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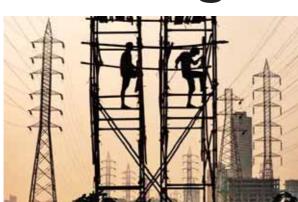
## Capital sizzles, goes off the grid

ARCHANA JYOTI 🔳 NEW DELHI

n what could be called as a triple whammy for the peo-ple of Delhi on Tuesday reeling under the scorching impact of an unprecedented heatwave and a severe water crisis, they faced a major power outage caused by a fire at the Mandola power grid in Uttar Pradesh, a critical supplier of electricity to the national Capital, providing approximately 1,500 megawatts of

As temperatures soared to 42 degrees Celsius, the power cut varying lengths exacerbated the hardships of the residents of Delĥi in various pockets, including the area housing Delhi LG Secretariat Chief and Minister's residence.

Amid IMD forecasts that heatwave conditions are likely to prevail for the next five days, Delhi Power Minister Atishi termed the incident as a matter of concern. She said, "There has been a major power cut in many parts of Delhi since 2:11 pm today. A power grid in Mandola, 'UP, which supplies 1,500 MW of electricity to Delhi, has caught fire. We are linking it to our other power sources. She said she has sought time to meet the newly appointed



Union Energy Minister (PGCIL) in Mandola near (Manohar Lal Khattar) and the Loni (Ghaziabad) in Uttar chairperson of PGCIL (Power Grid Corporation of India). The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader, criticising the Centre, said, "It is worrying that the national-level power infrastructure has come to a standstill today. The failure

of the national grid in the country's Capital is quite worrying. There was no power cut even when Delhi's peak power demand reached 8,000 MW. This power cut happened due to the failure of the infrastructure." national

In a post on social media X, Atishi said the fire at a substation of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd

VIP security unit.

others," sources added.

Security Group (SSG).

into various directions.

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at present.

Guard (NSG) from VIP security duties. All its nine Z-plus category

protectees will be handed over to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

"The Ministry of Home Affairs

enhancement of security cover for

various political figures, former

The CRPF and the CISF VIP security

wings secure more than 200 persons

In addition, some of the VIPs secured

by the personnel of the border

Police (ITBP) may be transferred to

the CRPF or the VIP security wing of

the CISF, known as the Special

In 2012, it was first proposed to relieve the NSG from VIP security

duties when the commanders of the

elite group foresaw an event where

simultaneous terror attacks could be

witnessed at one time across multiple

places. In such a situation, the

commandos will have to be rushed

Those protected by the close

protection force of the National

Security Guard (NSG) commandos

include Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister

Yogi Adityanath, his predecessor and BSP supremo Mayawati, Union

defence minister Rajnath Singh,

veteran BIP leader and former deputy

prime minister L K Advani, Union

shipping minister Sarbananda Sonowal, BJP leader and ex Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh.

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ministers, retired bureaucrats, and

which may result in the

reduction,

Loni (Ghaziabad) in Uttar Pradesh had led to power outages in many parts of the national Capital

The power restoration process has begun and electricity is now gradually returning to different areas, Atishi said.

"Delhi is the national Capital. If the power infrastructure in the country's Capital fails like this on behalf of the national grid, then it can have very serious consequences. Delhi has always tried to provide electricity 24x7. A few weeks ago, when the peak power demand reached 8,300 MW. Delhi fulfilled it without any blackout or major power



#### We need answers: SC to Centre, NTA

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to stay the counselling for admissions of students to the medical colleges over alleged paper leak and irregularities in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) undergraduate (UG) examination 2024.

The apex court has also issued notice to the Centre and NTA and listed the matter for consideration on July 8, after the summer vacation which commenced on May 20 comes to an end.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Ahsanuddin Amanullah said the "sanctity has been affected" and "we need answers". However, the court refused to stay the counselling process for admission of those who have cleared the exam. "Let the counselling start. We are not stopping the counselling," said Justice Nath as Senior Advocate Mathews J Nedumpara urged the court to stay the counselling. Besides the Centre and the

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election of a new party

In the run-up to the Lok

Sabha, speculations were

doing the rounds that former

Haryana Chief Minister Manoharlal Khattar, Madhya

Pradesh BJP chief Vishnudutt

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NTA, which conducts NEET-UG, the bench also issued notices to the Bihar Government. There were allegations of malpractice in holding the exam in the State."How much time do you want...Immediately on the reopening? Otherwise, the counselling will start," the bench said.

It tagged the plea filed by Shivangi Mishra and nine other MBBS aspirants with a pending petition and asked the NTA to file the response in the meantime.

NEET-UG, 2024, was held on May 5 and results were declared on June 4. It was expected to be declared on

#### on for new BJP chief With the induction of Jagat Prakash Nadda in the Modi 3.0 Cabinet, speculation among party workers and leaders is about whom the party will fall back on as the next president. Nadda's tenure is ending by the end of this month. There is some possibility that the party could continue with Nadda for some time

Nadda in Cabinet, hunt

Union Health Minister JP Nadda

till the new party president is Besides Nadda, the BJP also is Photo Ranjan Dimri set to kickstart soon the process of organisational changes with the launch of a secretaries Vinod Tawde, fresh membership drive Sunil Bansal, BL Santosh followed by an internal poll and Sharma. Tawde is from across States leading up to the Maharashtra while Bansal is

> said Vishnudutt Sharma is currently among the top contender for the post. In 2014, when then party president Rajnath Singh became the Union Minister he passed on a baton to

from Uttar Pradesh. Santosh

is from Karnataka. Insiders

Amit Shah. After Shah became the Union Minister in 2019, Nadda was appointed party president in June 2019. Nadda took over as BJP chief at a time when the witnessing party was vigorous challenges from a Opposition united Assembly elections in several States amid signs that it needed to rework its

electoral strategy.

#### **Results a reality** check, says RSS

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

In its first reaction to the BJP's below par performance in the high decibel just concluded general elections, the ruling party's ideologue, RSS, has apparently come out in defence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi after he was being criticised for winning less than majority LS seats and blamed on the party workers for the kind of show which has forced Modi to be on toes given the coalition needs.

In an obvious reference to the BJP's remarks mid way elections that the party does not need RSS to contest elections, RSS in an article noted that though the RSS is not a "field force' of the BJP, the party leaders and workers did not reach out to its 'swayamsevaks' (volunteers) seeking their cooperation in electoral work. The LS poll results have come as a reality check for "overconfident' BJP workers and many of its leaders as they were happy in their "bubble" and enjoying the glow of Modi's aura but not listening to the

### **VIP** security system set for major overhaul

 $D^{epending\;upon\;the\;new\;threat\;perceptions\;\;by\;\;the\;\;central\;\;intelli$ gence agencies, the Modi Government 3. 0 is likely to undertake a significant overhaul in the VIP security setup in (MHA) will review the current list of months leading to transfer of security duties for over a dozen high-risk individuals from the National Security Guard (NSG) and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to other paramilitary forces. This exercise will will cover political figures, ex-Ministers, retired bureaucrats and some others.

However, officials said on Tuesday that there was no such proposal for the time being.

The plan to interchange security duties of high-risk individuals has been in the making since 2012. It is expected hat around 450 'black cat' commandos are expected to be freed once NSG is withdrawn from VIP security duties.

The plan envisages "restructuring" the role of a security agency and using its manpower to raise and station strike teams of commandos in some highrisk areas and around some critical assets located in different parts of the

Top four Ministers of the Modi Government — Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Foreign Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman who were Ministers in the previous Modi 2.0 Government, will retain their 'Z' plus

Sources said, it has been decided to completely withdraw the 'black cat'

#### BJP's Majhi new Odisha CM, will have 2 deputies



PNS BHUBANESWAR/ AMRAVATI

BJP's tribal leader Mohan Charan Majhi will be the new Chief Minister of Odisha, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced here on Tuesday. KV Singh Deo and Pravati Parida were made Deputy Chief Ministers of the State, he said.

The new Government will take oath at Janata Maidan on Wednesday which will attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and some of his Cabinet members who are also scheduled to grace the oath ceremony of TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu's swearing in ceremony as Chief Minister in Andhra Pradesh.

TDP legislators, Janasena and BJP as part of NDA constituents elected Naidu as their leader in the Assembly. Along with Naidu as CM, some leaders from Janasena and BJP could swear-in on June 12.



## Priyanka would have crushed Modi: Rahul

PREETAM SRIVASTAVA RAEBARELI

 $R^{\mbox{\scriptsize ahul Gandhi, in a fiery address at a}}$  thanksgiving rally in Raebareli on Tuesday evening, targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi, claiming that Modi narrowly escaped defeat in Varanasi but his party was defeated in Avodhva, Rahul said if his sister, Privanka Gandhi, had contested from Varanasi, Modi would have lost that seat as well. He said Priyanka might have won by a margin of over 2 to 3 lakh voters.

"Modi and Shah were playing with the foundation of the nation, hence the nation united against them in this election. For the first time, I saw that the Prime Minister of the country is doing politics of violence, spreading hatred amongst the public, and extending benefits industrialists," said Rahul.

The rally saw the presence of KL Sharma, who defeated Union Minister Smriti Irani in Amethi. The venue for the rally was shifted from Amethi to

Raebareli only on Monday morning. Highlighting the BJP's loss in Ayodhya, Rahul remarked, "You all saw that they lost the Ayodhya seat. The temple was built in Ayodhya, but they did not invite any poor people to its inauguration. They even barred the President of India from attending. Not only in Ayodhya, but even in Varanasi, the Prime Minister somehow survived a near-certain defeat. If my sister Priyanka had contested there, Modi would have lost by a margin of 2 to 3 lakh votes," he asserted.

Priyanka also addressed the rally, sharing her efforts in the election campaign. "When I came to Raebareli, I asked everyone to utilise the remaining 300 hours and sleep for just 2 hours daily. Now, the results are before you. This is not just the victory of Rahul or KL Sharma but the victory of the people of Raebareli and Amethi. We feel proud to continue serving you.

### Frenzy builds up for **Speaker's election**



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the allocation of min-isterial portfolios in the BJP-led National new Democratic Alliance (NDA) Government completed, the focus has now shifted to electing the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha. After a pro-tem or temporary Speaker administers the oath to newly-elected MPs during a Special Session, the Speaker will be the presiding officer of the Lower House of Parliament.

The Special Session Parliament is slated commence on June 24 to elect the Lok Sabha Speaker. Sources said for the first two days new Members of Parliament will be taking their oaths followed by election of the Speaker. The session will go on till July 3.

The Lok Sabha Speaker's post has become a prized catch as the NDA parties, both TDP and JD (U), are eyeing the chair. In the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls, the BJP was only able to bag 240 seats, and fell short of the 272 mark. Former Lok Sabha Speaker

Sumitra Mahajan said the presiding officer of the Lower House should have experience in handling parliamentary work as well as ability to proceedings conduct smoothly by coordinating with both the ruling and Opposition benches.

'The Lok Sabha Speaker's job is to smoothly run the House in coordination with the ruling party and the Opposition. In my opinion, the Lok Sabha Speaker should be a little experienced. S/he should have experience in handling parliamentary work. If such a person is found for the post, it will be a very good thing," she said. As the BJP lacks a majority in

the new Lok Sabha, it will need to get its allies, especially the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Janata Dal (United), on board to decide on the Speaker's post. Congress led INDIA Bloc constituent, AAP, asked the TDP and ID(U) on Monday to ensure the Lok Sabha Speaker is from one of the two parties, and said this would be in their interests as well as that of the Constitution and democracy.

year, improving employment

The UGC chief explained that biannual admissions will

also enable the higher

education institutes (HEIs) to

resource

opportunities for graduates," he added.

## Animal laws need more teeth, say activists

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

case in Pune last year saw Aa dog being beaten brutally by a local resident, resulting in severe injuries to the animal Despite the seriousness of the offense, the perpetrator was only fined Rs 50 under the current law. "In addition to the Pune case, there have been other instances such as the merciless killing of a stray dog in Mumbai and Jagatpuri, Delhi to name a few. These cases illustrate the severity of animal cruelty and the inadequacy of current penalties to serve as a deterrent where some people have been brutal to these innocent animals.

"But the lenient penalty does not reflect the gravity of the crime, effectively allowing offenders to get away with minimal consequences," rued Alokparna Sengupta, Director Managing Humane Society International/India.

Sengupta, along with other

animal activists, has now written to the new Government to ensure passage of the long pending proposed Prevention of Animals (Amendment) Bill 2022 in the upcoming Monsoon session of Parliament. In 2022, over 180 parliamentarians had demanded

such



amendment. At least 50,000 emails and letters were sent last year by animal advocates and the general public to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to amend the 1960 Act. The draft Prevention of of Rs 50, and imprisonment

elders. (Amendment) Bill, 2022 proposes substantial changes, including fines up to Rs 75,000, a significant jump from the current maximum

for severe offenses. Such brutal cases call for strict legislative action, Gauri Maulekhi, trustee of People for Animals (PFA), said, as she pointed out, "Amending the PCA Act is imperative and long overdue. It is well known that violence against animals is a precursor to violence against other vulnerable members of our society, be it

women, children, or our academic session. "Strengthening this law protects animals and serves as a pivotal step towards will benefit many students cultivating empathy and respect, fostering a society where compassion thrives, and brutality finds no haven." such as those who missed

## **UGC** nod to two admission cycles

Indian universities and high-

Ler education institutions will now be allowed to offer admissions twice a year on lines of foreign universities with the University Grants Commission giving a go ahead to the plan, UGC chief Jagadesh Kumar said. The two admission cycles will

be July-August and January-February from the 2024-25 'If Indian universities can offer admission twice a year, it

a delay in the announcement

admissions will help students maintain motivation since they do not have to wait one full year to be admitted if they miss admission in the current cycle. With biannual admission to a university in admissions in place, industries can also do their the July-August session due to



campus recruitment twice a

plan their distribution, such as faculty, labs, classrooms and support services, more efficiently resulting functional flow within the university. "Universities

already follow a biannual admission system. If Indian HEIs adopt the biannual admission cycle, our HEIs can enhance international collaborations and student exchanges.

## Haryana informed me water being provided to city as per allocated share: LG

A mid the water crisis grip-ping the Capital, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Tuesday said he has spoken to Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini who informed him that water was being provided to the national Capital as per its allocated share despite the constraints imposed on Haryana in terms of water

supply due to the weather.

"Spoke to Hon'ble CM,
Haryana, Shri Nayab Saini ji
yesterday. He reiterated that water was being provided to Delhi as per allocated share and assured of all possible help, despite the state's own constraints due to the ongoing heat wave" Saxena said in a post on X.

Holding Aam Aadmi Party government responsible for the water crisis, the Delhi BJP leaders demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

The ruling AAP dispensation has during the past fortnight repeatedly accused the BJP-ruled Haryana of stopping Delhi's share of water. The national capital has been experiencing severe water shortage amid the unprecedented summer heat.

Over the weekend, Delhi Water Minister Atishi wrote to the Haryana chief minister alleging inadequate release of water from the Munak Canal, on which the seven Water Treatment Plants in Delhi are dependent for the generation of potable water, his state government. Speaking to reporters later, Haryana CM Saini had denied these allegations.

Atishi on Tuesday once again slammed the Haryana government and alleged that it was "deliberately" and "illegally" halting the water supply to the capital. In a press conference here, Atishi alleged that the Haryana government was releasing less



water to the city because of which Delhi is unable to meet the daily water requirement. Following an inspection of two sub-canals fed by the Munak Canal in Northwest Delhi's Bawana, Atishi alleged that Delhi should ideally receive 1050 cusecs of water

per day but was receiving just 840 cusecs. "Haryana has been lying regarding the water released by them. Statistics by Haryana government show that from May 1 to May 22, they have released 719 cusec for CLC (carrier line channel)

sub-branch), as per the affidavit submitted in Supreme Court," Atishi said at a briefing. "In total, 1049 cusec water was released from May 1 to May 22. But, the supply started to decline from May 23, it dropped from 719 cusec

by the Haryana government in the Supreme Court, the minister said, "The Haryana government has been lying

that they have released adequate supply water to Delhi. Their affidavit filed in the Supreme Court presents the data on actual discharge of water which has exposed their

According to the affidavit, from May 23 ahead of the elections in Delhi, the water quantities released was reduced by the Haryana government, she alleged. "Delhi went to polls on May 25, before that for four days they (Haryana government)

reduced the water supply to

the city, this is shown by

their own affidavit filed in the Supreme Court," she said. Even between 7 June and 10 June, Haryana released less amount of water in both subcanals of Munak Canal. This is shown by the data given to

released by Haryana reduces further by the time it reaches Delhi. We will also submit all these data to the Supreme Court tomorrow. We have filed an additional affidavit in the Supreme Court. I will also write a letter to the CM of Haryana regarding this," Atishi added.

The Water Minister shared that now that Delhi has been facing a water crisis for the last week and the matter is going on in the Supreme Court, Haryana is reducing the water of the Munak Canal. According to Haryana's data, on 7, 8, 9 and 10 June, Haryana was supposed to release 719 cusecs of water in CLC, instead of which only 675 cusecs of water were released, and in DSB, instead of 330 cusecs, 310 cusecs of water was released.

The minister also said that she will write a letter to Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini regarding Supreme Court to present before it the data in the affi-

Atishi said Delhi was falling short of 40-45 million gallons per day of water due to the

stalled water supply from Harvana. The Delhi government's quick response team has been tasked to inspect the water distribution plants in Delhi to check for any leakages, she

Holding the Kejriwal government responsible for water crisis, BJP MP from South Delhi, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri led a protest at Chhatarpur Assembly Constituency. Addressing protesters, Bidhuri said the Aam Aadmi Party government has completely failed and such a government has no moral or political basis to remain in power because by the victory of BJP on all the seven seats of Delhi, the public has given

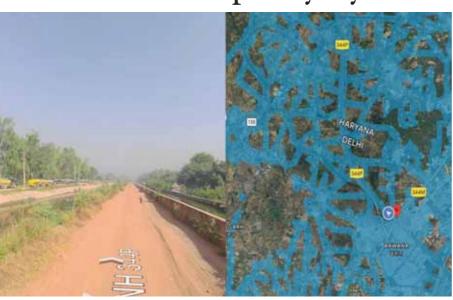
## Water crisis deliberate conspiracy by AAP Govt: BJP

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva on Tuesday here claimed that the water crisis in Delhi is a deliberate conspiracy by the Delhi government. He accused the government of turning the situation into a revenue generating avenue in connivance with its Ministers and MLAs. Making this assertion in a

news conference, he also said if Delhi residents are struggling for every drop of water today, the responsibility lies with the Water Minister, the Jal Board, its officials, its chairman, and the Delhi gov-

Addressing the press conference, Media Head Praveen Shankar Kapoor highlighted that hundreds of Delhiites are posting videos showing wastage due to leaks in Jal Board pipelines. He criticized the government for misleading the public with false statements instead of addressing



pipeline leakages. Sachdeva presented some technical images and video clips revealing the theft of water by tanker mafias from the Munak Canal, facilitated by the Kejriwal government. The BJP President demon-

strated how the water released by the Haryana government for Delhi is stolen by tanker mafias between Munak Canal and Kakori with the Delhi government's support. Šachdeva showed images of

tankers lined up along the

canal, filling up water and selling it at exorbitant prices in water-scarce areas of the city. He alleged that the proceeds are probably going to the Delhi Chief Minister, Water Minister, and various officials.He demanded answers from Ministers Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj about the presence of water tankers along the canal.

Sachdeva pointed out that on June 9, Delhi government ministers Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj inspected the Munak Canal area, where Jal Board officials confirmed that Haryana is supplying more than enough water. Despite this, the ministers continue to blame the Haryana govern-

Sachdeva remarked that Atishi repeatedly mentions additional water from Himachal, but the reality is that the Delhi government lacks storage and treatment facilities for this water. He noted that the Delhi Jal Board can treat only 900 MGD of water, and any additional water will exacerbate theft, increasing it from 25% to 40%. He showcased another video depicting a decadelong leakage in Delhi Jal Board pipes, which has not been repaired to date.

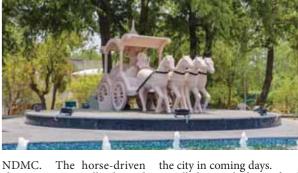
#### **Chariot statue to adorn city junction in Diplomatic Enclave**

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Giving an aesthetic look to the national capital, an imposing and painstakingly carved horse-driven chariot of ParthaSarthi Krishna with Arjuna, handpicked by Lt Governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena, now adorns the junction of Sardar Patel Marg and the Simon Bolivar Marg in the Diplomatic Enclave of the Capital.

Giving details, officials said here on Tuesday, this sculpture was handpicked by Saxena during his visit to Dausa in Rajasthan last year. It was planned to be installed in the Capital as part of LG's initiative to adorn the city with artefacts, sculptures and fountains, . Made out of Dholpur Stone, this

17x5x9 ft sculpture, comprising four horses and two statues was installed after much hard work by the artisans, who created it, and efforts by officials of



chariot was originally planned to be installed in the run up to the G-20 Summit.

However, during its installation, the LG observed that the horses in the original sculpture were disproportionately small. Accordingly, the sculpture was remade and installed recently. Many more such aesthetic artefacts and sculptures will be coming up in different parts of

Installed on a platform of 22ft diameter, this striking sculpture is surrounded by coloured geyser fountains with 25 nozzles spread over 60ft.

Reaching up to 6 ft, these fountains in 08 warm colours provide a delightful experience to passers-by in the evening. Plantation has been done all around the chariot. Total size of platform is 86x37 feet.

#### There will be no flooding in Yamuna this year: Bharadwaj

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

Delhi Irrigation and Flood Control Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj asserted on Tuesday that there will be no flooding in the Yamuna this year as the river will get a clear channel for its flow. Bharadwaj inspected the

Yamuna Barrage near ITO during the day. According to an official statement, the minister was apprised of the measures being taken to manage potential flood scenarios.

Last year, the barrage caused significant flooding in the Yamuna, leading to water logging and severe inconvenience for residents living nearby.

Bharadwaj said the amount of rainfall received last year and the volume of water released into the Yamuna from Harvana were unprecedented in decades and that resulted in the flood situation.

"Although this barrage falls under the jurisdiction of the Haryana government and its operation is their responsi-bility, this time, the Delhi irrigation and flood control department has coordinated with the Haryana government to prepare for potential issues," he said.

"The department has made preparations so that even if the same amount of water as last year flows into the Yamuna, there will be no flooding in Delhi and the Yamuna's water will not reach the roads," Bharadwaj added. The minister said work has been ongoing for the past three months and a significant amount of silt around all the barrages has already been removed

All barrages have been opened, he said, adding that some could not be opened and had to be cut and removed to ensure that there is no obstruction in the water

To prevent water accumulation in the Yamuna and avoid a flood situation, a new experiment has been conducted



flood control department, Bharadwaj said.

"This experiment is called 'Pilot Cut'. Under this experiment, small channels are dug from the accumulated soil in front of the barrage extending far beyond. During this process, small islands of soil are formed between the artificial channels created in the Yamuna. "When rainwater will be

minister said.

Water accumulation in urban areas has various causes which fall under the responsibility of different departments such as the DDA, PWD and the MCD, he said.



released from Haryana, it will flow swiftly through these artificial channels, carrying with it the small soil islands, thereby eliminating any possibility of water stagnation and allowing the water to flow swiftly ahead," he said. This procedure ensures that there will be no likelihood of water accumulating in the Yamuna, terminating all potential flood scenarios due to unhindered water flow, the Aam Aadmi Party leader said.During the last flood in the Yamuna, there were incidents of regulators breaking at some places, he said. "This time, to prevent such situations, all regulators have been repaired. Broken regulators have been replaced... All regulators have been tested," the

Delhi battled one of its worst flood-like situations in several pockets last year because of heavy rain, with more than 25,000 people evacuated from



side Delhi Finance Minister Atishi's residence here on Tuesday and demanded the its budget announcement to provide Rs 1000 honorarium to the women of the city. The protesters raised slogans outside the minister's residence on Mathura Road here.

"The AAP government announced Rs 1000 per month honorarium for women in its budget. It was not some poll promise. So, the government should now provide the money to the women," said one of the protesters Safia Faheem.

A police officer said the protesters were dispersed and



no one was detained. "Some women protested in front of the house of minister Atishi. No one was detained as they were protesting peacefully," said a senior police officer.

Addressing a press confersaid that the protest was staged by the opposition BJP's women wing showing their "desperateness" to clinch votes. "It was the BJP's women wing who staged the protest. This shows the BJP's desperateness. They know the people of Delhi want to see Kejriwal as the chief minister again, they know the chief minister will fulfil his promise of giving Rs 1,000. That's why they are staging such protests to scrap a few votes here and there in his name,"

part of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who was out on bail from the Tihar jail during campaigning for the Lok Sabha polls, will provide Rs 1000 per month to the women of Delhi. The AAP government had in its budget 2024-25 presented in the Assembly announced to provide Rs 1000 to adult women of Delhi per month under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana.

Faheem said that she was not

Atishi had said in an interview earlier that the scheme was likely to be notified after the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha polls was lifted. She expected the scheme to be rolled out by September-October this year.

#### Gurugram cops use drones to bust illegal alcohol making den



**STAFF REPORTER** ■ GURUGRAM

Using a drone for surveil-lance, police in the Aravali range of Rithoj village of Gurugram have busted an illicit country liquor-manufacturing den and arrested 7 accused including a minor, police said. They also seized 50 litres of country liquor, 1600 litres of chemicals and other equip-

According to police, they conducted checking on Tuesday using a drone equipped with a high-definition camera for surveillance to bust illicit country liquor manufacturing dens and

nab the accused. ACP (Sohna) Vipin Alahawat said, "A team of the Bhondsi police station conducted a special campaign for surveillance of illicit country liquor manufacturing dens in the region and busted an illegal liquor manufacturing den and nabbed the seven suspects.

The arrested accused have been identified as Sacche, Ganga, Manoj, Anil, Khemchand, Munshiram and one minor. A case under relevant sections of the Excise Act at the Bhondsi police station.

'Usually, those involved in manufacturing country liquor do in the Aravali range. They also make sure that these dens are near any garbage disposal spot outside the villages to hide the stench from the country liquor. With drone surveillance we focused on the Aravali region," Alahawat said.

### Ensure necessary facilities for Kanwariyas, Atishi directs DMs

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Revenue Minister Atishi has directed the district magistrates to ensure waterproof tents, furniture, toilets, water, medical and other necessary facilities for the Kanwariyas. In a statement, the government said it has begun preparations for the Kanwar Yatra one-and-a-half months in advance. Atishi met the district magistrates and senior officials for a review meeting to discuss the meticulous arrangements for the Kanwar camps.

This year, approximately 200 camps will be established across Delhi, with a focus on East Delhi, North East Delhi, and Shahdara districts --- the primary entry-exit points for Kanwariyas, the statement

Atishi said that like every year, this year too, the Kejriwal government will set up Kanwar camps for the convenience of Kanwariyas across Delhi, where all the necessary facilities will

necessary facilities will be avail-

be ensured for them. Waterproof tents, furniture, toilets, water, medical and other



able in the camp for Kanwariyas, she said.

"In this regard, instructions have been given to all the district administrations to ensure every necessary step for the safety and facilities of Kanwariyas," she added. In the month of 'Savan', lakhs of devotees go to Haridwar to collect water.

The minister mentioned that in this holy month of 'Savan', the government is making all necessary arrangements for the service, convenience and security of 'Shiv Bhakt Kanwariyas' and has instructed all the district administrations to remain alert so that Kanwariyas do not face any kind of problem. East Delhi, North East Delhi and Shahdara districts are the entry-exit points of Kanwariyas

In such a situation, most of the camps will be set up here so that the crowd can be easily managed even after the arrival of a large number of Kanwariyas. The administration will connect local dispensaries to the camps for the convenience of the Kanwariyas, the statement added. CAT ambulances will be available for any emergency. Also, hospitals will be instructed to make special arrangements for the treatment of Kanwariyas, it said.

Regarding the preparations related to the Kanwar camp, Atishi has instructed all the district magistrates that from now till the organisation of the camp, they must submit a report related to the preparations every week.

#### **DU** modifies eligibility criteria for recruitment of **Assistant Professors**

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi University(DU)has modified its eligibility criteria for the recruitment of assistant professors in colleges, introducing an additional layer of "presentation". The move has drawn flak from the teachers' community which has demanded a rollback.

The varsity has raised its minimum eligiˈbility from the earlier 50 to 55 points with a relaxation of five points for SC/ST/PwD candidates in its recently notified Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for teacher recruitment.

As per the new rules, the process for the final selection of candidates will be conducted in two stages - assessment through presentation and interview with the selection committee.The presentation will be assessed based on several factors, including "humility, passion and zeal for teaching," the notification read. Candidates will also be asked to write an essay on the day of the presentation for the assessment of their writing skills, the June 3 notification



### **Anti-social elements involved in Balodabazar arson: Home Minister**

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, who also holds the Home portfolio, on Tuesday said that anti-social elements were involved in the arson at the Collectorate and SP offices in Balodabazar. They have defamed the Satnami community, he said.

Sharma directed stern action against those who were involved in the matter. The police have launched a crackdown on rioters and arrested over 200 persons.

Talking to reporters at Balodabazar, Sharma expressed grief over the incident and instructed officials to take strict action against those who took part in the arson. "The Agitated Satnami community was pacified with our announcement of a judicial probe and had earlier expressed satisfaction over it. But some anti-social elements



committed arson during Monday's protest," he said.

A government official said Sharma along with Revenue Minister Tank Ram Verma and Food Minister Dayaldas Baghel on Tuesday morning visited the violence-hit Balodabazar city.

The visit came a day after a mob set fire to govern-

ment offices and vehicles during a protest called by the Satnami community against the alleged vandalisation of a Jaitkhamb (religious pillar) in Girodpuri.

More than two dozen cars, around 70 two-wheelers and a government building were torched at the district office premises on

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be held this year.

The Chhattisgarh govern-I ment is set to do delimi-

tation work of wards before the urban bodies elections to

The government has asked all district Collectors to

complete the process of

delimitation as soon as pos-

sible so that voter lists can be

prepared before the deadline

of urban body elections, an

will be done afresh keeping in

view the increase in the pop-

The delimitation work

order said on Tuesday.

Monday.

Chhattisgarh to start

delimitation work of wards

Ahead of urban body elections

Several police personnel were also injured in stone-pelting.
As the protest led to

arson and stone-pelting, the Balodabazar-Bhatapara district administration imposed curbs prohibiting the assembly of four or more people in Balodabazar city till June 16.

ulation in each ward as per

work, the reservation of each

ward will be carried out.

After the delimitation

The committee will be headed by the Special Secretary Health. The committee will comprise officials

from the finance and health depart-

ments as well as the Dean and

Colleges. The Chhattisgarh Junior Doctors Association (JDA) and

the United Doctors Front Association (UDFA) have been

demanding the government to con-

sider their demand to hike their

honorarium.

the census of 2011.

## 24-member police team to probe Balodabazar incident

RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Police on Tuesday formed a 24-member team to probe the arson at the Collectorate and the Superintendent of Police offices in Balodabazar district following damage to a revered pillar of 'Jaitkhamb' in Girodpuri dham.

The police will probe the matter under the supervision of Janigir-Champa Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Vijay Paikra, Durg DSP Satyaprakash Tiwari and Bemetara DSP Manoj Tirkey, Balodabazar-Bhatapara Superintendent of Police Sadananad Kumar said.

lodged against the accused. So far, the police have arrested

As many as seven cases have been

more than 200 persons.

A mob set fire to government offices



and vehicles during a protest called on by the Satnami community against the vandalisation. More than two dozen cars,

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around 70 two-wheelers and a government building were torched at the district office on Monday.

## Maoists' urban courier arrested



STAFF REPORTER

An urban courier of the Maoists was arrested and explosives and medicines were seized from him on Tuesday in district Sukma Chhattisgarh.

Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavan identified him as Krishna Kumar Kadti alias Joga of Bomed village in Bijapur district.

A search operation was launched by the police person-

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nel following a tip that some goods had been brought to supply it to the Maoists. He was apprehended from

a forest near Devarpalli village when he was collecting a bag of explosives and medicines to be handed over to the Maoists.

After arrest, he told the police an unknown man came to a fixed place with the goods to be supplied to the Maoists.

The police seized five detonators, 20 gelatin rods, five glucose bottles and Maoist literature from him.

#### **Committee formed to honourarium hike,** regularization of contractual doctors



STAFF REPORTER

hhattisgarh Health Minister

Chinatasgam Team.
Shyam Bihari Jaiswal on

Tuesday called for forming a com-

mittee to redress the demands of

doctors on contractual service of

the state government to hike their

honorarium and regularize their

service. This decision was taken by

the Minister at a meeting of his

department held under the chair-

manship of Speaker Raman Singh.

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## engineers' efficiency: Sao Small/Mirlor Bridges

STAFF REPORTER

Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao said on Tuesday that imparting training of modern techniques will boost the efficiency of engi-

He said this while addressing the inaugural day of a four-day training organised by the Indian Academy of Highway Engineers and Public Works Department in Raipur. The training will introduce the engineers of the Raipur and Durg divisions to new methods of design, construction and maintenance of culverts as well as small and medium bridges.

Experts from a variety of institutions and construction agencies will also teach them the nuances of quality control.

**STAFF REPORTER** 

Girodpuri dham.

Congress forms panel to

probe Balodabazar arson

The Congress in Chhattisgarh on The Congress in Chiacogarder Tuesday constituted a seven-member

team to probe the arson at the Collectorate

and the Superintendent of Police offices in Balodabazar district following the damage

to a revered pillar of 'Jaitkhamb' in

Dahariya and will include Guru Rudra

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resignation of Home Minister Vijay

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Trivedi and Hitendra Thakur.

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The team will be headed Shiv Kumar

Meanwhile, Congress state chief

He said the law and order situation in



"This will be highly beneficial in ensuring quality construction and maintenance," Sao said.

"In order to stay relevant, we have to keep pace with new technologies and new standards," he added.

#### **Ayurveda college administers** immunity booster to 1,802 children

STAFF REPORTER

The Government Ayurveda College in Raipur administered an immunity booster called Suvarnaprashan to 1,802 children under the age of 16, an official communiqué on Tuesday.

Suvarnaprashan coordinator Dr. Lavkesh Chandravanshi said the booster is very beneficial for the all-round development of children. The medicine also protects children from respiratory diseases and boosts their concentration and memory.

Under the National Ayush Mission, the college holds camps for this on every Pushya Nakshatra date. A total of 7,587 children were given the medi-



cine in the previous camps this

The future camps are scheduled for July 8, August 3 and 30, September 26, October 24, November 20 and December 18.

#### **Preventing child labour a** collective responsibility: CM

#### **World Day Against Child Labour Today**



RAIPUR

Ahead of the World Day Against Child Labour, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said on Tuesday that everyone has an obligation to work towards the prevention of child

"We are committed to liberating children from the shackles of child labour, to preserve their future hopes and aspirations.

"Children have equal rights to proper care, nutrition, security, a happy life, education, health and the opportunity to progress."

Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Rajwade stressed the need to step up awareness initiatives against child

"We are committed to liberating children from the shackles of child labour, to preserve their future hopes and aspirations"

"Many cases of child labour and child trafficking are emerging even today,

She urged all the citizens to be vigilant about crimes against children and inform the police, Child Helpline and the Women and Child Development Department.

Presently, the Bilaspur administration is conducting surprise inspections of institutions and educating employers about the provisions of the Child Labour Act of 1986 and the hazards to the children in work places.

Employing underaged workers is punishable by a minimum fine of Rs 20,000 and imprisonment for from six months to two years.

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## Modi 3.0 Cabinet: New Government signals both change, continuity

Several Ministers including Amit Shah, S Jaishankar, Manohar Lal, JP Nadda and Ashwini Vaishnaw among others on Tuesday assumed charge of their respective Ministries. The new government signalled both change and continuity.

A day after the much antici-

pated portfolios were announced and two days after Modi and 71 ministers were sworn in at a grand ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan, there were flowers and felicitations aplenty in the corridors of power.

În a seamless transition from the previous government to the present one, the four big frontline portfolios stay the same -

Amit Shah for Home, S Jaishankar for External Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman for Finance and Rajnath Singh for Defence.

Bharat First and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (The world is one family) will be the two guiding axioms of Indian foreign policy, Jaishankar said shortly after taking over.

On ties with China going forward, Jaishankar said some issues remained along the border with that country and efforts will be made to resolve them. "Our focus with regard to China will be on how to

BJP president J P Nadda assumed charge of the Health as well as the Chemical and Fertilisers ministries.

Several ministers made initial statements as they took charge of their ministries.

Ashwini Vaishnaw who continues to hold the key portfolios of Railways and Electronics and Information Technology, assumed charge as Information and Broadcasting minister in the presence of senior officials, including Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay

'Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made service to the poorest of poor the motto of his life and the main aim of the government. He has taken measures for welfare of the farmers, youth and empowerment of women," Vaishnaw told reporters.

Donning his MeitY hat as he resumed charge of the ministry, he said the government will push ahead with its tech-driven agenda of cementing India's global lead in semiconductor and electronics manufacturing and as a technology and digi-

Jitendra Singh, who took office as Union Minister of State (MoS) for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions at his North Block office, said



good governance reforms undertaken in the last decade will continue to increase citizen-centricity and ensure ease of living for every citizen. Modi is in charge of the ministry.

Last 10 years have witnessed a series of revolutionary governance reforms happening under the guidance of PM Modi, which were basically inspired by the spirit of 'minimum government, maximum governance' and increasing citizen centricity to bring ease of living for every citizen of the country," Singh told reporters. Jyotiraditya Scindia, appointed Communications minister, said both the telecom sector and the India post division have key roles to play at the global as well as local stage.

The minister recalled his previous tenure as the Minister of State for Communications about one and half decades ago. "It is also a little bit like coming full circle for me. I worked as a junior minister in this department many many years ago in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Therefore for me it is also a department with which I have

had tremendous emotional

ties," Scindia said. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, also given the responsibility of Minority Affairs, said he will make all efforts to take everyone along to ensure smooth functioning of Parliament. There was no need to pull each other down on the basis of numerical

strength, he added.

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"We need not pull each other down on the basis of numerical strength. People use muscle power outside Parliament, but inside the House, we should use vocal power for good debate," he said after assuming charge in the presence of his predecessor Pralhad Joshi and Ministers of State Arjun Ram Meghwal and L Murugan.

Annapurna Devi, the country's new Women and Child Development minister, said Modi's dream of a Viksit

Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat echoed her and said his ministry will contribute towards the vision of making a Viksit Bharat.

Senior BJP leader from Karnataka Pralhad Joshi took over as minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and said his priority would be to implement the 100-day agenda of the gov-ernment and further strengthen the food security system. "I am thankful to the prime

minister who has given me the responsibility of this important department which is linked to the common people, where we provide free foodgrains to 80 crore people," Joshi told reporters.Rashtriya Swayam Sangh(RSS)pracharak, Haryana's former chief minister and now Union Power minister Manohar Lal met heads of public sector undertakings in the power sector and other other top brass of his ministry to understand the dynamics of the sector.

Chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram" were heard from party supporters when the BJP's Gujarat unit chief Chandrakant Raghunath Patil took charge of the Jal

social media to state that the conservation and enhancement of the country's water resources

is a "sacred goal". Promising continuity, new Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said the Modi government will continue to balance development

with environmental protection

and conservation Listing the major achievements of the Modi-led government, he said, "India met the quantitative and qualitative targets set under its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) - the national climate plan to achieve Paris Agreement goals - nine years ahead of schedule."

All eyes were also on the allies of the BJP who were given ministerial berths. There were jubilant scenes when Chirag Paswan, the two-time MP from Bihar and chief of Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), took office as minister of Food Processing Industries after a small religious ceremony in the presence of his mother and other family members.

There is huge potential in the food processing sector, and the 100-day plan will be ready after discussion with ministry officials," Paswan said, underscoring the sector's impor-tance in directly benefiting

### Shah assumes charge as HM Oman, Qatar for second consecutive term

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $B^{\text{JP}}$  leader Amit Shah on Tuesday here took charge as the Union Home Minister for the second consecutive term. Shah, who has been holding the returned to the Modi 3.0 government in the same capacity. Before taking charge of the ministry, Shah visited the National Police Memorial in the city's Chanakyapuri area to pay homage to policemen who had laid down their lives while serving the nation. The 59-year old Shah was elected from Gandhinagar constituency in Gujarat in the Lok Sabha election. Shah has also retained his other portfolio in the Ministry of Cooperation.

In the fresh tenure as home minister, the immediate priority of Shah will be the implementation of the three newly enacted criminal laws -Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Sanhita 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023.

These laws, scheduled to come into effect from July 1, are set to replace the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act, marking a significant shift towards a more

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efficient and effective legal framework.

Aimed at reshaping the landscape of the country's criminal justice system, Shah brought the three laws last year aimed at modernising and replacing outdated British-era legisla-

As Union home minister in the second Modi government in 2019, Shah had played a pivotal role in shaping key policies, Article 370 and the enactment of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

Known for his meticulous approach, Shah's tenure has been marked by proactive decision-making and a commitment to strengthening national security and justice systems,

exemplifying his enduring influence in Indian politics. Shah has also been instrumental in quelling Maoist violence and restoring peace in the

> Known as the second most influential figure in the country after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a person dedicated to the saffron ideology, Shah rose as the BJP's massecured 73 seats from Uttar Pradesh in 2014 under his leadership as the party's general secretary.

northeastern states through

strategic peace accords.

Recognised for his political acumen and strategic prowess, Shah has played a pivotal role in the phenomenal growth of the saffron party.

## congratulate Modi on securing third term

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Oman and Qatar on Tuesday congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for securing third term. Oman's Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has spoken to Prime Minister Modi to congratulate him as he began his third term in office, the PMO said on Tuesday.

The Sultan emphasised the centuries-old ties of friendship between Oman and India and conveyed his best wishes for the progress and prosperity of the people of India, it added. Modi thanked him for his warm wishes and spoke of his historic visit to India in December 2023 which led to deepening of bilateral cooperation in all areas.

The two leaders reaffirmed deepening and strengthening India-Oman partnership for the mutual benefit of both countries, it added. Modi also extended warm greetings to him and the people of Oman on the upcoming Eid Al Adha

Modi spoke with Amir of



Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani on Tuesday during which the two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to advance India-Qatar ties to

unprecedented heights.
"Pleased to speak with my friend, the Amir of Qatar H.H. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani. I thank him for his warm wishes and positive sentiments towards India," Modi said in a post on mitment to advance India-Qatar ties to unprecedented heights," the prime minister

Several world leaders have extended their wishes to Prime Minister Modi after he took oath for a third term in

### Modi to undertake first official trip to Italy after assuming office

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will undertake his first foreign official trip to Italy this week after assuming office. He will attend the annual summit of G-7 advanced economies there and meet several world leaders, it was learnt here on Tuesday.

The G7 summit, to be held in the luxury resort of Borgo Egnazia in Italy's Apulia region from June 13 to 15, is likely to be dominated by the raging war in Ukraine and the conflict in Gaza.US President Joe Biden, his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau are among the top leaders attending the summit. Ukrainian President scheduled for a session on the Russian invasion of his country. Modi is likely to leave for Italy on June 13 and will return late on June 14, adding it will be his first trip abroad after taking charge as the prime minister for the third consecutive term. He will be accompanied by a

high-level delegation that is likely to include External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra and Nationál Security Advisor(NSA) Ajit Doval, sources said.

The prime minister is set to hold a number of bilateral meetings including with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. Modi had attended the previous G7 summit in Hiroshima in May last year. On the sidelines of the summit, he had held talks with Zelenskyy and a number of other leaders.

will give equal importance to the

conflict in the Middle East,

with its consequences for the

global agenda, it says.

The G7 comprises the US, the UK, France, Italy, Germany, Canada and Japan. Italy is holding the current presidency of the G7 (Group of Seven) and is Modi said, "As we approach hosting the summit in that capacity.A key focus of the Italian presidency has been to defend the rules-based internaaction in Ukraine has undermined its principles and triggered growing instability, with 'Yoga offers a sanctuary of multiple crises unfolding worldwide, according to Italy. The G7

#### Modi appeals to people to make yoga integral part of their lives

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

head of the International A head of the internal 21, Day of Yoga on June 21, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called upon people to reiterate their commitment to making yoga an integral part of their lives and also encourage others to do the same. In 10 days from now, the world

will mark the 10th International Day of Yoga, celebrating a timeless practice that celebrates oneness and harmony, he said on 'X'. Yoga has transcended cultural

and geographical boundaries, uniting millions around the globe in the pursuit of holistic well-being, the prime minister

this year's Yoga Day, it is essential to reiterate our commitment to making Yoga an inteencouraging others to make it a part of theirs."

calm, enabling us to navigate life's challenges with calm and fortitude," the prime minister said and also shared a set of videos showing various forms of yoga and their benefits.

### CBI to seek Interpol Red Notice against three accused in human trafficking network

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) will seek Interpol Red Notice against three accused for their alleged involvement in the human trafficking network that pushed Indians into the Russia-Ukraine war zone in the garb of lucrative employment opportunities in Moscow, officials said Tuesday.

The central probe agency wants the custodial interrogation of alleged hawala operator Ramesh Palanisamy, Mohammad Moinuddin Chippa, both understood to be in Russia, and Faisal Abdul Mutalib Khan, believed to be in the UAE, to unravel the conspir-

acy, they said. An Interpol Red Notice is a request to law enforcement agencies of 196 member countries to locate and provisionally arrest a person pending extradition, surrender or similar legal action. The CBI seeks to extradite the three accused to face legal action and join the investiga-

The CBI had busted major human trafficking networks operating across the country in March which were allegedly pushing the Indian youths to the Russia-Ukraine war front in the garb of providing



The agency has booked 24x7 RAS Overseas Foundation, KG Marg, and its Director Suyash Mukut, O.S.D Bros Travels & Visa Services Pvt Ltd., Mumbai and its Director Rakesh Pandey, Adventure Visa Services Pvt Ltd., Chandigarh, Punjab and its Director Manjeet Singh, Baba Vlogs Overseas Recruitment Solutions Pvt Ltd., Dubai and its Director Faisal Abdul Mutalib Khan alias Baba in

the FIR. The modus operandi deciphered by the ĈBI shows that Dubai-based Faisal Abdul Mutalib Khan allegedly used

Indians into jobs in the Russian army, as security guards, or as helpers, promising a better life, a fat salary, etc., without revealing the nature of the job.

The central probe agency, which has examined the number of victims in the last three months, learned that Khan gave the number of Mohammad Sufiyan and Pooja to interested aspirants to proceed.

The couple allegedly asked the aspirants to deposit money in the accounts of Baba Vlogs, Sufiyan, Moinuddin Chhipa and Sadiq Chhipa and submit their passports to Cosmo Travels Pvt. Ltd, which arranged tourist visas for them on the promise that it would be converted into a work visa.

These job seekers were asked to reach the Chennai Airport, where their passports were handed over to them. They were then given the contact numbers of Nijil Jobi Bensam Ramesh Kumar Palanisamy, both based in Moscow. The duo received the candidates in Russia and kept them in a house there, according to the CBI findings. These victims were "deceptively" made to sign contracts for the Russian Army and handed over to them to be sent to the Russia-Ukraine War zone, the CBI has found. In Russia, Moinuddin also started extorting money from the victims for not sending them to the war zone.

The agency has found 35 instances of youth being taken over to Russia lured through social media channels like YouTube, etc., and also through their local contacts and agents for highly paid jobs in Russia, they said. "They were being trained in

combat roles and provided with Russian army uniforms and batches. After that, these Indian nationals are being deployed at front bases in the War Zone against their wishes and put their lives in grave danger," the CBI FIR said.

#### Promotion of violence never acceptable in Canada: Envoy to India

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Promotion of violence is never acceptable in Canada, Canadian envoy to India Cameron MacKay said on Tuesday, two days after display of a float depicting former prime minister Indira Gandhi<sup>†</sup>s assassination at an event in Greater Toronto triggered fresh tensions in bilateral ties. India has already taken up the issue with Canadian authorities.

"The Government of Canada is aware of further imagery displayed in Brampton on Sunday. Canada's position is clear: The promotion of violence is never acceptable in Canada," MacKay said on X. The float glorifying Indira Gandhi's assassination was part of a parade that was taken out in Brampton to mark the 40th anniversary of Operation Bluestar.

Operation Bluestar was an India Army operation carried out in June 1984 to flush out militants including their leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale from the Golden Temple in Amritsar. India has been asking Canada to come down hard on pro-Khalistani elements operating from Canadian soil. The ties between the two countries came under severe strain fol-



lowing Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations in September last year of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia. New Delhi rejected Trudeau's charges as 'absurd".

India has been maintaining that the main issue between the two countries is that of Canada giving space to pro-Khalistani elements operating from Canadian soil with impunity. There have been instances of pro-Khalistani elements threatening to harm Indian diplomats.

Days after Trudeau's allegations last year, India asked Ottawa to downsize its diplomatic presence in the country to ensure parity. Canada subsequently withdrew 41 diplomats and their family members from India.



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday targeted the Modi government over dynastic politics and dubbed the NDA ministry a "parivar mandal" as he pointed out several ministers in the Modi 3.0 government who hail from political families.

"Those who call the tradition of struggle, service and sacrifice of generations as nepotism are distributing the will of power to their 'sarkari parivar' (government family)," Gandhi said in a social media post in Hindi. "This difference between the words and actions is called Narendra Modi," he added.

In his post, Rahul Gandhi named H D Kumaraswamy, son of former prime minister H D Deve Gowda, Jyotiraditya Scindia, son of former Union minister Madhav Rao Scindia, Kiren Rijiju, son of first pro tem speaker of Arunachal Pradesh Rinchin Kharu, Raksha Khadse, daughter-in-law of former Maharashtra minister Eknath Khadse, Jayant Chaudhary, grandson of former prime minister Chaudhary Charan Singh, Chirag Paswan, son of former Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan, and J P Nadda, son-in-law of former MP and Madhya Pradesh min-

ister Jaysree Banerjee as part of



To the list, he added Ram Nath Thakur, son of former Bihar chief minister Karpoori Thakur, Ram Mohan Naidu, son of former Union minister Terren Naidu, Jitin Prasada, son of former MP Jitendra Prasada, Rao Inderjit Singh, son of former Haryana chief minister Rao Birendra Singh, Piyush Goyal, son of former Union minister Ved Prakash Goyal, Ravneet Singh Bittu, grandson of former Punjab chief minister Beant Singh, Anupriya Patel, daughter of Apna Dal founder Sonelal Patel, and Kirti Vardhan Singh, son of former Uttar Pradesh minister Maharaj Anand Singh.
Rahul Gandhi's post came in response to Prime Minister

Narendra Modi accusing the Congress of practising "dynastic politics" during the election campaign for the just-concluded Lok Sabha polls.

# Chandrababu poised to take over as Andhra Pradesh CM

TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu is set to take oath as the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday, marking his fourth term in that role.

Naidu is scheduled to take oath at 11.27 am at Kesarapalli IT Park near Gannavaram Airport on the outskirts of Vijayawada.

On Tuesday, the Telugu Desam Legislature Party and NDA partners elected Naidu as their leader. the Leaders comprising TDP, BJP and Janasena would meet

Governor S Abdul Nazeer and stake claim to form a government. There could be an invitation from the Governor to form the government by Tuesday

evening. Along with Naidu, some more leaders are likely to swear-in, who could include TDP general secretary and Naidu's



Lokesh Janasena leader N Manohar. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several other dignitaries are expected to attend the swearing-in

Reviewing the arrangements for the ceremony, Chief Secretary Neerabh Kumar Prasad said the prime minister is expected to leave airport at 12.40 pm and take

Naidu first became the chief minister in 1995 and went on to have another two terms. His first two terms as chief minister were at the helm of united Andhra Pradesh, beginning in 1995 and ending in 2004, nine years at a stretch while the third term came post-bifurcation of the state. În 2014, Naidu emerged as the first chief minister of bifurcated Andhra Pradesh and served it until 2019. He lost the 2019 polls to remain an opposition leader until 2024. Following a landslide victory in the 2024 elections, he is returning as the CM for the fourth term.

The NDA comprising TDP, BIP and Janasena won a landslide victory in the recently concluded simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the southern state with a brute majority of 164 Assembly and 21 Lok Sabha seats.

## Winning Vikravandi bypoll may turn out to be cakewalk for ruling DMK

Though the opposition AIADMK has a strong presence and could turn out to be a tough contender in the Vikravandi assembly by-election scheduled for July 10, the BJP's ally, the PMK and ruling DMK's trusted ally, the VCK, could upset AIADMK's winning prospects. The Left parties, which are aligned with the DMK, too, have

a noticeable presence in the constituency. Being alone in the electoral fray may not be advantageous to the AIADMK. It remains to be seen if the AIADMK will announce to take on the DMK or prefer to abstain in order to concentrate on the 2026 Assembly elections. The by-poll verdict has traditionally been in favour of the ruling dispensation. And winning this seat for the DMK may turn out to be a cakewalk. Vikravandi assembly

constituency in neighbouring Villupuram district is the only constituency from the five southern states that would go



to polls on July 10. The by-poll was necessitated following the death of DMK legislator N Pugazhenthi in April this year. He won from this seat in the 2021 elections, defeating AIADMK's Muthamilselvan. constituency was formed during the delimitation exercise in 2007. CPI(M) candidate R Ramamurthy won

in 2011 elections and DMK's K Rathamani romped home as winner in 2016. AIADMK's R Muthamilselvan registered a victory in the 2019 elections but lost to the DMK in 2021. According to a source in the Congress, the party would not stake a claim as the seat has been won by the DMK. "So,

naturally the DMK should

contest from here just as the Congress contested and won from Vilavancode assembly by-poll that was held along with the Lok Sabha elections, he said. Despite Congress leader S Vijayadharani switching loyalties to the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, the grand old party retained Vilavancode and proved that the seat is its bastion.Congress candidate Tharahai Cuthbert defeated BJP's V S Nanthini and won by a margin of 40,170 votes. Cuthbert secured 91,054 votes. The DMK won the 2021 assembly election, ending the decade of AIADMK rule, and sent the AIADMK and BJP packing home in the Lok Sabha elections. It is confident of winning Vikravandi hands down. The PMK is unlikely to give up the seat to its ally, the BJP, as this Vanniyar dominated party has a strong presence in this district.

Meanwhile, nationalist party - NTK - has announced to contest the by-

additional batches or permitting a

marginal increase in strength of

classes was not a solution. "The

only solution would be to give

The UDF MLA also suggested that the seats for students should

be ensured at the taluk level as

otherwise children will have to

the

cited the correct figures.

allegations, Sivankutty said he

He also said that Kunhalikutty

had met with Kerala CM Pinarayi

Vijayan regarding the seat

shortage."The CM assured that if

there was a seat shortage after

three rounds of seat allocation

were over, then steps would be

taken to address it," the minister

period.

Refuting

permanent batches," he said.

#### Kannada film actor detained in murder case



**PTI** ■ BENGALURU

Leading Kannada film Darshan Thoogudeepa has been arrested in an alleged murder case, police sources said on Tuesday. The 47-year-old was picked

up from a hotel in Mysuru in connection with the murder of a man, identified as Renuka Swamy, on June 9 coming under the Kamakshipalya police station limits here, the sources said.

After the alleged killing, the body of Swamy, who worked with a pharmacy company and hailed from the district headquarters town of Chitradurga, was thrown into a stormwater

drain in Kamakshipalya. It is alleged that the deceased had made some derogatory comments against a film actress in a social media post.

Police came to know about the murder after some local residents alerted them. The body was sent for an

autopsy and the forensic report confirmed that he was murdered, the sources

the arrest of some suspects, who spilled the beans, a police official said.

sources said. Investigations are into whether the actor was

directly involved in the murder or was part of the conspiracy, the sources

at RR Nagar here

### Why Manipur being given such treatment when it is integral part of India: Sule

 $N_{\mathrm{on}}^{\mathrm{CP}\,\mathrm{(SP)}\,\mathrm{leader}\,\mathrm{Supriya}\,\mathrm{Sule}}$ concerns about the violence in Manipur and wondered why the north-eastern state was being given such a treatment when it is an integral part of the

Speaking to reporters here, the Baramati MP said a terror attack took place in Jammu even as Narendra Modi was sworn in as prime minister for a third term.

"We have been questioning the government over the Manipur issue for months. A lot of discussions took place in the Parliament over the Manipur situation. Manipur is an integral part of the country. The people, women, children there are Indians," Sule said when asked about RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's remark that peace had eluded the north-eastern state even after one year.

Bhagwat had on Monday said the situation in the strife-torn state must be considered a



priority. In Manipur, the convoy of the Chief Minister was also attacked. It shows that somewhere something is going wrong. A word is not spoken about Manipur, though we sought a discussion on the issue. Leaders from the INDIA bloc travelled to the state, but were stopped there. Manipur is an integral part of India, and why is it being meted out such treatment?" she said.

Sule further said that as a re-

elected MP, raising the issue of unemployment will be her priority in the Parliament. She reiterated that the issue of companies leaving Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park in Hinjawadi was worrying, and said that the Maratha Chambers of Commerce has requested NCP (SP) chief

Sharad Pawar to convene a

meeting and urge firms not to

leave Maharashtra.

from Delhi for Gannavaram

Airport at 8.20 am and arrive

According to the tentative

schedule, he said Modi is

expected to reach the venue

by 10.55 am to participate in

the swearing-in ceremony from 11 am to 12.30 pm.

Thereafter, the PM is

expected to return to the

by 10.40 am on Wednesday.

"More than 6 lakh people are working at the IT park, and it is worrying if firms are leaving," the NCP (SP) leader said.Talking about the row over the medical entrance exam NEET-UG, 2024. questioned why the Central government was outsourcing the conduct of the examination. The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought the response of the Centre and the National Testing Agency on a plea seeking fresh conduct of the medical entrance exam NEET-UG, 2024, on the grounds of alleged

question paper leak and other

### LDF Govt claims no shortage of plus one seats in Malabar region

**PTI** ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government on Tuesday claimed in the state assembly that there was no crisis in plus one admission in the northern Malabar region, a contention refuted by the Congress-led UDF opposition which accused the Left administration of making inaccurate statements in the

General Education Minister V Sivankutty said that every year after plus one (class 11) admissions in the Malabar region, thousands of seats remain vacant there. He also claimed that despite every

year, temporary additional batches are permitted in that region to ensure that students get their choice of streams. He made the submissions opposing the adjournment notice moved by the UDF to stop the House proceedings and discuss the issue of alleged shortage of

seats for plus one admissions in

the northern Malabar region.



by the minister, Speaker A N Shamseer denied permission for the adjournment. As it was denied, the opposition staged a walkout from the House in

Leader of Opposition in the state assembly V D Satheesan said that if thousands of seats were lying vacant in the Malabar region, then why did the state government permit a 30 per cent marginal increase in class strength?Satheesan further said that due to the marginal increase, it would be difficult for teachers to teach the 65-75 students in each class. Deputy Leader of

Opposition P K Kunhalikutty said that despite the marginal increase there is a shortage of seats. Kunhalikutty also claimed that

there appears to be a lack of attention or neglect towards the Malabar region on the issue. UDF MLA N Samsudheen, one of the opposition members who moved the adjournment notice, said that the figures cited by the minister in the House were incorrect when compared to the data available on the government's website. He said there was an acute shortage of seats in plus one in all six districts of the Malabar region with the highest in Malappuram. He said that giving temporary

travel over a hundred kilometers within a district to attend school. Samsudheen also said that the government increased the number of bars in the state by

opposition

over 1,000 during eight years of its said. Further investigation led to administration, but no permanent additional batches were permitted during the same

> Based on their statement, police detained Darshan,

Police have provided tight security at Darshan's house

#### Periyar fish death due to low oxygen in water; no chemical waste discharged in river: Kerala CM

**PTI** ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday said in the assembly that the recent mass death of fish in the Periyar river resulted due to less dissolved oxygen in the water and there was no discharge of chemical waste from factories into the

The chief minister made the submission in response to a query by opposition UDF MLAT J Vinod with regard to action taken against those who allegedly discharged chemical waste into the river resulting in the death of the

Vijayan said that the State Pollution Control Board (PCB) conducted an inspection of the river following the incident and the water samples tested showed dissolved oxygen to be below the levels required for fish to

"According to the preliminary investigation, when the shutter of the Pathalam regulator-cum-bridge was opened following heavy rains, a large amount of oxygenpoor water flowed into the river from the upstream side of the regulator," the CM said. The initial probe also did not find any discharge of chemical waste into the river from the factories on the shores of the Periyar, he said. The CM further said that the PCB will submit its detailed findings only after getting the report of the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) on

Regarding the loss suffered by fish farmers, Vijayan said that preliminary data indicates that it was to the tune of Rs



Once recommendations are received regarding the regarding

13.56 crore

compensation to be given to the fish farmers, they will be examined and appropriate action will be taken, he said in the House. Fish were found dead in large

numbers in fish farms across panchayats adjoining Periyar such as Varapuzha, Kadamakkudy, and Cheranalloor in Ernakulam district on May 21.

Subsequently, the state government had held a meeting and worked out long and short term measures to prevent a recurrence of the incident.

The short term preventive included measures formulating protocols for opening the Pathalam regulator-cum-bridge on Periyar river and installation of biofilters on industrial units on the river's banks.

The long term measures were with regard to protecting and reclaiming the Periyar as well as other rivers in the state and included taking steps to set up a river-related authority, state Industries Minister P Rajeev said last month.

### Five newly elected BJP MLAs take oath in Gujarat

malpractices.

Five MLAs of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), who won in the recent bypolls in Gujarat, took oath of office in Gandhinagar on Tuesday. The newly-elected legislators, including four Congress turncoats, were administered oath by assembly Speaker Shankar Chaudhary in his office in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, an official release stated. In the assembly elections held in December 2022, the BJP retained power by winning a record 156 out of 182 seats,

by winning a record 156 out of 182 seats, and now, with five more MLAs in its fold, the party's strength has risen to 161. MLAs Arjun Modhwadia, CJ Chavda, Arvind Ladani, Chiragkumar Patel and

Dharmendrasinh Vaghela took the oath.

Vaghela was an independent MLA from

Vaghodia seat, while the remaining four

had won on Congress ticket in the 2022 assembly polls by defeating their closest

They resigned as legislators between December 2023 and March 2024 and

subsequently, joined the BJP, necessitating the by-election in the Porbandar, Vijapur, Manavadar and Khambhat assembly constituencies. The BJP fielded those who joined the party from their respective seats in the by-election held on May 7.

Modhwadia won from Porbandar by a margin of more than 1.16 lakh votes. He polled 1.33 lakh votes against 16,355 received by Congress' Raju Odedara. Modhwadia had won the 2022 assembly

elections from Porbandar as a Congress candidate, defeating BJP's Babu

Chavda won from Vijapur, defeating Congress' Dinesh Patel by more than 56,000 votes, while Ladani retained Manavadar with a margin of more than 31,000 votes against Congress rival Haribhai Kansagara.

### Women in Karnataka avail free rides in Govt buses in one year, says Minister

Women in Karnataka have availed themselves of 227 crore free rides in government non-luxury buses under the 'Shakti' guarantee in the last one year, costing the state exchequer Rs 5,526.64 crore, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said on Tuesday.

The Congress government, led by Siddaramaiah, launched the 'Shakti' scheme -- one of the five guarantees which the party had promised before the Assembly elections -- on June 11 last year.

These promises are said to have yielded rich electoral dividends to the Congress, helping it dethrone the Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP

government. As the government celebrates one year of 'Shakti' guarantee implementation, Reddy said in a statement that 226.95 women travelled free of cost in the government buses.

Most such rides were accounted for by the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation buses (BMTC-71.45 crore), followed by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC-69.5 crore).

North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) and Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC) Corporation (KKRTC) posted 52.12 crore and 33.47 crore free rides, respectively. KSRTC incurred an incurred expenditure of Rs 2,111.14 crore, NWKRTC Rs 1,352.68 crore, KKRTC Rs 1,125.81

crore and BMTC Rs 937.01

crore, the statement said.



have been inducted across the four transport corporations

in recent times.

According to the minister, the state inducted new buses with brand name 'Pallakki', brand name 'Ashwamedha 'Kalyana Ratha' and 'Amogha Varsha'. Approval has been accorded for recruitment of 9,000 posts in the department. In this regard, appointment orders have been issued to recruit 1,844 driver-cum-conductors and technical assistants, Reddy said."Recruitment for 6,500 posts (KSRTC- 2,500 drivercum-conductors, BMTC-2,000 conductors, NWKRTC -1,000 drivers and 1,000 conductors) is under process and will be completed soon," the minister said.

The government has also enhanced accident relief compensation from Rs three lakh to Rs 10 lakh to dependents in case of death of any passenger in an accident while travelling in bus operated by state-run corporations, he added.

## Chhattisgarh Deputy CM Vijay Sharma visits violence hit Balodabazar

PTI ■ BALODABAZAR

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma along with two cabinet colleagues on Tuesday visited Chhattisgarh's Balodabazar city, a day after a mob set fire to a government office and scores of vehicles during a protest called by the Satnami community against the alleged vandalisation of a religious structure. Sharma, who holds the Home

portfolio, directed that stern action should be taken against those who indulged in the arson, an official said. More than two dozen cars, around 70 two-wheelers and a government building were torched at the district office premises after the protest turned violent on Monday. Several police personnel were also injured in stone-pelting. Unidentified persons vandalized 'jaitkham' or 'victory pillar', a sacred symbol worshipped by the



Satnami community, near the holy Amar Gufa at Giroudpuri Dham in the district on the intervening night of May 15 and 16. Police subsequently arrested three persons in connection with the incident. To protest against the incident, the community called for a demonstration at Dussehra Maidan here on Monday, and also a `gherao' at the collector's office. As the protest led to arson and stonepelting, the Balodabazar-Bhatapara district administration imposed

Deputy CM Sharma, Revenue Minister Tank Ram Verma and Food Minister Dayaldas Baghel visited the district office in the wee hours of Tuesday. Talking to reporters, Sharma expressed grief over the incident and instructed officials to take strict action against those who took part in the arson. Many of the damaged vehicles belonged to poor people who had come for work at the government office. Government property was also damaged and documents in the record room were burnt, the deputy CM said. He also noted that earlier, after leaders of the Satnami community Satnami community demanded a high-level inquiry, being dissatisfied with the police probe into the medieval-era social re Baba Ghasidas, represe largest Scheduled group in Chhattisgarh.

he Code of Procedure, Minister Vishnu Deo Sai ordered a judicial inquiry. People of the community Criminal Procedure, prohibiting assembly of four or more people in Balodabazar city till June 16.

The stock of the situation, and said they would submit a expressing memorandum expressing gratitude to the CM, but some anti-social committed arson during Monday's protest, he claimed. Visuals of the protest site showed some 50 motorcycles, two dozen cars and the building housing the offices of the Collector and Superintendent of Police damaged due to arson. A fire brigade vehicle was also torched by the mob which was seen clashing with police. Several people have been sources said.

taken into custody, police The influential Satnami community, founded by medieval-era social reformer Baba Ghasidas, represents the largest Scheduled Castes www.dailypioneer.com

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PAPER WITH PASSION-

## The road ahead

The depleted BIP's decision to retain key Ministries is a double-edged sword

here are a number of ways to look at the depleted-in-strength BJP decision to hold onto important Ministries within the Union Government, despite pressure from coalition partners like the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Janata Dal United (JDU) for a larger share of the pie. For its part, the BJP has sought to guarantee itself centralisation of power over significant policy choices by holding onto important ministries. This will obviously support upholding a constant course for policy and governance, besides facilitating the quick execution of its agenda and cutting down on red tape. Sitting in significant Ministries enables the party to present its accomplishments and capacity for governance to the public, which is essential for retaining and growing its support base. On the flip sides, disagreements within the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) may arise from coalition partners feeling excluded. Relationship tension could result from this being seen as a lack of respect or trust by powerful region-



al parties like the TDP and JDU. The partners may utilise their ability to bargain to obtain greater sway, which could spark arguments or even inspire threats of abandoning the relationship. This might cause the partnership to become unstable, particularly since the BJP does not have the numbers to prop a Government on its own. On the other hand, it also means that the coalition will not be able to take use of the variety of perspectives and knowledge that its partners can offer. Policies as a result may be less sensitive to local quirks or inclusive. Sometimes, having all the authority in one place results in lack of accountability. Sharing Ministries within a coalition can encourage

a more balanced Government and serve as a check on decisions made by one person. In the long run, political instability could result from coalition partners feeling consistently ignored. In maintaining control, the BJP must make sure that its coalition partners are respected and feel included. However, the BJP's chances in States where these allies have sizeable support bases may suffer if coalition members leave over discontent. This might be harmful in elections that are hotly contested. Even if they do not hold important Ministries, the BJP is still able to include coalition partners in significant decision-making processes. This may lessen feelings of isolation. Keeping a stable alliance and addressing coalition partners' concerns can be achieved by regular consultations and talks. Providing them with strategic ministries or other types of political recompense might assist maintain coalition members' commitment and satisfaction. Maintaining important Ministries, therefore, is a two-edged sword for the BJP. It can guarantee policy continuity and improve governance efficiency, but it also runs the danger of upsetting coalition partners, which could result in political instability. The outcome will mostly depend on how the BJP humours its alliances and strikes a balance between inclusiveness and shared authority and centralised control.



Competitors at the annual dragon boat race in Hong Kong

## Let statecraft replace vicious propaganda



The BJP poll machinery's aggressive narrative proved to be counterproductive; it's now time to change the nature of dialogue from confrontation to consensus

he seamless swearing in of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the third term, given the fractured mandate handed out by voters in the Lok Sabha elections in 2024, must have come as big relief for those who invest in the Indian market. The investor could be a small-time shareholder or a rich corporate professional.

The economic reforms launched bv Dr Manmohan Singh, the Finance Minister in the Narasimha Rao Government in 1991, have tumbled on through the regimes of another five Prime Ministers, who followed Rao, including Manmohan Singh himself. The importance of the continuity of these reforms can be gauged from the fact that in the past three decades, it has lifted more than 50 crore Indians out of mortifying poverty.

From the economic point of view, the Narendra Modi Government's biggest shortcoming during its second term, which had a very strong mandate, was its inability to carry out farm reforms. It faltered in communicating to the farmers the benefits of the new agriculture laws and the profits it could accrue to the farm hands. The negative narrative perpetuated by the communication machinery of the Modi regime, which was largely taken over by the IT Cell of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), proved to be an impediment not just in the implementation of the farm legislations but also failed to immerse the spirit of Hindu pride in the months following the consecration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

An aggressive narrative, borrowed from the cantankerous television debates and not necessarily backed by facts, on the social media platforms prove to be counterproductive. With the rise of the fact-checking tools, the decisions to let Jawaharlal's Nehru's love stories and propaganda of similar genre oversnadow the Narendra Modi Government's achievements agreeing with proved to be one of the biggest deflating factors in the BJP's campaign of 2024, with the stand than making them fall



halfway mark.

The communication battle on the farm laws, instead of focusing on the merits of the reforms, became a fight between the Hindustanis and Khalistanis. The attempt to paint those opposed to the reforms as espousing the agenda of Balkanisation was ill thought of, and the BJP has paid a heavy price for it electorally not just in Punjab but across the farmlands of the country.

Several other initiatives which could have welded people strongly in the support of the Modi 2.0, got undone by the showing of the brute power of large numbers, not as much on the ground, as in the narratives floated by the establishment's publicity arm. The whole attitude to run down the 'Argumentative Indian', an expression borrowed from the title of the bestseller by Amartya Sen, as anti-nationat in the event of s/ne not Government only helped firm up the anti-Government



**ECONOMIC POINT OF** VIEW, THE NARENDRA MODI **GOVERNMENT'S BIGGEST SHORTCOMING DURING ITS SECOND** TERM, WHICH HAD A **VERY STRONG** MANDATE, WAS ITS **INABILITY TO CARRY OUT FARM REFORMS** 

in the Government's line. The biggest question which must be haunting the BJP leadership is that when the residents of Uttar Pradesh took an "overwhelming" part in the celebration of the consecration of the Ram Temple, why did it not endorse the party as enthusiastically when it came to the electoral battle? Once again, the propaganda machinery only helped turn a happy moment into an instant of loyalty test.

It was seen that handing out an invitation to the Opposition leaders to a 'quasi-political' function was to get them to refuse and get branded as 'anti-Hindu'. No communication expert would ever prepare a model which would spend time in their hour of glory on the rivals. The narrative so floated in the end created a situation where the 'homecoming' for Ram Lalla got overtaken by 'Ayodhya-coming' of the Opposition leaders. today, the BJP Government is perched on the support of Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party and Nitish

Kumar's Janata Dal (United).

Both the leaders did not come to Ayodhya but have come to the support of Narendra Modi 3.0. In the past, they have even called the Ramjanambhoomi Movement as a 'political project' of the BJP.

The latest narrative of the open denouncement of the voters of Uttar Pradesh by the BJP's extended family will certainly not find traction with either Kumar or Naidu. The castes and communities who did not vote for the BJP voted for Kumar and Naidu in their respective States. The call of the hour is to

change the nature of the dialogue from confrontation to consensus, not only among the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) partners but among all the stakeholders of India, that is Bharat. The demand of the situation is to push the economic and strategic agenda as statecraft than a tool to demonise and belittling those opposed to

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the Government.

## India's green energy rise, including 'Green Coal'



AJAY KUMAR **Gupta** 

Green coal projects reduce pollution, groundwater contamination, promote sustainability, carbon neutrality and spur economic growth

dhe Reserve Bank of India's latest report reflects a surge in global optimism regarding India's economic prospects, particularly in the energy sector. This year alone, green energy projects valued at approximately Rs 700 billion are set to commence, marking a significant investment milestone. By 2025-26, further project investments are anticipated to reach Rs 765.2 billion, supported by progressive policies promoting sustainable energy. India's power sector has now achieved full electrification and is integrated into a unified national grid, providing rural areas with 20 hours of electricity daily and urban areas with 23.5 hours. Additionally, India has ascended to become the world's third-largest producer of renewable energy, underscoring its commitment to sustainable develop-

A key innovation on the horizon is green coal, which is poised to revolutionize energy production in India. Green coal offers significant potential as a sustainable alternative to traditional coal, seamlessly integrating into existing



thermal power plants. For instance, a 1,000 MW power plant consuming around five million tonnes of coal annually could see a significant reduction in carbon emissions by replacing just 10 per cent of its fossil fuel with green coal, equating to half a million tonnes of sustainable fuel. It is estimated that using 1 kg of green coal instead of fossil coal can reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 2 kg per kg of coal replaced.

India's largest state-run power generation company is making substantial strides in the green energy sector, including green coal initiatives. An İnitial Public Offering (IPO) for NTPC Green, a subsidiary focused on green energy, is expected by the end of the year. NTPC, a major player in India's power sector, had previously planned to produce green coal, also known as torrefied charcoal, from municipal waste. This project, exeVidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd and awarded to Macawber Beekay, boasts a plant with a capacity to process 600 tonnes of waste daily, producing 200 tonnes of green coal from municipal solid waste (MSW).

The success of NTPC's Varanasi Harit Koyla Parivojna, managed by Macawber Beekay Private Limited (MBL).Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while inaugurating the Varanasi Harit Koyla Pariyojna, praised the project as a testament to the government's dedication to environmental sustainability.

The green coal project is a cornerstone of the "Make in India" initiative and represents significant progress towards the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" mission. MBL has successfully produced green coal for NTPC Ltd, one of India's largest coal consumers in the power sector. After demonstrating the technology in Varanasi, the CPSU has entrusted MBL with additional projects, including the establishment of the world's largest waste-to-green coal

plant in Greater Noida.

cuted by its subsidiary NTPC Indian companies have

increasingly diversified into green energy solutions, with MBL leading the way in transforming municipal solid waste into eco-friendly green coal. The inauguration of the world's first commercial green coal plant by Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the company's innovative capabilities. The technology not only converts waste into a viable alternative to fossil fuels but also addresses critical waste disposal challenges. The waste-to-energy process involves the meticulous collection and treatment of MSW, followed by moisture removal and the segregation of non-combustible materials. The refined waste is then processed to produce highcalorific charcoal powder that exceeds the energy value of traditional coal. This method reduces carbon emissions, promotes carbon neutrality, and provides economic benefits by lowering the costs associated with traditional coal usage and mitigating the health risks linked to mining and waste accumulation. (The writer is Chairman &

Managing Director, Macawber Beekay; views are

#### **SUNLIGHT'S INFLUENCE ON LIFE**

Madam - Apropos the news story "Sunshine on shoulders, a spring in my step!," published on June 11, this is my response. Summers have been harsh this year. I do not recall Delhi temperatures shooting to 50 degrees plus in the 26 years since we shifted to the national capital. Advisories have been issued by the state governments to avoid venturing out in the afternoons. However, a month down the line, we would forget the harrowing days and long for a glimpse of the sun as monsoon clouds darken the skies.

The sun's impact on our lives is undeniable. Reflecting on a hazy morning in east India and contrasting vacations in England highlight how sunlight influences our mood and activities. Sunshine's warmth and brightness are universally cherished sparking joy in parks and bringing health benefits like the essential 'sunshine vitamin.' Despite modern conveniences, nothing rivals the sun's antibacterial properties for drying clothes. Beyond practical benefits, the sun inspires language and culture, as seen in phrases celebrating people as 'sunshine.' However, this fleeting sunlight also reminds us of the urgent need to combat pollution. By prioritising a cleaner environment, we can ensure future generations enjoy the sun's life-giving rays.

Siya Bhatia | Mangalore

**OPEN ACCESS TO GREEN ENERGY** Madam — Apropos the news story "India's green power policies come of age," published on June 7, this is my response. As a daily reader of the newspaper, it's encouraging to see the strides being made towards green energy in India. The MNRE's Surya-Ghar initiative and other regulatory reforms highlight a significant shift towards renewable energy (RE) accessibility. The Surya-Ghar scheme aims to provide affordable electricity through rooftop solar installations, potentially benefiting millions of households by 2027. This is a commendable step towards sustainable

energy for all.

#### **Surge in numberplate violations**



**LETTERS** TO THE EDITOR

propos the news story "Traffic Police Books 16,800 People for Defective Number Plates This Year," published on June 10, this is my response. As a regular reader of the newspaper, the recent spike in penalties for defective number plates in Delhi is quite striking. The Delhi Traffic Police have booked over 16,800 people this year, a stag-

gering 286 per cent increase from last year. This sharp rise underscores the intensified efforts by the authorities to enhance road safety. Defective number plates are more than a minor infraction; they pose significant risks, from impeding law enforcement to contributing to traffic violations.

The focus on high-traffic areas and the detailed breakdown of top violator zones, like Mayur Vihar and Nand Nagri, highlights the strategic approach taken by the police. It's commendable that alongside enforcement, there are awareness campaigns aimed at educating vehicle owners about the importance of compliant number plates. This holistic approach not only aims to correct current issues but also to prevent future violations. ultimately contributing to a safer and more

Saanvi Jain | Jamshedpur

Rules, 2005, highlight the government's dedication to enabling consumers to establish and maintain dedicated transmission lines, enhancing energy efficiency. The Green Energy Open Access Rules of 2022 aim to simplify approval procedures, fostering transparency and consistency nationwide. Judicial interventions are vital for ensuring proper interpretation and enforcement of laws. These efforts signify significant advancement in India's renewable energy drive towards a greener, more sustainable future.

Reyansh Tiwari | Tirupati

#### **ATTITUDE SHAPES HUMAN BEHAVIOUR**

Madam — Apropos the news story "Factors that influence our attitudes," published on June 10, this is my response. Reading about the Mahabharata and its timeless narratives offers profound insights into human nature. The epic, attributed to sage Veda Vyasa and transcribed by Lord Ganesha, vividly portrays the complexities of human attitudes. It showcases a spectrum of emotions and standpoints that The recent amendments to the Electricity drive actions, often influenced by exter-

nal factors. Duryodhana, a prominent character, exemplifies how arrogance and anger, fueled by his uncle Shakuni and others, lead to destructive behaviour. This mirrors historical atrocities like the Nazi genocide, highlighting the dangers of prej-

udice and hatred. Conversely, the story of the Zen Master and the Thief underscores the transformative power of compassion. The Master's forgiveness and understanding helped the wayward student reform, illustrating that empathy can foster positive change. Human attitudes, shaped by social interactions and experiences, can lead to either constructive or destructive outcomes. This continuous learning process underscores the importance of compassion and understanding in shaping a better society. Harold S Geneen aptly encapsulates this, emphasising that leadership is reflected in attitudes and actions, not just

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#### **FIRST COLUMN BLUEPRINT FOR A BETTER SOCIETY**

Every segment of society should work to fulfil the expectations of other segments



RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR **NIKUNJ JI** 

e all dream of a better world where there is peace, happiness and harmony, don't we? No one would like degradation of the environment, loss of human lives due to wars and murders, corrosion of human spirit by crime and corruption, dehumanisation through poverty and troublesome social, economic and political conditions, embroiled with high tension and turmoil that drain human energy and make life miserable. On the contrary, all would like life to be characterised by harmony and health, well being and wealth and heavenly happiness and purity.

But the question is, what are those values and how can such a sociopolitico-economic system be established which has those values and which will enhance human experience and enable men and women to have such lifestyle as can make such a society viable? If we conduct a survey among various groups of people, we will find that their opinion would most probably crystalise around 10 or 15 major points. They would say that a better world is one in which the following exist only in milder forms or to a lesser degree than we have in the pre-

These major problems or causes of sufferings are wars, violence and cruelty in any form --- poverty, unemployment and social, economic and political injustice, environmental pollution and ecological imbalance, corruption, crime, indiscipline and obscenity, disease, infirmity and high mortality rate, slavery, lack of freedom or deprivation of human rights, hunger, malnutrition or starvation, wrong attitudes towards the other sex and abuse of children, addictions, intoxications, tensions and lack of happiness, hatred, suspicion, fear, cut-throat competition,



rivalry and absence or lack of love and co-operation at various levels of society.

Post this survey, if we conduct another kind of survey, asking every segment of society about what efforts or improvements they expect from the other segments so that we may have a better world order. a fair enough consensus on the following lines would emerge. People would say that they want: Scientists to have an orientation of spirituality, religious leaders to have scientific temper, doctors to treat not only the body but also the mind or the soul, education to have spiritual and moral development also among its aims, women to be given proper social status and man's attitude and outlook towards them to be more spiritualised. The youth and the children should be given more love and they should give more regard and service to the elders. The society should have a balance of love and law and it should be based on the principles of justice, fair play and equality of opportunity.

Now these and such other aims can be fulfilled if every segment of society works for the fulfilment of what other segments expect of it. Each individual also has to contribute of his or her talent or time to work towards raising awareness of the people so as to realise the above goals. For this global task, global cooperation is required. Hence, a new kind of bank to which each individual or institution can offer its contributions so as to build a better world is the need of the hour.

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## The Garhwal Regiment's glorious military heritage ASHOK K MEHTA



Lansdowne, steeped in military tradition since the establishment of the first Garhwal Battalion in 1887, tells a tale of valour and colonial legacy

he still air in June over the Bhawani Dutt Joshi Parade Ground carved out of Kaludanda Lansdowne after the then Viceroy) converts into an air pocket when the fourth batch of 251 Agniveers call out Jai Badri Vishal Ki Jai, the feared Garhwal regiment war cry. The raising of the first Garhwal Battalion was ordered in 1887 by C-in-C, later Viceroy, Lord Roberts. The British may owe India USD 49 Trillion as reparation but their payback was impressive: instruments of governance, strategic culture and infrastructure, including 5000 to 6000 feet high ridge-top cantonments, today's hill stations like Lansdowne whose Mall Road became the exclusive white's only- promenade, restricting locals to the windswept Thandi-sadak' on the reverse slope.

Dotted with pine, oak and rhododen-

drons, the ridge lights up with the majesty of Nanda Devi towering among the distant Himalayas. The sprawling Bungalow No 6 amongst a hundred such, constructed in 1906 was home to Colonel Mainwaring commandant of 3/9 Royal Garhwal Rifles and was bought by MES for a princely Rs 10,053!

It was after Nepal's second invasion that Garhwal capitulated and through legendary Jung Bahadur Rana's progeny married into Garhwal's Sah ruling family. Scattered but indistinguishable descendants of erstwhile Nepalese can be found in Pathankot village as are remnants of 2/3 Gorkha Rifles also raised here which have an umbilical cord with the Garhwal Regiment. Originally Garhwalis and Kumaonis joined 5 Gorkha Rifles( Frontier Force) whose first Colonel was Bobs Bahadur, Victoria Cross winner, Lord Roberts who gave Veer Garhwali a separate identity.

The nom de plume of the Garhwali soldier is valour: in World War I and Waziristan, it won three Victoria Crosses (Rfn Gabbar Singh Negi -posthumously; Naik Darwan Singh Negi and Lt David Kenny) and innumerable battle and the-atre honours and gallantry awards til 1947 that would fill this page. After independence, the Regiment bagged one Ashoka Chakra, four MVC, 18 KC, 51 SC, 52 VrC, and 375 Sena Medals. The Regiment has 22 Infantry battalions, three Rashtriya Rifle battalions and two Territorial Army attaiions. 10 commemorate its unique achievements in operations, the Regiment was conferred the Royal title: Royal Rassi (Lanyard) in 1921 and to honour its braves and martyrs, an iconic bronze statue was built in 1923 which was unveiled by C-in-C, Lord Rawlinson. Designed by makers of Victoria Memorial Calcutta, Martin and Co, the statue on green granite is the most unique and defiant image in the worldof unknown soldiers, the Veer Garhwalis. Added later was the epic shloka from Mahabharat. Lord Krishna to Arjun: 'Lament not the death of a warrior; for one killed in battle is honoured in heaven'. It was a silver replica of this Unknown Soldier that PM Modi presented to the PM of France in 2015 to commemorate the

centenary of WWI. The Darwan Singh War Museum is the grand repository of the history and achievements in war and peace of the Regiment. But the creme d la crème of Lansdowne is the Garhwali Officers Mess which is India's most spectacular, filled with collector's items. Officers and ladies





THE STATUE ON **GREEN GRANITE** IS THE MOST UNIQUE AND **DEFIANT IMAGE IN** THE WORLD — OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER. THE VEER GARHWALI

of the battalion who arrived in 1887 chose this ridge-top locale and declared it their mess which sprouted only in 1892. Its red slanting roof and miniature Victorianstyle colonnades are draped with ivy and creepers.

In the middle of the lawn is the still functional Sun Dial measuring time by the position of the sun. Carved below is: "The shadow of my finger cast divides the future from the past; Before it stands the unborn hour in darkness and beyond thy power: Behind its unreturning line the vanished hour no longer thine: One hour alone is in thy hand, the now of which the shadow stands." Nearby is the ubiquitous Unknown Soldier, covered with bushwork. The Officer's Mess initially had three large rooms: the main hall, dining room and billiards room. Add-ons were the Card room, the Generals gallery, the indispensable bar and two libraries on either flank. Rooms are resplendent in silver trophies and walls covered by big and small game heads and skins that will draw ire from RSPCA. The Visitors' Book table is eye-popping and studded with memorabilia. The broken Chinaglass floor is laid out in a design that radiates towards four Maltese Crosses, the original crest of the

Regiment. Crocodile skin sofa sets glisten as no one sits on them. To insert the John Roberts and Co. made billiards table, the entire roof had to be uprooted while the piano from Chappells, Bond Street London (more famous for sartorial products) rests rhythmically in a corner. The glistening mahogany dining table adorning the dining hall is credited to makers C Lazarus also of Calcutta.

Every room has a fireplace with brass railings and customised settings The Card room contains the letter by Field Marshal Bill Slim written in 1967 eulogizing the gallant Garhwali: "I have commanded Battalions of every Regiment of Indian Army but I never had a better one than 3 Garhwal-and that's something from a dyed in the wool Gurkha as me to say. But it is true". The bar has charming watercolour sketches made by a local Gorkha lad, a long-gone Gopal Chhetri that cheer your drinks. The quaint downtown market survives on a small but happy populace determined not to let Lansdowne be renamed either Jaswant Garh (after MVC awardee Jaswant Singh Rawat of 1962 war) or even Bipin Nagar (after late CDS Gen Bipin Rawat whose Shaun village is 30 km away).

about shedding colonial legacy and wish to retain Lansdowne. Locals say the state government is monumentally corrupt: so ex-servicemen and politicians don't mix. Still, two Generals made it good. Bhuwan Khanduri who became Chief Minister and TPS (Tipsy) Rawat many times minister while highly decorated Ajay Kothiyal KC, SC, VSM and a double Everester lost his deposit during the last state elections. Subedar Major Shailendra Mohan Bhist located at Garhwal Regiment's Kotdwar detachment is look-alike brother of Ajay Bisht more famous as Yogi Adityanath! The clock has moved a full circle: Garhwalis bhullas (brothers) are now again joining the depleting Gorkha Regiments and learning to speak Nepali. The Garhwal regimental legacy is protected by its three symbols: Lord Badrinath, the regimental deity, the iconic Unknown Soldier and the Royal Rassi. They help instil gumption and guile while invoking Jai Badri

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## Organic renaissance: India's rapid shift towards chemical-free farming

As consumer awareness of health and sustainability surges, India is witnessing an unprecedented rise in the organic food market

⊣here was a time in the country when everything produced was organic, the farmers used natural manures like cow dung and compost fertilisers in their fields. The yield was low but it was healthy, tasteful and above all sustainable practice. Then came chemical fertilisers which no doubt increased the yield manifold but also led to several side effects. It is not sustainable and lacks the taste of organic products and above all not as healthy as it should be. Besides the farmers are also paying the price in terms of their health and overuse of Urea and other chemicals ruining the soil quality and depleting the water table. In this scenario, organic farming is the way to go. Now with



newfound awareness people in large numbers are turning to organic products and getting healthy chemical-free products on their plates, Îndia's organic product market has witnessed an unprecedented surge over the last decade, driven by growing consumer awareness about health, sustainability, and

environmental impacts. As urban populations increasingly seek out healthier lifestyle options, the demand for organic food products has soared. This trend is not just limited to a niche segment; it has permeated mainstream consumer preferences, pushing organic products to the forefront of the food industry. The organic food market in India, valued at \$1,582.2 mil-

lion in 2023, is expected to

grow exponentially to \$8,918.5 million by 2032, showcasing an impressive growth rate of 21.19% per annum. This meteoric rise is indicative of a larger green wave sweeping across the country, where consumers are increasingly inclined towards sustainable and ecofriendly products. Consumers today are more inclined to buy products that are sustainable and environmentally friendly. This aligns with the broader trend towards sustainable and ethical consumption, making organic foods an appealing choice for con-

Today organic companies have impressive portfolio of hundreds of SKUs, including staples like pulses, millet, wheat, mustard, barley, rice,



and oils. The products of organic companies are available not only through its website but also on major ecommerce platforms such as Amazon, Flipkart, and Bigbasket, making them accessible to a broad consumer base.

The brands have also expanded their product range into

wheat, barley, mustard, and other grains. By doing so, organic companies aim to ensure that their organic farming practices start from the very beginning of the agricultural process.What is interesting is that Organic companies are committed to sustainable farming practices

and farmer welfare. seed verticals, encompassing They provide specialised tural land into organic farm-

training programs to farmers ing takes around three years. to enhance crop management skills and boost yields. The farmers must be safeguarded And in places where chemical fertiliser use is rampant, it could go beyond three years. from any potential contami-Besides, fraudsters often damnants in their food supply so age their reputations. Often that the end users get a real organic product. There is def-initely a need to maintaining prices are jacked up unrealishigh-quality standards in organic farming else the consumer trust is broken and the industry as a whole suffers . With online registration and certification processes in place most of the fraudulent prac-

tices in the segment have been wiped off. But the field is

not without challenges.

However, the transition from

chemical to organic is not

simple. It is a painstaking

process but rewards are grat-

ifying. Transforming agricul-

The growth of organic products in India is a testament to the changing consumer landscape and increasing awareness about health and sustain-Still, the market share of

organic products is just one per cent but the growth is exponential. This sector is growing at the rate of 20 per cent which shows the growing demand for organic food and people's interest in them.

(The writer is confounder of Natureland Organics; views are personal)

## **UNSC** adopts Gaza ceasefire resolution

The UN Security Council on Monday overwhelmingly approved its first resolution endorsing a cease-fire plan aimed at ending the eightmonth war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. The US-sponsored resolution welcomes a cease-fire proposal announced by President Joe Biden that the United States says Israel has accepted. It calls on the militant Palestinian group Hamas to accept the three-phase plan.

The resolution - which was approved with 14 of the 15 Security Council members voting in favour and Russia abstaining - calls on Israel and Hamas "to fully implement its terms without delay and without condition".

Whether Israel and Hamas agree to go forward with the plan remains in question, but the resolution's strong support in the UN's most powerful body puts added pressure on both parties to approve the proUS Secretary of State Antony
Blinken was in Israel on A senior Israeli diplomat did Monday, where he urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to accept the plan for postwar Gaza as he pushed for more international pressure on Hamas to agree to the cease-fire proposal. Netanyahu has been sceptical of the deal, saying that Israel is still committed to destroying Hamas.

Hamas said it welcomed the adoption of the resolution and was ready to work with mediators in indirect negotiations with Israel to implement it. The statement was among the strongest from Hamas to date, but it stressed the group would continue its struggle against Israeli occupation and work on setting up a "fully sovereign" Palestinian state.

"Efforts are continuing to study and clarify some matters to ensure implementation by the Israeli side," Hamas spokesperson Jihad Taha said Tuesday. He said Israel was "stalling and procrastinating and creating obstacles in order to con-

not directly mention the resolution, telling the council Israel's position is unwavering: 'We will continue until all of the hostages are returned and until Hamas' military and governing capabilities are disman-

"This also means that Israel will not engage in meaningless and endless negotiations, which can be exploited by Hamas as a means to stall for time, Minister Counsellor Reut Shapir Ben Naftaly said. US Ambassador Linda

Thomas-Greenfield reiterated, however, that Israel has accepted the cease-fire deal, which is supported by countries around the world. The resolution's adoption, she

said, "sent a clear message to Hamas to accept the cease-fire deal on the table." "The fighting could stop today, if Hamas would do the same," Thomas-Greenfield told the council. "I repeat, this fighting could stop today." US deputy ambassador

earlier on Monday that the

United States sees the deal as "the best, most realistic opportunity to bring at least a temporary halt to this war". Earlier Monday, Hamas and

Palestinian Islamic Jihad lead-

ers met in Qatar to discuss the

proposed cease-fire deal and said later that any deal must lead to a permanent cease-fire, a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, reconstruction and "a serious exchange deal" between hostages in Gaza and Palestinians held in Israeli jails. Russia's UN Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said Moscow abstained because details of the three-phase plan haven't been disclosed and "we have a whole host of questions".

"Hamas is called upon to accept this so-called deal, but still there is no clear clarity regarding official agreement from Israel," Nebenzia said. "Given the many statements from Israel on the extension of the war until Hamas is completely defeated ... what specifically Algeria's UN Ambassador

Amar Bendjama, the Arab rep resentative on the council, said that while the text isn't perfect, "it offers a glimmer of hope to the Palestinians, as the alternative is (the) continuing killing and suffering of the Palestinian people"."We voted for this text to give diplomacy a chance to reach an agreement that will end the aggression against the Palestinian people that has lasted far too long," Bendjama

The war was sparked by Hamas' surprise Oct 7 attack in southern Israel in which militants killed about 1,200 people, mainly Israeli civilians, and took about 250 others hostage. About 120 hostages remain, with 43 pronounced dead.

Israel's military offensive has killed more than 36,700 Palestinians and wounded more than 83,000 others, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. It has also destroyed about 80% of Gaza's buildings, according to the UN.

#### French opposition parties seek alliances ahead of snap polls

Empowered by a stunning tri-triumph at the European elections, France's far-right National Rally on Tuesday hit the national campaign trail running with its star leader, Jordan Bardella, promising supporters "the largest possible majority' at the upcoming parliamentary elections. Opposition parties on the left and

the right have been scrambling to form alliances and field candidates in the snap national elections called by President Emmanuel Macron after his party suffered a crushing defeat by the far right in the European Union vote on Sunday. While sharp differences between parties on both sides of the political spectrum remain, prominent figures calling for a united front in both camps appear to have one thing in common: They don't want to cooperate with Macron. Despite their divisions, left-wing parties agreed late Monday to form a new alliance that includes the Greens, the Socialists, the

Communists and the far-left France Unbowed of Jean-Luc Melenchon. Leaders have not agreed on who will head the new coalition nor on its program. In light of the European polls, politicians on the left are focused on closing ranks to prevent a win for the National Rally that could result in the French far right leading a government for the first time since World War II. For now they have also vowed not

to join forces with Macron's cen-In a joint statement, the alliance called on all forces on the left,

including the influential labor unions, to unite behind a "new popular front" to form an "alternative to Emmanuel Macron and to fight against the racist project of the far right." The National Rally leader Marine

Le Pen is working to consolidate power on the right ahead of the two-round elections that will take place on June 30 and July 7, Le Pen's niece, Marion Marechal, who won a seat in the European Parliament on Sunday as a member of the rival Reconquer! party of Eric Zemmour, on Monday visited National Rally headquarters in Paris to negotiate a far-right alliance at the upcoming elections. Le Pen also met with members of

the conservative Republicans party to discuss a united front. Some conservative lawmakers have supported some of Macron's bills in the National Assembly since the pres ident lost a majority in the lower house of the French parliament following the 2022 general election. "We have a historic chance to allow the national camp to put France back on track," Le Pen said in an interview with the French public broadcaster on Monday evening. She said the National Rally and the conservatives could agree on several policy goals, including an economic recovery plan, boosting purchasing power and curbing immigration. Bardella, Le Pen's 28year-old protege and the face of the far right's European triumph, also urged French conservatives to ride

the wave of popularity with the National Rally.

## Blinken meets Netanyahu in Israel

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met Monday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during his latest trip to the Middle East, where America's top diplomat urged approval of a cease-fire proposal that faced new uncertainty following Israel's hostage rescue operation that killed many Palestinians and turmoil in Netanyahu's government.With no firm public response yet from Hamas or Israel to the proposal they received 10 days ago, Blinken started his eighth visit to the region since the conflict began in October by meeting with President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi of Egypt, a key mediator with the militant Hamas group. He then flew to Israel for talks with Netanyahu and other Israeli officials.

Blinken once again called on Hamas to accept the plan, which he said has wide international support.

"If you want a cease-fire, press Hamas to say yes," he told reporters before leaving Cairo on the trip that also will take him to Jordan and Qatar. Blinken said Israel has accepted the proposal, though Netanyahu has expressed skep-

are pessimistic about the prospects," Blinken said, putting the onus on Hamas. "That's understandable. Hamas continues to show extraordinary cynicism in its actions, a disinterest not only in the wellbeing and security of Israelis but also Palestinians.

"I know that there are those who

While President Joe Biden, Blinken and other US officials have praised the rescue of four Israeli hostages on Saturday, the

operation resulted in the deaths of 274 Palestinian civilians and may complicate the cease-fire push by emboldening Israel and hardening Hamas resolve to carry on fighting in the war that started with its October 7

Blinken said the plan is the "single best way" to get to a ceasefire, release the remaining hostages and improve regional In his talks with el-Sissi, Blinken

attack in Israel.

also discussed plans for postconflict governance and reconstruction in Gaza.

"It's imperative that there be a

security, it has to involve governance, it has to involve reconstruction," Blinken said.

Netanyahu and his government

have resisted calls for any "day

after" plan that would bar Israel from having some form of security presence in the territory Blinken said he would urge Israel to come up with alternatives that would be acceptable. "It would be very good if Israel put forward its own ideas on this, and I'll be talking to the government about that," he said. But one way or another, we've got to have these plans, we've got to have them in place, we've got to be ready to go if we want to take advantage of a ceasefire."The three-phase plan calls for the release of more hostages and a temporary pause in hostilities that will last as long as it takes to negotiate the second phase, which aims to bring the release of all hostages, a "full withdrawal of Israeli forces

from Gaza" and "a permanent

end to hostilities," according to

an American-drafted resolu-

tion put before the U.N. Security

Council. The third phase calls

#### 'Israeli and Palestinian armed forces accused of war crimes'

Geneva (AP): The UN human rights office is citing possible war crimes by Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups in connection with a deadly raid by Israeli forces that freed four hostages over the weekend.

Office spokesman Jeremy Laurence expressed concerns about possible violations of rules of proportionality, distinction and precaution by the Israeli forces in Saturday's raid at the urban Nuseirat refugee camp. Palestinian health officials say at least 274 Palestinians, including dozens of women and children, were killed in the operation. Laurence said Palestinian

armed groups who are holding hostages in densely populated areas are putting the lives of nearby civilians and the hostages at "added risks" from

#### Suspect in custody for stabbing four US college instructors

Beijing (AP): Chinese police have detained a expand people-to-people exchanges to help bolsuspect in a stabbing attack on four instructors from Iowa's Cornell College who were teaching at a Chinese university in the northeast city of Jilin, officials said Tuesday. Jilin city police said a 55-year-old man surnamed Cui was walking in a public park on Monday when he bumped into a foreigner. He stabbed the foreigner and three other foreigners who were with him, and also stabbed a Chinese person who approached in an attempt to intervene, police

The instructors from Cornell College were teaching at Beihua University, officials at the US school said

The injured were rushed to a hospital for treatment and none was in critical condition, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said at a daily briefing Tuesday. He said police believe the attack in Jilin city's Beishan Park was an isolated incident, based on a preliminary assessment, and the investigation is ongoing. Cornell College President Jonathan

Brand said in a statement that the instructors were attacked while at the park with a faculty member from Beihua, which is in an outlying part of Jilin, an industrial city about 1,000 km (600 miles) northeast of Beijing. Monday was a public holiday in China.

The State Department said in a statement it was aware of reports of a stabbing and was monitoring the situation. The attack happened as both Beijing and Washington are seeking to

ster relations amid tensions over trade and such international issues as Taiwan, the South China Sea and the war in Ukraine. An Iowa state lawmaker posted a statement on Instagram saying his brother, David Zabner, had been wounded during a stabbing attack in Jilin. Rep Adam Zabner described his brother as a doctoral student at Tufts University who was in China under the Cornell-Beihua relationship. "I spoke to David a few minutes ago, he is recovering from his injuries and doing well," Adam Zabner wrote, adding that his brother was grateful for the care he received at a hospital.

News of the incident was suppressed in China, where the government maintains control on information about anything considered sensitive. News media outlets had not reported it. Some social media accounts posted foreign media reports about the attack, but a hashtag about it was blocked on a popular portal and photos and video of the incident were quickly taken down.

Cornell spokesperson Jen Visser said in an email that the college was still gathering information about what happened. Visser said the private college in Mount Vernon, Iowa, partners with Beihua University. A college news release from 2018, when the program started, says Beihua provides funding for Cornell professors to travel to China to teach a portion of courses in computer science, mathematics and physics over a two-week period.

#### 'Migrant boat sinks off coast of Yemen, leaving at least 49 dead, 140 missing

Cairo (AP): A boat carrying migrants sank off the coast of Yemen, leaving at least 49 dead and 140 missing, the International Organization for Migration said Tuesday. The boat was carrying some 260 Somalis and Ethiopians from the northern coast of Somalia on the 320kilometer journey across the Gulf of Aden when it sank Monday off Yemen's southern coast, the IOM said in a state-

It said search efforts were continuing and so far 71 had been rescued.

Among the dead were 31 women and six children, it said. Yemen is a major route for migrants from the East Africa and the Horn of Africa trying to reach Gulf countries for

#### ICC prosecutor seeks evidence UK Conservatives attempt mood shift of atrocities in Sudan

The Hague (Netherlands) (AP) :The International information and evidence of atrocities in Sudan, saying his ongoing investigation "seems to disclose an organised, systematic and a profound attack on human dignity'

ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan released a video statement in the aftermath of an attack Sunday by the notorious Rapid Support Forces paramilitary group that forced the closure of a main hospital in the western Darfur region. The group fired shots and looted the hospital in al-Fasher, aid group Doctors Without Borders reported.

The attack came as the RSF, which has been fighting the Sudanese army for a year, intensified its offensive seeking to wrest control of the city, the military's last stronghold in the sprawling Darfur region. Two weeks of fighting last month in and around al-Fasher has killed more than 120 peo-

ple. "The terrible events in West Darfur, including El-Criminal Court's chief prosecu- Geneina, in 2023 are among Khan said. "In addition, I am extremely concerned about allegations of widespread international crimes being committed in al-Fasher and its surrounding areas as I speak."

A long-running conflict Sudan's conflict began in April last year when soaring tensions between the leaders of the military and the RSF erupted into fighting in the capital, Khartoum, and elsewhere in the country

The war has killed more than 14,000 people and wounded thousands more, while pushing its population to the brink of famine. The UN food agency warned the warring parties last month that there is a serious risk of widespread starvation and death in Darfur and elsewhere in Sudan if they don't allow humanitarian aid into the region. The war also created the world's

largest displacement crisis as more than 10 million people have been forced to flee their lion people who crossed into neighbouring countries, the UN migration agency told The Associated Press Monday. Khan said he is urgently investigating in Sudan.

The evidence my office has collected to date seems to show credible, repeated, expanding, continuous allegations of attacks against the civilian population, in particular, attacks directed against camps for internally displaced persons," he said. "It seems to show the widespread, prevalent use of rape and other forms of sexual violence. It seems to disclose consistently the shelling of civilian areas, the looting of properties and attacks against hospitals," he added, stressing that he was "particularly concerned by the ethnically motivated nature of these attacks against the Masalit and other communities".

## with election promises ahead of polls

Tishi Sunak doesn't know Nwhether he'll still be Britain's prime minister the day after next month's election. There's nothing unusual about that. What is unusual is that he's been forced to deny rumours he could quit even before polling day, amid alarm inside the governing Conservative Party over Sunak's lackluster campaign.

Sunak gets a chance — maybe one of his last — to change the narrative on Tuesday when he releases the Conservatives' manifesto, a handbook of policies that forms each UK party's blueprint for power. Despite gloomy polls and bruising headlines, Sunak insists the election is not a "foregone conclusion" and says resigning has not crossed his mind. "People are going to say what they're going to say," he told reporters on Monday. "The reality is I'm not going to stop going, I'm not going to stop fight-ing for people's votes, I'm not



going to stop fighting for the

future of our country The Conservative manifesto is likely to include promised cuts to personal taxes, a chance for Sunak to repeat his claim that a government led by Labour's Keir Starmer would raise taxes while a Conservative one would lower them. The Labour Party points out that the tax burden has risen to its highest level in decades during 14 years of Tory rule. On July 4 British voters will elect lawmakers to fill all 650 seats in the House of Commons, and the leader of the party that can command a majority either alone or in coalition - will

Sunak's surprise decision to call a summer election — several months earlier than most people expected, even those in his own party — was intended partly to catch the opposition unpre-

become prime minister.

pared. But it's the Conservatives outside 10 Downing St. in the rain on May 22 to announce the start of the campaign.

The Conservatives were already on the defensive after jettisoning two prime ministers without an election in quick succession in 2022: first Boris Johnson, felled by scandals, then Liz Truss, who rocked the economy with drastic tax-slashing plans and lasted just seven weeks in office.

The party's prospects worsened last week when populist firebrand Nigel Farage announced that he would run for Parliament at the helm of the right-wing party Reform UK, vowing to be "bloody nuisance" to the established parties.

While Reform, with its antiestablishment and anti-immigra tion rhetoric, is aiming to attract disaffected voters from both Conservatives and Labour, it's likely to take more votes from

#### NZ renews search for father who vanished into forest with children

**AP** ■ WELLINGTON

Pealand authorities offered La reward and immunity from prosecution on Tuesday to anyone who can help their search for three children who have been missing since their father vanished with them from a remote rural community more than two years ago. The December 2021 disappearance of Tom Phillips and his children — now aged 8, 9 and 10 — has confounded investigators. They are not believed to ever have travelled far from the remote rural settlement where they lived, but there have been no credible sightings of the family for

months. Police officers converged on the township, Marokopa, population 69, to seek fresh leads in a case that has fascinated the country of 5 million people. Phillips is accused of

committing an armed bank robbery while on the run in May 2023. He allegedly shot at a member of the public and fled on a motorbike with a passenger who investigators believe was one of his chil-

Phillips no longer has legal custody rights for his children, Acting Detective Inspector Andrew Saunders said at a news conference in the city of Hamilton, south of Auckland, on Tuesday.

'These are not the actions of a good father," said Saunders. The children have not had access to formal education or healthcare since they went missing, he added, and police have concerns "for the welfare of the children who have been living in isolation for the past two and a half years, with no connection to others". Saunders said that a reward of

(USD 49,000) — large by New Zealand standards and an offer of immunity from prosecution is targeted at people who already know the family's whereabouts. The authorities have long said they believe that Phillips has had help concealing hifamily. The reward, approved by New Zealand's Commissioner of Police, expires in two weeks, Saunders said.

"We don't want them waiting months and months to decide," he said. "Come forward and tell us where the children are.

It is not the first time Phillips prompted national news headlines after disappearing with his children.

The family went missing in September 2021, provoking a 3-week land and sea search after Phillips' truck was found abandoned on a wild beach 80,000 New Zealand dollars near where he lived.

#### others die in plane crash Blantvre (Malawi) (AP): Malawi's vice president and

Malawi's vice president, 9

nine others were killed in a plane crash, the country's president said Tuesday. The wreckage of the military plane carrying Vice President Saulos Chilima was located in a mountainous area in the north of the country after a search that lasted more than a day. There were no survivors of the crash, Malawian President Lazarus Chakwera said in a live address on state television. Hundreds of soldiers, police

officers and forest rangers had been searching for the plane that also carried a former first lady after it went missing Monday morning while making the 45-minute flight from the southern African nation's capital, Lilongwe, to the city of Mzuzu, around 370 kilometers (230 miles) to the north.

at Mzuzu's airport because of

authorities said. Chilima was serving his second

bad weather and poor visibility and asked it to turn back to Lilongwe, Chakwera said. Air traffic control then lost contact with the aircraft and it disappeared from radar, he said. Seven passengers and three

military crew members were on board. The president described the aircraft as a small, propeller driven plane operated by the Malawian armed forces. The tail number he provided shows it is a Dornier 228-type twin propeller plane that was delivered to the Malawian army in 1988, according to the ch-aviation website that tracks aircraft

Around 600 personnel were involved in the search in a vast forest plantation in the Viphya Mountains near Mzuzu,

information.

term as vice president. He was Air traffic controllers told the also in the role from 2014-2019 plane not to attempt a landing under former President Peter Mutharika.

#### Chinese premier to visit NZ, Australia and Malaysia Melbourne (AP): Chinese China's leadership, in seven

Premier Li Qiang will visit New Zealand, Australia and Malaysia starting Thursday, officials said. Li will visit the three countries from June 13 to 20, a Chinese Foreign Ministry statement said Tuesday.

Australia earlier announced that Li would land in the Australian city of Adelaide on June 15 and leave Perth on June 18.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Li are to hold an annual leaders' meeting at Parliament House in the Australian capital, Canberra, during the visit. The New Zealand and Malaysian governments have vet to announce Li's itinerary

in their countries. Li's visit to Australia and New Zealand will be the first by a ster to be lifted and for impris-Chinese premier, the second most powerful official in oned Australian democracy

years. A Chinese premier hasn't visited Malaysia since 2015. Li's Australian trip follows a visit by Albanese to Beijing last November, when leaders agreed to resume key bilateral dialogues and further sever-

China imposed a series of official and unofficial trade barriers that cost Australian exporters up to 20 billion Australian dollars (USD 13 billion) a year after Australia's previous government urged an international inquiry into the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic.

al areas of cooperation.

Most of those barriers have been removed since Albanese's government was elected in

Albanese said he would push for barriers to Australian lobblogger Yang Hengjuno to be 'Premier Li Qiang's visit to

Australia is an important opportunity to engage directly on key issues for both our nations," Albanese said. "Australia continues to pursue a stable and direct relationship with China, with dialogue at its core," he said. New Zealand officials say their

discussions with Li will focus

on their aim to double the

value of the nation's exports to China in a decade. New Zealand has traditionally sought to balance its trade

relationship with China with the interests of its Western allies in the Five Eyes intelligence sharing partnership, who nave more assertively decried China's growing influence in the region. Malaysia has similarly resisted taking sides in the US-China rivalry.

## **Zelenskyy appeals for help with Ukraine's energy network**

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy appealed for short-term help in repairing his country's electricity network and long-term investment in its energy system as a conference to gather support for Ukraine's recovery from the destruction wreaked by Russia's war opened on Tuesday.

Starting a week of intense diplomacy that will also see him travel to the Group of Seven summit of Ukraine's leading Western allies in Italy and a global peace summit in Switzerland, Zelenskyy also renewed his calls for more help in repelling missile attacks by Russian forces.

The two-day Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin follows up on a similar gathering in London a year ago.

The German hosts say it is bringing together 2,000 people from national and local politics, business and other areas, arguing that the task of supporting Ukraine's recovery is too big for governments alone.

Among other immediate problems, sustained Russian attacks on Ukraine's power grid in recent weeks have forced energy companies to institute nationwide rolling blackouts. Zelenskyy told the conference that, in the coming month, Ukraine needs equipment for heating and electricity plants that are currently out of action. "This will allow us to respond to the situation here and now, he said.

According to the president, nine gigawatts of electricity generating capacity have been destroyed — including 80 per cent of thermal power and one-third of hydroelectric power — while the peak consumption in Ukraine last winter was 18 gigawatts. Energy, he said, continues to be "one of (Russian President Vladimir) Putin's main targets.' Looking beyond Ukraine's

problems,



ments in energy would be mutually beneficial. "Ukraine has all the natural

foundations for modern energy, but without your financing and investments, we won't be able to realize this," he said. 'This is not about grants, but about high-yield investments for your companies, about a large market for your equipment, about loan programs for your institutions," all of which could create tens of thousands of new jobs, he

That message was echoed by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who said the World Bank has estimated that rebuilding and modernizing Ukraine will require investments of nearly USD 500 billion over the next 10 years.
"The reconstruction of

Ukraine is and also must be a business case," Scholz told participants. He said that is illusexported excess electricity to the European Union since 2022 "that makes clear what goes for the reconstruction of Ukraine as a whole: it benefits all concerned".

Scholz, whose country has become Ukraine's secondbiggest weapons supplier after the United States, appealed anew to other allies to help strengthen Ukraine's air defense, "because the best reconstruction is that which doesn't have to take place".

Since Russia launched a spring offensive around Kharkiv, Zelenskyy has insisted Ukraine urgently needs seven more USmade Patriot air defence systems. The Berlin conference also focuses on support for reforms that Ukraine has embarked on in its bid to join the EU. On Monday, the head of the State Agency for Restoration of Ukraine, Mustafa Nayyem, announced his resignation on Facebook

He cited "systemic obstacles that prevent me from exercising my powers effectively" and accused the government of bogging his agency down in red tape. Ukraine hasn't had a minister dedicated to reconstruction since Oleksandr Kubrakov was dismissed in May. Nayyem complained that Ukraine's prime minister barred him from attending the Berlin conference.

Zelenskyy, making his third visit to Berlin since Russia's fullscale invasion started in February 2022, is also expected to make a speech to the German parliament, or Bundestag. He made a video address to lawmakers a few weeks after the war started. The Ukrainian president last visited in mid-February, when he signed a bilateral security agreement with Scholz, one of a string of such accords that allies have reached with Kyiv to signal their long-term backing.

## Russia, Belarus launch second stage of drills to train troops

Russia and its ally Belarus on Tuesday launched a second stage of drills intended to train their troops in tactical nuclear weapons, part of the Kremlin's efforts to discourage the West from ramping up support for Ukraine.

In announcing the nuclear maneuvers last month, the Russian Defense Ministry said they were in response to provocative statements and threats of certain Western officials regarding the Russian Federation".

The Kremlin has expressed outrage after French President Emmanuel Macron said he doesn't exclude deploying troops to Ukraine, and the US and some other NATO allies allowed Kyiv to use the weapons supplied by them for striking targets on the Russian striking targets on the Russian

Speaking to reporters Tuesday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov noted that "such drills and maintaining combat readi-

ness" are important in view of the "hostile decisions and actions" by the US and its allies in Europe and their "daily provocations".

During the second stage of the drills that began Tuesday, Russian and Belarusian troops will undergo joint training in non-strategic nuclear weapons used in combat, the Defence Ministry said. It noted that the exercise is aimed at maintaining readiness of personnel and equipment to ensure "sovereignty and territorial integrity" of the alliance of Russia and Belarus.

The first stage of the exercise last month envisaged a preparation for nuclear missions and deployment for launches, according to the Defense Ministry. The Russian military had trained separately during the initial stage of the maneuvers before joint drills with Belarusian forces. Last year, Russia moved some of its tactical nuclear weapons into neighbouring Belarus, which also borders Ukraine and

Latvia and Lithuania. Belarus' authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko has relied on close ties with Russia and provided his country as a staging ground for the war in Ukraine.

Tactical nuclear weapons include air bombs, warheads for short-range missiles and artillery munitions and are meant for use on a battlefield. Usually they are less powerful than the strategic weapons – massive warheads that arm intercontinental ballistic missiles and are intended to obliterate entire cities.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has noted, however, that even Russia's battlefield nuclear weapons are much more powerful than the two atomic bombs the US dropped on Japan at the end of World War

Last week, Putin declared that the West is wrong to proceed from the assumption that Russia will never use its atom-

#### **US** envoy calls for Japan's help to replenish missile inventory, repair warships

**AP** ■ TOKYO

The United States needs Japan's help to quickly replenish missile inventory and repair warships as conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine continue and Washington seeks to keep its deterrence credible in the Indo-Pacific, the US ambassador to Japan said. "It is clear that the United

States military industrial base cannot meet all the strategic challenges that we have and obligations we have," Ambassador Rahm Emanuel said on Monday. He spoke as Japan and the US held their first talks to accelerate military industrial cooperation, two months after an April agreement between Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and US President Joe Biden.

This week's talks in Tokyo are between US Under Secretary of Defence for Acquisition and Sustainment William LaPlante and his Japanese counterpart, Masaki Fukasawa, head of the Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency. They agreed to establish work

ing groups for missile co-production and for maintenance and repair of US Navy ships and Air Force aircraft in the region, the Japanese Defence Ministry said in a statement. There will be also a group to discuss a stronger supply chain. On Tuesday, the two countries held the first meeting of the Japanese shipyard repair working group, which will help US shipbuilders focus on new ships while allowing ships to be repaired in Japan for greater efficiency and deterrence. Fukasawa, in his opening remark at the meeting, said he hoped regional repair of US Naval ships will help strengthen the Japanese defence industry, whose customers are largely limited to Japan's Defence Ministry and Self-Defence Force. Recent changes to defense policies are seen to be creating new business opportu-

#### US lifts ban on sending weapons to controversial Ukrainian army unit

The US has lifted a ban on providing American American weapons and training to a controversial Ukrainian military unit that was key to the defense of the major port city of Mariupol, the State Department said on Tuesday.

The Azov Brigade is among Ukraine's most effective and popular fighting units — but has been dogged by its origins as a volunteer battalion that drew fighters from far-right circles and criticism for some of its tactics. The US had banned the regiment from using American weapons, citing the neo-Nazi ideology of some of its founders. The current members of the Azov Brigade, which has been absorbed into Ukraine's National Guard as the 12th

Khan has been lodged at the

high-security Adiala Jail at

Rawalpindi since his arrest

10 months ago for his

involvement in multiple

cases, some of which have

resulted in conviction. "In

Pakistan, the media has

always been vulnerable to

control by the state while

journalists have been target-

ed for their critical

approaches. Over the last

two years in Pakistan, the

media has been forced into

silence, and journalists who

dissent face suppression,"

Khan, 71, said on his X

account. The former prime

minister's post comes days

after the Punjab govern-

ment - headed by Maryam

Nawaz, daughter of Khan's

arch-rival and former prime

recently introduced the

'Punjab Defamation Act

2024, a controversial legis-

lation about defamation

which imposes massive

curbs on press freedom in

Independent media is one of

son and grandson of minis-

ters, and grew up in Massillon, Ohio, where he

the name of fake news.

minister Nawaz Sharif -

Special Forces Brigade, reject accusations of extremism and any ties with far-right movements. But the Kremlin has seized on the regiment's origins in its efforts to cast Russia's invasion as a battle against Nazi influence in Ukraine. US law prohibits providing equipment and training to foreign military units or individuals suspected of committing gross human rights violations. The State Department said in a statement that it found "no evidence" of such violations. "This is a new page in our unit's history," the Azov Brigade wrote in a statement on Instagram. "Azov is becoming even more powerful, even more professional and even more dangerous for occu-

"Obtaining western weapons and training from the United

'Pak media forced into silence over last 2 years'

States will not only increase the combat ability of Azov, but most importantly, contribute to the preservation of the lives and the health of personnel," the statement said. Up until the State Department's

decision, Azov was prohibited from sending fighters to Western military exercises or accessing weapons bought with American funds. Lifting the ban will likely bolster the brigade's fighting capacity at a difficult time during the war against Russia's invasion. Ukraine suffers from persistent ammunition and personnel shortages. Years before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Human Rights Watch raised concerns about Azov, writing that credible allegations of egregious abuses had been made against its fighters.

#### trated by Ukraine having S Korean troops fired warning shots after

North soldiers crossed land border

 $S_{\text{warning shots after North}}$ Korean troops briefly violated the tense border earlier this week, South Korea's military are embroiled in Cold Warstyle campaigns like balloon launches and propaganda broadcasts

Bloodshed and violent confrontations have occasionally occurred at the Koreas' heavily fortified border, called the Demilitarized Zone. While Sunday's incident happened amid simmering tensions between the two Koreas, observers say it won't likely develop into another source of animosity as South Korea believes the North Koreans didn't deliberately commit the border intrusion and North Korea also didn't return fire. At 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, some North Korean soldiers who were engaged in unspecified work on the northern side of the border crossed the military demarcation line that bisects the two countries, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. Those North Korean soldiers carrying construction tools some of them armed — immediately returned to their territory after South Korea's military

fired warning shots and issued warning broadcasts, the Joint Chiefs of Staff said. It said North Korea had not conducted any other suspicious activhave intentionally crossed the border because the site is a wooded area and MDL signs there weren't clearly visible, Joint Chiefs of Staff spokesperson Lee Sung Joon told reporters.

Lee gave no further details. But South Korean media reports said that about 20-30 North Korean soldiers had entered South Korean territory about 50 metres (165 feet) after they likely lost their way. The reports said most of the North Korean soldiers were carrying pickaxes and other construction tools. The 248-kilometer (155-mile) -long, 4-kilometer (2.5-mile) wide DMZ is the world's most heavily armed border. An estimated 2 million mines are peppered inside and near the border, which is also guarded by barbed wire fences, tank traps and combat troops on both sides. It's a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with an armistice, not a

peace treaty. On Sunday, South Korea resumed anti-Pyongyang pro-

paganda broadcasts from its border loudspeakers in response to the North's recent launches of balloons carrying manure and rubbish across ities. South Korea's military the border. South Korea said has assessed that the North North Korea has installed its response but hasn't turned them on yet. North Korea has said its balloon campaign was in response to South Korean activists' launches of their own balloons to drop propaganda leaflets critical of leader Kim Jong Un's authoritarian rule, USB sticks with K-pop songs and South Korean drama shows, and other items in

North Korea. North Korea is extremely sensitive to any outside criticism of its political system as most of its 26 million people have no official access to foreign news. On Sunday night, Kim's sister and senior official, Kim Yo Jong, warned of "a new response" if South Korea continued its loudspeaker broadcasts and refused to stop civil-

ian leafletting campaigns. The tit-for-tat over speakers and balloons — both Cold War-style psychological warfare — have deepened tensions between the Koreas as talks over the North's nuclear ambitions have remained stalled

Rev James Lawson Jr has died at 95

#### **Chinese dissident** naval officer enters Taiwan by speedboat

**AP** ■ BEIJING/TAIPEI

Achinese ex-navy captain, claiming to be a defector, caught Taiwan's navy off-guard directly to a pier outside the

capital Taipei on Sunday. The intrusion by a mainland Chinese man amid high-security measures in the midst of recurring tensions with China came in for strong criticism from Taiwan's top politicians. China views Taiwan as a rebel province that must be reunified with the mainland, even by force.

The man, identified as Ruan, 60, was spotted 11 km off the coast of Tamsui in New Taipei After entering the Tamsui River, which leads to downtown Taipei, the boat hit a ferry at the pier, according to the coastguard, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported on Tuesday.

Ruan, who claimed to be a former Chinese navy captain, said he left Ningde port in China's coastal city of Fuzhou a day earlier. However, Taiwan's coastguard said no food or drink was found on the boat and the man did not appear to have a tan.

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sidelined since the engineered VoNC," he said. VoNC he referred to was the vote of no-confidence in April 2022 that threw out his govern-

ment over an alleged leak of a diplomatic cable.

On Tuesday, the PTI founder cited examples of some journal ists who were either murdered or forced to leave the country for their criticism of the Pakistan Army for its role in PPA/PR/12/PR/2024-2025 dtd.10.06.2024 politics. "Arshad Sharif was driven into exile by grave threats and was murdered in cold blood in Kenya. Dr Moeed Pirzada, Sabir Shakir, and Wajahat Saeed Khan have been compelled to leave the country. "Imran Riaz Khan was abduct

(PTI) party said. "My govern- stant pressure," he said, and journalists who dissent have faced suppression over the Protection of Journalists and PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY

MARINE DEPARTMENT last two years in the country.

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Reconciliation, a pacifist group, sponsored his trip to India after he finished a sociresponses to their challenges choices and to say no to that Lawson met King in 1957, ished. James Morris Lawson Jr., was after spending three years in of racist laws and policies. wrong. That's also Jesus." Dated CHD :- 6/11/2024 India soaking up knowledge Lawson's lessons led Nashville born on Sept. 22, 1928, the Years later, in 1968, it was ology degree.

His family said Lawson died on Sunday after a short illness in Los Angeles, where he

spent decades working as a pastor, labor movement organizer and university professor. Lawson was a close adviser to the Rev Martin Luther King Ir, who called him "the leading theorist and strategist of nonviolence in the world".

The Rev. James Lawson Jr.,

**I** an apostle of nonviolent

protest who schooled activists

to withstand brutal reactions

from white authorities as the

Civil Rights Movement

gained traction, has died, his

family said Monday. He was

about Mohandas K Gandhi's to become the first major independence movement. King would travel to India himself two years later, but at the time, he had only read about Gandhi in books.

The two Black pastors both 28 years old — quickly bonded over their enthusiasm for the Indian leader's ideas, and King urged Lawson to put them into action in the

pared John Lewis, Diane Nash, Bernard Lafayette, Marion Barry, the Freedom Riders and many others to peacefully withstand vicious

city in the South to desegregate its downtown, on May 10, 1960, after hundreds of well-organised students staged lunch-counter sit-ins and boycotts of discriminatory businesses. Lawson's particular contribution was to

American South. Lawson soon led workshops in church basements in Nashville, Tennessee, that pre-

structures. Gandhi said "that we persons have the power to resist the racism in our own lives and souls", Lawson told the AP. We have the power to make

introduce Gandhian princi-

ples to people more familiar

with biblical teachings, show-

ing how direct action could

expose the immorality and

fragility of racist white power

Memphis. Lawson said he was at first paralyzed and forever saddened by King's assassination. "I thought l would not live beyond 40, myself," Lawson said. "The imminence of death was a part of the discipline we lived with, but no one as much as King. Still, Lawson made it his life's mission to preach the power of nonviolent direct action.

Lawson who organized the

sanitation workers strike that fatefully drew King to

"I'm still anxious and frustrated," Lawson said as he marked the 50th anniversary of King's death with a march in Memphis. "The task is unfin-

became ordained himself as a high school senior. He told

The Tennessean that his commitment to nonviolence began in elementary school, when he told his mother that he had slapped a boy who had used a racial slur against him. "What good did that do, Jimmy?" his mother asked. That simple question forever changed his life, Lawson said. He became a pacifist, refusing to serve when drafted for the Korean War, and spent a year in prison as a conscientious objector. The Fellowship of

## India reports sixth strongest hiring outlook and the sixth strongest hiring outlook in Sentember quarter says survey invites applications globally in September quarter, says survey

India ranks sixth globally for its employment outlook for September quarter 2024, with 30 per cent of businesses planning to increase their staff over the next three months, according to a global workforce solutions company

ManpowerGroup.
India's Net Employment Outlook (NEO), calculated by subtracting employers planning reductions versus those planning to hire, stood at 30 per cent. It weakened from the previous quarter and the same time last year by 6 per cent, as employers are cautious in their hiring intent for the next three months.

India ranks sixth globally for its employment outlook, 8 points above the global average. The survey was conducted in 42 countries. Globally, Costa Rica reported hiring strongest expectation for July-September at 35 per cent, followed by Switzerland (34 per cent), Guatemala (32 per

cent), Mexico (32 per cent) and South Africa (31 per cent). On the other hand, Argentina and Romania reported the weakest NEO at 3 per cent. In the Asia Pacific region, the country has the strongest outlook. India (30 per cent) and China (28 per cent) continue to report the

strongest outlook in the



region. Most cautious outlooks were reported by employers in Hong Kong (8 per cent) and Japan (12 per cent).

In the latest edition of the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey, 3,150 employers in India were asked about their third

quarter hiring intentions. The global slowdown has been impacting the IT sector in India for quite a while. Added to the circumstances, is the political uncertainty looming over the country due to general elections during data collection of this survey. Clearly, employers are being cautious in their short-term resource planning," said ManpowerGroup's India and

East Managing Middle Director Sandeep Gulati. The real estate sector,

however, has seen an increased investor interest with a capital inflow to the tune of USD 1.1 billion led by the residential sector.

"We hope the gap between the demand of specific skills and supply is bridged with strategic long term talent planning in corporates in India. Hire, train and deploy is a strategy that can make a difference to mitigate this problem," Gulati said.

Overall, the hiring intentions in North India stood at 36 per cent, followed by West (31 per cent), South (30 per cent), and East (21 per cent).

sectors however declined when compared to the same period last vear.

Going by the industry size, large organizations (with 1,000-4,999 employees) indicate strongest optimism in hiring with NEO of 42 per cent followed by small (50 -249 employees) and medium (250-999 employees) organizations (34 per cent) and large enterprises (30 per cent). Sector-wise, the financials

and real estate sector and healthcare and life sciences continue to dominate the market with strongest hiring intentions. The weakest outlook is indicated in communication services and transport, logistics and automotive, the survey said. More than 62 per cent of employers have adopted AI including generative conversational AI with 80 per including cent of the senior leadership team optimistic about the positive impact of AI on overall business, as opposed to 68 per cent of frontline and

factory workers. Contrary to common belief, almost 68 per cent of employers plan to increase headcount due to adoption of AI and Machine Learning over the next 2 years led by the communication services sector, Financial and Real Estate, Industrials Materials and Information

Technology.

PTI NEW DELHI

Capital markets watchdog Sebi on Tuesday initiated the process to hire 49 officers in different departments this year, a move that will help in faster and more effective execution of its regulatory

This came after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) invited applications in March for the 97 senior-level

The link for submitting the application online was originally scheduled to open on April 13. However, it was decided to postpone the same due to the schedule of the General Elections.

Now, in a fresh notice on Tuesday, Sebi has invited applications for 49 posts of Officer Grade A (Assistant Manager) for General, legal, information technology, engineering electrical, research and official language streams.

The link for submitting the application online will be open till June 30.

The regulator is looking to fill 34 positions in the General stream, 10 in information technology, two in the legal team and one each in engineering (electrical), research and official language departments.

Selection will be carried out in three phases beginning July



years. In July 2022, the regulator invited applications for 25 senior-level executives in the information technology department.

In January 2021, the markets regulator invited applications for the recruitment of 120 Officer Grade A (Assistant Manager) in different streams.

In March 2020, the regulator invited applications for 147 senior-level officials and around 1.4 lakh people applied for these positions.

Formed by the government in 1988, Sebi was given statutory powers following the passage of the Sebi Act in 1992 after Sebi has been beefing up its headcount over the last few hit the Indian markets. As per

its preamble, Sebi is mandated to protect the interests of investors in securities as well as promote and regulate the securities markets.

It regulates business in stock and exchanges securities markets, registers and regulates various market intermediaries, including brokers, merchant bankers. registrars, portfolio managers and investment advisers, as well as foreign portfolio investors, credit rating agencies, mutual funds and venture capital funds.

Besides, Sebi is mandated to check fraudulent and unfair trade practices, insider trading and manipulative activities.

#### Tyre exports at ₹23,073 crore in FY24



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The total tyre exports from India during 2023-24 stood at Rs 23,073 crore, matching previous year's figure on the back of a sharp recovery in the second half of the fiscal, the Automotive Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) said on

Tuesday. In the first half of the year, tyre exports were severely impacted by falling demand in view of slowdown in advanced economies, geopolitical uncertainties and inflationary pressures, the industry body said in a statement.

Tyre exports from India made a sharp recovery in the second half of FY2023-24 and went up by 12 per cent in value terms against the year-ago period," ATMA said citing data released by Ministry of Commerce. The total tyre exports from India during FY2023-24 stood at Rs 23,073 crore matching previous year's figure, it added.

### Domestic passenger vehicle sales up 4 per cent in May: SIAM



Automakers dispatched witnessed a moderate growth, domestic market in May, recording an year-on-year growth of 4 per cent over same month last year, industry body SIAM said on Tuesday.

The overall passenger vehicle dispatches from companies to dealers stood at 3,47,492 units last month, as compared to 3,34,537 units in May 2023.

The dispatches were the highest ever for the month of May so far, driven by robust offtake of utility vehicles. Maruti Suzuki sold 1,44,002

units last month, as against 1,43,708 units in May 2023. Hyundai Motor dispatched 49,151 units in

May, as compared to 48,601 units in May 2023. Mahindra & Mahindra sold 43,218 units last month, as

against 32,886 units in the year-ago period. All the segments -- passenger

vehicles, commercial vehicles, two-wheelers and threewheelers have posted growth in May, as compared to the same month last year, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers

and profit for the next five

years. The state-owned lender

christened "SME (small and

medium enterprises) Digital Business Loans", under which

loans will be sanctioned in 45

"MSME (micro, small and

advances have been identified

as the focal point for the

growth

product

enterprises)

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President Vinod Aggarwal utomakers dispatched said in a statement.

"Passenger vehicles have only

primarily owing to base effect of the previous vear," he noted.

Two-wheeler sales rose 10 per cent to 16,20,084 units last month, as compared to 14,71,550 units in the yearago period. Three-wheeler dispatches rose 15 per cent to 55,763 units in May, as against 48,610 units in May 2023.

"With expectations of above normal monsoon and continued emphasis on economic development by the new government, as it pursues its goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047, the auto industry is optimistic of steady growth in 2024-25 as well," Aggarwal

Elaborating further, SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon said PV dispatches last month were the highest ever in May so far.

Two-wheelers saw a growth of 10 per cent last month but still remains lower than 2017-18 levels of May, he said.

"Domestic sales of threewheelers in May 2024 grew by 14.7 per cent compared to 2023, posting the highest-ever sales in May,"

## Sensex, Nifty settle almost flat amid volatile trade

 $B^{\rm enchmark\ equity\ indices}_{\rm Sensex\ and\ Nifty\ ended}$ almost flat on Tuesday after a record-breaking rally as investors preferred to remain on the sidelines awaiting

further triggers. After trading in the positive territory for the most part of the session, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 33.49 points or 0.04 per cent to settle at 76,456.59 due to fag-end selling. During the day, it jumped 370.45 points or 0.48 per cent to 76,860.53.

In a volatile trade, the NSE Nifty ended marginally up by 5.65 points or 0.02 per cent to 23 264 85

Sensex and Nifty hit their alltime high levels in the early

'After a notable rebound, the domestic market stabilised, awaiting further triggers. With the resolution uncertainties in government formation,

attention has shifted back to

indicators. Concerns have risen regarding potential US rate cuts following last week's strong US job data, leading to an increase in US bond

"However, FIIs have been net buyers lately. Investors are now gearing up for this week's policy decisions from the US Fed and the BoJ, as well as key inflation data from the US and India, seeking insights into the trajectory of rate cuts," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services,

Among the 30 Sensex companies, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Asian Paints, Reliance Industries, ITC, Sun Pharma, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and JSW Steel were the major

On the other hand, Larsen & Toubro, Tata Motors, Maruti, NTPC. Mahindra Mahindra and UltraTech Cement were among the gainers. In the broader market, the

Among sectoral indices, telecommunication rallied soared 1.04 per cent, energy jumped 1 per cent, auto (0.89



1.93 per cent, oil and gas range-bound and ended climbed 1.84 per cent, realty

the laggards.

markets remained "The unchanged, continuing the Monday's trend. After a flat start, the Nifty gradually per cent) and consumer climbed higher, but profit-

taking in the latter half erased all gains, eventually settling at 23,264.85," said Ajit Mishra - SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

Broking Ltd.

In Asian markets, Seoul and Tokyo settled higher, while Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower. European markets were trading lower. US markets ended in positive territory on Monday. "Global equities were mixed on equities were mixed on Tuesday in a busy week that will bring some important reports on US inflation along with a policy meeting of the Federal Reserve.

"The UK unemployment rate unexpectedly climbed to its highest level (4.4 per cent in February-April vs 4.3 per cent in the previous period) in two and a half years. European assets extended nervousness over political upheaval in France continued," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research at HDFC Securities, said. Signalling continuity, Prime

Minister Narendra Modi on

Monday retained Amit Shah Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar in charge of the four highprofile ministries - Home, Defence, Finance and External Affairs respectively, in his new

government. The four ministers in charge of these portfolios make up crucial the Committee on Security headed by the prime minister. Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.32 per cent to USD 81.37 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional (FIIs) bought Investors equities worth Rs 2,572,38 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.

After breaching the 77,000 mark during early trade on Monday, the BSE benchmark pressure at the fag-end of the session and ended 203.28 points or 0.27 per cent lower at 76,490.08. Halting its three-day rally, the NSE Nifty dipped 30.95 points or 0.13

per cent to settle at 23,259.20.

### Micro loans grew 27 per cent in March quarter, stress levels inch up: Report

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

The micro loans portfolio I of various lenders grew by 27 per cent year-on-year for the March 2024 quarter, a report said on Tuesday.

After remaining stable or improving over the last many quarters, the stress levels in terms of loan default inched up marginally during the quarter, the report by credit information company Crif High Mark said.

At a time when the regulator is flagging concerns on unsecured loans, the data pointed out that personal loan outstandings of microfinance borrowers witnessed the second fastest growth among other retail assets with a portfolio growth of over 38

per cent. The gross loan portfolio grew 28 per cent to Rs 4.42 lakh crore in December, the report said, adding that the growth was 8.5 per cent as compared to the preceding December

quarter figure.
The top 10 states account for 83.5 per cent of the Gross Loan Portfolio (GLP), it said, adding that West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh posted the fastest growth during the January-March

However, the proportion of loan assets overdue for the duration between 31 days and 180 days grew to 2.1 per cent in March from the 2 per cent level in December 2023, the report said.

Tirunelveli district was the worst performer nationally on asset quality, followed by Coimbatore and Madurai, making Tamil Nadu home to the three top districts where microlenders are facing maximum stress. Tamil Nadu also topped

nationally on the average

balances per account front, with an outstanding of Rs 62,200 per borrower.

The report said borrowers with a higher number of active loans have higher delinquency and added that over 12 per cent of the borrowers have four or more active loans. Karnataka leads the states where borrowers have the maximum active loans.

It said 14.2 per cent of the MFI borrowers have an active retail loan, which marginally lower than the 14.9 per cent in the year-ago

IAS officer gets additional charge

of Director General of ESIC

#### Survey highlights need for streamlined FDI to propel India as global defence manufacturing hub

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Nexgen organisers Exhibitions, of renowned International Police Expo, one of Asia's premier homeland security and defence expos, have released the findings of a comprehensive survey aimed at streamlining Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and bolstering Defence Research & Development (R&D) and manufacturing capabilities. This initiative aims to propel India towards its ambitious \$5 billion defence exports target by 2024-25.

The survey, conducted across 15 cities in India, saw participation from over 130 national and international arms, ammunition, and equipment security manufacturers, exporters,

and start-ups. highlights The underscored the need for streamlined FDI inflows, elevated technology integration with AI and other futuristic technologies, and a robust skill development ecosystem to create a large pool of industry-ready professionals.

By enhancing R&D and manufacturing capabilities, India's homeland security and defence sector is poised to emerge as global manufacturing increasing Additionally, procurement categories is a

significant step boosting domestic defence manufacturing. Currently, India exports defence equipment to over 75 countries, demonstrating its growing footprint in the global defence market.

The homeland security sector

is crucial for maintaining

internal stability and protecting national interests. Integrating advanced technologies and data analytics is paramount for effective threat detection, surveillance, and response. leveraging ÅI and machine learning, security mitigate efficiently.

agencies can predict and Moreover, developing a robust disaster management mechanism ensures preparedness and swift response enhancing emergencies, public safety and national resilience. Aadhar Bansal, Director,

increase procurement categories and emphasis on quality and innovation have positioned India as a reliable defence equipment supplier on the global Government's supportive policies, coupled with strategic partnerships and collaborations, are driving the growth of India's defence exports, bringing the country closer to its \$5 billion target by 2024-25."

Nexgen Exhibitions said,

#### MSME loans will be focal point for growth over next 5 years: SBI profitability over the next five of 9.43 per cent in FY20. The newly launched product years," an official statement SBI, the country's largest lender, on Tuesday said said. The bank is aiming to was termed as "a significant broaden credit accessibility leap forward" in digitalisation small business lending will be for small businesses in the by offering SMEs a digital the "focal point" for growth coming months by extending

at outdoor touchpoints in the coming months, statement said. For the year ended on March 31, 2024, the bank's overall SME book grew by over 20 per cent to Rs 4.33 lakh crore and gross non performing assets in the book came down

to 3.75 per cent from a peak

availability across all partner

customer service point touchpoints and via QR codes

loan journey with an end-toend sanction turnaround time of up to 45 minutes. "By leveraging the rich data footprint of MSME units in

the ecosystem, we aim to provide the fastest and most intuitive lending process, further solidifying our position as the leading MSME lender in the country," the bank's chairman Dinesh Khara said.

newly launched

proposition eliminates the need for traditional credit underwriting and lengthy appraisal processes, the bank statement said, adding that it offers simplicity, speed, and accessibility in MSME lending. The new platform relies on

data footprints from sources such as ITR, GST returns, and bank statements, statement said, adding, the bank has developed a datadriven credit assessment engine capable of providing sanction decisions within 10 seconds after submitting the required details.

## PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW

Additional General, Labour Welfare in the Union Labour Ministry, Kamal Kishore Soan, a senior IAS officer from Jharkhand Cadre (Batch: 1998) has been given the additional charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).

With his extensive experience

across multiple departments in the state of Jharkhand, he

brings a wealth of knowledge

and a proven track record in



His background in areas such as land revenue management, district administration, agriculture, health, finance, and social justice underscores his versatility and capability to lead effectively in diverse fields, according to a statement governance and management

## RIFLE, PISTOL TEAM FOR OLYMPICS ANNOUNCED; BHAKER PICKED IN TWO INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

omen's pistol ace Manu Bhaker was picked in two individual events after ber " events after her excellent run of form in selection national shooting federation on Tuesday announced a 15member Indian rifle and pistol team for the Paris Olympics.

The team was finalised during a selection meeting held virtually. The squad has eight rifle shooters and seven in pistol discipline.

The selectors decided to give precedence to trial results, shutting the door on the likes of world champion Rudrankksh Patil, who has been pleading considered despite underwhelming scores in his pet 10m air rifle event as he

had won the quota. In shooting, quotas are won countries and not individual athletes.

All the team members, along with the coaches and

in a camp in Volmerange-Les-Mines, France, mainly aimed at "acclimatisation and hard-training" before they come back home for a two-week break.

The shotgun squad will be announced after the ISSF World Cup in Lonato, Italy, competitions in which start from Wednesday and go on till June 18.

The Paris Games will be held from July 26 to August 11. Indian shooters managed to secure a record 21 of the 24 possible quotas, including a full allocation of eight each in rifle and pistol events.

This is India's best-ever quota haul in shooting at any edition of the Olympics, eclipsing the 15 from Tokyo Games.

This means the athlete who clinched the quota can be replaced by another, leading up to the Games on the basis of scores in the selection trials conducted by the national federation.

Sharing his thoughts, National Rifle Association of his thoughts,

India's (NRAI) senior vice president Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, said, "The selection committee met and deliberated at length. After deliberating at length, we feel we have selected the best team on current form as per merit and sticking to the

We are confident that everything has been put in place for the team to deliver. Given our depth in rifle and pistol, some very good shooters are not part of the squad. However, they will have a chance to make a comeback. We wish the squad all the very best."

Deo is right as the performance of the shooters in the trials underlined India's depth and bench strength in rifle and pistol shooting but that is no guarantee for a rich haul at

the Olympics.
For proof, one can go back to the Tokyo and Rio Games, where India fielded 12 and 15-member teams and returned empty-handed on



On behalf of the federation, Deo thanked the Government of India, the

Government of India, the Sports Ministry, and the Sports of Authority of India, who have "guided and supported us in every step of the preparations."

Besides all 16 possible shots at a medal, in eight individual rifle and pistol events, India will also have a record five starts across the four individual shotgun events. Additionally, India will also field five mixed will also field five mixed teams, two each in rifle and pistol and one in shotgun.
K Sultan Singh, secretary
general at NRAI, said, "The

team is in good form and battle ready, consisting of as many as four Olympians and other senior shooters as well as a lot of extremely promising, confident and

matured young talent.
"They have been training very systematically for a long time under the guidance and support of the entire training squad of the HPD (High-Performance Director), foreign coaches,

science team, the physios etc. Who have been steadfastly and minutely working towards one goal and that is to have a successful podium finish." The NRAI will also be looking to exchange the spare quota place which has freed up because of Bhaker making it to two events, appropriately as per ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) rules.

Indian rifle and pistol team for Paris Olympics:

Rifle: Sandeep Singh, Arjun Babuta (10m Air Rifle M), Elavenil Valarivan, Ramita (10m Air Rifle W), Sift Kaur Samra, Anjum Moudgil (50m Rifle 3 Positions W), Aishwary Tomar, Swapnil Kusale (50m Rifle 3

Positions M)

Pistol: Sarabjot Singh, Arjun
Cheema (10m Air Pistol M),
Manu Bhaker, Rhythm Sangwan (10m Air Pistol Anish Bhanwal Vijayveer Sidhu (25m RFP M), Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh (25m Pistol W).



### India to host Junior Hockey World Cup in 2025

**PTI** ■ LAUSANNE (SWITZERLAND)

India will host next year's men's Junior Hockey World Cup, marking the event's return to the country after nine years, the Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation announced on Tuesday.

The tournament will be held in December and it will be the first time ever that a Hockey Junior World Cup will include as many as 24 teams.

This was announced by FIH President Tayyab Ikram who "Giving more opportunities to play to a National of Associations is one of the key pillars of our empowerment and engagement strategy."

"We saw at the FIH Hockey5s World Cup in Oman this year how more diversity brings a huge added value to our

events.
"Therefore, I'm very happy that we've increased the number of participating teams

for the FIH Hockey Junior World Cups and I look forward to seeing these 24 young teams, representing the future of our sport, next year!" he added.

The last edition of the tournament was held in Kuala Lumpur in 2023 Germany emerging winners with a 2-1 win over France.

Spain and India took the third and fourth places respectively. India have, in the past, hosted the tournament three times in 2013 (New Delhi), 2016 (Lucknow) and (Bhubaneswar). India were the winners of the 2016 edition as

"At this stage, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Hockey India for their commitment to organise yet another fantastic event," Ikram

Extending his gratitude, president of Hockey India Dilip Tirkey said: "This prestigious tournament importance in international hockey and shows our dedication to developing the

sport for future generations. "We're excited to share India's rich hockey history and provide a stage for young talent to showcase their skills. Secretary general of Hockey India Bhola Nath Singh termed

this a significant step for HI. "We appreciate the FIH's trust in us. This event offers a fantastic chance to bring hockey to even greater heights, inspiring a whole new generation of players and fans

in India and globally. "We're committed to making this tournament a memorable experience that celebrates everything hockey is about," he

## Poland's Kaczmarek wins 400m European title in 48.98

**AP** ■ ROME

merican standout Sydney AmcLaughlin-Levrone is leading the way as expected in the 400 meters with the Paris Olympics less than 50 days

Jamaica's Nickisha Pryce and Poland's Natalia Kaczmarek are not far behind, though. Kaczmarek clocked 48.98

seconds at the European athletics championships on Monday to mark the third straight day that a woman has cracked the 49-second barrier. Pryce got it started with a 48.89 for Arkansas at the NCAA championships on Saturday. McLaughlin-Levrone responded with a 48.75 in New York on Sunday.



In Rome, Kaczmarek surged past Ireland's Rhasidat Adeleke in the final meters to smash Irena Szewinska's 48-year-old Polish national record of 49.28 and set the fastest time by a European this century.

Coming to the start, I was dreaming about the Polish record but this 48.98 was

something more than my imagination," said Kaczmarek, the silver medalist at the worlds last year.

Adeleke, who helped Ireland to gold in the 4x400 mixed relay, took silver in 49.07. Lieke Klaver of the Netherlands claimed bronze in 50.08. In the men's 400, Alexander

Doom of Belgium also came from behind to win in a championship record 44.15 ahead of Charles Dobson of Britain (44.38) and Liemarvin Bonevacia of the Netherlands (44.88). There was an upset in the hammer throw when Sara Fantini of host Italy beat three-time defending Olympic champion Anita Wlodarczyk for gold. Then Timothe Mumenthaler of Switzerland silenced the home crowd when he edged Filippo Tortu - the anchorman from Italy's 4x100 gold at the Tokyo Olympics - to win the 200 in 20.28.

"It was a lost opportunity," Tortu said. "The gold was within reach. I just didn't run well. It's very upsetting and I can't celebrate this silver.

#### Sangram Singh set to be first Indian male wrestler to join MMA



**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

 $F_{\rm heavyweight}^{\rm ormer}$ Commonwealth champion Sangram Singh is set to become the first Indian male wrestler to join mixed martial Sangram will be the second

Indian overall after Puja Tomar to compete as a MMA fighter for which he has requisite skills

being a wrestler, stated a release on Tuesday. "Wrestling has given me so much including the love from the people of my country and I hope that they will continue to do the same in my new

endeavour," Sangram said.
"MMA is the future, its growing popularity in the last few years speaks for itself. India has one of the highest viewerships for the sport and I hope that the fans of the sport can support me in the same manner," he added. The 38-year-old Sangram

recently made his return to wrestling after six-year gap at the Dubai Pro Wrestling Championship, in which he defeated Pakistan's

Muhammad Saeed in a largely one-sided affair.

#### **AP** ■ WARSAW (POLAND)

Ctrikers Robert Lewandowski and OKarol Swiderski were in doubt for the European Championship after they were injured as Poland beat Turkey 2-1

in a warmup on Monday. Lewandowski set up Swiderski for the opening goal in the 12th minute. But in his celebrations, Swiderski hurt his ankle and had to be replaced.

Captain Lewandowski, Poland's alltime leading goal-scorer, lasted until the 32nd when he hurt his right leg and zas substituted

The double blow was a nightmare for Poland. Arkadiusz Milik was to be up front with Lewandowski for the Euros until he damaged his left knee on Friday in the friendly against Ukraine. Milik returned to Juventus and had successful knee surgery on Monday. Lewandowski and Swiderski have only until Sunday to recover when Poland opens its Euros campaign against the

Netherlands in Hamburg. Turkey threatened the equalizer in the second half. Arda Güler and Orkun Köktoçü were saved but goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny was helpless when halftime substitute Baris Alper Yilmaz's shot from the edge of box deflected in. After Turkey's Kerem Akturkoglu hit the crossbar from long range, Poland won in the 90th thanks to a beauty by Nicola Zalewski, who weaved past two

defenders to the box and scored his

maiden international goal.

### Poland strikers Lewandowski, Swiderski injured in last Euros warmup



Turkey faces Georgia in its opener on Tuesday week in Dortmund, while Poland will be sweating on its strikers. There was nothing wrong with the Dutch attack. They have warmed up with consecutive 4-0 wins.

Iceland was put to the sword in Rotterdam, with Virgil van Dijk and Wout Weghorst scoring, just as they did against Čanada last Thursday at De

Xavi Simons' first goal for the Netherlands was teed up by Denzel Dumfries' header in the first half, then Nathan Ake's nod set up Van Dijk Substitute Donyell Malen scored thanks

to Memphis Depay, but Depay was denied moments later when VAR ruled out his goal because of an earlier

However, VAR overturned another onfield decision to allow Weghorst's goal in added time.

subdue North Macedonia 2-1, needing two second-half penalties in Hradec Králové.

After Malta was ravaged 7-1 last Friday, the Czechs made nine changes to give their likely Euro lineup a run before facing Portugal in a week in Leipzig. But nobody scored until the 60th when Patrik Schick converted a penalty for a foul on Tomas Soucek.

Just five minutes later, North Macedonia was level after Isnik Alimi headed in a rebound of Aleksandar Traikovski's shot off the right post. The Czechs needed all seven minutes of

added time to find the winner, from a spot kick by Antonin Barak.

They suffered a setback on Sunday when midfielder Michal Sadilek, who captained the team against Malta, withdrew from the Euro 2024 squad after injuring his shin from falling off a bike on a day off.

#### Indore to host diving and water polo trials for National Junior **Championships**

RISHABH MALIK NEW DELHI

Adhoc Committee, Delhi Swimming Association (Regd.) as appointed by the will conduct trials on Saturday, 15 June 2024 at 10.00 am onwards at the Dr. SPM Sports Complex Swimming Pool, New Delhi, to select Delhi Water polo & Diving Teams of Junior Boys & Girls. These selected Teams will participate in the ensuing 40th Sub Junior & 50th Junior National Swimming Championship (Water-polo & Diving Events) - 2024 which will be held in Indore (MadhyaPradesh) from 7th to 11th July 2024 as informed by its Chairman Mr. Balraj Sharma. All interested players who wish to participate in these selection trials are required to reach the venue at the specified time with valid SFI UID Card renewed up to 31.03.2025.

## Euro 2024 will not feature Europe's top striker: Who else is missing?

PTI ■ LONDON

Goalkeepers and defenders:

The most feared striker in Europe won't be playing at the European Championship. That's because Erling Haaland's

Norway didn't qualify. Haaland's goal-scoring statistics with both club and country are staggering: 90 goals in 98 matches across all competitions in two seasons with Manchester City, and 30 in 32 matches for Norway since his national team debut in 2019.

But Halaand produced "only" five goals in six qualifying matches for Norway, which finished third in Group A behind Spain and Scotland and didn't even reach the playoffs.

Norway's absence also means that Arsenal and Norway captain Martin Odegaard won't be at the tournament in Germany.

Norway won only three of eight qualifiers and finished six points behind group runner-up Scotland. A look at some other top players who won't be at Euro 2024, which

THIBAUT COURTOIS Thibaut Courtois was healthy enough to d'Or as the world's top player in

make two key saves during the first half of the Champions League final and help Real Madrid to another

But the Belgium goalkeeper announced in December that he would miss the Euros and has not backpedaled on his decision despite returning to full fitness for Madrid after a long-term knee injury.

There's also this: There are ongoing tensions between Courtois and Belgium coach Domenico Tedesco. Courtois questioned Tedesco's "reality" after the coach accused him of abandoning his teammates and faking an injury before a qualifier last year.

Without the Madrid 'keeper, Tedesco's choices in goal are: Matz Sels (Nottingham Forest), Koen Casteels (Wolfsburg) and Thomas Kaminski (Luton). KARIM BENZEMA Benzema

retired from France's national team the day after "Les Bleus" lost the 2022 World Cup final without the striker. Then last year he left Real Madrid

for Saudi Arabian club Al-Ittihad and now, at age 36, his days at the top seem finished. Benzema was awarded the Ballon



2022 but then missed the World Cup in Qatar that year after tearing left thigh muscle in pre-

tournament training. He also didn't play in France's victorious 2018 World Cup campaign because he was still exiled from the national team for his alleged role in a sex-tape scandal France coach Didier Deschamps has plenty of options up front without Benzema, led by captain Kylian Mbappé. France's other forwards include Bradley Barcola, Ousmane Coman, Kingsley Dembélé, Olivier Giroud, Randal Kolo Muani and Marcus Thuram.

Two more former France starters missing are midfielder Paul Pogba, who is serving a doping ban, and defender Lucas Hernandez, who recently underwent surgery after rupturing his left ACL MARCUS RASHFORD The

Manchester United striker paid the price for a disappointing season at

the club level and failed to make the cut for England coach Gareth Southgate's initial 33-man selection. Rashford managed just eight goals for a United team that suffered its lowest-ever Premier League finish eighth. The omission comes only two

seasons after Rashford had a careerbest campaign, scoring 34 goals for club and country.

Jack Grealish, Harry Maguire and Jordan Henderson - who all played in the final when England lost to Italy in a penalty shootout in 2021 were also left out by Southgate.

"These are difficult calls, you are talking about players who are very good players, who have been an important part of what we have done," Southgate said. "With Marcus, I feel players in the same area of the pitch have had better seasons, it's as simple as that." MATS HUMMELS Reaching the

Champions League final wasn't enough for Mats Hummels to make the squad for host Germany.

Hummels made a strong case for inclusion with his inspirational performances in Borussia Dortmund's run in Europe. But Germany coach Julian Nagelsmann said there were "1,000 components"

to the decision not to include the veteran defender. Nagelsmann sees Real Madrid's Antonio Rüdiger and Bayer Leverkusen's Jonathan Tah as his preferred central defensive pairing - and anyone else would need to be content with a backup

defender Nico Dortmund Schlotterbeck is evidently content to take the reserve role and did make the squad. Bayern Munich midfielder Leon

Goretzka was also left out, despite a strong finish to the Bundesliga SANDRO TONALI Newcastle

midfielder Sandro Tonali is serving a 10-month ban for betting on teams he played for - ruling him out of consideration for defending champion Italy. It leaves coach Luciano Spalletti

without his top choice at playmaker but opens space for the likes of Jorginho and Lorenzo Pellegrini. Tonali had seemed poised to inherit the role that once belonged to Andrea Pirlo by setting the pace and directing the attack for Italy's squad. Several other Italy players are out injured: Domenico Berardi, Nicolò

Zaniolo, Francesco Acerbi and

Giorgio Scalvini

## INDIA VS MINI INDIA: ROHIT & CO EYE BETTER BATTING SHOW AGAINST USA

ndia's batting prima donnas would want to unchain **⊥**themselves from the vagaries of a much-maligned drop-in track and chance their arms freely against an impressive-but-inexperienced USA in their group league game of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

India, who are classified as A1 (irrespective of points), need just one more win to ensure their Super Eight berth and despite the two-paced nature of the Nassau County track, they wouldn't like a repeat of the match against Pakistan where they lost their last seven wickets for 28 runs.

Against USA, the approach could be a high-risk one like Pakistan but perhaps with higher dividends.

Their dreams of wearing the blues remained unfulfilled but when a sprightly bunch of Indian Americans take the field against their country of birth, Saurabh

Netravalkars and Harmeet Singhs would once again like to be the proverbial David against the Goaliaths of the game.

the Goaliaths of the game. Even though the track has significantly bridged the gap between teams, the USA, which is an eclectic mix of eight Indians, two Pakistanis, a West Indian, one New Zealander, a South African and a Dutch might just find the gulf

a Dutch might just find the gulf with India too much to bridge. Neither have they grabbed air time on American channels nor the famous broadsheets have been devoting any newsprint on them even after the Super Over win over Pakistan but Wednesday could just be the day when the country of their choice takes note of their performance. Monank Patel, Harmeet,

Netravalkar, Jessy Singh and Noshtush Kenjige all have their little Indian story to tell and if the opposition has Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant in its ranks, it would be a touch

more endearing. It's not everyday that one gets a

chance to bowl at Kohli and Sharma and face Bumrah even if it's far from being a sweet experience. But it's experience nevertheless and that too of a lifetime.

For India, it will be their last match in the 'Big Apple' extension and the one where they wouldn't mind batting

If India bowl first, there could be a high chance that USA might not be able to touch the three-figure mark against Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Ravindra Jadeja.

There will be some beautiful and emotional sub-plots as well if Netravalkar gets a chance to bowl to his former Mumbai teammate Suryakumar Yadav with whom he played in Mumbai U-15,

Ranji and Vijay Hazare Trophy. "It will be an emotional moment to play against India and especially Surya as we go back a long way," Netravalkar told PTI recently.

For the two left-arm spinners Harmeet and Kenjige, the challenge of trying to keep



Rishabh Pant quiet will be of altogether different level.

accuracy but that could well be sure to use his feet.

and the bounce that he extracts dismantled by Pant, who is from even benign surfaces would certainly provoke Rohit

who could be cheeky with his shot selection and prove to be a thorn in India's flesh.

SHIVAM DUBE AND AN EXTRA SPINNER: In the first game, India's weakest link was Shivam Dube. The Chennai

Shivam Dube. The Chennai Super Kings' most valued 'Impact Player' is finding it tough on two-paced tracks where the ball is gripping and coming late onto the bat. But unlike tactician-par-excellence Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who could bench him during CSK's bowling in the IPL, national skipper Rohit Sharma doesn't have such luxury and needs to hide him in areas of the field where the ball is expected to travel less. Dube is a monstrous hitter of spinners on good flat decks and his military medium seam-up stuff does give the Indian skipper cushion to manoeuvre with the bowling combination. combination.

But in a format like T20, the team management, which asked for Dube at the expense of Rinku Singh, would want

Else, there is Yashasvi Jaiswal in the 15, who is a way more rounded batter than the big-

bodied Mumbaikar. Two wrist spinners, Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav, should be given some game time or else they might just enter the Super Eights a bit undercooked in the Caribbean where the pitches will be more

spin-friendly.

spin-frienciy.

SQUADS:

India: Rohit Sharma (c),

Hardik Pandya, Yashasvi Virat Jaiswal, Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson, Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yaday, Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd.

United States: Monank Patel (c), Aaron Jones, Andries Gous, Corey Anderson, Ali Khan, Harmeet Singh, Jessy Singh, Milind Kumar, Nisarg Patel, Nitish Kumar, Noshtush Kenjige, Saurabh Nethralvakar, Shadley Van Schalkwyk, Steven Taylor, Shayan Jahangi



## Australia face Namibia with an eye on Super Eight; SL in must win situation against Nepal

PTI ■ NORTH SOUND (ANTIGUA)

Living up to the favourites tag with two consecutive wins, a confident Australia will aim to secure a Super Eight berth when they face lower-ranked Namibia in their Group B T20 World Cup clash here on Wednesday.

Australia fired in unison to become the first team in this edition of the tournament to score 200-plus runs in a onesided 36-run win over archrivals England in their last

It was their second win from as many matches, having started off with a 39-run triumph over Oman. Beating Nambia will be enough for them to make the cut before they take on Scotland in their concluding Group B league fixture.

Scotland lead the table with five points and along with Australia, are firmly ahead in the race to make the Super Eight at the expense of defending champions England who have one point from two matches. Their opening game against Scotland was a

washout. Australia defeated Namibia by seven wickets after restricting their opponents to 119/9 in their only T20 meeting, albeit in a warm-up game two weeks back.

Playing his last World Cup for Australia, David Warner has been in splendid form with one half century and it was his 16-ball 39 that set the tone for their 201/7 against England. Warner incidentally scored a fifty in the warm-up against Namibia as well. He has 97 runs in the tournament at a fine strike rate of 141.79.

Warner's opening partner Travis Head has also been at his explosive best and the duo will look to give the team a fiery start.

Namibia will expect their veteran all-rounder David Wiese to step up after he starred in their Super-Over win against Oman.

The globe-trotting all-rounder has the experience of facing Australia four times in T20Is during his stint with South Africa.

Left-arm spinner Bernard Scholtz, who has been tidy conceding just one four and one six in his eight overs, will also look to make an impact.

**TEAMS (FROM)** Australia: Mitchell Marsh (c), Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh

Inglis, Glenn Maxwell,

Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Matthew Wade, David Warner

and Adam Zampa.

Namibia: Gerhard Erasmus (c), Zane Green, Michael Van Lingen, Dylan Leicher, Ruben Trumpelmann, Jack Brassell, Ben Shikongo, Tangeni Lungameni, Niko Davin, JJ Smit, Jan Frylinck, JP Kotze, David Wiese, Bernard Scholz, Malan Kruger and PD

Match starts: 6am IST.

Former champion Sri Lanka's campaign has gone terribly haywire after defeats to South Africa and they are now faced with a do-or-die clash against Nepal in a group D fixture in Lauderhill, Florida. Nepal, on the other hand, lost to the Netherlands by six wickets in their only match so far.

South Africa have already qualified to Super Eight following their nervy win over Bangladesh.

A win for the Wanindu Hasaranga-led side will further heat up the race for the second spot with Bangladesh, Netherlands, and Nepal also in the reckoning. For that to happen, the onus will be on the batters.

A loss, on the other hand, would mean curtains for Sri Lanka

TEAMS (FROM): Nepal: Rohit Paudel (c), Aasif

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## Both Harmeet and Kenjige will try to maintain dart-like For Ali Khan, his extra pace to use his pull shot frequently. I am truly sorry: Akmal apologises for inappropriate comments against Arshdeep

**PTI** ■ LAHORE

A day after being called out for making disrespectful comments against India pacer Arshdeep Singh, former Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Arshdeep Kamran Akmal apologised for his "inappropriate" remarks while analysing the recent T20 World Cup clash between the two sides in New York.

In a viral video, Akmal was seen making fun of Arshdeep's Sikh religion, prompting a furious response from ace Indian cricketer-turnedcommentator Harbhajan.

"I deeply regret my recent comments and sincerely apologise to Harbhajan Singh and the Sikh community. My words were inappropriate and last over karna Arshdeep Singh

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disrespectful. I have the utmost respect for Sikhs all over the world and never intended to hurt anyone. I am truly sorry. #Respect #Apology," Akmal wrote on Χ, tagging Harbhajan.

Akmal's remarks came during the tense penultimate over of the clash, when Pakistan needed 17 runs in the last over in their chase of 120.

Left-arm pacer Arshdeep performed the task to perfection, sealing a six-run win over the arch-rivals. Akmal, while analysing the match on ARY News, made the controversial comments on Arshdeep before he came in to bowl.

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In the video reposted by Harbhajan, Akmal was also seen laughing with other

he hasn't looked in a great

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panellists on the show. The Indian off-spinner lashed out at Akmal. ...You should know the history

of sikhs before u open ur filthy mouth. We Sikhs saved ur mothers and sisters when they were abducted by invaders, the

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The win at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in New York put India at the top of Group A with four points from two wins.



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The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: June 12, 2024 Place: Raipur Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

भारत सरकार कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय त्वरित कॉपोरेट समापन प्रसंस्करण केंद्र (सी-पेस), आई.आई.सी.ए. बिल्डिंग, 7वी मंज़िल, लाट P-6,7,8, से,-5, आई.एम्.टी. मानेसर, गुडगाँव

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FORM No. STK -6 **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules,

Date:-29/05/2024

2. AA7740808 U29246CT2021PTC011302 MACLIGHT INNOVENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED

above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying

subsection (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the

above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Irkan Tirkey **Assistant Registrar** 

Date: 12.06.2024 Place: Raipur

2016] Public Notice: ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2024-25/192

Reference:

	٠,	(1) In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (2) companies in the state of Chhattisgar under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:					
ı		Work Item	CIN	Company Name			
ı	1.	AA7573448	U40106CT2022PTC012961	KUSUM PPA AGGREGATOR PRIVATE LIMITED			

(2) Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under

Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

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For any query you may please contact on 9319164656, 9477305326 between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or write to us on resolutionteam@uvarcl.com, uvarcl@gmail.com This is also a notice to the Borrower/guarantor/mortgagor of the above said loan about holding this sale on the abovementioned date if their outstanding dues are no

DATE & TIME OF INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES: Between 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM between 24.06.2024 to 28.06.2024;

LAST DATE AND PLACE OF RECEIVING OFFERS: UV Asset Reconstruction Company Limited

1304, Chiranjiv Tower, 43, Nehru Place, New Delhi -110019 till 02.00 PM on 01.07.2024;

DATE AND PLACE OF OPENING TENDERS: At the Corporate Office i.e., UV Asset Reconstruction Company Limited, 1304, Chiranjiv Tower, 43, Nehru Place, New Delhi -110019 on 01.07.2024 at 04.00 PM;

Sd/-Authorised Officer (UV Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd)