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## SC demolishes 'bulldozer justice'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Termining 'bulldozer justice' as illegal, the Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday laid down pan-India guidelines and said no property should be demolished without a prior show cause notice and the affected must be given 15 days to respond. The Executive cannot assume Judicial powers to punish citizens by demolishing their properties without following due process, the SC said while terming such excesses "high-handed and arbitrary" and ruling that they need to be dealt with the "heavy hand of the law", said the Bench of Justices BR Gavai



and KV Viswanathan, adding that it is "chilling" the sight of a bulldozer demolishing a building,



rendering women, children and aged persons homeless overnight. The 95-page judgement

written by Justice Gavai started with the famous lines of Hindi poet 'Pradeep'. "Apna ghar ho, apna aangan

ho, is khawab mein har koi jeeta hai; Insaan ke dil ki ye chahat hai ki ek ghar ka sapna kabhi naa choote" (To have one's own home, one's own courtyard - is a dream that lives in every heart. It's a longing that never fades, to never lose the dream of a home)." "This is how the importance of shelter has been described by the famous Hindi poet 'Pradeep', the Bench said. The SC warned that if these directions are flouted, the officials responsible will be liable for contempt of Court and prosecution. Such officers shall be held liable to retribute the demolished property at their own cost and also pay compensation, the top court said. The

Court further made it clear that these directions do not impact action taken against illegal buildings or structures on roads, river banks etc. The Bench reiterated that such high-handed and arbitrary actions have no place in the Constitution, which rests on the foundation of the rule of law. Passing a slew of directions, the Bench made clear that they will not be applicable if there is an unauthorised structure in a public place such as road, street, footpath, abutting railway line or any river or water bodies and also in cases where there is an order for demolition made by a court of law.



Photo: Ranjan Dimri

## Season's signature smog has arrived

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Dense smog blanketed Delhi for the first time this season on Wednesday pulling the visibility down to zero at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), and the lack of a strong breeze continued to prevent the dispersion of pollutants deteriorating the air quality to the top of the "severe" category at 418 AQI. Of the 36 monitoring stations in Delhi, 30 reported air quality in the 'severe' category, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The first smog of this winter season affected multiple flight operations leading to diversion and delays at Delhi airport as well as several airports in north India. Meanwhile, the Delhi BJP has asked the Delhi government to urgently close all schools up to Class 5, as the national capital has turned into a gas chamber. According to IGI airport sources, at least 10 flights were diverted from the airport. Six flights were diverted to Jaipur and one to Lucknow at 7 am due to bad weather. Zero-metre visibility was recorded at IGI

airport at 8.30 am with the Runway Visual Range varying between 125 and 500 metres at different locations, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Sources added some flights have been delayed. The Vice President, Jagdeep Dhankhar, was unable to land in Ludhiana due to poor visibility. He was diverted to Amritsar, where he stayed for a few hours before returning. The IGI airport ranks amongst India's most frequented aviation hubs. While the airport continued operations at Delhi, flights not compliant with Category III (CAT III) landing systems, which are designed to allow landings in low-visibility conditions, were particularly affected. "Low visibility procedures" were put in place, with authorities cautioning that non-CAT III aircraft could face disruptions. As the smog worsened, the airport authorities had to issue advisories regarding potential flight delays or diversions. "Flights that are not CAT III compliant may get affected," the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) posted on social media platform X.



## Age of marriage discussion to resume soon

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Parliamentary Standing Committee will take up the issue of the age of marriage for men and women next week as a Bill aimed at bringing uniformity in the matter has lapsed with the dissolution of the 17th Lok Sabha. The secretary of the Women and Child Development Ministry (WCD) and representatives of the National Coalition Advocating for Adolescent Concerns (NCAAC) and the Young Voices Campaign will appear before the panel at its November 22 meeting on the proposed changes in the marriage age for children and other women-related legislation. According to the agenda of the meeting, the panel on education, women, children, youth and sports headed by Congress MP Digvijaya Singh will also hear the WCD secretary on the functioning of various statutory and autonomous bodies such as the National Commission for Women, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Central Adoption Resource Authority, and the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development. The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha in December 2021 was referred to the standing committee and got several extensions. The Bill ultimately lapsed with the dissolution of the 17th Lok Sabha. Asked about the issue being taken up even as the Bill has lapsed, a senior member of the panel said, "There is no bar on taking up the issue". The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021, aimed to amend the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, to increase the minimum age of marriage of females to 21 years. The Bill, had it been passed, would have overridden any other law, custom, or practice.

## Impressive voter turnout in Jharkhand, Wayanad

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The first phase of voter turnout for the 43 Assembly Constituencies (AC) in Jharkhand recorded 64.86 per cent on Wednesday. Simultaneously, by-polls were also held peacefully in 31 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in 10 states and in Wayanad Parliamentary Constituency of Kerala, where Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is contesting. Wayanad recorded 64.27 per cent voter turnout. In the previous election, the percentage was 72.92 per cent. Sporadic incidents of violence, including a crude bomb attack in Bhatpara near Naihati Assembly constituency that killed a local Trinamool Congress (TMC) worker, marred the West Bengal bypolls. Two Assembly constituencies in Sikkim were

uncontested. According to the Election Commission's data, a voter turnout of 64.86 per cent was recorded at the polling stations in Jharkhand which has already surpassed 63.9 per cent voting in these 43 ACs in 2019. Lohardaga district topped the list with 73.21 per cent polling while Hazaribag district recorded the lowest at 59.13. Former Chief Minister Champai Soren and ex-MP Geeta Korra were among the 683 candidates in fray in the first phase. "Today is the first round of voting in Jharkhand Assembly elections. I urge all voters to vote with full enthusiasm in this festival of democracy. On this occasion, my heartiest congratulations to all my young friends who are going to vote for the first time! Remember - first vote, then refreshment!" Prime



Minister Narendra Modi wrote on X. Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar cast his vote at the ATI polling booth in Ranchi. "Today is the first phase of voting for the Jharkhand

Assembly elections. I urge all voters to exercise their constitutional right to vote. Remember, first vote and then refreshment!" Gangwar said. Chief Minister Hemant Soren sought people's support in the elections. In a post on X, he said, "If you like our work, please support us. I promise that I will do 10 years of work in the next 5 years so that no one can stop our pace of progress." Unfazed by threats and boycott calls from Maoists, people in Left Wing Extremism-affected areas in Jharkhand turned out in impressive numbers to vote. In Budha Pahad area in Garhwa district, once considered a stronghold of extremists, long queues, and peaceful polling at Hesatu Polling station signalled the deep penetration of democratic ethos.

## No more false advertising, CCPA tells coaching centres



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In a significant move to protect the rights of consumers and maintain transparency in the coaching sector, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued comprehensive guidelines to address the issue of misleading advertisements in the coaching sector. The CCPA has also taken suo moto action against 45 coaching centres and imposed penalty of Rs. 54,60,000 on 18 coaching institutes for misleading advertisements. 'Guidelines for Prevention of Misleading Advertisement in Coaching Sector, 2024,' aim to

safeguard students and the public from deceptive marketing practices commonly employed by coaching centres, shared Nidhi Khare, Chief Commissioner CCPA and Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India while interacting with media on the subject here on Wednesday. These guidelines were drafted in the wake of growing concerns about false/misleading claims, exaggerated success rates, and unfair contracts that coaching institutes often impose on students. Such practices have been found to mislead students, influencing their

decisions by concealing important information and giving false guarantees. The guidelines will apply to every person engaged in coaching, meaning not just the coaching centres, but also any endorsers or public figures promoting their services through advertisements. Endorsers, who lend their name or reputation to coaching centres, will now be responsible for ensuring that the claims they endorse are accurate and truthful. Endorsers who endorse coaching institutes must verify the claims they are promoting. If they support false success rates or misleading guarantees, they will be held accountable alongside the coaching centres. The guidelines explicitly prohibit coaching institutes from making false claims related to the courses offered, their duration, faculty qualifications, fees, and refund policies. Selection rates, success stories, exam rankings, and job security promises.

## Trade Fair's unfair traffic scene

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

While the wedding season, which began on Tuesday, has already added to the National Capital's traffic woes, more awaits the city, especially Central Delhi which will likely remain choked from Thursday as the India International Trade Fair (IITF) at Pragati Maidan will add to the misery of the commuters amid traffic restriction being imposed in different areas for the event which will continue for a fortnight. It is expected that around 60,000 visitors will visit the fair on each day with the number going as high as 1.5 lakh per day during weekend and holidays leading to massive traffic jams along Mathura Road, Bhairon Marg, Ring Road, Shershah Road and Purana Quila Road. These important passages, which already see a rush of vehicles during peak hours, will further be packed with extra commuters trying to make their way to the IITF, resulting in choke points and traffic snarls. The Delhi Traffic Police Department has requested people not visiting the trade fair to avoid or bypass these roads to ensure hassle-free journey. But,



office-goers and commuters who take the same route everyday will have to take the pain of going through diversions and leaving early for at least 14 days to avoid any delay. "While travelling from Mayur Vihar to Bhagwan Dass road, which is usually my route every day, I'll have to now take alternative routes which will cost me extra time and fuel, that too for about 14 days when there is already wedding season

disrupting traffic flow every now and then," said a 49-year-old working professional. Only business visitors will be allowed into the IITF from November 14 to 18, while the fair will be open for the general public from November 19 to 27 at 9.30 am to 07.30 pm. In light of this, to ensure smooth traffic management in the vicinity of Pragati Maidan, the traffic police said that no vehicle will be allowed to halt or park anywhere along Mathura Road and Bhairon Marg. "No vehicles will be allowed to be parked on Sher Shah Road, Purana Quila Road, Bhagwan Dass Road and Tilak Marg. Vehicles found parked on the above roads shall be towed away and prosecuted for improper parking and disobedience of lawful instructions. Towed vehicles would be parked in National Stadium parking at Gate No. 5," the traffic department stated. Even as there will be heavy pedestrian movement on Mathura Road and heavy traffic is also expected to ply on this road throughout the day, the police asked people to use the foot-over bridge on Mathura Road.

## Government doctor stabbed in Chennai by patient's son

PTI ■ CHENNAI

A medical oncologist at the Kalaignar Centenary Super Speciality Hospital here was stabbed multiple times on Wednesday by the son of a patient allegedly over grievances regarding the treatment of his mother at the same facility, a hospital official said. The man assaulted the doctor inside the outpatient room during a conversation regarding his mother's treatment. He was immediately apprehended by the hospital staff and handed over to the police, and he was arrested. The doctor is being treated, and he is stable, the official said. The attack led to an outrage and doctors and nurses gathered in front of the hospital entrance to mark

their strong protest. "We do not have safety while doing our duty," one of the protesting KCSSH doctors said. Government doctors announced a strike and Health Minister Ma Subramanian is set to hold talks with them.



Expressing shock, Chief Minister MK Stalin said the assailant had been arrested and that he had ordered a detailed probe. All steps will be taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in the future, the CM said. All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) chief Edappadi K Palaniswami said there was no security for a government doctor in a government hospital, and it showed the status of the law and order situation.

## Try to stand on your own legs, Ajit Pawar gets pro-tip from SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday advised the Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) faction to try standing on its own legs and asked it not to use the picture of Sharad Pawar in poll campaigning with whom the party has "ideological differences". A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan also asked both factions of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) led by Sharad Pawar and his nephew Ajit Pawar to focus on the "battlefield" (Maharashtra Assembly elections) instead of doing rounds of the courts. "Tell your party functionaries that they will not use old or new video clips or use the photographs of Sharad Pawar with whom your party is having ideological differences.



You try to stand on your legs," the Bench told senior advocate Balibir Singh, appearing for the Ajit Pawar-led faction. It asked the Ajit Pawar faction to circulate an online circular among its leaders, party workers and representatives associated with the Assembly elections that they will not use the picture or video/audio clip of Sharad Pawar, whether it is old or new. "People of India are very intelligent and they have a fair idea about who Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar are. They cannot be fooled so easily," the

Bench told senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Sharad Pawar group after he complained that an MLC from Ajit Pawar faction had circulated a video clip of Sharad Pawar to showcase his support. The Bench said though people are intelligent enough to differentiate between both Ajit Pawar faction and Sharad Pawar faction but they may be confused for a short while in this era of Artificial Intelligence, where voice and pictures of leaders can be misused. The court was hearing a plea of Sharad Pawar alleging misuse of the 'clock' symbol and his picture by the Ajit Pawar-led group. The SC listed the matter for further hearing on Tuesday. Polling for 288 Assembly seats in Maharashtra will be held on November 20 and the counting of votes will take place on November 23.

## JHUKI JHUKI SI NAZAR...



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar took everyone by surprise at an event in Darbhanga when he tried to touch Prime Minister Narendra Modi's feet. In a video that has gone viral on social media, Nitish Kumar, 73, walked towards PM Modi, 74, with folded hands and bowed to touch his feet in a third such instance this year. However, PM Modi quickly stops the JD(U) leader from touching his feet and is seen shaking his hands. Another video that has gone viral from the same event shows Modi pulling Nitish Kumar to his side as party workers garland the Prime Minister

PTI

# MP leads nation in issuance of Ayushman cards to senior citizens

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla praised the remarkable progress made in Ayushman card creation for senior citizens across Madhya Pradesh, commending all involved officials, ASHA workers, ANMs, and community health officials. He stated that the state government is committed to reaching all eligible senior citizens with health security under this ambitious scheme. Madhya Pradesh currently leads the country in issuing Ayushman cards for senior citizens.

Pradesh, compared to 1,76,167 cards in Kerala. Dr Bharsat added that approximately 30,000 to 35,000 Ayushman cards are being generated daily for senior citizens in Madhya Pradesh. He mentioned that the target of 34,73,325 Ayushman cards is expected to be met by January 15. An action plan has been formulated, with ASHA workers, ANMs, and CHOs conducting door-to-door outreach and organizing special camps. Bharsat explained that under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), a new initiative has been introduced to provide accessible and high-quality healthcare services to senior citizens aged 70 and above. Launched on October 29, 2024, this scheme allows eligible

senior citizens to register themselves on the National Health Authority's portal <https://beneficiary.nha.gov.in> or the Ayushman app <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.beneficiaryapp>, enabling them to create their card from home by choosing the self-registration option. Dr Bharsat mentioned that a special "Vaya Vandana Card" is being issued to senior citizens. Eligible individuals aged 70 and above whose families are already covered under the Ayushman Bharat scheme will receive an additional top-up coverage of ₹5 lakh annually through this card. This top-up is exclusively for senior family members and cannot be shared with younger family members below 70. Re-registration Mandatory for

Existing Beneficiaries to Obtain Vaya Vandana Card Dr Bharsat noted that existing Ayushman beneficiaries must re-register to obtain the "Vaya Vandana Card." Upon receiving this card, senior citizens will gain an additional top-up of ₹5 lakh, resulting in a total health coverage of ₹10 lakh. This additional top-up will be exclusively for elderly members, while other family members will continue with the standard ₹5 lakh coverage. All other senior citizens aged 70 and above will receive an annual family-based coverage of ₹5 lakh. Dr. Bharsat explained that senior citizens who are already benefiting from public health schemes such as the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme

(ECHS), or Ayushman CAPP must choose between their current plan and the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Senior citizens covered under private health insurance or the Employee State Insurance (ESI) scheme are also eligible to receive benefits under the Ayushman scheme. Dr Bharsat emphasized that the Aadhaar card serves as the primary identification document for beneficiaries in the scheme. For those whose Aadhaar card only shows the birth year instead of the full date, January 1, 2025, will be considered as the eligibility date upon reaching 70 years of age. Three methods are available for easy identification: thumb impression, iris scan, and mobile OTP, ensuring a smooth registration process for beneficiaries.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav interacts with the students of Madhya Pradesh in Kota, Rajasthan on Wednesday. Pioneer photo

## Met factors, cultural reasons driving up city AQI

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

With AQI levels in the state capital lingering in the hazardous zone on Wednesday, MPPCB officials say stability class wind velocity and other meteorological factors are driving up the index. The AQI levels in the state capital averaged out at a very unhealthy 282 across the three monitoring stations at Idgah, TT Nagar, and Paryavaran Bhawan. While the readings at TT Nagar and Idgah ranged between 250-275, the monitoring station at Paryavaran Bhawan recorded the AQI at 320 at 7 PM on Wednesday. District Pollution Officer Brajesh Sharma attributed the high AQI levels to an amalgam of meteorological factors, including very low

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wind velocity falling in the stability class, which results in the stagnation of microscopic particulate matter—PM2.5 and PM10—in the city air. Relative humidity and dryness in the atmosphere were cited as other reasons polluting the air, apart from vehicular emissions, traffic dust, crop residue burning, and cultural factors involving fireworks. The official did not rule out the effects of temperature inversion, which makes

warmer air rise during colder months and acts like a lid on colder air, stagnating particulate matter. Irrespective of the cause, stagnation of PM2.5 and PM10 is hazardous to human and animal health, as the invisible particles, mostly aerosols, invade the respiratory tract, causing breathing difficulties and coughing. The pollutants are especially dangerous to people with underlying respiratory and cardiovascular disorders, as well as those susceptible to allergies. Medical practitioners have advised people with such ailments to stay indoors and keep doors and windows closed. Morning walkers are also advised to wear masks to avoid discomfort or more serious repercussions during colder months.

## Crime Branch sleuths rescue yet another cyber crime victim

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The city Crime Branch rescued a telecom engineer from Gayatri Nagar on Wednesday after he was held captive and intimidated by cyber criminals in a digital arrest lasting over six hours. The engineer, Pramod Kumar (38), works for a private telecom company. The incident began on Tuesday at 4:15 PM, when Pramod received a call from someone claiming to be an officer from the Economic Offences Wing (EOW). The caller told Pramod that a large sum of money had been transacted using his number. He warned Pramod not to switch off his phone, claiming he was calling from Mumbai. The caller threatened that if the call was disconnected,

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Pramod would be arrested in Bhopal. Shortly after, Pramod received a video call from another number. Three people appeared on the screen in police uniforms, claiming to be from the Mumbai Crime Branch. They told Pramod that ransom had been demanded from a person using his phone number. When Pramod tried to explain himself, the criminals threatened him with jail time unless he paid a Rs 3.5 lakh

penalty for misusing his mobile. The fraudsters continued to manipulate Pramod, extracting personal information and telling him that he would be arrested with the help of local police. They further insisted that he would be safe only if he agreed to stay under their surveillance for 24 hours. In fear, Pramod locked himself in a room, following the criminals' instructions. He stayed under

their control until 11:30 PM when they finally ended the call. On Wednesday morning, still terrified, Pramod avoided answering any calls, including those from his boss, Pradeep. Concerned, Pradeep visited Pramod's home and found him unwilling to open the door. Sensing something was amiss, Pradeep contacted the Crime Branch. Upon arrival, the Crime Branch officers rescued Pramod and confirmed that he had been scammed by cyber criminals. After talking with the police, Pramod regained his composure and came out of the house with his wife and children. This case underscores growing incidents of cyber fraud, where criminals exploit fear and technology to manipulate and wilt their victims psychologically.

## Woman dies in road accident

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Wife of former District Panchayat President of Kesla, Ganpat Uike, died on the spot while Ganpat Uike and his granddaughter were injured after their vehicle collided with a parked truck in Narmadapuram; vehicle lost control after tyre exploded. The accident happened on Obedullaganj-Betul National Highway 46 at around 7 pm on Tuesday evening. The car was badly damaged in the accident. On receiving the information, Kesla police station in-charge Srinath Jharbade, Dial 100 and 108 ambulances reached the spot. With the help of passersby, all three were brought to Sukhtawa Community Health Center where the doctor declared the woman dead. Ganpat Uike was referred to Itarsi after first aid. The police said that Ganpat Uike, along with his wife Anokhi Bai (57) and granddaughter Saloni (16), were going from Dauri Jhunkar to Banabid village to celebrate Devuthani Ekadashi. Ganpat was driving. Meanwhile, the tyre of their car exploded near Model School ahead of Sukhtawa. The car lost its balance due to the speed and collided with a truck parked near the road. Kesla police station in-charge Srinath Jharbade said - the truck was standing on the side of the road due to a punctured tyre. After the accident, the vehicle got stuck in the truck. It could be pulled out after much effort. Saloni is slightly injured while Ganpat has injuries on his face and head.



Preparations underway for the upcoming Aalimi Tablighi Ijtima, an annual muslim congregation, scheduled from Nov 29 to Dec 2, at Eintkhedi, Ghasipur near Bhopal on Wednesday. Pioneer photo

## Two-day annual function of SPS, Katara extension commences

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Sagarites of Sagar Public School Katara extension unfurled breathtaking two-day fourth annual day celebrations with an array of captivating performances taking audiences to the world of wonder and imagination. The first day of the annual day was based on the theme 'Fantasia - Flights of Imagination' and portrayed a magical testament of the artistry and creativity of over 1,000 Sagarites, underscoring the school's unwavering commitment to academic and cultural brilliance. Dr. Rahul Mukhopadhyay from Azim Premji University graced the evening as the Chief Guest and was accorded the guard of honour by the school band. What followed was a tapestry of vibrant performances, where Sagarites brought to life beloved tales of Snow White, Gulliver's Travels, Tenali Raman, and Aladdin. Each portrayal was a symphony of drama and dance, breathing vitality into timeless virtues: the gentle compassion in Snow White, the empathetic wisdom in Gulliver's Travels, the wit and

problem-solving flair of Tenali Raman, and the enduring loyalty found in Aladdin. Together, these stories wove powerful messages that resonate deeply with today's world. The Principal of the School Prachi Verma presented the school's annual report celebrating achievements across academics, sports, and cultural spheres, while emphasizing the institution's dedication to nurturing creativity, building skills, and fostering character in every Sagarite. The day one celebration wrapped up with a vote of thanks by Headmistress Rupinder Arora followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The day's celebrations culminated in a heartfelt vote of thanks by Headmistress Rupinder Arora, with the audience rising for a stirring rendition of the National Anthem. The festivities will continue on the second day, themed Synergia - Confluence of Culture, with special guests Ms. Lopamudra from IIM Bengaluru and Brigadier Anil Das joining as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, to honour the beauty and harmony of cultural unity.

## 2 nabbed for selling fake gold to shopkeeper

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Aishbagh police have arrested two accused who cheated a shopkeeper to the tune of Rs 1 lakh by providing fake gold. Police have taken the accused into custody after registering a case of cheating. Nilesh Punjabi, who lives in Pushpa Nagar, runs a gas refilling shop. On November 3, two youths came to Nilesh's shop. They introduced themselves as labourers and claimed that they have gold beads, which they got while working in Jhansi. They want to sell these because they need money. When Nilesh asked the price of the garland, they told him that its price was about Rs 7 lakhs. Nilesh said that he did not have that much money, if you want to sell it, give it to me for Rs 1 lakh after little reluctance, the youths agreed to sell it for Rs 1 lakh. The youths provided two beads and gave them for checking. These beads were found to be of real gold. After the deal was finalized, Nilesh started arranging for money. He had Rs 60000 and for the remaining Rs 40000 he mortgaged his car. In this way, he arranged Rs 1 lakh and provided it to the accused.

## Main accused nabbed for murdering employer in Gandhi Nagar area

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Gandhi Nagar police have arrested main accused who along with his cousin killed the owner and employer of the main accused; the deceased used to pass lewd comments and was forced to meet the fiancée of the main accused alone. Police said that on Tuesday Radhika Mehra along with her mother-in-law Rambai lodged a missing complaint of her brother-in-law Mahesh Mehra of Eitkhedi who went missing from Gandhinagar New Basti and expressed suspicion on her brother-in-law Mahesh Mehra's colleague Raghuvir Ahirwar and told that he had gone with him for the last time. Based on the complaint during the investigation police detained ct Raghuvir Ahirwar and was questioned about Mahesh Mehra, he kept misleading the police and was not giving any concrete information about Mahesh but later he revealed the truth. Mahesh used to operate swing ride for kids on rent while Raghuvir used to work for Mahesh and he always spoke wrong things about Raghuvir's would-be wife. On Sunday, after opening the swings in the day, Raghuvir and Mahesh drank

## One nabbed for selling a city woman in Rajasthan

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Habibganj police arrested Mukesh Bhalerao, who sold a Bhopal woman in Rajasthan, from Rani Kamalapati Railway Station (RKMP). Mukesh, who had a reward of Rs 10,000 on his head and was in a bid to flee. Police said many big links operating flesh traders are likely to be revealed from Mukesh. It is believed that he was in contact with a human trafficking gang. The accused's mobile has been given for investigation. The CDR of his number is being extracted. The accused had sold a 26-year-old woman from Bhopal in Rajsamand, Rajasthan. The woman was sold for Rs 3 lakh. The woman who was sold on February 23 was recovered by the police from village Maulela in Rajsamand on September 23. Its master-

mind Pooja, her friend Chhaya, Mukesh's wife Santosh Bhalerao, Himmatlal who arranged the marriage and Devi Lal who bought the woman and married her have already been arrested. Police station in-charge Ajay Soni said that informers were deployed in and around the house of accused Mukesh to catch him. On the night of November 11, he was arrested from the railway station on the basis of pin-point information. Mastermind Chhaya's daughter's in-laws are in Rajasthan. She visits there frequently. This is how Chhaya came in contact with Devi Lal of Rajsamand. Devi Lal talked about buying a girl for marriage and the deal was done for Rs 3 lakh. Puja brought her friend (victim) who worked with her to Chhaya's place. On the pre-text of work in the wedding, Santosh and her husband

Manoj took the victim to Rajsamand. Here Pandit Himmat Lal got her married to Devi Lal. The victim had told the police that she was kept tied in chains. Accused Manoj had got a second Aadhar card made for the victim to change her identity. Apart from this, other documents were also made. Where these documents were made. This is being investigated. Police are also connecting the links of who else Mukesh was in contact with. The minor who went missing 8 months ago has been recovered from Sehore by Katara Hills Police. The person who took her away has been arrested. Both were living as husband and wife. The accused was identified as Suraj Mehra. Police station in-charge Brijendra Nigam said that sections will be increased after the victim's medical examination.

## 41 e-checkgates will be established: Chief Minister

Bhopal: Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that 41 AI based e-checkgates are being established to stop illegal transportation in the state. Vehicles engaged in mineral transportation will be checked with the help of verifical camera, RFID Reader, automatic number plate reader at these e-checkgates. As a pilot project in the project,

work has been started by installing e-checkgates at 4 places on the important route for mineral transportation. Command and Control Centre in Bhopal and District Command Centres have been established at the state level in Bhopal and District Command Centres in District Bhopal and Raisen to monitor illegal transportation. The target is to estab-

lish all 41 e-checkgates by December 2024. Yadav has also started a satellite and drone based project to prevent illegal mining in the state. Through this, all 7 thousand mines of the state have been geo-tagged and the mine area has been demarcated. When this project is fully implemented, illegal mining can be identified and effectively prevented.



Congress candidate from Budhni Rajkumar Patel with his wife Meeta Patel shows indelible ink on his finger after casting his vote at a polling booth at Baktara village, Sehore district Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday. Pioneer photo

# RIC will focus on balanced industrial development

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav is organizing Regional Industry Conclaves in all regions to promote balanced development of the state. The next RIC will be held on December 7 in Narmadapuram. The Narmadapuram area has an abundance of agro-based industries, food processing units, and micro, small, and medium industries. Along with the already established industries in Narmadapuram, Harda, and Hoshangabad, industries like agro-processing, soybean oil, spice production, and milk processing form the main economic activities here. Additionally, efforts are being made to accelerate local development through construction and other industries by utilizing



the area's mineral wealth. The 6th RIC will be organized on December 7, 2024 at Divisional ITI, Narmadapuram. Inspired by the experiences of the previous five Regional Industry Conclaves, this Conclave is being organized in the Narmadapuram region to enhance the growth of industries, investment prospects, and employment generation opportunities. Investment opportunities in agriculture, food processing, minerals, MSME, and tourism

sectors in Narmadapuram RIC will be explored. Through CM Dr. Yadav's effort, an Industry-friendly environment has been fostered, leading to progress across the state's industrial areas. Narmadapuram and its neighboring districts like Hoshangabad, Harda have many possibilities in the field of MSME, agro-based industries, and tourism to strengthen the local economy. The objective of the conclave is to achieve balanced and coordinated economic development across all regions. This conclave will open new avenues of investment in Narmadapuram and its surrounding areas which will generate new employment opportunities and give impetus to economic development. This RIC holds special importance for Narmadapuram and surrounding areas, as the natural beauty and cultural her-

itage here will be combined with industries. Pachmarhi, which is not only a major tourist destination but also has unique biodiversity and natural resources, will now become a new attraction for investors. Also, there is immense potential for development in both industrial and tourism sectors on the banks of river Narmada. This conclave will open new avenues of investment in sectors like agriculture, MSME, food processing, tourism, and minerals, which will boost employment and economic growth opportunities. Narmadapuram and Pachmarhi, already famous for natural beauty and tourism, will now touch new heights from an industrial point of view also. This conclave will establish a harmonious balance between industrial, tourism, and social development.

# CM talks to brave sister

**Bhopal:** Chief Minister Mohan Yadav made a video call to Smt. Bhujlo Bai, who bravely faced the wolf in village Khakra Chaurai of Chhindwara district, and inquired about her well-being. Appreciating the courage of Bhujlo Bai, the CM also sanctioned one lakh rupees to her from the Chief Minister's Discretionary Fund. Yadav said that the courage and struggle of the brave sisters is inspiring. For the proper treatment of Smt. Bhujlo Bai, Collector Chhindwara has been directed that if necessary, she will be airlifted and treated in Bhopal. CM Dr. Yadav also enquired about the well-being of the victim's family and assured to bear the entire cost of her treatment. He said that he prays to God that she gets well soon.



Tinsel lights illuminate Gurdwara Nanaksar ahead of Guru Nanak Dev's birth anniversary in Bhopal on Wednesday.



BJP State President VD Sharma along with the party workers stages a protest against the alleged atrocities by the Congress party workers during voting for Vijaypur bypoll, near Vijaypur, Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday. Pioneer photo

# Allegations, counter accusations mark polling in MP

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The voting completed with 77.32% and 77.85% voter turnout in Budhni and Vijaypur assembly seats of Madhya Pradesh amid mild violence, protest and allegations of booth capturing on Wednesday. Congress state president Jitu Patwari and BJP state president VD Sharma sat on dharna near the Election Commission of India (ECI)'s office in Bhopal, accusing each other's party of fake voting and booth capturing. In Vijaypur, forest minister and BJP candidate Ramniwas Rawat and Congress candidate Mukesh Malhotra were kept under house arrest by

police in view of maintaining law and order. The tribal voters of Telipura polling booth of Vijaypur protested at Veerpur police station and blocked the Sheopur-Morena road, accusing the Rawat community of trying to capture the booth and casting fake votes. The similar complaints were made by voters of Andhipura and Khadi village. Patwari wrote on X, "Democracy is taking last breath in Madhya Pradesh. The Election Commission is requested to immediately take cognizance of this situation and give the voters an opportunity to exercise their constitutional right." BJP leaders complained to the Chief Electoral Officer on

Wednesday afternoon that supporters of Congress candidate Rajkumar Patel from Budhni were creating ruckus and threatening voters by pelting stones in Budhni assembly constituency. In Vijaypur too, Congress workers misbehaved with booth-level officers at many places. In Budhni, Union minister and former chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan left no stone unturned to ensure the win of BJP candidate Ramakant Bhargava as it's his home turf. In Vijaypur, six-time ex-Congress MLA Ramniwas Rawat, who joined the BJP during the Lok Sabha election and became forest minister a few months ago, is trying to save his seat.

# No leave without permission, BMC Commissioner to health officials

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

In fresh directives, Bhopal Municipal Commissioner Harendra Narayan on Wednesday told health officials to seek approval from his office before going on leave. The Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) chief was inspecting the efficacy of the sanitation work in various localities of the state capital. During the inspection, Narayan told officials to ensure that all sanitation activities met the standards set by Swachh Sarvekshan 2024. He said that no Garbage Vulnerable (GV) points should be allowed to develop anywhere in the city and stressed the need for the immediate removal of waste from roadsides

upon completion of the cleanliness exercise. He warned both officials and employees that any dereliction of their assigned tasks would lead to disciplinary action against the errant staff. Narayan also issued a show-cause notice to Assistant Health Officer of Zone 13, Vijayendra Gupta, for proceeding on leave without the prerequisite approval. The Municipal Commissioner inspected cleanliness activities at Banskhedhi, Char Imla, Link Road No. 02, Mata Mandir, Bharat Mata Chauraha, Jawahar Chowk, Polytechnic, Raj Bhawan, Police Control Room, Aera Hills, Old Jail, Ambedkar Chauraha, Habibganj, Hoshangabad Road, and Misrod before issuing the directives.

# Sharma reaches Vijaypur border, responds to allegations

**Bhopal:** BJP state president and Khajuraho MP Vishnuddt Sharma on Wednesday reached the border of Vijaypur assembly constituency and gave a befitting reply to the hooliganism, politics of undue pressure and conspiracies of mis-leading by Congress leaders in the elections. When BJP state president Shri Vishnuddt Sharma was stopped by the administration at the border of Vijaypur assembly due to election code of conduct, he respected the rules and went on the ground with the workers to know the condition of the elections. He said that the hooliganism of Congress leaders will not be allowed to continue. I have come to the border of Vijaypur to give a befitting reply to the hooliganism and politics of pressure of Congress. Congress tortured the tribals as my tribal brother or sister is tortured, then BJP will stand

with them. Bharatiya Janata Party always follows the rules, but Congress leaders have broken it, the Election Commission should take strict action against them. Shri Sharma said that how come outside leaders of Congress were present in Vijaypur even after the election campaign was over, why action was not taken by registering a case against them? State President Sharma expressed his gratitude to the voters of Budhni and Vijaypur Assembly. BJP State President and MP Sharma said that Congress has sensed defeat in Vijaypur Assembly. In its frustration of defeat, Congress has resorted to hooliganism, lies and politics of appeasement to do politics of pressure on tribal brothers and sisters in a planned manner. Whenever Congress starts losing elections, it resorts to hooliganism, but the people of Vijaypur are with BJP and poor welfare

schemes. BJP workers and the people of Vijaypur Assembly are ready to answer the hooliganism of Congress. Sharma said that Congress State President Jeetu Patwari is staying near Vijaypur and trying to influence the elections. Whenever Congress loses elections, it resorts to conspiracies. Election Commission will work according to the law and not at the behest of Jeetu Patwari. How did Congress leaders stay in Vijaypur after the election campaign ended? Why were no FIRs lodged against Congressmen and they were not arrested? This is a big question mark, because of which I had to come to the border of Vijaypur. Congress's hooliganism politics will not be allowed to continue. He said that Congress conspired to attack the tribals. BJP stands with the tribals to get them justice in the conspiratorial attack by Congress.

# Every child should have access to school education: Singh

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

School Education Minister Uday Pratap Singh said that the state government is making efforts to ensure that every child of the state has access to school education. For this, departmental officers will have to effectively implement the draft of Vikasit Bharat @2047. Minister Singh discussed the draft with the officials in the meeting held in Mantralaya on Wednesday. Secretary, School Education Dr. Sanjay Goyal, Commissioner, Public Instruction Smt. Shilpa Gupta were also present in the meeting. It was told in the meeting that the point that all children should be given quality education equally without any discrimination has been prominently included in the draft of Vision-2047. School

Education Minister Singh said that digital technology is being used in education all over the world. He said that we will have to pay special attention to this in the Vision-@2047 draft. Discussing Artificial Intelligence, the School Education Minister said that Artificial Intelligence can be used to solve the curiosities of children. For this, new technology resources will have to be made available in schools. He said that in the new education policy 2020, emphasis has also been laid on connecting children with vocational education. For this, there must be arrangements to provide vocational education to children in a practical manner. School Education Minister Singh said that special attention should be paid to the training of teachers

associated with the government sector. Keeping in view the upcoming requirements, the curriculum for teachers should be prepared. In the meeting, the progress of 275 schools under construction in the first phase of CM Rise School Project was reviewed. Minister Singh said that it is necessary to ensure 100 percent utilization of the resources made available in CM Rise School. He said that the CM Rise School project has been prepared keeping in mind the world-class school system. In the meeting, Secretary, School Education, Dr. Goyal said that 122 CM Rise schools will be started by March 2025. He said that the CM Rise School project is being continuously reviewed given the upcoming requirement in the state. He said that arrangements have been made to give priority admis-

sion to the children coming within the CM Rise School area. Commissioner Public Instruction Smt. Shilpa Gupta informed that 2 CM Rise schools have been inaugurated in October 2024. He said that keeping in view the financial limitations, changes are also being made in the CM Rise School project. Its objective is to provide quality education to more and more children by increasing the number of schools. In the meeting, the MD of Text Book Corporation, Vinay Nigam informed that a programme has been prepared to deliver textbooks to the schools at the beginning of the academic session in 2025-26. He said that textbook corporations should play maximum participation in the schemes of the School Education Department.

# Vallabhan elected president of BNS

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The 38th Annual General Meeting of Bhopal Nair Samaj was held in Mannam Bhawan, Sree Mannam Khajurikalan Road, Piplani on Sunday. An election was held where the present committee was re-elected unopposed with AG Vallabhan as President. Others elected are AV Jawahar, Vice President, K K Vijayakumaran General Secretary, AP Salu Nair Finance Manager, Smitha Radhakrishnan Ladies Wing Convener, Bindu Nair, Cultural Secretary and Nidish Nair Youth Wing Convener. Established in 1981, Bhopal Nair Samaj represents the Nair community of Kerala in Bhopal and is engaged in the welfare of the community and public at large.

# Traffic diversion at Board Office

**Bhopal:** A temporary traffic rerouting will be enforced near the Board Office Intersection on Thursday and Friday in the state capital. The diversions are part of the ongoing metro rail construction, said the traffic police on a media brief on Wednesday evening. The diversion will be in effect each night from 10 PM to 6 AM, during which one lane from Gurudev Gupt Intersection to Board Office Intersection will remain closed. Traffic authorities have implemented this diversion to ensure safety and support the construction process. Vehicles heading from Gurudev Gupt Intersection to Board Office Intersection can use the alternate route via DB City Mall. Commuters are advised to follow the revised route and drive with caution during these hours. The metro construction aims to enhance Bhopal's traffic management, with the future metro service anticipated to offer considerable convenience to residents.

# Science exhibition

**Jabalpur:** The annual science exhibition at Balak Mandir Higher Secondary School in Jabalpur was inaugurated by Rajiv Gupta, Chief General Manager of Human Resources and Administration at MP Power Management Company. Addressing students, Gupta emphasized the importance of school-level exhibitions in fostering a strong foundation in science and logic among students. The event featured around 70 models built by 300 students from classes VI to XII. Anjana Tiwari, President of Madhya Pradesh Vidyal Mahila Mandal and Chairperson of the School Management Committee, presided over the ceremony.

# After years of delay, will GG flyover finally be opened on November 30?

KISHAN SINGH RANA ■ BHOPAL

Hit by repeated road-blocks since the start of construction in 2020, the much-delayed 2.74-kilometre (Gayatri Mandir to Ganesh Mandir) GG flyover is now likely to open on November 30, alleviating travel pains for lakhs of commuters. Even though officials say that the opening of the flyover will reduce travel times for drivers—taking the stretch from Rani Kamalapati Station to the Veer Savarkar Bridge near Shaurya Smarak—the slow pace of construction has caused considerable headache for both commuters and businesses due to the ill-planning of alternate routes. "The stretch between the two ends of the flyover remains



dark, bumpy, and full of air pollution. It has taken me 20 minutes every day during peak hours to cover this stretch due to traffic jams," says Deepak Dangi, a café owner who passes through the area to get to work every day. The sentiment is echoed by a large number of commuters, especially those travelling at night, as the makeshift route

under the flyover remains pitch dark due to the absence of streetlights and is bumpy, as years of construction grime have just settled into lumps on the road. Businesses in the area, too, have suffered considerably. Hotels and retail establishments have been the worst hit, with customers avoiding them due to the ill-planned con-

struction activity. Many say they may never recoup the losses they have suffered. Oblivious to the plight of citizens, officials at the PWD swell with pride when they speak of the nearly completed project. They say the new flyover will help commuters cover the stretch in under five minutes. They claim that initial delays in the project were caused by the COVID lockdowns and admit that the situation worsened when the civic body decided to shift the Narmada pipeline. The ongoing Metro Rail project has also delayed the work, they say, pointing to official apathy and a lack of coordination between civic arms of the administration. As per plans, the flyover will brighten the area with 776

lights in 120W, 220W, and 55W configurations, along with 402 coloured lights on the pillars in 30W and 73W each. Officials say the installation of traffic signboards is complete and attribute the latest delay in the inauguration of the desperately awaited facility to a shift in plans. Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a top PWD official said that the latest plan was to open two lanes of the flyover on November 15, but it was later decided to open all three lanes—including the one where traffic will split near the Gayatri Temple. He said the project is fast nearing completion for the new November 30 deadline. Whether or not the PWD comes good on the promise this time is something that only time will tell.

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)]  
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

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# PM Modi lays foundation stone for AIIMS Darbhanga, showers praise on Nitish

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■**  
DARBHANGA (BIHAR)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday showered accolades on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, praising the alliance partner for bringing in good governance in a state which was previously reeling under "jungle raj".

Modi made a veiled attack on the Congress-RJD combine—without mentioning it by name—at a function in Darbhanga, a town in north Bihar, where he laid the foundation stone for an AIIMS and inaugurated projects worth more than Rs 12,000 crore.

In the course of his address, which lasted around 40 minutes, the Prime Minister referred to Kumar, whose JD(U) played a crucial role in enabling the NDA's return to power in the parliamentary elections earlier this year, as

"lokpriya mukhyamantri" (popular chief minister). Modi said, "Nitish babu has set up a model of sushasan (good governance)." He added, "No praise is too high for him (jitni saraahna ki jaae kam hai) for his contribution in pulling Bihar out of the era of jungle raj."

Now, under the NDA's double engine government, the state is making rapid, all-round progress."

Earlier, Kumar had thanked the Prime Minister for AIIMS, Darbhanga, even as he recalled having first made request for the super speciality hospital in the north Bihar town with late BJP leader Arun Jaitley.



The Prime Minister began his speech with a reference to the assembly polls underway in Jharkhand, which was carved out of Bihar two-and-a-half decades ago, and hoped that

people in the tribal state would come out to vote in large numbers.

Modi asserted that his government worked with a "holistic approach" towards healthcare

and five other such facilities elsewhere in the country".

"Today, we have more than two dozen AIIMS across the country. Healthcare is being made available to people of weaker sections through 1.5 lakh 'Aaryogya mandirs'. Besides, more than four crore people have benefited from the Ayushman Bharat scheme", the Prime Minister said.

Modi also highlighted his government's efforts to increase the number of doctors by allowing pursuit of courses in medicine in Hindi and other vernacular languages besides "adding 75,000 new seats" in medical colleges across the country.

Known for his penchant for connecting with the people by peppering his speeches with local flavour, the Prime Minister referred to inclusion of Maithili, spoken in large parts of north Bihar, in eight

schedule of the Constitution. He also spoke of other steps taken by the Centre to promote Bihar's cultural heritage like giving classical language status to Pali.

Modi also underscored that his government's policies would give a boost to export of fresh water fish and foxnuts (makhana), which are produced in abundance in Mithila region.

He also paid tributes to folk singer Sharda Sinha, who hailed from Supaul district in Mithila and passed away last week.

The Prime Minister also recalled the contributions of late Kameshwar Singh, a renowned philanthropist who was the last ruler of the princely state of Darbhanga, and remarked "even in my parliamentary constituency (Varanasi) people keep talking of his generosity".

Modi said projects like AIIMS Darbhanga will enable the people of not just Bihar but neighbouring areas in West Bengal and Nepal to avail quality medical service "instead of making a beeline to Mumbai and Delhi".

The Prime Minister also touched upon the problem of floods that ravage the Kosi-Mithila region every year, saying his government was making "honest" (imaandaar) efforts to solve the problem by holding necessary discussions with Nepal, besides drawing a detailed plan involving Rs 11,000 crore to tackle the calamity.

Others who were present at the function in Darbhanga included Governor Rajendra Arlekar, Union ministers Chirag Paswan and Nityanand Rai and Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha.

## India supports early ceasefire in Gaza: Jaishankar

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■**  
NEW DELHI

India supports an early ceasefire in Gaza and it has consistently stood for resolution of the Palestinian issue through a two-state solution, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said here on Wednesday.

In his opening remarks at a meeting with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Jaishankar said the situation in West Asia is a matter of "deep concern", particularly the conflict in Gaza. The external affairs minister described Saudi Arabia as an important force for stability in the region.

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Jaishankar and Al Saud co-chaired the second meeting of the Committee on Political, Security, Social and Cultural Cooperation (PSSC) held under the framework of the Strategic Partnership Council (SPC).

In his remarks, Jaishankar said Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 and India's Viksit Bharat 2047 hold complementarities



for the industries of the two sides to build new partnerships. "Trade and investment are important pillars of our partnership, and we are strengthening our collaboration in new areas including technology, energy, renewable energy including green hydrogen, connectivity, health and education," he said.

Al Saud is on a two-day visit to India.

On the situation in Gaza, Jaishankar said any response

must take into account the international humanitarian law.

"The situation in West Asia is a matter of deep concern, particularly the conflict in Gaza. India's position in this regard has been principled and consistent," he said.

"While we condemn acts of terrorism and hostage taking, we are deeply pained by the continuing death of innocent civilians. Any response must take into account the international humanitarian law.

We support an early ceasefire," Jaishankar said. "India has consistently stood for resolution of the Palestinian issue through a two-state solution. We have also contributed to the building of Palestinian institutions and capacities," he added.

Delving into India-Saudi Arabia ties, the external affairs minister said both sides maintained a good tempo of high level engagements and coordination across multilateral fora.

"Our defence partnership has witnessed several 'firsts' over the past few years including the first ever land forces joint exercise 2024; and two editions of our joint naval exercises," he said.

"We had regular exchanges on training and capacity building. And our cooperation has now expanded in the field of defence industry and exports as well," he said.

Jaishankar also noted steady growth of security cooperation between the two sides. "We are collaborating in counter-terrorism, combat-

ing extremism, terror financing, and drug trafficking," he said.

"We welcome efforts to promote culture, tourism and youth exchanges. And we see considerable potential for cooperation in the field of media and entertainment," he said.

In the meeting, the two sides also deliberated on issues relating to the G20, the BRICS, the IMEEC (India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor) and other regional and global issues.

In his opening remarks, Jaishankar said India and Saudi Arabia have a similar interest in preserving the stability of the region and in driving the economies towards greater prosperity.

"We have maintained a good tempo of high level engagements and coordination across the multilateral fora. The Indian community in Saudi Arabia is 2.6 million strong, and I take the opportunity to thank you for their welfare and comfort," he said.

## Defence Space Agency conducts maiden three day exercise Antariksha Abhyas successfully

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■**  
NEW DELHI

Defence Space Agency has successfully conducted maiden three-day Exercise 'Antariksha Abhyas' to enhance strategic readiness in space warfare, defence ministry said here on Wednesday.

Giving details, officials said Defence Space Agency of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff successfully conducted the Space Table Top Exercise Antariksha Abhyas-2024 from November 11 - 13, a significant milestone aimed at bolstering the strategic readiness of the Indian Armed Forces in the domain of space warfare.

This pioneering event marked a crucial step in strengthening India's space based operational capabilities, enhancing tri-services integration for space security.

Key components of the exercise included focused discussions on emerging space technologies, space situational awareness and India's space programmes.



The discussions highlighted the importance of monitoring and protecting critical assets and maintaining situational awareness in the increasingly contested space environment. Throughout the three-day event, participants engaged in scenario based exercises, facilitated by subject experts from various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, besides military, scientific and academia.

The experts provided valuable

insights into the present and future landscape of military space capabilities and technologies, elucidating specific challenges faced in defence space operations and also the evolving nature of space safety, security, and international space laws.

Antariksha Abhyas 2024 successfully met its objectives of improving interoperability, fostering mutual understanding and enhancing cohesion between the tri-services and Defence Space Agency.

## All-women CISF battalion will protect airports, metros, provide VIP security: Shah

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■**  
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said the soon to be raised all-woman battalion of the CISF will shoulder the responsibility of protecting the nation's critical infrastructure, like airports and metro rails, and provide security to VIPs as commandos.

A first-ever all-woman battalion of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) comprising more than 1,000 personnel was sanctioned by the Union government on Monday keeping in mind the burgeoning duties of the force.



"In a firm step towards realizing Modi Ji's vision of enhancing women's participation in every field of nation-building, the Modi government has approved the establishment of the first all-women battalion of the CISF.

"To be raised as an elite troop, the Mahila Battalion will shoulder

the responsibility of protecting the nation's critical infrastructure, like airports and metro rails, and providing VIP security as commandos," Shah said in a social media post.

The home minister said the decision will certainly fulfil the aspirations of more women to participate in the crucial task of protecting the nation. Women personnel constitute more than seven per cent of the CISF whose present strength is about 1.80 lakh.

One of the central armed police forces in India, the CISF was set up in 1969 and is tasked with the security of vital government and industrial buildings.

## Health Pavilion at IITF to centre around 'One Health' theme

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The Union Health Ministry's Health Pavilion at the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) here beginning November 14 will be centred around the theme of 'One Health', a comprehensive approach emphasising the interconnectedness of human, animal, plant and ecosystem health.

By recognising these interdependencies, 'One Health' seeks to mobilise various sectors, disciplines and communities to promote well-being and effectively address health and environmental challenges, the health ministry said in a statement. Dr V K



Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, will inaugurate the Health Pavilion on November 14 at Bharat Mandapam.

Through 39 informative stalls, the pavilion will present the ministry's major accomplishments in healthcare, with highlights on programmes

and initiatives that span every stage of life.

From birth-focused initiatives like the newly launched U-WIN App, which facilitates free vaccination for pregnant women and children, to the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya

Jojana (AB-PMJAY), which now includes senior citizens over 70 years with an additional Rs 5 lakh top-up cover, the pavilion will illustrate India's efforts to provide accessible and quality healthcare for all.

Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in screenings and counselling sessions for HIV, diabetes, hypertension and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs). The pavilion will also feature innovative installations like the BHISHM Cube, indigenous mobile hospital showcasing its design and utility in real-world settings, the ministry statement said.

The pavilion is designed not only to be educational but

also engaging for visitors of all ages.

Daily street plays, competitions and games will captivate the audience while delivering essential health messages. A specially curated kids zone will feature virtual reality games that combine fun with learning, allowing children to explore healthcare in a playful and interactive environment.

Through this immersive pavilion, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare aims to spread awareness and understanding of the 'One Health' approach, ultimately fostering a holistic view of health that integrates human, animal and environmental well-being, the statement said.

## Pan-India coastal defence exercise 'Sea Vigil' to be held on November 20-21: Navy

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NEW DELHI

A pan-India coastal defence exercise aimed at assessing the current preparedness of all maritime security agencies, identifying their strengths and weaknesses and enhancing the nation's overall maritime defence framework is set to be conducted on November 20-21, the Navy said on Wednesday.

Originally conceptualised in 2018, 'Exercise Sea Vigil' was designed to validate and enhance measures adopted to bolster coastal defence post the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.

"This year, participation by other Services (the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force), and planned deployment of a large number of ships and aircraft have enhanced the tempo of the exercise," according to a statement issued by the Indian Navy.

The Navy leads this exercise whose fourth edition, to be held on November 20-21, will span an "unprecedented scale", both in terms of geographical reach and the magnitude of participation, with the involvement of six ministries and 21



organisations and agencies, it said.

While coastal security exercises are conducted by individual coastal states and maritime security agencies regularly, 'Exercise Sea Vigil' coordinated by the Indian Navy stands out as a national-level initiative that provides a holistic appraisal of India's maritime defence and security capabilities.

"The exercise offers a significant opportunity to assess the current preparedness of all maritime security agencies, identify their strengths and weaknesses and enhance the nation's overall maritime defence framework," the Navy said.

The Coastal Defence and Security Readiness Evaluation

(CDSRE) phase of the exercise is being conducted by naval officer-in-charges of all coastal states and UTs (including Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands) since the end of October, where in a thorough audit of complete coastal defence and security infrastructure is being carried out, it added.

This year, National Security Council Secretariat officials will also be part of Indian Navy-led CDSRE teams "for the first time", along with personnel from state marine police, coast guard, customs, and fisheries, among others, the statement said.

The exercise will focus on strengthening the security of coastal assets, like ports, oil rigs, single-point moorings, cable

landing points and critical coastal infrastructure including the coastal population.

"Encompassing the entire 11,098-km coastline and vast Exclusive Economic Zone of 2.4 million square kilometres, this comprehensive exercise will engage complete coastal security infrastructure and all maritime stakeholders, including the fishing community and coastal populace, simultaneously," it said.

One of the aims of the exercise is to raise awareness among coastal communities about maritime security, and the involvement of fishing communities, coastal populace and students from the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and the Bharat Scouts and Guides will add to the fervour of the endeavour, the Navy said.

Serving as a precursor to the Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise (TROPEX), conducted biennially by the Indian Navy, 'Exercise Sea Vigil' will serve as an essential measure in reinforcing India's commitment to safeguarding its maritime boundaries and ensuring coordinated efforts among all stakeholders in coastal defence, it added.

## US delegation visits Sulabh School in city

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**



Senior representatives from the US government and aircraft major Boeing visited Sulabh campus in the national Capital on Tuesday.

This visit underscored the impactful collaboration between Sulabh and Boeing in empowering children, with a strong emphasis on educational advancement and community development.

Among the delegation were Nancy Jackson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Government, Salil Gupte, President, Boeing India & South Asia, Philip M Cummings, Deputy Minister Counselor - Economic Section, US Embassy of India, Praveena Yagnambhat, Chief of Staff & BGE Lead Boeing India and South Asia.

Nancy praised Sulabh's initia-

## Three-day national conference VIVIBHA 2024 to be held from November 15

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NEW DELHI

A three-day national conference of research scholars with the objective of fostering research culture among the youth by integrating India's cultural heritage with modern methodologies will be held from November 15.

The conference "Vision for Viksit Bharat - VIVIBHA 2024" organised by RSS affiliate Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal at SGT University, Gurugram, will be inaugurated by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat.

"As part of VIVIBHA 2024, the karyakartas of Bharatiya Shiksha Mandal, reached out to more than one million students and researchers, over one lakh teachers and more than 10,000 educational institutions.

"The submitted research papers were evaluated by panel of subject experts from across the country and the selected researchers will have the opportunity to present their work at the conference," Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal national president Sachchidanand Joshi said at a press conference here.

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# Congress' shehzada conspiring to scrap reservations: PM Modi

PTI ■ DEOGHAR/GODDA (JHARKHAND)

In an apparent dig at Rahul Gandhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday accused the Congress 'shehzada' of conspiring to scrap reservations for people belonging to SC, ST and OBC communities in an attempt to "weaken" them. Modi, who addressed two BJP poll rallies in Jharkhand during the day, also alleged that the ruling JMM-led coalition "helped infiltrators become permanent citizens" of the state. "This is a deep-rooted conspiracy which will change Jharkhand's identity," the PM

said at a rally in Deoghar. Promising to thwart such attempts, besides that of "weakening" SC, ST and OBC communities, Modi exuded confidence that the BJP-led NDA was going to form government in Jharkhand and he would come to attend the oath ceremony. "The Congress has dangerous intentions. The Congress' shehzada is conspiring to scrap reservations for SCs, STs and OBCs. The prince's father had declared reservation as slavery, bonded labour but he was later defeated in elections. His father had issued advertisements to remove reservations... We will thwart any such conspiracy," Modi said,

referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and his father and former PM Rajiv Gandhi without naming them. PM Modi claimed that infiltration was a major concern in Jharkhand due to which the "tribal population in Santhal Pargana has reduced to half and if the trend remains unchecked, it will change the identity of the state." "The JMM-led coalition government in Jharkhand allowed infiltrators to become permanent citizens here... It is playing with the security of Jharkhand's 'beti, maati, roti' (daughter, mother, bread)," he alleged. Exuding confidence the BJP's win would be spectacular in



the assembly elections, the prime minister said that those making permutations and combinations sitting in air-conditioned rooms should see the massive crowd that has been attending rallies. Modi said he would attend the oath ceremony of the BJP-led NDA government here. Addressing another rally at Godda, he alleged that infiltration has assumed an alarming proportion in Jharkhand and hit out at the ruling JMM-led coalition for "patronising" infiltrators. He also termed the ruling dispensation's 'Abua Awas' housing scheme in place of PM Awas Yojana as a 'farzi (fake)' scheme for 'cut money and

commission.' "The JMM-led coalition is patronising infiltrators. It is facilitating infiltrators to occupy land, forest and water of tribals, making their population decline," the PM alleged while addressing a poll rally at Godda. He also alleged that the ruling alliance not only indulged in "mafia raj and question paper leak" but also stalled development and forced people to migrate, remain unemployed and suffer because they were devoid of connectivity. "I promise you that I will bring out the culprits who played with your children's future even if they are hiding in 'paatal'," the PM said.

The JMM-led coalition applied salt to your wound by giving tickets to the wife of the jailed leader, the PM said without naming Alamgir Alam who is behind bars in a multi-crore money laundering case. The Congress has given ticket to Alam's wife Nishat Alam from Pakur, a constituency represented by him. Alam, the former Parliamentary Affairs Minister was taken to custody by the ED on May 15 in an alleged money laundering case and is under investigation for alleged irregularities and bribery in the state rural development department. The ED had recovered over Rs 32 crore in cash from Alam's domestic help.

## Opposition demands judicial, SIT probe against Goa CM over job scandal

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PANAJI/NEW DELHI

The cash-for-jobs scandal in Goa has set off a political firestorm, with Opposition leaders uniting in their demand for transparency and a thorough investigation into alleged corruption within the State's recruitment processes. At the outset, the INDIA bloc members have claimed that government jobs were sold to the highest bidder, bypassing qualified candidates and undermining the integrity of public institutions. In a letter to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, Goa Forward Party chief Vijay Sardesai expressed grave concerns over the presence of an organized "Job Mafia" syndicate within the government recruitment systems, which he claimed compromises fair hiring practices in the state. Former Goa Congress chief Girish Chodankar claimed that Chief Minister's wife Sulakshana Sawant allegedly promised jobs to the youth

and preliminary investigations have revealed a network of middlemen, political operatives, and public servants who facilitated the exchange of money for such job offers, often at the expense of qualified candidates. AAP Goa Chief Amit Palekar has demanded for a comprehensive judicial probe, calling for an investigation led by a retired judge. State government officials however rejected all the allegations leveled by Opposition parties against the CM and his family as well as the party BJP. "So far, nine individuals have been arrested, including individuals linked to the Home Department, the Public Works Department (PWD), and the Goa Public Service Commission (GPSC). As of the latest updates, several people have been arrested, including lower-level officials and political figures connected to the ruling BJP, with more arrests expected as the probe progresses," Congress alleged. Vijai Sardesai, the leader of



the Goa Forward Party, has emerged as a key figure in exposing the scam. The Opposition leaders including those from Aam Admi Party (AAP) have argued that these arrests are part of an attempt to downplay the severity of the issue. Sardesai criticized the government for ignoring his early warnings and pointed out that those arrested have deep ties to the ruling BJP. "People

how the government could justify arresting its own members. "Their cadre being arrested by their own police makes it indefensible. How can an immoral party continue to rule Goa?" Sardesai challenged, also calling into question the role of government officials and the Public Service Commission's oversight in such practices. Leaders alleged the real masterminds are still untouched, raising questions about the depth of corruption within the system. Palekar too said current arrests are "just eyewash" and fail to expose the full extent of the corruption involved. He insisted that the scandal is far more systemic, involving powerful individuals from multiple political parties. "Jobs cannot be sold without collusion between ministers and high-level officials," he said underscoring the need for an impartial inquiry to uncover the truth. "A dedicated SIT should be established to investigate the job scam, composed of pro-

fessionals from outside the state administration to ensure an impartial review," demanded Sardesai and sought all ongoing government recruitment should be put on hold to prevent further misconduct. With one of the highest unemployment rates in India at 13.7 percent, Goa faces a significant challenge in providing job opportunities for its educated youth. "We invest in the education of our children, and yet, their merit is ignored in favor of what they can offer as bribes," stated Sardesai. The controversy gained notice in August when Captain Viriato Fernandes raised allegations regarding a prominent individual from Sanquelim—CM's assembly constituency—allegedly accepting bribes for job placements. Despite these claims, no action has been taken against her, prompting opposition leaders to question whether the government is selectively targeting lower-level figures while shielding high-ranking individuals.

## President Murmu to inaugurate Lok Manthan 2024 on November 22

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate Lok Manthan-2024, a colloquium of nationalist thinkers, in the city on November 22. Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, and other dignitaries are also expected to attend the event to be held from November 21 to 24. Organised by Prajna Pravah, an organisation of 'nation-first' intellectuals, researchers, and academicians, the event will feature debates on various topics as well as cultural programmes. The President is scheduled to inaugurate the event on November 22, according to J Nandakumar, national convener of Prajna Pravah. The exhibition and cultural



programmes for LokManthan will begin on November 21, he added. Delegates from foreign countries, including groups that follow pre-Abrahamic traditions, will also participate and perform cultural dances and other exhibitions. The Yazidis, who faced attacks by ISIS, are also expected to attend the conference. LokManthan, a biennial event, was previously held in Bhopal, Ranchi, and Guwahati, starting in 2016.

## Total shutdown affects normal life in Manipur's Imphal Valley



PTI ■ IMPHAL

Normal life was affected in Manipur's Imphal Valley on Wednesday due to a total shutdown called by 13 civil rights organisations to protest the alleged abduction of three women and children each by militants in Jiribam district, officials said. Business establishments and educational institutions in the five Imphal Valley districts of Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Kakching and Bishnupur were closed due to the shutdown which commenced at 6 pm on Tuesday. Both private and inter-district public transportation also remained off the roads and government offices recorded negligible attendance, they said. The shutdown was called by International Peace and Social Advancement (IPSA) along with All Clubs Organisations Association and Meira Paibi Lup (ACOAM Lup), Indigeneous People's Association of Kangleipak (IPAK) and Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) among others. No untoward incident was reported in Imphal Valley during the shutdown. Two trucks carrying goods were, however, set ablaze allegedly by armed militants near Old Kaiphongdai in Nagadominated Tamenglong district near Jiribam. Suspected hill-based militants stopped the trucks along NH 37 by firing several rounds in the air and then torched the trucks, an official said. Rongmei Naga Students

Organisation, Manipur strongly condemned the incident and alleged Kuki militants were behind it. The trucks were transporting rice, onions and potatoes for Noney and Tamenglong districts, the students' body claimed in a statement. The Manipur Police said 10 suspected militants were killed in a fierce gunfight with security forces on Monday after insurgents in camouflage uniforms, armed with sophisticated weapons, fired indiscriminately at the Borobekra police station and an adjacent CRPF camp at Jakuradhor in Jiribam district. However, a senior government official put the toll at 11. Police said purported photographs of the six missing persons in captivity of militants doing the rounds on social media could not be confirmed and the rescue operations were on to trace them. Meanwhile, the state unit of the Congress called for the immediate release of the three women and children each, asserting that the Centre should intervene immediately to bring an end to the clash between the two warring communities in the state. Speaking to reporters, CLP leader Okram Ibobi Singh said, "The situation in the state has worsened in the last few days and nothing is predictable. The rescue or release of the captive women and children on humanitarian grounds would be the most desirable and righteous decision." Singh attacked the state government "over failure to protect

lives and property". "We are not a power-thirsty party but we want to stress that for a government, the priority is to protect peace," he added. "Why are Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah still silent even when it is clear that six innocent women and children have been abducted? Are we not humans? This is not a war between different states or countries but a clash between communities within a state. The Centre and the state should have long brought a solution," he said. "There is no place for violence in a democracy and talks should be initiated to resolve the issue. We have earlier stressed that the Centre should enforce a ceasefire and then call the warring groups for discussions to bring peace. Legal actions should be taken against those engaging in violence on both sides," the former chief minister of Manipur said. Creating a conducive atmosphere before talks are initiated for a permanent solution is a must and the Centre has a big role to play in it, Singh added. More than 200 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups since May last year. Ethnically diverse Jiribam, which was largely untouched by the clashes in Imphal Valley and the adjoining hills, witnessed violence after the mutilated body of a farmer was found in a field in June this year.

## SP's rebel MLA Puja Pal campaigns for BJP in Phulpur by-election

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ PHULPUR

In a notable shift in Uttar Pradesh's political dynamics, Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA Puja Pal has openly joined the campaign for Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Deepak Patel in the Phulpur assembly by-election. Her public endorsement, following her cross-voting for BJP in the Rajya Sabha elections nine months ago, adds significant strength to the BJP's position in this crucial contest. Puja Pal, a prominent figure in the Pal community, which has approximately 20,000 voters in Phulpur, has long fought for justice for her late husband, Raju Pal, who was killed in 2005. Reflecting on her 18-year struggle, she emphasized that justice came only under the leadership of



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. "My community and I finally received justice from CM Yogi. My loyalty lies with justice and self-respect, so I stand with him," she said, noting that her entire community is backing her stance. Puja's history is marked by resilience against formidable adversaries, including the

convicted mafia don Atiq Ahmed, who is accused of orchestrating her husband's murder. "I fought against the mafia for 18 years, living in fear, but I finally feel secure," she added. The murder of Raju Pal, who served as a Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MLA from Allahabad City West, left Puja undeterred, propelling her

into politics where she has since held various positions, transitioning from BSP to SP in 2022. This by-election has brought caste dynamics to the forefront. The BJP, bolstered by Puja's endorsement, is strengthening its influence among Pal, Patel, and Maurya voters, while facing challenges in winning over Brahmin and Kshatriya constituents who may still support BJP due to the lack of a viable alternative. SP, which has fielded Mustafa Siddiqui, has encountered discontent due to the selection of a Muslim candidate, causing a shift among non-Yadav OBC voters towards BJP. In Phulpur's SC-OBC-dominated electorate, the outcome often hinges on the alignment of the Yadav, Patel, and Maurya votes. Traditionally, the SP's base has relied on

Yadav-Muslim support, while BJP courts Patel voters. According to Rajkumar Kashyap, a local resident, the BJP has a clear advantage this time, as the by-election will not alter the state government, leading voters to support BJP on local issues. Meanwhile, the Congress party's recent activities, including rallies and a visit by Rahul Gandhi, failed to secure the Phulpur seat under their alliance, causing internal dissatisfaction that could potentially affect the SP's vote base. Additionally, BSP candidate Jitendra Singh, a newcomer, has entered the race but remains an untested player in this high-stakes election. With Puja Pal's influential support, the BJP's foothold appears to be solidifying in Phulpur, positioning the party strongly against SP and potentially swaying undecided voters.

## Research on disability by Uttar Pradesh NCPEDP fellows to enrich policy making

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

In a promising step towards informed policymaking and raising awareness on the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in Uttar Pradesh, four impactful research findings by fellows of the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP)-Javed Abidi Fellowship Program have been recently released. NCPEDP-Javed Abidi fellowship is an initiative to promote research on disability and enrich the public discourse and a crucial step in nurturing young leaders committed to advancing disability rights. "Our fellows have shown that data-driven advocacy and dedicated outreach can drive meaningful policy change and empower communities. Their work carries forward the inspiring legacy of Late Javed Abidi, honoring his vision of a world without barriers, where everyone has an equal chance to thrive," said Arman Ali, Executive Director, NCPEDP. Javid Khan, focusing on the inclusion of persons with disabilities (PwDs) in livelihood schemes in rural Jalaun, UP,

uncovered critical gaps in employment data and accessibility to government support. His research highlights that many disabled persons are unaware of existing livelihood schemes, with only 10% having taken loans from government banks or received employment training. "Policy reforms are needed to enhance inclusion in employment schemes like MGNREGA, NRLM, and PMKVY, with a focus on outreach and community mobilization to bridge the awareness gap. Capacity-building for local governance and NGOs is also essential to implement disability-inclusive livelihood programs," he said. Amit Kumar Yadav's study on infrastructural accessibility in secondary and intermediate schools in Etah district sheds light on challenges faced by children with disabilities. His research evaluates the Accessible India Campaign and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, revealing low enrollment rates among children with disabilities - 3,117 in primary schools and only 62 in secondary schools. Addressing the often-overlooked area of caregiver

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needs, Priya Srivastava's research in Lucknow reveals significant gaps in caregiving services and the impact of caregiver shortages on disabled people. Her findings show that 85 respondents reported challenges in accessing care, with mobility impairments most affected, followed by cerebral palsy and visual impairments. Only 0.6% of caregivers were professionals, highlighting a heavy reliance on family members, primarily spouses, mothers, and daughters-in-law. "Implementing structured caregiver training programs is crucial to equip caregivers with skills needed to support individuals with complex disabilities," Priya said. "A government-supported caregiver allowance is also vital to ease the financial burden on families, and public campaigns promoting caregiving as a profession are needed to relieve the pressure on women caregivers." Balram Ghoshal's study addresses challenges faced by leprosy-affected individuals in Uttar Pradesh, examining their access to social security, healthcare, and the societal stigma they face.

## Minister Mansukh Mandaviya highlights youths' role in achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047

PTI ■ RAIPUR

Union minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Wednesday said the youth always rendered their services in times of crises for the welfare of the country, and emphasized their role in achieving the vision of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. He was addressing a 'Maati Ke Veer Padyatra' function before the foot march was rolled out in Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh. The event was held as part of the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas to mark the celebrations for the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda on November 15. "Youth have to excel in whatever field they are interested in, whether it is sports or art and culture. The youth have to live for the country and contribute to its development. They have to contribute in realising the dream of developed India," the Sports and Youth Affairs Minister said. The Padyatra (foot march) has been organised by My Bharat volunteers of 150 colleges on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda on November 15, he said. The MY Bharat platform was

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launched by his ministry with the inspiration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to involve the youth in nation-building. So far, about 1.5 crore youths have enrolled themselves on this platform, he said. Highlighting the importance of the MY Bharat platform, the Union minister said, MY Bharat will become a single window system for the youth, where the youth will be able to fulfil their aspirations and contribute in building a developed India. "Whenever there was a need, youth have helped. Youth fought for the country's independence and contributed during COVID-19 crises. Without thinking about their safety, youth delivered food, medicines, masks to the needy during the pandemic and made an unforgettable contribution in vaccination," he said.

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## High stakes battle

Jharkhand election is a crucial test for the ruling coalition as well as for the BJP, which seeks to reclaim its hold

The Jharkhand Assembly elections commenced with the first phase of voting on November 13, with 43 seats across 15 districts up for grabs. This election marks a pivotal moment in the state's political landscape, where two key coalitions—the BJP and the INDIA bloc led by the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Congress—are locked in a fierce battle for control of the Assembly. With high-profile candidates, pressing issues and a focus on tribal constituencies, the stakes are incredibly high for both camps. Jharkhand, carved out of Bihar in 2000, has been a battleground for various political parties, with the BJP historically dominating the state. However, in the last Assembly elections in 2019, the BJP lost power, managing to secure only 25 seats out of the total 81. The JMM emerged as the largest party, winning 30 seats and subsequently forming a coalition government with the Congress, which won 16 seats and the RJD, which held one. This alliance brought Hemant Soren of the JMM into the Chief Minister's seat,



where he has served for the last five years. Hemant Soren's tenure, however, has faced turbulence, including a brief removal from office after his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in a corruption case. Despite these setbacks, Soren has returned to the political stage with a renewed campaign to lead the INDIA bloc's bid for re-election.

The election campaign has highlighted multiple contentious issues. One of the most polarising topics has been "Bangladeshi infiltration." Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who is spearheading the BJP's campaign in Jharkhand, has accused the Hemant Soren-led administration of facilitating illegal migration from Bangladesh for political benefits. Soren, in response, has accused the BJP of sowing communal discord in the state, with support from Congress's national leadership. His counter-campaign has focused on emphasising the BJP's alleged divisive politics and positioning the JMM-led INDIA bloc as a safeguard for Jharkhand's communal harmony and tribal rights. The first phase features several high-stakes contests with major political figures. Among these is the Seraikella seat, where former Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren, who recently left the JMM after four decades to join the BJP, will contest. In Jamshedpur East, Congress's Ajoy Kumar faces off against BJP's Purnima Das Sahu. In Jamshedpur West, Congress Health Minister Banna Gupta is up against JD(U) leader Saryu Roy, who gained fame after defeating Raghuraj Das in 2019 when Das was the sitting Chief Minister. For the BJP, regaining control in Jharkhand is crucial in their larger national strategy to consolidate power in eastern India, especially given their historical dominance in the state. The INDIA bloc, however, views retaining Jharkhand as a cornerstone for strengthening their coalition at a national level. Ultimately, it is the voter sentiment on the ground and the influence of tribal constituencies which are likely to play decisive roles in Jharkhand elections.

### PICTALK



Young men play cricket as dark clouds hover in the sky at the Marina Beach, in Chennai

# India's tax overhaul: Why simplification is the key



SUBHASH CHANDRA AGRAWAL

There is an urgent need for structural reform, streamlining tax rates and enhanced digital transaction incentives to bring clarity, efficiency and fairness to tax regime

The Indian tax system is notoriously complex and outdated, rooted in the six-decade-old Income Tax Act of 1961, which has undergone numerous amendments. These frequent, piecemeal adjustments have created a convoluted tax structure, leaving both taxpayers and administrators struggling with a lack of clarity. Similarly, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) system, introduced in 2017 as a landmark reform to streamline indirect taxes, has also accumulated a variety of confusing provisions and multiple tax rates, making compliance challenging and costly for businesses. This layering of amendments and patchwork reforms in both direct and indirect tax regimes highlights the need for a comprehensive overhaul that simplifies the tax structure.

A unified, streamlined tax regime should be introduced, minimising the countless exemptions that are prone to misuse. Implementing the recommendations of the Raja Chelliah Committee to cap the highest income tax rate at 30 per cent in alignment with global norms had previously succeeded in reducing black money transactions. However, with the reintroduction of additional surcharges and cess, this advantage has largely been negated. Restoring the 30 per cent cap on the highest tax slab would encourage more individuals to report their income accurately, avoiding tax evasion. An alternative solution could be to establish a permanent Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS). Such a system would bring informal transactions, especially in high-value sectors like real estate, into the official economy if accompanied by a reduction in property registration fees to around 3 per cent. To foster transparency and discourage tax evasion, names of taxpayers disclosing income under this scheme could be made public on a government website. Rationalising income tax exemptions would also help simplify the tax landscape. The baseline exemption limit should be set at Rs 5 lakh, removing exemptions for charitable donations, political contributions and even agricul-



tural income, which are often exploited by high-net-worth individuals and celebrities to channel unaccounted income under the guise of agricultural profits. Farmers typically do not earn over Rs 5 lakh annually, so a limit based on this threshold could curtail abuse. Income between Rs5-10 lakh could be taxed at 10 per cent and income between Rs10-15 lakh at 20 per cent, with income above Rs 15 lakh subject to the 30 per cent rate. Additionally, adopting the recommendation of the LK Jha Committee to shift the financial year from April-March to the calendar year would align India's practices with international standards, further streamlining the tax system.

One glaring inefficiency in the tax system is the reliance on cash transactions, particularly for smaller amounts. All transactions above Rs10,000 should be conducted through banks. To encourage this, transaction fees on credit card payments should be reduced to 0.5 per cent-exempt from GST- and absorbed by the central government, which would also discontinue incentives for credit card purchases. This reduced fee would significantly increase credit card usage and thus bring more transactions into the formal economy. Currently, the high 2 per cent transaction fee often deters traders from using cards, especially in sectors with low profit margins, leading to extra charges for customers. Increased credit card usage would generate substantial tax revenue and boost the income



A SIMPLIFIED GST STRUCTURE WITH JUST THREE TAX SLABS-6 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT -WOULD BE FAR MORE MANAGEABLE THAN THE CURRENT SYSTEM WITH MULTIPLE RATES. INDIA REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW COUNTRIES WITH SUCH A FRAGMENTED GST SYSTEM, WHICH IS OFTEN BEWILDERING FOR BUSINESSES

of banks issuing cards, despite the lower transaction fee. To facilitate smooth payments, every GST-registered dealer should maintain at least two card-swiping machines and those refusing to accept cards should face strict penalties. Another significant concern is the Input Tax Credit (ITC) mechanism in the GST regime, which has become a hotbed for tax evasion, especially in manufacturing. Unsold GST invoices are often purchased by manufacturers seeking ITC, who then receive cash back from sellers. This practice has exacerbated the currency-in-circulation issue that demonetization sought to address. To prevent misuse, an annual forensic audit could be mandated for all ITC claims. An even better solution might be to eliminate the 18 per cent GST slab and restrict ITC eligibility to specific sectors like tradable goods, which would streamline GST compliance for manufacturers and reduce tax evasion. A simplified GST structure with just three tax slabs-6 per cent, 12 per cent and 30 per cent-would be far more manageable than the current system with multiple rates. India remains one of the few countries with such a fragmented GST system, which is often bewildering for businesses. Over time, the 6 per cent and 12 per cent slabs could be consolidated into a single 10 per cent rate. Essential raw materials such as agricultural products, fish and cotton yarn, which require further processing, could remain

exempt. High-value items like cars, appliances, and electronics should fall under the 30 per cent GST bracket, while parts for these items could be taxed at 12 per cent. The existing system, which categorises similar items under different rates, such as clutch plates at 18 per cent and clutch bearings at 28 per cent, causes unnecessary confusion. Similarly, edible items sold by confectioners are subject to different rates, with sweets, biscuits and snacks varying between 5 per cent and 28 per cent.

Jewelry is another area that could benefit from rationalisation. The GST on gold jewelry could be split into two parts-one for the metal content and the other for making charges. Cess on luxury items could be replaced with additional GST slabs, ideally bringing petroleum products under the GST regime to standardise fuel prices nationwide. Further reforms should address inconsistencies in applying GST to government transactions, postal services, and foreign mail tariffs. It is counterintuitive for government payments to incur GST, as this creates unnecessary accounting complexities, merely transferring funds between government departments. Similarly, postal rates, both domestic and international, require a more logical pricing structure with consistent increments.

(The writer is Guinness World Record holder and RTI Consultant; views are personal)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### YUNUS FACES CHALLENGES

Madam— Bangladesh's interim government led by Muhammad Yunus, which has shown very few signs of effectively tackling major problems confronting the country, intends to approach Interpol to arrest and bring back former premier Sheikh Hasina and other members of her administration. The people in Bangladesh remain concerned about the high cost of living, law and order and the return of Islamist forces suppressed under Hasina. The world community has its concerns about violence against minority communities, especially Hindus, who make up 8 per cent of the country's population. The Yunus-led setup needs to rethink its priorities if it wants a healthy electoral democracy for Bangladesh, especially at a time when members of the caretaker administration appear to be working at cross purposes.

The Yunus government is also seeking to impose a ban on the Awami League. An election without the Awami League will be a sham; it will be the same kind of controlled democracy Hasina imposed on Bangladesh to prevent her rivals from participating in electoral politics. Yunus, an unelected caretaker, should provide the healing touch of reconciliation rather than letting radical colleagues, some with dubious antecedents, dictate the politics of revenge. At the same time, Yunus should not let political chaos return to Bangladesh, harming relations with neighbours and derailing the positive economic path the country had been pursuing.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Washington

#### ARAB LEADERS UNITE

Madam— Arab and Muslim leaders gathered in Saudi Arabia for a summit to address Israel's conflicts in Gaza and Lebanon. The summit, organised by the Saudi Foreign Ministry, comes a year after a similar meeting condemned Israel's actions in Gaza. Leaders are expected to discuss ongoing violence and regional developments, as well as call for an end

## Health risks of tattooing



The growing trend of tattooing, which has become a widespread fashion among people of all ages, including celebrities and common individuals. However, this practice often continues without consideration of its harmful health impacts. The increase in tat-

toeing has been linked to the spread of serious diseases. For instance, in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, 60 women were diagnosed with an AIDS-like disease due to the repeated use of a single, HIV-infected needle.

Such unsafe practices pose a significant threat, leading to the spread of diseases like HIV and hepatitis. Additionally, reports warn of a potential risk of skin cancer from tattoo inks containing harmful chemicals such as polyethylene glycol. These findings emphasise the urgent need for awareness and caution. It is crucial for individuals to ensure that tattoo parlours use sterilised needles and safe, approved inks. Consulting a doctor before getting a tattoo can also help mitigate health risks. Public health authorities should conduct awareness campaigns to educate people about these dangers.

Jakir Hussain | Kanpur

increase military equipment with immediate effect.

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

#### RENEW CRICKET TIES

Madam— It will be nice if the BCCI reconsiders its decision of not sending the Indian cricket team to Pakistan to participate in the Champions Trophy to be held there next year.

Unlike politics, sports enable people to channel emotional impulses through victory and defeat, which may help explain why some key India-Pakistan cricket games have helped both nations move closer diplomatically in tense geopolitical environments. Through phased timelines and subnational trust-based initiatives, India and Pakistan can certainly resume cricketing ties and normalise their political relations. The Champions Trophy 2025 provides a great opportunity to realise the same.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

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## Diverse, climate-responsive design is key to net-zero goals

As cities push toward net-zero targets, it is crucial to consider how climate-responsive design can drive a sustainable future

Diversity is the rule of nature. Unfortunately, globalisation has made uniformity a common rule of thumb. This uniform culture not only erodes the cultural diversity we used to observe in every corner of the world but also harms the environment. It is imperative to look closely at how building architecture contributes to the stability of the environment.

The universalisation of building architecture poses a significant challenge to achieving net-zero targets. Though widely adopted for efficiency and branding purposes, this "one-size-fits-all" approach may ultimately hinder the push for sustainable, regionally adaptable and carbon-neutral construction. Different regions possess unique climatic and environmental conditions, from the humidity of tropical areas to the aridity of deserts and the chill of temperate zones. The universal approach to architecture fails to acknowledge these variations, leading to buildings that are fundamentally out of sync with their surroundings. For example, glass buildings are highly



energy-intensive in hot climates, requiring powerful air conditioning to maintain comfort levels. Traditional architecture provides a blueprint for climate-responsive design. Indigenous buildings reflect local knowledge of materials and climate, demonstrating how structures can achieve comfort with minimal energy input. For example, the traditional architecture of Kerala, the nalukettu style (four-sided structure with a central open courtyard), an ettukettu (eight-sided) or even a pathinarukettu (sixteen-sided) layout brings in natural light and ventilation, creating a cooling effect within the home. The steep, sloping roofs of clay tiles that usual-

ly adorn the traditional architecture allow rainwater to run off efficiently during Kerala's monsoon season. This roof style not only serves to prevent waterlogging but also helps keep the interiors cool.

Similarly, the thatched houses made from palm leaves, straw, or reeds provide excellent thermal insulation, making the interiors naturally cool. These traditional designs, often overlooked or deemed "outdated," hold valuable lessons for sustainable construction. These structures rely heavily on artificial heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems by ignoring local environmental factors, resulting in increased energy consumption and carbon emissions. Incorporating regional adaptations into building codes can encourage architects and urban planners play a critical role by mandating energy-efficient designs aligned with the local environment. Additionally, incentive structures—such as tax breaks or subsidies for buildings that achieve high

environmental ratings using regional materials—could drive more developers toward climate-responsive practices. Achieving net zero requires a fundamental shift in how we conceive, design, and construct buildings. Global architectural firms and developers must recognise that regional adaptation is not a limitation but an opportunity for innovation.

A glass-and-steel tower may look sleek, but its environmental footprint should be minimised by integrating green roofs, indigenous materials, and passive climate strategies. Ultimately, the transition to net zero requires a new paradigm where buildings are no longer static, universal symbols of modernity but dynamic, responsive structures that work with—rather than against—their environment. Embracing diversity in architecture is not just about aesthetics or cultural representation; it is an essential strategy for sustainable living in a warming world.

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## FIRST COLUMN

### MAKE A HABIT OF PRAYING

Praying is the easiest and best way to take shelter from God



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

We, souls, are intrinsically small, quite ignorant, unsafe and mostly helpless. God is omnipotent, omniscient and controller. God is quite prepared to guide and help, but we have to pray for His guidance and help. God won't do it on His own, because that will encroach upon our free will. So, what is the wise thing to do? Just pray. It is as simple as that. Not praying is not really an option. Otherwise, we will begin to speculate and, yes, worry. Why does one not pray? There are two main reasons.

One is ignorance about its benefits. The other is a feeling that one doesn't need God's help; I can manage. We don't till we get in trouble. We can pray anytime; God doesn't mind. Strangely, we request favours from so many, but not from God, who is the source of everything. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 10.41) Praying is a positive act. This is linked with our desires, which define us. Did you not know that all worship is praying only? All schools worldwide start with prayers. Prayers are of three types. One is for what we feel we need. (9.22) The second is for the protection of what we have like health. (9.22) The third and most important is to protect us when there are good times.

Lord Krishna has commended those who can tolerate 'sukha' just as one tolerates 'duhkha' (2.14, 2.38 and 12.13) Because all big mistakes are generally made in happy times only when one feels that one cannot do any wrong. This is when lust raises its ugly head the most. The mind becomes super active prodded by senses. (15.7) God can



help as only He can. But before doing that ego has to be curbed. We have to accept that someone can be superior to us and to such an extent that we must take His shelter. This is how we get started. You begin praying and start becoming deserving of favours by God, because praying is a spiritual act, as it links us with God. Does being connected with the rich and powerful not bring some benefits? Then, God owns all that we see.

Yes, it is all His; we get it to use for a limited period only. Then, we are relocated. Now I will list what all we can pray for. This is not an exhaustive list, but it will be a good beginning. The first must be for guidance because direction is all important. Who is better placed than God, who is omniscient and knows past, present and future also. The second on my list is help from God. Who again is better placed than God – the omnipotent?

Don't we get in trouble helplessly? God can help. (18.58) The third must be for 'shakti' (strength) of five kinds, which are inner strength (Atma Bala), intellectual strength, mental strength, physical strength and strength to be able to tolerate. We need all of them, especially the toleration part because we must tolerate what cannot be avoided. (2.10) Aren't we living in 'dukhkhalaya' (place of miseries) (8.15) Material wealth is on everyone's list. This is possible if we remain in contact with God. (18.78) Not only wealth but success is there to be had if we pray and pray sincerely for all our 'dharma' (according to 'dharma') activities. (18.78)

The conclusion is that praying is the easiest and best way to take shelter from God. And as we receive what we crave for, and we can thank gratefully. What this will do is make us deserving of more rewards from God. Life will be nicely set. Keep praying.

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# Are e-commerce giants violating FDI norms?



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As policymakers consider future regulatory steps, the ongoing ED investigation may serve as a pivotal moment in clarifying the regulatory framework for e-commerce operations in India



Reportedly, on October 7, 2024, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raided the offices of half a dozen sellers operating on the e-commerce platforms of Amazon and Walmart-owned Flipkart for alleged violations of Foreign Investment norms and Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The intent behind the searches was to gather evidence on complaints that these sellers have been importing products from China but routing them through other locations to avoid paying higher import duties and longer time in getting the consignment cleared at the ports (that would be the case if the products were imported directly from China involving higher import tariff and more security-related checks).

The agency also wanted to verify if the firms had indulged in 'under-invoicing', a practice that involves understatement of the true value of goods to save on payment of import duty. Establishing such violations will be less of a headache for the enforcement authorities although proving them in the court will remain a challenge apart from the process being long drawn. However, the big headache relates to proving violations of the norms relating to foreign direct investment (FDI). E-commerce, put simply, is the practice of buying and selling goods or services using the Internet. Amazon and Flipkart essentially operate the "market-place" model of e-commerce – a special dispensation carved out by the Narendra Modi Government under which 100 per cent FDI is permitted.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade or DPIIT in the Ministry of Commerce and Industries issued a Press Note (PN) in 2016 detailing the guidelines in this regard. The "market-place" is a platform where vendors sell their products to consumers even as its owner (say, Amazon) merely acts as a facilitator. The marketplace owner books orders, raises invoices, arranges deliveries, accepts payments, handles rejections, warehousing and so on. But, he can't own and control the inventory of goods and undertake "direct selling" to the consumer. But, this is happening.

The charge has been levelled by none other than the Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. At the launch of the Pable India Foundation's report 'Net Impact



AMAZON IS SELLING PRODUCTS ON ITS E-COMMERCE PLATFORM AT UNREALISTICALLY LOW PRICES WHICH RESULTS IN HEAVY LOSSES ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY

of E-Commerce on Employment and Consumer Welfare in India' on August 21, 2024, Goyal took a shot at Amazon, for selling products directly to consumers and indulging in "predatory pricing". That could lead to massive growth of e-commerce capturing half of the Indian retail market ten years from now. This would adversely impact an estimated 100 million small retailers across the country. Predatory pricing involves setting prices for a product at an unrealistically low level to undercut the competition and gain market share. Generally practised by a new player, predatory pricing violates antitrust laws even as it seeks to create a monopoly. Goyal opines that Amazon is selling products on its e-commerce platform at unrealistically low prices which results in heavy losses estimated to be about a billion dollars annually. To fund these losses, it brings the money from its parent but camouflages it as FDI. Pertinently, he levelled these charges in 2020 also.

Apart from the top brass in the political establishment being fully seized of the matter, it has engaged the attention of the judiciary up to the level of the country's top court. In 2019, Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh (DVM) complained to the Competition Commission of India (CCI) alleging anti-competitive behaviour by Amazon Seller Services (ASS) and Flipkart Internet Private Limited (FIPL).

It argued that ASS and FIPL had entered into exclusive sales agreements with smartphone makers to sell certain phones through a small number of preferred sellers and offering to pay for part of the discount that such sellers would offer during key sales periods such as Flipkart's big billion day and Amazon's Prime Day.

Prima facie, the CCI agreed with DVM's contention and ordered a probe by the Director General (DG) – Investigation. ASS and

FIPL went up to the Supreme Court (SC) to get the order quashed. In August 2021, dismissing their appeal, the SC ordered "the CCI – DG will complete the probe. In its recent findings, the CCI-DG has charged ASS and FIPL with indulging in 'predatory pricing' and violation of antitrust laws. Has Amazon/Flipkart violated FDI norms also?"

To answer this let us look at the fine print. While allowing 100 per cent FDI in a market-place model of e-commerce, the PN (2016) had prescribed two main riders viz., (i) the entity can't permit more than 25 per cent of total sales on its platform from one vendor or its group companies; (ii) it can't directly or indirectly influence the sale price. The first condition didn't specify that a firm connected with the owner of "market-place" (say its subsidiary or its joint venture or JV with an Indian company) couldn't be a vendor. Thus, contrary to the real intent of the policy which disallowed the e-commerce platform owners from direct selling to individual consumers, the fine print permitted them to do so. Putting a cap of 25 per cent on each such entity led to a bizarre scenario whereby four JVs or subsidiaries of Amazon could control all of the sales on its platform.

And, having permitted it as a direct seller, you can't prevent him from deciding/influencing the price. Thus, the second condition becomes redundant. Meanwhile, the extant policy permits FDI in business-to-business or B2B segments in physical/offline format. This has enabled Amazon and Flipkart to set up offline stores. From these stores, they sell products to sellers (many of such entities are the darlings of the duo or JVs set up in collaboration with them), who in turn, sell those products on their marketplace platform.

So, it was a well-crafted policy framework intended to enable e-

commerce majors to do all that is necessary to control inventory and undertake direct selling to consumers on their own marketplace platform. Meanwhile, in a note issued on December 26, 2018, the DPIIT clarified that "the owner of the marketplace or its subsidiary or its JV with Indian company can't have ownership of the seller." Further, "a seller on the platform can't source more than 25 per cent of its inventory from a firm connected with the latter. The above clarification has prompted e-commerce majors to rework strategies in a manner such that their links with the 'preferred' sellers are not clearly visible.

Meanwhile, the enforcement agencies are in full action mode raiding the latter's premises, looking at the documents with the intent to identify and expose such links. But, this won't lead them anywhere. The government should face the facts head-on.

If, its original intent was to ensure that the marketplace can't have any connection whatsoever with the seller whether by way of ownership or sourcing of the latter's inventory, that should have been mentioned in the guidelines issued in 2016. Anything done subsequently even if it comes by way of a clarification will be considered a retrospective change of policy and send a wrong signal.

Instead of going back, the government should clearly say '100 per cent FDI is permitted in direct selling to consumers alongside running a marketplace model. It should also allow 100 per cent FDI in retail in all forms, single-brand or multi-brand retail (MBR), online or offline sans any riders. All these distinctions should go. This will enable millions of Indian retailers to have 'unrestrained' access to foreign capital thereby ensuring a level playing field.

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

# Taiwan and India: A partnership in climate action and sustainable development

This partnership is poised to make meaningful contributions to net-zero transitions, green finance and climate adaptation, paving the way for a resilient future

As climate change reshapes our world, Taiwan and India, like many other nations, find themselves grappling with the profound challenges it brings. As major economies in the Indo-Pacific, Taiwan and India not only bear responsibility for their environmental welfare but also share a commitment to addressing the global climate crisis.

Our cooperation on climate change holds immense potential, as Taiwan and India pursue a shared vision of green growth, innovation and sustainable development. In recent years, Taiwan has faced severe impacts from climate change, including the worst drought in a century, unprecedented rainfall and powerful typhoons. Under the leader-



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ship of President Lai Ching-te, Taiwan has outlined a comprehensive strategy for achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

This vision includes advancing a second energy transition, accelerating the development of geothermal, hydrogen, biomass, solar and ocean energy, fostering a dual digital and green transformation of industries, and promoting sustainable lifestyles. Taiwan's

net-zero journey prioritises fairness, ensuring that every individual benefits from this transformative process. In June, Taiwan established the National Climate Change Committee under the Office of the President. This high-level initiative strengthens policy transparency and public engagement, aligning Taiwan's efforts with global climate goals.

With a focus on seven key areas—including pathways to net-zero, diverse carbon reduction technologies, green finance and sustainable living—the committee provides a solid foundation for both domestic and international climate action. Taiwan's commitment to climate governance offers an opportunity for new collaborations with

India on issues of mutual interest. India has demonstrated its ambition to become a global leader in clean energy, possessing rich resources for renewable energy development.

Taiwan, a world leader in green technology, climate adaptation and low-carbon innovation, complements India's strengths, allowing both countries to accelerate their sustainable development goals. Taiwan has integrated its 2050 net-zero target into the Climate Change Response Act and will implement a carbon fee system starting in 2025.

This initial carbon fee of approximately USD 10 per ton of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e) will gradually increase, aligning with inter-



national standards of USD 40 to USD 60 per tCO2e by 2030. Additionally, Taiwan plans to introduce an emissions trading system within the next four years, enhancing its role in the global carbon market. This framework presents a robust platform for cooperation in carbon markets, policy exchanges, and technology sharing. Taiwan is launching three major funds to

boost the growth of green industries, including the NT\$10 billion Green Growth Fund to support emerging net-zero industries domestically. Additionally, long-term investments in energy-saving, circular economy, and net-zero sectors will be supported by the Green Finance Innovation Fund, backed by the insurance and finance sectors.

The Taiwan Net-Zero Fund will collaborate with high-emission industries, venture capital, and financial institutions to invest in advanced carbon reduction technologies. These initiatives align with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement, which calls for mobilising climate finance from various sources to support global climate actions.

Taiwan's efforts will attract greater green investment, strengthen international competitiveness and deepen its climate partnership with India. In the realm of climate adaptation, Taiwan released its latest National Climate Change Science Report in May.

This report provides essential scientific data to assist local governments in planning effective short- and medium-term adaptation measures, enhancing urban resilience.

It underscores the need for early-warning systems and disaster prevention mechanisms that integrate prediction, response and recovery. Taiwan's adaptation initiatives align with Article 7 of the Paris Agreement and we see

great potential for Taiwan and India to collaborate on early-warning technologies, disaster prevention and resilience-building, strengthening both nations' ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Taiwan and India share a clear goal in climate action. Bilateral cooperation will promote green growth and jointly confront the global climate crisis. As Taiwan advances carbon pricing and green technologies, we look forward to deepening cooperation with India in renewable energy, net-zero transition, and technological innovation, contributing together to global climate governance.

(The writer is Taiwan's Representative to India; views are personal)

# Judge delays ruling on Trump's conviction

AP ■ NEW YORK

A judge on Tuesday postponed a decision on whether to undo President-elect Donald Trump's conviction in his hush money case as prosecutors consider how to proceed in light of last week's election and his lawyers argue for dismissal so he can run the country.

The postponement comes at a dramatic and dynamic point in the case, which focused on how Trump accounted for payments to a porn actor before the 2016 election and produced a first-ever conviction of a former commander-in-chief.

Sentencing had been set for Nov 26. But prosecutors now say they're reassessing, and they appear open to the possibility that the proceedings can't go as planned.

"These are unprecedented circumstances," prosecutor Matthew Colangelo wrote in an email to the

court. He said prosecutors need to consider how to balance the "competing interests" of the jury's verdict and the presidency.

Trump lawyer Emil Bove, meanwhile, argued the case must be thrown out altogether "to avoid unconstitutional impediments to President Trump's ability to govern."

The messages were part of an email chain released Tuesday, when New York Judge Juan M Merchan had been set to rule on Trump lawyers' earlier request to toss his conviction for a different reason — because of a US Supreme Court ruling this summer on presidential immunity.

Instead, Merchan told Trump's lawyers he'd halt proceedings and delay the ruling until at least Nov 19 so that prosecutors can suggest a way forward. Both sides agreed to the one-week postponement.

Trump campaign spokesperson

Steven Cheung heralded the delay. He said in a statement that the president-elect's win makes it "abundantly clear that Americans want an immediate end to the weaponisation of our justice system, including this case, which should have never been filed".

Prosecutors declined to comment. A jury convicted Trump in May of falsifying business records related to a \$130,000 payment to porn actor Stormy Daniels in 2016. The payout was to buy her silence about claims that she had sex with Trump.

Trump says they didn't have sex, denies any wrongdoing and maintains the prosecution was a political tactic meant to harm his latest campaign. Trump is a Republican. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, whose office brought the case, is a Democrat, as is Merchan.

Just over a month after the verdict,

the Supreme Court ruled that ex-presidents can't be prosecuted for actions they took in the course of running the country, and prosecutors can't cite those actions even to bolster a case centered on purely personal conduct.

Trump's lawyers cited that ruling to argue that the hush money jury got some evidence it shouldn't have, such as Trump's presidential financial disclosure form and testimony from some White House aides.

Prosecutors disagreed and said the evidence in question was only "a sliver" of their case.

Trump's criminal conviction was a first for any ex-president. It left the 78-year-old facing the possibility of a fine, probation or up to four years in prison.

The case centered on how Trump accounted for reimbursing a personal attorney for the Daniels payment.

The then-lawyer, Michael Cohen,

fronted the money. He later recouped it through a series of payments that Trump's company logged as legal expenses. Trump, by then in the White House, signed most of the checks himself.

Prosecutors said the designation was meant to cloak the true purpose of the payments and help cover up a broader effort to keep voters from hearing unflattering claims about Trump during his first campaign.

Trump said that Cohen was legitimately paid for legal services, and that Daniels' story was suppressed to avoid embarrassing Trump's family, not to influence the electorate.

Trump was a private citizen, campaigning for president, when Cohen paid Daniels in October 2016. He was president when Cohen was reimbursed, and Cohen testified that they discussed the repayment arrangement in the Oval Office.

# Russia launches first missile attack on Kyiv in months as NKorean troops fight in Kursk

AP ■ KYIV

Russia attacked the Ukrainian capital Kyiv with a sophisticated combination of missiles and drones for the first time in 73 days on Wednesday, authorities reported, as the Pentagon said most of the North Korean troops sent to help Moscow's war effort are fighting to drive Ukraine's army off Russian soil in the Kursk border region.

Air raid warnings blared for hours as Russia targeted eight regions of Ukraine, firing six ballistic and cruise missiles and 90 drones, the Ukrainian air force said. Air defences downed four missiles and 37 drones, and another 47 drones were stopped by electronic jamming, the statement said. The damage was being assessed.

The air assault came as most of the more than 10,000 North Korean troops sent by Pyongyang to help Moscow in the war are engaged in combat in Russia's Kursk border region, according to the Pentagon. A Ukrainian army incursion into Kursk three months ago has succeeded in holding a broad area of land and has embarrassed the Kremlin.

Russia's military has trained the North Korean soldiers in artillery, drone

skills and basic infantry operations, including trench clearing, Pentagon deputy spokesperson Vedant Patel told a briefing Tuesday. The cooperation faces challenges, according to the Pentagon, including how to achieve military interoperability and overcoming the language barrier.

Kyiv officials say Russia has deployed around 50,000 troops to Kursk in a bid to dislodge the Ukrainians.

Russia has in recent months been assembling forces for a counteroffensive in Kursk, according to the Institute for the Study of War think tank, though the timescale of the operation is not known.

Russia's plans in Kursk and Ukraine's efforts to hold back a Russian onslaught in the eastern Donetsk region coincide with political uncertainty over how a US administration under Donald Trump will change Washington's policy on the war. US military aid is vital for Ukraine, but Trump has signalled he doesn't want to keep giving tens of billions of dollars to Kyiv.

President Joe Biden intends to bolster US military support to Ukraine in the final months of his administration, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Wednesday.

# China holds combat drills at disputed Scarborough Shoal

AP ■ BEIJING

China held sea and air combat drills Wednesday at the disputed Scarborough Shoal, an area of reefs and rocks the Philippines also claims in the South China Sea.

On Sunday, China published new baselines for the shoal including geographic coordinates. A nation's territorial waters and exclusive economic zone are typically defined as the distance from the baselines.

"This is a patrol and guard activity carried out by the theatre troops in accordance with the law," the People's Liberation Army's southern command said in a short statement.

China seized the shoal, which lies west of the main Philippine island of Luzon, in 2012 and has since restricted access to Filipino fishermen there. A 2016 ruling by an international arbitration court found that most Chinese claims in the South China Sea were invalid but Beijing refuses to abide by it.

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		Quarter ended 30.09.2024	Half Year ended 30.09.2024	Quarter ended 30.09.2023	Half Year ended 30.09.2023	Quarter ended 30.09.2023
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
1	Total income from operations (net)	-	0.01	0.03	5.19	7.95
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(1.88)	(3.13)	(0.28)	1.86	4.01
3	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(1.88)	(3.13)	(0.28)	1.86	4.01
4	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(1.88)	(3.13)	(0.28)	(2.20)	(1.01)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	276.82	491.05	87.24	1,043.47	1,828.64
6	Equity share capital (Face Value of Rs.10/- each)	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
7	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (Face Value of ₹ 10/- each)					
	(a) Basic (Rs.)	(0.78)	(1.30)	(0.11)	(0.92)	(0.42)
	(b) Diluted (Rs.)	(0.78)	(1.30)	(0.11)	(0.92)	(0.42)

RenServ Global Private Limited						
(Formerly known as ReNew Services Private Limited) CIN No. : U74999DL2019PTC348911 Regd. Office : 138, Ansal Chambers II, Bikaji Cama Place, Delhi-110066 Corporate Office : ReNew.hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase-V, Gurugram, 122009, Haryana, Phone - 0124-4896 670/ 80 Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2024 (Amounts in INR millions, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated)						
Particulars	Quarter ended 30 September 2024	Quarter ended 30 June 2024	Quarter ended 30 September 2023	Half Year ended 30 September 2024	Half Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 31 March 2024
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Total Income from Operations	1,214	1,109	1,114	2,323	2,030	4,214
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	9	(46)	277	(37)	222	140
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	9	(46)	277	(37)	222	140
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	16	(44)	278	(28)	222	189
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	16	(44)	278	(28)	222	192
Paid up Equity Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(14)	(30)	46	136	46	16
Net worth**	2.36	(30)	46	136	46	16
Debt Equity Ratio *	1.63	2.29	0.47	2.63	0.47	2.39
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
1. Basic : (in Rs.)	1,581.51	(4,426.09)	27,847.30	(2,844.58)	22,090.65	18,869.11
2. Diluted : (in INR)	1,581.51	(4,426.09)	27,847.30	(2,844.58)	22,090.65	18,869.11
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	1.04	1.04	1.7	1.04	-	1.04
Interest Service Coverage Ratio *	1.53	1.24	1.04	1.38	(1.80)	2.64
Current ratio	1.53	1.24	6.57	1.39	3.49	2.64
Long Term Debt to Working Capital	1.30	1.29	1.07	1.30	1.07	2.18
Bad debts to Account receivable Ratio*	1.02	1.03	2.00	1.02	2.00	1.03
Current Liability Ratio	0.75	0.76	0.87	0.75	0.87	0.45
Total Debts to Total Assets Ratio	0.57	0.57	0.12	0.57	0.12	0.59
Debtors Turnover Ratio*	0.36	0.26	0.38	0.53	0.70	1.24
Inventory Turnover Ratio*	0.58	0.62	0.83	1.22	1.67	3.18
Operating margin (%)	6%	9%	28%	7%	15%	8%
Net profit margin (%)	1%	(4%)	25%	(1%)	11%	4%

Notes :

- Ratios have been computed as follows :
  - Earning per share (Basic and Diluted) = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares
  - Debt Equity Ratio = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders / Equity (Equity share capital + share premium + quasi equity i.e. Short term borrowing).
  - Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, prior period items, tax, extraordinary items and depreciation / (Total Interest Expense).
  - Debt Service Coverage Ratio = (Net Profit after taxes + non-cash operating expenses + interest + Depreciation + tax expense) / (Total Interest Expense + Long Term Debt Principal repayments)
  - Current Ratio = Current Assets/ Current Liabilities
  - Long Term Debt to Working Capital = Non- Current borrowing including current maturities of Non-current borrowings/ (Current Assets - Current Liabilities excluding current maturities of Non-current borrowings)
  - Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio = Bad debts / Average Trade receivables and Average unbilled Revenue
  - Current Liability Ratio = Current Liabilities/ Total Liabilities
  - Total Debts to total Assets = Total outstanding debts/ Total Assets
  - Debtors turnover = Revenue from operation/ Average trade receivables and Average unbilled Revenue
  - Inventory Turnover = Revenue from operations/ Average inventories
  - Operating margin(%) = (Profit before tax + Finance costs - Other income)/ Revenue from operations
  - Net Profit Margin (%) = Net profit after Tax/ Revenue from Operations
  - Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders)
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the BSE Limited (BSE) under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company - https://renew.com.
- For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the BSE and can be accessed on the URL https://www.bseindia.com/.
- The Company is in the business of operation and maintenance of wind and solar power plants. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of Ind AS - 108 "Operating Segments".
- The above financial results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2024 have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held on 13 November 2024.
- The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies.
- Care Ratings has assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "CARE A+ (CE)" with stable outlook.
- Previous period figures have been re-grouped / re-classified wherever necessary, to conform to current period's classification.

For and on behalf of the  
RenServ Global Private Limited  
(Formerly known as ReNew Services Private Limited)  
(Sd./) Sanjay Jagadish Kulkarni  
Managing Director, DIN : 07852390  
Place : Gurugram  
Date : 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

SUPERIOR FINLEASE LIMITED						
CIN: L74899DL1980PLC061995 Regd. Off: NS-92, Kharsa No-33/21, Ranaji Enclave, Najafgarh, Near Arjun Park Bus Stand New Delhi -110043; Email id: superiorfinlease@gmail.com; Website: www.superiorfinlease.com						
Extract of Statement of Un-audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (Rupees in lacs)						
Sl No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Half Year ended		Year ended
		30-09-24	30-06-24	30-09-23	30-09-23	31-03-24
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Revenue from Operations	22.83	22.54	24.27	45.37	48.84
2	Profit / (loss) before exceptional items and tax (III-IV)	13.73	3.25	-9.36	16.98	-15.59
3	Profit/(loss) before tax (V-VI)	13.73	3.25	-9.36	16.98	-15.59
4	Profit / (loss) for the period from continuing operations (VII-VIII)	13.73	3.25	-9.36	16.98	-15.59
5	Total Comprehensive income for the period (XII + XV)	13.73	3.25	-9.36	16.98	-15.59
6	Paid up equity share capital (Face value Rs. 1/- per share)	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10
7	Reserve excluding Revaluation Reserves as per balance sheet of previous accounting year	383.79	383.79	383.79	383.79	383.79
8	Earnings per equity share					
	(1) Basic (in Rupees)	0.05	0.01	-0.03	0.06	-0.05
	(2) Diluted (in Rupees)	0.05	0.01	-0.03	0.06	-0.05

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly ended Financial Results filed with the stock exchange under regulation 33of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange Website i.e. www.sebi.in and www.bseindia.com and company's website i.e. www.superiorfinlease.com.

For Superior Finlease Limited  
Sd/-  
Rajneesh Kumar  
Director  
DIN: 02463693  
Place : New Delhi  
Date : 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

UNITED LEASING AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED						
Reg. Office: Plot No. 66 Sector 34 EHTP Gurgaon, Haryana, India, -122001 CIN NO. L17100HR1983PLC033460, Phone: 0124-4200274, Email: teamunitel83@gmail.com						
EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 (Rupees in Lakhs)						
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30/09/2024	Preceding 3 Months ended (31-06-2024)	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year (30-09-2023)	Current Year ended 31Mar 2024	
		(3 Months ended) (30-09-2024)	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	172.94	153.46	156.55	719.58	719.58
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	14.22	10.63	5.32	8.39	8.39
3	Net Profit before tax for the period (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	14.22	10.63	5.32	8.39	8.39
4	Net Profit for the period after tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	14.22	10.63	5.32	8.39	8.39
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after Tax))	-	-	-	-	-
6	Equity Shares Capital (Face value Rs.10/- Per equity share)	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
7	Earnings Per Share of Rs. 10/- each (for continuing and discontinued Operations) Basic and diluted	0.47	0.35	0.18	0.28	0.28

Notes:

- The above Financial Results were reviewed by the Members of Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. The Statutory Auditors of the company have carried out a Limited Review of the Financials for these financials.
- The Company has adopted Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) notified by Ministry of Corporate Affairs from 1st April 2017, with a transition date 1st April 2016 and accordingly these financial result have been prepared in accordance with the companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules, 2015 prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.
- Figures for the prior period have been regrouped and / or rearranged wherever considered necessary as per the revised format prescribed by SEBI under SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and amended as per the Schedule III of the Companies Act, 2013.

For UNITED LEASING & INDUSTRIES LIMITED  
Sd/-  
ASHISH KHANNA  
MANAGING DIRECTOR  
DIN : 01251582  
Place : New Delhi  
Date : 12-11-2024

PRAKASH WOOLLEN & SYNTHETIC MILLS LIMITED						
Regd. office. 18th KM Stone, Delhi Moradabad Road, NH24, Village-Amhera, Distt: J.P.NAGAR-244102, U.P. CIN-L17291UP1979PLC004804 PH: 8791001430, 9760091983, Email: info@prakashwoollen.com, Website: www.prakashwoollen.com						
Extract of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter And Half Year Ended 30/09/2024 (Rs in lakhs)						
Particulars	3 months ended 30.09.2024	Preceding 3 months ended 30.06.2024	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year 30.09.2023	Year to date figures for current period ended 30.09.2024	Year to date figures for the previous year ended 30.09.2023	Previous year ended 31.03.2024
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1. Total income from operations (net)	2827.13	1387.14	2499.39	4214.27	4139.71	10214.36
2. Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax and Exceptional Items	(191.42)	(53.09)	(153.74)	(244.51)	(170.24)	18.51
3. Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax after Exceptional Items	(191.42)	(53.09)	(153.74)	(244.51)	(170.24)	18.51
4. Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and Exceptional items	(99.13)	(31.59)	(92.72)	(130.72)	(158.82)	95.97
5. Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(99.13)	(31.59)	(92.72)	(130.70)	(158.82)	79.80
6. Equity Share Capital (Face value Rs 10 each)	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98
7. Other equity	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Earnings per share for discontinued & continuing operations (of Rs. 10/-each):						
(a) Basic	(0.97)	(0.31)	(0.90)	(1.27)	(1.55)	0.94
(b) Diluted	(0.97)	(0.31)	(0.90)	(1.27)	(1.55)	0.94

Notes:

- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on November 13, 2024.
- The standalone results have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- The company is engaged in the blankets business, therefore, there is only one reportable segment as defined in Ind AS-108. Hence, segment reporting is not applicable to the company.
- The blankets business is seasonal in nature and accordingly financial results for the quarter are not representative of the whole year.
- Previous year/ quarter figures have been regrouped wherever required.

By Order of The Board  
For Prakash Woollen & Synthetic Mills Limited  
Sd/-  
Vijay Kumar Gupta  
Whole Time Director & CFO  
DIN: 00335325  
Place : Village Amhera (Amroha)  
Date : 13-11-2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mr. Mahaveer Jaiswal is the owner of RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO. 2101, AREA MEASURING 100 SQ. YDS. (IE. 53.61 SQ. METRS. OUT OF KHASKA NO. 157 MIN. SITUATED AT RESIDENTIAL COLONY RAM PARK, EXT. BHIRODA, IN THE VILLAGE HAKIKATPUR ALIAS KHUDBARANS, PARGANA LONI, TEHSIL LONI, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, U.P. by virtue of Sale Deed Dated 25.09.2024, as Doc. No. 17290, and Mr. Mahaveer Jaiswal is intending to sell the same to intending borrower i.e. Suresh Chandra and same property to be financed by SMEG India Home Finance Company Limited. General public hereby informed that if anybody has any change interest in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present. **Rahul Raj Parthak, Advocate** (Firm Name: Parthak & Associates, Law Firm) F1/18, Jans Piaz Plaza, Vaishali Khand, Indraprastha, Ghaziabad-201015, Email: rgavastc@rediffmail.com, Ph: 911172742, 01234424030

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Reg. Portion of Plot No. 51, land measuring 70 sq.yds. "said portion" out of 250 sq.yds. "Said Property" out of total area measuring 1517 sq.yds. falling in Kharsa No. 26/15/2. Situated in the area of Village Hattasi, Delhi abadi known as Sainik Enclave, Vikas Nagar, New Delhi. (Hereinafter referred to as the "Entire Property")

Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Seema Someshwar Rao and Mrs. Seema Bhatti (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said portion from Mr. Randhir Kumar, GPA of Mr. Babu Lal (hereinafter called the "Attorney-holder"). In this connection, the Attorney-holder has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute attorney holder in respect of the said portion. The Attorney-holder has also informed the purchaser that the said portion is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said portion.

Any person including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s, relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said portion is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the attorney-holder in respect of the said portion shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever.

**Shivkant Arora, Advocate**  
M/s Intelective Law Offices  
A-74, LGF, Defence Colony,  
New Delhi -110024

CUBICAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED						
Regd. Office-456, Aggarwal Metro Height, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034 CIN- L65993DL1990PLC04101 / website : www.cubical90.com E-mail : cubfinser@yahoo.com						
Extract of the Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended September 30, 2024 (Rs. In Lacs)						
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30.09.2024	Quarter ended 30.09.2023	Quarter ended 31-03-2024	Year No.	



British author Samantha Harvey wins Booker Prize

British author Samantha Harvey has won the 2024 Booker Prize for her ambitious and beautiful 'Orbital'...

reflecting on the individual and collective value of every human life. "I originally thought, 'Why on earth would anybody want to hear from a woman at her desk in Wiltshire writing about space, imagining what it's like being in space when people have actually been there,' said Harvey...



sunrises and 16 sunsets. Everyone and no one is the subject, as six astronauts in the International Space Station circle the Earth observing the passages of weather across the fragility of borders and time zones...

Nitin Sawhney, novelist Sara Collins, fiction editor of 'The Guardian' newspaper Justine Jordan and Chinese American writer and professor Yiyun Li.

a dramatic increase in global sales and a career transformed overnight. The Booker Prize 2023 was won by Paul Lynch with 'Prophet Song'...

Stage set for parliamentary polls in Sri Lanka today

Sri Lanka is set to hold on Thursday its snap parliamentary election - first after the 2022 economic crisis - amid deployment of nearly 90,000 security personnel across the country.

carry out rehearsals from 7 am on Wednesday," Ratnayaka said. Thursday's vote would be the first major test of the popularity of the ruling party, National People's Power, led by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake.

Olaf Scholz to seek trust vote in Dec

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz has announced that he will ask for a vote of confidence on December 16, paving the way forward for an early parliamentary election in February.

Amsterdam warns of new calls for unrest

A senior police officer warned Tuesday of calls for more rioting in Amsterdam, after dozens of people armed with sticks and firecrackers set a tram on fire Monday night and the city faces tensions following violence last week targeting fans of an Israeli soccer club.

outlining what happened last week, including new details about actions by Maccabi Tel Aviv fans ahead of the Maccabi Tel Aviv-Ajax soccer match. Local authorities had decided against banning the game, but beefed up security.

Dubai approves first aerial taxi vertiport, set for 2026 launch

Dubai has approved the construction of its first aerial taxi vertiport near Dubai International Airport, marking a major step towards becoming the first city to offer urban aerial transport.

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS CHANGE OF NAME

I, Satyavir Singh S/o Shri Mangal Singh R/o 327, Second Floor, Guru Ramdas Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, hereby declare that Aarnav Baghel and Aarnav Singh Dhangar both are one and same person.

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Late Sh. Raghunath Malik R/o G-1552, Gaur Cascades, Rajnagar Extension, Ghaziabad-201017 (U.P.) have changed my name from Ashok Kumar to Ashok Kumar Malik.

I, Archana W/o- No.6495586H Hav/Ash Raju Kumar, R/o-Vill+PO- Asani, Dist- Bhojpur, Bihar- 802210, have changed my name from Archana to Archana Devi, vide affidavit dated 13/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

I, No.16018670M L/NK Dharamveer, R/o- Vill-Govindgad, Post-Teh- Jawer, Dist- Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.- 203135, have changed my daughter's name from Kalpana Kumari to Kalpna, vide affidavit dated 13/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

I, Sudarshan Mishra, Father of JC-707443W Nb/Sub Satyabrata Mishra, R/o- Vill-Arala, PO- Gopalpur, Dist-Baleswar, Odisha- 756044, have changed my name from Sudarshan Mishra to Sudarshan Mishra, vide affidavit dated 13/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

I, No.15150373L HAV(TA) Amrjeet Kumar, R/o-Vill+Post- Maheshpur, Dist-Munger, Bihar- 811211, have changed my name from Amrjeet Kumar to Amarjeet Kumar, vide affidavit dated 13/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE My Client Sh. Prafull Kumar Thakur S/o Sh. Sachidanand Thakur & Smt. Vrinda Devi W/o Sh. Prafull Kumar Thakur both R/o E-71, Gali No.3, Savidha Enclave, Bagpura Vihar, Delhi - 110043 has served all their relations with their son & daughter-in-law namely Vicky Kumar Thakur & Nisha Mishra and also debar them from their all moveable/immovable properties due to their misconduct.

Rungta Irrigation Limited Regd. Office: 101, Pragati Tower 26, Rajendra Place, New Delhi 110008. Tel: 011-40453330,31,32, E-mail: cs@rungtairrigation.in, Website: www.rungtairrigation.in

Statement of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30-09-2024 (Rs. in Lakhs, Unless Otherwise Stated)

RLF LIMITED Reg. Office: 14 KMS, Gurgaon Pataudi Road, Village Jhund Sarai Veeran, Dist. Gurgaon Haryana-122001. Corporate Office: D-41, South Extension-II, New Delhi-110049.

PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that I, Kiran Devi W/o Sukhbeer Singh R/o A4/504, Printers Apartments, Plot No. 18, Sector 13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, Mob. 9871839897, Email: yadavmcdsids@gmail.com, the owner of the Society Flat No. A-4/504, Printers Apartments Sector 13, Plot No. 18, Rohini, Delhi-110085. The original papers i.e. Allotment Letter issued by society of above said property has been lost.

PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that I, Gyan Chand Yadav S/o Late Sh. Deep Chand Yadav R/o A-4/504, Printers Apartments, Sector 13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, Mob. 9810798236, Email: yadavmcdsids@gmail.com, the owner of the Society Flat No. C-302 Malahaxi Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd Plot No. 4, Sec 2, Ph-I, Dwarka. The original papers i.e. Share certificate of Membership No. 440 issued from society has been lost.

PUBLIC NOTICE Since Mr. Shiv Sankar seeking a home loan from of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd. for the property i.e. Property Bearing No. E-12, area measuring 291 sq. ft. situated in Sector-2, B.K. Dut Colony, Karbla, New Delhi; That Mr. Shiv Sankar has made us understand that previous owner Mrs. Manju Anand has lost or misplaced earlier the Deed of Allotment, Letter of Possession Letter and Lease Cum Conveyance Deed in favour of Mr. Sonu Singh vide document No 2117 dated 28.03.1989 having LR No. 227438/2024 dated 13/11/2024 somewhere, which are not traceable or cannot be found.

PUBLIC NOTICE Re: Entire First Floor without roof rights, having covered area 116.54 sq. mtrs. (i.e. 16% of the said floor), built on Plot No. 770, measuring 168.32 sq. mtrs., situated in Sector-2, Residential Colony known as Rajendra Nagar, Ghaziabad, Tehsil & District Ghaziabad, U.P., having been mortgaged to the State Bank of India (hereinafter referred to as "said property"). Be it known to all that our clients, M/s. Sonu Sharma and Ms. Suman Sharma (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said floor of the said property from (1) Mr. Ramesh Chand (2) Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, (3) Anita Varshney, and (4) Chetan Varshney (hereinafter called the seller). In this connection, the seller has informed the purchaser that they are the joint owners of the said floor being legal heirs of late Smt. Kusum Lata. The seller has further informed the purchaser that the said floor was owned by Smt. Kusum Lata vide Sale Deed executed by M/s Vipin Associates thru its Proprietor Vipin Gupta. The said sale deed is registered as Document No. 7641, Book No. 1, Volume No. 7474, pages 219-288, on 30/08/2011 (SRO-III Ghaziabad), Smt. Kusum Lata (expired) leaving behind the following legal heirs viz., (1) Mr. Ramesh Chand (2) Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, (3) Anita Varshney, and (4) Chetan Varshney. After her death, the said floor was inherited by them and thus they are the joint owners of the said floor. The seller has also informed the purchaser that the said floor is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor.

NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar (U.P.) Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in

E-TENDER NOTICE E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firms for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

A) Fresh-Tender Work: S. No. Jobs No. Name of the work Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 27.11.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on dated 28.11.2024 at 11.00 AM.

B) Re-Tender Work: S. No. Jobs No. Name of the work Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 20.11.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on dated 21.11.2024 at 11.00 AM.

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# Onion prices increase to ₹ 70 per kilogram, Odisha asks NAFED to intervene

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

With onion prices reaching Rs 70 per kg in the market, the Odisha government Wednesday said it has asked the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) to sell the vegetable at the rate of Rs 30 per kg in the state. State Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister K C Patra attributed the price rise to the market situation at Nashik in Maharashtra from where the onions are procured. He said the base price of onions remained at Rs 45



per kg in Nashik. Onions are not produced in Odisha and hence, the state is dependent on other states. Prices of onion and garlic are high outside the state

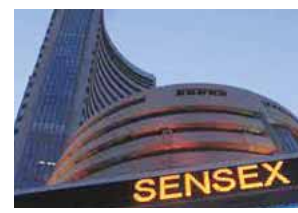
and it has contributed to the price rise here. We have asked (NAFED) to sell onions at Rs 30 per kg in Odisha," the minister told reporters. According to traders, Odisha imports onions from Nashik in Maharashtra and Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh. The Kharif crop in both regions suffered due to the rains during September. While the price of good quality old onions brought from Nashik has soared to Rs 70 per kg, those from Kurnool (new but medium quality onions) are available at Rs 40-Rs 55, depending on the quality. The price of onions in the

retail market was Rs 50 a kg a week ago, traders said. The price of garlic has also increased to Rs 400 per kg in retail market in the state. Odisha Byabsayee General Secretary Sudhakar Panda said that the prices might come down in the next four to six days with the supply of new onions in the market. To a question, the minister said the new ration cards will be provided to the people in the New Year as the e-KYC verification process will be completed in November. He said at least 16 lakh ineligible beneficiaries have been identified.

# Sensex, Nifty see free fall amid soaring inflation

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty tumbled more than 1 per cent on Wednesday amid retail inflation soaring to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent in October and unabated foreign fund outflows. Muted quarterly earnings, selling in frontline stocks - HDFC Bank, Reliance Industries - along with weak trends in the US and Asian peers also hit markets' sentiment, traders said. The BSE benchmark Sensex tanked 984.23 points or 1.25 per cent to settle at 77,690.95, extending its previous day's fall. During the day, it slumped 1,141.88 points or 1.45 per cent to 77,533.30. Registering its fifth day of decline, the NSE Nifty



tumbled 324.40 points or 1.36 per cent to 23,559.05. From the 30-share Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Steel, Adani Ports, JSW Steel, IndusInd Bank, Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank were the biggest laggards. Tata Motors, NTPC, Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints and Infosys were the gainers. The latest data showed retail inflation breached the Reserve Bank's upper

tolerance level, soaring to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent in October, mainly on account of rising food prices. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,024.31 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong settled lower while Shanghai ended in the positive territory. European markets were trading higher. The US markets ended in the negative territory on Tuesday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.93 per cent to USD 72.56 a barrel. The BSE benchmark tumbled 820.97 points or 1.03 per cent to settle at 78,675.18 on Tuesday. The Nifty tanked 257.85 points or 1.07 per cent to 23,883.45.

# Musk's Starlink a wolf in sheep's clothing: Thinktank



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amid talk of Elon Musk's Starlink seeking to offer satellite broadband internet service in India, think tank Kutniti Foundation has highlighted the US giant's deep ties with US intelligence and military agencies that could impede national interests. Calling Starlink "a wolf in sheep's clothing", the foundation said Starlink is a dual-use technology with "its biggest customer and promoter being the American government intelligence and military." While legacy mobile phone service providers use telecom towers for offering voice and internet services, satellite communication or satcom involves using a constellation of satellites for offering the same. However, there are concerns that the control of those satellites lies outside the country. "Starlink constellation of

satellites is a new form of internet service providers across the world, unbound by geographic demarcations and natural boundaries. A direct access to every citizen in the world, with no governance structure in between the user and the American one," Kutniti said in a report. On Tuesday, Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia had stated that Starlink was yet to comply with security norms, and a licence for satellite broadband services will be issued only after they meet all the requirements for services in India. An email sent to Starlink seeking comments on Kutniti report remained unanswered. Musk, whose space company SpaceX is said to be building a network of hundreds of spy satellites under a classified contract with a US intelligence agency, had clashed with the Biden administration over the use of Starlink satellite connectivity in the Ukraine war. The billionaire, who had openly supported Donald Trump over Biden's party colleague Kamala Harris in the just concluded US presidential election, had last year stated that he refused a Ukrainian request

to activate his Starlink satellite network to aid an attack on the Russian fleet. Kutniti cited reports of some of the contracts between Musk's companies and the US agencies to say, "These are just the known contracts of Starlink as part of the intel-military-industrial complex of the USA, there are a lot of confidential agreements and contracts kept behind covers." "In addition, it is well known that the owner of Starlink, Elon Musk, is close to various private intelligence companies, and is a highly politically exposed person in the USA including but not limited to Palantir Technologies USA, and the Trump Election 2024," it said. Starlink's dual-use technology provides low-cost global coverage high-speed internet service and also has potential to provide high-definition pictures and even live video. The report cited Musk-led companies "disregard for sovereignty and democracy of other nations" such as in Brazil, Ukraine and Iran. "Starlink is (very candidly) a technology of geopolitical control, pushed by intelligence and defence forces to have the dominance in space and control over land via that lever," it added.

# Municipal corporations to boost revenue through property tax reforms and efficient collection mechanisms: RBI report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Municipal corporations need to enhance their sources of revenue through reforms in property tax, rationalisation of user charges, and better collection mechanisms, an RBI report has suggested. The elasticity of property tax revenues, the predominant source of tax revenue, can be improved through adopting property tax formulae which are more reflective of property valuation, it said. The Report on Municipal Finances released by the Reserve Bank on Wednesday noted that the demand for high-quality public services in urban areas is growing rapidly with a rising urban population. "Yet municipal corporations (MCs) in India invested with this responsibility generate limited revenues and rely heavily on the upper tiers of the government for their funding needs, limiting their operational flexibility," it said. State-specific strategies to strengthen MC finances through local taxation reforms, better enforcement, augmenting institutional capacity and transparent financial management are



crucial for resilient municipal finances and effective urban development. Compared to advanced economies and other comparable emerging market economies, Indian MCs generate much lower revenues and consequently, spend fewer resources as a percentage of GDP. "The MCs have underdeveloped own-source revenue streams, including both tax and non-tax revenues," the RBI said. At present, the report said the MCs remain heavily reliant on Central and state governments for their

significant responsibilities, the revenue streams of municipalities are limited and pale in comparison to those of State and Central governments. Property taxes are the major constituent of tax revenues. Municipal bond financing has seen some recovery in recent years. MCs are also venturing into green municipal bonds to fund environmentally beneficial projects, marking a pivotal move towards sustainable urban development. The RBI said municipal revenue receipts, which were subdued during 2020-21, grew by 22.5 per cent in 2021-22 mainly due to rise in non-tax revenues. The growth in the revenue receipts moderated to 3.7 per cent in 2022-23 (revised estimate) and was budgeted to increase by 20.1 per cent in 2023-24. "Despite significant responsibilities, MCs' revenue receipts are quite modest (0.6 per cent of GDP in 2023-24) and pale in comparison to those of Central and State governments (9.2 per cent and 14.6 per cent of GDP in 2023-24, respectively)," the report said. The surplus in 2023-24 was

budgeted at above Rs 1,000 crore in states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, and Telangana, led by Maharashtra (Rs 11,104 crore). The surplus in MCs in Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, West Bengal, and Tamil Nadu was placed in the range of Rs 100 crore (Tamil Nadu) to Rs 687 crore (Delhi). In contrast, MCs in Tripura, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, and Kerala budgeted for a revenue deficit in the range of (-) Rs 2 crore (Tripura) to (-) Rs 789 crore (Kerala) for 2023-24. Own tax revenue, inclusive of property tax, water tax, electricity tax, education tax, and other local taxes, constituted 30 per cent of total revenue during 2023-24, with significant variations across states. The Indian municipal bond market remains in a nascent stage, the report said. As of March 2024, the total municipal bonds outstanding at Rs 4,204 crore was just 0.09 per cent of the total corporate bonds outstanding.

# Euron launches affordable, accessible EdTech platform for all

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BENGALURU

Euron, an innovative EdTech platform launched by Bengaluru-based entrepreneur Sudhanshu Kumar, is set to transform tech education by offering a comprehensive, accessible, and affordable solution for upskilling. Euron presents a one-stop resource for learning across key technology fields such as Python, Generative AI, and Data Science, making it easier than ever for learners of all levels to gain industry-relevant skills. Positioned as the "Netflix of Education," Euron's platform supports learners through a broad range of offerings tailored to individual and corporate needs. Euron Plus offers a premium tier for advanced learners, while Euron Org caters specifically to institutions and organisations seeking tailored tech training resources. "We are thrilled to

launch Euron with a range of affordable, high-quality courses that equip learners with the skills they need for today's digital workforce. At Euron, we believe that education is a right, not a privilege, and our goal is to make quality learning experiences accessible to everyone, regardless of background or financial means," said Sudhanshu Kumar, founder of Euron. India's EdTech sector is on a trajectory of significant growth, currently valued at \$7.5 billion and projected to reach \$29 billion by 2030. With over 100 million paid users and a 25.8 per cent CAGR, the demand for accessible, high-quality learning solutions is skyrocketing. Euron is a Bengaluru-based EdTech platform dedicated to making high-quality tech education accessible and affordable for everyone.

# Arvindar Singh Sahney to be new chairman of Indian Oil

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Arvindar Singh Sahney will be the new chairman of Indian Oil Corporation, the nation's largest oil firm, according to an order issued by the petroleum ministry on Wednesday. Sahney, 54, is currently Executive Director (Business Development - Petrochemicals), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC). He was in August selected to be the company's director for business development but has now been appointed as the chairman of the firm. "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the proposal of this ministry for appointment of Shri Arvindar Singh Sahney, Executive Director, IOC to the post of Chairman, IOC, for a period of five years with effect from the date of his assumption of charge of the post, or till the date of his superannuation, or until further order, whichever is the earliest," the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said in an order.

The post of chairman IOC fell vacant after Shrikant Madhav Vaidya completed his extended tenure on August 31, 2024. Currently, Satish Kumar Vaduguri (Director, Marketing, IOC), is holding the additional charge of chairman of the Fortune 500 company. Sahney will be the second person after B Ashok to be elevated to the top job of the company without a board experience. Ashok too was Executive Director (Retail) when in July 2014 he was appointed IOC chairman. A three-member search-cum-selection-committee in mid-August interviewed about a dozen candidates for the top job at IOC. Later vigilance profiles of four internal candidates - Arvind Kumar (Director, Refinery, IOC), Sahney, Sanjay Parasher (ED, Marketing, IOC) and Saumitra Srivastava (ED, Marketing and head of Maharashtra region, IOC) - were sought. After clearance by the anti-

corruption watchdog CVC, Sahney's name was approved for the top job at IOC. Sahney has been with the company for over three decades now. Schooled in Lucknow, he is a chemical engineer from Harcourt Butler Technical University, Kanpur. He joined IOC in 1993 following a brief stint at Tata Chemicals. He was appointed executive director of the company in February 2022. He was picked among a dozen candidates by the government headhunter Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB) on August 20 for the job of Director (Business Development), IOC. Prior to that on August 11, he was among the 11 candidates who were interviewed by a search-cum-selection committee for the top job at IOC. Those interviewed that day included GAIL chairman and managing director Sandeep Gupta (who previously was Director (Finance) at IOC), IOC Director (Marketing)

Satish Kumar Vaduguri and IOC Director (Refineries) Arvind Kumar. Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) Director (marketing) Sukhmal Kumar Jain as well as company's director (refineries) S Khanna were also interviewed. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) director (marketing) Amit Garg had also appeared. The panel was tasked to look for a replacement for Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, whose one-year extension beyond his retirement age of 60 years ended on August 31. The age eligibility cut off has been set at not more than 58 years for internal candidates and 57 years for outsiders with 60 years as the retirement age. But this was relaxable in the case of deserving candidates. This discretion was used in the case of Gupta, who has less than two years before retirement in February 2026, and Satish Kumar Vaduguri, who had only 11 months of service left at the time of the interview.

# INBRIEF

## VIT CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY-RUBY JUBILEE

VELLORE: The Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) celebrated its 40th anniversary (Ruby Jubilee) with honourable Former Vice-President of India Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu taking part as chief guest and inaugurating the Ruby Jubilee celebrations.



## HONOURING MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD'S LEGACY



AMRITSAR: National Education Day was celebrated under the visionary guidance of Prof (Dr) Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Vice Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University, it marks the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul kalam Azad.

## NATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE EXPANDING HORIZONS OF NEW CRIMINAL LAWS

AMRITSAR: Department of Law, Guru Nanak Dev University conducted a National Seminar on "The Expanding Horizons of New Criminal Laws: Issues and Challenges". The online seminar attracted 141 participants from across India and abroad.



## GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY WOULD CELEBRATE ITS 55TH FOUNDATION DAY ON NOVEMBER 24



AMRITSAR: Guru Nanak Dev University will celebrate its 55th Foundation Day on November 24, 2024. Professor Karanjeet Singh Kahlon, Registrar said that committees have been constituted for the smooth conduct of celebrations of Foundation Day.

## APEEJAY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS, JALANDHAR, EMERGES AS OVERALL CHAMPIONS

AMRITSAR: The Inter Zonal Youth Festival 2024, held from November 8 to 10, brought together colleges from across the region to compete in various categories. The event concluded with Apeejay College of Fine Arts, Jalandhar, clinching the prestigious title of Overall Champion.



# First American turkey shipment leaves for Indian market

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The first shipment of American Turkey products for India left on Tuesday, marking a new phase in the bilateral trade relations between the two countries. The shipment comes over a year after India agreed to the American request to reduce high tariffs on US turkey products. US Senator from Virginia Mark Warner, who is also co-chair of the Senate India Caucus, said this marks a historic milestone in



international trade, expanding the reach of American turkey products in global markets, and opening new doors for US turkey producers.

"This shipment is a tremendous opportunity for Virginia's poultry producers and a huge step forward for US-India trade," he said. "As co-chair of the Senate India Caucus, I look forward to the ongoing cooperation between our two nations and to seeing a wealth of new opportunities open up for Virginia's poultry producers," Warner said. This shipment comes as a result of a trade agreement and tariff reduction, facilitated by a collaborative effort between the two countries.

Last year, ahead of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States, Warner was joined by a number of his colleagues in urging Ambassador Katherine Tai to increase market access for US turkey and poultry products. These products previously faced significant barriers from the Indian market due to prohibitively high tariff. "Our US turkey producers have long been committed to providing safe, nutritious, and versatile protein options worldwide, and we're excited to see Indian consumers

experience the exceptional quality of American turkey," said Leslee Oden, CEO of the National Turkey Federation. This first shipment is a testament to the strength of US-India trade relations and a reflection of our shared commitment to expanding food diversity and quality, he said. John King, president of Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative said the cooperative is "excited to be part of this new market opportunity." He added that the move will help nearly 200 independent

turkey grower owners. Hobey Bauhan, president of the Virginia Poultry Federation, also expressed hope of good returns, saying, "Virginia turkey farmers are pleased to offer high quality, lean protein for export to India, and we are grateful for those who facilitated this opportunity." Under the trade agreement announced in September 2023, India eliminated and reduced retaliatory tariffs on US turkey products, paving the way for increased access to the nation's rapidly growing protein market.

# ACT women's hockey: India look to work on finer points against Thailand

PTI ■ RAJGIR (BIHAR)

Boyed by back-to-back victories in as many games, hosts India will look to work on the finer points of the game with an aim to thrash minnows Thailand in the women's Asian Champions Trophy here on Thursday.

Both India and reigning Olympic silver medallist China are unbeaten so far from two matches but the hosts have an inferior goal difference.

China are atop the points table with a goal difference of 20, while India have a goal difference of five and a handsome victory on Thursday will only help their cause ahead of final two round robin matches against China and Japan.

Japan are placed third in the points table ahead of Korea. The top four sides from the round robin stage will qualify for the semifinals of the six-team continental



tournament. In both the matches India created plenty of scoring chances but failed to score the amount of goals they would have liked.

While India defeated Malaysia 4-0 in their tournament opener, they scored a late goal to eke out a narrow 3-2 win over South Korea. The Indian players were guilty of rushing and faltered

in choices once inside the opposition circle, a fact which chief coach Harendra Singh admitted. "We could have scored more goals. We were guilty of rushing and did not look for the right choices," Harendra said after Tuesday's match. "We will watch clippings of the match and analyse where we went wrong and work on the finer points," he added. Another factor which would

be a cause of concern for Harendra is the team's poor penalty corner conversion rate. Against Malaysia India secured as many as 11 penalty corners but utilised just three and that to from indirect attempts. If that was not enough, India failed to make use of eight set pieces they managed to earn against Korea on Tuesday.

The bright spot for India has been the performances of forwards Sangita Kumari and Deepika, both scoring three goals apiece. Sangita specially has been a livewire upfront with her deft stick work, but the likes of Sharmila Devi, Preeti Dubey, Beauty Dung Dung need to share more responsibility. Skipper Salima Tete and her deputy Navneet Kaur too need to pull up their socks in the midfield.

A win on Thursday will virtually seal India's place in the semifinals before tough matches against China and Japan. Going by rankings, ninth placed India are the second best side in the tournament after world no.6 China. And Thailand, who are ranked 29th in the world, should be an easy outing for the Indians. Meanwhile in other matches of the day, Korea will take on Malaysia while China will be up against

# Spain-Poland tie in Billie Jean King Cup Finals postponed

AP ■ MALAGA (SPAIN)

The first tie of the Billie Jean King Cup Finals between Spain and Poland was postponed on Wednesday because of a severe weather alert in the Malaga region. Organizers said the decision has been made based on guidance from the relevant

authorities to ensure the health and safety of all participants and attendees. The first-round tie will now be played on Friday when Germany will also face Britain. Two ties are scheduled for Thursday: Japan-Romania and Slovakia-United States. Both the Billie Jean King Cup Finals and the

Davis Cup Finals are taking place in the southern Spanish city, with the men's competition beginning next week. The women's event is taking place after a powerful storm caused flash floods that killed more than 200 people in the Valencia region, east of Malaga, about two weeks ago.

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# Aishwary-Sanjeeta strike gold in World University Shooting

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Olympian Aishwary Prapat Singh Tomar and Sanjeeta Das combined to give India a gold medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team event as the hosts claimed their third top-podium finish at the World University Shooting Championship here on Wednesday.

Aishwary, following the disappointment of finishing fifth in men's 10m air rifle and having to settle for silver in 50m rifle 3-positions, finally came up with a gold-winning effort, combining with Sanjeeta, to overcome a strong challenge from the South Korean pair of Kim Hyobeen and Lee Junhwan 17-15.

The Polish team of Julia Piotrowska and Maciej Kowalewicz defeated the Indian duo of Manini Kaushik and Umamahesh Maddineni 16-0 in the bronze-medal clash. Sanjeeta (316.8) and Aishwary (316.2)

had earlier aggregated 633.0 to top the qualification round and move into the final, where they faced Korea who were second with an aggregate of 631.7.

The top two teams in the event fight for the gold, while the third and fourth-placed pair compete for the bronze. Manini and Umamahesh were placed fourth at the end of the qualification round with an aggregate of 628.7 and faced third-placed Poland, who totalled 629.8.

On Tuesday, young Indian skeet shooter Bhavtegh Singh Gill had won the country's second gold medal, while the air pistol mixed team of Palak Gulia and Amit Sharma had struck the first gold on Sunday.

As many as 220 shooters from across 23 countries are competing in the championship. The event is being hosted by Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies.

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<b>Canara Bank, Kolar Road Branch, Bhopal</b>			
<b>Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor: Shri Neeraj Singh Mehra S/o Gaya Prasad Mehra</b> Address: C-13, Girdhar Parisar, Danish Kunj, Airport Road Bhopal- 462039	<b>33,90,724/-</b> + interest & Other charges	<b>19.04.2023</b> <b>01.08.2023</b>	<b>Raj Express (Hindi Newspaper) and Free Press (English newspaper) on 06.08.2023</b>
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<b>Borrower : M/s Vatika Homes Proprietor: Shri Mehboob Khan S/o Shri Baboo Khan</b> Mortgagor: <b>Smt. Noorjahan Begam W/o Shri Mehboob Khan</b> Address of All : V-13 Asra Homes Kamla Nagar , Piplani Huzur, Bhopal 462022	<b>2607623.22/-</b> + interest & Other charges	<b>01.06.2024</b> <b>23.08.2024</b>	<b>Nav Bharat (Hindi Newspaper) and Chronical (English newspaper) on 29.09.2024.</b>
<b>Canara Bank, Mandideep Branch, Mandideep</b>			
<b>Borrower/Mortgagor : M/s Devki Builders and Developers</b> Address: Flat no.104 Kanha Kunj Katara Hills Bhopal MP 462021 <b>Partner- Mrs. Sanjukta Nayak W/o Mr. Sanjib Nayak Partner- Mr. Sanjib Nayak S/o Mr. Bimbardhar Nayak</b> Address of All : H.No.A-38 Katara Hills, Bhopal MP 462043	<b>3416327.04/-</b> + interest & Other charges	<b>01.07.2024</b> <b>08.10.2024</b>	<b>Patrika (Hindi Newspaper) and Hitvada (English newspaper) on 11.10.2024.</b>
<b>Canara Bank, Arera Colony Branch, Bhopal</b>			
<b>Borrower: Mr.Burhanuddin S/o Mr. Shabbir Hussain</b> R/o Flat No. 402 Rameez Apartment, Near Koh-E-Fiza Police Chowki, BDA Colony, Bhopal-462001(M.P.)	<b>30,48,510.86</b> + interest & Other charges	<b>23.04.2024</b> <b>01.07.2024</b>	<b>Raj express (Hindi Newspaper) and Free Press (English newspaper) on 06.07.2024.</b>
<b>Canara Bank, Bawadiya Kalan Branch, Bhopal</b>			
<b>Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor: M/S ARADHYA SALES Through its proprietor: Mr. Sandip Kumar S/o Shri Sudhir Kumar,</b> H. No. 302-B, Panchavati Nayapura, Airport Road, Bhopal-462030 M.P.	<b>6,06,851.50/-</b> + interest & Other charges	<b>19.05.2021</b> <b>25.10.2021</b>	<b>Raj express (Hindi Newspaper) and Free Press (English newspaper) on 27.10.2021</b>
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<b>Borrower/mortgagor: Mr. Virendra Baghel S/o Mr. Jeevan Singh Baghel</b> Co-obligant/Borrower & Mortgagor: <b>Mrs. Rajni Baghel W/o Mr. Virendra Baghel Tikoda Narwar Raiesan M.P.-464551</b>	<b>919866.36/-</b> + interest & Other charges	<b>28.02.2024</b> <b>14.06.2024</b>	<b>Swadesh (Hindi Newspaper) and Hitvada (English newspaper) on 19.06.2024</b>
<b>Canara Bank, MSME Branch, Bhopal</b>			
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<b>Canara Bank, Gulmohar Branch, Bhopal</b>			
<b>Borrower: Mr. Kuber Kumar Arjaria S/o Mr. Ravindra Kumar Arjaria</b> Address: Flat no.302, A Wing, Valencia Roadpali, Sector 16, Kalamboli Dist-Raigad, Mumbai Halmukam Bhopal	<b>3296778.52/-</b> + interest & Other charges	<b>18.10.2023</b> <b>03.01.2024</b>	<b>Lokdesh (Hindi Newspaper) and Free Press (English newspaper) on 07.01.2024</b>
<b>Canara Bank, Bairagarh Branch</b>			
<b>Borrower/ Mortgagor: Mr Param Jeet Singh S/o Mr. Govind Singh</b> Borrower: <b>Mrs. Saanvi Kaur W/o Mr. Param Jeet Singh M/s P. S. Construction Prop. Mr. Param Jeet Singh</b> Address of All: P.No.16/A Sainik Colony, Bairagarh Bhopal M.P. 462030 Guarantor: <b>M/s P S Construction Mrs. Sushila Gidwani W/o Mr. Govindram Gidwani</b> Address: Behind Krishna Plaza H No. Sainik Colony Huzur Bairagarh Bhopal 462030	<b>91,22,233.51</b> + interest & Other charges	<b>12.08.2024</b> <b>09.10.2024</b> (for two properties) and <b>11.10.2024</b> (for remaining third property).	<b>Patrika (Hindi Newspaper) and Free Press (English newspaper) on 12.10.2024.</b>
<b>Canara Bank, Bareilly Branch, Bareilly</b>			
<b>Borrower: Mr. Rajesh Shrivastava S/o Balmukund Shrivastava</b> Guarantor: <b>Mrs. Sandhya Shrivastava W/o Rajesh Shrivastava</b> Address of All : Part of Sy No 417/37, P.C. No 31/20, J.J. Road Kamton, Tehsil Bareilly, Dist Raiesan MP- 464668	<b>8,77,961.49/-</b> + interest & Other charges	<b>25.10.2023</b> <b>09.02.2024</b>	<b>Raj Express (Hindi Newspaper) and Free Press (English newspaper) on 13.02.2024.</b>
<b>Canara Bank, Airport Road Branch, Bhopal</b>			
<b>Borrower &amp; Mortgagor: Mr. Rajkumar Rajak S/o Mr. Ganesh Ram Rajak,</b> House No. 3/282, BDA Colony, Barkheda Pathani, Amarawath, BHEL, Bhopal (M.P.)-462022 Guarantor: <b>Mr. Pradeep Awasthy S/o Mr. B. G. Awasthy</b> House No. EWS-35, Saraswati Nagar, Jawahar Chowk, Bhopal (M.P) Pin - 462003	<b>1,86,409.22</b> + interest & Other charges	<b>29.05.2024</b> <b>03.08.2024</b>	<b>Swatantra Samay (Hindi Newspaper) and Pioneer (English newspaper) on 07.08.2024.</b>
<b>Borrower &amp; Mortgagor: Mr. Sushil Mathur</b> House No. 527 P, Civil Line, pipariya Road, Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh 461001	<b>2,88,964.75</b> + Interest Other Charges	<b>29.05.2024</b> <b>03.08.2024</b>	<b>Swatantra Samay (Hindi Newspaper) and Pioneer (English newspaper) on 07.08.2024.</b>

# Amandeep Johl appointed CEO of Professional Golf Tour of India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) on Wednesday announced the appointment of Amandeep Johl as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from January 2025.

A respected name in Indian golf, Johl brings extensive experience to his new role. The appointment comes alongside another recent significant leadership addition, with the legendary cricketer Kapil Dev assuming the role of PGTI President in June this year. Johl replaces Uttam Singh Mundy, who has essayed a key role in the organisation since its inception.

Johl, who until recently was on the PGTI board, will take charge from January 1. In the interim period until December 31, he will be assisting Mundy in completing the handover process. Welcoming Johl's elevation to CEO, Kapil Dev said: "Amandeep has been on the Indian and Asian golf circuit for nearly 34 years and it is just apt that somebody who is so entrenched in the sport leads the PGTI.

"These are exciting times for golf in India and with Amandeep at the helm, the PGTI looks forward to strengthening its presence, in India and around the world." The legendary all-rounder hailed the outgoing CEO for his contribution to PGTI and Indian golf.



"Uttam Mundy's commitment and vision have been instrumental in establishing PGTI as the premier professional golf tour in India, and his contributions are deeply appreciated," he said. Johl, who holds a degree in mechanical engineering, has been an integral part of Indian golf since making it to the junior Indian team in 1985 and four years later emerging as the National amateur champion in 1989.

Since then, he has worn various hats, be it as a professional player on the Asian and European Tours, national coach, a board member of the PGTI and also as a founding member of the Asian Tour (2004). "I am thrilled and thank the PGTI for entrusting me with this huge responsibility," remarked the 55-year-old Johl. "It is probably the most important role of my golfing career," he said, adding, "I have big shoes to fill thanks to my dear friend, Uttam Mundy, who has been instrumental in laying a strong foundation for the PGTI with his untiring efforts."

# Work on technique and hit the reset button: Brett Lee's advice to Rohit, Kohli

PTI ■ SYDNEY

Former Australian pacer Brett Lee has advised India skipper Rohit Sharma and star batter Virat Kohli to hit the "reset button", work on their technique and hit the ground running in the five-Test series against Australia, beginning in Perth in less than 10 days' time. The two batting stalwarts will be keenly observed during the Border-Gavaskar series. Down Under following their underwhelming performance in the 0-3 Test whitewash by New Zealand recently. "When you have a couple of bad runs back to back, that's when the pressure gets set in. So, I guess the thing now is that someone like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, they've just got to go back to the drawing board," Lee said on his YouTube channel. "They are champions because they do the basics better than anybody else. Then, just hit the reset button, almost." Lee also warned that the Australian pacers would be aiming to attack Rohit and



Kohli with the new ball, and that they should quickly sort their batting. ("They should) work on their technique, freshen up, get away from cricket for as much as they can and then hit the ground running when

they go to Australia because I can promise you the Australian fast bowlers will be attacking Rohit Sharma with that brand-new ball," he added. Rohit has managed 588 runs in 11 Tests at an average of just 29.40 this year, while Kohli has accumulated 250 runs in six Test at an average of 22.72. Lee felt the tendency of the two batter to be too aggressive might have resulted in their poor show so far this year. "It's hard to put your finger on why they (Rohit and Kohli) failed. If you first look at the way that Rohit Sharma got out, a lot of the quicks. "So, I can't say there's a technical fault there because I've seen him play for the last decade. I still believe he's one of the best players of the pull shot in world cricket, but maybe he's a little bit too aggressive. "Maybe there were a couple of shots... Was there a technique issue? Was his bat leaving his pad a bit too early? Was he getting that far forward or not enough forward? Or, was he sort of being a little bit hesitant?" Lee wondered.



## Parthiv Patel joins Gujarat Titans' support staff as batting and assistant coach

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gujarat Titans have entrusted former India keeper-batter Parthiv Patel with the dual responsibility of serving as their assistant and batting coach in the upcoming IPL, the franchise said on Wednesday. Parthiv will perform the dual role in the support staff led by head coach Ashish Nehra. "The Gujarat Titans are pleased to announce the appointment of Parthiv Patel as their new assistant and batting coach. With a distinguished 17-year career as a former Indian wicketkeeper-batter, Parthiv brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the team," the franchise said in a statement.

"As the Titans prepare for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) season, Parthiv's insights into batting techniques and strategies will play a crucial role in enhancing the players' skills. "Parthiv, who is known for his sharp cricketing acumen and ability to mentor young talent, will strengthen the coaching staff and contribute to player development and performance," GT added in the statement. This is the first coaching role in the IPL for Parthiv, who retired in 2020. Right after his retirement, he served as talent scout for Mumbai Indians for three seasons until 2023, and also the batting coach for MI Emirates in the inaugural season of ILT20.



# I've found ways and means to break it down: Ashwin on Smith's batting

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Senior India off-spinner R Ashwin says he has figured out ways to tackle Australian batting mainstay Steve Smith in the upcoming five-match Test series, extending their fascinating, decade-old rivalry in top-flight cricket. The two seasoned campaigners would face off during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy starting November 22 in Perth. They have in the past spent time together at IPL franchises Rising Pune

Supergiant and Delhi Capitals, helping Ashwin to "break down the game plans" of Smith. "Steve Smith is especially fascinating as a player against spin. He has a unique technique, even playing fast bowling," Ashwin said in an interview with '7Cricnet'. "But with spin, I think he came in with sound game plans and sound preparations, and yeah, he used to execute it come what may. And over the years, I've found ways and means to break it down.



"His time at Delhi Capitals, his time at RPSG, all these net sessions that I've seen him go about his business gave me an insight as to how he prepares and what he likes and doesn't like." Ashwin, who first bowled to Smith during India's 2013/14

tour of Australia, lauded his fierce rival for being a "thinking cricketer", who has so far scored 348 runs in 570 balls while facing the ace spinner. Smith has got out to Ashwin three times. "He's a very thinking cricketer as well. He wants to get one up on you all the time. But, he's got unique ways of practising and battling out with you in the middle. "And sometimes, as a bowler, when you're watching a batter go through his process, you do identify whether you have him or not. And several times in these years of having played with Steve Smith, I've felt he has me. "But several times, much later, when I think I've figured out what he does or how he bats, I've had an edge over him. I've had the wood over him."

## Ponting, Langer could skip Perth Test commentary gig due to IPL auction

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Former Australia skipper Ricky Ponting and his longtime teammate Justin Langer could potentially miss out commentating on the opening Test against India at Perth, starting November 22, due to commitments with their respective IPL teams for the mega auctions in Saudi Arabia's Jeddah on November 24 and 25. According to Australian newspaper 'The Age', "Channel Seven could be without Ricky Ponting and Justin Langer for parts of the Perth Test due to a clash of commitments, and Australia may lose a vital backroom coach for the start of the blockbuster Border-Gavaskar series in a potential stand-off with Indian cricket."

Ponting, who has been appointed the head coach of Punjab Kings and Langer, who will be in his second season with Lucknow Super Giants, could be present at the IPL auction table for their respective franchises along with Australian team assistant coach Daniel Vettori, who is in-charge of Sunrisers Hyderabad. "Unless (Channel) Seven and Cricket Australia can protect their interests against powerful cricket authorities in India, Ponting, Langer and Australia assistant coach Dan Vettori will likely be in Saudi Arabia holding a paddle at the IPL's mega player auction in Jeddah instead of being at Optus Stadium when the first Test reaches its conclusion," the paper reported. "Seven has a seven-year AUD

1.5 billion deal with Foxtel for broadcast of the game in Australia and even that, many fear, can't stop Ponting or Langer from missing the last three days of the Perth Test. Last year, Ponting, then coaching Delhi Capitals, left after day three of the Perth Test to attend the auction, while Langer stayed through till the end of the match. Vettori completed his duties with Australia before attending last year's auction, held two days after the Perth Test finished. "As of Wednesday morning, no decision had been made on whether Vettori would stay with the team through the entire Test or leave early for the auction, according to a team source with knowledge of the situation," 'The Age' reported.

## Gambhir is prickly character, never took dig at Kohli: Ponting

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Responding to Gautam Gambhir's jibe at him, former Australia skipper Ricky Ponting on Wednesday said the India head coach was a "prickly character" and insisted that his comments on Virat Kohli should not be construed as a dig on the star batter, who himself would be worried about his prolonged lean patch. Ponting, in an interview to ICC, had said that Kohli's poor form would be a concern and any other international player would have struggle to

keep his spot in the Test side with just two hundreds in five years. He though had also spoken highly of Kohli's ability to bounce back. Gambhir, when asked about Ponting's comments, said the Australian legend needn't be concerned about Indian cricket. "I was surprised to read the reaction but knowing the coach, Gautam Gambhir... He's quite a prickly character, so I'm not surprised it was him who said something back," Ponting told 7News when asked about Gambhir's comments.

# Indian batters 'can't stand up' to Aussie pacers: Haddin

PTI ■ SYDNEY

Former captain Aaron Finch believes Rishabh Pant and Alex Carey will be crucial in determining the outcome of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, while retired wicketkeeper Brad Haddin predicts that Indian batters will struggle against the Australian pacers. Finch feels the two wicketkeepers have the ability to shift the momentum in their team's favour in the event of a top-order collapse. "I think the key could be Alex Carey and Rishabh Pant. The two wicketkeepers are going to be so important," Finch said on 'Willow Talk Podcast' when asked where this series is going to be won or lost. "A time or other in series the top order will get knocked



over as both fast bowling attacks are so good and they will get on a roll. For me, it is that really crucial role of Alex at number seven and Rishabh at number six likely." Both Pant, who played a key role in India's series victory last time, and Carey are known for their aggressive brand of cricket. "Carey is aggressive, Rishabh is aggressive. The game is going to go one or two ways really quick. And I think that will be so important. "Maybe when you are five down and the second new ball comes just before stumps and they take it for 50 that 10 overs before stumps, that changes the momentum of the game." Finch feels both side's bowling units are at par which each other, while their batters haven't been at their best recently. India head to the marquee series on the

back of an embarrassing 0-3 home series defeat to New Zealand. "It's so important that the number 7 has the impact on the game. In my opinion both fast bowling attacks cancel each other out Nathan Lyon and Ashwin or Jadeja cancel each other out, Lyon has the slight advantage of it being Australia. "Both batting line ups haven't been at their best for a little while so that's why the keepers are important." Indian batters to struggle against Australian pacers Haddin reckons the fast-bowling trio of Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood would trouble the Indian batters on bouncy pitches. "I don't think that the Indian batters are going to stand up to our quicks," Haddin.

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**Tender Notice**  
**NIT No. 09/SAC/2024-25/Raisen** **Raisen, Date :- 06.11.2024**  
**Online Tender for mentioned below are being invited. The Tender have been uploaded on the e-Procurement system of Public Works Department on the Portal www.mptenders.gov.in Tender details are as below:-**

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1	2024_PWDRB_380589_1	Raisen	White Topping	THIN WHITE TOPPING WORK ON CHHND PAHUNCH MAARG ROAD LENGTH 3.20 Km.	IIInd	433.87	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>433.87</b>

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**WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 Sr. DEE/TRD/WCR, Bhopal acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders against following work upto 11.00 hours on the date mentioned against each tender. The complete tender documents and detail information regarding tenders, are available on the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders. For any correction, in these tenders, if necessary, corrigendum will be uploaded on website prior to tender opening date which may be seen up to the date of tender opening. (1) **Tender No.:** BPL/TRD/DRG/WC/421A-RT **Description of work:** Outsourcing of all PSI maintenance activities in Binartalsi electrified section of Bhopal division for the period of three years. (Bina & BHS depot) **Completion period:** 36 months **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 14861285.53/- **EMD:** ₹ 224300/- (2) **Tender No.:** BPL/TRD/DRG/WC/421B-RT **Description of work:** Outsourcing of all PSI maintenance activities in Binartalsi electrified section of Bhopal division for the period of three years. (NSZ & ET depot) **Completion period:** 36 months **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 21192122.41/- **EMD:** ₹ 256000/- **Closing Date and Time for submission of Tender:** 05.12.2024 at 11.00 Hrs. **Sr. DEE (TRD)**  
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Name & Address of Borrower and Guarantor (s)	Description of Property	Outstanding Amount
<b>1. Mr. Heeraman Ram S/o Shri Shivnath Ram (Borrower), Address:</b> K-192, Priyanka Nagar, Rajved Colony, Kolar Road, Bhopal, M.P.	All the pieces and parcel of land together with building and structure to be constructed thereon half part of one kita residential plot no.56-P, towards western side, which is for the sake convenience is called Plot No. 56-P/A, which is part of Khasra no.24, 25/1/1, 28/2/2, 28/1/2/1, 43/2/1, 38, 39/1, 35/1, 36/4, 97, 45/1, 46/1, 44/1, 3/1, 5 situated in Rajharsh Housing Cooperative society limited, Village -Gehukheda, Patwari Haika No. 38, Revenue Inspector Board -04, Kolar Road, Tehsil- Huzur, Dist.- Bhopal (M.P.) & its Total adm. area 600 sq. ft. and its Boudaries as under- On or towards of the North - Plot No. 48, On or towards of the East - Plot No. 56-P/B (Remaining Part of said Plot) On or towards of the South - Road 40 feet wide, On or towards of the West - Plot No. 55. This property is owned by Mr. Heeraman Ram S/o Shri Shivnath Ram and Smt. Urmila Devi W/o Shri Heeraman Ram.	<b>4,74,669.92</b> + Unapplied Interest + Penal Charges & Other Charges w.e.f. 04.09.2024
<b>2. Smt. Urmila Devi W/o Shri Heeraman Ram (Co-Borrower), Address:</b> Remaining Part of said Plot) On or towards of the South - Road 40 feet wide, On or towards of the West - Plot No. 55. This property is owned by Mr. Heeraman Ram S/o Shri Shivnath Ram and Smt. Urmila Devi W/o Shri Heeraman Ram.		<b>04.09.2024</b> Possession Date 11.11.2024

**Place: Bhopal, Date : 14.11.2024**  
**Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**  
**Asset Recovery Cell**