiv after Russia seized the

peninsula in 2014. He was taken

despite the annexation, one year

before the war. The chief of

Mejlis, Refat Chubarov, and

Crimean Tatar leader Mustafa

Dzhemilev embraced him after

Dzhelyal said many Ukrainians

remain in captivity: "We cannot

leave them there because the con-

nearly three years of captivity.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

Russia's full-scale invasion.

Republic continues to enrich uranium at near weaponsgrade levels and maintains a stockpile large enough to build should it choose to do so

several nuclear weapons. Despite the recent unrest, there was only one reported attack around the election. Gunmen opened fire on a van transporting ballot boxes in the restive southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan, killing two police officers and wounding others, the state-run IRNA news agency reported. The province regularly sees violence between security forces and the militant group Jaish al-Adl, as well as drug traffickers.

Attacker wounds guard at Israeli embassy in Serbia, before being shot dead

AP ■ BELGRADE (SERBIA)

An attacker with a cross-bow wounded a Serbian police officer guarding the Israeli Embassy in Belgrade on Saturday, Serbia's interior ministry said.

The officer responded by fatally shooting the assailant. Interior Minister Ivica Dacic said in a statement that the attacker fired a bolt at the officer, hitting him in the neck. He said the officer then "used a weapon in self-defense to shoot the attacker, who died as a result of his injuries.

The policeman was conscious when he was transported to Belgrade's main emergency hospital, where an operation to remove the bolt from his neck will be performed, the statement added.

A spokesman with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that "today there was an attempted terrorist attack in the vicinity of the Israeli Embassy in Belgrade." The spokesman said the embassy is closed and no employee of

the embassy was injured. The identity of the attacker was still being determined. "All the circumstances of the attack and possible motives are being investigated," Dacic

Israel's Embassy is located not far from the US Embassy in an upscale Belgrade district. It has been guarded by an elite police unit with officers armed with automatic weapons.

Serbia has maintained close relations with Israel during challenges, and the wounds ripped open by Mr. Trump have begun to heal. But the greatest public service Mr. Biden can now perform is to announce that he will not continue to run for re-election," it The Washington Post editorial, 'How Biden and the Democrats should think

prospered and begun to

address a range of long-term

withdraw from Pres race

through what to do now' said it's incumbent on this incumbent (President Biden) to determine, "whether continuing to seek re-election is in the best interests of the country" as it continued: "Former president Donald Trump proved emphatically on Thursday why preventing another Trump presidency is the paramount consideration."

The Los Angeles Times editorial 'For the sake of the nation, Biden must reassure Americans he is up to a second term' presented a gloomy picture but with a ray of hope.

November 5.
The 78-year-old Trump, who is the presumptive Republican Party candidate for the presidential election, clashed right from the start with Biden and by the end of the 90 minutes debate, gave enough fodder for serious editorials and opinions as well as memes on social "If all one was confronted with was a transcript of the debate, Biden's performance would look better. He effectively confronted Trump on the former president's complicity in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection and scored several policy points. Alas, for many viewers, especially those who don't follow politics carefully, that mattered less than the fact that Biden confirmed Trump's caricature of 'Sleepy Joe,'" it said. But it also added: "Nor, despite the visible jitters of many Democrats, does the disappointing debate performance mean that Biden should step aside from running for reelec-

its own problems for the Democratic Party. However, it does mean that the president has to reassure Americans who might now have doubts about his fitness for another term." The Chicago Tribune's editor-

tion — a scenario fraught with

ial titled 'As America sank into the couch, Ioe Biden and Donald Trump combined for a depressing farce. Enough.' was the most uncharitable as it said, "By all means, defend the honour and service of the man. But to pretend he (Biden) is the party's best choice for four more years? For a party that loves to accuse Republicans of mendacity, it's pretty rich."

'Biden, if we've not made that clear, should announce that he will be a single-term president who now has seen the light when it comes to his own capabilities in the face of the singular demands of being the president of the United States. He can do so with honour, but he is the only person who can do so. Certainly, his family can help. But, again, he is the only

one," it asserted.
The Wall Street Journal started by saying the Trump-Biden debate was "painful—for the United States

"President Biden's halting, stumbling debate performance Thursday night showed all too clearly that he isn't up to serving four more years in office. For the good of the country, more even than their party Democrats have some hard thinking to do about whether they need to replace him at the top of their ticket," were its scathing remarks only to be added with a disclaimer: "This isn't a partisan thought; it's a



Pak court asks PMO to restrain intelligence agencies from interfering in judicial matters

top Pakistani court on Asaturday directed the Prime Minister's Office to issue directives to the country's powerful intelligence agencies, including Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), from approaching any judge or member of their staff to obtain

favourable verdicts.

The intelligence agencies especially ISI, Military Intelligence (MI) and Intelligence Bureau (IB) have been accused by several judges of pressuring them through different means to get desired verdicts, especially in the cases of the former prime minister and founder of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Imran Khan, his party leaders and supporters.

Almost all — six of eight judges of the Islamabad High Court and a couple of judges of the anti-terrorism courts in Punjab

PTI ■ WASHINGTON /

Pakistan's ambassador to the US has urged the US to pro-

vide small arms and modern

equipment to his country to

ensure the success of Operation

Azm-i-Istehkam, Islamabad's

newly approved counter-terror-

The decision to launch the

'Azm-e-Istehkam' operation

was taken on June 22 at the

ISLAMABAD

ism initiative.

of Pakistan and chief justice of the Lahore High Court (LHC), respectively, drawing their attention towards the intelligence agencies' open interference in judicial matters forcing them to get desired verdicts. Some of them had complained that their family members were picked up (by intelligence agencies) to put pressure on them (judges).

The Lahore High Court Justice Shahid Karim on Saturday issued written directions to the Prime Minister's Office on the complaint of an ATC judge in the Sargodha district of Punjab against harassment by the personnel

"The prime minister is responsible and answerable for the actions of intelligence agencies as they come under his command. Instructions shall go The Sargodha ATC judge was out by the Prime Minister's scheduled to hear the cases of

Pakistan seeks small arms from US

for 'Operation Azm-i-Istehkam'

agencies, including the ISI and IB, regarding strict directions not to approach or contact any judge whether of the superior judiciary or subordinate judiciary or any member of their staff for any purpose in the future," the judge said in his written order. Similar directions have also been issued for

the Punjab police. The court said the inspector general and police chief would be held personally responsible and contempt proceedings would be initiated in case of non-implementation of its order. The LHC also directed ATC judges across Punjab to "download call-recording applications on their mobile phones to have the record of all such calls (from intelligence agencies) made to influence

judicial proceedings."
The Sargodha ATC judge was

opposition leader in the National Assembly Omar Ayub when he was told that a senior ISI officer wanted to meet him at his chamber. As the judge refused, several harassment incidents targeted at his family took place in the following

PTI spokesperson Raoof Hasan said as part of a malicious and well-thought-out plot the mandate-thief government and its handlers are coercing the judiciary into making decisions of their choice.

"The trend of holding judges and their family members hostage and occupying the courts are being used as new tactics to prevent the courts from delivering justice, as such brazen interference in judicial affairs has already been described by six judges of the Islamabad High Court in their

ditions, both psychological and the war in Gaza 9 dead in Nepal

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m L}$ and slides triggered by heavy rainfall on Saturday killed at least nine people including an entire family while they were sleeping in Nepal's mountainous districts, officials said. The landslides buried houses in three separate areas in the country's mountainous region, about

Authority Five members of the same family were killed when their house was swallowed by a landslide while they were asleep at Malika village in Gulmi district. The victims included a couple, their daughter-in-law and two grandchildren including an 8-month-old girl.

Two more people were killed in neighbouring Baglung district and another two in Syangja districts, officials said.

The monsoon season that brings heavy rainfall in Nepal began earlier this month. It generally triggers landslides in the mountainous areas that cover most part of this Himalayan nation, causing deaths and damage until September.

The former prisoners, wrapped in blue and yellow flags, reunited with families in Kviv and

physical, are very frightening

10 Ukrainians held prisoner for

years in Russia return home

called those who couldn't be there. For some, the separation had lasted many years. "I really want to hug you. I'll be

with you soon, Mommy," said Isabella Pekh, the daughter of freed art historian Olena Pekh, through a video call. "I'm so sorry I couldn't meet vou. For almost six years, Isabella Pekh spoke at international confer-

ences and appealed to ambasmother, who was detained in the occupied part of the Donetsk region. "It was six years of hell that words

cannot describe. But I knew I had my homeland, I had people who loved me, I had my daughter," Olena Pekh said. Two Ukrainian Greek Catholic priests were among those freed. One, Bohdan

Heleta, was detained in 2022 in his church in the occupied city of Berdiansk in the southeastern region of Zaporizhzhia.

"There are a lot of our men and women there," Heleta said of those who remain imprisoned. They need help, concrete help. They are waiting for it."

Pope Francis in an address on Saturday called for the release of all prisoners in the war, and thanked God for the liberation of the two priests.

Zelenskyy in a post on X wrote that "I am grateful to everyone who helped. I thank our team also want to acknowledge the efforts of the Holy See in bring-

ing these people home."

According to Ukraine's Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War, 3,310 Ukrainians have already been released from Russian captivity since Russia's full-scale invasion

landslide AP KATHMANDU

250 kilometers (156 miles) west of the capital, Kathmandu, according to Nepal's National Disaster Rescue and Reduction Management Ukrainian drone strike

Russia reports 5 dead in

AUkrainian drone strike killed at least five people in Russia's Kursk region, local officials said Saturday, while rescuers in the Ukrainian city of Dnipro dug through rubble after a Russian attack ripped through a ninestory residential building, leaving one Two children were among the victims

of the Ukranian attack in the village of Gorodishche on the Russian-Ukrainian border, Gov. Alexey Smirnov said on social media

In Dnipro, at least one person died and 12 were injured, including a 7-monthold girl, after a Russian strike destroyed the top four floors of the apartment bloc Friday evening, regional head Serhii Lvsak said.

The attacks came as Russia continues to stretch out Ukrainian forces in several areas along the 1,000-kilometer (600-mile) front. Moscow has stepped

up airstrikes in a bid to drain Ukraine's resources, often targeting energy facilities and other vital infrastructure.

Ukrainian President Volodymyi Zelenskyy said the country had lost about 80% of its thermal power and one-third of its hydroelectric power in Russian strikes. Discussing the attack in Dnipro,

Zelenskyy said it was a reminder to Ukraine's allies that the country needed more air defense systems. The Ukrainian air force said Saturday that it had downed 10 Russian drones overnight.

This is why we constantly remind all of our partners: only a sufficient amount of high-quality of air defense systems, only a sufficient amount of determination from the world at large can stop Russian terror," he said Kyiv has also struck back at Russia with

its own aerial attacks, also often targeting energy infrastructure.

UNESCO finds IS-era bombs in Mosul mosque walls

he UN cultural agency has discovered five bombs hidden within the walls of the historic al-Nouri Mosque in the city of Mosul in northern Iraq, a remnant of the Islamic State militant group's rule over the area, UNESCO said in a statement on Saturday.

The mosque, famous for its 12th-century leaning minaret, statement said. "Iraqi authori-was destroyed by IS in 2017 ties were promptly notified,

and has been a focal point of UNESCO's restoration efforts since 2020.

The UN agency said that five large-scale explosive devices, designed for significant destruction, were found inside the southern wall of the Prayer

Hall on Tuesday.

"These explosive devices were concealed within a specially rebuilt section of the wall," the Iraqi authorities have requested that UNESCO halt all reconstruction operations at al-Nouri mosque and evacuate the entire complex until the devices are

secured the area, and the situation is now fully under control?

It added that "one bomb has been defused and removed, while the remaining four are interconnected and will be safely disposed of in the coming days'

IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared an Islamic caliphate from the mosque a decade ago on June 29, 2014, leading to its destruction when extremists blew it up during the battle to liberate Mosul in 2017.

The discovery of these bombs underscores ongoing challenges in clearing Mosul of explosives and revitalising its devastated urban areas.

terrorism drive i-Istehkam (...) to oppose and dismantle terrorist networks.

For that, we need sophisticat-

ed small arms and communi-

apex committee meeting of the National Action Plan, a strategy approved in 2014 to eliminate militancy from the country. The federal government recently approved the reinvigorated national counter-"Pakistan has launched Azm-

cation equipment," Ambassador Masood Khan was quoted as saying by the Dawn newspaper. He made these remarks while

addressing US policymakers, scholars, intelligentsia, and corporate leaders at a Washington think tank, the Wilson Centre, earlier this week Khan elaborated that 'Azm-i-

Istehkam' comprises three components: doctrinal, societal, and operational. He noted that work on the first two phases has already begun, with the third phase set to be implemented soon.

The decision to launch a new anti-terror operation was taken when the country faced a new onslaught by the Tehreek-i-Taliban militants who, according to officials, are based in Afghanistan.

Khan emphasised that Pakistan and the US should maintain

strong security links, enhance intelligence cooperation, resume sales of advanced military platforms, and work on "the sustainment of US-origin defence equipment". This is crucial for regional

security and opposing the rising tide of terrorism that also threatens the interests of the US and its allies," he added. Khan argued that the bilateral relationship should be based on

ground realities and not be hindered by a few issues. Secondly, one or two issues should not hold the entire relationship hostage," he noted.

He pointed to high-level defence talks, frequent meetings, and joint military exercises like Inspired Union-2024, Falcon Talon, and Red Flag as examples of robust defence cooperation between Pakistan and the US

efforts in Kabul and collaborate on counterterrorism and the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan. "In this era of renewed strategic competition, the US and Pakistan should build on existing partnerships and explore

new horizons to establish the

parameters of mutual interests,"

the envoy said.

Khan also suggested that the US should consider Pakistan as

a partner in its diplomatic

We should not base our engagement on the incongruity of expectations. Our ties should be anchored in ground realities, even as we aim for stronger security and economic partnerships. Secondly, one or two issues should not hold the entire relationship hostage," he

Meanwhile, the US State Department expressed support to Pakistan.

UP to promote rooftop solar subsidy scheme

Uttar **⊥** government will launch an awareness campaign to promote the Centre's 'PM Surya Ghar Yojana' a rooftop solar subsidy scheme in Ayodhya, Varanasi, and Ayodhya, Gorakhpur.

The new initiative will add to state's ongoing programmes and schemes to boost generation and use of

The campaign will be based on the Integrated Marketing Communications module. In line with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision, the Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy (UPNEDA) has begun implementing the



action plan, according to an official statement.

The state government has allocated Rs 2 crore for the two months long campaign and started the process of roping in an agency to manage and execute the

the campaign in three major cities, including Ayodhya, Varanasi, and Gorakhpur, to increase public awareness and acceptance of the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana and boost the number of beneficiaries under this initiative. scheme, the statement said. Initially, UPNEDA will run The promotional activities

will include displaying banners, installing billboards at strategic locations, setting up booth camps, and distributing pamphlets during various events at universities colleges, and schools.
Besides, UPNEDA will also
use radio and newspaper

advertisements in Ayodhya Gorakhpur, and Varanasi. Ayodhya and Varanasi are already being developed as cities, and this comprehensive campaign will now pave the way for increased awareness and promotion of solar energy in Gorakhpur as well, the statement said.

According to officials, a solar city could fulfil at least 10 per cent of its energy demand through solar power.

MVN Aero One pre-leases 3 lakh sq ft to co-working operator in Gurugram

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Realty firm MVN Aero One has pre-leased 3 lakh square feet office space to co-working Spring House upcoming project

The office space has been given in the upcoming project 'MVN Aero One Mall' located in Sector-37 D, Expressway, Dwarka Gurugram, Haryana. The company will develop

15 lakh square feet area over the next 4 years in the first phase of this mixed-use project comprising retail and



'Today's workforce seeks more than just a workspace; they desire an environment that inspires creativity, enhances productivity, and

integrates seamlessly with lifestyle amenities. By integrating Spring House Co-Working with our luxury retail experience, we're meeting this demand head-on...," said Varun Sharma, Founder and Managing Director, MVN Aero One. Managing This concept redefines the traditional office space but also sets a new standard for integrated, upscale commercial environments, he added. The company expects an annual rental income of Rs 40-45 crore from this 3 lakh square feet area. The company, which develops

projects, is building

housing project in Bengaluru.According to real estate consultant Vestian, there are around 50 major flexible space operators in the country. The top 10 players hold more than 80 per cent of the total flexible office space portfolio. A Vestian report mentioned

that flexible office spaces broadly include dedicated desks, hot desking, co working spaces, and serviced managed office spaces. While co-working centres are at the most flexible end of the spectrum, managed offices would be at the less flexible end, Vestian

European jewellers using services of Mega CFC for quality testing

The services of a modern common facility centre developed at a special economic zone (SEZ) here are now being used by European jewellers for quality testing, an industry official said. The Bharat Ratnam Mega

(Common Facility Centre) at the SEEPZ (Santacruz Electronic Export Processing Zone) SEZ in Mumbai was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in January. The centre has been operational since March 15.

Ravi Menon, CEO, Mega CFC, said that the CFC has state-of-the-art machines and technologies and it is helping improve the output in terms of quality, productivity and yield of the finished jewellery and further boosting gem and jewellery exports. "Besides Indian players using

this facility, now European jewellers have also started using the services of the CFC for quality testing," Menon

He said that a team of senior officials of certain European jewllery firms has visited the

PTI GANDHINAGAR

memorandums

Bhupendra

The Gujarat government on Saturday signed

understanding with software

giants IBM and Microsoft,

and the National Association of Software and Service

Companies (NASSCOM) for

promoting the use of Artificial Intelligence

technologies in the state.
The MoUs were signed in the

presence of Chief Minister

and the Department of

Science and Technology,

Government of Gujarat,

entered into an MoU to

establish and promote an "AI

Cluster" to foster innovation

and collaboration among

financial institutions at

Gujarat International Finance

Tec (GIFT) City, it said.

Microsoft and the Department of Science and

Technology signed an MoU to establish an Artificial Intelligence Center of

Patel, government release said. IBM

centre earlier this month. Their lab managers have also visited the CFC, Menon

SEEPZ accounts for 10.26 per cent of total gem and jewellery exports from India and 85 per cent of studded jewellery exports.

Colin Shah, Head - Working Group, Bharat Ratnam Mega CFC said that the centre houses modern equipment, including Asia's first 3D metal printer, and smaller units can use these machines at a nominal fee which helps

Gujarat Govt signs MoUs with IBM,

Microsoft for enhancing AI capabilities

top

promoting

leveraging

technologies,

simplify manufacturing and boost productivity.

He said that the centre, set up at a cost of Rs 93 crore, also provides training to jewllery makers besides having a software centre and a tool

Shah also said that a proper system is there to protect designs of jewellers.

He said: "We are not here to make profits. This will help to create more jobs in MSMEs and it helps to make world standard products and not affected jobs.

industrial states by

technology such as AI," he

said. "Gujarat has emerged as

a global gateway to the future.

In response to the growing

demand for skilled workforce

in emerging industries

government has launched the Up Skilling Industry Ready Talent Program under the IT

futuristic

advanced

the state

Confident of over USD 800 bn exports in goods, services this fiscal: Goyal

PTI MUMBAI

India's goods and services Lexports are expected to cross USD 800 billion this fiscal despite global challenges, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday.

In 2023-24, the shipments stood at USD 778.2 billion (goods USD 437.1 billion and services USD 341 billion). He said that the global situation is serious as war is

still ongoing between Ukraine-Russia and Israel-Hamas, and the Red sea crisis. The minister added that there are also elections in some of the major democracies like in Europe.

"In such a situation it's a positive sign that our exports are growing (9 per cent growth in May) and ...This also reflects that the world wants to do trade and investments with India. We are confident that this year we will have over USD 800 billion exports and it will be a historic record," Goyal told reporters here.

He was here to participate in a programme of gems and jewellery exporters.

India-South Asia, said AI is a

'pivotal need of the hour" and

would be a driving force for

India's development. Through IBM's advanced AI

in GIFT City can develop actionable AI software, bolstering their ability to provide AI-driven digital

solutions across the banking,

financial services, and

Additionally, IBM will

collaborate on developing AI

curriculum for state schools

and universities, the release

said. This program has

invited expressions of interest

from universities and course

providers across the state to

participate in training youth

in deep technology. IBM, NVidia, AWS, TCS, and L&T

Edutech have committed to

providing courses under this

initiative, the release added.

Additionally, four state universities - GTU, IITRAM,

University - have joined as

sectors.

Ganpat

and infrastructure, fintech firms

platform

insurance



800 billion exports, the ministry is working on specifics with Indian missions abroad and export promotion

He added that last year the current account deficit (CAD) has also reduced...Our exports will increase, manufacturing will get a

India recorded a current account surplus of USD 5.7 billion or 0.6 per cent of GDP in the March quarter. This is the first time in ten quarters

Goyal added that for the USD that the crucial metric of the country's external strength has turned into surplus mode. In the year-ago period, the current account deficit stood at USD 1.3 billion or 0.2 per cent of GDP, and the same was USD 8.7 billion or 1 per cent of GDP in the preceding quarter ending December

> India's merchandise exports rose by 9.1 per cent to USD 38.13 billion in May even as the trade deficit widened to a seven-month high of USD 23.78 billion during the

month, according to the latest government data. He added that focus on electric vehicles will help in

reducing oil imports.

The ministry is also holding a series of meetings with plantation boards, including spices, rubber, tobacco, tea and coffee, to promote exports especially those of value added goods.

Further, he said that India has taken up on priority the issue of ban on imports of Russian-origin unpolished diamonds by the European Union (EU) and G7 nations to protect the interest of the domestic diamond polishing industry.
"Our ministry and the gems jewellery

promotion council are continuously in touch with the European Union and G7 nations," Goyal said, adding in the last meeting, India took up the matter strongly.
"Still we are in touch with

them to ensure that Indian industry does not have an impact," the minister said. G7 countries — Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, and the US — are major markets for Indian

Setty to become new chairman of SBI; FSIB recommends him as successor of Khara

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Government appointment Selection panel FSIB on Saturday selected seniormost managing director Challa Sreenivasulu Setty for the position of Chairman of country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI).

Setty, who was appointed managing director in January 2020, currently looks after International Banking, Global Markets and Technology verticals. He will succeed Dinesh Kumar Khara, who will be superannuating on August

28, when he turns 63, the upper age limit for the position of SBI Chairman. Financial Institutions Bureau (FSIB), the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions,

interviewed candidates on June 29, 2024 for the position. Keeping in view their performance

interface, their overall experience and the extant parameters, the recommends Sreenivasulu Setty for the position of Chairman in SBI," FSIB said in a statement.

As per the convention, the chairman is appointed from a pool of serving managing directors of SBI. Usually, director becomes chairman of the bank.

The final decision on FSIB recommendation would be taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Setty, who also headed various forces/committees formed by the Government of India, had earlier looked after the retail and digital banking

portfolio of the bank. A Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and also, a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers, he started his career with

in 1988 as a Probationary Officer. Across a career spanning over three decades, he has

rich experience in corporate credit, retail, digital and international banking and banking in developed markets.

Setty has held key assignments in State Bank of India, including Deputy Managing Director Stressed Assets Resolution Group, Chief General Manager and General Manager in Corporate Accounts Group, Deputy General Manager in Commercial Branch, Indore

and VP & Head (Syndications) in SBI, New York Branch. FSIB is headed by Bhanu Pratap Sharma, former secretary of Department of

VP

Personnel and Training (DoPT). The members of the government-appointed selection panel are Financial

Enterprises Secretary and an RBI Deputy Governor. Other members of the headhunter are Animesh Chauhan, former chairman and MD of erstwhile

Services Secretary, Department of Public

and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation

Exporters' body urges Minister to restore IES benefits for all

Abody of exporters has written to Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, expressing concerns over the extension of the Interest Equalisation Scheme (IES) for only two months and exclusively for MSMEs.

Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) president Ashwani Kumar highlighted that the scheme has so far benefitted not only MSMEs but also merchant exporters and manufacturing companies at a lower rate of two per cent for 410 tariff lines, covering labourintensive products.

The current scheme, valid

till June, provides pre and post-shipment rupee export credit, offers a two per cent interest equalisation rate for manufacturers merchant exporters dealing with specified 410 export items, and a higher rate of three per cent for MSME manufacturers exporting under any of these items.



Kumar pointed out that the exclusion of these categories from the extended scheme will severely impact labourintensive exports, which have already been struggling in recent years.

He urged the minister to intervene and restore the status quo, citing the export challenges, sector's including increased freight rates, longer voyage times, and rising interest rates.

withdrawal of IES benefits will blunt the competitive edge of exporters and hinder growth growth momentum.In contrast to FIEO's demand for an extension of the scheme benefits at a higher rate, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) restricted the benefits to MSMEs and capped the total outlay of the scheme at Rs 750 crore.

Titan aims to combine

Tanishq's unparalleled artisanship and brand legacy with Rhythm Group's strong market presence and local expertise in Bangladesh, to manufacture and sell jewellery to discerning Bangladeshi consumers," it said.

Titan Company MD C K

Kumar warned that the



AI Center will focus on key

technologies such as machine

learning, cognitive services

department also

capabilities in the state.

another

bot services. The

MoU

NASSCOM to enhance AI

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi has prioritized futuristic technology to propel India towards

becoming the world's third-

establish an Artificial largest economy, chief and ITES policy," the CM Intelligence Center of minister Patel said. "Our aim added. Sandeep Patel, Excellence in GIFT City. The is to keep Gujarat among the Managing Director of IBM

signed

MD Sirca Paints India Ltd during the singnature agreement of both the company at Aerocity in New Delhi on Saturday

Titan launches jewellery brand Tanishq in Bangladesh

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

P.D.E.U and

aggregators, it said.

Titan Company on Saturday said it is launching its jewellery brand Tanishq in Bangladesh as part of expansion plans in the

expansion plans in the international market.
On Friday, the Tata Groupmanaged firm signed a JV agreement to this effect with Rhythm Group which will make Tanishq available across the Bangladesh market, according to a joint statement. according to a joint statement. The joint venture will commence with the opening of the manufacturing facility Narayanganj, Bangladesh, it added.

Besides the domestic market, Titan is expanding Tanishq's presence in the international

market and operates 17 stores across the UAE, US, Qatar, Singapore and Oman. Its watch business has a

has focused on growing its

presence in SAARC, MENA Middle East and North Africa), Southeast Asian regions. In the last few years, it several verticals.

Tanishq overseas.

then it has expanded into

Rhythm Group is a prominent entity in Bangladesh that was established in 1972 to produce desi textile fabrics and since

"Through this joint venture

flagship jewellery brand

(TIDCŌ).

Titan Company MD C K Venkataraman said: "Together, we will leverage our combined strengths to elevate the industry iewellerv Bangladesh make and Bangladesh the hub for making Tanishq Exquisite Jewellery for the world,' Titan Company is a joint venture between Tata Group

Oriental Bank Commerce, RBI's executive director Deepak Singhal, and others.

HI names core probable group I HAVE NO SPONSORS AND THAT IS WHY I AM for women coaching camp

Hockey India on Saturday announced a 33-member Indian women's probable group for a two-month long training camp at SAI center starting here from Monday.

The Indian team went on a short break after losing all its matches in the FIH Hockey Pro League season in London and Antwerp

India had lost all four games against Belgium and Argentina in Antwerp last month and were beaten by Germany (1-3) and Great Britain (2-3) in London.

"We recently travelled to Antwerp and London for the Europe leg of the Pro League, and while the results were not in our favour, we learned a lot as a team," Chief coach Harendra Singh said in a release.

"On several occasions, we were leading, and we proactively searched and threatened to score while looking for an equalizer. These are good signs to have in the initial stages of a rebuild, and I am sure the Indian Women's Hockey Team will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

The camp will conclude on August 31



PTI PANCHKULA (HARYANA)

international medal.

(Junior) in 2016.

up just yet, years after having

created a national record in 1500m in the Federation Cup

Das, now 26, qualified for the 2016 World Junior

2016 World Junior Championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland, where Neeraj Chopra won a gold, and finished 10th in the 1500m final there.

That year, she bagged gold in

both 800m and 1500m at the

Asian Junior Championships

but since graduating to the

senior level, she has not won

any international medal bar

one bronze in 800m in the

2019 South Asian Games. "I have won international

TEAM: Goalkeepers: Savita, Bichu Kharibam, Bansari Solanki, Madhuri Kindo.

Defenders: Nikki Pradhan, Udita, Ishika Chaudhary, Monika, Ropni Kumari, Mahima Choudhary, Jyoti Chhatri, Preeti.

Salima Tete, Midfielders: Marina Lalramnghaki, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Neha, Jyoti, Edula Jyoti, Baljeet Manisha Chauhan, Dhekale, Akshata Abaso

Ajmina Kujur. Forwards: Sunelita Toppo, Mumtaz Khan, Lalremsiami, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Sharmila Devi, Navneet Kaur, Deepika Soreng, Preeti Dubey, Vandana Katariya, Rutuja Dadaso Pisal

medals at junior level, but somehow, I am not winning iddle-distance runner international medals at senior Lili Das was seen as a level. I missed a medal at 2017 **⊥**big hope for Indian Asian Championships and I missed out on taking part in the 2018 and 2022 Asian athletics when she burst onto the scene in 2016. But things panned out differently from Games. That is the sad part,' there and eight years later, she Das, who has been in the is still seeking her first senior national circuit for more than 10 years, told PTI on Saturday. "But I am not giving up just yet. I am 26 now, but luckily, I The absence of sponsors has prevented Lili from realising her full potential at the top have not had major injuries in level, but the feisty athlete my career and as long as I am from West Bengal is not giving



and try to win international medals. My next target is the 2025 Asian Championships and then the 2026 Asian

Das has, however, achieved domestic success and she won a 1500m gold on Friday at the ongoing National Inter-State Championships, beating the likes of national record holder K M Deeksha.

Das stands at around 5 feet but known to be a feisty

success, especially at the international stage, Das has begun dabbling in 5000m and even 10K road race.

She won 5000m gold at the Federation Cup last month and took part in the TCS World 10K Run in Bengaluru in April.

"I started running these longer distances in a bid to improve my timing in 1500m. Let us see what happens. I have to do whatever I can to improve my

Description of Secured asset

(Immovable Property)

West-Pradhamantri Road, North - House of Ashok Vishwarkarma, South

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY - Gram - Kudri Halka Patwari Khodar Gawa Tah

- Narozabad Distt Umaria- (M.P) Bhumi Khasra No.227 Area 0.146Hc Only Un

Diverted Land Bhumi Khasra No-227 Area 0-146Hc Only Land Situated at

Gram-Kudri Gram Panchyat Area, Tah-Narozabad Distt Umaria (M.P) Land's in

the Name of Revenue Record Shri Durgesh Kumar Yadav S/o Shri Shayam

LalYadav Bha Adhikar Rin Pustika No-01&02-L & L-308731 Gram-Kudri

Mutation Order Passed by Shirman Tahsildar Narozabad Tah Narozabad

District Umaria (M.P) Boundaries as Per Registred Conveyance (Co- Owner

Deed) Dated-12/05/2022 Bhumi Khasra No. 227 Area 0.146 Hc Only

BOUNDARIES North- Road, East - House of Satya Prakash Tiwari, West-Land

from Hooghly district's Triveni town in West Bengal, from Das' father used to work at a jute mill while her mother is a homemaker. She said she had to struggle a lot financially when she started her career. "Who does not struggle in India? Most of the athletes except a few are from poor families and they will struggle. I also faced the same but I am better off now after getting a Railways job," she said

Date of

Possession

29/06/2024



Name of Borrower/

Guarantor / Co-Borrower

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

1. Demand Notice issued Date

3. Amount Due as on Notice Date

2. Loan Account No.

Corporate Office: 167-169, 2nd floor, Near Little Mount Metro Station, Saidapet, Chennai - 600015 Regional Office - 101-B, 1st Floor, NRK Business Park, Vijaynagar, Indore(MP) - 452010

Appendix IV Symbolic Possession NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (s) issured by Authorized Officer of the Company to the Borrower(S) / Guarantor(S) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice here by given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the change of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

l -	MR SUBASH (Borrower) MR. SUMAN SONI (Co-Borrower)	1) Issuance Date - 25/03/2024 2) MP/KTN/SHDL/A000000169 3) Total Amount Due Rs. 06,17,615 /- (Rupees Six Lacs Seventeen thousand Six Hundred fifteen Only)	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY - Gram Gohparoo Halka Patwari Gohparoo Tah- Gohparoo Distt- Shahdol (M.P) Old Bhumi Khasra No. 463 Part Area New Bhumi Khasra No. 463/1/2 Area 0.013hc/20x70= 1400 Sqft BOUNDARIES North—Land Sushil Master, East- Land of Vender, West- Land of Vender, South-Rasta	29/06/2024
	1. MRS. KUSHUMA SHARMA (Borrower) 2. MR. BANBARI LAL SHARMA (co-Borrower) 3. MR. GAURISHANKAR SHARMA (co-Borrower)	1) Issuance Date - 25/03/2024 2) MP/GLR/GWLR/A000000826 3) Total Amount Due Rs. 9,34,044/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Thirty Four Thousand Fourty Four Only)	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY - Part of Survey No. 2474, Mauza Village Lalor, Ward No. 16, Tehsil Morena Nagar, Dist. Morena (MP). Total Extent 950 Sq Ft. Boundaries of property as per sale deed as follows: - East: - Field of Munna Lal Kamlesh Dandotiya. West: - Proposed Road 12 Ft., North: - Vishan Sharma. South – PC Sharma.	27/06/2024
	MR. DESHRAJ SINGH (Borrower) MRS. MAYA (Co-Borrower)	1) Issuance Date - 25/03/2024 2) MP/GLR/GWLR/A000000863 3) Total Amount Due Rs. 9,60,920/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Only)	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY - Part of Survey No. 511, Mauza Village Jauri, Ward No. 05, Tatya Tope, Bismil Nagar, Tehsil Morena Nagar, Dist Morena (MP). Total Extent 1000 SqFt. Boundaries of property as per sale deed as follows: - East: - Plot Previous Owner. West: - Road. North: - Plot of Rambeti. South - Land of Owner.	27/06/2024
	MR. BHARAT SHARMA (Borrower) MR. MADAN MOHAN SHARMA (Co-Borrower1) MRS. RANJANA SHARMA (Co-Borrower2)	1) Issuance Date - 25/03/2024 2) MP/SGR/SAGR/A000000141 3) Total Amount Due Rs. 7,84,291/- (Rupees Seven Lacs Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety One Only)	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY - House & Plot Khasra No. 787/7, Mauza Damoh Khas, Maganj Ward, Ward No. 05, PH NO. 59, NB 356, Tehsil & Dist Damoh (MP). Area 0.017 Hect. Boundaries of property as per sale deed as follows: - East: - Gokal. West: - Pyarelal. North: - Babulal Brahman. South — Road.	28/06/2024
	Mr. SAHAS TRIPATHI (Borrower) Mr. PUSHPENDRA TRIPATHI (Co-Borrower1)	1) Issuance Date - 26/03/2024 2) MP/KTN/SHDL/A000000216 3) Total Amount Due Rs. 7,28,269/- (Seven Lacs	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY - Constructed Pakka Makan Khasra No1887 Mauja-Khatuali Plot No.506, Tehsil Barhi District- Katni Admeasuring Area - Total Area-396 Sq.ft Boundaries as Per Sale Deed East- Remainig land of seller	29/06/2024

of Prakash Tiwari, South-Road, Area of the Property Area 0.146Hc Only STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS

Twenty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-

3) Total Amount Due Rs. 9,59,337 /- (Rupees

ine Lacs Fifty Nine Thousand Three Hundred

1) Issuance Date - 25/03/2024

2) MP/KTNI/SHDL/A000000141

Nine Only)

Thirty Seven Only)

Borrower(s)/Guarantor's are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time herein after by way of public aution/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest) Enforcement Rules, 2002. For further details, contact the Authorized Officer VAIBHAV SHRIVASTAVA-7987969803, Rajesh Chakotiya - 8435571111, Panka Joshi-9644523578, SAMEER SINGH - 9584290575.

Place: Indore, Date: 30/06/2024

Mr. MEENA TRIPATHI

Mr. Vinod Tiwari (Borrower)

Satya Devi (Co-Borrower1)

(Co-Borrower2)

(Co-Borrower)

Mr. Prakash Tiwari

Authorised Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited



Praggnanandhaa lets Gukesh off hook on day of draws

PTI ■ BUCHAREST (ROMANIA)

\randmaster GPraggnanandhaa missed out on becoming a joint leader at the the Superbet Classic chess tournament after settling for a draw against compatriot D Gukesh in the third round

After losing to Gukesh in the April earlier this Praggnanandhaa had a great opportunity to equalise the score this year but could not find a winning continuation after Gukesh spoiled a drawn endgame.

The Catalan opening saw Gukesh sacrificing a pawn early and Praggnanandhaa had his share of counterplay on the Queen side. As things unfolded, Gukesh recovered the pawn with an optical advantage with his Knight against a slightly bad Bishop of

Praggnanandhaa. With the intricacies of the middle game over, Gukesh decided to part with a pawn and reached a Queen and rook endgame that should have been an easy draw but a blunder on his 53rd move saw a forced liquidation leading to a King and pawns endgame.

another Praggnanandhaa may have the winning continuation to become a joint leader but luck smiled on Gukesh and the game was drawn a few moves later.

For the first time in three days, all the five games in the tenplayer double round-robin tournament ended in draws. to a win was Maxime Vachier-Lagrave who almost pulled it against his French teammate Alireza Firouzia. It was a Berlin defense game

wherein Firouzja won the opening battle for the third day running getting a balanced position easily as black. However, a late error in the

queen-less middle game, saw Vachier-Lagrave seize the initiative and it should have been a win that slipped out of hands for the older Frenchman.

With all games ending in draws, the lead positions remained unchanged and Gukesh continued to be at the top of the tables along with Fabiano Caruana of United States who drew a keenly contested game against Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan.

With both leaders on two Vachier-Lagrave, points, Praggnaandhaa, Wesley So, Giri and Nepomniachtchi share the third spot on 1.5 points apiece. Another half point behind is Abdusattorov and Bogdan Daniel with six rounds still remaining in the USD 350000 prize money tournament.

> utchman Anish Giri n out an easy draw on his 30th birthday against Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi with both players giving nothing away and this was also the first game to end in the day.

Bogdan-Daniel of Deac Romania played out his second draw in the tournament holding off a slightly worse endgame for more than a couple hours against Wesley So of United States

RESULTS ROUND 3:

D Gukesh (Ind, 2) drew with R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 1.5); Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, 1.5 drew with Firouza Alireza (Fra, 1.5); Anish Giri (Ned, drew with Nepomniachtchi (FID, 1.5); Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb. 1) drew with Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 2); Wesley So (Usa, 1.5) drew with Deac Bogdan-Daniel (Rom, 1).

इंडियन बैंक **Indian Bank ALLAHABAD**

ZONAL OFFICE, CIVIL LINES, Jabalpur- 482001 Ph: 0761-2624977. Email: zojabalpur@indianbank.co.in APPENDIX- IV-A" [RULE 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis, for recovery of the amounts and Interest due to Indian Bank branch thereon mentioned against account herein below, The specific details of the properties intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Date and Time of E-Auction

Rs 2,30,000/-

Rs 10,000/-

S. No.	Branch Name Name of the Account Name of the Borrower/ Prop./Director/ Partner / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Detailed description of the Property For E- Auction	Amount Outstanding Encumbrances On Property Type of Posession	Reserve Price EMD Amount Bid incremental amount	
1.	Branch: Damoh Balaghat Borrower - (1) M/s. Rahangdale Krishi Kendra Prop. Vijay Rahangdale Ground Floor, Shop No. 2, Verma Complex, Lal Chowk, Main Road, Village and Post-Damoh, Tehsil-Birsa, Dist. Balaghat (M.P.) 481051 (2) Shri Vijay Rahangdale, S/o. Shri Santram Rahangdale (3) Smt. Gunvanta Rahangdale W/o. Shri Santram Rahangdale (4) Shri Shantilal Rahangdale, S/o. Shri Rangoji All R/o House No. 156, Ward No. 9, Village-Chichgaon, Post-Manegaon, Tehsil-Birsa, Dist - Balaghat (M.P.) 481051	25/9 (New Kh. No. 25/11) area 0.405 Hect., total area 1.012 Hect. P.H. No. 44, Village - Chichgaon, RI Circle Birsa, Tehsil-Baihar, dist-Balaghat (M.P.) in the name of Smt. Gulvanta Rahangdale . Boundaries of Kh. No. 25/1 (New Kh. No. 25/10) (As per Sale deed. North : Land of Hansaram, South : Land of Keshaw, East : Remaining Land of Seller, West : Land of Hansaram. Boundaries of Kh. No. 25/9 (New Kh. No. 25/11) (As per Sale deed): North : Remaining Land of Seller, South : Land of Sitaram, East : Land of Humendra, West : Land of Jaiwantabai	Rs. 16,02,767/- (as on 31.10.2023) + interest and other expenses Not Known Symbolic Posession	Rs 24,00,000/- Rs 2,40,000/- Rs 10,000/-	
QR Code Account Name: M/s. Rahangdale Krishi Kendra Prop. Vijay Rahangdale					

Colombia dominates Costa Rica 3-0 to reach Copa America quarterfinals

AP ■ GLENDALE

Davinson Sánchez and Jhon Córdoba scored three minutes apart in the second half, and Colombia advanced to the Copa America quarterfinals with a 3-0 win over Costa Rica.

Colombia controlled possession (62%) for the second straight game and led 1-0 at halftime on Luis Díaz's penalty kick in the 31st minute.

Los Cafeteros kept up the pressure in the second half and wrapped up Group D with a dominating performance in front of 27,386 pro-Colombian fans at State Farm Stadium. Colombia outshot Costa Rica 14-5 and faces Brazil on Tuesday in Santa Clara, California to close out the

Colombia has won 10 straight and is unbeaten in 25 games

(20-0-5) since losing at Argentina in a World Cup qualifier in 2022. Costa Rica did not have a shot on goal. "Today was a game we dominated from start to finish," Colombia coach

Néstor Lorenzo said through an interpreter. Costa Rica had the first big surprise of the tournament, nine-time Copa playing America champion Brazil to a

scoreless tie despite being outshot 18-2. Los Ticos found themselves on their heels again against another powerhouse team in the desert - and it didn't go quite as well for the youngest

roster in the tournament. "The other team was clearly on another level," Costa Rica coach Gustavo Alfaro said. Colombia controlled possession (66%) in its opening 2-1 win over Paraguay

and dominated the ball early

against Costa Rica. Díaz had the first good chance in the fifth minute, just missing the crossbar on a header. James Rodríguez followed with the first shot on goal in the 20th minute, but Patrick Sequeira sprawled out for a diving save. Díaz scored on the penalty kick after Sequeira took down a charging Córdoba at the edge of the penalty box. Los Cafeteros kept up the pressure, just missing another goal when Sánchez couldn't get a head on Díaz's bouncing cross. Colombia had 71% possession in the first half and kept

control in the second. Sánchez made it 2-0 with a header off a corner kick in the 59th minute. Córdoba scored when he slipped behind Costa Rica's defense and beat Sequeira from a tough angle. 'We're a good team, but we also have good character, Lorenzo said.

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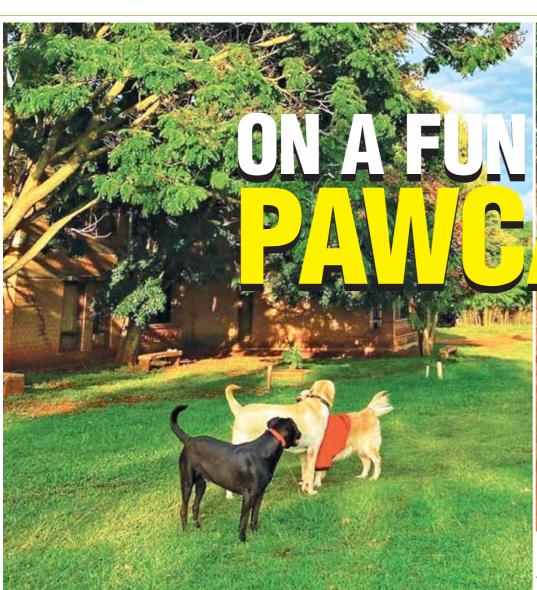
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"Disease is an experience of a so-called mortal mind. It is fear made manifest on the body"

Mary Baker Eddy







Indulge in exciting activities with your pets and make a holiday with them truly special, writes SHARMILA CHAND

hether indulging in gourmet cuisine for your pets, celebrating their birthdays, pampering them with grooming sessions or participating in fun activities, there's something to enrich every experience during a vacation with furry members. There are a range of pet-friendly hotels and resorts that are more than happy to welcome you and your loyal companion. From luxury resorts to cozy retreats, these properties ensure complete comfort and are a haven both for you and your four-legged buddy.

COMFORT MEETS LUXURY AT PRESIDENT, MUMBAI - IHCL SELEOIONS

ooking to celebrate your pet's birthday? Go for a Pawcation at President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQions.

"We have curated a well thought out pet-friendly vacation concept known as Pawcations," says Afzal Khan, General Manager. "We understand that pets are cherished members of the family, and we strive to create a comfortable and enriching environment for them during their stay. Hence we provide pet-friendly amenities like plush pet beds and bedding, engaging toys, and a gourmet pet menu crafted by our culinary experts."

Embracing a pet-friendly policy, the hotel team makes sure the guests' comfort is enhanced by offering the services of on-call pet caretakers, as per specific requirements. Moreover, if there is any health related issue, there is a specialist veterinarian on call. Not to forget pet grooming services with prior appointments, exclusive pet toiletries, and designated pet-friendly zones. "We not only organize elaborate

"We not only organize elaborate party with delightful high tea and fun outdoor activities for furry birthday boys and girls but also make sure the service is professional with warmth and care. Our team undergoes regular comprehensive training programs to understand animal behavior, hygiene protocols, and proper handling procedures. We also invite external pet trainers and behaviorists to train our staff regularly, ensuring they are wellequipped to interact with pets and provide top-notch service. Hence, we take great pride in being a petfriendly destination," concludes Khan with a smile.



PAMPERING PETS AT 'OUR NATIVE VILLAGE ECO RESORT', BENGALURU

t 'Our Native Village Eco Resort', nestled in the serene village of Hesaraghatta, guests can indulge in a memorable vacay with the joy of bonding with their beloved pets amidst nature's embrace.

"Whether exploring our sprawling grounds or immersing yourself in our cultural experiences, every moment promises a harmonious blend of luxury, responsible tourism and eco-conscious living, adhering to our pet-friendly policy," tells Antharaj A, The Operations

Manager.
He adds, "We get repeat guests who have enjoyed their staycation in seamless harmony with their furry companions. As a proud pet-friendly establishment, the retreat provides essential amenities, including a variety of dog foods, water bowls, leashes, floor mats, and cozy blankets. The sprawling grounds offer ample space for pets to roam freely amidst lush lawns and village paths, perfect for leisurely strolls and bonding moments"

bonding moments."
Designed with meticulous care, the dedicated pet bathing area combines comfort with rustic charm, ensuring a refreshing bath experience for furry companions. Specially prepared food ensures pets receive nutritious meals, supporting the commitment to sustainability by minimizing environmental impact. "Complete with all necessary amenities, the resort's natural charm

reflects our dedication to pampering pets just as we do for our human guests. While the guests rediscover childhood joys playing village games like gilli danda and kite flying, their pets act as best cheerleaders!" Antharaj says with a smile.

DISCOVER PET-FRIENDLY RETREAT AT MYSA ZINC

JOURNEY BY THE FERN et parents looking to take a break and hit the road with their fur babies, look no further than MYSA Zinc Journey by The Fern, a premier resort located in Nani Devati, Gujarat. Renowned for its serene ambiance and top-notch amenities, this resort stands out as a haven for pet lovers, offering an exceptional blend of comfort, luxury, and pet-friendly hospitality. Naveen Vaishnav, Squad Champion at the Resort says, "Committed to pampering four legged guests, at MYSA Zinc Journey by The Fern, pets are warmly welcomed and cherished. Furthermore, the property offers a range of facilities, making this resort the ideal choice for travellers with pets. The resort offers 24 elegantly designed rooms and villas, each providing ample space for you and your pets to relax? Spread across 9 acres within the scenic Glade One Golf Resort, the resort features beautifully landscaped gardens and open spaces perfect for the four legged to explore and enjoy. For a leisurely stroll or a brisk walk, the serene pathways and green expanses offer a perfect retreat for pets and their owners.

"At the resort we offer dedicated services and facilities that include comfortable bedding and special dietary options for your furry friends. Our chefs cook as per pets' liking and specifications, we don't have printed menus as we believe in curating for them. While your pets enjoy the outdoors, you can indulge in a variety of resort activities. From the challenging 9-hole Gary Player-designed golf course to rejuvenating spa treatments and a sparkling swimming pool, here is the unique blend of luxury and pet-friendly hospitality. Located just a short drive from Ahmedabad, this resort provides a tranquil retreat where you and your pets can relax and rejuvenate," adds Vaishnav.

BONDING IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

restled amids landscapes of Taj Fort Aguada Resort & Spa, Taj Holiday Village Resort & Spa and The Yellow House, lies a haven not just for humans but also for their beloved furry companions. Embracing the bond between pets and their owners, we proudly declare ourselves a petfriendly resort, where wagging tails and happy barks are as much a part of the atmosphere as the rustling of leaves and gentle lapping of waves. "As the pet's comfort is paramount, we provide cozy & comfortable beddings to ensure their good night's sleep. Offering a range of soothing amenities such as gentle shampoo, conditioner, and nourishing paw and nose butter - these products are carefully chosen to keep your pet looking and feeling their best throughout their stay. Beyond physical comfort, we cultivate a nurturing environment where every aspect of your pet's experience is thoughtfully considered. Our dedicated staff is trained to provide attentive care and ensure that all pets receive personalized attention and affection, says Sanchita Banerjee Rodrigues, MarCom for North Goa Resorts.

Fitness is of utmost importance. Whether it's a leisurely morning walk or an evening romp under the setting sun, the scenic surroundings provide the perfect backdrop for the pets to stay active and happy.

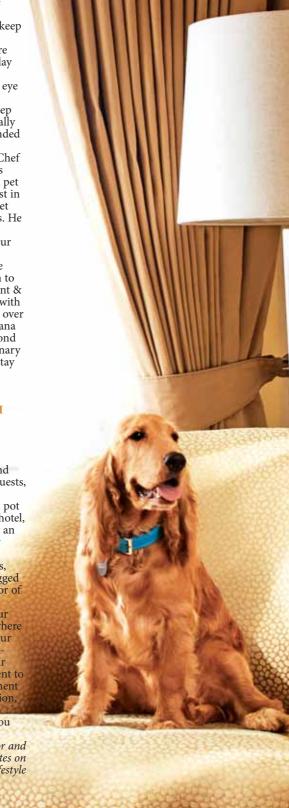
"Understanding that pets thrive when they can engage in physical

when they can engage in physical activities, we offer a variety of opportunities for them to stay active and happy amidst our scenic surroundings. Whether it's a leisurely morning walk along our lush trails or an energetic romp during the enchanting sunset hours, every moment outdoors is tailored to keep pets healthy and stimulated. Providing designated areas where they can engage in interactive play and socialize with other furry companions under the watchful every companions under the watchful every companions. companions under the watchful eye of our attentive staff. These supervised activities not only keep pets physically fit but also mentally stimulated, ensuring a well-rounded experience during their stay." When it comes to pets' dining, Chef Nishant Diwakar Executive Sous Chef of Taj Fort Aguada being a pet parent himself takes keen interest in designing and planning of the pet menus of Taj North Goa Resorts. He firmly believes as important a balanced diet is to us humans, our furry friends require the s amount of attention. We provide specially curated menu for them to get the perfect amount of nutrient & tasty treat. From dishes made with bacon & chicken bones to drool over to waffles made of yoghurt, banana & pumpkin. The team goes beyond basic sustenance to provide culinary experiences that enhance their stay and contribute to their overall enjoyment.

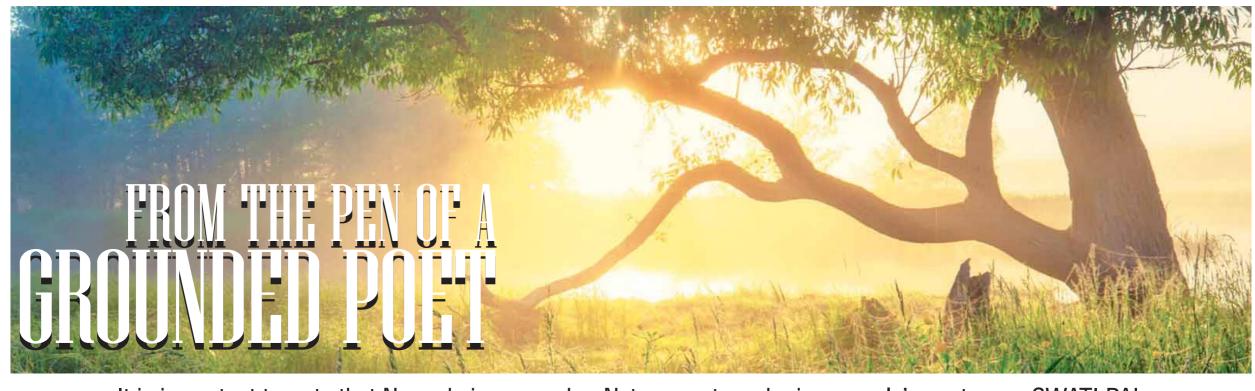
A PERFECT GETAWAY WITH

At Bengaluru Marriott Hotel Whitefield, there are special pet fiestas and brunches that create memorable moments for pets and owners alike. For long-staying guests, there is a unique touch of companionship-a small fish in a pot to keep them company. "At our hotel, we pride ourselves on providing an immersive experience with cozy beds, engaging toys, and meticulously sanitized play areas, creating a haven for our four-legged guests," tells Anjali Naik, Director of Sales and Marketing. She adds, "Pets have access to our dining outlets and lush lawns, where they can relax and play freely. Our exclusive pet menu offers healthcentric, salt-free options for their dining pleasure. Our commitment to creating a pet-friendly environment goes beyond mere accommodation offering a truly immersive and delightful experience for both you and your beloved companion."

—Sharmila Chand is an author and independent journalist who writes on Travel, Food and Lifestyle







It is important to note that Neerada is as much a Nature poet as she is a people's poet, says SWATI PAL

ow many of us have had to be admonished for things not being aligned? The books in our book case in the days when books were bought and read? The clothes in our cupboard? The shoes in the closet? How many of us were ticked off at school perhaps for the tie being askew or the pair of socks not climbing up at the same place on each leg? Or the writing in our notebooks being asymmetrical? For the better part of my childhood and those of my friends, there was a constant, relentless push and shove towards alignment and well, we certainly rebelled at it as young people! A part of me still does and thus when I chance upon a poppy flower for example, in a neat bed of

chrysanthemums in the college gardens, I cannot deny that my heart lights up with joy at this break in the order of

So when I was invited to read and speak on this utterly delightful collection of poems called 'Alignment' by Neerada Suresh, I cannot deny that my interest was instantly piqued by the title and I immediately read the title poem. Rohan Kaul's home and his partner, Promilla simply came alive by the word picture painted by Neerada Suresh in her rib tickling comparisons between the state of the house in the absence and presence of Rohan. There is a certain glee in the air when Rohan is away as things lie unaligned and unfettered; the same things, to quote, But when Rohan Kaul is in,

Newspapers stand stacked, Compressed, breathing in. Shoes align themselves Awed, open mouthed. Paintings, curtains, Cushions, sofas All tell a tamed tale. The fact is that while alignment is not

only, politically speaking an important may have its merits, alignment can often come at great cost. It may be the cost of freedom, it may be about being 'tamed' as Neerada put it; it may leave us in gaping fear and thus 'open mouthed'. The hope perhaps lies in Promilla who, as the poem ends with

A certain kind of alignment.
Don't let the light and bubbling language deceive you, this poem has far greater implications if we read it closely and it is this deceptive mirth that the

poem has which makes the poem, like many others by her, such a joy to read. Neerada is a grounded soul. Her poems reflect that and she makes poetry out of the ordinary quirky eccentricities and foibles that fill all of our lives. A poem that really clicked with me is *Of Lists*. It has that elegant humour that seems to be a characteristic trait of Neerada's, the wonderful ability to laugh at one's self. It begins with the declaration I am one

And then, with great good humour she narrates how fishing out her list from her bag full of things makes the list redundant as she involuntarily lists from memory and then she swears,

Under my breath Now to list down A set of instructions How not to forget Getting across The list you make.

I cannot recall the uncountable times that I have had to strip my entire bag to find a list and then found it much later. It is such a relatable experience and that is what endears the reader to Neerada's poetry, the sheer relatability of the experiences.

Life and the times as we live them are the focus of Neerada's poetry. We talk for example about how communication between people now is held ransom by the cell phone. Neerada converts our trite conversations into a poem which she entitles, The New Normal. New normal is

Sitting side by side On a sofa With no eye contact Chatting of this and that

These are the first few lines and the poem ends with the sad fact that the new normal is: And at all times Not facing each other

On the mobile through Inane vicarious clips Of far and near ones And total strangers Never once glancing Directly or even sideways

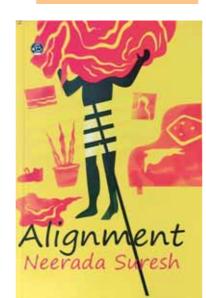
Smiling at each other. Modes of communication or rather the language of communication comes up again in another poem called Version 3.0 where the poet talks about her

journey from the deep south up north

'travelling light with nothing/more than

ALIGNMENT Author: Neerada Suresh Publisher: DC Books

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a bilingual tongue'. Subtlely yet strongly commenting upon the Rashtrabhasha issue, she says,

At the workplace, monolingual, mute Biding time mastering a language National though notional, Opening floodgates of ecstasy mouthing My own tongue, my mother tongue,

At regional gatherings. This is such striking comment upon the way in which so much in our relationships with people , so much of determined by the fluency with which we speak different languages. But are we accepted because we speak the required language or do we remain strangers divided by our regional differences, not explicitly stated but always there? Do we, in turn, become one with the region of our profession or adoption or do we still dream of lands we associate most with the tongue that comes easiest and naturally to us, our mother tongue?

These are questions to think about.

Neerada makes you think.

She makes you laugh and cry as well, sometimes together. One such poem is When my brother fell sick in which the poet describes her brother who was bedridden after a botched up eye surgery. She writes about his courage, He still smiles as always. Not once did he

Lament this plight, foul mouth The surgeon or contemplate Suing. Resigned at once To a possible, partial vision In his bad eye, pacified His wife, my raging sizier in law His wife, my raging sisier in law. His expressive eyes Now inscrutable

Behind the dark glasses. But his smile had the same texture and tinge
Of the smile he sported
When Mother died
And he lingered by her one last time.

The poem is such a beautiful reminder that warriors are not found only on the battlefield; there are many who soldier on heroically confronted by the vicissitudes of life. The brother you read about will surely capture your heart and

become your hero. One of the characteristics of Neerada's poems in 'Alignment' is that there is a lot said through implication which is sometimes sensuous and can get your heart beating a bit faster. For example, in the poem *Delete*, the poet writes

about Your unsolicited Picture on FB And she goes on to say, The familiar contours Of your face Traced out a trillion times Through summer and winter Stood out embossed On my finger tips. The best option now For the photo shopped version, Press delete

Of dormant memories Off my fingertips. This is a brilliant use of synesthetic imagery and one can literally feel the tingling in the tips of one's fingers. A poem that ends with a delightful twist is *Chrysnathemums* where the unnamed

'he' always came when the chrysanthemums bloomed and he always asked if they were dahlias or marigolds, and the poet says Too polite to correct

Her lashes lowered and The chyrsanthemums paled Into insignificance. The evening Stretched to its elastic limits

Catapulted into night. What she didn't know was That he had always known They were chrysanthemums. There is the sweetness of romance in these lines that is unmistakable and so appealing; one can almost imagine the whole scene played out in one's head. Tea 1 carries the same fragrance of

romance very delicately framed, implied through such lines as While I made tea On a rusty stove He stood watching

Leaning by the door Aand then said, I like the cut of your dress As though it were a cue To turn the stive on to sim And let the simmering within Come to a boil.

Coming back to the pictorial quality of the poems, a reason why many of the poems in fact can be almost dramatically played out in the imagination is the kind of detailing that Neerada works into her poems. Take the poem Of Haystacks. This entire poem is literally painted with an eye for the

minutest of details and it reads The cotton tree stood In its slender trunk With its bursting pods
Of parachuting blobs As the turbaned, earth hued Cart man, cushioned On bales and bales Of golden yellow straw Came swaying, swinging Whistling to the orchestra of The hoof clicking clap dance Of the ambling bullocks.

Colour, sound, movement all seemed played out on the printed page. And of course the symbolism, the personification is discernible, as is the use of alliteration in the swaying swinging, cart cushioned, clicking clap. This lends a wonderful rhythmic motion to the scene and has been really

cleverly used. Again, in The Breadfruit Tree, the poet describes the tree, We didn't make much

Of the breadfruit tree That stood sentry like By the boundary wall Spilling its bickering spread Over the neighbour's roof Dropping yellow leaves Plopping crow eaten messy fruits Like I said, the tree, pretty much like the haystacks in the previous poem, comes to life in the mind's eye.

If brevity is the soul of wit, Neerada really aces it in her short poems, two of which are Absence and Sorrows.

Absence, Distance Were surefire **Terminators** Of whatever was Between us I thought, But they Like rings in trees Add girth, depth Linking the past With the present, Casting shadows Of decay *Into the future*

Direct and simple, the simile is so apt and new- the rings on the trees and the passage of time. It's important to note that Neerada is as much a Nature poet as she is a people's poet. In Sorrows she says,

Sorrows Like a newborn Arranged itself In my arms Purring in content As if to say Never let me go For the reward Of great truths To be reaped And revealed *In the future.*

Those who carry their sorrows with them will feel that the poem is made for them. But that's the magic of Neerada's pen, she will make her readers feel that experiences are theirs that she writes

Read her, you will feel at home.

Swati Pal, Professor and Principal, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, has been a Charles Wallace; John McGrath Theatre Studies and Fulbright Nehru fellowship, scholar. She has published on theatre, creative and academic writing, education and translates from Hindi to English. In Absentia is a collection of her poems

Journey to an expanded self awareness

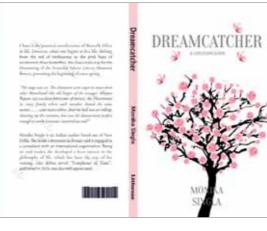
The book opens in the present-day scenario, where a rather unsure Loveena of mid-thirties is boarding a train to Pathankot. Her already raw senses are over burdened by the onslaught of experience of a train station environment. Yet her insecurities are deep seated in her psyche and are result of the generational trauma she endured during her growing up years by the hands of her equally tormented mother Neena, reviews **DEEPAK KUMAR JHA**

("Dreamcatcher") is the story of Loveena, the protagonist of the book who is a sensitive soul. It beautifully narrates the journey through her trials and tribulations, her realisations, her pains and her metamorphosis and an ultimate 'coming of age' which leaves her in a state of expanded awareness of self as well as her surroundings and people there in. Author Monika has orchestrated her sound knowledge of literature, language and the subject & object to bring on paper the story of a child Loveena, till she finds solace passing through life's labyrinth, unfortunately all nurtured in close walls of her family. The just published book revolves around Loveena's mother Neena who attained motherhood through Loveena after a long wait of ten years. Neena's intensity

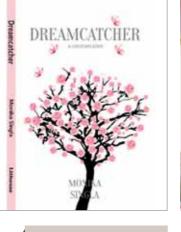
thus shifted to being extra protective about her daughter from the negativities of the world. Having brought up in a rather affluent and rich family, she desires nothing less for her daughter. And even though Loveena had both her parents-Neena and her father Dev, it was her mother and mother's stories which were to carve her life and make her the person that she would become. And the story's trajectory thus turns to Loveena's mother Neena's life. Neena's husband Dev was a victim of his own sense of

helplessness for his lack of understanding the business of Neena's father and inability to take it up for posterity, even though he was the sole son-in-law the family had.

His job as an assistant professor of history in the university projected him as most suitable boy for Neena, when a friend of Neena's



father told him about Dev and his docile nature. Quite obviously Neena's father believed it to be the significant trait suitable for her pampered daughter. As Neena entered Dev's life and his house after her wedding, it was bustling with Dev's family. Neena was immediately overwhelmed by the sheer



DREAMCATCHER Author: Monika Singla Publisher: ISPCK Price: ₹295



of people and was unable to adjust to this new environment which was totally unlike her solitary and exclusive upbringing in an affluent household with the ways of world. Sensing Neena's hesitation Thus, growing up, Loveena's and reservations, Dev's world protected by her family too accepted her into mother, remained confined their family but without within the four walls of the completely absorbing her palatial house with the into their lives. So, even ĥouse help Babli as a constant companion who

Neena was married into Dev's family she could never truly become a part of it. Dev's detachment or lack of desire to correct this situation further acerbated the relationships. Troubled relations with in-laws, Dev's indifference clubbed with an anguishing wait of ten years to attain motherhood further fed Neena's sense of mistrust and suspicions and her belief that the world was a dangerously bad place. Loveena who was born as a happy child with a calm, pleasing, innocent disposition was always eager to embrace everybody, never earned approval for her behaviour from her mother. Neena always dismissed these traits as incompatible

to be the one which augmented her belief in bad place. Her father Dev too gone followed by passing of Neena. Loveena finally but only to drown the she knew about him was two grown up kids. Soon this too developed a marital conflict. Unable to handle this situation any longer Loveena

suitor in Sanand and her engagement to him was greeted as the most welcome news by everyone later on which did not worked due to triggers of Neena's fears. For Loveena this incident proved Neena's words that world is a married, not to start a family haunting hollowness of her soul into joys and laughter. Vikram was a colleague of Loveena and the only thing that he was a divorcee with

decides that she needs to get

too gets married leaving

behind a void in Loveena's

Finally, Loveena finds her

Her life's journey takes a new turn as she arrives at Pathankot where she embarks upon a spiritualistic journey. Armed with the strength of her soul and her renewed faith in life and self and the world in general, Loveena finally finds herself ready to go back to place from where she herself had once run away from all her life challenges a long time back. Her tumultuous relationship with Vikram's place was when she had shunned everything to cross over into next phase of her life. She was now ready to go meet Vikram as a new person. But this time she isn't running away. This time she is running towards meeting life head-on.

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that and decides to leave the

She goes looking for solitude

chaos of the city, away from

in a place away from the

the prodding eyes of the

house and Vikram.

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Kolkata, Bengalis the world over, and Tangra, share a very special culinary heritage and culture, going far back in history. SHOBORI GANGULI got to relive the bond at the Westin Gurgaon recently

ost people familiar with the trademark Chinese cuisine of Kolkata would know about Tangra. An erstwhile tannery on the eastern outskirts of then British Calcutta, soon to become famous as the city's Chinatown, this tiny colony was populated by Hakka origin Chinese folk who came to India to work in the tanneries, their craft and att soon to become symponymous with art soon to become synonymous with the finest leather accessories in the subcontinent. The womenfolk worked home kitchens to supplement meager household incomes. Today, the tanneries are all gone but Tangra has left its signature on a cuisine now globally known as Hakka Chinese. Recently, I had the fortune to relive some childhood memories of some childhood memories of anniversaries and birthdays most often spent at some restaurant or the other in Tangra, wolfing down Golden Fried Prawns, Chicken dimsums, Hakka noodles, prawns sauted in garlic and red chillies, the list goes on. The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi, host





nine day culinary pop up aptly called Tales of Tangra which promised an "explosion of flavours" from Kolkata's Chinatown. The event featured a specially curated menu by Guest Chef Ho Chi Ming from The Westin Pune Koregaon Park.

Koregaon Park.
By sheer geography, one can easily identify the unique Kolkata-Chinese culinary bond, the two regions in such close physical proximity, underlining the very special nature of the food not be found anywhere else in the world despite Tangra's journey as an Oriental cuisine beyond the frontiers of Bengal. The menu at Westin was indeed meticulously planned by the Chef to capture the essence of this legendary fusion cuisine, tracing its roots back to an era long ago when Chinese immigrants in then Calcutta, blending their traditions with Indian culture to their traditions with Indian culture to script and create

culinary



While Chef Ho did put up a great show with his Scallion Crepes, Homestyle Taro Cakes, Kari Fish Dumplings, Sweet and Sour Prawns, Four Season Green Beans, Crispy Chilli Garlic Potatoes, Tangra style authentic Hakka noodles, the menu had a huge vegetarian accent. With the world turning to vegetarianism each passing day, this is only understandable. But

have its patrons surviving in some corner or the other in Chef Ho's passion for Asian cuisine was apparent in the innovations he brought to each dish. His approach, affability and commitment to authenticity were truly welcome. Chef Amit Dash, Multi Property

one fervently hopes that Hakka Chinese seafood will always

Executive Chef for The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi said, "We are



excited to host Chef Ho Chi Ming and present Tales of Tangra to our patrons. This pop-up is a tribute to the rich cultural tapestry and culinary excellence of Tangra and a testament to our commitment to continue offering our guests diverse and exceptional dining experiences." The soups ranged from Manchow, Assorted Vegetables. Ginger Citantro Assorted Vegetables, Ginger, Cilantro Broth, Hot and Sour soup, non vegetarian bits like prawns and I feel a soup or broth must stew in its original juices and not be relegated to add-ons for a vegetable broth. It makes a critical culinary difference in terms of taste, texture and aromas. All in all, it felt good to taste a bit of

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Tangra far away from its original shores of Kolkata right in the heart of Delhi. Long live Tangra's signature Hakka cuisine.

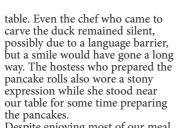
Disappointing Service Mars Fine Dining Experiences



PAWAN SONI ventures to The China Kitchen at Hyatt Regency, New Delhi, famed for its peking Duck. While the star dish impressed, but the experience is marred by inattentive services

recently visited The China Kitchen at Hyatt Regency New Delhi, renowned for its exquisite Peking Duck, which I consider among the best in the National Capital Region. Some might argue that Hakkasan in Mumbai outshines it, but my personal experiences at Hakkasan in Abu Dhabi and a pop-up at Shangri-La Delhi didn't include the duck, so I can't compare. Nonetheless, my recent dining experience at The China Kitchen, despite the superb duck, left me dissatisfied, primarily due to subpar service.

The evening began on a sour note with a lackluster welcome. We received no warm greetings or guidance to our table, and no one offered us menus or water, despite the sweltering Delhi summer. The absence of hospitality was in stark contrast to the standards one expects at a 5-star property. When we ordered our first dish, a gomai salad, I specifically requested extra sesame dressing on the side, a preference I had made clear to the server. However, the salad arrived without the extra dressing and was neither cold nor flavorful, lacking the acidity and vibrant tastes I anticipated. The China Kitchen could learn a thing or two from China Garden, which excels at this dish in the city. Fortunately, the other dishes like chicken shao mai dumplings, edamame dim sum, and honey chilli lotus roots were much better. Yet, the service remained mechanical and impersonal. There were no smiles, no proactive plate changes, and no clearing of the



Despite enjoying most of our meal, we quickly finished and left, paying over Rs18,000 (including a 10% service charge) without any drinks. I contemplated asking for the service charge to be waived but refrained, considering how dependent the staff might be on these tips

I was particularly disappointed when my request for duck salt and pepper was denied because we had ordered only half a duck, a decision that seemed unnecessarily rigid. A little more flexibility and hospitality could have made all the difference, especially when very few order it. Attentive and friendly



service could have transformed our dining experience. Even though the food was largely enjoyable, the lack of warmth and attention overshadowed it. Similar was our experience just a day prior at Pullman hotel where a friend hosted his daughter's took a lot of time or were



completely missed. Something has happened to that batches are seeing fewer takers, most experienced staff have either left the industry or are moving abroad for better wages and work



conditions. What remains is the new service levels. Either we will get used to it or start paying them retain deserving candidates.

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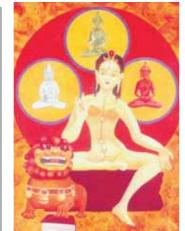




ARIES March 21-April 19

This week, you'll find yourself in a cheerful state of mind, enjoying a sense of fulfillment and contentment. Expect a swift victory of some kind, such as a successful outcome in a competition or interview, where your dedication and strategic planning will be rewarded. You'll experience a surge of prosperity coupled with spiritual growth. Any previous limitations or obstacles you faced will start to fade away, enhancing your sense of liberation and tranquility. There's a hint of upcoming travel, possibly international, that could enrich your experiences. Midweek brings a period of relaxation; you may choose to step back from certain activities during this reflective phase. In the coming weeks or months, you'll find opportunities to resolve disputes or engage in significant discussions.

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Maroon Lucky day Friday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

Last week was a whirlwind of activity for you, balancing both home and work with remarkable determination. Your methodical approach ensured that everything was handled without compromising the quality, allowing you now to step back and enjoy a well-deserved break. It's a time to savor the results of your diligence. As you've managed to uphold both your professional and personal commitments successfully, you find your environment more supportive and harmonious. Your capabilities in handling relationships and business matters have not only strengthened your stature but have also set you as an inspiration for others. This period marks a significant opportunity for growth in your ventures, and any work-related travel could bring back rewarding outcomes, boosting both your professional standing and familial pride.

Lucky number 16 | Lucky colour Mint Lucky day Thursday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week, you may find yourself on a quest for fairness in various areas of your life. However, the journey won't be straightforward, as it is marked by conflicts and confrontations. You might experience feelings of restriction, both mentally and physically, leading to a sense of demoralization and irritation. Amidst this chaos, with opposing forces at play, it becomes crucial to focus on maintaining balanced health habits and making discerning choices that favor personal well-being. Assume accountability for your actions and interactions, thoughtfully considering the advantages and disadvantages. Despite these obstacles, a sense of triumph is within reach. You'll navigate through this tough phase, emerging better equipped to handle future challenges. As the week concludes, opportunities for new beginnings or travel may arise, promising resolution to issues related to relationships or personal assets.

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Ivory Lucky day Friday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week brings a focus on emotional expression and deep connections. You naturally wear your heart on your sleeve, showcasing your emotions openly, which will enhance the bonds in your relationship. Expect a surge of closeness and mutual understanding with your partner, reinforcing your emotional ties. Additionally, this period is marked by potential gains in wisdom and the possibility of influential learning opportunities or mentorships that can guide you through significant life decisions. Your ability to articulate your thoughts impressively will serve you well, making you feel effective and acknowledged in your endeavors. High-ranking professionals can anticipate recognition and accolades. It's a pivotal time where your choices will significantly shape your journey, emphasizing the importance of focused decision-

Lucky number 14 | Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Monday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

At this moment, you stand at a pivotal juncture, faced with the need to make an important decision quickly. This period proves favorable for professionals like doctors and judges, who are likely to achieve recognition in their fields. A disciplined approach is essential to master the challenges ahead. You might face some health concerns and feelings of frustration; however, remember to appreciate the positives in your life. As the week progresses, expect a subtle shift that brings equilibrium. You'll experience renewed energy and a brighter outlook. Peace and joy will follow, enhancing your personal achievements. Support from others will play a key role in your accomplishments, leading to tangible rewards. Expect to receive what is rightfully yours, reinforcing a sense of justice and fulfillment

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Coral **Lucky day** Tuesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

You are entering a phase that calls for relaxation and recuperation. Embrace the serenity and strength this period offers. If you've recently experienced physical or emotional challenges, this is a time for healing. Soon, you may encounter a scenario requiring critical thinking, where clarity and understanding will emerge. Stay observant, as resolving such matters can be complex, possibly leading to confusion or a standstill. However, the latter part of the week promises a shift towards positivity. You may find yourself contemplating a new endeavor that demands quick action and courage. This is your moment to shine—step forward confidently and tap into your innate ability to navigate exciting challenges. There may also be joyful personal developments, possibly related to family expansion. Harness this burst of creativity and enthusiasm to maximize your opportunities.

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Mustard Lucky day Monday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week, your emotions may feel overwhelming, potentially overshadowing your usual judgment. Minor household issues could escalate, causing significant stress and leading you to seek solace away from worldly concerns. You might find yourself pondering drastic changes in your personal life, which could divert your focus from day-to-day duties. However, this period of turmoil is only temporary. As the week progresses, your previous endeavors will start to bear fruit. Recent investments are likely to yield substantial rewards. It's crucial to shake off any lingering confusion and gain a clearer perspective on your life's direction. This might involve stepping back from your typical patterns of thought and behavior to explore new ideas and perspectives. Such shifts will not only enhance your performance but also guide you toward a more balanced and imnartial outlook

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Lavender Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

You often seek harmony, elegance, and the finer things in life, yet sometimes these seem just out of reach. Recently, you may find yourself overwhelmed by fears and worries, grappling with sleep disturbances, feelings of guilt, and emotional distress. Despite these challenges, it's important to remember that not all is lost. There's a gleam of hope, a fresh perspective or opportunity on the horizon that can help you emerge from this phase. Around the middle of the week, expect a surge of positive news—perhaps a heartfelt gesture or a new opening that could enhance your relationships and bring you emotional and physical strength. Stay patient; with time, the clouds will clear, and stability

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Wednesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week presents a mix of challenges and opportunities, weaving through periods of emotional intensity and conflicting desires. You might start the week feeling a dip in financial stability, as incoming resources could be inconsistent. It's essential to navigate this time with patience, recognizing that this phase is only temporary. Engaging in meditation, yoga, or creative pursuits could prove beneficial in restoring your balance and helping you navigate through these turbulent times. Adopting a measured approach in your interactions, especially with those in senior positions, will be crucial. Avoid letting impulsive reactions disrupt the harmony and progress you've achieved thus far. Stay grounded and cautious. steering clear of misguided beliefs, and consider refreshing vour perspective to better face the challenges ahead.

ucky number 15 | Lucky colour Forest Green



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, you may notice a significant shift in your demeanor, transitioning from a reflective and intense state to a more affectionate and nurturing one. Those in leadership roles, particularly at the helm of large organizations, might find their natural empathy tested as they encourage independence in others. Your loyalty remains unwavering to those you hold dear, yet it's wise to remain cautious with boundaries. By mid-week, your creativity and imagination could soar, allowing you to delight in a blend of fantasy and reality. This inner transformation will likely bring you a sense of fulfillment, enriching both your material and spiritual life, leaving you feeling content and joyful. Embrace these changes as they come, viewing them as opportunities for personal growth and deeper connections.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Sunday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

A shift in location or a new beginning is on the horizon, bringing with it a rise in your current standing or role. You're prepared to embrace challenges to achieve your goals, driven by a restless desire for progress and might soon make its way into your life. As the week progresses, expect an influx of joy, achievements, and possibly some thoughtful gifts, enhancing friendships and personal contentment. A sense of nostalgia may wash over you, prompting reunions with old friends and family nembers. A positive energy surrounds you, rejuvenating your spirit. Signs point towards harmonious domestic life, with potential celebrations like home renovations or family gatherings, allowing for meaningful moments with those

ucky number 10 | Lucky colour Rust Lucky day Sunday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week marks a transition as you move away from a challenging phase, feeling a sense of relief and lightness. Family matters will take precedence, demanding more attention amidst less than ideal circumstances. You might find yourself at a crossroads, having held on to a situation that no longer serves your well-being and it's time to embrace change. This moment holds considerable weight in determining your future; the decisions you make now are crucial. Challenges may arise from unresolved issues or lingering negative feelings towards someone. The coming days offer a chance to address and settle these conflicts, paving the way for healing and growth. Embrace your natural instincts and creativity to navigate through this. By week's end, a significant breakthrough promises to reignite your enthusiasm and determination bolstering your spirit to pursue your aspirations boldly.

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Cherry Red Lucky day Thursday

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rayer is a vital tool to improve your life. Wherever you can put your effort, put it. Where you cannot, pray for it! Whatever you do, know that a Higher Power has the final say and you can tap that power through your

You don't need any special qualifications or abilities to pray. Whether a fool or a wise person, whether rich or poor, anybody can pray. Prayer doesn't mean just sitting and chanting some words. It's about being in that serene, calm, and meditative state. That is why, in the Vedic tradition, dhyana (meditation) is done before prayer as well as afterward. When the mind is focused, the prayer becomes far more powerful. Prayer is the cry of a soul. To whom you pray is not important. Whereas religion puts words to the prayer, and adds symbols and rituals to it, the prayer itself transcends them. It happens on the subtle level of feelings; and feelings transcend words and religion. The act of praying itself has the power to bring transformation. When you pray there should be total

involvement. If the mind is preoccupied elsewhere then that is no prayer at all. When there is pain, there is more involvement. That's why people turn to prayer when they are in pain. Prayer happens when you feel grateful or when you feel utterly helpless. In either case, your prayers will be answered. When you feel helpless, prayer happens by itself. That's why in Hindi we say 'Nirbal toh Balram'. If you are weak, God is your strength. Prayer is that moment when you come in touch with your limitations and your boundaries. In today's fast-paced world, people often pray out of fear and greed. Usually, when you love something, you want to possess it and you pray for it. True prayer, however, is just the opposite of wanting to possess. It's about honouring and offering everything to the Divine. Honouring brings devotion and leads to surrender. Devotion brings a healing touch to life. Devotion and faith are at the core of a sincere prayer. A true prayer can't happen without devotion and faith. Having faith is to realize that God's protection is there for you. Devotion is inner flowering. Devotion starts from

Do you pray?



where you are. Unless you are lit in devotion to the Divine, your life will remain restless. In devotion, longing will arise in you. And when there is longing, true prayer happens by itself. Be sincere in your prayers. Do not try to outsmart the Divine. The mind has the tendency to forget the Divine. What type of time do you give the Divine? Usually, you give the leftover time; when you have nothing else to do, no guests to attend to, no parties to attend to, you go to the Divine. This is not quality time. Give prime time to the Divine. You will be rewarded. If your prayers are not answered, it is because you have never given quality time. Four types of people go to God. One, is those who seek the truth (knowledge and freedom). Two, the wise ones (gyanis). Three, the ones who seek material comforts (wealth). Four, the ones who are in misery. The wise one does not pray for something. His life itself is a prayer. If at all you have to pray for something, pray for the happiness of all the people

in the world. 'Loka Samastha Sukhinou Bhavantu' (May Everybody Be Happy). — He is a Spiritual Guru