WORLD 5

RUSSIA REPORTS 5 DEAD

IN UKRAINIAN STRIKE

MONEY 6

EXPORTERS URGE GOYAL

TO RESTORE IES BENEFITS

Established 1864

www.dailypioneer.com

DEHRADUN HYDERABAD

VIJAYWADA

SUNCLAY DIONEER

Late City Vol.34 Issue 180

*Air Surcharge Extra if Applicable

RNI No. 53466/91, REGD. No. DL (C)-05/1219/2021-23 Posted at DRMS Delhi 6

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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.

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 and low-profiled, 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 colleagues, including former JD(U) president RCP Singh, now in the BJP. Continued on Page 2



Fresh dates for UGC NET

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Amid a raging row over 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

Commission-National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) was cancelled a day after being conducted on June 18 as the Education Ministry received inputs that the integrity of the exam was compromised. Union Minister Education Dharmendra Pradhan said

the question paper was leaked on the darknet and circulated on the Telegram app. The matter is being probed by the

The UGC-NET is a test to determine the eligibility for the award of Junior Research Fellowship, for appointment of assistant professors and admission to PhD courses.

Continued on Page 2

Tragedy hits Army in Ladakh

MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU

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 early Saturday

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



The Indian Army regrets the loss of five brave personnel while being 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 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

reported along LoC

PTI MENDHAR/JAMMU

A brief exchange of fire was reported along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and

The firing from across the

Exchange of fire

Kashmir's Poonch district, official sources said on Saturday.

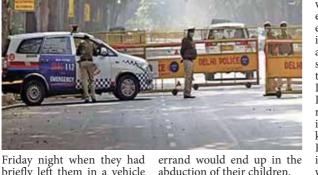
border was reported on a forward Indian post in Krishna Ghati sector late Friday night, prompting retaliation by the Army troops guarding the LoC the sources said. They said there was no casualty in the firing, which lasted for a brief period. period. The vigil was intensified to ensure that there is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

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 attendant, were 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 from the parents, had abducted the children on



abduction of their children. briefly left them in a vehicle while they stepped into a According to police, the chase nearby confectionery shop. involving around 20 police Little did they know, their vehicles culminated in the involving around 20 police kidnapper abandoning the car with the children inside before escaping. The vehicle was 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. Continued on Page 2



Add flavor and health with Patanjali Cow Ghee to enhance the taste of both traditional and modern dishes.



Brickbats for Vijayan after CPI-M's LS polls debacle

hief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has become a sitting duck not only for the Opposition Congress but for his one-time acolytes in the CPI (M). The leaders of the CPI (M) attribute the worst defeat suffered by the party in the 2024 Lok Sabha poll to

Vijayan had led the LDF to an unprecedented victory in the 2021 assembly polls enabling the CPI(M) to break the jinx that the ruling party never wins subsequent poll and return to power. But the long time star leader of the party has become a fallen star for the CPI(M)'s poor show in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

The central committee and polit bureau of the CPI(M) that met at New Delhi to analyze the poll results rejected the report submitted by the Kerala unit of the party that stated that certain communities voted against the LDF. "The general belief was that Rahul Gandhi would become the Prime Minister after the election relegating the

unit's report. But the party's general secretary and intellectual chief Sitaram Yechury, who has no love lost for Vijayan, junked

CPI(M) to an inconsequential

position," said the Kerala



the report and asked the Kerala unit to prepare a report that is compatible with Marxian ideology

The Central leadership, with the concurrence of some senior leaders from Kerala, including two former state ministers, have turned against Vijayan. The district committees of the CPI(M) that held a comprehensive analysis of the poll results were unanimous in their findings that Vijayan alone is responsible for the failure of the LDF. Out of the 20 seats it contested, only K Radhakrishnan, the CPI(M) candidate from Aalathur Lok Sabha constituency could scrape through.

The chief minister's arro-

from CMRL for services rendered by Exalogic Ltd. "What a software company has got to do with an prdinary beach sand mining company is any-body's guess," said Shaun

Vijayan finds himself in an unenviable position in connection with the multi-crore Cooperative Bank scam reported from Thrissur district. V D Satheesan, leader of opposition, and Ramesh Chennithala, senior Congress leader allege that the chief minister is hand in glove with the RSS and the BJP to liquidate the Congress party. "Though there were many

pany. Kuzhalnadan and George have listed details of

money received by Veena Mohammed and her father

scams featuring Vijayan and his family members, the Central Government has refused to take action against the former," said Chennithala. Though the LDF has 99 members in the 140-strong assembly, there is an element of uncertainty in the continuation of Vijayan as chief minister. Since the CPI(M)'s triennial conclave Party Congress is scheduled for next year, the party is unlikely to go for any drastic change and this is the only factor which soothes Vijayan

Seven killed in Mumbai-Nagpur expressway car collision

Tn yet another accident on the accident-prone Mumbai-Samruddhi Expressway, at least seven people were killed and five others injured when two private cars collided on the expressway in Jalna district of Marathwada region of region Maharashtra.

The accident took place near Kadwanchi village in Jalna district at around 11.30 pm on Friday when a Swift Dzire collided head-on with an Ertiga on way to Mumbai from Nagpur. The Swift Dzire car, which had entered the highway from the wrong side after refueling at a local petrol station, crashed into the Ertiga speeding towards Mumbai. The tragedy happened nearly 400 km away from Mumbai.

The impact of the collision was so severe that the Ertiga flew into the air and landed on the highway barricade. The passengers on board this car were thrown off the vehicle onto the road. The other car involved in the mishap was reduced to a mangled heap of

While six persons died on the spot, another passenger later succumbed to injuries at a nearby hospital. The occupants of the Ertiga car came from a single family of Malad in north Mumbai. However, the antecedents of those who perished in the Swift are yet to be ascertained.

Those killed were identified as Faiyaz S Mansuri, Altamesh S.



road after an accident on the Mumbai-Nagpur Expressway, in Jalna district, late Friday. Seven persons were killed and three others seriously injured after two cars collided on the expressway, also known as Samruddhi Expressway, police said on Saturday PTI

Mansuri and Faizal S Mansuri, all from Mumbai travelling by Ertiga car while the police identified Swift Dzire passengers killed in the mishap as Sandip M Budhant, Pradeep L Misal and Vilas S Kayande. One Chavan, who was behind the wheel of Swift Dzire was critically injured in the mishap. The Samruddhi Expressway is 701-kilometer six-lane

highway that connects Mumbai and Nagpur. It may be recalled that the phase-I of Hindu HridaySamrat Balasaheb Maharashtra Thackeray Samruddhi Mahamarg -better known as Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Expressway was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December

11, 2022. There have been more

than 1,300 mishaps on this expressway resulting in involving nearly 150 deaths ever since it was thrown open to traffic on December 11, 2022. It may be recalled that in two mishaps on this expressway on October 15, 2023, at least 15 persons were killed and 23 others injured when a speeding mini tourist bus rammed into a stationary container at Vaijapur in Aurangabad district, while a car hit a road divider on the highway.

On May 26, 2023, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated the Phase-II of the expressway from Shirdi to Igatpuri in Nashik district, a distance of around 80 km.

At least 20 persons were killed and three others injured when girder-launching crane collapsed at Shahapur in Thane district in the small hours of August 1, 2023.

The crane crash had come close on the heels of a gruesome tragedy that took place on July 1, 2023, when as many as 26 persons were charred to death and seven others suffered severe burn wounds when a private sleeper-coach AC luxury bus caught fire off the Pimpalkhuta village along the Samruddhi Expressway Dusarbid and between Sindkedraja in Buldhana district of eastern Maharashtra. On their part, the Public Works Department (PWD) has underplayed the recurring

Double line between Chhaygaon, Mirza stations commissioned

PNS MALIGAON

The Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) Sumeet Singhal has approved after statutory inspections for operations of trains through newly laid newly laid double line between Chhaygaon and Mirza stations.

With the commissioning of this new section, the route on South Bank of Brahmaputra i.e. from New Bongaigaon to Azara via Goalpara has been made operational as double line section. This newly laid second line will be helpful for carrying more freights and passenger traffic through this route.

More trains can be operated with enhanced speed thus enabling better connectivity with minimal time frame. Γhe stretch between

Chhaygaon and Mirza is of 15.558 km.

The Chhaygaon - Mirza section is a part of the New Bongaigaon – Kamakhya via Goalpara 176 km double line project. Works are being done section wise and commissioned part by part. Speed trial on the section along with through inspection of all bridges, RUB and Signaling systems was done by the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS). Earlier, 8.782 km section

between Bamunigaon and Chhaygaon, in October last

IGIA roof collapse: Victim's family to decide on legal action after cremation

members as well his rivals are

seen as the cause of the LDF's

defeat. He refused to make

any comments to the charges

of corruption levelled against

him and his daughter Veena

Kuzhalnadan, a Congress

member of the assembly and

BJP leader Shaun George have

been filing cases after cases

against the father-daughter

duo alleging that first family of the Kerala CPI(M) were

being paid crores of rupees as "speed money" by Cochin

Minerals and Rutile Ltd, a

beach sand mining company

owned by one Sasidharan

Veena Mohammed is the

owner of Bangalore based

Mohammed.

Mathew

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The son of the 45-year-old L cab driver who died after a portion of a canopy at the Delhi airport collapsed amid heavy rains said the family will take a decision on filing a case in the matter after his father's cremation. The police handed over the

body of the cab driver, Ramesh Kumar, to his family after postmortem at the Safdarjung Hospital on Saturday, a day after the inci-dent, officials said. "At around 12.30 pm, we

received the body of my father after postmortem and we will return to our house. We will go for cremation at around



3.30 pm near our house," Ramesh's 25-year-old son Ravinder said.

He said after his father's cremation, all the family mem-

bers will discuss and decide whether they would file a case against those responsible

Ramesh was waiting for some

for his father's death.

Friday early morning when a portion of a canopy covering the departure area collapsed on parked cars amid three hours of heavy rain in the national capital. Six people were also injured in the incident, prompting authorities to suspend flight departures.

On Friday, Ravinder had said that he was sleeping when he got a call from the police station asking him to come to the Delhi airport's Terminal 1 immediately.

Ravinder, who is also a cab driver by profession, was sleeping after finishing his night shift when he got to know about his father's death

Ramesh is survived by his wife Asha, two sons, Ravinder and Ashish (22), and two daughters, Rashi (21) and Bhawana (18) -- all of whom stay at a rented house in Vijay Vihar area of Rohini close to Sector 7. Asha works as a domestic help in Rohini. Upset over the compensation amount offered by the government, Ravinder had said that he had recently purchased the vehicle for Rs 5

Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu, who visited the airport and took stock of the situation at T1, announced a compensation of Rs 20 lakh for the family.

lakh and had to make a down

payment of Rs 1 lakh.

DMRC records almost seven lakh additional passengers on Friday

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $\begin{array}{cccc} T^{he} & Delhi & Metro & Rail \\ Corporation & (DMRC) \\ recorded over 69 lakh passenger \end{array}$ journeys on Friday, almost seven lakh additional passengers, even as the Metro services operated without any disruption with a punctuality of 99.95 percent despite the heavy rains that lashed the city and it's periph-

According to DMRC, the passenger journeys recorded 69,36,425. A day earlier on Thursday, the passenger journeys were 62,58,072.

In a statement, the DMRC said the Delhi Metro on Friday

by minor waterlogging outside recorded an increase of almost seven lakh additional passenger

iourneys which indicates that a lot of passengers preferred to use the Metro instead of their private vehicles or other modes of travel due to the heavy rainfall in the

Despite some hindrances caused

JD(U) invokes Bihar

station premises and entry/exit points, DMRC continued to provide regular services throughout the day yesterday with an excellent punctuality of over 99 percent even though road traffic was completely thrown out of

fact finding panel over felling of 1,100 trees

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

After the Supreme Court rapped the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on tree cutting, the AAP government formed a fact finding committee of three ministers over the felling of 1,100 trees in the Ridge area allegedly without permission. According to Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai, the decision was taken in a meeting of the ministers held at Secretariat, in view of non- submission of the status report on cutting of the trees at Satbari (Chhatarpur) lying on the Ridge.

The committee comprising the ministers Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj and Imran Hussain will submit its report to the forest minister, the statement said. The report will then be submitted to the Supreme Court which is hearing the matter, before the next date of hearing, Rai said. He charged that the 1,100 trees were cut by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) illegally and without due permission.

"The e-mails of DDA engineers reveal that the trees were cut on the verbal instructions of the Delhi Lieutenant Governor," Rai claimed. He said in a meeting with the forest department on June 26, officials told him that the DDA was issued notices in March on the matter but it did respond.

Rai said he directed the forest department to submit a detailed report on the matter but it was not done. After a written communication to submit the report on June 28, the officers again did not comply, the minister said

AAP Govt forms | AAP leaders protest | SP not to contest at BJP HQ, seek Kejriwal's release

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

AP leaders and workers Aheld a protest near the BJP's headquarters on DDU Marg to demand the release of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is currently in judicial custody. Several AAP leaders, Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj, several MP, MLAs, and councillors took part in the march to the BJP office along with party workers. However, they were intercepted midway by the Delhi Police on their way to the BJP headquarters. The protesters assembled at the

AAP office close to the BJP headquarters on DDU Marg and raised slogans against the saffron party while demanding Kejriwal's release. They also carried placards against the "misuse" of central agency and for ending "dictatorship".

According to a senior police officer, arrangements were made to stop the protesters from marching towards the BJP headquarters since no permission was taken for the protest. Barricades have been put up and paramilitary personnel deployed at the site to stop the protesters, the officer said. If required, the protesters might be detained as Section 144 of the CrPC has already been imposed at DDU Marg, he added. Addressing the gathering, Delhi Minister Gopal Rai pointed out that the trial court had said that there was no evidence against Arvind Kejriwal while granting him bail. "After he got the bail, the ED went to the high court to get a stay on the bail order. A day before the hearing in the Supreme Court, the CBI arrest-

shows that they do not want the CM to come out of jail." Earlier, the DDU Marg area was closed for traffic between 11 am



to 3 pm while security was

tified the area with barricades. police in the area.

minister Saurabh Bhardwaj said, The coordination between the ED and the CBI shows that the Central government wants to ensure that Arvind Kejriwal stays in jail. We will raise our voice against it from the entire

a show of solidarity, AAP mem-

government's excise policy. On March 21, he was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money-laundering

beefed up around it. It was later opened for traffic. The Delhi police, along with the Rapid Action Force (RAF), for-Water cannons and anti-riot force were also deployed by the

AAP leader and Delhi Cabinet nation, In a statement, AAP said that in

bers and supporters gheraoed BJP offices in 21 states, including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Telangana, Maharashtra, and Gujarat. Kejriwal was arrested by the CBI in connection with the Delhi

ed him. The sequel of incidents case linked to the now-scrapped policy. He was granted bail by a trial court that was stayed by

Delhi High Court.

UP legislative council bypoll

PNS LUCKNOW

With the Samajwadi Party deciding not to field its candidate, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party candidate is set to be elected unopposed in the bypoll to the lone legislative council seat.

The vacancy in the Upper House of the state legislature was caused by the resignation of SP MLC Swami Prasad Maurya. The term of this seat ends on July 6, 2028.

The SP has decided to not to force a contest by fielding its candidate as it lacks the required number in state assembly for winning the seat. Members to the legislative council are elected from multiple constituencies -local bodies, graduate, teachers and state assembly while six members are nominated by the governor on the recommendation of the chief minister. The strength of the Upper House is 100.

As per the poll schedule announced by the Election Commission of India, the last date for filing nomination



papers is July 2, scrutiny of papers will be held on July 3 and July 5 is the last date for withdrawal of the papers. If necessary, polling will be held

on July 12. As per the established tradition, the by-election to the Upper House is always won by the ruling party on account of their strength in the state

assembly. Swami Prasad Maurya, former SP MLC and general secretary, had resigned from the membership of the legislative council and party following his differences with SP president Akhilesh Yadav. Maurya had also accused Akhilesh Yadav of discriminating against him and disowning his statements.

Package Bond From Page 1 Party sources said Kumar would expect Jha to ensure smooth relations between the

JD (U) and the BJP while

working to get a positive

response to his party's demands, including aid to

Following his appointment, Jha said his party's purpose was to get central assistance for Bihar to build on the foundation laid by the Government Kumar-led since 2005, except for a short period when Jitan Ram Manjhi was the Chief

Minister. "It does not matter in what name such a help is given. We will pursue it with the Central Government and are hopeful for a positive outcome," he said.

Asserting that everything would remain cordial between the BJP and the JD (U), he said the two parties were natural allies.

The NDA would win more than 200 seats in the 2025 Assembly polls, he said, noting that the alliance had leads in 177 of the 243 Assembly segments in the

The results in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in which the JD (U) won 12 seats in Bihar showed people's approval of Kumar's work, Jha said, taking a swipe at those who thought the chief minister's political career was on a

downward spiral.
The JD (U)'s resolution said its responsibility and people's expectations had risen following the party joining the Central Government. The party has two Ministers in the Modi Government. The resolution called for

more active and qualitative reforms in the fields of education, health care, agriculture, environment, social welfare, women's empowerment and national

Expressing concern over the recent Patna High Court judgment striking down the Bihar Government's decision to increase reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs from 50 per cent to 65 per cent, the JD (U) urged the Centre to

put the State's law in the Constitution's 9th Schedule to rule out its judicial review. The resolution praised Kumar's political acumen and positive strategy, saying he played an important role in the running of the NDA

government in Bihar and

formation of the central

government at the Centre under Modi's leadership. It said people re-elected a government at the Centre that worked for national interest.

Another resolution passed at national executive stressed on the need for strengthening the party's organisation in the States going to Assembly polls, while specifically mentioning Jharkhand. It noted that JD (U) candidates had contested and won elections in the State.

It would seriously work on its election strategy and put up candidates there, the resolution said.

Sources said the JD (U) would nudge the BJP to leave a few seats for its candidates

Delhi siblings rescued Bollywood style

While the parents were inside buying sweets, a man posing as a parking attendant entered the vehicle and drove off with the

The accused told the children that their parents had asked him to park the car, but he swiftly sped away. He intimidated the girl by brandishing a hammer and instructing her to remain silent. While driving, he called the couple from another mobile phone and demanded a hefty ransom of Rs 50

Upon receiving the kidnapping report, the police swiftly activated rescue teams, forming two units to track down the suspect and recover the children. One team, led by the Station House

Officer (SHO) of Shakarpur police station, accompanied children's mother, while another team, led by the SHO of Laxmi Nagar police station, included their father. Using advanced technical surveillance, both teams launched their search in different directions. Additional teams from the Special Staff and neighboring districts were also mobilised to aid

in the search.
The DCP said the valuables, including jewelry and mobile phones left in the car, were recovered intact, as the kidnapper had no time to steal anything while

being relentlessly pursued.
Gupta praised the swift and effective assistance of police teams from other districts, particularly the Outer North district and the Railway Protection Force (RPF) whose prompt actions were crucial to the successful operation. Efforts to apprehend the accused are ongoing, with dedicated teams formed to ensure his capture.

Fresh dates for UGC NET From Page 1

In a shift from the earlier pattern, the exam was conducted in offline mode this year and on a single day. However, the rescheduled exam will be conducted according to the earlier pattern of Computer Based Test (CBT) spread across a fortnight. The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) UGC-NET, which was postponed as a preemptive measure amid the row over alleged irregularities in the conduct of exams, will now be held from July 25-July 27. The CSIR UGC-NET is accepted for PhD admissions in Chemical Sciences, Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean and Planetary Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, and Physical Sciences.

Court sends Kejriwal to 14 days' judicial custody

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Rouse Avenue court on ASaturday sent AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to 14 days judicial custody in a corruption case related to the alleged excise scam.

He was produced before Special Judge Sunena Sharma of the Rouse Avenue court by the CBI after the end of his three-day custodial interrogation, following which the agency sought 14-day judicial custody while claiming that he was an influential politician who could tamper with evidence and influence witnesses if he did not remain in custody. The CBI did not seek an extension of its custody of Kejriwal and asked that he be sent to judicial custody.

Allowing the plea, Special Judge Sunena Sharma said that Kejriwal be produced in the court on July 12. Following a request by Kejriwal, the court has also permitted him to appear through video conferencing in the next hearing instead of having the authorities produce him physically.



"Considering the fact that the conspiracy alleged against the accused (Kejriwal) involves a large number of persons who were involved in the formulation and implementation of excise policy and also the persons who acted as facilitators in the use of ill-gotten money, I find that there exist sufficient grounds for remanding the accused to judicial custody'," Special Judge Sunena Sharma

"...The investigation is still in progress and may require custodial interrogation of the accused to confront him with more material likely to be collected during the course of the

Kejriwal is remanded to judicial custody till July 12," the judge added.

Noting the evidence before it, the court said that the investigation revealed that accused Vijay Nair, a close associate of Kejriwal, was the media-incharge of the Aam Admi Party and he had contacted various liquor manufacturers and traders for demanding undue gratification for incorporation of provisions favourable to them in the excise policy for

It also noted that Kejriwal's name surfaced as one of the "main conspirators of the criminal conspiracy" for various offences under provisions of Accordingly, accused Arvind the Prevention of Corruption Act and Indian Penal Code. Four chargesheets in the case have already been filed against 17 accused persons including the persons of South group, the court noted.

It said that the investigating officer (IO) had pointed out in the case diary that Kejriwal was not cooperative during his custodial interrogation, nor was he truthful in disclosing facts on many material aspects.

The IO has pointed out certain incriminatory material collected during the investigation for showing that the illgotten money was used during the Goa assembly election for making payments towards the expenses of air tickets and hotel booking during the visits of the accused to Goa from June 2021 to February 2022, the court said. It said that the IO also showed some incriminatory material showing Kejriwal's chats with certain persons "involved in the transfer of ill-gotten money to Goa through hawala".

In its remand application, the CBI said during the custodial interrogation, Kejriwal did not cooperate with the investiga-

tion and deliberately gave evasive replies contrary to the evidence on record. "On being confronted with the evidence, he did not give a proper and truthful explanation regarding the enhancement of the profit margin for wholesalers from 5% to 12% under the new excise policy of Delhi 2021-22, without any study or justification," it said.

"He also could not explain as to why during the peak of second wave of Covid, the cabinet approval for revised excise policy was obtained through circulation in a hurried manner within one day, when the accused persons of the South Group were camping in Delhi and holding meetings with his close associate Vijay Nair," it

The application said Kejriwal evaded the questions regarding the meetings of his associate Vijay Nair with various stakeholders of the liquor business in Delhi and he was unable to give proper explanation about his meeting with Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy, accused Arjun Pandey and accused

AAP leaders playing victim card, says Delhi BJP chief

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW

Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva on Saturday said on the decision of Rouse Avenue Court to send Kejriwal to 14 days of judicial custody that the law is doing its work and the court is giving its verdict based on the evidence presented by the investigating agency. It is now clear that crores of rupees were embezzled through the liquor pol-

Sachdeva said during the interrogation, Kejriwal is not answering the questions asked by the CBI because he knows that the CBI has a strong case against him and he is certain to be punished. Delhi BJP chief questioned why Kejriwal did not explain his relationship with Vijay Nair, why he didn't tell the

policy was increased from 5% to 12%, and why the liquor policy was made during the second wave of COVID-19 when the people of Delhi needed hospital beds, medicines, and gas cylinders. Sachdeva commented on

save a corrupt person. If Arvind Kejriwal or Manish Sisodia is honest, why are they not getting bail from the court?He mentioned that the High Court had clearly stated on April 9 that Kejriwal is involved in the entire liquor scam, and therefore, the Aam Aadmi Party leaders are playing a victim card by protest-

LG inspects clogged drains, orders desilting on war footing

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELH

Aday after the national capital came to standstill due to heavy rains resulting in water logging at multiple locations, Delhi Lt Governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday inspected some of the most severely affected drains. He directed concerned agencies to carry out desilting of drains on a war footing.

On Friday, he had issued instructions to officials to deal with the flooding in Delhi that occurred due to heavy rainfall and backflow from the choked drains.

Giving details of his on the spot inspection, officials said Saxena visited Taimur Nagar, Barapulla Drain, ITPO, TilakBridge, KushakNallah, Golf Links and Bharti Nagar. He directed the agencies to make the water drainage system fool-proof so as to avert the recurrence of such incidents in

Saxena expressed displeasure that none of the major drains were desilted and cleaned in run up to the monsoon preparations and this essentially led to heavy water logging with





inundated in chest-deep water. He also noticed encroachment along the drains and asked the officials to remove them imme-

The LG, accompanied by Chief Secretary cum Chairman Nagar, Jamia Nagar and the

NDMC, Commissioner MCD Principal Secretary PWD and other senior officials, first inspected Taimur Nagar Drain, where large parts of areas in Okhla, Taimur Nagar, ShaheenBagh, Jasola, Bharat

several parts of the city getting

Wall collapse: Bodies of three labourers recovered

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The bodies of three labourers were on Saturday pulled from the rubble of a wall that collapsed at a construction site in the Vasant Vihar area here amid heavy rain, officials said.

With this, the number of people killed in rain-related incidents in Delhi has climbed to eight. The underconstruction wall collapsed on Friday and the incident was reported to the Delhi Fire Services (DFS) around 5:30 DFS officials said the bodies

of three labourers have been

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The basement of the All

India Institute of Medical

Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi

remained flooded on Saturday

following heavy rains. AIIMS

Media Protocol In-Charge, Rima Dada, reported that the

AIIMS basement

remains flooded after

Friday's downpour



pulled from the rubble. Two of them have been identified as Santosh Kumar Yaday (19) and Santosh (38). The third labourer is yet to be identi-

Cranes were used to clear the

causing OTs to shut down until 4 p.m. Once power was

restored, surgeries continued

throughout the night. The

basement remains water-

logged, but steps are being

taken to prevent future inci-

The tunnel connecting AIIMS

to the trauma centre has been

cleared, but Basement 3 is still

inundated. Pumps have been

installed to remove the water.

Operations will resume once

electrical engineers give the

On June 27, 364 patients were

operated on, and on June 28,

347 surgeries were conducted

Neurosciences Centre's OTs

was affected due to non-func-

tional air-conditioning and

water seepage, causing neu-

rosurgeries to be referred to

despite the heavy rains.

Additionally,

other hospitals.

go-ahead.

debris and water was pumped out of the foundation pit to recover the bodies. The bodies were taken to Safdarjung Hospital, they said.

A search operation is underway to ensure that no one else is trapped under the rubble. Teams of National Disaster Response Force, Delhi Management Disaster Authority and civic agencies are carrying out the operation, the officials said.

Five people died in rain-related incidents on Friday as the monsoon arrived with a fury, lashing the city with its highest rainfall in a single day of June in 88 years.

More than 20 IndiGo flights cancelled following IGIA roof collapse

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

ore than 20 flights of More than 20 mg ate from Terminal 1 of the Delhi airport were cancelled on Saturday, a day after the terminal was shut down following the roof collapse incident.

A source in the know said 23 flights of IndiGo and 2 flights of SpiceJet that were scheduled to operate from T1 were cancelled on Saturday. There was no immediate com-

ment from IndiGo.

However, a SpiceJet source said it has shifted all T1 operations to T3 and all flights were operated on Saturday.

Following the roof collapse incident, the operations at T1 were suspended on Friday. The flights that were to be operated from the terminal have been shifted to Terminal 2 (T2) and Terminal 3 (T3).

neighbouring posh colonies Maharani Bagh and others Taimur Nagar drain owned by huge quantity of silt and ed the water from flowing like New Friends Colony, getting flooded on Friday. MCD was heavily choked by a

Saturday protest by the Aam

Aadmi Party, saying to divert

attention from the waterlog-

ging in Delhi, the Aam

AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY



Under the Affordable Housing Policy 2013 of Haryana Government

List of successful applicants in the first E-Draw of Affordable Group Housing Project 'Sriflex City' held on 28.06.2018 at 'Emaar Club Beryl', Emaar Emerald Hills, Golf Course Extension Road, Sector 65, Gurugram, Haryana 122018

License No./Year: 133 of 2023 dated 26.06.2023 | HRERA Registration No. RC/REP/HARERA/GGM/814/546/2024/41 dated 15.04.2024

Type-1 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 644.65 sq.ft.)

145516	145096	144434	145403	143895	144062	144528	144736	145526	144495	144841	143973	145066	145350	145347	145435	144749	145264
144504	144010	143654	145247	145127	145283	145341	144336	144279	144948	143524	144689	144656	145562	144490	145473	144428	143539
143695	145577	144790	143644	145219	144577	144066	144338	145384	144759	145470	143535	145214	144437	144789	144176	144744	145297
145545	145596	144346	143888	145636	143857	144681	145343	144374	143972	144728	143932	144812	143513	143981	144200	143813	145081
144449	145462	145087	143738	143958	144766	144814	143914	144835	144344	145617	144379	144687	144289	145079	145443	143842	144118
145625	145434	144138	144483	143531	143879	145426	145205	145444	144005	145580	145250	144267	143864	144464	144323	144813	144958
145204	143770	145177	145212	143540	145618	143519	144122	145530	144073	143722	145532	144916	144870	145206	144888	144028	144307
144861	145012	144314	143585	143897	144217	144775	144116	143755	145619	144184	144928	145560	144333	143602	143707	143978	144595
145041	145399	144035	144431	145615	144923	145415	143712	144791	144999	144172	144531	143753	144069	145400	144305	145376	
144592	145203	145590	143827	144787	144111	144412	144084	144114	144194	144981	143565	144055	144156	145172	145238	144494	
145288	143710	144094	145246	143793	143676	143810	144654	144997	144585	144935	145433	143882	144043	143767	145414	144957	
144160	144942	145289	145240	143831	144324	143843	143586	143653	145604	145201	145222	143750	144225	143544	145437	145468	
145254	144984	144247	145036	145198	143597	145271	144927	144674	145171	144688	143904	143728	145242	144065	143659	143604	
144585	144443	143557	144181	144929	144227	144145	144198	143850	145460	144760	144560	144914	144211	145454	144328	144157	
144149	145135	144125	144060	144435	144926	144110	144941	144107	143527	144183	144930	145377	145037	144108	143927	144956	
144277	144526	144896	144425	145455	143620	144601	144396	145419	145457	143869	143788	144266	143624	145051	145218	145330	
144513	144842	145428	143918	144079	144119	144130	144968	144913	145017	144360	143605	145495	144002	144951	143709	143682	
145342	144895	144925	144694	143859	145566	143960	145402	145449	143823	145416	143645	145071	144750	144214	144631	143780	
145459	145261	143636	144061	145038	145011	144724	145397	144353	143804	145621	145424	144555	143818	145273	145555	144290	
144976	144658	144777	144764	144556	143522	144639	143902	144115	144082	145176	143592	144695	144983	145436	144505	144657	

145210 145088 14374	10 143950 144052 14557	9 145511 144100 144150 1455
143660 144306 14520	08 144704 143614 14490	5 145513 143968 143542
145353 144665 14531	13 144773 144967 14466	9 145103 145427 144086
145307 145280 14530	06 144024 144085 14429	2 144188 145571 143739
	143660 144306 14520 145353 144665 14531 145307 145280 14530	143660 144306 145208 144704 143614 14490 145353 144665 145313 144773 144967 14468 145307 145280 145306 144024 144085 14429

144271 143702

Type-2 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 644.65 sq.ft.)

143668	144569	143656	143867	144980	144523	144690	143949	145097	144199	143523	144889	143836	143993	145475	144230	145239	145389
143694	144527	143786	145175	144548	145381	145447	145304	145106	144141	145635	144709	144874	145047	145420	144496	145432	145125
144137	143615	144625	145224	144347	144886	145524	144723	145533	145404	144136	145160	145286	145292	145474	144128	144878	145476
144697	145390	145179	144741	145587	144009	145332	145050	144166	144977	144960	144473	145269	145425	144641	144589	144557	145494
143994	145207	143575	144575	144372	144969	145170	143903	143708	143899	145018	143928	144506	144978	143684	144488	144692	145508
144877	145048	143870	143847	143647	145329	145119	143986	143573	144001	144649	143846	143885	145154	143868	144883	145472	144617
143693	144588	143830	145465	144794	143732	143561	144034	143885	145322	143970	143782	143921	143649	143876	143718	144711	145500
145258	144685	145211	145026	144686	144647	145027	145105	144524	144740	143512	144982	144013	144578	144510	145316	145478	145512
144512	144042	144568	144148	143579	145133	143633	145631	144799	143886	144822	145020	144635	143756	143558	143787	144804	145558
145483	145431	144599	143758	145441	145076	144515	143748	143992	144603	143634	144729	144017	144580	145249	145024	145479	145469
144837	143554	143996	144718	144554	144067	144508	145260	144011	145326	145337	143874	144475	144169	144931	143567	144621	145522
143989	145393	143910	145379	144663	143670	145300	144070	143939	144776	143774	145118	145529	144394	144161	145128	145229	144533
144339	144698	145620	145487	143685	143848	144162	143721	145320	143664	145344	144721	145331	145423	143893	145521	144810	145488
144459	143760	143613	144793	144636	144748	145124	143733	144862	143800	144450	143849	145639	144540	144196	145466	145278	145622
144072	144220	144811	145187	145518	143546	144671	145065	145336	144756	144691	143623	144427	145497	143833	145506	144532	145272
143801	145488	145471	145003	145182	144664	143537	144051	144516	143704	144844	145230	143698	145268	143976	145553	145422	144628
143587	144286	144924	145006	143792	145490	143744	145412	143598	143515	143534	144894	143686	144860	143529	145063	145531	145564
4.45/3.44	4.49570	143701	145042	145100	244246	144490	144959	144304	445143	1.45008	142008	144833	145300	4.45989	4.44978	144549	

Waitlist Type-2 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 644.65 sq.ft.)

145507	144239	144398	143569	143622	143673	143628	144144	144093	143692	143995	143954	144959	143714	144644	145298	144525
144587	144782	143821	144800	144944	143591	144783	144769	144112	145392	144747	144474	145552	145536	143844	145299	
143816	145094	143588	145540	143953	145217	143556	145554	143663	145583	145380	145642	145145	143832	143730	145139	
144311	145382	143983	143683	144334	143778	143835	143991	145279	144771	145333	145019	143572	145146	145456	145039	
144696	143564	145111	144288	145386	144455	143551	143735	145274	145502	144946	143802	144520	143678	145632	143898	

Type-3 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 637.00 sq.ft.)

144105	145452	145520	144626	144059	145463	143917	144320	143562	144824	144429	144250	144706	144667	145031	145185	144237	
145115	144966	144903	144351	144424	144705	144553	144391	144971	144660	144546	144509	144445	144998	145368	143961	144539	
144357	144302	144378	145499	144566	145245	144377	145430	144659	144342	144390	144514	144337	144471	143650	145485	143553	
144536	144228	144519	143812	143922	144447	144590	144666	144383	145197	144387	144384	143896	143852	145405	144291	144452	
144319	144253	144406	144208	144517	144295	144964	144670	144715	144545	144470	145000	145398	144298	143743	144433		
145033	143731	144468	144448	144261	144293	144102	145295	144329	144521	144418	144439	145538	144236	143642	143669		
144732	143667	144297	144442	145008	144294	144216	144597	144593	144507	144541	145614	144407	144627	144552	144075		
144480	144498	144805	144720	144385	144762	144613	144400	144180	143595	144359	144030	144077	144193	144340	145049		
144395	144562	143725	144365	144335	144708	144415	144489	144095	144087	143930	143808	144551	145589	144127	144376		
145360	143690	144497	144454	144574	144252	145418	144465	145442	144303	144675	144368	143777	144173	144446	144189		

Waitlist Type-3 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 637.00 sq.ft.)

144487	144584	144440	144091	144990	144611	145391	144453	144272	143658	143979	144265	144567	144409
143890	144246	144444	144245	144441	144373	144579	144296	144287	145641	144393	144582	144285	144719
144411	144050	144486	145215	144262	144327	144135	143737	145535	144367	144710	144466	144325	

SRIFLEX PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED - T.F.03, Ninex City Mart, Sohna Road, Sector 49, Gurugram, Haryana 122018

Disclaimer: The Final result is also available on TCP Website https://tcpharyana.gov.in in case of any discrepancy, the result published on government website shall be final

Operation Theatre (OT) at the AIIMS Trauma Centre has not yet resumed operations. "Heavy rains caused severe water logging, especially in the basement of the Trauma Centre where heavy generators and equipment are located. This led to the stoppage of OTs, though four life-threatening surgeries were still performed," Dada said. The director and additional direc-

logging in the basements and Power was cut by NDMC,

tor assessed the situation and

worked on clearing the water

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

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

'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-

er in saluting the exemplary

service of our valiant soldiers,"

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 this supreme sacrifice," she opposition in the Lok Sabha,

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 political, trade, investment,

aspects of bilateral relations including political, trade, investment, energy, security, cultural and people-to-people as well as the regional and international issues of mutual interest."During the visit, he will meet the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani," MEA said.It said the visit would "enable both sides to review various aspects of bilateral relations, including

energy, security, cultural and people-to-people as well as the regional and international issues of mutual interest".

India and Qatar are looking at broadbasing trade basket with a view to link it to regional 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

Indian multi-role stealth 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

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

cise from June 27 June to July 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

The harbour phase of the exer-

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.

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 trib-

ute to all the martyred soldiers,

express my deepest condo-

lences to the bereaved families.

We stand with them in this

hour of grief. The country will

always remember their dedi-

cation, service and sacrifice," he

Priyanka Gandhi also

expressed her condolences to

the families of the five soldiers.

"The news of the martyrdom of

five army soldiers in the sud-

den flood ... in Ladakh is

May God grant peace to the

departed souls. My deepest

condolences to the bereaved

families," she said in social

"The country will always

remain indebted to our brave

soldiers and their families for

media post in Hindi.

said in a post.

extremely sad.

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.

NOTICE

Dawarika Prasad Pandey R/o

KH. No.39/18/1& 2, Ground

Floor, EXTN. Street No.23, Near

J.K.Farm House, Gautam Colony, Narela Delhi Have

changed my name to Pramod Kumar Pandey for all purposes

for all future purposes.

Led by the US Navy, approximately 29 countries are participating in the current edition of the multi-dimensional exer-

The world's largest international 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.

designed and built 6,000 tonnes guided missile stealth frigate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Heavy to very heavy rainfall predicted for NW, NE India

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Saturday predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall in northwest and northeast India over the next four to five days.

Bay of Bengal, adjoining the north Odisha-Gangetic West Bengal coasts, the weather office



Uttar Pradesh at lower tropos-Mizoram, and Tripura over the pheric levels, it added. next five days. 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 fall 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, Manipur,

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

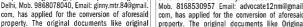
The Met office also predicted isolated heavy rainfall for Saurashtra, Kutch, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and coastal and south interior Karnataka from June 29

to July 1. Gujarat, Goa, and central Maharashtra are expected to 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

PUBLIC NOTICE General public is hereby informed that Late Mrs. Chandra oshi W/o Late Mr. R.D. Joshi, was the owner of the roperty Residential Plot No. III-F-976 and III-F-977, on irst Floor, without roof rights, covered area measuring 56 g. Mrs. Situade at Sector 3. Residential Colony Vaishali, hazabada, Tehsil 8. District Ghazabada, U.P., by virtue of alab Dead dated 3.105.2005, regol at doc. No. 11678. After ler death, Mr. Atul Joshi is the only surviving legal heir and on, who is going to execute sale deed in respect of foresaid property in favour of Mr. Harpal Tadav S/o Mr. nickhe Lal & Mrs. Mamta Devi W/o Mr. Harpal. The above aid property is to be financed & mortgaged with my client PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that I, Mrs. Reena Mitra & Gaurav W/o Late shri Leela Kishan R/o. Plot No: C-102, Delhi Cooperative Ingineering, (CHBS Ltd) Shakiti Nagar Ext., Delhi, Mob. 9868078040, Email: ginny.mt.84@gmail. The ship is an indigenously com, has applied for the conversion of aforesaid com, has applied for the conversion of aforesaid



property. The original documents like Original Demand Cum Allotment Letter And Possession Letter issued by DDA of abovesaid property has been lost. A F.IR to this effect has been logled to police station dt 23/06/2024. Any person(s) claiming Perpetual Sublease Deed, C-Form, D-Form, Sanction Letter And Building Plan etc. by DDA of abovesaid property has been lost. A F.I.R to this effect has been lodged to police station dt 25/06/2024. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/contact the date of publication of this notice & can personally contact- Deputy Director (LAB) Housing LIG D Block Third Floor, DDA, Vikas sadan, New Delhi-110023.

January 19, 2024

79,45,487/-

personally contact- Deputy Director(CS) C-block 2nd SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

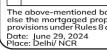
Franch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession

	Account Humber	
	Seema Gupta/ LBDEL00004952273/ LBDEL00005207620	Property Address-1. Property Bearing No.25, Second Floor (Without Roof Rights), Block & Pocket-F-1, Sector-11, Residenial Scheme, Rohini, Delhi-110085 & Address-2. Property Bearing No.26, Second Floor (without Roof Rights), Block & Pocket-F-1, Sector-11, Residenial Scheme, Rohini, Delhi-110085/ June 26, 202
		rrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day N

eise the mortgagea properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.



Name of the

NAGAR NIGAM DEHRADUN

Telephone: 0135-17140740, Website: www.nagarnigamdehradun.com Email: nagarnigam.ddn@gmail.com



Delhi/ NCR

Expression of Interest (EoI) for Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of 100 TPD Construction and Demolition (C & D) waste processing plant in Dehradun City

Nagar Nigam Dehradun invites Expression of Interest (EoI) for "Supply Installation, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of 100 TPD C & D waste processing plant in Dehradun City" from eligible bidders having experience as indicated in the Eol document. Interested bidders are requested to download the Eol document up to 15.07.2024 from e-tenders portal Government of Uttarakhand & Nagar Nigam Official website. Any Addendum/Corrigendum including date of extension will be uploaded only on www.uktenders.gov.in. The Municipal Commissioner have right to cancel tender at any stage without giving any reason. The last date for online and hard copy submission of bids is 15.07.2024 at 4:00PM.

No 836 C&D/NND/2024 Date: 29.06.2024 Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam Dehradun

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

PICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a Housing Loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s) (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN)	Description of Property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Jagat Jeet Singh/ Rekha (1350008012 & QZCHD00005064387) & House No. B E 40 B, Hari Nagar, Maya Puri, S O South West Delhi, Delhi- 110064	House No. 16, First Floor, Sai Ji Homes, Comprised In Khata No. 51/102, Khasra No. 173(4-0), 174(4-0), 177(4-0), 178(3- 19), 414/160(2-10), 416/161(2-18), 587/172(0-18), As Per Jamabandi Year 2015-2016, Krishna Enclave Colony, Village Saddhemajra, Hadbasat No. 12, Tehsil Derabassi, District S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab/ June 26, 2024	August 18, 2023 RS: 13,57,670/-	Delhi/ Derabassi

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

Date: June 29, 2024 Place: Delhi

TOYOTA

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOYOTA KIRLOSKAR MOTOR PRIVATE LIMITED ('TKM'), wants to inform all its esteemed customers and others concerned that sales, marketing, distribution, and service of Toyota vehicles by Galaxy Automobiles Private limited operating Toyota Dealerships in the name of "Galaxy Toyota" will cease w.e.f

Kundli, Sonipat: Khasra no 31/16, GT Karnal Road, Near Parnami Ortho Hospital, Kundli, Dist. Sonipat, Haryana-131028 <Service, Spares and Body & Paint facility> Dwarka, New Delhi: Plot No.23, Sector 20, Near Sector 9 Metro Station, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 < Sales Facility>

30th June 2024 from below mentioned two outlets.

Sales, marketing, distribution, and service of Toyota vehicles will continue at other locations of Galaxy Toyota and at other dealer locations of Delhi NCR.

Kindly refer to www.toyotabharat.com for exact location and address details.

Tovota India Helpline number: 1800-309-0001, 080 4505 9000

TWENTY FIRST CENTURY MEDICARE LIMITED Plot No. 22, LSC, Madangir, New Delhi-110062 CIN-U24239DL1985PLC022113, E-Mail: mpd.humanity@gmail.com

NOTICE is hereby given that the 39th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Friday, 26th, July, 2024 at 10.00 A.M. at Plot No.22, L.S.C. Madangir, New Delhi-110062, to transact the business, as set out in the Notice of AGM. The Company has completed dispatch of the Annual Report for financial year 2023-24 to Members through permitted mode by Monday

n compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companie Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, Members ar provided with the facility to cast their votes on all resolutions set forth in the Notice of the AGM using electronic voting system provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited(CDSL) from a place other than the venue of the AGM ('remote e-voting') and the business may b transacted through such voting. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to the equit shares held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Friday, July 19

The facility for voting, either through electronic voting system or polling paper shall also be made available at the AGM. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting may attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again. The e-voting period commences on July 23rd, 2024, Tuesday at 09:00 a.m. and ends on July 25th

Members may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL A person who has acquired shares and become a Member of the Company after the dispatch of notice of AGM and holding shares as of cut-off date, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at helpdesk.evotling@cdslindia.com. However, if the person is already registered with CDSL for remote e-votling then the existing user ID and password can be used for

For details relating to remote e-voting, please refer to the Notice of the AGM. In case ofanqueries relating to voting by electronic means, please refer to the Frequently Asked Question: (FAQs) and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at www.evotingindia.com or contact at toll free no.1800225533or send a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com. In case of any grievances connected with facility for voting by electronic means, please contact to the Manager (CDSL), Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send n email to helpdesk evoting@cdslindia.com or call on 022-23058542/43.

The Notice of AGM is also available on the website of the CDSL at www.evoting.cdsl.com and a the website of Skyline Financial Services Private Limited, the Registrar and Share Transfer Age

> For Twenty First Century Medicare Limited Rajni Sharma (Director) DIN:00144238

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on

A low-pressure area is currently situated over the northwest

Cyclonic circulations have

formed over northeast Rajasthan, east Uttar Pradesh bordering Bihar, and northwest

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Mrs. Mukesh Devi to general public that the 1. Original Allotment Letter, Original Buyer's Agreement, Original Possession Letter, Original Conveyance Deed dated 26 09.2016 document no 2839, and Original Regd. General Power of Attorney (In Blood Relation) dated 18.01.2017, related to the Property bearing no. 8-26, area measuring 60 sq. yds., Now Known as Precore City, Sector-7, situated at Balluda Road, Sohna, Tehsil Sohna, Distt. Gurugram, Haryana, have been lost/misplaced. Public is being warned not to deal with the documents would do so at their own risk and documents would do so at their own risk and documents would do so at their own risk and responsibility. Owner shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss incurred by such persons. If anybody found these documents OR notice any misuse of these documents, Concerned Person is required to communicate at the address nigen below. PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that of Mr. Virender Kumar is the owner of RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO. 8, BLOCKA, AREA MEASURING 50 SYLVARDS OUT OF KHASRA NO. 232, STUATED AT KESHAV NAGAR VILLAGE BEHTA HAZIPUR, PARGANA A TEHSIL LON, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, by virtue of registered General Power of Attorney Dated O7.12.2022, as Doc. No. 11090, executed by Mr. Satya Narayan and same property to be sold to Intending Borrower I.e. Mr. Avrind Kumar same to be finance by SMFG India Home-Finance Co. Ld. General public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interest/title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly informed that if anybody has any charge/interest/title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly informed. Mrs. Prason Lata & Rahul Raj Patnak, Advocate SG Associates (Law Firm). cerned Person is required to communicate the address given below. Juris NextGen LLP E-56, LGF, Greater Kallash Enclave Part-I New Delhi-48 #011-42662177,78,79

PUBLIC NOTICE

clients, Mr Ashwani Talwar S/O Mr. Harban: Lal Talwar & Afsha Talwar W/O Ashwan Talwaar R/0 F-2 Maharani Bagh New Delhi, are the owner and in possession of Free Hold SFS DDA, CAT-III FLAT No. 199 Anupam Apartment Saket Said-ul-aiaib, New Delhi-110017. That my clients are entering into sale agreement qua the sale of the sale property with Mrs. Nidhi Diwan w/o Mr. Ashish Diwan R/o 111 Anupam Apartment Saket New Delhi-17 and Shri Tilak Raj Kathuria S/o Late Shri Chanderbhan R/o 144 Chander lok Snir Chanderonan R/o 144 Chander low Enclave Pitampura, Saraswati, North Wesi Delhi-34. Any body having any objection regarding can contact within 15 days. That the property is free from all sorts of incumbrances such as sale, mortgage, attachment, gift, lier decree, prior sale etc. Anybody concealing nisappropriating any facts and information gua the aforesaid property shall be doing so a their own risk, cost and responsibility and m clients shall not be held responsible.

Gaurav Sachdeva (Adv



CHANGE OF NAME I, Parvinder Maan S/o

Mahabir Singh R/o H.NO. 230, Sector-9, Bahadurgarh (HR) Changed my name from Parvinder Singh Maan to Parvinder Maan for all future Purposes.

PD(553)A I, Priyanshu S/o Trivesh

Kumar R/o J-618-619 Jahangirpuri, Delhi-33 that, I have Changed my Name from Priyansh to Priyansh Kumar Permanently

PD(554)A

I, Sunita Yadav W/o Sh. Ravinder Singh R/o A-173/3, The event is scheduled to Kendriya Vihar-2, Sector-82, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P hereby declare that Sunita Yadav and Gudiya Yadav is one and the same

PD(555)A



Modi to release three books on Venkaiah today titled "Venkaiah Naidu - Life

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release three books on former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on his 75th birthday on Sunday.

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

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.

in Service", authored by S

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.

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 Yemen's Houthi rebels — are engaged in the fighting and protégé of Iran's Supreme Leader Avatollah Ali Khamenei have escalated their attacks. Meanwhile, the Islamic and a potential successor. Still, many knew him for his Republic continues to enrich involvement in the mass execuuranium at near weapons-

allegedly improperly wearing the mandatory headscarf, or

The voting came as wider ten-

sions have gripped the Middle East over the Israel-Hamas

In April, Iran launched its

first-ever direct attack on Israel

over the war in Gaza, while

militia groups that Tehran arms

in the region — such as the

war in the Gaza Strip.

hiiab.

tions that Iran conducted in grade levels and maintains a 1988, and for his role in the stockpile large enough to build bloody crackdowns on dissent should it choose to do so that followed protests over the several nuclear weapons. death of Mahsa Amini, a young Despite the recent unrest, there woman detained by police over

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 the war in Gaza

prospered and begun to address a range of long-term 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

withdraw from Pres race

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 pre-

vent 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)

Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

Russia's full-scale invasion.

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-

ditions, both psychological and

nearly three years of captivity.

The Washington Post editorial, 'How Biden and the Democrats should think 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 consid-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 eration."

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.

"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 /

 $P^{\text{akistan's ambassador to the}}_{\text{US has urged the US to pro-}}$

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

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

AP KATHMANDU

 ${
m L}$ 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 250 kilometers (156 miles) west of the capital,

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.

tricts, 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.

physical, are very frightening The former prisoners, wrapped

10 Ukrainians held prisoner for

years in Russia return home

Ten Ukrainian civilians held prisoner for years by Russia in blue and yellow flags, reunitarrived in Kyiv overnight ed with families in Kviv and Saturday after the mediation of called those who couldn't be the Vatican, Ukraine President there. For some, the separation had lasted many years. They were freed Friday. Some

"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 conferences 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

his church in the occupied city of Berdiansk in the southeastern region of Zaporizhzhia.

Heleta, was detained in 2022 in

"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 bringing 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

9 dead in Nepal **landslide**

Kathmandu, according to Nepal's National Disaster Rescue and Reduction Management Authority Five members of the same family were killed when their house was swallowed by a landslide

Two more people were killed in neighbouring Baglung district and another two in Syangja dis-

Russia reports 5 dead in Ukrainian drone strike

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 social media

In Dnipro, at least one person died and 12 were injured, including a 7-monthold girl, after a Russian strike destroyed 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 infra-

Gorodishche on the Russian-Ukrainian border, Gov. Alexey Smirnov said on

the top four floors of the apartment bloc Friday evening, regional head Serhii

structure.

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 state-

ment 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 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'

Iraqi authorities have requested that UNESCO halt all reconstruction operations at al-Nouri 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

was taken on June 22 at the 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-

i-Istehkam (...) to oppose and dismantle terrorist networks. For that, we need sophisticated small arms and communi-

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 hin-

dered 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

gic competition, the US and Pakistan should build on existing partnerships and explore new horizons to establish the parameters of mutual interests," the envoy said. We should not base our engagement on the incongruity

Khan also suggested that the US should consider Pakistan as

a partner in its diplomatic

efforts in Kabul and collaborate

on counterterrorism and the

rights of women and girls in

"In this era of renewed strate-

Afghanistan.

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 initiative. scheme, the statement said. Initially, UPNEDA will run The promotional activities

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

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, coworking spaces, and serviced managed office spaces. While co-working centres are at the mos 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

ndia'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

P.D.E.U and

aggregators, it said.

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 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 VPYork Branch. FSIB is headed by Bhanu

Pratap Sharma, former secretary of Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). The members of the

government-appointed selection panel are Financial Services Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises Secretary and an RBI Deputy Governor. Other members of the

headhunter are Animesh Chauhan, former chairman and MD of erstwhile Oriental Bank Commerce, RBI's executive director Deepak Singhal, and others.

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.

Africa), Southeast Asian

regions. In the last few years, it



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.

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

Titan Company MD C K Venkataraman said: "Together,

we will leverage our combined strengths to elevate the industry

Bangladesh the hub for

making Tanishq Exquisite

and

make

Kumar warned that the

withdrawal of IES benefits



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

Narayanganj, Bangladesh, it added.

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

Tanishq overseas. Rhythm Group is a prominent entity in Bangladesh that was established in 1972 to produce Middle East and North

desi textile fabrics and since then it has expanded into several verticals. has focused on growing its

"Through this joint venture

flagship jewellery brand

Titan Company is a joint venture between Tata Group (TIDCŌ).

iewellerv

Bangladesh

and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation

Jewellery for the world,'



I HAVE NO SPONSORS AND THAT IS WHY I AM STRUGGLING TO IMPROVE MYSELF: LILI DAS

iddle-distance runner Lili Das was seen as a big hope ∟for Indian athletics when she burst onto the scene in 2016. But things panned out differently from there and eight years later, she is still seeking her first senior international medal.

The absence of sponsors has prevented Lili from realising her full potential at the top level, but the feisty athlete from West Bengal is not giving up just yet, years after having created a national record in 1500m in the Federation Cup (Junior) in 2016. Das, now 26, qualified for the 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 medals at junior level, but somehow, I am not winning international medals at senior level. I missed a medal at 2017 Asian Championships and I missed out on taking part in the 2018 and

2022 Asian Games. That is the sad part," Das, who has been in the national circuit for more than 10 vears, told PTI on Saturday.

"But I am not giving up just yet. I am 26 now, but luckily, I have not had major injuries in my career and as long as I am fit, I will keep working hard and try to win international medals. My next target is the 2025 Asian Championships and then the 2026 Asian Games.'

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

Das stands at around 5 feet but is known to be a feisty character. In pursuit of more 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 timing (in 1500m)." Hailing from Hooghly district's Triveni town in West Bengal, 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? 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.

Das is currently working as an office superintendent at the Eastern Railways headquarters in Kolkata, though she trains at the SAI Bengaluru.

"My mother is sports-minded, she used to compete at the local level when she was young. She encouraged me to do sports when I was in class 2 or 3. She used to take me to the playing ground, I chose athletics only because of her. Even now she would come to watch me on and off during championships

"I joined SAI Kolkata in 2012 and since then I am in the national circuit beginning at the junior level."

Asked about her next competition, she said, "I will compete in the Inter Railways Meet in August and then the National Open. I won a gold here (Inter-State) and if I do well in the upcoming events, I am hoping to get promotion to chief OS (office superintendent).

"Currently in India, there is disparity athletes in getting sponsorship. I have no sponsors and that is why I am struggling to

Junior scores twice to lead Brazil to 4-1 win

HI names core probable group 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



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

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

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

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

Paraguay had its chances and even outshot Brazil 8-5, including 4-3 on goal. Brazil goalkeeper Alisson Becker

made a tremendous save

diving to his right to prevent a

goal from Damián Bobodilla

Early in the second half,

however, Alderete scored to

Then 17 minutes later, Paqueta

15 minutes into the match.

close the deficit to 3-1.



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 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.

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

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 Firouzja.

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 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, winning Alireza, Giri and Nepomniachtchi share the third spot on 1.5 points apiece. Another half point behind is For the first time in three days, Abdusattorov and Bogdan Daniel with six rounds still remaining in the USD 350000 prize money tournament.

> 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, 1.5) drew with Ian 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).

over Paraguay in Copa America group stage **AP** ■ LAS VEGAS Canarinho, who opened the tournament Tuesday with a

Vinícius Junior scored two first-half goals to lead Brazil to a 4-1 victory over Paraguay and put itself in position to advance out of Group D in the Copa America. Savinho also scored a first-half goal for Brazil and Lucas Paqueta scored on a penalty kick in the second half. Omar Alderete scored Paraguay's

There were plenty of tense moments with five yellow cards and a red handed out. Andres Cubas was sent off for a red card in the 81st minute, forcing Paraguay to play the last part of the match down a man. Yellow cards were handed to Brazil's Wendell, Junior and Paqueta and Paraguay's Fabian Balbuena and Hernesto Caballero.

The victory was quite a response for the Seleção

scoreless draw against Costa Rica despite outshooting their opponent 18-2.

With four points, Brazil is two behind leader Colombia, which defeated Costa Rica 3-0 earlier Friday. A victory or tie by Brazil against Colombia on Tuesday ensures one of the group's two spots in the knockout stage. Brazil also has a six-goal differential advantage over Costa Rica, so a loss likely won't keep out the nine-time Copa America champions

Brazil has had its difficulties against Paraguay in Copa America play, having drawn in their previous five meetings. That tied for the secondlongest unbeaten streak against Brazil in this tournament, which Paraguay also was part of from 1963-83.

But Brazil won the most recent



meeting, defeating Paraguay 4-0 two years ago in World Cup qualifying, and there was little doubt about the outcome of this match after two late goals broke it open in what was a contentious end to the first Moments after teammate

Bruno Guimaraes hit the

crossbar, Savinho put Brazil up 2-0 in the 43rd minute. Both teams got into a scrum in extra time, with Chilean

referee Piero Maza Gomez

handing yellow cards to Wendell and Balbuena at three-plus minutes. Then Junior delivered the crushing blow five minutes into extra

made up for a missed penalty kick in the first half by converting to give back Brazil its three-goal lead. Brazil coach Dorival Júnior

made a bold and controversial move by deciding not to start Raphinha. The move, with national team legend Neymar watching from the stands, clearly paid off.

Raphinha was a late-game substitute, entering the match at the 72nd minute in place of

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

Ronaldo soccer's ultimate showstopper



group stage. 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,

playing nine-time Copa 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.

"It's no miracle. They're good players," Lorenzo said after the game, in Spanish. "The quality of the players is what makes the difference.

AP ■ DORTMUND

he'd like to be.

ristiano Ronaldo has been a showstopper, as expected, at the European Championship. Just not necessarily in the way

The Portugal superstar with 632 million followers on Instagram and a never-ending stream of endorsement deals has had to deal with a raft of on-field selfie-seekers, during matches and in training. One presumed super-fan even leapt from the stands over the players' tunnel toward a

after Portugal's match against Georgia. He's raged at a referee (earning a yellow card), booted away a water bottle, and angrily remonstrated in the dug-out. He's also had 12 shots, more than anyone else at Euro 2024. What Ronaldo hasn't done is score a goal - and that's the

startled-looking Ronaldo as he

headed to the locker room

OK, there was that moment he passed up a golden chance to score by passing unselfishly to

currency he deals in, at least in

pruno Fernandes for Portugal's third goal in the 3-0 win over Turkey. A doublestepover that befuddled Abdulkerim Bardakci and left the Turkey center back on his back has proved a hit on social

15, even 20 years ago. Ronaldo, though, is 39 now. Those big moments have become fleeting, especially when it comes to the big tournaments and when he's playing against top-level

Make that seven straight matches in which he has failed tournament, covering the 2022 World Cup and Euro 2024. For the first time in his 21-year international career taking in five World Cups and six European Championships, he has ended a group stage

undoubted soccer great on the

Still Portugal's main man despite slow start to Euro 2024 media and gave the world a reminder of the Ronaldo of 10,

score at a major without a goal.

So, with the powers of this wane, the question will again

be asked heading into the knockout stage: will the constant drama surrounding Ronaldo wind up being a distraction for the Portugal team in its bid for another big soccer title, eight years after winning its only one at Euro 2016? Roberto Martinez clearly

doesn't think so.

The Portugal coach is in thrall with Ronaldo, as shown by his reaction to the striker's assist his record-tying eighth at the European Championship against Turkey.

'Ĭt should be shown in everv academy in Portugal and world football," Martinez said, purring at this "spectacular' piece of play.

A day earlier, he'd got into an exchange with a journalist who questioned whether Ronaldo could handle the intensity of major tournament at age 39.

"All you need to do is look at what he has done in the last 12 months," Martinez proffered, pointing to his record in the Saudi league with Al-Nassr, for whom he started 31 of 34 games and scored a leaguehigh 35 goals, and his 10 goals in Euro 2024 qualifying second only to Belgium's Romelu Lukaku.

Before the tournament, Martinez had lauded Ronaldo by saying he "approaches every day as a new way to be the best" and that his stats "are than anything, better subjectively, that you can say.

Maybe to justify his arguments or who knows, to keep in Ronaldo's good books Martinez started the striker against Georgia despite resting all of his other key outfield players for a game that meant little for Portugal, which had already qualified as group

winner. It was at this stage at the last World Cup where Ronaldo lost his place in Portugal's

team, to the shock and anger of his millions of fans who might not see him play as much these days because of his move to the Middle East. He had started all three of the group games, scoring only a penalty, and reacted poorly to being substituted by thencoach Fernando Santos against South Korea in the third. Ronaldo didn't start the 6-1

win over Switzerland in the round of 16 - his replacement, Goncalo Ramos scored a hat trick - nor the quarterfinal loss to Morocco, after which he left the field in tears.

Given his public comments, it's unlikely Martinez will follow Santos' path and drop his captain in the knockout stage, starting against Slovenia on Monday, for what may prove to be Ronaldo's last matches at tournament.

Nor do his teammates, who have grown up idolizing Ronaldo, want that to happen. "We want to be side by side with our captain," Portugal defender Diogo Dalot said, while midfielder Vitinha has spoken of the "privilege to be able to share moments with him on and off the pitch.? Ronaldo's desire and passion

clearly remains. He is still a prolific scorer, albeit mostly against weak opposition these days, even if his mobility and, in particular, his pressing isn't at the level of a top-notch striker. It would be no surprise to see the top scorer in men's international soccer - with 130 goals - get off the mark against Slovenia.

Whether his continued selection is beneficial for Portugal is another thing

T20 WORLD CUP ON COURSE TO BECOME MOST IMPORTANT ICC EVENT, REVEALS PLAYER SURVEY

A player survey has revealed that the T20 World Cup is closing the gap in the race to become the "most important" ICC event to players around the world, marking a shift from the dominance of the ODI World Cup. According to a survey conducted by the World Cricketers Association (WCA), formerly FICA, an overwhelming 85 percent of players viewed the 50-over World Cup as the most important in 2019, compared to 15 percent for the T20 World Cup.

In 2024 however, those figures have changed with 50 percent of the players considering the ODI showpiece as the most important and 35 percent favouring its T20 equivalent.

The ongoing edition of the T20 World Cup, jointly hosted by the USA and West Indies, will conclude with the title clash between India and Scrub Africa clash between India and South Africa in Barbados on Saturday.

As per the survey done by the rebranded body, for players under 26, the inclination towards the T20 World Cup rose significantly, with 41 percent preferring it over the 50-over World Cup at 49 percent in 2024.

Overall, there has been a sharp increase in the popularity of the T20 format.

players picked Test cricket as the most important format, it's only 48 percent right now. As many as 30 percent of the players picked T20 as the most

important format. Players from India, Pakistan and Afghanistan are among those who are not represented by the WCA since they Responses were sought from players of other major cricket nations, including

Australia, England, New Zealand, South Africa, Bangladesh and West

According to the WCA, the sample size for this year's survey was around 330 professional players from 13 different being current internationals. There is a higher proportion of female respondents in 2024.

In the current edition of the T20 World Cup, the much-awaited clash between arch-rivals India and Pakistan garnered a staggering 256 million viewing hours in India alone.



India record highest-ever team total in women Test cricket

 \mathbf{I} ndia on Saturday recorded the highest team total in women's Test cricket, amassing 603 for six declared on day two of the one-off match against South Africa here

Australia held the previous record for the highest total --575 for nine declared -- which they posted against South Africa in Perth this February.

when Richa Ghosh hammered a four in the first ball of the 109th over bowled by Annerie

Eventually, India declared at 603 for six in 115.1 over following the dismissal of Ghosh for 86.

Much of the credit for the feat goes to Indian openers --Shafali Verma (205) and Smriti Mandhana (149) -- who shared a stand of 292 -- the highest



opening partnership in women's cricket. India were also well served by Jemimah Rodrigues (55) and skipper

why we had some low-scoring games," Gayle added. - 509 for nine -- against Bangladesh in Colombo in

Gayle attributes low-scoring matches in US to jet-lagged and tired wickets

PTI ■ BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS)

Chris Gayle, the West Indies batting great and T20 World Cup ambassador, attributed the amount of the control o attributed the numerous lowscoring games in the USA leg of the tournament to "jetlagged and tired" pitches.
According to the ICC, drop-in

pitches were prepared in Florida since late December, employing employing proprietary techniques honed over a decade at Adelaide Oval in Australia.

The drop-in pitches prepared for the tournament were transported from Florida to New York in semi-trailer trucks for installation at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium, which proved to be one of the most difficult wickets for batting during the tournament

"It's been a low-scoring World Cup without a doubt, and the wicket is on the slower side sometime. It's a batting format... Going to give bowlers edge from time to time, bowlers pretty much in control of T20 World Cup," Gayle said during a press conference on

The tournament will conclude with the final between India and South Africa at Kensington Oval in Barbados. "Barbados has been one of the

best for batting, hope batters

are going to get some runs tomorrow 'We want to see better surface but the wicket in States was a bit jet-lagged as well, as we know. It was tired, all that travel from Australia, didn't get time to recover properly. That's

The development of the pitches was undertaken by Adelaide Oval Turf Solutions,



led by renowned Adelaide Oval head curator Damian

The drop-in square - the type used around the world including at Adelaide Oval and Eden Park - was curated in Florida and transported by road to New York via a convoy of more than 20 semi-trailer trucks in April.

The matches in New York took place at a state-of-the-art 34,000-seat modular stadium located at Eisenhower Park in Nassau County, east of Manhattan. The former West Indies captain lauded the ICC for efforts to promote the game in mainland America.

"The ICC did a fantastic job, the trophy tour, did well to promote the game within the US. They have taken the trophy to the football games, baseball games, they have done a very good job from the marketing point of view,' Gayle said.

Coming back to the big-ticket title clash, Gayle said lead pacer Jasprit Bumrah could decide India's fate against South Africa.

Inaugural edition winners India and first-time finalists South Africa will battle it out at

the Kensington Oval in their bid to be crowned the world champions in the game's shortest format.

"India are going to be so hard to beat. They bat so deep and in Jasprit Bumrah, have a aworld-class death bowler who can break the hearts of the opponents," Gayle wrote in a column for the ICC.
"In contrast, I picked South Africa as a dark horse before the townsmooth bown and it is

the tournament began, and it is very special to see them finally reach their first final after so many semi-final upsets.

"Getting over the hump and winning a World Cup is so special and if they can do it, it will create memories that will last a lifetime for the players and the nation."

The final pits two undefeated teams with India seeking to reclaim the trophy they last won in the 2007 edition, and South Africa seeking to etch their name on a conjur World their name on a senior World Cup trophy for the first time. Gayle found it tough to predict

"It is going to be so hard to call with two teams who have played clean and aggressive throughout cricket



12-time National champion Muddappa begins season on winning note

PTI CHENNAI

India's fastest rider Hemanth Muddappa began his 2024 campaign on a positive note with a double win at the opening round of the MMSC-FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship at the Madras International Circuit (MIC) at Irungattukottai on Saturday. Muddappa, who won the

National drag titles a record 12 times, continued his successful association with team Mantra Racing, and the combination dished out another stellar performance in the first round, missing the triple by a whisker. He started with a hard-fought victory in 4-stroke 551 to 850cc Super Sport class clocking a blistering 8.630 seconds . to edge out Hyderabad's Mohammed Riyaz, who timed 8.675 seconds. Altaf Khan, also from Hyderabad, came third.

The Bengaluru-based rider then took the start for the 851 to 1050cc Super Sport final run, but lost to Mumbai's Anvay Patil by eight hundredths of a second.

Mantra Racing's Muddappa clocked 8.294 seconds to Patil's 8.286. Muddappa's teammate Sugan Prasad SP came third in

But Muddappa was in his elements in the 4-stroke 1051 to 1650cc Super Sport class, where he logged a quick 08.063 seconds to take his second victory of the day.

He beat Bengaluru's Mujahid Pasha (8.103s) and Aymaan Baig, who came third in 8.117s. Astride the Suzuki Hayabusa, the reigning champion in the Unrestricted class clocked 8.251 seconds for a tie with city-mate Pasha, who also clocked the same time but had a lesser reaction time, that was used to break the deadlock. Alimon Saidalvi came third.



Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma fired identical 68s in his first two rounds to be tied seventh in the Italian Open on the DP

The Indian star, who is headed to the Olympic Games in August, had five birdies against two bogeys in the second

In the first round, he had three birdies and

an eagle against two bogeys. Sharma has had a modest season with a best of T-7 in Singapore Classic as his best and was T-16 at Hero Dubai Desert Classic, one of the marquee events on the

The other Indian in the field Om Prakash

Chouhan missed the cut with rounds of

World Tour here.

Harmanpreet Kaur (69). On Day 1, India had finished on 525 for four, having posted the highest-ever single-day total in a Test match. They broke the previous record held by the Sri Lankan men's team

with a bogey on the 17th, cancelling out a gain on the 15th.

He made his second birdie of the day on the first hole, his tenth, and then birdied the par four fifth to move to two under on

The 35-year-old parred his final four holes to sign for a nine under par total after 36 holes, one stroke ahead of Germany's Januik de Brune who are the stroke and the stroke ahead of Germany's language and the stroke and the stroke ahead of Germany's language and the stroke ahead of Germany and the Jannik de Bruyn, who got a last minute spot into the event.

One stroke further back on seven under are last week's KLM Open runner-up Marcus Kinhult, Denmark's Sebastian Friedrichsen, Adrian Otaegui of Spain and South African Brandon Stone.

Canada's Aaron Cockerill and Sharma share the seventh spot on six under, while 14 golfers are tied for ninth place on five er nar including home Gunner Wiebe took a one-stroke lead into remain patient after a level par front nine, Edoardô Molinari and Andrea Pavan.

Verstappen holds off McLaren challenge to take 3rd sprint race victory of season at Austrian GP AP ■ SPIELBERG (AUSTRIA)

Max Verstappen held off an early attack by Lando Norris before pulling away from the two McLarens to comfortably secure his third sprint race victory of the year Saturday at the Austrian Grand Prix.

Verstappen finished 4.616 seconds ahead of McLaren's Oscar Piastri to make it three this season, with Norris another 0.732 seconds back in

Norris started second behind Verstappen and stayed glued to the Red Bull for the first few laps, using his DRS to attack the championships leader. Norris even managed to overtake Verstappen briefly on lap five after a daring move on the straight leading into a sharp turn, but the Dutch driver responded by quickly retaking the lead at the next corner.

well during that sequence, but Piastri could not seriously challenge Verstappen after that and the Red Bull driver gradually extended his lead

Norris ended up being overtaken by his teammate as

over the 23-lap race. Verstappen said the key was to get out of the range of the McLarens' DRS system, which allows the chasing driver to reduce the drag by opening up



the rear wing of his car to get a

"It was a good first lap but once the DRS opens it is very hard to get out of it, took a few laps," Verstappen said. "Few exciting battles as well but once we cleared the DRS I could do my own race. We have two cars pushing flat out making things

difficult for me."
The race was shortened by one lap after an aborted start led to the drivers having to make a

second formation lap. The win extends Verstappen's lead over Norris by two points in the overall standings, with the defending champion now leading his rival by 71 points. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, who is third in the overall standings, only managed to come seventh in the sprint race and dropped six points behind Norris.

"A good race between us, especially with Max at the beginning was good fun," Norris said. "I don't think we had the pace to go for Max, he was too quick for us today.

Malvika shocks Kristy to enter semifinals of US PTI ■ FORT WORTH (US)

the weekend after carding a second round

The American started the second day in a

three-way tie for the lead on seven under

ofter his first round of 64 but had to

69 at Adriatic Golf Club.

India's Malvika Bansod Stunned Scotland's Kristy Gilmour in a thrilling threegame match to advance to the women's singles semifinals of the US Open Super 300 badminton tournament here.

The 22-year-old from Nagpur, ranked 49th, registered a 10-21 21-15 21-10 win over Kristy, a 2014 Commonwealth Games silver medallist.

Malvika had defeated Kristy at the Hylo Open in 2022 when the Scot shuttler had retired in the second game due to an injury. The Indian had lost



twice to Kristy in the past. The Indian, who had won the Azerbaijan International challenge this year, will face sixth seeded Japanese Natsuki Nidaira next. In men's singles, Priyanshu Rajawat produced a good show

but couldn't get past fourth seed Lei Lan Xi of China, losing 21-15 11-21 18-21 in a quarterfinal match that lasted just over an hour. Second seed Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand lost 17-21 21-17 19-21 to Japanese sixth seed Rui Hirokami and Yuna Kato to also end their campaign in the last eight round.

Iga Swiatek calls herself a perfectionist and now she wants to improve on grass

AP ■ WIMBLEDON (ENGLAND)

Shortly after Iga Swiatek completed the most lopsided French Open final in 17 years, ceding a grand total of three games against an overmatched opponent to claim a third consecutive title in Paris, she was asked whether that represented a perfect performance.

Swiatek's mind immediately went to what little went wrong in Court Philippe Chatrier that

afternoon. "Obviously, I mean, I got broken at the beginning," she said, "so it wasn't maybe perfect."

A few minutes later, Swiatek used the word "perfectionist" to describe herself, perhaps offering some insight as to how approaching Wimbledon, the grass-court major that begins Monday -and the only Grand Slam tournament where she hasn't

been past the quarterfinals. "Overall, tennis is different on grass," said Swiatek, who was a junior champion at the All England Club in 2018. "I'll just see and I'll work hard to play better there."

The 23-year-old from Poland has won four of the past five trophies on the red clay at Roland Garros, capped by a 6-

2, 6-1 victory against Jasmine Paolini for the championship on June 8. How does a player beat Swiatek on clay?

"It's hard. You have to err very little. Match her intensity. Play deep shots. Try to be aggressive whenever there's an easier ball," said Paolini, who is now ranked in the top 10 but hardly looked that caliber in the final. "But it's not easy. It wasn't for me, and it's a challenge that is the most difficult thing in women's tennis at the moment. How to do it? I don't know." Swiatek also was the 2022 champion at the hard-court

U.S. Open and made it to the



Australian Open semifinals on But she is just 9-4 on the grass at a Slam.

of the All England Club, by far that surface earlier that season. her worst winning percentage

For someone who talks a lot about wanting to get "better and better," not to mention someone who wants to do things perfectly on and off the court, it would make sense if she wanted to improve at Wimbledon.

Specifically, that might entail using her serve and her volleys to accumulate more easy points on the slick surface.

As it is, there isn't much time spent on grass during the grind of the season, and Swiatek pulled out of a tuneup event on that surface after the French Open. She thinks - hopes? that "competing every year at

Wimbledon and practicing

these couple of weeks makes you progress" on grass, and noted that while she at one point considered a training block on it during the offseason, her coach put a stop to that.

During the victory against Paolini for the championship at Roland Garros, Swiatek won 5 of 11 points when she went to the net. "You saw my one volley today that I was supposed get in - and it went out," Swiatek said. "So this will, for sure, stay in my head."

That focus on what went wrong in order to make things go right in the future is simply part of who she is, with or

without a racket in her hand. "When I do anything, I want to do it 100%. I think when you're a perfectionist, you are a perfectionist everywhere . And sometimes not being able to let it go," Swiatek explained.
"I'm working on it, and this is a tricky thing, because, for sure, it helps you to be better, but sometimes it can be huge baggage, as well. So it's good to

manage it properly."
When a reporter followed up by asking for an example or two of ways in which Swiatek finds herself wanting to be perfect away from tennis, she smiled and replied: "We're not (in) therapy, so, sorry.

damage or loss to any person, a purchaser of this publication or not for the result of any action taken on the basis of this work. All disputes are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of competent court and forums in Delhi/New Delhi only. Readers are advised and requested to verify and seek appropriate advice to satisfy themselves about the veracity of any kind of advertisement befor responding to any contents published in this newspaper. The printer, publisher, editor and any employee of the Pioneer Group's will not be held responsible for any kind of claim made by the advertisers of the products & services and shall not be made responsible for any kind of loss, consequences and further product-related damages on such advertisements Printed and published by Shobori Ganguli for and on behalf of CMYK Printech Ltd., Regd Office:-100k Milap Bhawan, 8/A Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110 002, Phone: 011-40110455, Corporate Office:- 201-205, 208-210, 2nd Floor, Pratap Bhawan 5, B.S.Z. Marg, New Delhi-110002 Phone: 011-69342500 and printed at Jagran Prakashan Ltd, D-210, 211 Sector-63, Noida (U.P.). Editor-in-Chief Shobori Ganguli AIR SURCHARGE of ₹ 2.00 East: Calcutta, North: Leh West: Mumbai & Ahmedabad South: Bangalore & Chennai. Central: Khajuraho. Lucknow Office: 4th Floor, Sahara Shopping Centre, Faizabad Road, Lucknow-226 016. Telephones: 0522-2346443, 2346444, 2346445.

Although every possible care and caution has been taken to avoid errors or omissions, this publication is being sold on the condition and understanding that information given in this publication is merely for reference and must not be taken as having authority of or binding in any way on the writers, editors, publishers, and printers and sellers who do not owe any responsibility for any

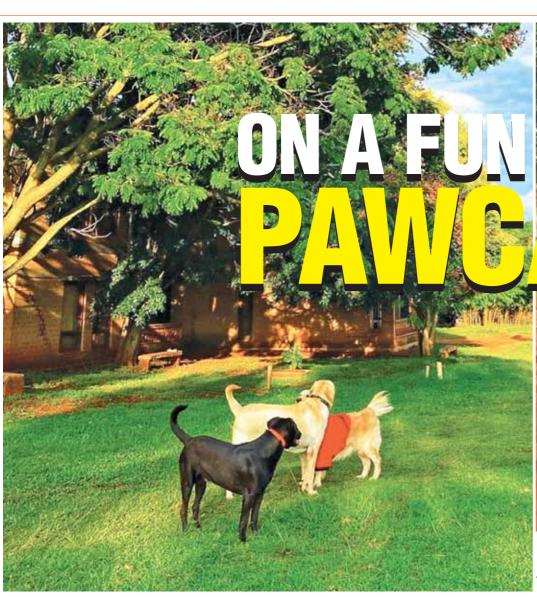
New Delhi, June 30, 2024

a Comment of the pioneer of the pion

"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."

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 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."
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

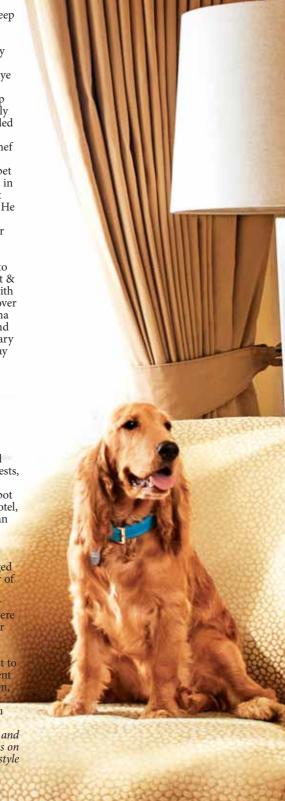
"Understanding that pets thrive when they can engage in physical activities, we offer a variety of opportunities for them to stay active and happy amidst our scenic

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 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 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.

sunday magazine the pioneer de la contraction de

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

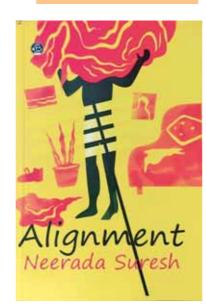
These are the first few lines and the poem ends with the sad fact that the new normal is: And at all times

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

Price: ₹199



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 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

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.

Her lashes lowered and

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

Neena was married into

truly become a part of it.

desire to correct this

to attain motherhood

Dev's family she could never

Dev's detachment or lack of

situation further acerbated

the relationships. Troubled

relations with in-laws, Dev's

anguishing wait of ten years

indifference clubbed with an

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

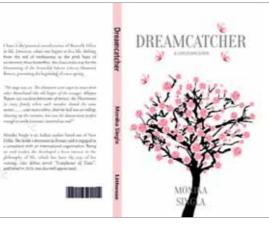
The book opens in the present-day scenario, where a rather unsure Loveena of mid-thirties is boarding a train to Pathankot. Her already raw senses are over burdened by the onslaught of experience of a train station environment. Yet her insecurities are deep seated in her psyche and are result of the 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

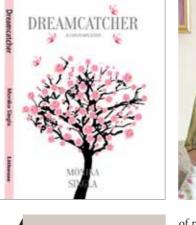
thus shifted to being extra protective about her daughter from the negativities of the world. Having brought up in a rather affluent and rich family, she desires nothing less for her daughter. And even though Loveena had both her parents-Neena and her father Dev, it was her mother and mother's stories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

Neena's husband Dev was a 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 was immediately 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 overwhelmed by the sheer



Author:

Monika Singla

Price: ₹295

adjust to this new **DREAMCATCHER** an affluent household Publisher: ISPCK



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 of people and was unable to earned approval for her environment which was behaviour from her mother. totally unlike her solitary and exclusive upbringing in Neena always dismissed these traits as incompatible 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

too gets married leaving behind a void in Loveena's

Finally, Loveena finds her 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 to be the one which augmented her belief in Neena's words that world is a bad place. Her father Dev too gone followed by passing of Neena. Loveena finally married, not to start a family but only to drown the haunting hollowness of her soul into joys and laughter. Vikram was a colleague of Loveena and the only thing she knew about him was that he was a divorcee with two grown up kids. Soon this too developed a marital conflict. Unable to handle this situation any longer Loveena

decides that she needs to get

in a place away from the chaos of the city, away from the prodding eyes of the 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.

respite from her choppy life

that and decides to leave the

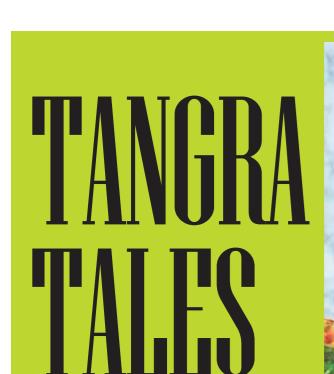
She goes looking for solitude

house and Vikram.

Something has happened to that 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 the wages they truly deserve to retain deserving candidates.

— Author is a food critic and founder of the Big F Awards. He can be reached at



agazine the pioneer de la company de la comp

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





CHEF HO CHI MING

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 Korggon Park 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 script and create script and create

Chinatown's 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 one fervently hopes that Hakka Chinese seafood will always

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 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

food III

New Delhi, June 30, 2024

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

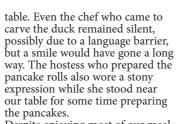
Disappointing Service Mars Fine Dining Experiences



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



completely missed. smiley and polite star hotel service, especially after COVID. Fresh batches are seeing fewer takers, most experienced staff have either

Pawan.Soni@indianfoodfreak.com

New Delhi, June 30, 2024

























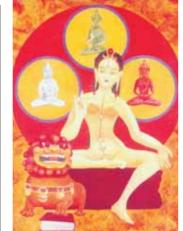




ARIES March 21-April 19

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 your 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

Madhu Kotiya is a tarot card reader, spiritual healer, and Founder, MShezaim Institute of Tarot and Divination. Contact details: madhu@indiatarot.com, www.indiatarot.com, M: 9873283331



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