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## NCR gasps, GRAP III invoked



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deteriorating air quality in Delhi and NCR regions. GRAP is announced when the Air Quality Index (AQI) reaches 'severe' category, implementing various limitations on activities that contribute to pollution in addition to the restrictions implemented under GRAP I and II.

Earlier, Delhi woke up to dangerously high levels of toxic smog covering several cities surrounding the National Capital Region for the second consecutive day on Thursday, disrupting flight operations and train schedules. Adding to the alarm, Delhi airport saw significant disruptions on Thursday, with 151 incoming flights delayed and one cancelled, while 282 departures faced delays averaging 45 minutes, according to the flight tracker website.

The AQI in Delhi's Anand Vihar was 466 ('severe plus'), IGI Airport (T3) 435, and ITO 421 at 10am on Thursday. The city's average AQI stood at 432. Ashok Vihar, Bawana, Dwarka, Jahangirpuri, Mundka, Najafgarh, Lajpat Nagar, Patparganj, Punjabi Bagh, RK Puram, Rohini, Vivek Vihar, and Wazirpur are among several areas in Delhi where the average AQI was recorded in the 'severe' category, exceeding 450, at 6 am. The air quality crosses over 400, which falls under the severe category. As the national capital faces this ongoing crisis, residents are left wondering whether the government will enforce more stringent measures, including Stage 3 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), to tackle the worsening air quality.

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi's air quality has reached 'hazardous' levels, prompting the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) to implement Stage III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) restrictions, effective from eight am on Friday. Under the third stage of the GRAP, all inter-state buses from National Capital Region (NCR) states, except electric vehicles, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles and BS-VI (Bharat Stage Emission Standards six), diesel buses, will be prohibited from entering Delhi, alongside a stringent ban on construction and demolition activities,

suspension of mining-related activities. Chief Minister Atishi said that all primary schools in Delhi will shift to online classes. "Due to rising pollution levels, all primary schools in Delhi will be shifting to online classes, until further directions," she tweeted. There will also be restrictions on the plying of BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel vehicles in Delhi and the districts of Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar. The National Capital's Air Quality Index (AQI) has been categorised as 'severe', with a reading of 428, the worst in the country for the past two days. The decision to invoke the third stage of GRAP was announced by Commission for

Air Quality Management on Thursday, hours after Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai claimed that the stage III of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) would not be imposed yet as the situation is expected to improve from Friday. As per its statement, CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP imposes Stage-III of revised GRAP in the NCR, w.e.f. 8 am November, 15 (Friday). "In an effort to prevent further deterioration of the air quality, the Sub Committee decided that ALL actions as envisaged under Stage III of the GRAP - 'Severe' Air Quality (DELHI AQI ranging between 401-450) be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned in the NCR, in addition to the Stage-I and II

actions already in force, from 8 am of 15th November, 2024 in the National Capital Region (NCR)," the statement read. The GRAP III restrictions also include road construction activities and major repairs; Transfer, loading / unloading of dust generating materials like cement, fly-ash, bricks, sand, murrum, pebbles, crushed stone etc. anywhere within / outside the project sites; Movement of vehicles carrying construction materials on unpaved roads; Laying of sewer line, water line, drainage and electric cabling etc. by open trench system, brick / masonry works and painting, polishing and varnishing works. The GRAP comprises specific measures to tackle



Arms and ammunition recovered during a cordon and search operation conducted by Manipur Police and Security forces in Jiribam district. PTI

## AFSPA returns to Manipur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has re-imposed the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in Manipur's six police station areas, including the violence-hit Jiribam. An area or district is notified as 'disturbed' under AFSPA to facilitate the operations of the armed forces. The AFSPA gives Armed Forces operating in disturbed areas powers to search, arrest and open fire if they deem it necessary for the "maintenance of public order". In a notification, the Union Home Ministry said the decision was taken given the continuous volatile situation there due to the ongoing ethnic violence. The police station areas where AFSPA has been reimposed are Sekmai and Lamsang in Imphal West district, Lamlai in Imphal East district, Jiribam in Jiribam district, Leimakhong in Kangpokpi and Moirang in Bishnupur. The fresh order came after the Manipur government imposed AFSPA in the entire state on October 1, barring 19 police station areas that include these six.

The police stations excluded from the Manipur government's October 1 order were Imphal, Lamphal, City, Singjamei, Sekmai, Lamsang, Patsoi, Wangoi, Porompat, Heingang, Lamlai, Iriblung, Leimakhong, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Nambol, Moirang, Kakching, Jiribam. Eleven suspected militants were killed in a fierce gunfight with security forces on Monday after insurgents in camouflage uniforms and armed with sophisticated weapons fired indiscriminately at a police station and an adjacent Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) camp in Manipur's Jiribam district. A day later, six civilians, including women and children were abducted by armed militants from the same district. The 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. The disturbed area declaration was in force in the entire Manipur (except the Imphal municipality area) from 2004 till early 2022.

In April 2022, the Manipur government issued a notification where it said the disturbed area tag will no longer be applicable in seven police station areas of Imphal West district, four police station areas under Imphal East district and one police station area each in the districts of Thoubal, Bishnupur, Kakching and Jiribam. There are 16 districts in Manipur. Meanwhile, Manipur Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Sharda Devi on Thursday called for the immediate release of the three women and three children allegedly abducted by militants in Jiribam district. She termed the alleged abduction of six members of a family from Borobekra and Jakuradorh in Jiribam as "unfortunate" and demanded their release on humanitarian grounds. "We demand the immediate release of the abducted six members of a family without any harm on humanitarian grounds. We from BJP appeal to them (armed miscreants) for their release", Sharda Devi told reporters at the BJP office in Imphal.



## Dominica Award of Honour for PM Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Commonwealth of Dominica will bestow its highest national award, the Dominica Award of Honour, upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi this month, the Dominica government said. The award is in recognition of PM Modi's contributions to Dominica during the COVID-19 pandemic and his dedication to strengthening the partnership between the two countries. In a statement, the office of the Dominican Prime Minister said President of the Commonwealth of Dominica Sylvanie Burton will confer the award during the upcoming India-CARICOM Summit scheduled to take place in Georgetown, Guyana, from November 19 to 21. "In February 2021, Prime Minister Modi supplied Dominica with 70,000 doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine - a generous gift which enabled Dominica to extend support to its Caribbean neighbours," it stated. The award also recognises India's support for Dominica in healthcare, education and information technology under PM Modi's leadership as well as his role in promoting climate resilience-building initiatives and sustainable development on a global level, the statement read. The statement quoted PM Roosevelt Skerit as saying that the award is an expression of Dominica's gratitude for Prime Minister Modi's solidarity with Dominica and the wider region. "Prime Minister Modi has been a true partner to Dominica, particularly during our time of need amid a global health crisis. It is an honour to present him with Dominica's highest national accolade as a symbol of our gratitude for his support and as a reflection of the strong ties between our countries. We look forward to building on this partnership and advancing our shared vision of progress and resilience," he said. In accepting the offer of the award, PM Modi emphasised the importance of collaboration in tackling global challenges such as climate change and geopolitical conflicts, and affirmed India's commitment to working alongside Dominica and the Caribbean in addressing these issues, the statement underlined. President Burton and Prime Minister Skerit will attend the India-CARICOM Summit, a forum to discuss shared priorities.

## Wholesale price inflation to affect retail market

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Wholesale price inflation rose to a four month high of 2.36 per cent in October as prices of food items, especially vegetables, and manufactured goods turned dearer, showed the government data released on Thursday. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation was 1.84 per cent in September 2024. As per the data, inflation in food items shot up to 13.54 per cent in October, as against 11.53 per cent in September. This was led by

63.04 per cent inflation in vegetables, as against 48.73 per cent in September. Inflation in potato and onion remained high at 78.73 per cent and 39.25 per cent, respectively, in October. Fuel and power category witnessed deflation of 5.79 per cent in October, against a deflation of 4.05 per cent in September. In manufactured items, inflation was 1.50 per cent in October, as against one per cent in the previous month. October witnessed the second consecutive month of rise in WPI inflation. The WPI higher than



October's level was recorded last in June 2024, when it was 3.43 per cent. "Inflation in October 2024 is primarily due to increase in prices of food articles, manufacture of food products, other manufacturing, manufacture of machinery & equipment, manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers & semi-trailers, etc." the Ministry of Commerce & Industry said in a statement. According to ICRA Senior Economist Rahul Agrawal, food inflation alone pushed up the headline WPI print by 63 basis points between September and

October 2024. On a year-on-year (YoY) basis, the core WPI print rose to 0.3 per cent in October 2024 from 0.1 per cent in September 2024, while remaining muted. "Owing to the expected softening in food inflation, ICRA estimates the WPI inflation to ease to approximately 2 per cent in November 2024," Agrawal said. Looking ahead, the robust increase in Kharif output for most food items, and the healthy outlook for Rabi crops amid elevated reservoir levels augurs well for the WPI food inflation prints in the near term. However,

the outlook for the headline WPI inflation remains vulnerable to movements in global commodity and crude oil prices, Agrawal said. The consumer price index data released earlier this week showed retail inflation surged to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent with a sharp rise in prices of food items. The level is higher than the upper tolerance limit of the Reserve bank of India (RBI), which may make cutting the benchmark interest rates difficult in the policy review meeting in December.

## India will seek Arsh Dalla extradition

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India will seek extradition of Arsh Singh Gill alias Arsh Dalla, the de facto chief of the Khalistan Tiger Force, from Canada as he is a proclaimed offender here. He was reportedly arrested there recently and it is expected that he will be extradited or deported to face justice in India, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said here on Thursday. "We have seen media reports circulating since 10 November on the arrest in Canada of proclaimed offender Arsh Singh Gill alias Arsh Dalla, the de facto chief of the Khalistan Tiger Force. Canadian print and visual media have widely reported on the arrest. We understand that the Ontario Court has listed the case for hearing," MEA said. Arsh Dalla is a proclaimed offender in over 50 cases of murder, attempt to murder, extortion and terrorist acts including terror financing. In May 2022, a Red Corner



Notice was issued against him. He was designated in India as an individual terrorist in 2023. In July 2023, Government of India had requested the Canadian government for his provisional arrest. This was declined. Additional information was provided in this case, it said. A separate request was also sent to Canada under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) to verify Arsh Dalla's suspected residential address, his financial transactions to India, moveable/immovable properties, details of mobile numbers etc. all of which were provided to Canadian authorities in January 2023. Every Indian wants that there should be only Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar's Constitution in Kashmir," Modi said. "The Congress used to say that reservations were against the country. It considered reservations were against merit. The

## Students win, PCS exams back to one shift

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

After four days of relentless protests by nearly 20,000 students, the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC) has reversed its decision to conduct preliminary exams over two shifts agreeing to hold the PCS (Provincial Civil Services) preliminary exam in a single day as per the old pattern. The Review Officer/Assistant Review Officer (RO/ARO) exam, scheduled for December 22 and 23, has been postponed. A special committee will evaluate the best approach for conducting the RO-ARO exam fairly and transparently. In a bid to address student concerns, UPPSC Secretary Ashok Kumar addressed the crowd on Thursday. "The preliminary examination will be conducted in one shift. For the RO/ARO (Review Officer/Assistant Review Officer) Examination-2023,



a committee will review all aspects and submit a detailed report. The final decision on the RO/ARO exam will be taken based on this report," he announced, signifying that the proposed changes had been officially withdrawn. Consequently, the PCS prelims will occur on a single day, while the RO/ARO exam, initially scheduled for December 22 and 23, has been postponed. According to Prayagraj District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar, the revised exam date will be announced soon. "The date for the PCS exam will be released by the UPPSC shortly," he confirmed.

## Congress scheming to restore Article 370: PM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MUMBAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the Congress and its allies are hatching a scheme to have a separate Constitution for Kashmir, and making all efforts for restoration of Article 370. "Will the people of Maharashtra support the Congress and its allies who speak the language of Pakistan," PM Modi said, addressing a rally in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar for the November 20 state Assembly elections. "Congress and its colleagues have passed a resolution to restore Article 370," he said. "When we made Kashmir



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being felicitated by Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde and other leaders during a public meeting. PTI

mentality and agenda of the Congress remains unchanged. Therefore, they can't come to terms with the fact that someone from OBC has been the PM of the country for the last 10 years," he said. "The Prince of Congress, while he is abroad, openly claims that his party will scrap reservations. To further their agenda, Congress and Maha Vikas Aghadi are conspiring to divide SCs, STs and OBCs into small castes," he said. PM Modi also said the BJP-led Mahayuti government renamed Aurangabad as Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, and fulfilled the wish of Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray.

## 'Lottery King' Santiago Martin runs out of luck

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHENNAI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday conducted fresh searches in multiple states against Chennai-based 'lottery king' Santiago Martin, one of the biggest donors to political parties, with over Rs 1,300 crore in electoral bonds, as part of a money laundering investigation. The action comes after the Madras High Court recently allowed the ED to proceed against Martin as the Tamil Nadu Police had decided to close the predicate or primary FIR against him and a few others and a lower court accepted this police plea.

Santiago Martin donated Rs. 542 crore to Trinamool Congress (TMC), Rs. 509 crore to DMK, Rs.154 crore to YuvaJana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP), Rs.100 crore to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Rs. 50 crore to Congress under the controversial Electoral Bond Scheme banned by Supreme Court. Officials said at least 20 premises linked to Martin, his son-in-law Aadhav Arjun and associates in Chennai and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, Faridabad in Haryana, Ludhiana in Punjab and Kolkata in West Bengal were being searched as part of a "comprehensive" action against his business empire.



# PM to inaugurate 2 tribal freedom fighters' museums

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend a programme to be organized on National Tribal Pride Day at Jamui, Bihar, on Friday. In the programme, Prime Minister Shri Modi will virtually inaugurate 2 Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museums of Madhya Pradesh. The museums to be dedicated by Prime Minister Shri Modi to the nation are Shri Badal Bhoi Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum of Chhindwara and Raja Shankar Shah and Raghunath Shah Freedom Fighters Museum of Jabalpur. Notably, on August 15, 2016, Prime Minister Modi announced the construction of the museums dedicated to tribal freedom fighters in different states of the

country. **Badal Bhoi Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum, Chhindwara** Badal Bhoi Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum Building located in Chhindwara city has been constructed by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs 40 crore 69 lakh. The curation work here has been done by Vanya Sansthan under the Tribal Affairs Department. It has been constructed on the available land of the old Tribal Museum. This place is situated on Pench-Pachmarhi road. There are many scenic and important places related to the tribal freedom struggle around the museum. Apart from 6 galleries, a workshop room, and a library, adequate space for an office is also available in the new Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum building. Apart from this, an open-air theater with a capacity of 800 spectators, a craft market

(Shilpgram) profery and a tribal cafeteria have also been constructed here. The old Tribal Museum located in the same premises has also been renovated, in which various exhibits related to tribal culture are kept properly. In the new Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum, 9 main tribal freedom fighters and 16 tribal freedom fighters of the state have been described and depicted live. The first gallery is dedicated to Rani Durgavati, which displays the life of Rani Durgavati, her rule, and her struggle with external invaders. The struggle carried out by the Gond kings against the taking over of the Gond states by the British government during British rule has been depicted in Gallery 2. The Indian Forest Act was implemented by the British Government in 1927, against

which the struggle undertaken by the tribal community has been depicted in Gallery-3 as 'Jungle Satyagraha'. In the fourth gallery, the struggle of the Bheel-Bhilala tribe, who were highly skilled in guerrilla warfare, against the British government has been depicted. The struggle of heroes like Bhima Nayak, Khajya Nayak and Tanya Bheel is depicted in this gallery. Gallery 5 and 6 have been reserved for painting and photo exhibitions from time to time. **Raja Shankar Shah and Raghunath Shah Freedom Fighters Museum, Jabalpur** A museum was constructed in Jabalpur in the year 2021 with the cooperation of the State Government and the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs in honour of Raja Shankar Shah and Kunwar Raghunath Shah, symbols of unparalleled bravery and

indomitable courage. It has been named Raja Shankar Shah and Raghunath Shah Freedom Fighters Museum. In this museum built on one acre of land, the restoration and curation work of the museum building has been done by the Indian Cultural Fund (INTECH, New Delhi) at a cost of Rs 14 crore 26 lakh. This museum complex holds historical importance because it was here that Raja Shankar Shah and Kunwar Raghunath Shah were imprisoned for four days before their sacrifice. This building of historical importance has been restored to its original form using traditional conservation methods, so that this place, symbolizing the sacrifice of Raja Shankar Shah and Kunwar Raghunath Shah, remains a permanent source of inspiration and pride for future generations. Gond tribal culture is displayed in the first gallery of the museum.



Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel goes through students' paintings displayed in an exhibition during state level painting competition on energy conservation organised by National Hydroelectric Development Corporation Ltd, at Samarway Bhawan in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

# One suspended at Adampur plantation site NHDC organizes State level painting competition on 'Energy Conservation'

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Expressing displeasure over official negligence at the Adampur plantation site, Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) Commissioner, on Thursday, placed an employee under suspension for dereliction of duties. Commissioner Harendra Narayan made a surprise visit to the plantation site at Adampur. The civic body chief instructed officials to deploy additional staff to curtail the rampant growth of grass and weeds at the plantation site within a week. Narayan took action against the negligent officer in charge of the site. The in-charge garden supervisor (whose original position is that of a gardener and watchman), Bhagchand Jigne, was immediately sus-

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oversee the clearing of the area within the deadline. The Commissioner also inspected the neighbouring landfill of the BMC and instructed officials to deploy additional trommel machines to rid the site of accumulated waste. He issued directives for the commissioning of at least one unit of the NTPC charcoal plant by 31st January next year. He also underlined the need to expedite work on the Bio-CNG plant at the waste disposal site. Narayan also reviewed the slaughterhouse and the plastic plant during the inspection. With the quarterly sanitation audit looming, the Municipal Commissioner has been conducting inspections at municipal sites and facilities, repeatedly urging officials to enhance services to meet the standards set by Swachh Survekshan 2024.

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

NHDC on Thursday has organized State Level painting competition on 'Energy Conservation' in collaboration with Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) at Subhash Yadav Bhawan, New Market, Bhopal, in which the Chief Guest of the Program was Governor of the Madhya Pradesh Mangubhai Patel and Rajiv Jain, Managing Director of NHDC gave the First Prize of Rs 50,000, Second Prize of Rs 30,000, Third Prize of Rs 20,000 and 10 Consolation Prizes of Rs 7500 per winner for both the categories 'A' & 'B'. Besides, all the participants from across different parts of the Madhya Pradesh State were given Rs. 2000/- as participation amount. In this prize distribution ceremony,

the Governor praised the efforts of NHDC for organizing this State Level Painting Competition for creating awareness about 'energy conservation' among students and also praised the children, their parents and school management for participating in painting competition and appealed to be aware of energy conservation in future also. Rajiv Jain, Managing Director, NHDC said in his address that NHDC is making efforts to make the state self-reliant through energy conservation along with green energy generation. He expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Governor for his gracious presence in the painting competition to encourage the school students. In the first phase of this painting competition, schools from

across Madhya Pradesh state had organized painting competitions at school level, out of which 02 best paintings in physical form from each category 'A' & 'B' were sent to NHDC, out of which 50-50 participants of each category 'A' & 'B' were called to Bhopal for the state level painting competition and a 2 hours on the spot painting competition was organized in Bhopal. With the aim of spreading awareness about energy conservation among school students, the competition was organized in two categories - Category 'A' (for students of class 5th, 6th and 7th) and Category 'B' (for students of class 8th, 9th and 10th), in which 100 students were selected from various schools of the state had participated. The topics for both the categories in this competition

were 'Protect the Nature's Gifts, Embrace Sustainable Shifts!' and 'You have the Power to Save Power'. During Prize distribution ceremony, the first prize in category 'A' was bagged by Mukul Joshi, student of class 7 of Army Public School, Mhow, Distt. Indore. The second prize was bagged by Anushka Namdeo, student of class 6th of PM Shri KV, Dindori. The third prize was bagged by Abhiraj Ranjit, student of class 6th of Sri Satya Sai Vidya Vihar, Guna. Similarly, the first prize in category 'B' was bagged by Anismita Bose, student of class 8th of Atomic Energy Central School, Indore. The second prize was bagged by Mehul Jharbade, student of class 9th of Kamla Nehru Higher Secondary School, Bhopal. The third prize was

bagged by Brahmi T Abbhani, student of class 9th of St Joseph Co-Ed School, Bhopal. In the next phase of this painting competition, the first, second and third winners of both the categories will get the opportunity to participate in the National Level Painting Competition as representatives of Madhya Pradesh state on December 11, 2024 in Delhi. NHDC Limited is a joint venture of NHPC Limited and the Government of Madhya Pradesh, which was established in the year 2000. At present, 100% of the power generated from its two hydropower projects, Indira Sagar (1000 MW) & Omkareshwar (520 MW) and Sanchi Solar Project (08 MW) & Omkareshwar Solar Floating Project (88 MW) is being supplied to the state of Madhya Pradesh.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav during an election campaign in support of BJP candidate for state assembly election in Melghat state assembly constituency in Amravati district Maharashtra on Thursday. Pioneer photo

## Thief flees with gold chain from speeding train

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A thief caught red handed, escaped with a gold chain after attacking passengers with a sharp edged weapon in the Patliputra Super Express between Itarsi and Bhusawal in the night on Wednesday. The thief trying to steal a bag in a moving train was caught red handed. The passengers beat him and then tied his hands. When the matter of calling the police came up, the thief begged and said - there is no employment. If we don't steal for livelihood, should we die? In the middle of the conversation, he managed to free his hands. He immediately took out a knife from his pocket and attacked himself and when a passenger came to stop him, he attacked him. When the passenger's mother came forward to intervene, he snatched the mangalsutra from her neck and escaped away. The incident was reported on

the night of November 11 in Patliputra Super Express between Itarsi and Bhusawal. Passengers also made a video of it on their mobile. Bhusawal GRP filed an FIR and transferred the case diary to Itarsi GRP on Wednesday night. Posters have been printed in search of the thief. According to the police, Rakesh Jaiswal works as a welder in the Dhobi Ghat area of Mumbai. On 11th November, he was travelling to Mumbai from Pandit Deendayal Railway Station with his mother, wife and children. He had a reservation in sleeper coach S1 of Patliputra Super Express. It had been half an hour since the train left Itarsi. The passengers were asleep. Meanwhile, a thief tried to steal Rakesh Jaiswal's bag. He woke up and raised an alarm. Other passengers caught the thief. They beat him up. Then they took off his shirt and tied his hands with it and made him sit down. After beating the thief, the passengers tied his hands and made him sit down. During the questioning, the passengers slapped the thief again. This caused his wig to fall off. In the tug of war, the thief freed his hands. Then he took out a knife and started hitting himself. Seeing this, all the passengers moved away from him. When Rakesh moved forward to stop him, he started attacking him with a knife. Then he pulled out his mother's mangalsutra from her neck and ran away showing the knife. When the train reached Bhusawal, the passengers complained to GRP about the theft of Mangalsutra and stabbing. Itarsi GRP station in-charge RS Chauhan said "the video of the incident and the photos of the thief have been sent to other police stations across the country. The language in which the thief was talking is spoken from Jabalpur-Satna to Allahabad".

## Collector reviews cattle shelter project

Bhopal: Pulling up officials for the continuing presence of stray cattle on city streets, District Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh on Thursday reviewed plans to address the growing issue. The district administration stated that Singh convened civic and administrative officials after an inspection revealed large herds of cattle in several areas of the state capital. He reviewed the progress of the project for the new cow shelter and instructed officials to ensure that the three-phase construction is completed within the stipulated time frame. Notably, CM will soon perform the Bhumi Pujan for an extensive cow shelter at Barkhedi Abdullah on the outskirts of the city. The BMC will be responsible for managing the facility, which, after completion, will house 10,000 stray cattle and include veterinary facilities on the 25-acre campus. The cowshed, costing Rs 15 crore, will be funded by the Smart City project.

## Issues pertaining to ST employees at BHEL Bhopal reviewed

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A meeting to review the issues related to Scheduled Tribe employees was organized in the august presence of Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Antar Singh Arya in IFX Hall at BHEL Bhopal on Thursday. Executive Director, BHEL Bhopal, SM Ramanathan, Senior Officer of Scheduled Tribe Commission, BK Singh, General Manager (HR), all other General Managers, Liaison Officer Scheduled Tribes, representatives of Scheduled Tribes Association were present in this program. Arya inquired about the facilities being provided to the Scheduled Tribe employees working in BHEL Bhopal and emphasized on making efforts to increase them as much as possible. He also discussed about the problems of Scheduled Tribe employees working in BHEL Bhopal. He praised the coordination done with the Commission team in this program organized by BHEL

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Bhopal Management and also appreciated the organizers. All the members present came to know about the provisions made by the government for the upliftment of scheduled tribes and the role of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in their implementation and the importance of the guidelines given. On this occasion, Rajesh Kumar Agarwal, General Manager (SOM) gave a brief information about BHEL Bhopal and made a presentation on the production capabilities along with the products manufactured by BHEL Bhopal. The program was conducted by Arif Ahmed Siddiqui, Additional General Manager (HR).

## Indore's Vandana Thakur brings laurels

Indore: Bringing laurels to the state, Vandana Thakur of Indore has been adjudged the second runner-up at the 15th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship 2024, currently underway in the Maldives. Thakur won the bronze medal in the women's bodybuilding in the above 55 kg category. Thakur is the only Indian female bodybuilder to achieve this feat at the prestigious competition. Thakur's remarkable achievement is a significant milestone for Indian bodybuilding, especially for women in the sport. Her success not only brings glory to the nation but also serves as a powerful source of inspiration for women striving to break into this male-dominated field. The prestigious competition, hosted by the Bodybuilding Association of Maldives (BBAM) with support from the World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation (WBPF), saw participation from over 250 top bodybuilders from 46 countries.

## Collector asks civic officials to prepare DPR for houses to slum dwellers

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Setting a week-long deadline for submission of a requisite policy document, District Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh on Thursday urged civic officials to expedite phase one construction of the housing project for slum dwellers. He also sought the creation of a cohesive strategy to rid the city of slums, Singh was speaking to officials responsible for the planning of permanent housing for citizens under the Slum Rehabilitation Programme. Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) officials said they plan to divide the district into 9 clusters for the identification and survey of slums. They added that they have completed the survey of slums around Vallabh Bhawan as part of phase one of the plan. Adopting the Public-Private Partnership model, the administration plans to provide permanent houses to slum dwellers. Several prime residential projects are also in the planning stages under the Suraj Abhiyan (Good Governance Campaign) and the Redensification Policy. The Collector directed officials

## Singh was speaking to officials responsible for the planning of permanent housing for citizens

to promptly start construction work for the first phase and set a week-long deadline for the submission of a detailed project report on the design, planning policies, estimates, tender conditions, and all necessary preparations. Singh instructed Municipal Commissioner Harendra Narayan and all SDMs to prepare a detailed plan to make Bhopal district slum-free and to expedite the implementation process. The Municipal Corporation was also directed to complete the tender process within a week and present it before the competent committee. All SDMs, engineers from the Urban Administration Department, and civic body officials attended the meeting, which focused on one of the pet projects of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav.



Canara Bank Regional Office organized a Retail Loan Expo in Saket Nagar, Bhopal. Renowned builders and vehicle dealers of the city participated in this expo where they displayed all their ongoing projects. This expo was inaugurated by Sudhanshu Suman, General Manager, Canara Bank Regional Office. All 32 branches of Canara Bank Bhopal city participated with their customers on both days of the expo. Pioneer photo

## CM congratulates people on Gita Utsav campaign

Bhopal: Chief Minister Mohan Yadav extended his congratulations to the people of the state on the Gita Utsav campaign, centered around the Shrimad Bhagwat Gita. He remarked that the significance of this festival has grown even more, as it marks the first time an educational competition based on the Gita is being organized in the country. Dr.

Yadav emphasized that the Shrimad Bhagwat Gita is not merely a religious scripture but a profound guide that imparts the art of living. He added that Gita Mahotsav celebrates our rich cultural and spiritual heritage, offering a wonderful opportunity to embrace the invaluable wisdom and inspiration of the Shrimad Bhagwat Gita in our lives.

Yadav said that an education competition based on the life values of Shrimad Bhagwat Gita will be organized in the last week of November. Through this competition organized under the joint aegis of School Education and ISKCON, one will get a wonderful opportunity to deeply understand and assimilate the invaluable teachings and life values of Gita.

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# Revenue Maha Abhiyan 3.0 starts today on CM's instructions

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has given instructions to run Revenue Campaign 3.0 from November 15 to December 15, after the success of Revenue Campaign 1 and 2. Detailed guidelines for the work to be done in the Revenue Campaign have been issued to all the collectors. Principal Secretary Revenue Vivek Porwal said that the speedy resolution of pending revenue cases of the Revenue Department and revenue record errors will be rectified in Revenue campaign 3.0. Detailed guidelines regarding the campaign have been issued to all the district collectors. The Campaign dashboard has also been created for district-wise progress. The Maha Abhiyan includes nomination transfer, property

distribution, record correction, resolution of pending cases of demarcation in revenue courts, registration of new revenue cases in revenue courts, map corrections, saturation of PM Kisan, linking of Aadhaar with ROR, marking of traditional routes, farmer registry and implementation of Swamitva Yojana. In the guidelines issued by the Revenue Department for the campaign, it has been made clear that while ensuring the resolution of the nomination transfer cases that have crossed the time limit, the newly registered cases will also be resolved within the time limit. Also, under the succession transfer, a list of people who have died will be prepared by getting the B-1 read by the village Patwari. According to that, after registering a case, immediate action for nomination transfer will be

taken. Similarly, the pending cases of property distribution and the newly registered cases will be resolved. The Revenue Campaign will also ensure resolution of cases of rectification of all types of records pending for a period of 6 months. Revenue officers have been instructed to immediately resolve the pending demarcation cases registered on RCMS in the Maha Abhiyan and resolve new cases by registering them. The mega-campaign will also include marking of roads, paths, and public lands recognized under Section 131. The action of dividing the map will be taken in the Revenue Campaign. According to the Khasra allotment list available on the village map, the work of updating the map will be done by the Patwari and Tehsildar through the map allotment

module on the Bhulekh portal. Top priority will be given to the implementation work. The records of all the involved Khasras will be corrected on the basis of settlement records and the current Khasra map. By visiting the land records portal, the applicant can link his Khasra with Aadhaar. Its verification will be done by the Patwari. The eligible beneficiaries left out in the action taken for saturation in PM Kisan Yojana will be added to the scheme. Information on ineligible beneficiaries will be updated on PM Kisan Portal. The pending E-KYC process will be completed through OTP through the PM Kisan App, PM Kisan Portal, through biometrics through CSC center or face recognition through PM Kisan App. The process of opening the pending Aadhaar bank account for DBT

cooperation of the concerned bankers and opening an account related to India Post Payment Bank. Under the Swamitva Yojana in the Maha Abhiyan, ground truthing work will be completed in all the villages by November 30, 2024 and updated maps will be obtained from the Survey of India. The process of ROR entry in the scheme will be done continuously. The proceedings will be completed by December 15. The Divisional Commissioner will keep an eye on the action taken in Revenue Maha Abhiyan 3.0. He will also regularly review the progress of the campaign by visiting the districts of the division. Additional Director, Madhya Pradesh Land Records Management, Bhopal has been appointed nodal officer at the state level to coordinate the revenue mega-campaign.



Noted dance artist Kavitha Shaji with her troupe performs Mohiniyattam during Pt Nandkishore Sharma Smriti Samaroh, at Bharat Bhawan in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo



Madhya Pradesh Congress President Jitu Patwari pays tribute to former Prime Minister Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru on his birth anniversary marked as Children's Day in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

## Using improper footwear causes injuries: Dr Jain

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Four out of five people who engage in daily physical activity or running suffer from injuries due to improper footwear, said Dr Abhishek Jain, consultant radiologist at the University of Liverpool, on Thursday. Dr Jain was addressing a workshop on Musculoskeletal Issues in Middle-aged Individuals at the Bhopal Memorial Hospital and Research Centre (BMHRC) in the state capital. Dr Manisha Srivastava, the Director In-charge of BMHRC, explained that such workshops are organised monthly to raise aware-

### Dr Jain was addressing a workshop on Musculoskeletal Issues in Middle-aged Individuals at the BMHRC

ness about health-related topics among the female staff. This workshop was part of a series of such initiatives. Dr Saurabh Dixit said that mobile phone use among children should be discouraged, as holding the neck in one position for prolonged periods can lead to musculoskeletal issues.

He said that the habit can result in cervical pain in children. These days, many parents bring their children to the OPD with complaints of neck pain. Dr Dixit further explained that cervical issues are easily diagnosed. In most cases, there is no need for a CT scan or MRI; a simple X-ray is enough to determine the presence of cervical problems. Dr Lalit Kumar, Head of the Respiratory Department at BMHRC, clarified that it is a common misconception that musculoskeletal problems only affect the elderly. Due to modern lifestyles, even younger individuals are increasingly facing these issues.

## FIITJEE promotes Big Bang Edge test

**Indore:** In a significant leap toward its contribution and innovation in the field of education, FIITJEE has promulgated the iconic Big Bang Edge (BBE) Test 2024 for the students of Class V to XI. Big Bang Edge Test is a scientifically designed diagnostic tool that will evaluate the 3600-academic potential of students so that they can get an insight into their academic skills and inclinations. Through its various innovative approaches, it has been revolutionising education for the last 32 years. One of its such innovations is the scientific diagnosis of students' IQ aptitude & analytical skills, which gives students a 3600 analysis of their academic potential. FIITJEE is the first and the only institute to diagnose students' academic potential scientifically. Big Bang Edge (BBE) Test is

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## Miscrants nabbed for snatching cell phone

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Katara Hills police have nabbed a history-sheeter who snatched a mobile phone from an elderly vegetable trader in the night on Wednesday. After receiving the complaint, the police registered an FIR and arrested the accused youth after searching. Earlier also 13 crimes have been registered against the accused in different police stations. Katara Hills police station in-charge Bijendra Nigam said that 65-year-old Phool Singh Mali is a resident of Barai village. He does vegetable business and buys vegetables from the fields of nearby villages and comes to sell them in the vegetable market of the city. On the day of the

incident he had reached the vegetable market behind the Katara police station to sell vegetables. Since there was a weekly market on the second day also, Phool Singh slept here at night. At night he got up to answer nature's call during which a young man came and snatched the mobile phone from his hand and escaped. As soon as the information of the incident was received, the police registered a case and started searching for the robber. During interrogation at the crime scene, police came to know that Ajay Golden, a history-sheeter of the area, had committed the crime. As soon as this was known, police cordoned off the area and arrested Ajay Golden. Ajay Golden (20) lives in Barrai village.

## VD Sharma inaugurates Booth Sangathan Parv

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

State President of BJP and Khajuraho MP Vishnudutt Sharma on Thursday became the Panna Pramukh by inaugurating the Booth Sangathan Parv at booth number-223 of ward-80 of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Nagar Kolar Mandal of Huzur Assembly of Bhopal. During the Organisation Festival in Madhya Pradesh, 11 office bearers and members including the first booth president Archana Goswami were elected by consensus. At the same time, after assuming the responsibility of Panna Pramukh, State President of Bharatiya Janata Party said, "I am feeling proud today that I have got the role of Panna Pramukh at my booth. I will try to strengthen this area along with all the workers which has always been with the BJP." The workers celebrated the first phase of the Organisation Festival with full enthusiasm. I believe that this enthusiasm will remain in the second phase as well. There is internal democ-

racy in the Bharatiya Janata Party. Therefore, organisation elections are conducted with complete transparency. Sharma said that the state has created history in the first phase of the membership festival of Sangathan Parv and till date more than 1 crore 65 lakh members have taken membership of the party. Our second phase of booth Sangathan Parv has started from today and it will continue till 20th November. Bharatiya Janata Party has always been ahead in women empowerment in the country and state. On Sangathan Parv, 3 women will be given place at every booth in 65 thousand 13 booths of the state. Giving place to people of every section in the booth committee has also started from today. In this direction, now Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat program in-charge, WhatsApp in-charge along with beneficiary in-charge have also been appointed and in this way all sections will be included and represented under Sangathan Parv across the state.

The BJP State President said that the government of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the center and Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav in the state are working to bring happiness in the lives of the poor by doing welfare of the poor through the schemes of Garib Kalyan. He said that the Central and State Governments are working to empower women through new schemes. After the Booth Sangathan Parv, BJP State President Shri Vishnudutt Sharma, while answering the questions asked by the journalists about the press conference of Congress State President Jeetu Patwari, said that when Congress wins the election, it crowns Rahul Gandhi with a crown. When it senses defeat, it resorts to hooliganism and blames the administration and EVMs. Congress leaders have indulged in hooliganism in Vijaypur, I have gone there and protested against it. When the results will come on 23 November, the people of Vijaypur and Budhni will give the Congress an answer.

## Yuva Samvad held at Medi-Caps varsity

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

**Indore:** The Faculty of Agriculture at Medi-Caps University, in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture and Food Processing, Government of Madhya Pradesh, organized "Yuvasamvad" under the Prime Minister Micro Food Enterprises Upgradation Scheme (PMFME). The program aimed to explore innovations, challenges, and opportunities in secondary and tertiary agriculture. The event was graced by D.S. Chauhan, Deputy Director of Horticulture, as the chief guest, presided over by Honorable Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) D.K. Patnaik, and witnessed the participation of prominent experts like Rakesh Aggarwal, Yashi Srivastava, and Ravikant, who provided valuable insights on marketing strategies, business planning, and sustainable food processing technologies, along with Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) D.K. Panda, Dean of Agriculture Prof. S.D. Upadhyay, Registrar Prof. P. Siluvanathan, and esteemed Deans, Heads of Departments, and faculty members.

DS Chauhan, in his keynote address, highlighted the role of micro and small-scale food enterprises in strengthening rural economies and fostering sustainable development. Prof. (Dr.) D.K. Patnaik emphasized the transformative potential of agricultural processing and marketing and encouraged students to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in these areas. Rakesh Aggarwal, a marketing and export strategist, outlined innovative approaches to marketing food products and expanding agricultural exports. Yashi Srivastava, Food Consultant and District Resource Chief Executive Officer, provided a comprehensive guide on preparing business project reports, securing loans, and obtaining licenses to empower budding agro-entrepreneurs. Ravikant, an expert in solar drying technologies, explained the use of solar dryers in food processing, showcasing their sustainability and cost-effectiveness in enhancing agricultural value chains.

## Human library event inspires young minds at AWC

PNS ■ MHOW

The Army War College (AWC), Mhow, Combat Library, hosted an inspiring Human Library Event on Thursday, Children's Day. Human Library is an innovative event where people, often called "readers" have the opportunity to "borrow" and engage in conversation with "books". These books are actual people who volunteer to share their personal stories, perspectives and experiences. The event featured distinguished Human Books - Dev

Kumar Vasudevan, Environmentalist, Lt Col Euthica, Motorsports enthusiast and Maj Aakruti Sirur, Innovator. Reet Sahi, Chairperson of the Family Welfare Organisation, was the Chief Guest. Over 150 children from the families of Army War College, attended, aiming to foster reading habits, enhance comprehension skills and develop critical thinking and a positive outlook towards life. The event provided a memorable experience for the young minds at the Human

Books', each with their unique life journeys, shared their achievements. Mr Dev Kumar Vasudevan, emphasised the importance of education and environmental awareness. Lt Col Euthica, motivated attendees with her experiences in Motorsports, showcasing the spirit of determination and fearlessness. Maj Aakruti Sirur a recipient of PM's Award for Innovation inspired the children with her stories of perseverance and creativity, emphasising the significance of technological advancement in the Army.

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मध्यप्रदेश स्वास्थ्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय चिकित्सकीय सेवा आदर्श नियम, 2018 के ज्ञाप क्रमांक एफ 2-06/2018/1-55 भोपाल दिनांक 07.04.2018 के अनुरूप अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी, शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, विदिशा के अधीन निम्नलिखित आकस्मिक चिकित्सा अधिकारी एवं महिला चिकित्सा अधिकारी के रिक्त पदों की पूर्ति पर नियुक्ति हेतु अर्हातारी उम्मीदवारों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं :-

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2	आकस्मिक चिकित्सा अधिकारी	03	UR SC ST OBC EWS	56,100/- अनुसार देय होगा।

उक्त पदों को शैक्षणिक एवं अतिरिक्त अर्हातारें निम्नानुसार हैं :-

क्र.	पद का नाम	न्युनतम आयु सीमा	शैक्षणिक अर्हातारें	सेवानिवृत्ति की अधिवार्षिकी आय
1	महिला चिकित्सा अधिकारी	25 वर्ष	एन.एम.सी. द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय/संस्थान से स्नातक परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण।	65 वर्ष
2	आकस्मिक चिकित्सा अधिकारी	25 वर्ष	एम.बी.बी.एम/एन.एम.सी. द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय/संस्थान से स्नातक परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण।	65 वर्ष

उपरोक्त विज्ञापन की विस्तृत जानकारी एवं आवेदन पत्र का निर्धारित प्रारूप संचालक, चिकित्सा शिक्षा की वेबसाइट [www.medicaleducation.mp.gov.in](http://www.medicaleducation.mp.gov.in) एवं अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी, शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, विदिशा की वेबसाइट पर [www.gmcvidisha.org](http://www.gmcvidisha.org) पर उपलब्ध है। आवेदन मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी एवं अधिष्ठाता, अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी, शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, विदिशा के नाम से बंद लिफाफे में पद का नाम व स्वयं का नाम एवं श्रेणी आवश्यक रूप से अंकित कर भेजे (आवेदन की अंतिम तिथि- 02.12.2024 सायं 05:00 बजे तक है)। निर्धारित तिथि के उपरांत प्राप्त आवेदन पत्रों पर विचार नहीं किया जावेगा। साक्षात्कार की तिथि पृथक से संस्था की वेबसाइट के माध्यम से सूचित की जावेगी। स्कूटी एवं साक्षात्कार से संबंधित जानकारी हेतु समय-समय पर संस्था की वेबसाइट का अवलोकन करें।

नोट :- क्रमांक 493/स्था./सी.एम.ओ. विज्ञाप-6/24 विदिशा/दिनांक :- 01/02/2024 द्वारा प्राप्त आवेदनों को मान्य किया जायेगा, किन्तु आवेदक को नवीन अनापत्ति प्रमाण-पत्र एवं अनुभव प्रमाण पत्र पृथक से अंतिम दिनांक के पूर्व जमा कराया जाना होगा।

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## Coast guard evacuates critically ill from Lakshadweep

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) evacuated a critically-ill patient from Agatti, Lakshadweep late on Wednesday, the defence ministry said here on Thursday. The 68-year old patient was diagnosed with acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and type 2 respiratory failure and was in need of immediate medical evacuation, it said. Giving details, officials said ICG District Headquarters at Kochi, in coordination with its Lakshadweep Headquarters and the Lakshadweep Administration, launched a Dornier aircraft and medically escorted the patient to the General Hospital Ernakulam, Kochi. The swift and successful medical evacuation is part of the consistent support extended by the ICG to the Lakshadweep administration and the Islanders towards ensuring safety of life and sustained connectivity with the mainland, upholding the ICG motto, 'Vayam Rakshamah' - We Protect.

## Congress, BJP pay tributes to Nehru on birth anniversary



**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi paid homage to Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first PM, on his birth anniversary on Thursday. Nehru was born on November

14, 1889 in Uttar Pradesh's Allahabad (now Prayagraj). He was one of the leading faces of the country's freedom struggle. He breathed his last on May 27, 1964. "On the occasion of his birth anniversary, I pay homage to our former Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru," PM

Modi wrote on social media post. The Congress paid rich tributes to Nehru. Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, said Nehru's democratic, progressive and inclusive values are the cornerstone of India and will always remain

so. Mallikarjun Kharge, president of the Congress, hailed Nehru as the architect of modern India and the one who took India from zero to the peak. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Congress general secretary, also paid tributes to Nehru at his memorial in Shantivan.

## DRDO successfully concludes flight test of Pinaka Weapons System



**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully completed the flight tests of Guided Pinaka Weapon System as part of Provisional Staff Qualitative Requirements (PSQR) validation trials. The flight tests have been conducted in three phases at different field firing ranges, the defence ministry said here on Thursday. During these tests, the PSQR parameters namely, ranging, accuracy, consistency and rate of fire for multiple target engagement in a salvo mode have been assessed by extensive testing of rockets. Twelve rock-

ets from each production agency from two in-service Pinaka launchers upgraded by the launcher production agencies have been tested, it said. The precision strike variant for Pinaka Multiple Launch Rocket System is a totally indigenous weapon system designed and developed by Armament Research and Development Establishment in association with Research Centre Imarat, Defence Research and Development Laboratory, High Energy Materials Research Laboratory and Proof and Experimental Establishment with Munitions India Limited and Economic Explosives Limited as production agencies for ammunition and Tata

Advanced Systems Limited and Larsen and Toubro for Pinaka launcher and Battery Command Post. Defence minister Rajnath Singh complimented the DRDO and the Indian Army for the successful PSQR validation trials of the system and stated that the induction of this Guided Pinaka Weapon System will further boost the artillery fire power of the Armed Forces. Dr Samir V Kamat, secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO, also congratulated the teams associated with the trials and said the rocket system has completed all pre-requisite flight trials before induction into the Indian Army.

## MoD holds meeting on electronic warfare

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

The annual meeting of the Joint Electromagnetic Board (JEMB), a subcommittee of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC), was held on Wednesday to review all aspects of electronic warfare and spectrum management besides other issues, the Ministry of Defence

announced on Thursday. Giving the details, officials from the ministry, said the meeting was held under the chairmanship of Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra, Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Operations). The event was attended by senior officers from the three Services, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Department of

Defence Production (DDP), and industry representatives. The meeting covered multiple agenda items on joint operations and integration in areas such as electronic warfare, signature management, emerging technologies, EMI/EMC, spectrum management and human resource management. The event also featured the launch of the AI-enabled e-Tarang system.

## PM inaugurates Bodo festival

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first Bodoland Mahotsav on Friday at the SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in Delhi and address a gathering on the occasion, Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said on Thursday. The two-day festival is a mega event on language, literature and culture to sustain peace and build a vibrant Bodo society, a statement from the PMO read. It aims to integrate the indigenous Bodo people residing not only in Bodoland but other parts of Assam, West Bengal, Nepal and international border areas of the Northeast. The theme for the festival is Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat with a focus on the rich culture, language and education of the Bodo community along with other communities from the Bodoland Territorial Region. It aims to capitalise on the richness of cultural and linguistic heritage, ecological biodiversity and touristic potential of Bodoland. Significantly, the festival is also about celebrating the remarkable journey of recovery and resilience ever since the sign-

ing of the Bodo Peace Accord in 2020, the statement read. The peace agreement not only resolved decades of conflict, violence, and loss of life in Bodoland but also served as a catalyst for other peace settlements, it further read. The session on The rich Bodo culture, tradition and literature contributing towards Indian heritage and traditions, will be the highlight of the festival and witness deliberations on the rich Bodo culture, traditions, language and literature. Another session on the Challenges and opportunities of mother tongue medium-of-instruction through National Education Policy, 2020, will also be held. A thematic discussion on Indigenous cultural meet and discussion on building vibrant Bodoland region through culture and tourism, will be organised with the objective of promoting tourism and culture of the Bodoland region. The gathering will include more than 5,000 cultural, linguistic and art enthusiasts attending the event from the Bodoland region, Assam, West Bengal, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, other parts of India, and also from neighbouring Nepal and Bhutan, among others.

## Rajnath to visit Laos for ASEAN ministers' meet



**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Rajnath Singh, Union Minister of Defence, will pay a three-day visit to Laos next week to attend a meeting of a grouping comprising 10-nation ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and some of its dialogue partners, which is expected to deliberate on evolving regional security situation. He is likely to present India's position on dealing with major

security challenges facing the region at the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus), sources said. The defence minister will visit Laos from November 20 to 22, they said. ADMM-Plus is a platform comprising 10-nation ASEAN and its eight dialogue partners - India, China, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States. Laos is hosting the meeting in its capacity as the current chair of ADMM-Plus.

The meeting is likely to deliberate on the situation in the Indo-Pacific as well as ways to combat the threat of terrorism. Singh is likely to hold bilateral meetings with the defence ministers of a number of participating countries. India became the dialogue partner of the ASEAN in 1992 and the inaugural ADMM-Plus was convened in Hanoi in October 2010. Since 2017, the ADMM-Plus ministers have been meeting annually to bolster security cooperation.

## Naval seminar concludes

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Issues including cyber security, risks in aviation operations and challenges posed by unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) were discussed during the two-day Flight Safety Seminar (FSS) and Annual Naval Flight Safety Meeting (NFSM) ending Wednesday at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam, the defence ministry announced on Thursday. Giving details,

officials said the meeting was organised under the aegis of the Headquarters Eastern Naval Command. Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Naval Command, delivered the key note address. Centering on the theme Emerging Threats and Challenges - Naval Air Operations and Compliance with Flight Safety, the seminar focused on contemporary topics.

## Panagariya argues for local bodies to self finance

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Rural and urban local bodies should look at raising their own resources as it will mobilise citizens in terms of their expectations and their demands from the local bodies, said Arvind Panagariya, chairman of the 16th Finance Commission, on Thursday. Speaking at a one-day conclave of the Finance Commissions themed Devolution to Development organised by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Panagariya also said that a convergence is being witnessed in the demands of the urban and rural local bodies. Among the topics in focus at the conclave were deliberations on addressing systemic challenges, ensuring timely constitution of the state finance commissions, implementation of recommendations and strengthening institutional mechanisms to ensure a smooth flow of funds to the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), and fostering financial autonomy and self-reliance among the panchayats. The issue of panchayat finances, including devolution of funds, functions and functionalities, along with strategies to enhance local revenue sources were among the key issues. Panagariya said that local bodies should look at raising their own resources as well. "From the view point of service provision it is important to raise



some own resources also. When citizens pay taxes, they are also aware of services that ought to be rendered to them," he said. "It is also the logic of devolution of the functions at local levels. Locals know what they need and want. That knowledge will convert into a more activist kind of demand." Panagariya said it will also mobilise the citizens. "In some way efforts should be made by the panchayats and urban local bodies to raise at least some part of their revenues from their own jurisdiction. That is an important way to mobilise citizenry in terms of its expectations and demands," he said. Meanwhile, Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Panchayati Raj said the conclave brings together stakeholders so that there is an integration in thought and

action. "For the 2.5 lakh panchayats and people, the Finance Commission is responsible for devolution of resources. We have been trying that there should be an integration of action and thought between the central and state finance commissions. Through this conclave, all stakeholders have come on one platform," he said. The conclave, organised by the Panchayati Raj Ministry, brings together key representatives from the 16th Finance Commission, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, the Ministry of Rural Development, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, as well as eminent experts and representatives from the State Finance Commissions and other relevant institutions.

## How India is reshaping its relationship its tribal populations

**RANI SINGH RAJPUT ■ NEW DELHI**

For the first time in India's history, the nation's tribal communities are experiencing a wave of transformative initiatives that recognise and uplift them across all spheres. After years of systemic neglect, a newfound focus on tribal welfare is not only closing gaps but also celebrating their heritage, empowering their youth, improving healthcare access, and providing economic opportunities. Droupadi Murmu's election as India's first tribal President is also a monumental step for tribal representation, sending a powerful message of inclusion and breaking barriers at the highest level of government.

With these monumental steps, India is reshaping its relationship with its tribal citizens-bringing prosperity, dignity, and equality to communities long overlooked. Here is a look at these historic firsts that are building a brighter, more inclusive future. India has expanded its financial commitment to tribal welfare to record levels. Funds for Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (STs) have seen a five-fold increase, from less than Rs 24,600 crore in 2013-14 to an incredible Rs 1.23 lakh crore in 2024-25. This leap in funding is fueling initiatives across education, healthcare, housing, and more, marking a powerful commitment to empowering tribal communities.



Tribal students are finally receiving the educational opportunities they deserve, with enrollment soaring from 34,000 in 2013-14 to over 1.3 lakh in 2023-24. The growth of

Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) has been a cornerstone of this shift, with the number of schools nearly quadrupling, from 123 to 476 in just a decade. These schools

are not only educating but transforming prospects for tribal youth across the country. With the first-ever Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission, India is tackling a health issue

that disproportionately affects tribal communities. Already, over 4.6 crore people have been screened, with a goal to reach seven crore within three years. This mission to eradicate sickle cell disease isn't just about health; it is about creating a healthier, more resilient future for India's tribal populations. For the first time, tribal students are receiving extensive scholarship support. Scholarships now benefit over 30 lakh students annually, with a total disbursement of Rs 17,000 crore in last 10 years. These scholarships are more than financial aid; they're a pathway to empowerment for tribal youth. The contributions of tribal freedom fighters are now being

recognised on a national scale, with 10 museums established in their honor. The birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda has also been designated as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, paying tribute to his legacy and the resilience of India's tribal communities. For the first time, the stories of tribal heroes are celebrated, fostering pride and preserving cultural heritage. In a landmark push for tribal entrepreneurship, 3900 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras have been set up, providing resources to nearly 12 lakh tribal entrepreneurs. These centers are enabling tribals to transform traditional skills into profitable ventures, promoting economic self-reliance and innovation.

Under PM-JANMAN, essential services like housing, clean water, sanitation, and healthcare are reaching the most vulnerable tribal groups for the first time. With a budget of over Rs 24,000 crore dedicated to 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and more than 45 lakh families, this initiative is a lifeline for remote tribal communities. Further, with the abrogation of Article 370, ST communities in Jammu & Kashmir now have expanded access to education and employment opportunities, opening doors to a brighter future and fostering inclusion for tribal groups in the region. Also, in a first, bamboo has been declassified as a tree, allowing tribal communities to harvest it freely.



# By-election battle intensifies in Katehari where dalit votes hold the key

**BISWAJEET BANERJEE**  
LUCKNOW

In the high-stakes Katehari by-election, political fervor is at an all-time high as the BJP, SP, and BSP gear up for a tight race in this constituency, historically linked with BJP's religious agenda due to its proximity to Ayodhya.

This election, scheduled for November 23, is particularly significant as it is the first at the assembly level following the construction of the Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya—a cornerstone achievement for BJP.

The BJP has invested substantial resources in this contest, aiming to break a 30-year drought in Katehari. Party

leaders hope the temple's completion and the popularity of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will rally voters in their favor. BJP candidate Dharmaraj Nishad, a seasoned politician who previously served as MLA here on a BSP ticket, faces Shobhavati Verma from SP, wife of sitting MP Lalji Verma, and BSP's Amit Verma.

The constituency's Dalit population will play a pivotal role in determining the outcome. As the community's influence rivals that of upper castes, candidates are vying to secure both Dalit and backward-caste support. "The candidate who manages to unite the Dalit and backward vote

will likely secure victory," said Ranjan Kumar, a local resident. Although BJP has not won this seat since 1992, the party has narrowed its losses in recent elections, falling short by less than 10,000 votes. Determined to claim victory, CM Yogi Adityanath has made multiple visits to rally support. In this election, caste dynamics have shifted. Where recent assembly polls saw a clash between OBC and Brahmin groups, this time it's OBC vs. OBC, with all three major parties fielding OBC candidates. For BJP, Nishad's previous BSP affiliation could sway votes from traditional BSP supporters, which, along with the Dalit vote, might be critical for BJP to make gains.



The SP is contending with internal discord. By nominating Shobhavati Verma, Lalji Verma's wife, the party faces accusations of nepotism. Prominent local SP leaders, like Pahadi Yadav and Shankhlal Yadav, have expressed displeasure over

the selection. "It has sparked a rift within SP, which BJP is trying to leverage to its advantage," commented a local analyst. The SP's PDA (Pichda, Dalit, Alpashankhyak) formula, often successful in uniting backward castes, Dalits, and minorities, appears less

effective in Katehari this time.

The Verma couple's history with BSP is also significant, as Lalji Verma was previously elected from Katehari under the BSP banner. This BSP legacy, along with Amit Verma's candidacy, introduces the possibility of vote division among SP and BSP supporters, potentially giving BJP an

edge. Despite BJP's efforts, the party grapples with internal issues. Some local leaders allege that key party cadres, essential to mobilizing voters, feel neglected. Rajesh Kumar Dubey, a former village head, expressed dissatisfaction with BJP's han-

dling of grassroots supporters. "Those who have supported BJP for decades are facing disrespect at local police stations," he claimed, adding that the actions of certain BJP leaders are tarnishing the party's image in Katehari. Voters are also concerned about issues of corruption at local administrative levels, such as the tehsil and police stations, which has reportedly soured public sentiment toward the ruling party. Nonetheless, there remains strong faith in CM Yogi's leadership among some factions of the electorate. Unlike typical assembly races, this by-election appears to focus more on the candidates' individual images than on broader political issues.

Development and employment, usually central to elections, are less prominent in the discourse this time.

"It's the candidate's personal appeal that matters. People may be angry with BJP, but Yogi Adityanath's influence remains strong," noted Ranjan Kumar.

Regardless of the outcome, the BSP's legacy in Katehari remains influential. SP candidate Shobhavati Verma's husband, Lalji Verma, previously held the seat as a BSP representative, and BJP's Dharmaraj Nishad served as a minister under the BSP government.

This history signals that, while the BSP may not hold the seat currently, its role in Katehari politics endures.

## Government bans Meghalaya based insurgent group HNLC

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI

Meghalaya-based insurgent group Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) was on Thursday declared banned by the government for five years for its involvement in violent incidents and for carrying out activities prejudicial to India's sovereignty and integrity.

In a notification, the Union Home Ministry said the Central government is of the opinion that the HNLC has declared objective for secession of areas in the Meghalaya, largely inhabited by Khasi and Jaintia tribes, and continued intimidation and bullying of the civilian population to extort funds for their organisation.

It said the group is also maintaining links with other insurgent groups of the northeastern region for carrying out extortion and intimidation and indulging in 48 criminal cases, including that of explosion or planting of explosives in Meghalaya, from November 2019 to June 2024. During this period, 73 cadres of the outfit were also arrested by the secu-



rity forces. "The HNLC along with all its factions, wings and front organisations of Meghalaya has been involved in such activities which are prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India," the notification said.

The Home Ministry said it is of the opinion that the activities of the HNLC are detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of India.

If these are not immediately curbed and controlled, the HNLC may regroup and rearm itself, expand its cadres, procure sophisticated weapons,

cause loss of lives of civilians and security forces and properties and thereby accelerate its anti-national activities, the ministry said.

It is also of the opinion that for the reasons aforesaid, it is necessary to declare the HNLC together with its factions, wings and front organisations, as an unlawful association.

Considering all these facts, the Ministry of Home Affairs decided to declare HNLC outlawed under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) with immediate effect for five years, the notification said.

## Doctors across TN protest against brutal attack on oncologist

**PTI** ■ CHENNAI

Doctors across Tamil Nadu staged a protest on Thursday condemning the brutal attack on a government oncologist at a hospital here, and also demanded safety for medical professionals. The strike by the members of the Indian Medical Association and Tamil Nadu Government Doctors Association has not affected the medical services to the patients at the government facility, an official said and claimed that the senior oncologist Balaji, assaulted by the son of a patient in the outpatient room on Wednesday, was responding well to treatment. State Health Minister Ma Subramanian visited Balaji Jegannathan, associate professor, medical oncology, Kalaingar Centenary Super Speciality Hospital (KCSSH), Guindy, here, earlier in the day and enquired about his health condition. "There has been good progress in Dr Balaji's health. His vitals are good without any support. He had breakfast in the morning. He spoke to the Minister of Health saying he is doing well and sought to be shifted to ward," KCSSH director Dr L Parthasarathy said. When



reporters asked about Wednesday's violent attack on hospital premises, he replied, "one is bound to be emotionally upset if diagnosed with cancer. The patient was admitted after the doctors explained about the treatment options to her." On whether the strike affected the medical services to the patients, he said that there were sufficient numbers of doctors to attend to about 500 to 600 inpatients and those in ICU at KCSSH. "I hope the issue will be resolved amicably soon," Parthasarathy added. The 1,000 bedded Kalaingar Centenary Super Speciality

Hospital, where the crime occurred, was inaugurated a year ago. In addition to this facility, the National Centre of Aging (NCA), and the King Institute are functioning on the sprawling campus near the Guindy railway station. "There's an outpost near the NCA. Police officials said they would establish outposts in all the hospitals lacking such facility," the director said. The protest was announced to create awareness among the public and not intended to affect the patients. All medicare facilities were being provided to the patients without any let up, he

added. Subramanian later informed that Dr Balaji was recovering well and would be shifted to the ward today after tests. Speaking to reporters after visiting the recuperating doctor, the Minister said all government medical colleges, district headquarters hospitals and taluk hospitals would provide (temporary) identity tags to the patients' attendants. "The four-colour tag system for patients' attendants was introduced at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital in early October and it will be expanded to other government facilities," the Minister said.

He said the police have registered cases under seven sections of the BNS (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita) including an attempt to murder on the attacker Vignesh, who was caught by the hospital staff and public and handed over to the police.

The assailant was allegedly frustrated over the treatment given to his mother who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in an advanced stage. "I am stable. They have checked my pacemaker. I am being given antibiotics for the sutures (to seven stab injuries)," Dr Balaji said. When the Health Minister asked him "How are you feeling Dr Balaji," immediately he replied, "I am recovering well" and demonstrated by eating breakfast. Balaji was stated to have expressed his desire to continue his service to the patients at KCSSH, in spite of the shocking attack on him.

According to the Dean of RGGGH Dr E Therani Rajan, the hospital has not compromised its OPD services on account of the strike. "Some doctors wanted to protest against the stabbing incident. We did not interfere. Otherwise everything is going on smoothly," he said.

## CM Majhi holds previous BJD Govt responsible for miseries of farmers

**PTI** ■ BHUBANESWAR

Holding the previous BJD government "responsible" for the "miseries" of farmers in Odisha, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Thursday said that the state government will now pay an additional Rs 800 per quintal of paddy to cultivators.

Farmers will get the additional Rs 800 per quintal of paddy as input assistance as Odisha farmers are often affected by different calamities like floods, cyclones, drought, dry spells and pest attacks, Majhi said while addressing a function marking 'All India Cooperative Week 2024' celebration.

The chief minister came down heavily on the previous BJD government and accused it of "betraying" the trust of Odisha farmers.

"Former chief minister (Naveen Patnaik) at a farmers rally at Sohela in Bargarh district nine years ago had announced a bonus of Rs 100 per quintal of paddy. This could have been very helpful for poverty-stricken farmers.



But, the farmers did not get even Rs 1 as bonus from the government", Majhi said. Majhi alleged that some of the farmers in the state were forced to commit suicide under the debt burden during the BJD government. However, this situation will not occur in Odisha under the BJD government, he claimed, adding that now the farmers of Odisha will get Rs 3,100 per quintal of paddy. He said: "We will give Rs 800 per quintal to farmers on December 8 at the same place (Sohela) where former chief

minister Naveen Patnaik had unsuccessfully announced to give Rs 100 as bonus per quintal of paddy." "These Rs 3,100 per quintal of paddy comprise Rs 2,300 as the minimum support price (MSP) and an additional Rs 800 as input assistance. The BJP in its election manifesto had promised Rs 3,100 per quintal of paddy for Odisha farmers", Majhi said, and added that the BJD government in its first Cabinet meeting had approved this proposal. The chief minister also said

that the government will host a state-level farmers' convention on December 8 at Sohela in Bargarh district, where farmers will be assured an additional Rs 800 per quintal. This additional payment, along with the MSP, will be transferred directly to farmers' bank accounts within 48 hours via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), he said.

Majhi said that the kharif paddy procurement will commence from Bargarh district on November 20 followed by Sambalpur on November 22, and then across all districts. From November 20 to December 7, farmers will receive a minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 2,300 per quintal for their paddy. Later from December 8, they will get the additional amount of Rs 800 after it was launched from Sohela in Bargarh district.

This apart, the government has launched information and awareness programmes to inform small and marginal farmers about the paddy procurement process. Special measures, including deploy-

ment of grain analyzers, quality analysts, and mandi supervisors at procurement centres, have been implemented, an official release issued by the CMO said.

According to officials, the government will start token distribution to farmers from November 15, with an option for District Collectors to extend the token period by up to seven days, if necessary.

The chief minister asked district collectors to monitor areas bordering neighbouring states to prevent unauthorised entry of paddy from outside Odisha. For this, additional measures including enhanced patrolling have been introduced in border areas, officials said.

"We will take stringent action against the people who create disturbance in the paddy procurement process. Jharpada jail is there for the disturbing elements in the cooperative societies. The government is keeping a close eye on these disturbing elements and it will not spare them," the chief minister said.

## IMD introduces localised weather forecasting for Sabarimala pilgrimage

**PTI** ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

In a first for the Sabarimala pilgrimage, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has introduced a localised weather forecasting system, similar to those for the Amarnath and Char Dham yatras.

IMD officials announced on Thursday that its regional centre has installed three rain gauges at Sannidhanam, Pamba, and Nilakkal to issue three-day weather forecasts. These forecasts will soon be upgraded to real-time weather bulletins, known as "nowcasts," said IMD regional director Neetha K Gopal. Recognising the challenges posed by rising temperatures and high humidity during dry spells, the IMD also plans to install temperature gauges in the area. The initiative follows a request from the Pathanamthitta district administration, which sought

real-time weather updates for Sabarimala due to the region's susceptibility to extreme rainfall.

Recent landslides in Wayanad have further emphasised the need for caution in sensitive areas.

Authorities revealed that while the IMD initially considered setting up Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) at Sabarimala, they opted for rain gauges to expedite the process.

Plans for a permanent weather monitoring facility in the area are under consideration. "This is the first time we are providing localised weather forecasts for Sabarimala, akin to our services for Amarnath and Char Dham yatras," Gopal said.

She noted that the effort is a collaboration between the Pathanamthitta district administration and the IMD. The IMD staff have trained district administration personnel to collect data from the gauges, which are validated at

the IMD centre.

However, Gopal emphasised that offering district-wide forecasts would require a "larger network and substantial manpower." Currently, the State Disaster Management Authority is disseminating the weather updates to the public.

Additionally, efforts are underway to integrate the weather bulletins into the "Swamy AI Chat Bot" app, recently launched by the state government for Sabarimala pilgrims.

This app, available in six languages, provides pilgrims with assistance and information. Once integrated, the weather updates will be easily accessible to users.

The path to Sannidhanam from Pamba, featuring small streams and the Pamba River, remains a focus of safety measures. Severe flooding during the 2018 deluge devastated the area, washing away several pilgrim facilitation centres.

## BJP reminds Opposition how corruption, favouritism in jobs flourished while Congress was in power

**PTI** ■ CHANDIGARH

The BJP MLAs launched a fierce attack on the opposition Congress in the Haryana Assembly on Thursday reminding how corruption and favouritism in jobs flourished when they were in power whereas merit and transparency has been the sole criteria under the ruling dispensation.

Participating in the discussion on the governor's address in the assembly on the second day of the ongoing Winter Session, Sohna MLA Tejpal Tanwar said all-round development took place under the BJP led government in the state for last ten years.

The people gave us mandate for the third consecutive time when we delivered, said Tanwar while pointing to the Congress' benches.

He said that jobs were given on merit and several schemes were brought for the welfare of var-

ious sections of the society. BJP's Rewari MLA Laxman Singh Yadav reminded the Congress that there was a time when the opposition party was in power and "people had to sell their land to procure jobs and then middlemen used to exploit them too."

"But our government brought in transparency and we gave 1.70 lakh jobs during the past ten years...When the Congress was in power, there was regional bias in development while favouritism, corruption prevailed in giving jobs, but our government gave jobs without any 'kharchi and parchi' and merit has been sole criteria, undertook equitable development and brought in transparency," Yadav said.

The discussion during the governor's address also saw verbal exchanges between the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress members on some issues. Congress' Rohtak MLA B B

Batra, while participating in the discussion on the governor's address, said, "Money power has also been used by the BJP in the polls. People raised questions on EVMs."

Haryana Minister Arvind Sharma intervened and said the Congress has always been in the habit to put blame on EVMs whenever they lose an election.

Batra said, "There are 120 countries where EVMs is not used. Why elections are not held in the country using ballot papers?"

The Congress leader said the new data shows that 70 per cent of the population in the state falls below the poverty line (BPL). "Seventy per cent of population is below poverty line, we have to ponder on this," he said. Batra said it was ironic that while on one hand the per capita income is over Rs 3.25 lakh, but 70 per cent population was below poverty line.



He said there are two things - one is removing poverty and second is to provide food to the hungry.

The Congress leader claimed the government is not focusing to remove poverty but working to meet only hunger needs. Senior Congress member Raghuvir Singh Kadian pointed to Governor Bandaru Dattatreya in his address to the newly elected Haryana MLAs on the opening day of session

on Wednesday, saying the government is committed to securing its legitimate share of water from the Ravi and Beas rivers and complete the Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal.

Kadian said Haryana should get its share of SYL waters at the earliest and urged the chief minister to take an all-party delegation to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on SYL matter. He said the government is say-

ing there is no DAP fertiliser shortage, "but the reality is that there is a shortage". On law and order front, Kadian said that ransoms are being sought from the traders and crime is increasing.

Congress MLA Nirmal Singh said the government should put out data stating how many out of total government jobs given during the past ten years have been given to those who are from outside the state.

BJP's Bhiwani MLA Ghanshyam Saraf alleged that his constituency was neglected during the Congress' time, but it witnessed development during the saffron party led government.

Intervening in a matter raised by Congress member Mohd Ilyas, the MLA from Punhana in Nuh district, Haryana Minister Rao Narbir Singh said the Mewat region witnessed development under the BJP rule. The minister said the Congress

should tell how much funds were given to Mewat when they were in power.

Kanwar Singh, the BJP MLA from Mahendragarh, said that his party came to power for the third consecutive term on the basis of works done by the government. The government gave jobs to youth purely on merit basis...The government is procuring every single grain of the farmers and money is being credited into their bank accounts, he said.

BJP MLA from Rai in Sonapat district, Krishna Gahlawat, said the government, has done works for various sections, including poor, farmers and women, during the last ten years.

"1.70 lakh youth have got jobs on merit during past ten years," she said.

BJP's Safidon MLA, Ram Kumar Gautam, said that he had said "the fight is between BJP and Hooda's party and not the Congress" even before the

assembly polls were held in Haryana.

"When we used to go to villages and towns and ask people how many development works were undertaken during the Congress' time, they used to say all development took place under the BJP's rule," Gautam said.

"After poll results were out, the Congress has once again blamed EVMs. Ten years ago, no one could even think people will get jobs on merit. Development used to be concentrated around Rohtak region...Country's prestige around the globe has risen under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's regime," he said.

BJP's Kalka MLA, Shakti Rani Sharma, and another party legislator from Pataudi in Gurugram district, Bimla Chaudhary, said many youth from ordinary backgrounds have secured jobs on merit basis during the BJP rule.





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## Bulldozer justice quashed

The SC strikes down 'bulldozer justice,' mandating strict accountability for officials involved in illegal demolitions

The Supreme Court of India has delivered a landmark judgement against the practice of "bulldozer justice," emphasising that officials who engage in illegal demolitions will now be held personally liable to restore properties and pay damages. The judgement is a response to the growing concern over arbitrary demolitions used as punitive measures, often targeting properties associated with individuals accused of crimes. The judgement introduces strict procedural requirements and enforces personal accountability for officials. This liability includes covering the cost of restoring the demolished properties and compensating affected parties. This measure is designed to deter officials from disregarding due process and underscores the responsibility that comes with exercising state power. The Supreme Court has established mandatory procedural guidelines to prevent arbitrary demolitions— A 15-day prior show-cause notice is required, along with a personal hearing; a detailed final order justifying why demolition is the only viable action must be provided and a 15-day grace period post-final order allows the affected party to seek legal recourse or vacate the premises.



The Supreme Court has mandated real-time updates on a digital portal for all demolition notices and orders to prevent arbitrary actions and foster transparency. Additionally, the entire demolition process must be videographed, with a list of officials involved to ensure accountability and adherence to procedure. Officials violating these directives risk contempt proceedings and prosecution, underscoring the Court's commitment to upholding the rule of law. The judgement holds far-reaching implications for governance, rule of law and individual rights in India. By restricting demolitions carried out as a form of punishment, the Supreme Court reinforces the fundamental legal principle that the executive cannot act as judge and enforcer. The decision underscores the judiciary's role in protecting individuals' rights against arbitrary state action, affirming that everyone is entitled to due process before facing punitive measures. The decision is laudable because it is tough on arbitrary demolitions, which often infringe on the right to shelter, impacting families and communities and safeguards citizens' fundamental rights, emphasising that actions targeting individuals suspected of crimes must follow legal due process. The judgement must come as a relief to many families who dread the demolition as one of them might have been on the wrong side of the law. However, the judgement falls short of putting onus on the political masters of the bureaucrats on whose behest such actions are often taken. Nevertheless, it would rein in the erring officers who go out of way to please their political masters. It is a bold move that could reshape administrative conduct.

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## PICTALK



A crow quenches its thirst by drinking water from a fountain, in New Delhi

# India's cricket boycott is a safety issue, not politics



BHOPINDER SINGH

As the deadliest year in Pakistan's recent history unfolds, calls for separating sports from safety concerns overlook the urgent realities facing the nation

Global Terrorism Index 2024 reports that Pakistan had the highest recorded terror attacks of any country in the world. 490 attacks were formally recorded with spiralling instances in the fourth successive year of increased deaths and terror incidents. The US Department of State currently maps the situation at "level 3" i.e., warning its citizens to "Reconsider Travel". Similarly, British authorities "advise against all travels to parts of Pakistan" and note bluntly, "No travel can be guaranteed safe".

There are two dedicated Pakistani Army Divisions deployed to secure Chinese personnel and assets of the various Chinese-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) imperatives in Pakistan, yet the same gets targeted with seeming impunity and deadly consequences. Even royals from various Arab sheikhdoms who used to descend into the Pakistani hinterland for the annual Houbara hunting season have desisted from the same, given the acute security concerns prevailing. Whereas India has rightfully slammed Pakistan for being the "world's terrorism factory" for its nefarious record in fanning religious extremism and armed insurgency on Indian soil, since independence. Stating that there is a grave security concern in Pakistan is not a political statement but a statement of fact. The fact that it was featured prominently in the Grey List of the global anti-terror watchdog agency, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) till very recently, is also a fact. Amidst this undeniable security landscape in Pakistan, Pakistani authorities pooh-pooh concerns of the Indian Cricket Board, i.e., BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India), to avoid sending the Indian Cricket Team to play in Pakistan owing to security concerns, is not political one-upmanship but the expected concern of any board towards the safety and welfare of its team. That several India-facing terror groups are thriving on Pakistani soil is a very old story that needs no reiteration, and that itself makes the threat to the Indian team especially severe. The official breakdown and



downgrading of diplomatic ties between Delhi and Islamabad since 2019, do not help mend popular mood or perceptions about India or Indians in Pakistan (or vice versa), either. While it is certainly true that sporting ties between the two restive nations were always given to political 'point-scoring' and even positive leverage in the form of 'cricket diplomacy' (to thaw bilateral freeze) - this time the security situation in Pakistan has deteriorated to such levels, that to suggest that it is the usual 'point-scoring' diplomacy is to live under a rock. The reality of the situation is even beyond the intellectual debate of allowing or disallowing sports between two 'enemy' countries. Sometime back, India did choose to conflate sports with other bilateral engagements owing to Pakistan's established role in sponsoring terrorism in India, but even if one were to delink the two, the security situation in Pakistan itself warrants a cautionary note from the Indian side.

Understandably the Pakistanis are miffed and embarrassed about what they perceive as a deliberate Indian affront, but deep down they know better given that 2024 has emerged as the deadliest year ever, from the perspective of terrorism in



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Pakistan. However, coming from its imagined nemesis i.e., India, it is a bitter pill to swallow openly. Given that Pakistan's Interior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi, also double-hats as the Chairman of the Pakistani Cricket Board (PCB) - the Pakistani reaction to BCCI concern assumes a political reaction. He has cavalierly downplayed the 'Hybrid Option' (wherein India plays its matches in a neutral venue, while others can play in Pakistan) by countering, "one of the options the government is mull-ing is that of asking the PCB to ensure Pakistan don't participate in the Champions Trophy", as a political face-saving comeback. He also fumed that the PCB ought not to be expected to "carry on with their good gestures" of playing in India, as Pakistanis did earlier. This wounded statement misses the point of contrasting the security situation existing in India, vis-à-vis Pakistan, currently.

The Pakistani Government may be tempted to 'retaliate' optically and go as far as asking its team to desist from playing against India in any of the ICC or Asian Cricket Council tournaments, to negate the perceived sleight. Currently, the heavily invested narrative of a perennial 'enemy' in India leads to an instinctive ostrich-

like head in the soil, and denials by Pakistan. Situational irony is magnified by the chairing of the global body of cricketing governance i.e., the ICC, by the son of India's Home Minister (equivalent of Interior Minister in Pakistan), Jay Shah.

Pakistani social media is agog with memes of Kathik-calling-Karthik allusions and its questionable neutrality in handling the current situation. Fair as that concern might be from a Pakistani perspective in normal times, it still does not take away from the genuineness of security concerns in Pakistan. For Pakistan to give examples of the security cover afforded to India's Foreign Minister on a recent visit to Pakistan as an example of its preparedness to host matches with tens of thousands of spectators and other accompanying circumstances, is contrived and grossly stretched logic. Pakistan is in the midst of an undeniable and complex security crisis and will only be able to resume events with Indian participation, once the ground security situation changes. For now, it is clearly beyond political one-upmanship.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CLIMATE CRISIS

Madam — The editorial, 'Deliver tangible results' (November 13), should sensitise all the concerned. The COP29 is seen more as a ritual congregation than as producing anything tangible in the interest of humanity. The present economic order, marked by rabid chasing of capital for instant profits with its predatory character, knows no sentiments. As capital has gained such power over the policies of a government or even changed the government itself to make its course further smooth. In this background, Trump regaining his political power grossly reduces the scope for any further positive developments in this affair. He is for outright support for faster exploitation for mines and oil wealth to enrich the rich at the cost of the very survival of the living beings.

The latest manifestations of climate change are serious signals to attend to the damages inflicted on the environment but have yet to be taken seriously by any country. COP 29 that meets periodically, discusses the issue, receives consents and commitments for its resolutions from members but utterly fails to put in practice to bring about any tangible improvements in the status. The Indian government is not different. The amendments brought in by the Forest Act last year will see more damage to forests and more men and material loss. Attaching more importance to money has its toll on living beings, which, under the present economic order, is very difficult to infuse a humane face to it.

A G Rajmohan | Anantpur

### VISTARA MERGED WITH AIR INDIA

Madam — The Indian full-service airline called Vistara Airlines has finally reached its merger completion stage with Air India. With this, it is now only the Tata Group-owned Air India in the country to manage the full-service flight facility in India. The ten-year-old Vistara, which is a joint venture between Indian and Singaporean companies, has finally flown its last flight from Delhi to Singapore with the code name UK. The premium Club

## Inflation on the rise



The inflation rate based on the consumer price index increased to 6.21 per cent in October, up from 5.49 per cent in September, according to the data released by

the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The increase was driven by the prices of food products, particularly the vegetables, especially tomatoes, onions and potatoes (TOP), rising above 42 per cent.

The food inflation rose sharply to 10.87 per cent in October from 9.2 per cent in the preceding month. There is a greater need for the government to implement additional supply-side measures to stabilise food prices. A weakening of the rupee to an all-time low (November 13, rupees 83.40 against one dollar) against the dollar has also raised the specter of India's oil import bill climbing, which could stoke inflation if retail fuel prices go up. Since this is man-made inflation, the government, which has virtually failed to check inflation, needs to make all-out efforts to check it to give a sigh of relief to the poor.

S K Khosla | Chandigarh

Vistara tickets and pre-booking orders of Vistara have already been shifted to the Maharaja Club of Air India.

Although this whole merger and amalgamation process of Vistara is quite heartening, as Vistara is renowned for its quality service, while Air India grapples with some service issues. Although Air India is in its process of transitioning, any comment with respect to its services quality and experience post merger with Vistara would be too early. Tata's are the trusted group of India, and let's not forget that their airline's contribution holds a long history. They have been in national service in India since 1932, with the visionary mentality of JRD Tata. The expansion of Air India with the merger of Vistara will surely improve the aviation operations of Air India and also help the Air India group to focus more on customer-centric service with a memorable quality experience in every flight.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

### PROMISES AND POLITICS

Madam — The political scenario is getting hotter as the stakes are very high in the

Maharashtra state elections. Honours are even and fighting for supremacy is gearing up in a fancy mood. Allegations and counter-allegations are mounting up and a war of words is now in a now-or-never situation. Freebies funds find routes in a big way, finding routes from the household items and electronic items.

As the manifestos are out, the realities come to light in the electioneering. In the public view, election manifestos are issued solely to sway voters, who know they will hear about these promises again only when the next election comes. People will have to simply wait and watch as mute spectators. If parties truly believe in the validity of their manifestos, they should allow voters to judge these promises on their own merits, rather than muddying the waters with divisive or defamatory statements. The real lie lies in cheating voters. Lies lay low in a political flow of fight between EVMs and electorates.

C K Subramaniam | Mumbai

## Pathway to a knowledge rich, future-ready nation

By promoting multilingualism, skill development and character-building, NEP 2020 aims to empower students to tackle both national and global challenges



UMANG BAJAJ

On July 29, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 completed four years, a transformative framework that has reshaped the country's educational landscape by connecting contemporary needs with its traditional roots. NEP 2020 stands as the first education policy since independence that genuinely aligns with Bharat's ancient traditions, advocating for accessible, quality education with an emphasis on relevance and inclusivity.

The policy introduces a host of progressive features, such as flexible study options, multiple entry and exit points, the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), credit transfer mechanisms, and a focus on online courses, aiming to create a seamless, adaptable educational journey for learners across the nation. A defining aspect of NEP 2020 is its commitment to the five foundational pillars of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability. NEP 2020 brings traditional values, arts, languages and culture into the mainstream curriculum, underscoring



Bharat's ambition to reclaim its heritage as a knowledge superpower.

One of the most notable additions is the incorporation of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS), promoting the revival and research of traditional subjects such as Vedic mathematics, Ayurveda, environmental studies, linguistics, Yoga and other indigenous disciplines. This shift helps bridge the gap left by prior policies, which often neglected or excluded these areas under the influence of Western paradigms. The NEP also recommends a three-language formula, promoting multilingualism by including at least two Indian languages in school curricula. While this policy is intended to support India's linguistic diversity, it

faced resistance in some non-Hindi-speaking states, where concerns about linguistic hegemony and regional language preservation surfaced. The central government may need to address these concerns carefully, especially given education's status on the Concurrent List, to ensure a balanced approach that respects regional identities while achieving national integration. The policy's emphasis on Sanskrit, often regarded as a foundational element of Bharat's cultural heritage, is a major milestone. With Sanskrit included as an optional language under the three-language formula, both school and higher education institutions are encouraged to integrate it into their curricula. NEP serves as a turning point in Bharat's educational history, aiming to foster character development and national pride alongside academic excellence. NEP 2020 emphasises two overarching themes: nurturing Indian values and fostering character-building among students. This holistic approach is intended to develop responsible, ethical citizens ready to tackle both national and glob-

al challenges.

Despite allegations of "saffronisation," proponents argue that the NEP aims to realign the educational system with what benefits the nation and its people. Science and history, though based on facts, are often viewed through the lenses of time and place. A major thrust of NEP 2020 is skill development, with the objective of enhancing employability by integrating vocational training and practical learning into the curriculum. The inclusion of courses on data structures, programming, machine learning and artificial intelligence is intended to prepare students for a tech-driven future. NEP 2020 also encourages societal engagement through initiatives like internships and community visits, fostering creativity and real-world problem-solving skills. Institutions like NIT Uttarakhand have already embraced the NEP's multidisciplinary model, focusing on research and innovation to build a skilled and socially conscious workforce.

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## FIRST COLUMN

### UNVEILING THE SHAKTIS

Shakti forms are central to authentic spiritual practice. Nature's energies are accessible but require dedication



ASHWINI GURUJII

The creation is governed by certain *Shaktis*. As you progress in your *sadhana*, you can experience their forms. Every day, each one of the 365 days, is governed (sanchalit) by a specific *shakti*. That is why the importance of *niyam* and daily practice is insisted upon in yoga. If one misses the *sadhana* for even a single day, the *shakti* of that day is left behind and the *sadhana* of an entire year goes to waste because in Brahmand, if a single thing goes missing then its effect is felt on everything – our body, the earth, as well as other planets and stars. Every *Shakti* has a day, but one need not perform rituals to access them. In yoga and *tantra*, there is no ritual, just the *sadhana* of *Shakti*. It is important to understand the *shakti* of each day and the *Swaroop* of that *shakti*. There is a name for every form of *Shakti*, but at the present moment, we will only be discussing their forms. The names are taken only after generating the capacity in the body, through specific *sadhanas*. At a basic level, when you do *dhyana* with your *guru*, you can see certain forms in him/her, like the sun or even the moon. Ever wondered where these forms come from and what they represent? There are many *sadhaks* who have reported seeing the form of the sun in *dhyana*. What is so special about the Sun? If you look at the Sun at the time of Sunrise and Sunset, keeping the awareness of *Manipoorak* and chanting the mantra 'Ram', you will find a certain glow starts coming into the body and just within a month you will start looking very different (A word of caution here, for any yogic practice it is important to have a Guru who guides you as per your capacity). Just like the sun, the moon too is an extremely interesting energy. The moon merely reflects the light of the Sun, but with that



light, it can attract the tides as well as the earth's surface on a full moon night. Have you ever thought about it- what is so special about the moon? Not just that, on a full moon night, animals become violent, the mentally unstable start behaving funnily and accidents and fights are on the rise. Right now I am only discussing the basic aspects, to give you a hint that there is something different about these forms. What that is, is a subject of experience and you will get that experience with the correct practice of *Sanatan Kriya*.

The speciality of the Moon is that it looks calm and peaceful but it is more volatile than even the Sun. When you look at the moon under the guidance of a *Guru*, you will be able to see all the mantras in its form because you cannot see the sun, which channelises that *Shakti*. There are certain *shaktis* which you cannot see and so there are certain other *shaktis* through which you can see and feel their effect, it becomes an experience for you. And till you have that experience, yoga is a waste for you, nothing can happen and nothing is possible. Experience is the basis of yoga. All the things that we see in the sky and on the earth, there are so many flowers of so many different kinds and colours, if you simply look at them without blinking your eyes under *Guru Sanidhya*, all the defects and imbalances in the body disappear. But there is a small problem... *niyam*. There should be no break in the practice, and the break will come if you do not have the capacity for that *Shakti* or if you don't have a *Guru*. Nature, everything that we see around us, has all the *swaroops* of *shaktis* hidden in it and all these *shaktis* are very easily accessible. If one makes him/herself stir on these *shaktis* and accesses them properly, then they start following that person. The nine days leading to Diwali are especially powerful because of the congregation of specific *shaktis* during these days. Our ancestors prescribed observing the *vrat* of *brahmacharya* during these days to make the body strong enough to accept these *Shaktis*.

(The writer is a spiritual guru; views are personal)

## AI revolutionises the beauty and wellness industry

As global demand for unique beauty solutions surges, the sector's embrace of AI reflects a profound shift towards customisation, efficiency and consumer satisfaction



DINESH SOOD



Innovative products and services utilising new technologies are beginning to disrupt the beauty and wellness sector. As a result, traditional skills need to be strengthened and combined with modern technological skills such as artificial intelligence (AI), app development, augmented reality for try-on services, data analytics and enhanced customer engagement strategies. AI has made significant advancements in the beauty and wellness sector, particularly as the demand for customisation and personalisation has increased.

This trend reflects diverse customer preferences, lifestyles, body types and genetic factors. Recent news about Maybelline's AI-powered "makeup" filters for Microsoft teams has reignited discussions on AI's role in the beauty sector. It is crucial to explore how AI is transforming the industry and to stay updated on the latest developments. The global beauty industry market utilising AI was valued at \$216.12 million in 2020 and is projected to reach \$1.26 billion by 2027. An industry report indicates that the annual growth rate (CAGR) of AI in the beauty sector from 2021 to 2027 is expected to be 33.2 per cent. Several laboratories have developed AI-driven skin consultation tools that integrate augmented reality and artificial intelligence to analyse skin ageing. These tools can identify signs of ageing and assess skin strength, providing tailored skincare recommendations to prevent further deterioration. Their algorithms are based on 10,000 images and 15 years of dermatological expertise. Users can take a selfie and provide their age and skin type to receive an estimate of their skin condition along with a personalised analysis. They will then receive customised skincare prescriptions. AI assists in analysing skin conditions, recommending personalised skincare and wellness routines and even predicting trends, ultimately enhancing product development and customer satisfaction. Acne is a common concern worldwide, affecting 80 per cent of teenagers and 40 per cent of adults.

With AI, a database of 6,000 images representing various ethnic skin types

enables accurate analysis and personalised routine recommendations for those suffering from acne. This groundbreaking AI technology draws from a library of 10,000 authentic images evaluated by real dermatologists, achieving an accuracy rate of nearly 97 per cent across eight clinical parameters and a wide array of skin types.

In the ever-evolving beauty and wellness industry, where innovation fosters confidence and self-expression, AI has become a powerful ally in creating more effective and personalised product formulations than ever before. By leveraging its diverse applications and capabilities, AI is driving a revolution that is changing how beauty and wellness products are developed, personalised, and marketed.



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From trend spotting to precise product formulation, AI is reshaping the beauty industry in exciting and groundbreaking ways. Integrating AI into the formulation process can also ensure product effectiveness. AI algorithms can simulate how ingredients are absorbed and metabolised by the skin, identifying potential unwanted interactions or side effects.

This approach minimises the risks associated with bringing new products to market and ensures consumers achieve optimal results without compromising their wellbeing. Traditionally, skincare products have been developed with one-size-fits-all approach, often failing to meet individual consumers' unique needs. AI changes this methodology by analysing various data points, including skin type, age, environmental factors and personal preferences.

By using AI-powered tools, brands can create customised skincare products tailored to each customer's specific requirements. For instance, AI algo-

ritms can assess a user's skin condition through photographs and questionnaires, recommending or formulating products with particular concentrations of active ingredients that address individual skin concerns. Additionally, AI can analyse molecular structures to predict how new compounds will interact with human skin, significantly reducing the time and cost of traditional trial-and-error methods.

The AI system recommends suitable ingredients, products and skincare routines tailored to each individual's needs. It can also suggest branded products that address specific conditions in the beauty and wellness industry, aiming to connect deeply with each customer's preferences. As technology continues to evolve, it promises solutions that will enhance both appearance and wellbeing in the future. Importantly, your data remains private; it is not stored and only you can view the results unless you choose to share your information with others. A personalised experience is crucial for success in the beauty and wellness industry. AI technology plays a significant role in identifying each customer's unique preferences and addressing their individual needs.

As technology advances, beauty companies are expected to introduce innovative services that enhance customer interaction and contribute to the global growth of the beauty market. Online services are evolving rapidly alongside these technological advancements. The importance of websites, engaging social media platforms and online marketplaces is increasing. The share of online revenue in the beauty and personal care sector, which was approximately 4.6 per cent in 2017, is projected to rise to 18.2 per cent by 2025. The

future of the beauty and wellness industry will depend on an omnichannel experience that seamlessly integrates online and offline interactions, utilising a range of digital tools to enhance the consumer experience.

Virtual try-ons and consultations have become standard in beauty retail; however, replicating the human connection remains a challenge. Online influencers and "show me how" content are gaining popularity as consumers learn to master services that they previously sought from professionals.

Additionally, live streaming on platforms like Facebook Live and Instagram significantly engages younger consumers. In India, the beauty and wellness industry is growing rapidly, expanding twice as fast as that of the United States and Europe. Greater consumer awareness and aspiration have led to increased spending on beauty and wellness products and services.

Per capita spending on beauty and personal care products rose from Rs 450 per annum in 2017 to Rs 684 in 2022, with a further increase projected to Rs 772 by 2025. Today's consumers demand unique experiences, making traditional approaches less effective. There is a growing preference for convenience and on-demand services, which have become essential in the fast-paced lives of working professionals. As a result, there is an increasing need for transferable skills within the workforce in the beauty and wellness sector, as customer service expertise becomes more in demand.

(The writer is co-founder and MD of Orane International, a training partner of the National Skill Development Corporation and a network Member of India International Skills Centres, an initiative of GoI; the views expressed are personal)

## Cybersecurity: Safeguarding a digital future amid rising cyber threats

India must act swiftly to secure its digital future in an era where technological prowess is now essential for national security

Today, cyber-attacks impact every aspect of life, from government agencies and corporations to individuals' personal data and privacy. While the reach of cybercrime is vast, the underlying complexity remains poorly understood by many, with significant security consequences for nations that fail to address these threats adequately. Cyber-attacks threaten national security and underscore the vulnerabilities associated with our increasing dependence on digital infrastructure. Although the internet has revolutionised the world by providing incredible convenience, connection and comfort, these benefits come with the challenge of safeguarding critical data and



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infrastructure. As cybersecurity becomes the essential defense for peace, prosperity, and privacy in the digital age, recent incidents such as the breach of 7.9 million customer records at India's stockbroking firm Angel demonstrate the necessity of strengthening digital protections. While the internet facilitates ease of access, it also introduces serious vulnerabilities that call for immediate,

concerted efforts.

The recent cyber-attack on Iran marks a chilling advance in digital warfare, illustrating that no nation is immune to the risks of a hyperconnected world. As countries, corporations, and citizens expand their online presence, the scope for potentially devastating cyber-attacks rises dramatically.

This incident serves as a reminder of the need for nations to address cyberspace's complex, escalating risks. India, for example, is undergoing a digital revolution with over 936 million internet users as of December 2023. These "Digital Nagriks" fuel a dynamic digital economy, supporting critical sectors such as healthcare, education, finance and agricul-

ture. However, the rapid pace of digital adoption has outpaced India's cybersecurity measures, creating opportunities for cybercriminals to exploit these gaps.

According to the 2024 Cisco Cybersecurity Readiness Index, only 4 per cent of Indian companies are fully prepared to counter cyber threats, exposing significant vulnerabilities within the nation's digital framework. These threats arise not only from criminal organisations but also from state-sponsored entities targeting India's economic and strategic assets. Moreover, emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) enable more sophisticated cyber-attacks, including deepfake technology and disinformation cam-



paigns, adding complex layers to cyber defenses.

In today's world, technological prowess in fields such as AI and cybersecurity equates to national security, rivaling traditional military strength. However, India faces several challenges in coordinating an effective cyber defense.

While initiatives like Cyber Surakshit Bharat have shown early progress, a comprehensive national cybersecurity

strategy is still missing, which limits effective threat response and assessment. A recent step forward has been the Prime Minister's Office's appointment of a cybersecurity oversight official, but gaps remain in the infrastructure needed to support comprehensive defence. Cyberspace's borderless nature complicates defence efforts, as attacks can target both military and civilian assets globally, bypassing traditional political and geographic constraints.

India has implemented several initiatives to tackle cyber threats. For instance, the Cyber Fraud Mitigation Centre (CFMC) at the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre in New Delhi unites major players—including

banks, telecom providers and law enforcement agencies—to combat online financial crimes. This initiative, exemplifying "Cooperative Federalism," enables swift responses to fraud. The government has also introduced the Samanvaya Platform, a centralised repository of cybercrime data to foster interagency cooperation. Despite these initiatives, further action is required to establish a comprehensive cybersecurity framework. Without unified regulatory standards, gaps remain in protecting the public and private sectors, especially for small businesses that may lack the resources for robust cybersecurity protocols. This vulnerability could undermine both national

security and public trust in India's digital infrastructure. Programs like Cyber Surakshit Bharat, the National Cybersecurity Coordination Centre (NCCC), and CERT-In have all aimed to strengthen India's defences, with additional measures such as the Information Security Education and Awareness Project (ISEA) helping to create a culture of security consciousness among citizens. The 2023 Digital Personal Data Protection Act reinforces this commitment by aligning with global data security standards to improve transparency and accountability among companies.

(The writer is an assistant professor, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Sonapat; views are personal)



Will have orderly, peaceful transition of power, says White House after Trump-Biden meeting

PTI ■ WASHINGTON The United States will see an orderly and peaceful transition of power, the White House said following a two-hour long meeting between President-elect Donald Trump and outgoing President Joe Biden on Wednesday.

hours in the Oval Office. White House Chief of Staff Jeff Zients and incoming Chief of Staff Susie Wiles joined the meeting. It was substantive meeting and exchange of views," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters here.



US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan told reporters that transitions in geopolitics. "They're a time when competitors and adversaries can see possibly opportunity, because you

have this change in government here," he said.

Responding to a question, Jean-Pierre said the Biden administration wants to move forward. "We respect the will of the people. There was an election, as you know, last week, and the American people spoke. And so, the president is going to make sure that he puts the American people first. He's going to make sure that we move forward in this process and this transition process in a way that is respectful to the American people and to lead by example," the White House press secretary said.

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल
केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला (मैके. शाखा)
निविदा सूचना
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भोपाल, दिनांक 14.11.2024
नगर निगम भोपाल केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला के द्वारा 125 कुशल वाहन चालक से सेवाएं लिये जाने हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदा निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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Lanka votes for new parliament



PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka on Thursday voted to select a new parliament, a first major test for the ruling National People's Power (NPP) party led by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake. The snap parliamentary polls are the first after the 2022 economic crisis.

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court during the hearing. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) confirming the trial court's order said: "This case doesn't merit proceedings as the prosecution admitted that Imran Khan did not gain any personal benefit from the case, neither do the proceedings meet the law."



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, KEONJHAR NOTICE INVITING TENDER & Procurement Bid ID No. 08 SEMID (KJR/2024-2025) Dt. 08.11.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Information is given to general public at large that Mr. Chand Singh Mohd. Akhlaq who is/are purchasing Part of Residential plot no. 80 & 81 area measuring 50 sq. yds. Khassa no. 18/2 and 20 situated at Anar Vihar Khoda Colony Village Khoda Pargana, Tehsil & Distt. Ghazabad UP from Mr. Ramchandra S/O Heraliaji who was the owner of property by virtue of Regd. GPA dated 14.10.2019 (Doc. No. 3208) executed by Mrs. Anju Rani W/o Rakesh Kumar Inland to mortgage the same against the financial assistance from Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited.

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general public that the Bank of Baroda, Bank of Baroda, S.S.I. Noida Branch, Sector-18, Noida, (U.P.) intends to accept the undermentioned property standing in the name of M/s Ajanta Gortex Processors Pvt Ltd., as a security for non-credit facility requested by it.

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Mr. Chahat Singh S/o Mr. Bhim Singh owner of a Residential Single Storey House area measuring 494 sq. yds. i.e. 404.67 sq. mtrs. out of Khassa no. 746 situated at Village Tasyana Pargana & Tehsil Dadr District Gautam Budh Nagar. Through Registered Gift Deed Dated 29.03.2024 executed by Mr. Bhim Singh S/o Mr. Ramdayal in favour of Mr. Chahat Singh S/o Mr. Bhim Singh vide Reg. no. 16530, at S.D. DADR U.P. The above-mentioned property is going to be mortgaged with F&B Bank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim/right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkarooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived.

PUBLIC NOTICE Whereas, M/s. Tulip Infratech Pvt. Ltd. (the Developer) is in the process of development of a Group Housing Colony over an additional area measuring 7.64375 acres (Licence No.34 of 2024 dated 07.03.2024) in Group Housing Colony area measuring 25.44 acres (Licence no. 78 of 2010 dated 15.10.2010) theyres total site area 33.08375 Acres in Sector 69&70, Gurugram. And whereas, several individuals have made bookings/ entered into flat/buy agreement for allotment of flat/property in the said colony (hereinafter referred as allottees). And, whereas, the building plans have been approved for the said colony earlier approved for the said colony are now proposed to be revised. And whereas, the office of Director General, Town and Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has required seeking of objection against the revision of said building plans.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPT 2024 (Rs. in lakhs)

LOST & FOUND I, Suraj Mourya (Owner) S/o Muneshwar Mourya, R/o A-215, Shastri nagar, Delhi-110052 hereby declare that I have lost the property chain documents of Shanti Devi, (2011 Owner) A-180 Upper Second Floor Shastri Nagar Delhi-110052. Anyone who finds the documents please contact at 9312335902

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PUBLIC NOTICE General public is hereby informed that Mrs. Sushil Gupta and Mrs. Uma are the owners of the Residential Plot of area measuring 25-25-50 Sq. Yards, out of Khassa No. 227 Min. Situated in the Village Sadaypur Pargana & Tehsil Dadr, Distt. Gauram Budh Nagar, U.P. by virtue of Sale Deed dated 26.09.2017, Regd. at Doc. No. 6405, and Sale Deed dated 13.09.2018, Regd. at Doc. No. 6276. The above-said property is to be transferred & merged with my client i.e. M/s. Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. and the Original Sale Deed dated 22.11.2019 Regd. vide Doc. No. 4279, Sale Deed dated 15.05.2013 Regd. vide Doc. No. 5115 and Sale Deed dated 12.05.2014, Regd. vide Doc. No. 4523 pertaining to the above-said property have been lost and complaint L.A.R. No.2024000091501 dated 14.11.2024, was registered with U.P. Police.

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LOST & FOUND L.R. No. 2281219/2024 Date : 08/11/2024 I, Leela Mittal, S/D/W/O Kishan Lal Katri, A-4, 217 Kalkaji Extension New Delhi-110019 sams.nz@gmail.com. I hereby Missing/Lost Possession Letter issued by M/s DFL Building and Services Pvt Ltd. and M/s. Maktoum Developers Pvt. Ltd., dated approximately year 2011 for property no. SP-203, Richmond Park, DLF Phase 4, Gurugram from our residence.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 (₹ in lakhs)

COURT NOTICE IN THE COURT OF Sh. Hari Kishan Judicial Magistrate - Ist Class, Gurugram MOHINDER SINGH BHARDWAJ Vs. NB FIRE PROTECTION CNR No. HRGR03-108401-2019 Next Date:- 16-12-2024

STATEMENT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPT 2024 (Rs. in lakhs)



# Reliance, Disney complete media assets merger to form ₹ 70,352 Crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reliance Industries has completed the merger of its media assets with the India business of global media house Walt Disney to form a new joint venture worth Rs 70,352 crore. The JV, in which Reliance Industries has invested Rs 11,500 crore (USD 1.4 billion) for its growth, will be headed by Nita Ambani as its Chairperson, according to a joint statement. "The transaction values the JV at Rs 70,352 crore (USD

8.5 billion) on a post-money basis, excluding synergies," it said. At the closing of the transactions, the said JV is controlled by RIL. Reliance Industries holds a 16.34 per cent stake in the JV, while its step-down unit Viacom18 holds 46.82 per cent and Disney the rest 36.84 per cent. "Nita M. Ambani will be the Chairperson of the JV, with Mr. Uday Shankar as Vice Chairperson providing strategic guidance to the JV," it said. Viacom 18 Media and



The Walt Disney Company has already received necessary approvals required from authorities such as CCI, NCLT for the merger of the media and JioCinema businesses of media and

JioCinema businesses of Viacom18 into Star India. The JV will be one of the largest media & entertainment companies in India with pro forma combined revenue of

approximately Rs 26,000 crore (USD 3.1 billion) for the fiscal year ended in March 2024. The JV operates over 100 TV channels and produces more than 30,000 hours of TV entertainment content annually. The JioCinema and Hotstar digital platforms have an aggregate subscription base of over 50 million. The JV holds a portfolio of sports rights across cricket, football and other sports. Commenting on the development RIL Chairman

& Managing Director Mukesh Ambani said: "With the formation of this JV, the Indian media and entertainment industry is entering a transformational era. "Our deep creative expertise and relationship with Disney, along with our unmatched understanding of the Indian consumer will ensure unparalleled content choices at affordable prices for Indian viewers. I am very excited about the JV's future and wish it all the success," he said.

# Rupee falls four paise, close at all-time low of 84.43 against US Dollar

MUMBAI:

The rupee traded in a tight range and fell four paise to close at an all-time low of 84.43 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, weighed down by unabated foreign fund outflows and strong dollar demand from investors. Forex traders said the downward pressure on the USD/INR pair is largely driven by persistent inflation and significant foreign outflows. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 84.40 against the US dollar. During the session, the local currency touched a high of 84.39 and a low of 84.43.

It finally settled at its fresh all-time low of 84.43 (provisional) against the greenback, 4 paise lower than its previous close. On Wednesday, the rupee moved in a narrow range and settled flat at 84.39 against the US dollar. "The US dollar index has hit a fresh cycle high of 106.76 as it approaches the stiff resistance at 107.50," said Praveen Singh - Associate VP, Fundamental Currencies and Commodities, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. "There was no respite on the US inflation front as the data released yesterday showed that the US core consumer price index increased 0.3 per cent for a third month. PTI

# Indian economy sailing smoothly amid global headwinds: Reserve Bank Governor

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday said the Indian economy has been sailing "smoothly" amid the global headwinds. Speaking at an event organised by CNBC-TV18 here, Das declined to comment on a suggestion by Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal for a rate cut,

maintaining that the rate-setting panel will take an appropriate call on it at its next meeting in December. In comments made days after headline inflation shot up beyond the 6 per cent tolerance band of RBI for October, Das said inflation is "expected to moderate despite periodic humps". The Governor said the domestic economy has sailed very well through the prolonged period of

turbulence in the recent past exhibiting resilience, but added that there are a slew of headwinds prevailing in the global economy right now like rising bond yields, commodity prices showing a divergence and a contradiction of financial markets showing resilience despite rising geopolitical risks. "The Indian economy is sailing smoothly, powered by buffers like strong macroeconomic fundamentals, a stable financial system and a resilient

external sector," said the bureaucrat-turned-central banker, who will be completing six years at the helm at RBI soon. With the rupee hitting new lows, Das said India's external sector has exhibited "strength and stability" in the recent period as seen in the current account deficit remaining at a manageable level, merchandise exports starting to grow, and service exports growth being strong. He reminded that the country

has the fourth largest forex reserves in the world. The forex reserves, which stood at USD 682 billion as of October 31, are sufficient to cover the entire external debt and a year's import payments, he added. The Governor also made it clear that the RBI does not target a rate for the rupee, and the fore interventions are for ensuring orderly movement and curbing volatility in the currency.

# Global oil market to calm on more oil production: Petroleum Minister

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India, the world's third largest oil consuming and importing nation, is hoping that more oil production coming from the western countries like the US and Canada will calm the markets and bring stability in prices, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said Thursday. Speaking at CII's 12th PSE Summit here, Puri said countries in the western hemisphere are adding more production which may influence oil producers cartel OPEC to also raise output to earn more while the era of fossil fuel lasts. Volatile oil prices upset economies reliant on imports for meeting their needs as

they not just have to spend extra on buying the fuel but also import inflation that impacts purchasing powers of their people. "Today more production is coming on the global market from the Western Hemisphere, Brazil, Guyana, Canada and the US are adding more production... With more and more oil coming, one expects as a result that the market situation will calm," he said. This would also at some stage lead to producers who have cut back oil production, to produce more to earn more revenue, he said. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies led by Russia, together known as OPEC+, have since late 2022

made a series of deep output cuts to jack up prices and match demand. OPEC+ members are currently cutting output by a total of 5.86 million barrels per day (bpd), or about 5.7 per cent of global demand. Later talking to reporters, he said the OPEC+ is actively reviewing their decision on production cuts and may decide on the issue in a month or two. Irrespective of that consuming countries are not likely to face any shortfall as more and more oil is coming on to the market, he said, adding that Brazil is adding 300,000-400,000 bpd of production to their output of 3.3 million bpd. Besides, the US may add another 1 million bpd while Canada and Guyana would

also increase output. "There is more oil available. What we need is stability and predictability so that in the period ahead countries can base their decisions on lines which are predictable.

Fluctuations, prices going up and down, that creates uncertainty in the market that is not good for healthy economic decision making," he said. "I think we are on a healthy wicket now."

# SECI issues showcase notices to Reliance Power, its arm over fake bank guarantees

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Renewable energy agency SECI has sent a showcase notice to Reliance Power, asking why a criminal action should not be taken against the company and its arm for submitting fake bank guarantees. Last week, Solar Energy Corporation of India barred Reliance Power and its arm Reliance NU BESS from participating in its tenders for submission of fake documents in its bids. Meanwhile, in a filing to exchanges, Reliance Power said that it has been "a victim of fraud, forgery and cheating conspiracy".



seeking explanation as to why SECI should not initiate criminal proceedings against them, in view of the fraudulent and forged actions," the notice stated. According to the notice,

Reliance NU BESS had submitted a BG purportedly issued by the FirstRand Bank, through its branch supposed to be located in Manila City, Manila, the Philippines. Upon detailed investigation, it was confirmed by the Indian branch of the above Bank, that there does not exist any such branch of the bank in the Philippines, leading SECI to conclude that the BG submitted was a fake document.

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**सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग**  
**(अधीक्षण शाखा)**  
**वल्लभ भवन, मंत्रालय, भोपाल-462004**  
क्रमांक एफ 13-04/2018/12-1/2501 भोपाल, दिनांक 08.11.2024  
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1. निविदा प्रारंभ होने की तिथि व समय	दिनांक 13.11.2024 दोपहर 12.00 बजे से।
2. निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि व समय	दिनांक 04.12.2024 दोपहर 12.00 बजे तक।
3. निर्धारित अवधि में प्राप्त निविदाओं को खोलने की तिथि व समय	1. टेक्निकल लिफाफा- दि. 06.12.2024 को अपराह्न 12.00 बजे 2. फायनेंशियल लिफाफा- दि. 06.12.2024 को अपराह्न 12.30 बजे
4. प्राप्त निविदाओं को खोलने का स्थान	मंत्रालय, वल्लभ भवन क्रमांक-01 स्थित कक्ष क्रमांक-116 (समित कक्ष)
5. निविदाओं को खोलने समय निविदाकारों की उपस्थिति प्रार्थनीय है।	मंत्रालय, वल्लभ भवन क्रमांक-01 स्थित कक्ष क्रमांक-116 (समित कक्ष)

(मनोज श्रीवास्तव)  
अवर सचिव (अधीक्षण)  
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# Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: Unit No.802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400069  
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## E-AUCTION – SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" with no known encumbrances Particulars of which are given below:-

S. N.	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Nature of possession
1	(Loan Code No. 09110000133/ Shujalpur Branch) Harinarayan Rathore (Borrower), Tulsii Rathore (Co-Borrower)	10-12-2023 & ₹ 25,91,780/-	All that part & parcel of property bearing, GF and FF House No. 200 Pachore Road Ward No. 02 Ambedkar Ward Talen Rajgarh Madhya Pradesh- 465680, Boundaries : East - Family Road, West- Gali, North - Road and family plot, South- House of shyam rathore	Rs. 27,28,800/-	Rs. 2,72,880/-	Physical

- Last Date of Submission of DD of Earnest Money Deposit along with KYC, Tender Form and accepted Terms and conditions (Tender Documents) is **28-11-2024 within 5:00 PM** at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above or uploaded on <https://bankeauctions.com>. Tenders documents received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
  - Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is **29-11-2024 on https://bankeauctions.com at 03:00 AM to 04:00 PM**.
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  - The Demand Draft Should be made in favor of 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
  - Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://bankeauctions.com>. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
  - The intending bidders should register their names at portal M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the link <https://bankeauctions.com/registration/signup>, and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the website <https://bankeauctions.com>.
  - For further details contact Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, (Deepak Malviya, Contact No.7583898990) OR the service provider M/s C1 INDIA PVT LTD, Mr. Prabhakaran, Mobile No: +91-74182-81709, E-mail: [tn@ctindia.com](mailto:tn@ctindia.com) & [support@bankeauctions.com](mailto:support@bankeauctions.com), Phone No. +917291981124 /25 /26. As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction AHFL/the authorized Officer of AHFL from selling, alienation and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets.
  - For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL), secured creditor's website i.e. [www.aadharhousing.com](http://www.aadharhousing.com).
  - The Bid incremental amount for auction is **Rs. 10000/-**.
- Place : Madhya Pradesh  
Date : 15-11-2024

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Place : Madhya Pradesh  
Date : 15-11-2024

(Authorised Officer)  
For Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

**BANK OF MAHARASHTRA**  
Jabalpur Zonal Office: Wright Town, Jabalpur-482001, Tele: 0761-2480065, E-mail: dzmjabalpur@mahabank.co.in  
HEAD OFFICE: LOKMANGAL 1501, SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE - 5

**[Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)**  
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-section (2) of Section 13 read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice.  
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said rules.

S. No.	Name & Address of Borrower & Guarantor	Amount due to the bank as per notice	Details of Immovable Property of which possession taken by the bank	Demand Notice Date Possession Date
1.	Branch - Sanjeevani Nagar Borrower - Mr. Amit Khampariya	Rs.30651458/- (Ledger Bal: Rs.29652141.62/- + unapplied interest w.e.f. 31.07.2024 + penal interest and other charges / expenses	Owner of Property - Mr. Amit Khampariya. Property at Mouza Khamariya B No. 581, PH no. 74/50, RMM Khamariya and Mouza Padariya Khurd, Khasra No 527,528,529, Total area 24900 Sq.Mt, Khasra no. 530, 531 Total area 3400 sq.mt. & Khasra no. 532/1 area 4390 sq.mtr. Total Area 32690 sq.mtr.(3.269 Hec.) Bounded as: North: Land of Khasra no.525/604 South: Land of Khasra no. 535 & 532/2, East: Land of Khasra no. 526/1, West - Land of Khasra No. 523/605, 533/1 & 534/1 CERSAI ASSET ID: 200053795866	01/08/2024 11/11/2024 Physical

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank Of Maharashtra for an amount hereinabove mentioned. The details of the properties mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as above. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.  
Place: Jabalpur, Date: 15/11/2024  
CHIEF MANAGER & AUTHORIZED OFFICER  
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA

**AARTECH SOLONICS LIMITED**  
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**STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Six Months Ended		Year Ended
		30-Sep-24	30-Jun-24	30-Sep-23	30-Sep-24	30-Sep-23	31-Mar-24
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1.	Total Income from Operations	940.61	660.93	904.88	1,650.14	1,534.55	3,269.25
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional Items)	180.25	160.95	51.18	341.18	148.76	275.36
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	180.25	160.95	51.18	341.18	148.76	275.36
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	162.33	111.95	47.96	274.26	118.40	144.30
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	162.33	111.95	46.35	274.26	115.18	143.01
6.	Equity Share Capital	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52
7.	Earnings per equity share (for Continuing and Discontinuing Operations)						
	- Basic (Rs.)	0.51	0.35	0.15	0.86	0.37	0.45
	- Diluted (Rs.)	0.51	0.35	0.15	0.86	0.37	0.45

**STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Six Months Ended		Year Ended
		30-Sep-24	30-Jun-24	30-Sep-23	30-Sep-24	30-Sep-23	31-Mar-24
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1.	Total Income from Operations	940.61	660.93	904.88	1,601.54	1,542.39	3,274.41
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional Items)	166.25	151.11	36.25	317.35	120.22	258.16
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	166.25	151.11	36.25	317.35	120.22	258.16
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	150.90	104.24	35.97	255.13	91.78	131.53
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	150.90	104.24	34.36	255.13	88.56	130.24
6.	Equity Share Capital	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52
7.	Earnings per equity share (not annualized for quarter)						
	- Basic (Rs.)	0.47	0.33	0.11	0.80	0.29	0.41
	- Diluted (Rs.)	0.47	0.33	0.11	0.80	0.29	0.41

Notes:-

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Statement of Unaudited Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarter ended financial results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and Company's website viz. [www.aartechsolonics.com](http://www.aartechsolonics.com).
- The above unaudited standalone and consolidated financial results were reviewed by the audit committee and thereafter approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 14th November, 2024. The auditors have issued unqualified audit opinion on these results. The IndAS compliant financial results were subjected to limited review or audit. However, the management has exercised due diligence to ensure that the financial results provide a true and fair view of its affairs.
- Figures for previous period / year have been regrouped / reclassified, wherever necessary to make them comparable with those of the current period presentation.
- During the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2024, the Company undertook a share split and issued bonus shares to the existing shareholders. In accordance with IND AS 33 - Earnings Per Share, the Earnings Per Share (EPS) figures have been restated for all comparative periods presented to reflect the increase in the number of shares outstanding resulting from this corporate action. This restatement ensures comparability of EPS across periods, consistent with the requirements of the INDAS.
- The Company does not have sufficient and appropriate information despite several follow-ups regarding the financial statement of Enerqual Technologies Pvt.Ltd ("Associate") due to the ongoing dispute with the Associate entity. Accordingly, the Company has not included the impact in the Consolidated financial statement of the Group. Further, the dispute is not going to have any material impact in the consolidated financial statement of the Group.
- The Group has a 20% equity interest in Epsilon Ten Ltd, a company incorporated outside India. The Associate entity has not prepared the financial statement due to which we could not get the audited results of the Associate. Further the management is actively following up with the Associate to get the financial results so that the impact of the same can be included in the consolidated financial results of the Group.
- As mentioned in Note (e) and (f) above regarding the ongoing dispute with the Associate company, the Company is not able to obtain sufficient and appropriate information due to which the impact of share of profit/(loss) in Associate is not included in the unaudited consolidated financial results of the Company.

Place: Bhopal  
Date: 14th November 2024

**For Aartech Solonics Limited**  
Sd/-  
**Amit Anil Rajee**  
Chairman & Managing Director (DIN: 00282385)



# India thrash Thailand 13-0 in women's ACT hockey

PTI ■ RAJGIR (BIHAR)

Young striker Deepika slammed five goals as defending champions India thrashed minnows Thailand 13-0 to virtually assure a semifinal berth at the women's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament here on Thursday. It was a completely one-sided match as the Indians found the net at will, with Thailand failing to take a single shot at the opposition goal. Deepika (3rd, 19th, 43rd, 45th, 45th minutes) found the net five times, while Preeti Dubey (9th, 40th), Lalremsiami (12, 56th) and Manisha Chauhan (55th, 58th) scored a brace each. Beauty Dung (30th) and Navneet Kaur (53rd) were the other goal getters for India who registered their third consecutive win in the round-robin league stage. India had earlier defeated Malaysia 4-0 before eking

out a close 3-2 win over South Korea. The Indians will next play Olympic silver medallists China on Saturday. India are now in the second spot in the standings with nine points, the same as China who, however, are on the top on the basis of a better goal difference. China have a goal difference of +21 as against +18 of India. The top four teams out of six at the end of round-robin league stage will qualify for the semifinals. It was complete domination from India from start to finish as they continuously toyed with the Thai defence, which looked clueless against the home team's relentless attacks. The Indians also improved on the penalty corner front, converting five out of 12 PCs they secured in the match. It took India just three minutes to take the lead through a fine field goal by Deepika. She beautifully controlled a defence spitting



pass from Neha and to find the back of the net Minutes later, Manisha inside the circle but she positioned herself perfectly with a reverse hit. Chauhan got a free shot couldn't connect the ball

properly. In the ninth minute, Preeti doubled India's lead, tapping in Sangita Kumari's pass from close range. Three minutes later, Lalremsiami scored from a rebound after skipper Salima Tete's initial try was saved by Thai goalkeeper Siraya Yimkrajang. India continued to mount raids and secured their first penalty corner in the 17th minute but the Thai custodian made a triple save. In the 19th minute, Deepika scored her second goal of the day, again with a fine shot from the top of the circle. The Indians then wasted three penalty corners before scoring from the next set piece just at the stroke of half-time through Beauty, who found the net from a goal-mouth melee as the hosts went into the breather with a comfortable 5-0 lead. An unmarked Preeti beat the onrushing Thai goalie neatly and found the net in

the 40th minute for her second goal of the match. Minutes later, Deepika converted a penalty corner with a flick to the top right corner of Thai goal. Within a span of two minutes, Deepika scored two more goals -- one from field play and the next from penalty corner -- to hand India a comprehensive 9-0 lead at the end of the third quarter. After resumption, Navneet scored with a reverse hit after receiving a pass from Sushila Delvi. Five minutes from the final hooter, Manisha converted India's 10th penalty corner before Lalremsiami deflected in Udit's slap shot from another set piece in the next minute. Manisha registered her name again in the scoresheet two minutes from full time from field play. In other matches of the day, Malaysia beat Korea 2-1 while China continued their unbeaten run by defeating Japan by the same margin.

## Surya gave me chance to bat at No. three after I asked, had to repay faith: Tilak Varma

PTI ■ CENTURION

Tilak Varma did not want to become a source of chagrin for his skipper Suryakumar Yadav after requesting him for the number three slot in the batting order in the third T20I against South Africa. And he didn't. Varma had batted at number four in Durban and Gqeberha, scoring 33 and 20. Surya, who himself batted at number three, after giving it a thought, obliged his young teammate. "In Gqeberha, he (Tilak) came to my room and said, 'Give me the opportunity to bat at No. 3. Let me express myself,'" said Surya. Now it was for Varma to make the most of the opportunity and responded with a match-winning century. After reaching his 51-ball-century, second fifty coming in just 19 balls, Varma pointed towards the dug-out and blew a flying kiss to acknowledge his captain. "It was for 'SKY', our skipper because he gave me a chance to bat at number three," Varma told reporters after India's 11-run win on Wednesday night. "I love batting at number three, but in last two matches, I played at number four. Last night he came to my room



and said that 'You will bat No. 3' and he said it's a good opportunity. Go and express yourself. "I told him, 'You have given me an opportunity, I will show you on the ground,'" said the second youngest Indian centurion in T20 Internationals. His innings of 107 off 56 balls had seven sixes apart from eight fours including a straight and a flicked six off opposition's fastest bowler and his former Mumbai Indians teammate Gerald Coetzee. Varma added 107 runs with another

youngster Abhishek Sharma, who scored a half-century after a string of failures. "The team backed us even when we flopped. They told us to play the brand of cricket Indian team is known for and the skipper and the management (interim head coach VVS Laxman) said, 'Bindaas khelna Agar wicket gire tab bhi (Play freely even if you lose a wicket).'" The stylish Hyderabad batter spoke about missing out on international tours of Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka due to finger injury but said he always knew that he would score when his time comes. "During the last IPL game, I had a finger dislocation and was ruled out for two months. Then during nets post recovery, I sustained another fracture. So I missed two back-to-back series -- Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka. "I was feeling bad that I missed out on two series and good opportunities. But I had to remain patient, focus on the process and keep working hard. I knew my time would come and when right time comes, I will score runs." The team management chose to persist with Varma when the chips were down and the youngster is reaping rewards for that. "I was waiting for this opportunity and unfortunately in the last match it didn't happen but captain and management also supported a lot, and the results I am getting now is because of their complete backing." He is a handy off-spinner and feels that he has worked hard on his bowling as he wants to be seen as an all-rounder. "The ball is really coming out well and I have worked hard on my bowling. I want to contribute as an all-rounder."



## Mendis and Fernando tons earn Sri Lanka comfortable win over New Zealand in first ODI

AP ■ DAMBULLA (SRI LANKA)

Kusal Mendis and Avishka Fernando smashed centuries against a new-look New Zealand as Sri Lanka cruised to a 45-run win under the DLS method in a rain-hit first ODI. Mendis smashed a career-best 143 off 128 balls and Fernando made 100 off 115 in Sri Lanka's imposing total of 324-5 in 49.2 overs before rain came and reduced New Zealand's target to 221 off 27 overs. Will Young and Tim Robinson, one of the three New Zealand debutants, combined in an 88-run opening stand but Sri Lanka derailed the Black Caps' chase through its spinners and restricted the reply to a total of 175-9. Slow bowlers Maheesh Theekshana (2-32), captain Charith Asalanka (2-15), and Jeffrey Vandersay (1-40), in place of injured Wanindu Hasaranga, all left their mark before left-arm fast bowler Dilshan Madushanka grabbed 3-39 to give Sri Lanka a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. Earlier, Mendis and Fernando combined in a 206-run second-wicket stand after debutant Nathan Smith took a well judged running catch at

mid-on, who smashed Mendis, who smashed Bracewell for two sixes and a boundary in his last over, tried to accelerate further in the death overs but sliced a regulation catch to extra cover in Duffy's return spell. Mendis struck 17 fours and two sixes in a dominant display of strokeplay after struggling in the drawn T20 series against the Black Caps last week at the same venue. New Zealand's top-order slipped against the spinners despite Young (48) and Robinson (35) combining in a decent start of 88 off 80 balls. The visitors lost five wickets for 22 runs -- going from 88-0 to 110-5 -- after Maheesh Theekshana removed both openers in one over. Theekshana had Robinson stumped by Mendis at the second attempt and then went through the defenses of Young with a straight delivery. Asalanka picked up two wickets in successive overs with Theekshana grabbing a stunning catch at short mid-wicket to dismiss Mark Chapman as Sri Lanka deflated Black Caps' run-chase. Pallekele will host the remaining two matches of the series on Sunday and Tuesday.

## McSweeney doesn't need to copy Warner, he has his own game: Khawaja

PTI ■ PERTH

Veteran Australian opener Usman Khawaja backed his new opening partner Nathan McSweeney, urging him to play his own game against India in Perth rather than trying to ape David Warner, who was a "special player" in his own right. Approaching his 38th birthday, Khawaja, a veteran of 73 Tests with nearly five and half thousand runs and 15 tons, also believed that needing to score runs at a quick clip is nothing but an urban myth, and advised McSweeney to just "repeat the process" which has worked for him till date. "I don't know where this myth started that you needed someone to score really fast. As an opener you're trying to score runs and you've got five



days to do it. We didn't have one Test match go for five days, last year. Opening is as much about scoring runs and just being able to absorb that time," Khawaja was quoted as saying by news.Com.Au. Talking about Warner, Khawaja said that not

everyone is as gifted as his former opening partner, who could switch gears at ease in the traditional format. "Davey (Warner) was special. He could score runs while absorbing. He could sometimes score 100 of 100 balls but he didn't do it every time. Sometimes it took him 170, 180 balls to get that 100. "He was consistent, he was out there, he was setting a platform for guys later to come in and score runs. Those two are both very important things," Khawaja said. Khawaja is confident that besides scoring runs at a fair clip, McSweeney also has the ability to bat time. "I think Nathan does that really well. He can score runs, but he can also bat time. They're really important facets to have in Test cricket if you want to set games up." Khawaja warned McSweeney that there were "no guarantees in cricket" but said that the 25-year-old batter didn't "have to do anything different" in the Test arena. "You just try to repeat the process. The only thing that really changes is that you have a few more people watching. Not many people watch Shield cricket." Khawaja seems confident that McSweeney can handle the demands of an extremely high-skilled format like Tests. "You always go through ups and downs in cricket, but when you look at Nathan, you look at his demeanour, you look at the way he plays, you feel that over a longer period of time that, yes, this guy will be able to handle the scrutiny of Test cricket and the pressure of Test cricket." "Even though there are no guarantees, I'm sure the selectors have made a calculated decision with him," Khawaja concluded.

## Focus on Rinku's form and batting position as India aim series win

PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG

Rinku Singh's batting slot and circumspect approach must be a cause of concern for the India team going into the deciding fourth T20I against South Africa as the side aims for another bilateral series victory here Friday. Centuries by Sanju Samson and Tilak Varma on either side of an inept batting performance has kept India's nose ahead in the series and team would want a more collective batting effort to clinch it 3-1. The Wanderers 'Bull Ring' has always been a happy hunting ground for India, where they won the 2007 T20 World Cup final against Pakistan. Even during the previous T20I series a year back, skipper Suryakumar Yadav's last international hundred

till date came at this very stadium and that too in a winning cause. The Indian captain, who enjoys a staggering victory percentage of 81.25, having come up trumps in 13 out of the 16 matches, would like to do one better compared to the last series in the Rainbow Nation which had ended in a 1-1 draw with one game being washed out. Curious case of Rinku Singh Rinku, one of the finest exponents of T20 cricket has suddenly gone off the boil in the past few months, reasons of which aren't exactly clear and it wouldn't be lost on the skipper and interim head coach VVS Laxman. On the face of it, it seems that his batting position and use as a floater at number six and seven isn't helping the Aligarh man's cause. The next T20 World Cup in India is still some distance



away in 2026 and Surya, as a skipper, has enough time to dissect and put things back on track for the man, who is too precious to be lost due to lack of clarity.

In the current series, Rinku came in at number six in two games and number seven in another and has managed just 28 runs. The scores 11, 9 and 8 shouldn't be taken in isolation looking at where he is coming in to bat but when the number of balls (34) he has taken to the score runs is taken into consideration, it becomes worrisome. Even during the last IPL Rinku got to play a total of 113 balls in 15 games for KKR: roughly 7.5 deliveries per game. Being seen strictly as a specialist "finisher" Rinku, on an average, would get to face 10 balls in an innings. The strategy would have been devised to help the India team but of late it has eroded some of southpaw's confidence as he seems to be caught between attacking and playing second fiddle.

Most of Rinku's better efforts have come when he has batted at number five but in a line-up where Sanju Samson is settling as an opener and Tilak Varma has staked claim as a No. 3, it might be difficult for Rinku to be promoted ahead of Hardik Pandya. It is an issue that team think-tank would do better to solve at earliest. Team Combination India have used 12 out of their 15 players in the first three games and it would be interesting to see if one among the two uncapped pacers Yash Dayal or Vysakh Vijaykumar gets a debut cap in case the pitch warrants an extra specialist speedster. For Samson, he would like to forget that he is turning into Marco Jansen's 'bunny' after back-to-back failures. In the final game, it wouldn't be a bad option for skipper

Surya to check on Ramandeep Singh's steady medium pace as he can be an asset with multiple skills, including ability to field at all positions save keeping. Squads: India: Suryakumar Yadav (c), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (WK), Rinku Singh, Tilak Varma, Jitesh Sharma (WK), Hardik Pandya. Axar Patel, Ramandeep Singh, Varun Chakaravarty, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Avesh Khan, Yash Dayal. South Africa: Aiden Markram (c), Ottneil Baartman, Gerald Coetzee, Donovan Ferreira, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Patrick Kruger. Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Mithal Mpongwana, Nqaba Peter, Ryan Rickelton. Andile Simelane. Lutho Sipamla, Tristan Stubbs.



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